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TOP, Steering Committee for Forward Program of Church Finance in First Church, Forrest City, left to right: Nall Brantley, general chairman; J. V. Hodges, chairman of Tally committee; W. H. Lindsey, Lesson chairman; Mrs. Delman Campbell, Budget promotion; Mrs. W. P. Moore, Loyalty Dinner chairman; Mrs. Harry Fondnen, Campaign Office secretary; Mrs. U. G. Hammons, Report Snack chairman; Mrs. F. C. Bogart, Assignment Supper chairman; C. L. Gestning, Budget Planning chairman; J. H. Abel, Jr., Budget Pledging chairman; and T. K. Rucker, pastor. Not present when the picture was made were: Mrs. Kyle Woods and Mrs. A. L. Harris, Jr., co-chairmen for the Children's Party; and Mrs. H. N. Cooper, chairman of the Dinner Reservations committee.

Second from top: Forrest City Loyalty Dinner, attended by 400.

● PASTOR FLOYD B. Caldwell recently began his seventh year as pastor of Second Church, Pine Bluff. The church recently completed a new auditorium and a Sunday school building at a cost of \$115,000. With the Forward Program of Church Finance now underway, offerings which had been averaging \$475 per week have shown a sharp increase and the church has set as its goal weekly offerings averaging \$1,175. Pledge Day was November 17, and November 24 was to be observed as Victory Sunday. Second Church is one of 465 churches which now send the *Arkansas Baptist* to all their families.

● REV. AND MRS. Marion G. (Bud) Fray, Jr., missionaries to Southern

Rhodesia, may now be addressed at 131 Montgomery Drive, Waterfalls, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. Mr. and Mrs. Fray make their permanent American home in Arkadelphia, Ark.

● THE FORTY-THIRD annual session of the Pulaski County Association will be held October 13-14, 1958, at Park Hill church. Paul Fox, pastor of Calvary Church, Little Rock, will preach the annual sermon. The doctrinal sermon will be by Russell Clearman, pastor of Gaines Street church; the stewardship sermon will be by William V. Philliber, pastor of Calvary Church, Rose City; the missionary sermon will be by W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel church.

● "THE FORWARD PROGRAM of Church Finance is not a money raising scheme," writes Pastor T. K. Rucker of First Church, Forrest City. "It is a program of total stewardship enlistment for the entire church family, united behind the total program of the church. It will revolutionize any church that will follow the program in every detail with a spiritual approach, to the glory of God," following the initiation of the new finance program at First Church, Forrest City.

Comparative figures show the financial success of the program at the Forrest City church. Last year the budget was \$64,556, with pledges totaling \$46,000, and contributions totaling \$72,223. There were 494 pledges made by 299 tithers and 199 non-tithers. The new budget is \$100,000, with \$80,283 subscribed by 767 pledges. There are now 538 tithers and 229 non-tithers.

Mr. Rucker says it has been the richest spiritual experience in his ministry and has done more for his people spiritually than most revivals.

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● DR. WILLIAM JAMES ROBINSON, 87, a former pastor at Ft. Smith, died October 12 in Kansas City. For many years Dr. Robinson had written for religious publications, crusading against the use of tobacco. He leaves his library and other possessions to William Jewel College, Mo. His wife Mrs. Susie Blanche Robinson, died 1932.

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"I have taken the *Arkansas Baptist* since 1916 and would not be without it."—Oscar E. Ellis, Salem.

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● MRS. ADA JONES WEATHERSPOON, wife of Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, professor emeritus at Southern Seminary, Louisville, died recently. Mrs. Weatherspoon had lived in Louisville for the past 35 years and for 24 years had taught a Women's Bible class at Crescent Hill Church.

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● AN UNUSUAL baptismal service was held at First Church, Beebe, on Sunday night, November 24, at which time Union Valley and Ward churches joined with the Beebe church in the service. A sermon on the ordinance of baptism was delivered by Verl Johnson, pastor at Union Valley. Pastor Johnson baptized two, Pastor Meredith Wilfong, of Ward, baptized one and Pastor Reese S. Howard, of the Beebe church, baptized five.

Mr. Howard reports that the Beebe church has received 12 new members in recent weeks, 7 by baptism and 5 by letter. The new church budget to be considered by the church on December 11 will contain increases in the gifts to the Cooperative Program and for associational missions.

Rural Church Workshop At Southern College

THE SECOND annual Rural Church Workshop at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, will be held December 13. J. T. Midkiff, chairman of the Public Relations Committee, announces. J. Richard Perkins, pastor, First Church, Nashville, will direct the music and discuss, "The Preacher and his Preaching."

Two missionaries, O. C. Robinson, director of missions in Pulaski County, and Amos Greer, superintendent of missions in Harmony Association, will discuss "Evangelism," and "Planning a Year's Program for a Church," respectively. E. Clay Polk, pastor, First Church, Figgott, will discuss "Practical Ministries," during the week. Otto Sutton, pastor, Trinity Church, Memphis, Tenn., and Charles F. Pitts, pastor, First Church, Blytheville, will present "New Testament Exegesis," and "Old Testament Exegesis," respectively.

Ray Langley, pastor, First Church, Parkin, will be the visiting pianist during the week. The night sessions will begin in the chapel at 7:00 p. m.

Monday night J. Frank Davis, pastor, Sheridan Road Church, Tulsa, Okla., will be the featured speaker. Last year Dr. Davis' church led the state of Oklahoma in the number of baptisms.

James Fitzgerald, pastor, Park Place Church, Hot Springs, will speak Tuesday evening. Mr. Fitzgerald has had a very successful pastorate at Hot Springs for the past several years.

