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# **Arkansas Baptist**

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## Personally speaking



### Who, me?

PREJUDICE is something that afflicts somebody else—not me. I am by prejudice like a lot of you older folks are about being middle-aged—you know, it's always somebody at least ten years older than you are.

So I can really sit back and enjoy a panel discussion such as those attending the closing session of the WMU Convention in Little Rock heard last week from a "Panel of American Women."

When Mrs. Larry Green—a Baptist who is not really green, but chocolate—got to telling about mean things some white people in her neighborhood had done to her family because of their race, I could turn my deplorer on full blast. I have never mistreated any Negro neighbors—maybe some of my white neighbors, but never any Negro neighbors. But, of course, I live in an all-white neighborhood.

Catholic Mrs. Joe Beck upset me a little when she said that people of her faith do not all think alike and that they can do some thinking, even about matters of religion, without first being in touch with the Pope or even a priest. For example, she said that while some Catholics regard the practice of abstaining from the eating of meats on Fridays as being equally important spiritually with loving one's neighbor, that some of them do not see that it is too important, really, what one eats or when he eats it.

Mrs. Patrick C. Murphy, the Presbyterian lady who served as moderator of the panel, got pretty personal, I thought, when she said: "Any fence we build to keep others out also stands as a fence to keep us in." You don't suppose she was hinting that there are white ghettos, do you?

Another Presbyterian member of the panel—Mrs. Cal Ledbetter, Jr.—who says she has no trouble not being prejudiced against races, confessed that she does have a continuing battle dealing fairly and open-mindedly with people who do not see things the way she does. Was that little Brownie trying to tell me something?

The Jewish member of the panel, Mrs. Dan Phillips,

had spoken before I arrived. But I took it that she thinks people can be friendly with one another and good neighbors, even when they differ racially, culturally, in religion, and in many other ways.

As I said, I am not prejudiced myself. But I sure feel sorry for people who are not white, Southern Baptist Democrats.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

## IN THIS ISSUE:

THE Costa Nostra controls gambling in the United States, according to a *Parade* Sunday magazine story in the *Arkansas Gazette*. The Editor comments editorially on how this might apply to Arkansas. The other editorial subject on the facing page is 'a partial gospel.'

LAST week we brought you an article about a lady whose hobby was sending cards on special occasions especially to youngsters in institutions. Today we hear from a reader about her wonderful hobby and the results. See the letter from Mrs. Tackett Graham, page 4.

ARKANSAS Baptist churches set a new high in giving in the first quarter of the year. A report on this and other matters heard by the Operating Committee of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is on page 5.

SEVENTY-FIVE years ago Little Rock's Immanuel Church came into being. The church is having elaborate observances of the event. And a book has been published which gives the readers the light as well as the serious and spiritual side of the church's history. The book is reviewed on pages 12 and 15.

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# A partial gospel?

WILL a failure of American church people to be Christian in their race relations kill the American church? This is a very real possibility, in the opinion of C. A. Autrey, director of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In a statement issued after the Home Mission Board had cancelled, because of racist restrictions, participation in an evangelism crusade scheduled for South Africa next September, Dr. Autrey said:

"It is not enough to preach Jesus as Savior. We must preach Him as Lord and Savior. Men can be brought to Christ as Savior without mentioning the race issue, but converts cannot be taught to live as Christians without teaching them their relations to all people."

Dr. Autrey said that dignity and freedom of the individual constitute part of the purpose of the whole gospel. He expressed the opinion that if "all the implications of the gospel had been thoroughly pursued in the Middle East, Christianity would not have died there."

The issue of human dignity and freedom existed in [ancient] Palestine and in the Middle East and still does, as it does all over the world, Dr. Autrey said. "If Christianity had faced this issue and taught its converts to live like Christians and respect the dignity of all men, it might not have died there," he said. "It is a sobering thought that Christianity may die in North America for the same reason."

Cancellation of the Home Mission Board's participation in the South African crusade came as a result of the government of South Africa refusing to allow an integrated party of evangelists to enter that country. The Home Mission Board planned to take 100 evangelists, 20 of them Negro National Baptist preachers.

Other stipulations which the evangelists felt they could not, as Christians, afford to comply with included a request that they agree not to speak on the race issue.

We feel that the Home Mission Board has acted wisely in declining to go into South Africa to preach a partial gospel. But it would seem that some real searching of heart is long overdue here in the Southern United States. How different is the race situation here from what it is in South Africa? In how many of our Southern Baptist churches will pastors and evangelists dare to preach the gospel with all of its plain and clear implications as set out in the New Testament? And, what is even more to the heart of the matter, when will we American Christians start living up to the implications of a full gospel? How long will it be before our churches start going out into the byways and hedges of their fields to win the lost, regardless of who they are, with a view to bringing them into the full fellowship of the church?

# Gambling troubles

ONE result of Great Britain's Betting and Gaming Act of 1960 is real trouble with the Mafia crime syndicate, particularly with Americans who are members of the Mafia.

For those who "see no harm in gambling that is legalized and controlled," an article that appeared in the April 9, 1967, issue of *Parade* Sunday magazine (distributed by the *Arkansas Gazette* and by many other dailies across the nation) should be required reading.

States the article:

"Because England has become a gambling paradise, it has attracted many elements of the underworld that thrive on fast and easy profits. The worst of these elements is the American branch of the Mafia, or the Cosa Nostra. In conjunction with the former Cleveland Syndicate, the Cosa Nostra controls gambling in the United States."

That legalizing and taxing gambling has given England more headaches than cures is revealed in this paragraph:

"Ever since gambling casinos began to mushroom in England, local racketeers have moved in with their 'protection rackets' and other extortion devices. Compared to the murderous racketeers of the U. S. Mafia, however, the British hoods are small fry. Scotland Yard realizes that. 'The Yard,' says one knowledgeable Member of Parliament, 'can pretty much take care of domestic thugs. But once the Americans move in, then it becomes a different league. The Cosa Nostra knows how to divert gambling profits into narcotics and prostitution, how to infiltrate legitimate businesses, and that's what Roy Jenkins (Great Britain's Home Secretary) must prevent.

This throws some light on how difficult it will be for Arkansas ever to throw off the foul tentacles of organized crime, since our state is so thoroughly dominated by gambling interests. But more and more Arkansans are saying this is the time to do something about the unholy mess.

In Him A 'Oneness'





# The people speak

## Effective tract ministry

One Christmas season a friend and I bought 1,100 candy sticks, wrapped a gospel tract around each, securing it with a rubber band, and then went to the Sanitorium at Booneville. With the help of a chaplain we handed one to each of the patients.

I placed a tract holder in the local bus station and for 10 years, month by month, I have placed tracts in this 15 pocket holder. One year alone I kept a record of the number of tracts that were placed there and the total for this one year was 10,000.

One Christmas season my friend, Mrs. Crossno, and I went to the Negro hospital here in our city with Christmas packages and the tract "Listen While God Speaks." We met a little Negro man at the entrance hall and handed him a Christmas package, along with the tract. Later as we made our way

from room to room in the farther end of the hall into the sitting room, we found the man sitting at a table, the Christmas goodies were untouched, but in his little stubby hands he held the tract, intensely reading—a sight we shall never forget.

This same Christmas season we went to visit an elderly man who has very few friends, because he speaks in such broken language. He inquired of us how to be saved. Not having my Bible with me, but with tracts in my purse, I took a tract and read to him, telling him how to be saved.

After carefully explaining all to him we asked him if he would kneel and

ask Jesus to come into his heart. He got down on his knees beside the footstool and cried like a child. In simple words he asked Jesus to come into his heart.

He did not have a Bible. My friend and I went back to town and bought him a Bible. And as long as his eyesight permitted he read.

Only eternity will reveal the results of the tract ministry at the local bus station. For ten years there have been thousands and thousands that have been taken to read.

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## Current issues in Baptist life

# How should people be received into our churches?

BY WAYNE E. WARD, PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY  
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All of the discussion among Baptists about receiving non-Baptist immersion, or about receiving very young children, or about postponing baptism, or about receiving people of other races is complicated by the fact that many churches try to make this decision in a split-second situation at the front of the church at five minutes past noon!

The only way to deal adequately with the serious question of a disciplined church membership is to provide time for a membership committee, pastor, or church staff member to talk to the prospective member. This means clearly and bluntly that a church cannot obtain adequate information in the hurried, public situation of the church altar at the close of a regular service. It is good to greet people who come in response to the invitation and it should be done immediately. It is right to make them feel welcome to the fellowship and to give them a sense of Christian love and acceptance from the very first moment. But the question of their religious background, their experience of Christ, and their fitness for the responsibilities of membership can only be dealt with by careful personal work in their home or in private conference. Only after such careful investigation should the names be brought before the church in formal business meeting for acceptance into the membership.

Sometimes the argument is heard that churches have no right to "pass judgment" on the experience of the person who comes in response to the invitation. It is even said that people are discouraged from coming forward if they are not received immediately into membership. They may feel their motives are being examined or that someone may not find them "good enough" for church membership.

Such remarks miss the whole point. The church is not trying to pass judgment on what goes on in the innermost heart—between a man and God! It is simply trying to discover what the person is actually saying. It is trying to give him an opportunity to share his real experience of God! Most of the mistakes are made because in the hurry and tenseness "at the front of the church" people do not know what they are being asked and the congregation acts on they know not what!

