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Thanksgiving — 1947

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.
To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.
To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.
To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.
To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever.
The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:
The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.
To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever:
And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever:
With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.
To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever:
And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever:
But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.
To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.
To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:
And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:
Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever:
And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever:
And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever:
Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever:
And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.
O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

—PSALM 136

Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN
Executive Secretary

E. C. ROUTH
Editor, The Commission

Clothes for a Half Million

A good start is being made on the Southern Baptist goal of securing clothing for half a million people. The Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, 16, La., reported that for the first 12 days in November a total of more than 125,000 pounds of used clothing, shoes, and bedding had been received.

Pastor Manfredi Ronchi of the Italian Baptist Union, Rome, advises that his committee is prepared to receive and distribute relief materials. The offices of the Baptist World Alliance in Washington advise that channels have been opened for shipment of clothing and other supplies to our Baptist representative in Hungary, Rev. Imre Somogyi.

Arrangements have been made, also, for shipments into Germany through the Baptist Relief Committee known as Bruderhifel by special arrangement through CRALOG, authorized by military authorities in Germany. We are not permitted to make any contact with our fellow Baptists in Yugoslavia and Romania.

Already we are hearing from a number of churches which have placed The Commission in the budget for 1948. We hope that hundreds of Southern Baptist churches will adopt this plan on the same basis as Sunday School and Training Union literature. One hundred copies would cost only \$4.50 a month, or \$49.50 for the year. Payments may be made monthly.

E. P. Buxton, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, reports total receipts of \$4,299,018.19 for the first 10 months this year; receipts for the corresponding period last year were \$3,694,942.60. The receipts through the Cooperative Program for October were \$336,441.18, compared with \$219,222.83 for October, 1946.

Southern Baptist missionaries now in Japan are: Tucker N. Callaway, Alma N. Graves, Floryne T. Miller, Frances Talley, Cecile Lancaster, Dr. and Mrs. Maxfield Garrott, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Gillespie, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Medling.

At the November meeting the Foreign Mission Board elected Mr. Buford E. Cookrum, Jr., as building supervisor in Nigeria, a service greatly needed now in the construction of educational buildings in our growing work in Nigeria. He and Mrs. Cookrum, who is an experienced bookkeeper, will go out on contract for a term of at least two years, possibly for a longer time. Although a layman, Mr. Cookrum has been very successful in winning men to Christ. They will go out as soon as transportation is provided.

Work In Nigeria

In response to our latest request for up-to-date information on our work in Nigeria, Dr. George W. Sadler, who has just returned from that mission field, writes:

"The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has contributed materially to the unprecedented progress which has been made in Nigeria during these latter years. The three phases of work in which we engage have reached a point of extensiveness and effectiveness that were undreamed of even a quarter of a century ago. Three new medical centers, two of them manned by doctors, have been opened within the past two years.

"The same may be said of a new school for girls and a new secondary school. One of the most significant developments is the establishment by the British government of a full-fledged university. The health and growth of the churches is indicated by the presence in Ogbomoso last August of more than 150 pastors who came together for a refresher course. It would be difficult to find in any part of the world a more zealous or a more forward-looking group."

China Press on October 29 carried the following item of particular interest to Americans who wish to send gifts to friends in China: "Christmas gifts from foreign lands valued at or below U. S. \$50 and weighing below 50 pounds will be permitted to contain items on the prohibited list, it was learned yesterday. Tax will be levied on Christmas parcels in accordance with customs regulations . . . According to a customs official, anyone constantly receiving parcels from abroad shall not have the same privilege unless he can prove that the parcel is designed as a seasonal gift." Each package sent to China should be plainly marked "Christmas Gift."

Recent arrivals from the foreign mission fields are: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allen from Brazil, now at 28 Ackley Street, Greenville, S. C.; Miss Willie Kate Baldwin from Nigeria, now at Laurens, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carson from Nigeria, now at 451 Clarkson, Denver 3, Colo.; Miss Hattie Gardner from Nigeria, now at McBee, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riddell from Colombia, now at Route 5, Airport Road, Laurel, Miss.