Dr. Sutton will be the speaker for the Wednesday evening service. Young People's Night will be held Thursday night. James Pleitz, pastor, Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, will bring an inspirational address. Mr. Pleitz conducts two worship services at his church each Sunday morning.

Twin "P's" in the Pod

THE WHOLE program was dull and disappointing, too many "P's" were missing from the pod — the "P" in "planning," the one in "publicity," the one in "preparation," the one in "persuasion," the so-necessary one in "prayer," the strong one in "push" and his partner, "pull"; then, the mighty one in "punctuality." All these besides the one we so much desired, the one in "progress." We finally had to conclude with but two, the twin "P's" of "perplexity."

—W. B. O'Neal

The Cover

President Rucker First Preacher in Family

THE NEW president of the Arkansas Baptist Convention is the first member of his family, so far as he knows, to have entered the ministry.

Dr. T. K. Rucker, pastor of First Church, Forrest City, recently named to the top post of Arkansas Baptists, was born 45 years ago in Dublin, Tex., in a family of ranchers and cattlemen. His mother was widowed when he was



Photo by Owen Gunter

only 18 months old. The mother, Mrs. W. C. May, lives in Ft. Worth, and a sister, Mrs. S. R. Rodgers, lives in Dallas. His half-brother, Don May, is resident psychologist for a new school for the blind in Kerrville, Tex.

Dr. Rucker is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth. While he was a student at the seminary in Ft. Worth, Miss Willibel Hester, Warren, Ark., came to Ft. Worth to visit her sister. And, eventually Miss Hester became Mrs. Rucker.

Dr. Rucker's first pastorate was First Church, Searcy, a post he filled six months before his graduation from the seminary. He finished his theological work by "commuting" from Searcy to Ft. Worth. For six months, he took

the night train to Ft. Worth each Monday, attending classes from Tuesday through Friday noon. Friday nights he returned, by night train, to Searcy and carried the full-time duties of his ministerial calling.

After two years and three months in Searcy, he served seven and a half years as pastor of First Church, Malvern, and since Jan. 1, 1951, has been pastor in the Forrest City Church.

The Ruckers have two children. The son, 16-year-old Doug, is a junior in Forrest City High School and a member of the "championship football team," his father said proudly. The daughter is five-year-old Rebecca.

Dr. Rucker has been attending Southern Baptist Convention sessions ever since 1930. He is now serving his fifth year as Arkansas' representative on the executive committee of that organization and last June was elected vice chairman of the committee. —ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT

By Tommie Hinson

Washington-Madison Report

CHURCH LETTERS received from the 28 churches of Washington-Madison association show a total membership of 6,937. All of the churches have Sunday Schools, 24 have Training Unions, 15 have Woman's Missionary Unions, and 11 have Brotherhoods. Sunday School enrollment totals 4,957, with 2,202 enrolled in Training Union, 762 in WMU, and 343 in Brotherhood. Only two of the churches indicated they conducted every-member canvasses last year. Nine of the churches own their pastor's homes. Total gifts to all causes during the past year was \$350,210.

FIRST CHURCH, Lincoln, has voted to issue \$12,500 in bonds for construction of a new auditorium and work on the new building is expected to get underway soon. The bonds will be issued by Baptist Building Service, Memphis, through the Bank of Lincoln. They will pay 5 per cent interest compounded semi-annually and were available December 3. Terrel Gordon is pastor.

● JOE L. HUGGINS, director of religious education for Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, was elected president of the Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Association during the Convention meeting last week. Mr. Huggins was vice president of the association last year. Other officers are Kenneth Green, Magnolia, vice president, and James Sparks, North Little Rock, secretary. (DP)



MR. HUGGINS

● S. ALLEN VANHORN recently resigned as pastor of Cross Roads Church, Mississippi County Association, to become pastor of East Side Church, DeWitt. During Mr. VanHorn's pastorate at Cross Roads, 18 members were received by baptism and 5 by letter. The church building was renovated and painted.

Southern Baptists and North America

MOST BAPTISTS have already heard about the Southern Baptist Convention goal we have adopted for establishing 30,000 new churches and preaching stations in the United States and Canada during the 1959-64 Baptist Jubilee period. This will mean the doubling of our churches.

Chosen at the beginning on the recommendation of C. C. Warren, president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the time, the mystic "30,000" was more or less an arbitrary goal. But an extensive survey of the North American continent by a committee headed by S. F. Dowis of the Home Mission Board, completed recently, reveals that 30,000 additional churches are needed and that the goal is within our reach.

Naturally, the need for new churches varies from one state to another. The older states of the Convention, where organized work has been in progress for more than a century, will not have the same opportunities or needs for starting new churches as the states in which there are few or no Southern Baptist churches. Arkansas, for example, with 1,170 churches cooperating through the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and with 324 other Baptist churches for a total of 1,494, was found to have a need for starting 220 new churches. But the state of California, which has only 556 Southern Baptist churches, will have a goal of 1,709 new churches.

New York, with its population of 16,124,000, and with only three Southern Baptist churches among its 798 Baptist churches, has the highest goal of new churches to be started—4,217. Pennsylvania, with four Southern Baptist churches among 728, has a goal of 2,552.

It is interesting to note that only seven states, the most of them in New England, do not have any Southern Baptist churches as of now—Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

This helps us to see that, although we continue to carry our sectional name—"Southern"—we are trying more and more to operate on the New Testament basis of "The field is the world and the world is the field."