The problem of an undisciplined and unregenerated church membership—one of our deepest problems as Baptists—cannot be dealt with by the "back door" of acceptance. Only by some careful and loving guidance at this point can people be shown the meaning and responsibility of church membership. Only by complete information, carefully obtained, can the congregation make a proper decision about receiving people into their fellowship.

If church membership is going to mean anything at all, surely it is worth giving this much time and attention to it!

## The Cover



**THANKSGIVING**—New York, April 19, 1783 (BP)—John Gano, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, who has served faithfully as chaplain to the Colonial Army under Gen. George Washington, was called on to lead the army in a prayer of thanksgiving when the general announced the peace terms to his troops near Newburg on the Hudson. Gano plans to return to his church here as soon as troops are mustered out.—Copyright, 1964, Historical Commission, SBC, Erwin M. Hearne, Jr., Artist. (BP)



## Arkansas Baptist churches set new gifts record

Baptist churches affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention showed a \$44,000 increase in undesignated gifts to the Convention for the first quarter of 1967 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, according to Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Convention.

In a report last week to the Operating Committee of the Convention, Dr. Whitlow said undesignated contributions totaled \$566,749.46 for January-February-March this year as compared with \$522,000 for the first quarter of 1966, an increase of 8.37 percent.

Undesignated gifts for the month

of March totaled \$205,490.30, setting an all-time high. This is the first time in the Convention's history that such gifts for a single month, other than the end-of-the-year month, December, have totaled more than \$200,000, Dr. Whitlow said.

### PAPER CIRCULATION CLIMBS

Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, weekly publication of the Convention, reported the current circulation of the paper has reached 59,228, showing an increase of 1,337 over the circulation as it stood a year ago.

## 1200 inspired at WMU meeting



**WMU OFFICERS**—Mrs. Robert Fling, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention, poses with the reelected Arkansas officers; (Left to right) Mrs. Roy E. Snider, president; Miss Nancy Cooper, executive secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Buford Bracy, vice president, and Mrs. Jack Royce, recording secretary.

Twelve hundred Baptist women of Arkansas gathered at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Apr. 10-12 for the 78th annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The program was varied, music alternating with talks by returned missionaries, devotionals by Marion G. Fray Jr., and panel discussions.

Officers were reelected at the closing session. They are: Mrs. Roy E. Snider, Camden, president; Mrs. Buford Bracy, Little Rock, vice president; Mrs. Jack F. Royce, Little Rock, recording secretary; and Miss Nancy Cooper, Little Rock, executive secretary and treasurer.

Missionaries who spoke included Mrs. Max N. Alexander, Thailand; Mrs. Sidney G. Carswell, Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Fray, Rhodesia; Mrs. W. C. Parker, Panama; Mrs. Harrison H. Pike, Brazil; Miss Ruth Vanderburg, Indonesia; George R. Wilson Jr., Hong Kong; and Miss Ann Wollerman, Brazil.

The Monday opening session included

a drama directed by the host pastor, W. O. Vaught Jr., and a talk by Mrs. Robert Fling, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention. A reception followed the session.

Tuesday morning Miss Cooper was the leader for a symposium, "Give Thanks to God Now." A feature of the afternoon was a panel discussion of "Unto All Lands Now" with Mrs. W. J. King as leader.

The Singing Young Americans of Second Church, Little Rock, provided special music for the evening session.

Mrs. Patrick C. Murphy, Little Rock, at Wednesday's closing meeting moderated the panel of American Women, representing the white and negro races and the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant faiths. (See "Personally Speaking," page 2.)

At Wednesday morning's business meeting a district budget of \$6,500 was approved.

## Agencies combine for elementary workshop

For the third year four agencies of the Arkansas State Convention are combining efforts to bring a state elementary workshop for pastors and leaders of nursery, beginner and primary age children.

The workshop will be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Apr. 25 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. under the auspices of the Music, Sunday School and Training Union Departments and the Woman's Missionary Union.

Special invitations have gone out, not only to pastors and workers, but also to associational missionaries and ministers of education and music.

Mrs. Ada B. Rutledge, Nashville Sunday School Department field worker, will lead a forum on the nursery child. Laverne Ashly, primary consultant of the Training Union at Nashville, and Mrs. Nadeen McCoy, professor of music, Louisiana College, Pineville, will conduct the beginner and primary leadership sessions.

Pastors and staff members will hear Robert Fulbright, supervisor of children's field services unit of the Sunday School Department, Nashville, discuss the child and the church.

Mr. Fulbright will speak again in the general sessions, which will also feature an address by a Little Rock psychiatrist, Dr. Payton Kolb.

Those who attend are asked to bring a sack lunch. The host church will provide drinks for purchase. Special provisions have been made for preschool children.

## Remarkable results from film showing

A total of 797 decisions for Christ were recorded in El Dorado recently as a result of the showing of the Billy Graham film "The Restless Ones," reports Rev. J. Everett Yelding, Benton, field representative for Billy Graham Evangelistic Films. Mr. Yelding estimated that one-third of these were conversions and the rest of them rededications.

A total of 4,223 persons viewed the film during the six day it was shown in El Dorado, March 30-April 5, Mr. Yelding reported.

Other showings of the film in Arkansas in the near future include:

April 20-26, at Strand Theater, Jonesboro; May 7-11, Crossett Theater, Crossett; May 14-17, Calico Theater, Calico Rock; and May 19-20, Dierks High School Auditorium.



## Just four days to make nominations

Apr. 24 is the deadline for sending us your nominations for Mother of the Year and Father of the Year. Your entry must be postmarked no later than midnight of that day.

If possible, type your nominations, giving us the reasons you believe this mother or father should be chosen. Send us a recent photograph, or better, a studio portrait. He or she must be a member of a Southern Baptist church in Arkansas and must not be related to anyone at the Baptist Building in Little Rock.

It may be the lady you have nominated who will grace our cover May 11. The Father of the Year will be our cover subject June 18.

## Parliamentary procedure

### To perfect

It may be that the body may wish to perfect the measure itself rather than refer it to a committee. This is accomplished through the process of amendment.

The motion(s) to amend may refer either to parts of a paragraph or to an entire paragraph.

"The motion to amend some part of a paragraph or sentence is the simplest form of all the motions to amend. This is made in either of three ways, namely, by a motion to insert certain words in a clause, or sentence, or paragraph, or by a motion to strike out certain words or by a motion to strike out certain words and insert other words" (Kerfoot pp. 59-60).

The way to make this motion is to secure the floor and say: "I move to amend by inserting (or, striking out or striking out and inserting) after the words," etc. The member will then state his proposed amendment and read the sentence or paragraph as it would stand if the amendment is adopted. The motion requires a second and is debatable. "A motion to amend is subject to only one amendment at a time" (Kerfoot, p. 60). This is to say that no more than one amendment may be applied to an amendment at a time. If it is desired to further amend the sentence, paragraph, or motion then it can be done after the amendment to the amendment has been adopted or rejected.

If the amendment is adopted then the motion stands before the body as it is amended. If decided in the negative the matter then stands as if the amendment had not been offered.

"One cannot be prevented from offering an amendment because of incompatibility with something already adopted by the body. For one of the very aims in offering an amendment may be so



## Spring fever strikes down Doc

The outdoorsman who evaluates the success of a hunting or fishing trip solely on the basis of the size of his kill or catch is missing the greatest part of his sport, in Doc's judgment.

It will probably be interpreted by some as sour grapes, but a recent fishing trip to Lake Hamilton was more than slightly satisfying, even though the catch was minimal. It illustrates well the point we are trying to make.

Jim Orr and Wimpy Hendricks, who were Doc's partners when the crappie catch pictured in this column a few weeks ago was made, were again fellow culprits in an afternoon of hookey from the nut factory. We figured to have at least as good a string to display as on the earlier trip, particularly since the spawning season was supposed to be at its height.

Things didn't pan out that way, though. For four hours we fished as hard as we ever had in our lives, and at the end of the time we had one small bass and one large crappie in the extra-big icebox we had taken along to accommodate the catch we anticipated. Both fish together weren't worth half the 25 cents we had spent for a chunk of ice.

The trip was far from a total loss, however, for the dogwood trees were at the peak of their glory. On one mountain side at the mouth of Little Mazarn Creek, I counted 75 white dogwoods in bloom—and that's no ministerial estimate, nor is it a count using the new math. In the yards of a number of homes delicate pink dogwoods bloomed; and over many a rock wall the deep-hued thrift hung like a royal tapestry. A late-blooming bed of red and yellow tulips added more color, and wisteria was at its blossoming peak. On the mountains the green of the trees varied from the dark green of the pines to the yellow-green of the oaks to the pale gray-green of an occasional wild cherry.

The whole scene was so breath-taking and soul-satisfying that Doc forgot the uncooperative fish and recalled some lines of doggerel he had written on a similar trip to Lake Ouachita a couple of years before:

I saw the mountain's purple hue;  
I saw the wild ducks flying high.  
I saw the emerald of the lake;  
I saw the azure of the sky;

I felt the spray's cool, gentle touch;  
I felt the summer breezes blow;  
I felt the strength of fighting fish;  
I felt the warmth of friendship's glow.

I saw and felt and thanked my God  
For what he gave this worthless clod.

to shape a proposition as to make it specially objectionable" (Kerfoot, p. 62).

An amendment may be offered to a motion in order to modify it in some way. For example, the effective date of a proposition may need to be changed. This is accomplished in the motion to amend.