Recent departures to foreign mission fields are: Mr. and Mrs. James P. Kirk from Miami September 5 by air to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; J. J. Cowser from Miami October 22 by air to Rio de Janeiro; Cecile Lancaster October 23 by boat from Hawaii to Tokyo, accompanied by her mother; Ruth Kersey and Mary Ellen Yancey by boat October 25 from New York to Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton E. Harris by boat from New Orleans October 25 to China.

THIS ISSUE of the Arkansas Baptist was reduced in size to enable the editorial staff to attend the meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Next week's paper will carry a report of the Convention.

Miss Albertine Meador Dies of Fever in Brazil



Miss Albertine Meador, of Santo, Brazil, native of Texarkana, died in a hospital in Rio de Janeiro Friday morning. She was serving as a missionary under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention when she became ill with typhoid fever six weeks ago. A graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Miss Meador went to Brazil two years ago.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Medley, North Little Rock, and Mrs. Vera Henry, Camden; two brothers, Norman H. Meador, Little Rock, and J. E. Meador, Texarkana, and a number of nephews and nieces.

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Trinity Church, Lake Charles, La., where E. Butler Abington, former Arkansas pastor, is leading, reports 126 additions by baptism and 197 by letter during the past associational year. With a membership of 1,714 the Sunday School attendance averaged 579 and that of the Training Union 217.

Why not send a year's subscription to The Commission as a Christmas gift?

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"O Give Thanks Unto the Lord" . . .

GOD'S MERCY ENDURETH FOR EVER

By R. C. CAMPBELL
First Church, Little Rock

Thanksgiving is one of the most blessed seasons of the entire year. The spirit of true thanksgiving is one of the great qualities of an individual. It is fitting and eminently appropriate for the people of the nation to dedicate a special day for Thanksgiving. Such a day should not be abused nor misused. The churches of the land should be filled with grateful-hearted people as they assemble to give thanks unto the Lord.

In Old Testament days the people cultivated the spirit of thanksgiving by observing the Feast of the Tabernacle at harvest time, by thank offerings, by songs, and in various other ways. Our forefathers, after having come to the wilderness of America and after half of their number had died during the first winter and after having their first crop, gathered for a thanksgiving service. The next year they gathered in the midst of a drought to pray for rain. Rain came while they were assembled and the service was turned into one of thanksgiving. This custom that originated in that dim, distant day is still observed in our day.

The Spirit of Thanksgiving

The old hymn bids us,

*"Count your many blessings,
Name them one by one.
Count your many blessings,
See what God hath done."*

Some of our blessings we can count, but can you count them all? Count the stars in the heavens? Impossible! Count the hairs on a horse? Impossible! Count the leaves on every tree in all the forests? Impossible! Count the blades of grass which carpet the surface of the earth? Impossible! Count the drops of water in the ocean? Impossible! Neither can one count the daily blessings of one's life, the comfort to one's heart, the blessings to one's home, the hope planted within one's bosom, the strength given for life's task, the blessings bestowed by Almighty God.

The spirit of thanksgiving is beautiful; ingratitude is odious. How different are sentiments and attitudes. Two boys went to gather grapes. One was happy because they found grapes. The other was unhappy because the grapes had seeds in them. Two men were convalescing from illness. When asked how they were getting along one said, "I am much better today than I was yesterday." The other said, "I was worse yesterday than I am today."

When it rains, one individual says, "It'll be so muddy now." Another says, "This rain will lay the dust." Two boys examined a bush. One observed that it had thorns on it. The other did not see the thorns because he was consumed with the delight that it bore beautiful roses.

Two women looked through colored glasses. One said, "The world is blue." The other said, "The world is bright." Two boys found a beehive. One got honey therefrom, the other got stung. The first called them honeybees. The other called them sting-bees.

"I am glad that I am alive," says one man. "Life is a terrible drudgery," says another.

One person declares our good is mixed with evil. Another affirms our evil is mixed with a little good. One declares, "It is great to live. I have so many more blessings than I deserve." The other says, "Life is miserable. The world is cold and cruel. I am not getting my dues."