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Baptists constitute the largest non-Catholic religious group in the United States. According to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, the 28 Baptist bodies on the North American continent reported a membership of 19,167,835 in a total of 87,107 churches at the close of 1956. The number of Baptists—we do not say this in a spirit of boasting but merely as facts of interest—exceeds that of Methodists by more than seven millions, the Lutherans by more than ten millions, and the Presbyterians by nearly 15 millions. One out of every five church members in the nation is said to be a Baptist, and Southern Baptists, with 8,708,823, account for almost half of the Baptist total.

Southern Baptists are accomplishing far more through their cooperative efforts than they could ever achieve individually or as individual churches. But we should bear in mind that each of our churches is independent and self-governing. Some might jump to the conclusion that the local Baptist Association is "over the church," and the State Convention is "over the Associations," and the Southern Baptist Convention is at the top and over all other organizations. But there is nothing on the face of the earth "over" a Baptist church, not even the pastor or the "board of deacons."

As re-stated in its 1956 annual meeting at Kansas City, the Southern Baptist Convention points up "the primary and fundamental principle" of "the direct relation of the individual soul to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord."

"All Christian relationships are free and voluntary. To become a Christian is not to be coerced into obedience to Christ, but to choose Him voluntarily and freely. Christ's authority is accepted as final for the believer in all things when He is thus chosen freely as Lord and Saviour.

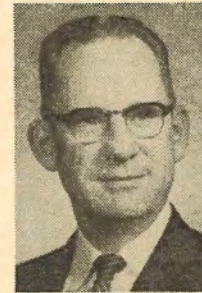
"A church of Christ is a free and voluntary association of believers, in His name, in obedience to His command, and for the carrying out of His purposes.

"It follows that each church is autonomous or self-determining in all matters pertaining to its own life and activities."

Personally Speaking . . .

No Lock Against Lying

MY DAD used to say that a liar is greater detriment to society than a thief for you can find certain protection in locks against thieves, but no lock yet devised will protect against liars.



MR. McDONALD We usually think of a liar as a person who deliberately states as true something which he knows to be a falsehood. Jesus describes liars as sons of the devil:
"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."
 John 8:14

John, mindful of the universality of sin in human hearts, declared:

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make him (Jesus Christ) a liar, and his word is not in us." 1 John 1:10.

John also declares that any who profess to be Christians and do not live Christian lives are living lies:

"He that saith, I know him (Jesus Christ), and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 1:4.

John declares, also, that one who denies that Jesus is the Christ is a liar:

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is anti-christ, that denieth the Father and the Son." 1 John 2:22.

One of the classic examples of lying in words and deeds is that of Jacob deceiving his aged father, Isaac. The voice was Jacob's voice, but the hands were the hands of Esau.

There are few greater disappointments in life than that of finding out that one who has given the appearance of being a friend is at heart an enemy.

Apparently Paul had experienced this, for he wrote, in his letter to the Roman Christians, "Let love be without dissimulation (hypocrisy)." He apparently was thinking of actors on the Greek stage who wore "false faces" according to the roles they played. Certainly, we Christians should love one another genuinely and with no mere pretense. We should not be among those who "eat you up to your face and then really eat you up to your back."

Let us guard against false pretense as well as lying words.

Edwin L. McDonald



WHITE BAPTISTS recently joined with Negro Baptists in securing this bus for Arkansas Baptist College, Negro Baptist college in Little Rock. Left to right are J. R. Booker, college trustee; Fred T. Guy, trustee and convention president; Rel Gray, who was pres-

ident of the Arkansas Baptist Convention at the time; W. O. Vaught, Jr., committee chairman; Ralph Douglas, associate executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention; J. F. Kelly, chairman of the Arkansas Baptist Col-

lege Trustee Board; Roland Smith, trustee; James H. Booker, Chicago attorney, friend of the college; H. A. Powell, trustee; Don Hook, committee member; R. G. Gloster, trustee; and Clyde Hart, director of race relations.

BAPTISTS MEMORIAL Hospital, Memphis, recently received a citation as one of the 10 national winners of the Public Relations News Annual Achievement Awards, highest recognition in the field of public relations.

In announcing the awards from New York, Mrs. Denny Griswold, editor and publisher of *Public Relations News*, cited the hospital for its community education program to inform the area about the hospital.

The citation, which was accepted by Dr. Paul A. Wieland, Trenton, Tennessee, president of the board of trustees, read: "For judicious use of the Open House technique not only to acquaint the public with its new facilities but also to strengthen employee and volunteer relations."

"The success of Baptist Hospital in working with the Memphis and Mid-South communities for the betterment of both the hospital's and the community's objectives demonstrates that an institution serves the best interest of both itself and the public when it gives major attention to its public relations," Mrs. Griswold said.

Don't Quit too Soon

THERE ARE countless stories about men who have failed to win success because they quit too soon. One of them has to do with a prospector in the early mining days of Colorado who bought the Robert E. Lee mine for \$16,000, hired a crew and sank a shaft a hundred feet deep without finding any ore.

As Irving Stone tells the story in *Men to Match My Mountains*, when a syndicate offered him \$30,000 for his mine, he told his crew to quit. The men down below were in the process of drilling a hole and putting the dynamite in. They asked the boss if they couldn't shoot just once more.

"No, come up!" commanded Owner Dexter. "I won't put another cent into this hole."

The new owners shot Dexter's last hole. They exposed a vein of silver so pure that in 24 hours they had mined 95 tons of ore worth \$118,500. The cost of bringing this fortune to the surface was exactly \$60.

—*The Curtis Courier*

CHINESE STUDENTS at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth have formed an organization to make themselves available to churches in presenting missionary work as they have seen it in China, Malaya, and Indonesia.