The motion to substitute is treated in the same manner as a motion to amend. Strictly speaking, if offered in regard to a report of a committee or such like, it strikes out a sentence, word, or paragraph and inserts others in the place of that stricken out. The proposition then, if the substitute is decided in the affirmative, is considered as it has been amended by the substitute.

In the case of a motion to do a single thing, if a substitute is offered for the

entire main motion and then decided in the affirmative, it seems superfluous to vote a second time on the same proposition.

A substitute requires a second and is debatable. It may also be amended, subject to the same rules as other amendments.

The motion to substitute has also some definite peculiarities of its own. "It is a rule under this motion that members must not be required to vote upon striking out a whole paragraph until each one who so desires shall have had an opportunity to try to amend the paragraph according to his notion. Members must claim this privilege, however. . . It is a rule also that each one shall have the privilege of trying to amend. . . , the paragraph which it is proposed to insert" (Kerfoot, p. 68).





**ANOTHER YEAR**—Harry Puryear (center) is shown being presented with his latest attendance bar, for 13 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School at First Church, Bentonville. Presenting the award is Julius Priest, superintendent of the Sunday School. Pictured at left is the pastor, Paul Myers. Mr. Puryear is the superintendent of an adult department of the Sunday School serves as a deacon in the church.



## Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

## Lessons learned from children

Last December while in New York my husband and I were delighted that Art Linkletter was featured on a television show we were privileged to see. He told a number of true stories about children and the things they have said on his show. For example, he said when he asked one young fellow what his mother said to him before the show the boy answered, "She told me to act normal." "What's normal?" Art asked him. "98.6," replied the boy. Mr. Linkletter has learned that children respond best when he tries not to show surprise at anything they say. He says they are refreshingly honest on most occasions.

A young father was teaching a Sunday School lesson on honesty recently and told of an incident involving his small daughter. He found some ugly crayon marks on the wall and asked who made them. She immediately and innocently answered, "I did, Daddy." The father's comment to the class was that perhaps children are the only ones around these days who show this kind of frank honesty. Then he added, "And my daughter will probably learn from this experience; next time she won't be so quick to admit her guilt, remembering some unpleasantness on this occasion."

Our director of student work at the University of Arkansas, Jamie Jones, told recently of a three-word sermon his two-year old daughter Nancy preaches to him. He said that every time he starts to read a newspaper she says, "Paper down Daddy." This is her way of saying "Pay some attention to me. Don't forget that children grow up quickly—and the early years are important ones."

Children often stump us with their questions. I remember once when our daughter was very small she was watching when her father accidentally got a small scratch on his finger. As it bled a little she asked, "Why did God put the blood in before He put the skin on?" Our minister of education told recently about being asked by a child, "How could God and Joseph both be Jesus' father?" My husband was asked recently by a young boy, "Why doesn't God kill the Devil?" Children ask these and a thousand other questions. We can learn from them, as well as teach them, if we take time to spend a little time with them. They are our young adults of the twenty-first century.

Comments, suggestions, or questions, may be addressed to Mrs. Andrew Hall, Mt. Sequoyah Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.

## Archie Fray ordained

Archie Fray, pastor, First Church, Cairo, Ill., was ordained to the ministry by First Church, Fordyce, Apr. 9. Mr. Fray has served in the music and educational field for a number of years.

## Joins council staff

Harold Martin, who resigned as minister of education of First Church, Blytheville, Apr. 5, has accepted the position of promotion writer in the Department of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. in New York City. Mr. Martin will prepare promotional materials on mass communication resources for several overseas areas.

## Nicholas honored

Dr. D. Jack Nicholas, dean of students and director of counseling, Southern College, has been selected to appear in the 1967 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

Dr. Nicholas received his B.S.E. degree from Arkansas State University, the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, and the Master of Science and Doctor of Education from North Texas State University, Denton, Tex.

## Deaths

**EDWARD WEBER**, 93, Geyer Springs, Little Rock, retired minister, Apr. 8.

Mr. Weber held pastorates in Pulaski and Saline counties and helped to organize and build the first Lifeline Church and was the last of the charter members.

He was a Bible Class teacher for many years and was a member of First Church, Geyer Springs, and the Anglers Class. He attended Ouachita College.

**MRS. ESTHER WORTMAN**, North Little Rock, Apr. 10.

A native of Missouri, she had been a resident of North Little Rock since 1929 and had taught school in the Levy Elementary School for 27 years.

She was a member of Park Hill Church and was superintendent of the Primary Sunday School Department. She was president of Baylor Conclave, a member of Kappa Kappa Iota and past matron of Florence Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Wortman was a member of the North Little Rock Class Room Teachers Association, Arkansas Education Association and the National Education Association.





**BUILDING GROUP**—Jacksonville Chapel Hill Church has purchased four lots on which a new building, an auditorium and additional educational space will be constructed. Serving on the building committee, left to right are Johnny Owen, W. A. Brown, chairman; Edwin Hinkson, pastor, Hank Shell, Mark Cayson, Jim Throgmorton.

## Beacon lights of Baptist history

# First missionary society

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.  
PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

The modern missionary movement in America seemed to have been conceived at an improper time. But heart and faith and will moves undaunted.

Circumstances in 1812 looked unpropitious for launching such a benevolent enterprise calling for an outlay of money. The young nation was still under the control of England. War loomed on the horizon. England claimed the right to search American vessels. She controlled commerce and excluded former colonies from many privileges accorded independent nations.

The very life of the nation was at stake with war coming on. Commerce of England, with which the colonies had become prosperous, would be destroyed. The sense of nationality was weak, several states having received their charters from the kings of England. Unity was threatened. Massachusetts, who had led in taking up arms in the Revolutionary War, now felt her patriotism cooling under love for gain.

The economic condition of the people did not encourage extensive plans for a benevolent work of outside nations. Almost every branch of industry was in a formative state. Many lines of manufacturing had not been started. Communications were slow, difficult, and expensive. An illustration of this was the cancellation of the Baptist Missionary Magazine to the South due to mail service being so imperfect and irregular.

Up to 1830 there were only three men in the country reckoned as millionaires. They were: John Jacob Astor, New York; Stephen Girard, Philadelphia; and William Gran, Boston. The distance which separated these men of wealth from the general economic condition was far greater than now.

The Baptist people themselves occupied a very humble position. In only one state did they hold social prestige, Rhode Island. Their homes were bare of most of the comforts of life. No more could be said of their churches. They were small, cold in winter, and uncomfortable. Many groups worshipped in school houses and homes. They often divided over minor points of doctrine.

But God was at work with these people. They were scattered across the states. In 1812 they had 2,417 churches, 1,916 ministers, and 188,215 members. They had little communication and organization.

The English Baptist Missionary Society was organized in Kettering, England, in 1792. Reports began to circulate about William Carey's work in India. Baptists in America learned of this and responded to what they learned. Missionary societies began to spring up in various cities.

The first strictly foreign missionary society of American Baptists was the Salem Bible Translation and Foreign Missionary Society organized in Salem, Mass., in 1812. The purpose was to aid William Carey in translating the Bible in Serampore, India, and to assist in sending a missionary or missionaries from this country to India.

Hot Springs Park Place, Apr. 2-9; Charles Whedbee, Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, evangelist; Alton Bush, singer; 16 professions of faith; 11 for baptism; 6 by letter; 1 by statement; 1 surrendering to preach; O. Damon Shook, pastor.

Blytheville Calvary, Apr. 3-9; Carroll Evans, pastor, First Church, Manila evangelist; Ray Tweed, pastor, New Liberty Church, Blytheville, song leader; 1 by statement; 2 rededications; 7 professions of faith; 8 by letter; John Lamb, pastor.

Bell, Okla. Harold Boyd, Ft. Smith, evangelist; 6 by baptism; 30 rededications; Bill Nix, pastor.

Texarkana Trinity, Apr. 2-9; Hugh Cooper, Melbourne, evangelist; John Cauthron, church music director; 3 professions of faith; 1 promise of letter; 34 rededications; Leo Hughes, pastor.

Winthrop, in progress through Apr. 23; Lawrence M. Hammond, evangelist; Harless Oglesby, singer; Jerald C. Friday, pastor.

Blytheville Gosnell, closing Apr. 10; Chaplain Bill Page, Blytheville Air Force Base, evangelist; Jimmy Stevens, Luxora, singer; 2 by baptism; 2 by letter; 2 by statement; S. M. Mayo, pastor.

Walnut Ridge First, Mar. 12-19; L. Alfred Sparkman, evangelist; E. Amon Baker, music director; 17 additions; 9 for baptism; Jim E. Tillman, pastor.

Jacksonville Berea, in progress through Apr. 23; David E. Strebeck, Don Avenue Church, Denham Springs, La., evangelist; James Beatty, pastor.

Little Rock Pine Grove (Sweet Home), Mar. 19-26; C. W. Caldwell, Little Rock, evangelist; Raymond Bull, Sunset Lane Church layman, Little Rock, music director; 2 professions of faith for baptism; J. H. Hogan, pastor.

DeValls Bluff First, Mar. 26-Apr. 2, C. W. Caldwell, Little Rock, evangelist; 6 for baptism; 2 by letter; Freeman McMenis, pastor.

Ft. Smith Trinity, Mar. 19-26; Jesse Reed, Little Rock, evangelist; Bill McGraw, First Church, Ft. Smith, singer; 11 additions for baptism; Eugene T. Moore, pastor.