Things To Be Thankful For

We should be thankful for our country. God's hand in American history is unmistakable. His footfalls echo through our vales. His footprints are indelible in the sands of our history; His whisper breathes on the ether waves of our land; His heart pulsates in its life.

Faith in God hung the lanterns on the prow of the Mayflower as it charted the unknown Atlantic. That vessel was laden with deathless destiny; the devotees of a new order, the heralds of new freedoms, the trail-blazers of a new epoch in human history. God was its Captain; purpose was its anchor. It was frail but it was possessed with hardihood. It carried Pilgrims—not just passengers.

The Compact of the Mayflower dedicated both the Pilgrim fathers and the new country to God. In its very incipency Christianity became its powerful citadel. Christian principles solidified and religious purposes motivated her people. The great scriptural truth was written indelibly in the hearts of the early settlers of our country. "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." Righteousness exalted our nation in its incipency and purity made her strong. She has become miraculously great.

We are at a danger point now. America has grown rich, opulent, arrogant, sensual, morally corrupt, odiously wicked. We lost much of that pristine moral fiber, rugged honesty, stern simplicity, priceless integrity. A moral breakdown has resulted, until today the bleak winds of destiny are howling their protest against our lax living.

Every dead nation and every dead civilization has followed a fivefold course to its extinction: adversity, prosperity, luxury, dissipation, and desecration. As we give thanks to God at this season of the year for His benign blessings, we should rededicate ourselves and our nation for the supreme hour of destiny of this era. If America's most popular song of the day is, "God Bless America" our most earnest prayer should be, "God Save America."

To Whom Much Is Given

Our country stands in a unique position and can if it is wise wield a world influence in this hour: While our country has only

*We thank Him for sun,
Do we thank Him for rain?*

*We thank Him for joy,
Do we thank Him for pain?*

*We thank Him for gains,
Do we thank Him for losses?*

*We thank Him for blessings,
Do we thank Him for crosses?*

about six per cent of the world's population, seven per cent of the world's land, she has 40 per cent of the world's wealth, 20 per cent of the world's gold, 25 per cent of the world's wheat, 40 per cent of the world's iron, 60 per cent of its lead, 40 per cent of its silver, 50 per cent of its zinc, 52 per cent of its coal, 60 per cent of its cotton and copper and aluminum, 66 per cent of its oil, 75 per cent of its corn, 85 per cent of its automobiles.

"To whom much is given much is required." It is a terrible responsibility to hold the strategic place in a world like this in an hour such as we are now in. Only God can lead us. As we give thanks today for the Lord's blessings upon our nation in the past, we should earnestly implore His guidance in the present and for the future.

We should be thankful today for the church. This is an impregnable and indestructible institution. Christ said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Our nation is garrisoned with churches and undergirded and strengthened by mighty, Christian institutions. The church has stood against principalities and powers appalling in differences, sickening luke warmness and hottest fires of iniquity, as well as against the floods and flames of the hatred of generations.

*"Through floods or flames, if Jesus leads,
I'll follow where He goes.
Hinder me not shall be my cry,
Though earth and hell oppose."*

We should give thanks to God today for the unspeakable gift of His Son. Christ is holy, spotless, stainless, sinless, faultless, without blemish. He is the faultless man. He is the Saviour of the world. He is your Saviour and mine if we trust Him for salvation.

*"He did not come to judge the world,
He did not come to blame;
He did not only come to seek,
It was to save He came;
And when we call Him Saviour,
Then we call Him by His name."*

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good."

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Baptists Asked to Save Food Thanksgiving Week

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(B.P.)—Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. J. M. Dawson of Washington, executive secretary of public relations for American Baptists, have issued an appeal to Southern Baptist churchmen to cooperate with the government's food conservation program.

The appeal was aimed primarily at Thanksgiving week, usually characterized by bountifully filled tables.

"Our office commends the heartiest cooperation of our people with this general movement throughout the United States," Dr. Dawson said, "The plan fits in exactly with what we are already trying to do. Our conservation of food is a means of making good our pledges on relief. By conserving we share our plenty with those who are hungry."

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Keep Them In Your Heart . . .

One Day's Pay, Your Part!