These students have lived in areas the Communists now dominate and have seen Baptist work there. It is their purpose to tell about this work in worship services or in groups within the churches — Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., Brotherhood, and other groups.

Any honorarium received by any team will be divided among all members of the organization. The primary purpose of the students is to promote an interest in missions among church members.

Engagements through the Christmas holidays are particularly welcomed by the students, who are willing to travel to distant points to present missions as they have seen them in their own countries.

Contact can be made by calling or writing Wayne Siao, Miss Fannie Fung, or Miss Irene Loh at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas.

With Southern Baptists

By Baptist Press

OKLAHOMA: Although receipts are slightly below those for a year ago, the convention adopted a budget of \$2,450,000 for 1958, an increase of \$200,000. SBC share of the new budget, \$1,055,315. Churches of the state are being urged to take more definite stands against divorce and to revise their membership rolls to reduce the number of non-resident members.

A "dry" state as far as whiskey sales are concerned, Oklahoma voted on December 3 on an amendment which would allow counties to outlaw beer sales.

New officers: Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, president; Raymond Gary, governor of the state and well known Baptist layman, second vice president.

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LOUISIANA: "Forced Mixing" of the races in Louisiana was held to be "unwise and harmful to both races" in an action by the convention. The convention appealed, however, for equal education facilities and standing before the law for members of both races.

The convention's executive board approved preliminary plans for a million-dollar new state Baptist office building at Alexandria to be started next summer.

1958 Cooperative Program budget will be \$2,100,00 of which SBC activities will receive \$686,115.

Construction of a home for the aged in Arcadia was authorized and Acadia Baptist Academy in Eunice was authorized to borrow \$150,000 for new buildings.

Officers: T. C. Pennell, pastor, Ingleside Church, Shreveport, president. The 1958 convention will meet with Highland Church, Shreveport, next November 11-13.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Adopted a 1958 budget of \$251,645 of which \$26,742 will go to each of the conventions, Southern and American, since the convention cooperates with both groups. The new budget is \$100,000 less than that of the year just ended. New president is Clifford R. Carter, a layman. The budget year will now begin on January 1 instead of November 1.

MISSISSIPPI: Residing in one of two "dry" states in the nation, Mississippi Baptists gave attention to liquor law enforcement, urging formation of county and associational temperance committees, seeking repeal of the 10 per cent tax on "black market" whiskey sales, and reminded Governor J. P. Coleman of his campaign promises to enforce liquor laws.

F. R. Woodson, pastor of First Church, Columbus, was re-elected president. The next annual session will be at First Church, Jackson, next November 11-13.

The convention authorized Mississippi College, Clinton, to borrow \$200,000 more than originally planned, from a government agency for dormitories. This raised the total which the school may now borrow to \$600,000.

From \$200,000 to \$225,000 of each year's Cooperative Program receipts will be earmarked for capital needs at Baptist colleges in the state until one and one-half million dollars is thus invested.

The 1958 budget will be \$2,025,000 of which SBC will receive \$766,768 for World Mission causes.

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KENTUCKY: Governor A. B. Chandler was urged by a resolution to see that a public school system is established in Marion County in compliance with a court order growing out of the fact that garbed Catholic nuns are now serving as teachers in public schools in the county where Catholic doctrines are reported as being taught.

W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, was re-elected president. The next annual session will be at Elizabethtown next November 18-20.

The association authorized Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, to offer a four-year teacher training program and approved a campaign to raise \$125,000 to change the college to senior status. Cumberland College at Williamsburg, a Baptist Junior college, was authorized to start a four-year program when its trustees feel the change is advisable.

The convention appointed a 15-member committee to survey the program of the state organization and requested that the committee secure assistance of professional consultants.

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NORTH CAROLINA: A ban on social dancing passed by North Carolina Baptists in 1937 was reaffirmed at the annual meeting this year. This prohibits Baptist colleges of the state from having dances on their campuses.

The convention approved without dissent accepting a \$598,000 government grant for its Bowman-Gray medical school to be used in building an addition to its plant in Winston-Salem. It also approved the acceptance by the school of Federal grants for research.

A part of Wake Forest College, Bowman-Gray is located adjacent to the North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

The convention in its 1950 meeting voted to reject \$700,000 in government funds under the Hill-Burton Act for hospital construction. Observers said the special "committee of twenty-five" which recommended the convention permit Bowman-Gray to accept grants felt that the case of the medical school and that of the hospital were different. It held that a government grant to a hospital contained an element of control and that a hospital engaged in

propagation of the faith while the medical school did not.

The convention endorsed the administration of Wake Forest College, rejected for the third straight year an effort by James M. Bulman, North Carolina minister, to discuss the autonomy of Baptist churches, and appointed separate committees to study the relations of the convention and its institutions' trustees, and the social and religious life on campuses of Baptist colleges in the state.

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TEXAS: Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas said that a four-step course should be pursued whenever racial and labor problems arise.

The steps, contained in a resolution adopted at the 1957 convention are mediation, moderation, patience, and time.

Baptists should "prayerfully and humbly seek the wisdom of God" in searching for solutions to these problems, the resolution stated.

The Texas convention re-elected E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, president, and selected Corpus Christi for its 1959 meeting site. It will meet in San Antonio Nov. 3-5 for its 1958 session.

The convention also approved a record \$10½ million budget for 1958 which is \$½ million greater than its present budget. The convention treasurer's report showed that slightly over 50 per cent of last year's budget gifts, \$5,206,284, went to Cooperative Program enterprises outside Texas.

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OHIO: The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio during its annual session recently approved a goal of establishing 100 new mission churches during the next 12 months.