Carlisle First, Mar. 26-Apr. 2; Billy Walker, evangelist; Mark Short, singer; 10 professions of faith; Charles Chesser, pastor.

Alexander First, Apr. 2-9; Jaek Parchman, evangelist; Louis Jeffers, song leader. Bill Garbin, pianist; 5 conversions; 2 by letter; 36 rededications; Leroy Patterson pastor.



## Absolute church-state not best, says Hays

LOUISVILLE—Former Southern Baptist Convention President and former Congressman Brooks Hays said here that the traditional view of separation of church and state—two separate spheres of activity with an impregnable wall between them—is not the best possible approach.

"It is more biblical," Hays said, "to think of the wall as one that has opened up a bit.

"There must be an opening somewhere in order for communication and dialogue to take place between the two spheres," said the former Arkansas Congressman and former presidential special assistant.

In two lectures and a news interview at Southern Seminary here, Hays said that the ethical and social decisions of the politician should turn on the moral leadership of the church. He envisioned the church as a circle in the center of

society, radiating its influence out into every aspect of life, including the political world.

Hays said that when he was in Congress, he desperately needed the resources of faith which only his Christian presuppositions could give. Hays served as a Congressman from Arkansas from 1943 to 1958, being defeated by a segregationist write-in candidate after Hays had served as a mediator between Gov. Orval Faubus of Arkansas and President Dwight D. Eisenhower during the Little Rock school integration crisis of 1957 and 1958.

Hays said that the number one issue facing Southern Baptists today is still the race relations problem, although much progress has been made in the past several years.

"I must admit that on occasion the political state has been more Christian than a particular congregation or church body in the matter of race relations," Hays said. "I don't want the politicians and the lawyers to race ahead of the Christian ministers at this point."

Hays said that another critical issue facing Southern Baptists is participation in the ecumenical movement.

"I can understand the reluctance of Southern Baptists to want to enter into any formal relationship with the National Council of Churches, because we say we don't need what it has to offer," Hays said.

"The point is that the National Council needs what we have to offer. With

our large membership and available resources, we could greatly help the National Council in its efforts to relate the Gospel to today's world," he added.

Since leaving Congress in 1958, Hays has served as special assistant to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson and a professor of public affairs at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

He will return to the Rutgers professorship after completing this semester as visiting professor of government at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. (BP)

## Wright elected to post

The Alaska Baptist Convention state board has elected Don Wright, Arkansas native and pastor of Anchorage Trinity Baptist Church, as pastoral missionary in the Tongass Baptist Association of Southeast Alaska.

The five-year missions pilot project will be jointly sponsored by First Church of Ketchikan, Tongass Association, the Baptist Home Mission Board, and the Alaska Baptist Convention. Mr. Wright and his family will live in Ketchikan and will serve as pastor of the Annette Baptist Mission. The mission on Annette Island serves a U. S. Coast Guard Station and an FAA installation.

Mr. Wright was born in Woodruff County. He received his education at Arkansas State Teacher's College and Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Wright is the former Kathy May of Fordyce. The two children are Phyllis Kay, 8, and Donna Fay, 6.

The Wright family will move to Ketchikan during the latter part of May.

## Bulletins

NEW YORK—The Baptist Record of Jackson, Miss., official weekly newspaper published by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was one of four religious publications receiving an Award of Merit from the Associated Church Press during its annual convention here. The award was presented to Baptist Record Editor Joe T. Odle for "excellence of physical appearance" in the newspaper category. (BP)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—A \$1 million gift, which will be used as library endowment, has been made to Wake Forest College by Mrs. Nancy Reynolds Verney, Greenwich, Conn. Mrs. Verney is a daughter of the late R. J. Reynolds, founder of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and a sister of the late Z. Smith Reynolds for whom the Wake Forest library is named. Wake Forest College President Harold Tribble said that income from the gift will be used initially to speed three major areas of change in the library's operation. (BP)

NEW YORK—W. C. Fields, public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, was elected president of Associated Church Press at its annual convention in New York Apr. 5-7. Twelve publications were admitted to membership, bringing to 181 the number of periodicals in the 51-year-old press association. Circulation totals now stand at nearly 20 million. (EP)



GRAHAM SPEAKS AT HISTORIC SBC CHURCH: Evangelist Billy Graham (right) greets the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., R. Jack Robinson (left) outside the church where the Southern Baptist Convention was founded in 1845. Graham spoke during a week-long observance of the church's 150th anniversary. (BP PHOTO)



## Baptist Briefs

SHERIDAN, Wyo.—The steering committee and the constitution committee set up to help organize a new Baptist convention comprised of four states have recommended a proposed site for the convention headquarters, and a proposed name. Northern Plains Baptist Convention is the recommended name for the convention, to be comprised of Southern Baptists in Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota. Rapid City, S. D., is the recommended site for the convention headquarters. Both proposals will be submitted to the organizational meeting of the new Baptist convention when it meets in Rapid City, Nov. 7-9, 1967. (BP)

FT. WORTH—A \$2,000 gift has been received by the school of church music at Southwestern Seminary here from the estate of the late Ann Oldham of Abilene, Tex. It will be used to establish a library collection of ethnomusicology (the study of native music of peoples of other cultures) as a permanent memorial to Miss Oldham, according to Jack Dean, seminary professor responsible for administering the gift. (BP)

NASHVILLE—Elected messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, May 30-June 2, must bring with them the proper credentials certifying their election by a local Baptist church, the convention's registration secretary said here. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and registration secretary of the SBC, urged every messenger to bring a registration card signed by the church moderator or church clerk to certify him as a duly-elected messenger. "The registration secretary has been requested to enforce the constitutional provision that only messengers be registered who present the proper credentials," Kendall said. Kendall added that all messengers who do not bring the proper registration credentials must be approved by a credentials committee, appointed by the convention president, before they will be allowed to register. (BP)

SHAWNEE, Okla.—Bob Bass, Oklahoma Baptist University's basketball coach and athletic director, has been named National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Basketball Coach of the Year. The 38-year-old Bass has served as the Baptist school's head cage coach for 15 years, and has been athletic director since 1955. His career record at Oklahoma Baptist University is 274 victories and 145 defeats. (BP)

ABILENE, Tex.—Establishment of a closed-circuit television network for

## Baptist beliefs

# Jesus' bodily resurrection

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, past president, Southern Baptist Convention

"... handle me, and see ... and he did eat before them" (Luke 24:39, 43)

It is significant that only Luke, a physician, records these words (Lk. 24:38-43). They are a doctor's affirmation that Jesus rose bodily from the grave.

Reports had come that Jesus had been seen alive on resurrection Sunday. But this was His first appearance to the ten apostles (Thomas absent) as a group. Naturally they were disturbed (v. 37 says, "terrified") and reasoned in their hearts as to what they were seeing. Reports were one thing, but this was quite a psychological shock. Was it a vision? Was Jesus only a phantom? Or was it really He?

Knowing this Jesus told them to look (see with understanding) at His hands and feet with the wounds of the cross. "That it is I myself" is a strong statement in Greek. It is I myself and no other or no phantom.

To prove it to them He commanded that they should "handle" Him. This word means to touch with the hands. John used it in I John 1:1 to answer the Docetic Gnostics that Jesus in His incarnation had a real flesh and blood body. Now Jesus tells the apostles to apply the sense of touch to secure evidence that after the resurrection He was not merely a spirit or ghost. For such does not have "flesh and bones, as ye see me have." It was a bodily resurrection indeed!

A physician usually examines a patient by *handling* him, Luke notes that Jesus asked that His *patients* in faith handle Him, the Great Physician. But having handled Jesus' body, they still "believed not for joy." They accepted the evidence of their examination. But it still was *too good to be true*. They wanted to believe, but it was too much for which to hope.

So Jesus gave them the final proof. He asked if they had any food. They produced a piece of broiled food, probably left over from their evening meal. Or did Jesus' appearance interrupt their meal? The best manuscripts do not have "and an honeycomb." So Jesus ate the broiled fish "before them." It was for their benefit, not His, that He ate the fish. This eating should not be interpreted to mean that Jesus needed food for His resurrection body. But it did prove that He possessed a real body capable of eating food. He ate not for the nourishment of His body but for the nourishment of their faith—and ours.

Texas Baptist colleges has been recommended by participants in a Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) seminar at Hardin-Simmon University here. "Why not try the daring?" Jerry Dawson, chairman of the seminar, suggested in the discussion. (BP)

WASHINGTON—Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D., N. C.) told a group of Baptist editors that he believes support for a Constitutional Prayer Amendment will shrink in the future. Sen. Ervin made his prediction in an orientation conference on church-state issues sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs for eight curriculum editors of Southern and American Baptist agencies. "People are coming to recognize how essential it is for religion to keep hands off the state and for the state to keep hands off religion," the Senator said. (BP)

NEW ORLEANS—New Orleans Seminary here has announced the change in the name of its basic degree from "bachelor of divinity" to "master of theology" degree. Each of the other five semi-

naries owned by the Southern Baptist Convention this year changed the name of the bachelor of divinity degree. (BP)

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Election of a new professor and substantial across-the-board salary increases for the faculty were approved by the board of trustees for Midwestern Seminary here. Elected to the faculty was Doran McCarty, pastor of Susquehanna Church, Independence, Mo., an instructor in religion at William Jewell College (Baptist), Liberty, Mo. (BP)

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—Trustees of Golden Gate Seminary meeting here elected a new professor, named a dean of students, adopted a 1967-68 budget, and voted to raise staff and faculty salaries. New budget for the seminary was set at \$661,925. A Baptist missionary to Nigeria, J. E. Humphrey, was elected research librarian and associate professor of historical theology. The board also elected J. B. Nichols of the seminary faculty as dean of students. Nichols has been associate professor of educational administration and arts at the seminary. (BP)



## Rural-town Conference

A refreshing spiritual experience is anticipated for those who attend this year's Rural-Town Church Conference at Paron, May 11-13. The program has been designed to meet the needs of the pastor and church of all except the largest congregations. Since Camp Paron facilities cannot accommodate an unlimited number, we are requesting everyone to send in reservation requests immediately. The cost is \$8.80 for men and \$12 for husbands and wives. No accommodations are available for children. Mileage will be paid those who bring cars at the rate of 1c per mile per person.