On this Thanksgiving Day, when every Christian in America bows his head in thanks to God, there are going to be dozens of other little heads bowed also—the heads of the many other children we are now caring for at our Children's Center. And in the months ahead—when dozens more come to us for the love and care and shelter we offer them, we know that they too will have great cause to be thankful that such shelter is available to them.

We know this because we KNOW the Baptists throughout Arkansas are responding bountifully to our call for ONE DAY'S PAY from every Baptist to enable us to care for the increasing number of unfortunate children who MUST be cared for.

So on this—the last opportunity we will have to call our Thanksgiving Offering to your attention—won't YOU join with thousands of your brothers and KEEP THEM IN YOUR HEART? Just one day's pay will do it, for a whole year.

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OUR HEART?

Children Something To Be Thankful For Today!



Are You A "Delinquent" Baptist

Think This Over:

In Hornell, N. Y., an old state law was revived recently providing a \$500 fine and/or one year in jail for parents permitting a child "to associate with vicious, immoral or criminal persons, or to grow up in idleness or wander about the streets at night." Thus the blame is put squarely where it belongs—on the delinquent PARENTS.

As long as children have parents, such a law would perhaps help—but what about the thousands of children right here in Arkansas who are orphaned — either partially or wholly dependent on us? It puts it directly up to US . . . will we help them, or will we bear the brand of "Delinquent" Baptists? For remember — juvenile crime is not natural. We make criminals of children by allowing them to remain in an environment lacking all the decencies, and all the physical and spiritual comforts of a real home.

Our plea to you to give ONE DAY'S PAY is not just a catchword, or a slogan. It's what we actually need right now to discharge our duty to God and to our fellow man!

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NOTES of ADVANCE

Brookland Church, S. J. Meador, pastor, is putting on an enlargement campaign and young people and adults are taking a religious census of the entire community.

Dr. G. E. Cannon of Hope is making a gift of a new infirmary to Ouachita College. Sites on the campus are being considered for the brick structure which will contain a kitchenette and living quarters for the nurses. Dr. Cannon has sent all his children to Ouachita.

The Board of Deacons of Emmanuel Church, Little Rock, has adopted a resolution which records some of the qualities and activities of Dr. J. F. Hammett, deacon of the church who died recently. The resolution says: "Dr. Hammett was an active member of the church since 1900. He was ordained a deacon soon after joining the church. He was a trustee for many years and served on various committees including the important pulpit and building committees. He served on the committee in charge of the erection of the building that burned, to which he gave sacrificially and he was also on the committee that directed erection of the present building. The greatest tribute that we can pay him is to say that he truly loved the Lord."

Rural Evangelist M. E. Wiles writes: "I recently went to Columbus in the interest of forming a field which will include Washington and Columbus Churches. I preached on tithing and had 35 to pledge to tithe for three months."

Owen H. Kersh, who has been serving in the chaplains' branch of the Army, has returned to Ft. Smith and will resume his studies at Ouachita College in January. His address is 1200 Fanny Avenue, Ft. Smith.

Mill Creek Church, Ft. Smith, had 21 additions, 14 by baptism, in revival services in which Pastor Don Hook, First Church, Ozark, did the preaching. Pastor H. E. Marsh writes: "The influence of the meeting continues. Additions are made to the church each Sunday. Our Sunday School attendance reached 150 during the meeting and still holds the 100 mark."

Arkansas gave \$13,824.49 to Southwide causes in October, according to a report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of that amount, \$13,770.92 was given through the Cooperative Program and \$53.57 to designated causes. Southwide total was \$581,483.75.

First Church, Searcy, ordained three deacons and one minister in October. Sidney Holcomb, pastor Rescue Church, Searcy, who grew up in First Church, was ordained to the ministry. Pastor E. P. J. Garrott, First Church, Batesville, preached the ordination sermon. The new deacons are Ray Scoggins, Ed Ramey, and Elmer Ward. The presbytery consisted of pastors and deacons of churches at Kensett, West Point, Beebe, and Searcy. W. R. Vestal, pastor of First Church, was moderator, and Pastor L. C. Langley, Kensett, preached the ordination sermon.