A report on the past year's activities showed that 2,279 converts were baptized into fellowship with co-operating churches. This represented one convert for every eight members of the churches.

Two new associations were organized in the past year; this brought the number of associations of churches in Ohio to eight. There are 120 co-operating churches and 68 missions.

The Ohio convention approved the largest budget in its four-year history — \$223,360. Total convention receipts for the first 10 months of 1957 were \$164,543.

E. A. Petroff, pastor of Westside Church, Hamilton, host to the 1957 convention, was elected moderator, succeeding A. L. Walker, pastor, First Church, Miamisburg.

The 1958 convention will meet Nov. 6-7 with Westwood Church, Dayton, Ohio, as host.

ILLINOIS: The Illinois Baptist State Association commemorated its 50th anniversary during its annual association session in Pinckneyville recently.

The association paid tribute to the messengers who gathered a half-century earlier to found it; some of the messengers on hand in 1907 were present for the 1957 meeting.

The Illinois association voted to establish an endowment agency to be known as the Illinois Baptist Foundation.

Associational messengers elected Archie E. Brown, pastor, First Church, Vandalla, moderator, succeeding T. H. King, pastor from West Frankfort.

The 1958 session is scheduled for Oct. 21-23 at First Church, West Frankfort.

The association's approved Cooperative Program goal for 1958 is \$575,000, with 35 per cent going to educational and missionary work conducted by the Southern Baptist Convention. The rest will be used for statewide work, including a new item of \$11,250 for work with Negro Baptists.

TENNESSEE: Tennessee Baptist Convention has voted to have its departments surveyed to permit development of long-range plans for missionary and educational work.

The survey will follow generally the management consultant type of study conducted by several agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention and recently voted in the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The convention's executive board will name the survey committee. The committee will restudy the relation of the convention to its institutions and the allocations of funds to various phases of state Baptist activities.

The decision to survey was made during the recent session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention at First Baptist Church here.

The convention elected R. Paul Caudill, pastor, First Church, Memphis, president, to succeed J. Howard Young of Springfield, Tenn. Paul Turner, pastor, First Church, Clinton, Tenn., is new first vice-president.

The convention approved a Cooperative Program goal of \$2,900,000 for 1958 of which 44 per cent will be forwarded to Cooperative Program objectives of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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

ALABAMA: The Christian life commission of the Alabama Baptist State Convention declared in its annual report to the convention here that it favored continued public school segregation "at the present time."

The report, accepted by the state convention, also was somewhat critical of both the United States Supreme Court and Congress.

The state Christian life commission opposed extremist positions on both sides of the racial issue.

The Alabama Convention set up a

Baptist Discouragements

Ulcer Season

This is the time of year for ulcers, especially among football coaches. Already eager alumni are calling for the scalps of good coaches who could not ring up more wins than losses. Little consideration is given to good character development among the boys who played.

Now and then we hear speakers deride Southern Baptists for an emphasis upon numbers. Is an emphasis upon numbers bad? Jesus was not satisfied with the ninety-nine within the fold. Reverently He was working for one hundred per cent. Paul, in his letter to the Colossians (Colossians 1:28), told those Christians to teach every man so that every man might be presented perfect in Christ Jesus. Whether there were fifty, five hundred, or five thousand men, it meant fifty, five hundred or five thousand men were to be taught. If there are two thousand prospects in our community, then the number two thousand becomes of significant importance.

But church ulcers come when we measure the worth of a staff member by the percentage increase. When pastors and educational directors gather for their meetings, the usual question is, "What kind of a day did you have?" The reply nearly always depends upon a numerical report. Even when "we are down," we might have had the most heartwarming sermon or inspiring teaching of the year. Because the pastor has not doubled the baptisms and budget does not mean he has not been a blessing to the people. Because the educational workers have not doubled the attendance is not an indication thy "don't have it." Mounting pressure for higher figures leads to petty schemes that can cheapen the program, and pesky ulcers that can limit one's ministry. Let us not judge our church workers entirely by numerical reports.

—Joe Davis Heacock, Dean of School of Religious Education, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Fort, Tex.

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How to Let Others Have Your Way

Making up your mind is like making a bed, it usually helps to have someone on the other side. To assist effectively in such a situation, however, requires understanding and skill. If *you* are ever called upon to help another make up his mind—or are confronted with the even more delicate problem of getting him to *change it*—you could do worse than to borrow a leaf from Ben Franklin's book.

The task, so Franklin tells us, is to encourage the other fellow to persuade *himself* to your point of view. Don't take sides, *too soon*, he warns. Point out that in many cases of this kind the idea he has in mind would be an excellent one. Suggest, however, that, to make *sure* it is in this instance, he look at it from all sides. Then, by raising pertinent questions, help him look! Tactfully marshal the "cons" as well as the "pros." Finally, win delay. Get him to "sleep on it" before deciding definitely.

Make it your aim, not to prove to him that he is wrong, but rather to help him to discover what is right. Shun arguments. Gently direct his attention to the facts and let him do the arguing—with himself! Make it easy, too, for him to alter his original opinions without losing face. Emphasize the sagacity of Marcus Aurelius, who declared that "to change thy mind and follow him that sets thee right, is to be none the less a free agent."

—*Whatsoever Things*

nine-member committee to study the establishment of a Baptist junior college in Mobile as a branch of Howard College. Howard, at Birmingham, is the convention's only four-year, coeducational school.

Two Mobile businessmen have donated 100 acres each as a college site in northwest Mobile.

The convention further voted to set aside \$10,000 from its capital funds portion of the 1958 budget for a proposed Baptist hospital in Montgomery. The hospital would be built as a project of churches in the Montgomery area.