J. T. Elliff

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Please pray for those who will speak and lead conferences. Registration will begin at 11 a.m., May 11. The conference will close at 10:30 Saturday. Send reservations (no money) to J. T. Elliff, 401 W. Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.



**MARSHALL PASTORIUM**—First Church, Marshall, held dedication services Mar. 19 for the new pastorium, completed at a cost of \$15,000. Klois Hargis, a former pastor, brought the message at the morning service. Open house was held during the afternoon at the four-bedroom, red brick home, which has central heat and air-conditioning. Serving on the building committee were Vernon Renfro, chairman, Lloyd Smith, Buck Mays, Mrs. Dorothy Hall, Mrs. Vera Stricker, Kenneth Hubbard and Verl Myatt. Charles H. Duncan is pastor.

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# The bookshelf

God with us, the Story of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1892-1967, by Roberta Ethridge Allen, Balfour, Little Rock, 1967, \$4 (paperback \$3)

Not many institutions, as features of birthday celebrations, ever have their stories told in full-length books. But



MRS. ALLEN

with the publication this week of Little Rock's Immanuel Baptist Church, this church, which is observing its 75th anniversary, enters this rare category. Local church histories usually are amateur creations that fall into the brochure or booklet classification.

And, on the average, such "histories" leave much to be desired both as to content and as to style. But Roberta Ethridge Allen, outstanding Arkansas penwoman that she is, has produced in *God With Us*, though her first book, a book of professional quality and of broad, if not universal, appeal. The skill of a deft hand is revealed in her working into the production of so much that is inspirational and of human-interest appeal.

The Allen book takes its title from the Hebrew meaning of the church's name, Immanuel. (For a short time at the very beginning the church was known as Third Baptist Church.) But the book title is no less appropriate when considered against the backdrop of the remarkable achievements of the church through great difficulties, as it has grown from a mere handful of members to the more than 3,900 souls comprising the church today.

The church could scarcely have had a more inauspicious beginning than it had as it counted 17 charter members at its organization meeting on April 17, 1892. But the faith that characterized this little group is seen in the fact that after months of meeting from house to house as a Sunday School group by the time of its organization the church had arranged for a meeting place that could seat 200 persons.

Even the church's first pastor was a part of the small beginning. For while the Rev. Mr. J. B. English was a great man spiritually and "a good organizer" he was slowly dying of a throat malignancy that made it difficult for him to speak at all and impossible for him to preach. In his few months' tenure he made it his solemn obligation to bring to the pulpit the best available guest ministers. He died 11 months to the day from the organization of the church.

The first pastor to stay with the church long enough to put down roots



was a blind man—Dr. Frank White—who served as pastor 1893-1898. Not only was Pastor White blind but his wife—an accomplished musician—and a son also were blind. But what the pastor lacked in physical eyesight he apparently made up in spiritual vision. Under his leadership the church built the first parsonage and its first real church house at the corner of 10th and Bishop and counted new members by the score.

Other outstanding pastors of the church, as recorded by Mrs. Allen, have included: Dr. O. J. Wade (1905-1913); Dr. E. P. Alldredge (1913-1919); Dr. Otto Whittington (1919-1937); Dr. C. C. Warren (1938-1943); and Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., who has been pastor of the church since April, 1945.

Pastor Wade led the church to erect a new \$75,000 building. The buff brick structure, featuring Byzantine-style domes at its four corners, was dedicated in splendor on June 9, 1912, with Dr. George W. Truett, noted pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, as guest speaker. Fourteen years later the church was to face one of its greatest tests as this building was to go up in smoke.

On a day when the deacons were in business session discussing means of raising \$35,000 for the purchase of a pipe organ and for certain improvements to the building, the building was discovered to be on fire. Nothing that anybody could do would stop the fire. Temporarily crushed, the pastor and deacons saw their dream building reduced to ashes.

But Pastor Whittington and the people of the church rose to the occasion. And Oct. 20, 1929—just after the crash of the stock market and the beginning of the Great Depression—they were

dedicating a bigger and finer building, this time a \$250,000 structure.

In bygone years, Mrs. Allen reveals from a study of the church's minutes, Immanuel Church has been a stern disciplinarian. No less than 35 members were excluded in one year for such unrepentant offenses as non-attendance of church services, playing cards, dancing, drinking, gambling.

But Immanuel has not been without her lighter moments. In one of her many accountings of interesting anecdotes, Mrs. Allen tells about the wife of one of Immanuel's pastors hearing a commotion in the sanctuary one Sunday afternoon. Going to investigate, she found her little son, with two other darling P. K.'s (preachers' kids) enjoying a delightful afternoon "swim" in the church baptistry which had evidently been filled for a baptizing that night.

Years later the Immanuel baptistry was again to be the center of an exciting, if far different, scene. This time (in 1930), Pastor Whittington insisted on baptizing together and at identical time triplet brothers who happened to be baptismal candidates. According to bug-eyed witnesses of the event, the triplets "leaned against [the pastor's] strong but short arm" for the immersion, which came off without unhappy incident.

The ministry of Immanuel Baptist Church has been distinguished across the years for its success in beginning numerous missions, the most of which have become self-sustaining churches for the large numbers of its members who have answered calls to special service and have gone out as ministers,

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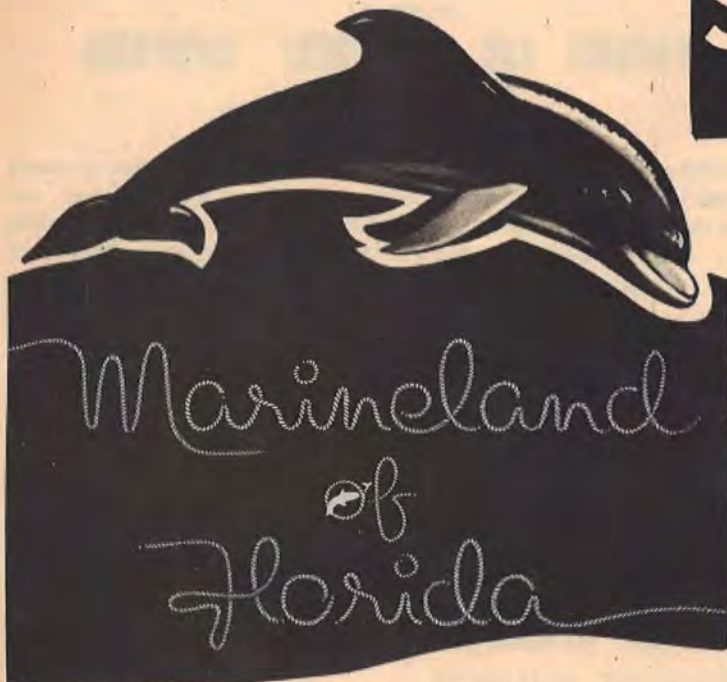
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## Bookshelf

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religious education workers, and as representatives of many other service categories too numerous to list, and for its giving. For a long time the church has led in Arkansas in contributions to world mission causes.

Anyone knowing how involved the author and her husband, Immanuel deacon Arthur A. Allen, and their family have been in the life of Immanuel across many years will understand if she appears to be slightly biased in favor of the church's pastors and people—and anything at all tied in with the church and its program.

One of the great assets of the book is the 65 photographs illustrating it throughout. There is even a picture of that Sunday School from which the church was organized. Perhaps the greatest weakness of the book—if, indeed, it has a weakness—is the lack of a better job of checking and double-checking the materials and more extensive use of footnotes. But if we were grading the book, we'd have to rate it high, particularly for its field.

Many new buildings and many new faces have been added to the Immanuel Story in recent years. But, as Mrs. Allen has so strongly implied through these more than 200 pages, the identifying mark of this church from the beginning down to now seems to be an abiding faith of the church fellowship in a divine presence—"God With Us."

—Erwin L. McDonald

## Lawes to address state RA Congress

W. D. Lawes, Home Mission Board representative, will be the speaker at two sessions of the statewide Royal Ambassador Congress on May 5-6. The Congress will be meeting in the auditorium of First Church, Little Rock.

Mr. Lawes has had many years experience in mission and Brotherhood work. He served as associational missionary in Missouri for several years. He joined the staff of the Arizona Convention in the beginning of pioneer work, as Brotherhood secretary and director of Evangelism and served until 1965, when he joined the staff of the Home Mission Board.

Mr. Lawes will bring the closing message to the combined group of Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors at the Friday night session and at 11 a.m. Saturday. The general theme of his messages will be "Making Missions Live." Every Baptist man and Royal Ambassador age boy will be blessed by hearing him.