A. P. Elliff, father of Pastor J. T. Elliff, First Church, Fordyce, has returned to the state after five years' absence to become missionary of Carey Association. He lives at Bearden. Missionary Elliff served 15 years as pastor of Arkansas churches.

Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, has been appointed chairman of the Oklahoma food conservation committee, Governor Roy J. Turner has announced. The appointment came after President Truman had requested earlier in the month that each state governor appoint a food committee.

The new edifice of First Church, Strong, was dedicated in November in special services which featured the burning of the mortgage and a dedicatory sermon by Editor B. H. Duncan. The men of the church who had signed the mortgage held it as Pastor R. O. Ekert lighted it. Heads of the different church organizations led prayers of dedication on behalf of their groups. Pastor Ekert led the dedicatory prayer for the church. After an old-fashioned dinner, served in the church, Grady McMATH and Roy Hill were ordained deacons.

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Home Missions in the Canal Zone

By JOHN CAYLOR

Although the November meeting of the Home Mission Board was the last executive committee meeting of the year, a forward note was sounded. End-of-the-year routine business did not overshadow the call of the fields.

Special attention was given to the work on the Isthmus of Panama, which is the farthest mission point of the Home Mission Board.

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of direct missions, who had just returned from an itinerary of home mission fields in Central America, gave a vivid report of mission activities there. He was particularly encouraged with the opportunities in the Spanish phase of the work. He spoke commendatory words concerning the pioneer mission work of Paul C. Bell in that area during the difficult war years.

The bulk of Dr. Carpenter's report dealt with the re-organization and enlargement of the work in Panama, Costa Rica, and the Canal Zone.

The Board appointed Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Bell as general missionaries to the Spanish-speaking people in the republic of Panama. Rev. and Mrs. Fred L. Jones were appointed as general missionaries to the West Indians in the Canal Zone. Another missionary couple is to be appointed to the Spanish-speaking work in Costa Rica.

Rev. Napolis Leon, a graduate of our seminary in Havana, Cuba, was appointed to the field at Chorrerra, Panama.

Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Gomez are opening a mission work at Las Tables, Panama.

Dr. Carpenter reported an immediate need of at least six missionary couples in the republic of Panama as groups of believers are coming to our missionary, Rev. Paul Bell, pleading for help in the organization of churches.

In the Spanish-American field in the states a number of scholarships were granted to young people entering school who had recently surrendered to the call of missions.

Appropriations were made to as-

sist in the building of five church houses in the Mexican work.

Rev. and Mrs. James E. Godsoe were appointed to mission work at Raton, N. Mex.

The Home Mission Board has recently acquired two additional missions on the river front in New Orleans known as Toledano and Bowen Center Missions. Miss Gladys Keith, director of Rachel Sims Mission, will be in charge of this entire work and it will be known as River Front Baptist Missions.

The annual meeting of the Home Mission Board will be held in Atlanta, December 2-3. At that time the 25 state members will join the 18 local members in planning for the Board's activities in 1948.

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Clothes for a Million

The Seminary Presidents are all for the campaign.

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary says: "I pledge hearty and prayerful cooperation with campaign for clothes for a million people for it is a wonderful and worthy undertaking."

Dr. E. D. Head of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary says: "By all means let us support this campaign for clothes for a million people in word and with abundant gifts."

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary says: "While unhappy Europe freezes and shivers let fortunate Baptists be generous."

It is not too late! You may still ship clean, used clothing to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, 16, La., for delivery to Baptists in Europe and Asia.

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Christians May Have Proof That They Are God's Children

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

What are the marks of a Christian today? How may we know today that we are saved souls, children of God? John answers the question for us by setting forth certain truths or marks of a Christian.

Confession of Christ

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God" (1 John 4:15). Here John declares that the confession of the deity of Jesus Christ is to be regarded as a proof of one's salvation. This confession must be genuine. It implies surrender and obedience also, and not mere lip service.

Paul tells us that "no man can say, that Jesus is Lord, but in the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:3). And again Paul tells us in Romans 10:9-10, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved; for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation".

It is one thing to give lip service unto Christ and another thing to give life service. It is life service that God expects of His children rather than lip service.