Leon Macon, Birmingham, editor of the Alabama Baptist, delivered the convention sermon.



TOP picture: Steering Committee for Forward Program of Church Finance in Elliott Church, Camden, left to right, standing: Mrs. Erna T. Russell, Chairman, Assignment Supper Committee; Mrs. Homer Looney, Chairman, Report Snack Committee; Mrs. W. T. Daniel, Chairman, Loyalty Dinner Committee; Mrs. Eleanor Russell, Chairman, Reservations Committee; James A. Overton, pastor.

Seated: J. W. McElroy, Lesson Chairman; J. P. Moore, Chairman, Budget Pledging Committee; Neill Slaughter, Chairman, Budget Planning Committee; Charles S. Chambers, General Chairman.

Bottom: Groundbreaking for a new \$100,000 auditorium for Elliott Church, left to right: Charles Chambers, member of Building committee and superintendent of Sunday School; James A. Overton, pastor; Erna T. Russell, deacon; J. L. Thomasson, deacon; Jessie Looney, member of the Building committee; J. W. McElroy, deacon, chairman of the Building committee, and director of the Training Union; Mrs. F. C. Cathey, president of the WMU; Mrs. Earl Russell, secretary of the Building committee; and Neill Slaughter, deacon and president of the Brotherhood.

GROUNDBREAKING SERVICES, marking the 67th anniversary of Elliott Church, Rt. 2, Camden, was made possible largely by the success of the Forward Program of Church Finance, according to Pastor James A. Overton. August was preparation month for the new financial program, which was conducted in September. The planning committee discovered that about one-fourth of the members were giving nothing, others were making token gifts now and then, and that one-fourth of the members were giving three-fourths of the money. The new

budget of \$30,000 is twice that of last year, with contributions running to 15 per cent more than the amounts pledged.

The new building will be of masonry construction and semi-modern design, providing adequate facilities for all departments of the church. It will be located on a new site west of the present building on the El Dorado highway.

Assisting Mr. Overton in the groundbreaking service was former pastor Tom E. Lindley, Dr. T. L. Harris, First Church, Camden, and Associational Missionary W. F. Couch.

"It Ain't Funny, McGhee"

A wonderful preacher with fine poise and rhetorical delivery spoke in our church. His message was interesting and inspiring. Somewhere in the sermon he told a joke about a "harelipped" man. The congregation responded with a roar of laughter on the "punch" line. Cold chills raced up and down my spine. I hurriedly looked to see, and was relieved to find, that the young, shy, and sensitive member of our church who has the unfortunate handicap of being "harelipped" was not present.

The right kind of humor, rightly used, has a place, but never, under any circumstances, at the expense of someone's misfortunes. This type of humor adds nothing to the sermon, but rather distracts and takes away from it. In almost every congregation, a reference to some handicap, even under the guise of humor, will be applicable to a group of families. One thing of which we can be sure is that it will not be funny to them, but rather offensive that their loved one becomes the object of such thoughtless abuse.

Sometime ago I listened to an outstanding preacher tell a joke during the course of the sermon about a "stuttering" man. While the crowd laughed, I felt nauseated, for, you see, our five-year-old son, as a result of asthma, stutters badly. I recalled the words of "Molly" when she used to say: "T'ain't funny, McGhee."—Jack Gullede

A **SIMULTANEOUS** Crusade was conducted in Alaska, October 6-20, sponsored by the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board. Twenty-three preachers and three music directors from the states worked with the 23 participating churches and missions. There were 186 additions, 113 by baptism, many of whom were in military service, according to Eual F. Lawson, who organized the crusade. Several young men and women surrendered for special service.

REV. AND MRS. John S. Oliver, missionaries to Equatorial Brazil, announce the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Dean, on October 22 in Teresina. They may be addressed at Caixa Postal, 102, Teresina, Piaui, Brazil. Mrs. Oliver, formerly Virginia Winters, is a native of Leslie, Ark.

IN ENGLAND, a new center for the treatment of psychological illness has been opened in Holyrood, South Leigh, Oxfordshire. The new center is "a pioneer experiment in response to a demand for a place where psychological treatment may be received within the life of the (Anglican) Church." It has the support of religious leaders, including the Archbishop of Canterbury. According to its sponsors, the new project "will stand somewhere between the contained, sheltered life of a hospital and the ordinary life of the world."

Board Members For State Convention Named

ACTION TAKEN at the recent meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention included election or re-election of the following board members:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Terms expiring in 1958: D. Hoyle Haire, Marianna, Arkansas Valley Association; Gerald Trussel, Warren, Bartholomew; W. A. Moody, Mammoth Spring, Big Creek; Woody Murry, Harrison, Boone County; Lawson Hatfield, Fordyce, Carey; O. L. Bayless, Hot Springs, Central; J. Harold Smith, Ft. Smith, Concord; John Cox, Morrilton, Conway-Perry; E. C. Polk, Piggott, Gainsville; Roy Lambert, Pine Bluff, Harmony; W. C. Blewster, Magnolia, Hope; R. C. Morrison, El Dorado, Liberty; Noble Wiles, Heber Springs, Little Red River; H. G. Jacobs, Osceola, Mississippi; Floyd Marlar, Jonesboro, Mt. Zion; Dale Cowling, Little Rock, Pulaski; W. O. Vaught, Little Rock, Pulaski; Harold Hightower, Gurdon, Red River; Hugh Cooper, Melbourne, Rocky Bayou; Boyd Eldredge, West Memphis, Tri-County; F. O. Harrington, Flippin, White River; Tom Lindley, Augusta, Woodruff.