The Congress will get under way with registration at 8 p.m. From 5 until 6 p.m. there will be a free hot dog supper

for all Royal Ambassadors and counselors registered for the Congress. All chapters are urged to send their registrations in early.

The Friday evening session of the Congress will open at 6:45 in the main auditorium of First Church. At the same time the session for Baptist Men will begin in Sipes Auditorium of the church. Dr. George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, will be speaking for the men's meeting. He will be interpreting the Brotherhood objective in light of the new task assignment.

Ed McDonald III, pastor, Freeman Heights Church, Berryville, will lead a discussion on using Baptist men to make missions live. There will be other program features of interest and value to men.

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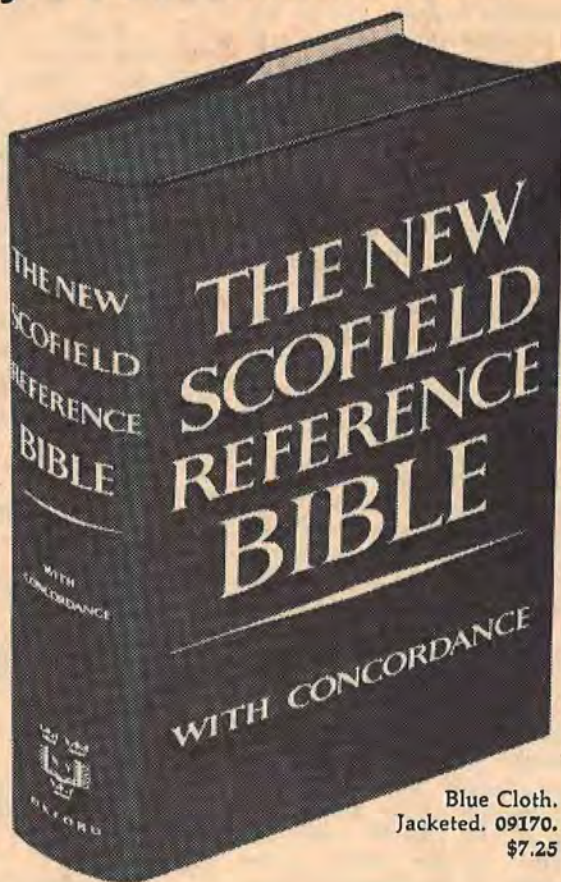
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## He lived to give

BY ELIZABETH PHILLIPS

Three men huddled around a small fire alongside a railroad track. They were blowing on their hands and rubbing them together. Their conversation was more heated than the fire.

"Did you ever see such a stubborn young man?" asked the tallest of the group.

"Aye," answered his companion, "but 'tis fair indeed he is, full of justice and common sense."

"He is all the things you say and more," volunteered the third. "I don't know which is greater, his love for money or his love for education."

They spoke of their boss. A stranger might have thought they spoke from dislike, but nothing could have been further from the truth. They admired and respected the man greatly. He was truly a hardheaded, hardworking man. His name was Andrew Carnegie.

Born in Scotland in 1835, he came from a capable and fearless people. He came to America with his father. After their passage had been paid, there was not any money left.

While other boys were still playing with toy soldiers, young Andrew went to work in a cotton mill. Later he found a better job in a telegraph office.

When an official of the Pennsylvania Railroad saw the ambitious boy, he immediately hired him as a secretary. That was the beginning. Ten years later, when he was twenty-three years old, Andrew Carnegie was superintendent of a branch of that railroad.

From that time on, things looked up for Andrew. He went from one business to another, each one larger and bringing him more money.

The end of the Civil War found him in the oil business, but not for long.

"I think iron and steel have the answer to what I'm after," Carnegie said.

He bought a share in a small iron business. This venture soon gave him a capital of over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

What money! he must have thought. But it grew. Everything Andrew Carnegie took hold of grew. New methods and devices were studied to make use of all by-products. Nothing was wasted.



In another few years, he had made five million dollars!

Buying railway lines and steamship lines to cut shipping costs, he soon had a monopoly in the iron and steel business. Carnegie's corporation snapped up all the smaller concerns around it. By 1901, at the age of sixty-six, Andrew Carnegie was worth four hundred million dollars!

"This is enough," he said, "I am ready to retire. Time is needed if I am to spend my fortune wisely."

For the next twenty-two years, until his death, he did exactly what he said he would. He spent money.

"It is a shame for a man to die rich," was Carnegie's honest belief. His riches had been dug out of the earth by the people. He believed it was his duty to give back the riches. He felt that the money was in his trust for all the people of the earth.

Once he said, "It is harder to give money away wisely than it is to make it."

True to his hardheaded Scotch upbringing, he thought well and long be-

fore he made a decision. In the end, most of his fortune went for education.

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# Institutions — Arkansas Baptist Medical Center Association Elects Board, Adopts Charter

## Gilbreath To Head Midwest Association



The new officers of the Board of Trustees are, seated, A. James Linder, president; standing, from left: Rev. R. H. Dorris, first vice president; B. J. Daugherty, secretary-treasurer; and Kenneth Price, second vice president.

A. James Linder of Little Rock was elected president of the ABMC Board of Trustees at the first meeting of the ABMC Association held March 7.

Other new officers are: Rev. R. H. Dorris of North Little Rock, first vice president; Kenneth Price of North Little Rock, second vice president; and B. J. Daugherty of Little Rock, secretary-treasurer.

The 50-member corporate Association elected an 18-member Board of Trustees and adopted a new charter and by-laws. The Association was formed to operate the Medical Center after control of the Center was relinquished by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. This was done to make it possible for the Center to receive government grants. Membership in the Association is composed of past members of the ABMC Boards of Trustees and members of Baptist churches affiliated with the Convention.

Members of the 18-member Board, in addition to the officers are: Ray Wilson of Little Rock; Rev. Homer Bradley of DeWitt; W. M. Freeze, Jr., of Jonesboro; Jacob L. King of Hot Springs; Harold Monzingo of El Dorado; Clarence Jordan of Hot Springs; Dr. Art B. Martin of Fort Smith; Dr. Sam C. Reeves of Arkadelphia; Floyd Chronister of Little Rock; Dr. Don Harbuck of El Dorado; R. A. Lile of Little Rock; Doyle Lumpkin of Lavaca; Rev. Harold White of Paris, and Dr. Joe Rushton of Magnolia.

The Board will meet quarterly and for special meetings as needed. The Association will meet annually.

The Board appointed Erhart, Eichenbaum, Rauch and Blass as the architectural firm to begin drawing plans for the new hospital to be constructed

on the Evergreen and University Avenue property. Administrator J. A. Gilbreath said that application for government grants would be made for

Administrator J. A. Gilbreath was elected president-elect of the Midwest Hospital Association meeting which was held the week of March 13 at Kansas City, Mo.

Gilbreath has been secretary-treasurer of the organization for the past two years. He will take office as president in March, 1968 and will serve until 1969. The Midwest Association attracts people from six states to its annual conferences. All major hospital suppliers have displays and seminars are held for all departments within the hospital. The states represented in the Association are: Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Arkansas.

several projects including a new educational building at the Center.

Mr. Linder is chairman of the Board's Executive Committee, Rev. Dorris, vice chairman, and members are Mr. Freeze, Mr. Lile, Mr. Price and Mr. Wilson. Mr. Daugherty is chairman of the Finance Committee and Dr. Martin, vice chairman and members are Mr. Bradley, Mr. King, Mr. Chronister and Mr. Jordan. Rev. White is chairman of the Committee on Public Relations and Religious Ministry, Dr. Reeves, vice chairman, and Dr. Harbuck, Rev. Lumpkin, Dr. Ruston and Mr. Monzingo members.

## Insurance Executive Heads New Board

A. James Linder, President of the Board of Trustees charged with the joint responsibility of governing the affairs of both Arkansas Baptist Medical Center, Little Rock, and Memorial Hospital, North Little Rock, has continuously served these institutions as a board member since 1961.

Mr. Linder is Secretary, Associate General Counsel, and Director of The National Investors Life Insurance Company. He is also director and officer of a number of other corporations and banks among the National Investors group of affiliated companies. Included in these executive capacities are: President and Director, Investors Equity Securities, Inc., Little Rock, and Chairman of the Board, The National Investors Life Assurance Company (U.K.), Ltd., London, England.

A native of Hamburg, Arkansas, Mr. Linder received his LLB degree from Arkansas Law School in 1946; is a member of the American, Arkansas, and Pulaski County Bar Associations. For the ten year period from 1951 to 1961, he served as District Attorney for Arkansas' Tenth Judicial District.

As a deacon of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, Mr. Linder is also active in church affairs. His many services include having been a Sunday School teacher for 15 years, and for two years he was President of the Baptist State Brotherhood organization.

## New Pharmacist



Miss Peggy Bynum, formerly of Dermott, is a new pharmacist in the Medical Arts Drug Store. She is a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy and worked at Fort Smith before coming here.



## Student Practicals Graduate March 24



These are the members of the new graduates of the School of Practical Nursing. From left, front row: Carolyn Nichols, Gladys Frost, Margaret Leggett, Lucille Flewellen and Peggy McCombs. Second row, Susan Gillihan, Marsha Eisenhower, Eva Bradley, Rosa Lee Harris, Shirley Weaver, Johanna Boeckmann and Joy Shene. Top row, Lani Lollar, Arnell Bradley, Melba Newman, Katherine Newberry, Carolyn Crunkleton, Opal Goss and Judith Fritzius.