If one's confession of faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God is genuine then it becomes a definite proof of fellowship with God (see 1 John 1:3f.; 3:24).

Jesus claimed identity—oneness—with the Father. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." "I and the Father are one."

When a believer is received as a candidate for baptism in a Baptist church and goes down into the waters of testimony, he is saying to the world, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and I have accepted him as my Saviour, Redeemer, and Cleanser from sin."

Sunday School Lesson

For November 30

1 John 4:15-21; 5:10-13; 2 John 4-6a.

He is testifying to the world that he believes in the new life that one is able to live here in the flesh through faith in Christ, and in the ultimate consummation of the promises of Christ in the world to come at the resurrection of the dead.

When one genuinely accepts Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and makes public that confession to His deity, and yields his life obediently, unto the doing of His will, he may have assurance within his heart that he is a Christian.

A Life of Love

"God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him (1 John 4:16).

Another mark of the true Christian is found in the life of love which the Christian lives. By "love" we mean that "agape" (love) relationship which exists first between God and man and, subsequently, because of the God-man relationship, between man and man. Love as used here has to do with our relationship toward God and man as inspired by God's love for us.

Paul in his first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 13, discusses this love way of life in great detail. In the opening verses (1-3) he sets forth the necessity for the love

way of life. In verses 4 through 7 he defines or characterizes the love way of life. In the closing verses of the chapter he discusses the permanency of the relation.

John tells us that "there is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear" (1 John 4:18). As our lives become given over to His love for us and our love for Him, fear is turned "out of doors." No room is made for fear in the presence of real love. Finally, John, in the second epistle, goes on to say that genuine love expresses itself in a worthy walk: "And this is love, that we should walk after his commandments",

Genuine Faith

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in him: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar" (1 John 5:10).

The word rendered "believe" means to place (repose) one's trust

on either God or the Messiah—to rely upon them, to commit one's life unto them (Souter). One believes in Christ just as in God the Father and entrusts his destiny to Christ and to God the Father through Him for salvation, for wisdom, for guidance in all life's relations.

The believer thus would lean his entire personality upon God in Christ Jesus trusting confidently in His power, wisdom and goodness.

John tells us in verse 13 (chapter 5) that the epistle was written to the end that the disciple might know that he has "eternal life" and adds "even unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God". This, of course, is the starting point in Christianity. One cannot move forward a single step without faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Convention Adopts Report Recommending 50-50 Division of Cooperative Funds

Report of Committee on Cooperative Program
W. O. VAUGHT, JR., Little Rock, Chairman

Through depression and prosperity the Cooperative Program has demonstrated that it is the most effective means by which Southern Baptists may support all of their work. As a proof that the Cooperative Program has grown in favor with the people, the Cooperative Program undesignated receipts this year are the largest in Southern Baptist history. A report of the first nine months of this year as compared with the same period of 1946 is very interesting. Notice these figures:

S. B. C. Cooperative Program
receipts Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, 1947...\$3,786,422

S. B. C. Cooperative Program
receipts Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, 1946 — \$3,410,126

Total receipts of S. B. C. Executive Committee Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, 1947 ----- \$5,715,114

Total receipts S. B. C. Executive Committee Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, 1946 (including relief, \$2,307,179) \$7,485,569

The above figures indicate that the Southern Baptist Convention has received undesignated Cooperative Program contributions of \$376,295.91 more than during the corresponding period last year. In addition, the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has distributed to the worldwide causes of Southern Baptists \$536,724.05 more than during the corresponding period of last year. This latter figure does not take into account more than \$2,000,000 received in the special relief and rehabilitation offering in 1946.

The Southern Baptist Convention is falling short of its 1947 goal of \$10,000,000. This same figure, however, has been adopted as the over-all goal for worldwide agencies in 1948. It is anticipated that the enlistment of 1,000,000 Southern Baptist tithers for Christ will enable us to reach this goal in 1948. The \$10,000,000 goal for 1948 is to care for both the current (operating) and capital (buildings, equipment, endowment, etc.) needs of our worldwide boards and institutions. When this goal of the Southern Baptist Convention is reached, the tremendous needs of the various state agencies will be included in the proportion determined by the state conventions (general associations).