Terms expiring in 1959: Arthur Hart, Bentonville, Benton County Association; Byron King, Tuckerman, Black River; Harold Plunkett, Hartford, Buckner; Homer Speer, Mountain Pine, Buckville; Eddie L. McCord, Mt. Ida, Caddo River; John Holston, Lonoke, Carlisle; J. B. Measel, Berryville, Carroll; B. K. Self, Benton, Central; Kenneth R. Grant, Alam, Clear Creek; S. W. Eubanks, Ft. Smith, Concord; Homer Bradley, Eudora, Delta; W. M. West, Conway, Faulkner; James Yates, Paragould, Greene County; Luther Dorsey, Pine Bluff, Harmony; Richard Brannon, Batesville, Independence; Hugh Cantrell, Stephens, Liberty; James Riherd, Luxora, Mississippi; E. M. Abel, Jasper, Newton; Dillard Miller, Mena, Ouachita; A. B. Hill, Little Rock, Pulaski; Burton Milley, Springdale, Washington-Madison; John Danner, Searcy, White.

Terms expiring in 1960: Rel Gray, Helena, Arkansas Valley Association; Roy Bunch, Crossett, Ashley; T. G. Welch, Monticello, Bartholomew; Norman Lerch, DeWitt, Centennial; Hugh Owens, Malvern, Central; D. B. Bledsoe, Booneville, Concord; Emil Williams, Russellville, Dardanelle-Russellville; C. R. Pierce, Lake Village, Delta; Robert Smith, Pine Bluff, Harmony; W. E. Perry, Stamps, Hope; Dale Taylor, Smackover, Liberty; Richard Perkins, Nashville, Little River; G. W. Smith, Wilson, Mississippi; Wilber Herring, Jonesboro, Mt. Zion; David Garland, North Little Rock, Pulaski; Roy Hilton, North Little Rock, Pulaski; J. A. Hogan, Marshall, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy; Boyd Baker, Wynne, Tri-County; E. C. Edwards, Tyronza, Trinity.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Terms expiring in 1958: George T. Blackman, Arkadelphia; Mrs. Margaret Smith Ross, Little Rock.

Terms expiring in 1959: L. C. Tedford, North Little Rock; Mrs. R. H. Jones, Osceola.

Terms expiring in 1960: Virgil Tyler, North Little Rock; O. C. Robinson, Little Rock.

ASSEMBLY BOARD OF CONTROL

Terms expiring in 1958: Richard Vestal, Manila; Mrs. B. K. Selph, Benton; Harold Anderson, Heber Springs.

Terms expiring in 1959: Bill Hickem, Bentonville; Gordon Bayless, North Little Rock; Dale McCoy, Paris.

Terms expiring in 1960: Frank Shamburger, Little Rock; Dr. J. D. Reagan, Little Rock; Mrs. A. C. Kolb, Little Rock.

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Terms expiring in 1958: C. R. Cole, Magnolia; E. E. Nowlin, Arkadelphia; Carl Hendrix, Horatio.

Terms expiring in 1959: Edward Maddox, Harrisburg; L. E. Ritchie, Ft. Smith; Dewy Moore, Helena.

Terms expiring in 1960: John L. Carter, Little Rock; C. Hamilton Moses, Little Rock; W. M. Pratt, El Dorado.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Terms expiring in 1958: John Redman, Ft. Smith; Ray M. Wilson, Little Rock; Sam Babb, El Dorado; Jacob King, Hot Springs; George Hickey, Cabot; Raymond Lindsey, Little Rock.

Terms expiring in 1959: H. L. Lipford, Brinkley; Keith Smith, Hot Springs; James Gardner, Blytheville; L. H. Davis, Harrisburg;

W. H. Hicks, Little Rock; Lehman Webb, El Dorado.

Terms expiring in 1960: Kenneth Price, North Little Rock; J. F. Rushton, Magnolia; B. T. Harris, Little Rock; R. H. Green, Little Rock; I. W. Royal, Benton.

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS

Terms expiring in 1958: D. D. Scrivner, Jonesboro; Larry Sloan, Walnut Ridge; Ermon Webb, Stuttgart.

Terms expiring in 1959: Alvin Huffman, Blytheville; Bob Bryant, Jonesboro; Fred Carter, Lake City.

Terms expiring in 1960: Ray Langley, Park-in; George Florida, Osceola; C. F. Pitts, Blytheville.

BOTTOMS BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Terms expiring in 1958: W. R. Kimball, Hot Springs; Exall Kimbro, Monticello; Julius Miller, El Dorado; J. D. Tolleson, El Dorado; B. L. Murphree, Little Rock; Mrs. J. L. Bodie, Little Rock.

Terms expiring in 1959: Vernon Yarborough, Little Rock; Miss Mollie Center, Waldron; Raymond Ferris, Biscoe; H. E. Trussell, Fordyce; Dexter Blevins, Malvern; Harold Bennett, Texarkana.

Terms expiring in 1960: Otto Walker, McGehee; Curtis Kinnard, El Dorado; J. E. Allman, Dumas; Horace Thompson, Monticello; Paul Owen, Lake City; Mrs. W. P. McGeorge, Pine Bluff.

CAMPS BOARD OF CONTROL

Terms expiring in 1958: Jimmie Linder, Hamburg; Henry Weaver, Hardy; Harry W. Hunt, Levy.

Terms expiring in 1959: Wendell Welch, Sheridan; Juanita Straubee, Little Rock; Mrs. Cooksey Fuller, Little Rock.

Terms expiring in 1960: E. E. Griever, Hamburg; Bob McMillan, Jacksonville; R. H. Dorris, North Little Rock.