A class of 23 practical nurses were graduated from the ABMC School of Practical Nursing at graduation exercises held at 8 p.m. March 24 at the Student Union Building Chapel.

Dr. Howard Schwander, chief of surgery for the ABMC Medical Staff, was the speaker and A. James Linder, president of the Board of Trustees, awarded the certificates. Others on the program were: Mrs. Judy Johnson, W. H. Patterson, Rev. Dewitt Nix, Wallace Ferguson, Gaye Graves, Mrs. Janie Tyler, Mrs. Mary Jackson, Mrs. Pat Cook, Mrs. Mary Jo Rogers and Miss Shirley Weaver.

Susan Gillihan of Jacksonville is class president. Lucille Flewellen of Jacksonville is vice president; Ida Beth Devore, of Dewitt, vice president; Melba Newman of North Little Rock, treasurer; Shirley Weaver of Gainesville Mo., and Katherine Newberry of Little Rock, historians; and Eva Bradley of Conway, photographer.

Other members of the class are: Patricia Andrews of Little Rock, Joanna Boeckmann of North Little Rock, Arnell Bradley of Little Rock, Carolyn Crunkleton of Bradford, Judith Fritzius of Malden, Mo., Gladys Frost of Scotland, Janelle Garner of Nashville, Opal Goss of Little Rock, Rosa Lee Harris of North Little Rock, Sandra Holiman of Benton, Marshal Eisenhower of Benton, Margaret Leggett of Little Rock, Lani Lollar of Little Rock, Peggy McCombs of North Little Rock, Carolyn Nichols of Des Arc, and Joyce Shene of North Little Rock.

## Professional Groups Elect ABMC People

Several members of the ABMC staff have been honored by professional organizations with major offices in recent months.

Dr. Don Corley, ABMC Chaplain, has been made president-elect of the Southern Baptist Hospital Chaplains Association. He was elected at the annual meeting of the organization in Chicago in January.

Mrs. Vivian Herron has been elected president of the Central Arkansas Association of Operating Room Nurses. Buddy Pat Cook will serve a second year as vice president of the organization.

Miss Juanita Straubie was elected secretary-treasurer recently of the State Baptist Student Union Directors Association.

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Several ABMC students attended a Medical Missions Conference which was held April 7-8 at Little Rock. The two-day conference attracted students in the nursing, medical and dental fields.

## Student Officers For Three Schools



These are the officers of the Student Association for the combined diploma, x-ray and practical schools. First row, from left, Shirley Smith, first vice president; Charlene Arnold, second vice president, Sherry Carter, third vice president, Shirley Phillips, reporter, and Betty Hargrove, president. Top row, Carolyn Phillips, treasurer, Linda Russell, representative; Phyllis Wampler, parliamentarian; Pat Johnston, representative; Mrs. Peggy Ecnols, Mrs. Mary Jackson and Mrs. Jananne Bevins, faculty advisers.



# He Wants ABMC's Lab To Be the Best

While hospitals all over the country are crying for more trained laboratory technicians, the ABMC lab has more applicants than it can place. When you meet the clinical lab supervisor, Odare Murphree, it is not hard to figure out why.

The first thing Murphree is likely to tell you is that the ABMC lab is the best in Arkansas now and that, when its new equipment is installed, it will be second to none in the country. Murphree, a young, outgoing medical technologist with three degrees in his field, has concentrated his efforts on building a competent staff. He works closely with Dr. William Harville, staff pathologist in charge of the laboratory, in picking the right people and then he works hard to see that they receive recognition for what they do.

### Want Recognition

"Most of us think that people work primarily for the money," said Murphree. "In one management course I took, I learned from a survey that the thing employees want most is reassurance from their superiors that they are doing a good job. The same survey showed that wages were number five on the list."

Murphree said he realized when he became laboratory supervisor that there was more to managing a lab than simply being a good technologist. He took two management courses at the Highland Laboratories in Los Angeles and he took one at the University of Arkansas. His extra training has paid off in better employee relations and in better public relations for the lab.

### Low Turnover

"Most of the people in this area who are in this type work know that ours is a good laboratory," he said. "They want to work here and those who do come, stay." Murphree sees to it that his people are treated well and he urges them to do the same by others.

"We stress the importance of letting a patient know that we're not just there to stick his finger but that we care about him," Murphree pointed out. "He's scared, sick and in unfamiliar surroundings — a kind word from one of us can make him feel better."

Such public relations has been worth while — the lab is acquiring a whole new image throughout the hospital.

### Constantly Learning

Murphree keeps the technologists involved in seminars and inservice training so that ideas are constantly being exchanged and new techniques learned. He has worked with the pathology staff in setting up autopsy seminars which explain clinical findings as they relate to the tests done by the technicians.

"In that way they are not just working on numbers," he said. "They get to see the whole picture on a patient and the tests that they do have meaning."

Murphree and Dr. Harville not only make a good team in the lab but they

get along equally well as partners on the tennis court, where they play frequently together. Their opposition sometimes includes Larry Griffin, who heads the immunohematology lab and Jim Proctor, a student.

Murphree also uses his spare time to teach a Wednesday night Bible class at the Pulaski Heights Church of Christ and he also serves on weekends as a lay preacher.

### Writes for Technicaller

Professionally he is now scientific editor of the Technicaller, the state journal for medical technologists, and has written a series of articles on laboratory management which have been reprinted elsewhere. He is a past president of the Arkansas Society of Medical Technologists and has served as scholarship, membership and legislation chairman for that group. When he took his M. T. (ASCP) national registry exam a few years ago, he was one of two Arkansans who scored in the upper seven per cent of the nation. He was program chairman for the American Society of Medical Technologists' meeting in Los Angeles last year.

Murphree holds a B.A. in chemistry, a B.S. in biology and a B.S. in medical technology from the University of Arkansas. He is a native of Heber Springs and he and his wife have two children, Cynthia, 8, and Stephen, 5. They live at 515 Poinsetta.

One of the favorite parts of his job is teaching in the ABMC School of Medical Technology. He has three students now, with five more due in July. He was able to hire only two of the three who finished in February because of his full staff but the third was much in demand at other hospitals

and is now in Hot Springs.

Does he visit other hospital laboratories to keep up with what's going on?

"They visit us," Murphree said with the air of a man who is proud of his own staff and the kind of lab they have managed to build.

## Memorials

Memorial gifts to ABMC were received during February and March in memory of:

Mr. W. M. Freeze, Sr., given by W. H. Patterson.

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Mother of Daniel Stephens by Carpenters' Local Union No. 1329 in Independence, Mo.

Dr. Harvey Shipp by Dr. and Mrs. Harold D. Langston.

## Mrs. Armour Presides At ALN Convention

Dean Mildred Armour of the Ouachita Baptist University School of Nursing presided at the opening business meeting of the 15th annual convention of the Arkansas League for Nursing held March 29-31 at the Hotel Lafayette.

Mrs. Armour introduced Mrs. Winthrop Rockefeller and other dignitaries who appeared on the opening program. Administrator J. A. Gilbreath spoke on "Health Legislation—Medicare" at a session held on March 31.



Odare Murphree, supervisor of the laboratory, confers with a student in the School of Medical Technology. This is one of the phases of his work which he likes best.



## Characteristics of the church

BY L. H. COLEMAN, PASTOR  
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Life and Work

April 23

Acts 2:41-47; 4:32-37; 5:41-6:8

Last week's lesson dealt with the commissioning of the church. What happened immediately following the commission?

The first few years following the commission were of utmost importance. How important it is to get off to a good start!

### I. 3,000 souls added. 2:41

The context of today's passage is the experience at Pentecost (50 days following Passover). A prayer meeting preceded the preaching of Peter at Pentecost. One hundred and twenty prayed for 10 days in the Upper Room for the coming of the Holy Spirit or power from on high. The power fell. Peter preached a straight-forward, simple gospel message from the text of Joel 2:25ff. Peter declared that Christ was Lord and the promised Messiah.

The effects of the sermon were astonishing. The people were struck with deep conviction of sin. There was conversion. Confession of Christ followed.

Verse 41 indicates that at least 3,000 were added to the church and baptized. The word "about" indicates that approximately 3,000 were converted. This was an estimate. Another indication is that the way to be added to the church is through baptism. Baptism is the gateway of the church. Only a saved person is a fit subject for baptism, which is the outward expression of an inward impression. It is the badge of a Christian.

Note in the book of Acts that the early disciples never left a convert without baptizing same.

### II. Faithfulness. 2:42

The early Christians were faithful in their devotion to Christ and sought earnestly to follow this leadership.

The word "steadfastly" indicates the idea of persistence and determination. Nothing would detour their service to Christ.

"Apostles' doctrine" simply indicates that they embarked upon a program of Christian teaching and training. These converts were instructed in the faith.

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"Fellowship" is another word for church. This word is a descriptive definition of a church. A church is a fellowship, a company of the committed (Cf. Elton Trueblood, *The Company of the Committed*).

If you can't have warm Christian fellowship in your church today then it is not a distinct New Testament church. Plenty of organizations are functioning under the disguise of a church but are not such.

"Breaking bread at home" refers to partaking of the Lord's Supper from house to house. The early disciples met in homes at this time.

Prayer was part of the experience of these early believers. Prayer was the antecedent and counterpart of Pentecost. Prayer is the lost art of today's church.