Study the Budget

The budget for Arkansas Baptists during the year of 1948 reveals the following figures:

1. Administrative and Promotional (Preferred)		
	Amount	Apx. Pct.
Administrative -----	\$ 23,000	4.5
Arkansas Baptist -----	8,000	1.5
Brotherhood Department ----	8,000	1.5

Religious Education Dept. ----	28,660	5.5
Woman's Missionary Union ---	18,000	3.5
Promotion and Convention ---	5,500	1.1
Retirement Plan -----	20,000	3.9
Old Debts -----	45,000	8.7
Office Building (Payment) ---	7,500	1.4
History Commission -----	5,000	1.0
	\$168,660	32.6

2. State Causes

Baptist State Hospital -----	\$ 5,000	1.0
State Missions -----	55,000	10.6
Ouachita College -----	36,000	7.0
Central College -----	36,000	7.0
Orphanage -----	25,000	4.8
Ministerial Education -----	2,000	.4
Emergency Reserve -----	2,000	.4
Radio -----	13,000	2.5
	\$174,000	33.7

3. Southwide Causes

Southwide and Worldwide ---	\$174,000	33.7
	\$516,660	100.0

A study of this budget reveals that approximately two-thirds of the Cooperative Program dollar given in Arkansas stays in Arkansas, and only one-third of the Cooperative Program dollar goes to causes beyond our borders. This should be corrected and can be when enough Baptists will give their tithes and offerings. The administrative and promotional budget and the money spent on state causes should not be reduced, but the total contributions need to be lifted so that Southwide causes will receive at least 50 per cent of the total gifts. Working toward this:

1. We recommend that every Baptist church in Arkansas present tithing as God's plan for financing His cause. Every church that has not yet made a canvass of the membership to secure tithers is urged to do so at the earliest possible date.
2. We further recommend that the State Mission office and all Associational Missionaries join hands in promoting tithing in every Baptist Church in Arkansas; believing that through such a plan a worthy Cooperative Program can be supported.
3. Believing that a greater per cent of the church budget should be allocated to the Cooperative Program, we earnestly urge all Baptist churches in Arkansas to strive to give 25 per cent of their receipts, as a minimum, to the Cooperative Program; striving to eventually reach the ideal division of 50 per cent for local work and 50 per cent for the Cooperative Program.
4. We recommend that we earnestly do our part in continuing the Southwide drive

Every Member Canvass

Many of our churches are rather quiet, seemingly, about conducting an Every-Member Canvass this fall. Maybe the "Prove Me" Campaign took the place of it. Many churches made that a campaign for permanent tithers, and will not conduct a further campaign in behalf of their 1948 budgets.

We do not know whether this is wise or not. Each church, of course, can and must decide for itself, but if your church has not conducted an Every-Member Canvass, and made its campaign for tithers, we offer our services for any help that we can give. We have plenty of literature on stewardship and tithing. Make your budget large, and make a large allocation for Cooperative Missions.

to secure 1,000,000 Southern Baptist tithers and contributions totaling \$10,000,000 for worldwide causes.

Fayetteville Church and Cooperative Program

First Church, Fayetteville, has allocated \$7,200 for Cooperative Missions in its 1948 budget. Dr. W. L. Johnson is their new pastor. Large crowds are attending the services, and many are uniting with the church.

Tithing Excess Will Go To Cooperative Program

The First Baptist Church of Murray, Ky., anticipating greatly increased gifts during the three months "test the tithe" period this fall, has voted unanimously to give all receipts above the regular budget during this period to the Cooperative Program.

The church action came in a stewardship revival conducted by Dr. J. E. Dillard. Pastor B. B. Sawyer hopes the increased offerings will be sufficient to give an extra \$10,000 to denominational causes.

A Godless Practice

We have an announcement about a carnival that is being put on in Little Rock by a certain Roman Catholic church. Among the attractions there was to be a poker booth, a grab bag booth, a jitterbug booth, a cigarette wheel, and a cash wheel. How can an organization that claims to exist in the name of Jesus Christ practice such things?