### III. Contagious zeal. 2:46, 47; 5:41, 42

The most overlooked aspect of Pentecost is the phrase, "one accord." (Cf. Acts 2:1, 46; 4:32) Had there been division there could not have been such a mighty spiritual experience of victory in Christ. There was "singleness of heart" (v. 46). The people wanted the blessings of God. Can you imagine how much sin was confessed in the ten-day prayer session? Can you imagine how much getting right with God can take place in a prayer session lasting 240 hours?

The situation was conducive for revival and times of spiritual refreshing. After the people had done their part, God did His part. People were saved daily. How far have we departed today from the apostolic norm?

Verse 41 indicates that they gladly suffered for the cause of Christ. Martyrdom was not uncommon. Persecution abounded. Tertullian has said: "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church."

Their teaching and preaching of Christ was a daily business. There was a contagious zeal!

### IV. Had all things common. 2:43-45; 4:32-37 to 6:1-8

This passage has posed a problem for many scholars; however, there are several facts that perhaps have been overlooked concerning this point. The general condition prevailing in the early church was the spirit of sharing.

This spirit was prompted by genuine Christian love. Please note that the sharing was on a voluntary basis. The early disciples provided goods when the need arose. The administrators were the apostles.

The early church was not practicing communism as we know it today. There is a vast difference between the community of goods in the book of Acts and the community of goods as preached by Karl Marx. Someone has said, "Communism is a leaf torn from the pages of Christianity and misread." If someone reads present day communism into the experience recorded in the book of Acts he is doing an injustice to the scriptures.

The work of the early church grew to such an extent that the apostles needed assistants in their work. The early church feeling that the apostles should give themselves to the ministry of the word and prayer chose seven deacons. The New Testament concept of a deacon is that he is an assistant to the pastor.

CONCLUSION: Pentecost gave great impetus to the early church. Truly the church was off to a great start. Why can't we today focus our attention on spiritual matters like the early church did before and after Pentecost? Why can't we make our main business as a church the matter of winning the lost?



... Britain has initiated a crackdown on American gambling interests in London as part of a massive campaign to off-set the evil effects of the nation's wide open gaming clubs. The British Churches Council on Gambling reported that Britain's four thousand gaming houses made 2.56 billion in 1965—about half the British government's entire defense budget. American criminal interests have moved in on the rich pickings, and protection rackets, arson, and bombings have followed.



# A lame man healed

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International

April 23

Acts 3:1-16

One of the identifying characteristics of a genuine Christian is his desire to share Christ with those he meets. This has been true from the first century A.D. to the present.

An impressive story of Christian sharing is recorded by Dr. Luke in Acts 3:1-16, the story of Peter's experience with a crippled beggar. The incident illustrates what can be done through the power of the Holy Spirit when a servant of the Lord is serious about sharing Christ.

## I. A man in need.

One afternoon Peter and John, still observing the Jewish custom of going to the temple to pray at three o'clock, encountered a man who was a familiar sight to those who entered at the Beautiful Gate. He was a helpless cripple, lame from birth and carried daily to this place so he could beg from those who came to pray. He was just being put in position as the apostles entered.

Little imagination is needed to picture the kind of life this beggar had been forced to live. Unable to walk from birth, he had been a continuing source of responsibility to those around him. As a lad, he could not run and play as other boys did and must have felt keenly his affliction. As a man, he could do nothing but sit and cry out for alms, his livelihood dependent upon the sympathy his pathetic condition evoked.

It was obvious to everyone that this man had physical problems, but whether or not he realized or even suspected that he had even greater needs than those produced by his disability we cannot tell.

## II. A plea to heed.

Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, the beggar cried out for alms. The two stopped and looked intently at the man, Peter commanding, "Look at us!" The reason for the order is not stated, but perhaps he wanted the man to give them his full attention. It is extremely difficult to witness to a person, whether he is in church or in his place of business, if he is only half listening.

Expecting a coin, the man gave them his undivided attention. But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have." Why he was flat broke we are not told; children of God seem to have been short on cash from earliest times! It is significant, though,

that their shortage of funds was not marked by a shortage of compassion. Even when there is no money to share, we can care about people's needs.

Peter and John did not brush off this man's plea with, "Man, don't bother us! We are men of God on our way to pray!" Because they were followers of Jesus Christ, who "went about doing good," they put human need above abstract duty.

Peter's Christ-likeness was further underscored when he reached out his big hand and with the iron grip of a professional fisherman lifted the beggar to his feet. There was no self-righteous sanctimoniousness in Peter to make him shrink from contact with a crippled sinner.

## III. A glorious deed.

Instead of a few coins for which he hoped, the man received something infinitely more valuable. Note the elements in the miracle:

•1. **The instrument.** God used a human instrument, Simon Peter, as the medium through whom to perform the miracle. This does not mean that Peter was divine, but it does suggest that God may use human agents for the accomplishment of his wonders.

2. **The method.** A command spoken in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth triggered the miracle. There was no dramatic buildup of the apostle personally, for he was no quack faith healer with a keen eye on the collection plate. The emphasis, as is always the case where true divine healing is concerned, was on the person and power of Christ.

3. **The purpose.** Peter made it clear that the miracle was not to honor him but to glorify the Son of God. In fact, he rebuked the people with the words, "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as

though by our own power or piety we had made him to walk?" And then he explained, "The faith which is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all."

4. **The result.** What happened at Peter's command was electrifying. Immediately the man's feet and ankle bones received strength, he jumped to his feet, he tested them first by standing and then walked and leaped, praising God for what had happened to him. Quite naturally, he clung to Peter and John while the people in their excitement crowded around the trio on Solomon's porch of the temple. Through the years others had given him money for food, but these two penniless preachers had given him something far better. The people were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Seeing the crowd pressing forward, Peter capitalized on the moment to deliver a message in behalf of Christ. Following the same general line as on the day of Pentecost, he emphasized the person and power of the risen Saviour.

Since the people were marvelling at what had happened to the crippled beggar, Peter pointed out that the miracle had been done through faith in the very one whom they had delivered up to and denied in the presence of Pilate. They had requested that a murderer be freed by the Roman ruler and had cried "Crucify him!" of the man who had the power to conquer death himself and now was demonstrating his continuing power in the healing of this man. What a colossal blunder they had made!

Yet in spite of their past misdeeds, Peter pleaded with his hearers, "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out..." (3:19) Though one's sins may have been as scarlet, God still invites him to repent and turn to Him.

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## Only believe

Color's not the line of demarcation

That marks the limit of Salvation  
For unto men of every race

God gives a portion of His Grace  
If they will just believe.

Carl Ferrell

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## A Smile or Two

### Car trouble

Three men at the office were discussing what most people wanted to get out of a new car. "Dependability," said one fellow. "Styling," declared another. "Economy," stated the third.

Just then a fourth man, who recently had bought a new car, entered the room. They decided to pose the question to him.

"What is the thing you'd like most to get out of your new car?" they asked.

"My teen-age son!" he replied.

### Fun on the bus

Male straphanger: Lady, you are standing on my foot.

Female straphanger: Pardon me. I thought it was the foot of the gentleman sitting down.

### Modesty note

"Have you anything to say before this court passes sentence upon you?" asked the judge.

"No, your honor," replied the defendant respectfully, "except to say that it takes very little to please me."

### Pocket-pickin' poor

"When a wife goes through her husband's pockets, it should be considered a criminal act," said the instructor of a domestic-relations class.

"Believe me," exclaimed a harried housewife-student, "in our house, it's also a waste of time!"

### Bully for you

Latin American: Our No. 1 sport is bullfighting.

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Ashdown Hicks First	86	28	
Berryville Freeman Hgts.	171	80	1
Blytheville			
Gosnell	234	76	6
New Liberty	111	44	
Camden			
Cullendale First	434	138	23
First	518	185	
Crosscut			
First	59	157	1
Mt. Olive	278	101	7
Dumas First	284	59	
El Dorado			
Ebenezer	180	88	
First	777	476	8
Immanuel	480	144	3
Ft. Smith Towson Ave.	184	90	5
Greenwood First	278	149	
Gurdon Beech St.	168	74	1
Harrison			
Eagle Hgts.	258	88	
Northvale	139	63	
Hope First	485	185	2
Imboden	125	55	1
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	127	88	
First	593	148	5
Marshall Road	395	178	
Jonesboro			
Nettleton	317	136	
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	179	108	1
Gaines St.	472	283	1
Immanuel	1257	414	3
Life Line	552	106	
Rosedale	304	117	3
Magnolia Central	663	256	2
Manila First	157	68	
Marked Tree Neiswander	120	98	
Monticello			
First	362	152	2
Second	243	130	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	622	150	9
South Side	88	17	
Calvary	485	142	
Forty-Seventh St.	204	108	
Harmony	47	37	
Levy	602	169	8
Park Hill	892	245	1
Indian Hills	100	44	1
Sixteenth St.	34	19	2
Sylvan Hills First	301	90	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	259	96	2
Second	253	78	
South Side	717	248	1
Tucker	25	11	
Watson Chapel	206	99	
Springdale			
Berry St.	120	57	
Elmdale	382	87	1
First	428	101	
Stephens First	156	62	1
Texarkana Beech St.	532	128	3
Community	20		
Van Buren			
First	485	120	
Oak Grove	173	95	
Vandervoort First	52	27	
Walnut Ridge First	297	98	
Ward Cocklebur	46	32	1
Warren			
First	456	145	1
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