OUACHITA COLLEGE

Terms expiring in 1958: Gerald Smith, Crossett; Mrs. Clarence Anthony, Murfreesboro; J. T. Daniel, Jr., El Dorado; W. R. Jones, Arkadelphia; T. H. Jordan, Van Buren; Tom Digby, North Little Rock; Howard Perrin, Benton; E. L. South, North Little Rock.

Terms expiring in 1959: Carlton Harris, Little Rock; Roy Mitchell, Hot Springs; A. F. Muncey, Blytheville; Earnest Bailey, Cabot; Lloyd Hunnicutt, Magnolia; John Plumlee, Hot Springs; Theo T. James, Pine Bluff; L. E. Burch, Hughes.

Terms expiring in 1960: Paul Meers, Dardanelle; Wilson Deese, West Helena; R. B. Crotts, Lepanto; J. C. Meadows, Fordyce; Miss Emma Riley, El Dorado; J. W. Cady, Little Rock; Marvin Green, Stephens; Charles Gordan, Jr., Pine Bluff.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD

Terms expiring in 1958: James Fitzgerald, Hot Springs; Ray Branscum, Little Rock; Carl Overton, Little Rock.

Terms expiring in 1959: Harold Coble, Cullendale; Ray McClung, Hot Springs; W. H. Heard, Walnut Ridge.

Terms expiring in 1960: W. L. Yeldell, West Memphis; W. H. Moreland, Tyronza; C. Z. Holland, Jonesboro.

TEMPERANCE LEAGUE OF ARKANSAS

Terms expiring in 1958: Lehman Webb, El Dorado; Rel Gray, Helena; Gerald Trussell, Warren; Don Hook, Malvern; J. D. Tolleson, El Dorado.

Terms expiring in 1959: S. A. Whitlow, Little Rock; Harry W. Hunt, Levy; J. S. Abercrombie, Little Rock; Tom Digby, North Little Rock; W. C. Blewster, Magnolia.

Terms expiring in 1960: Delbert Garrett, Sheridan; Wayne Stark, Heber Springs; A. E. Queen, Judsonia; Jackson Crouch, Beebe.

ADVISORY BOARD FOR ARKANSAS BAPTIST COLLEGE

Terms ending in 1958: T. K. Rucker, Forrest City; J. E. Berry, El Dorado; Dale Cowling, Little Rock.

Terms ending in 1959: W. A. Jackson, Benton; Dr. John Miller, Camden; W. O. Vaught, Little Rock.

Terms ending in 1960: Wilson Deese, West Helena; Paul Meers, Dardanelle; Don Hook, Malvern.

Interchurch Center Planned For N. Y.

ARCHITECTS' presentation of the new \$20,000,000 Interchurch Center now under construction in upper Man-



hattan, N. Y., overlooking the Hudson River. The block-long, 19-story building, next door to famed Riverside Church, will house the National Council of Churches, several denominational offices and a score of other church and interchurch agencies. Designed by Voorhees, Walker, Smith and Smith, of New York City; and Collens, Willis and Beckonert, of Boston, Mass., the structure will be ready for occupancy early in 1960.

Its erection brings to fruition an effort begun 20 years ago to establish a national headquarters for the churches, and a central home for their cooperative enterprises.

Among its unique facilities are a chapel for daily worship services and a religious exhibit room for rare manuscripts and other priceless heritages of the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox traditions.

—Interchurch Center News Service

NEW ORLEANS —(BP)— Dr. Louis Judson Bristow, 81, retired pioneer developer of Baptist hospitals in the South, died here Nov. 15 in Southern Baptist Hospital, one of the hospitals he helped to build.

Dr. Bristow was the first executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Hospital Commission, a position which also carried with it duty as superintendent of Southern Baptist Hospital.

A FELLOW WHO listens carefully to all the ads on TV stepped up to a drug counter and asked for some acetylsalicylic acid.

"You mean aspirin," said the druggist.

"That's right, said the fellow. "I never can remember that other name."

Departments

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Edgar Williamson, Secretary

Start With the Bible

EVERY CHURCH should plan to start the new year by cooperating with the Convention-wide study of the



Bible during the week of January 6-10. Every individual from 15 years of age up who is a member of the church or a church-sponsored organization should be enlisted. Make this a church-wide project.

Dr. K. Owen White, one time

DR. WILLIAMSON pastor of First Church, Little Rock, and now pastor of First Church, Houston, Texas, has written the Bible study book to be used, entitled "Studies in Hosea," which may be purchased at the Baptist Book Store in Little Rock.

What more soul searching experience can the people of a church have than to study, preferably under the leadership of the pastor, the Old Testament book of Hosea as it is applied to present-day conditions? The study of Hosea will rekindle love for God and reactivate the desire to bring others into the embrace of God's love.

A Sunday Tragedy

SUNDAY SCHOOL is over. A door opens. An attractive young woman comes out carrying her Bible under her arm. A little group of girls is thronging around her down the street.

Another door opens. Another teacher comes out with Bible in hand. He is a middle-aged man. He is going home. So is his class of adolescent boys. Another comes out and still another, their pupils following them. The very teachers to whom the destinies of our boys and girls have been entrusted are leading them away from the worship of God's people at the Lord's appointed hour on the Lord's Day. Unwillingly the teachers are leading the unsaved away from the Savior. The Sunday School teacher who, by his example, leads boys and girls away from the worship service following the teaching service has done more harm by that act than he did good by teaching them the lesson during Sunday School.

Important 1958 Events

January 6-10, Bible Study Week.

February 3-4, regional Vacation Bible School Clinic, Immanuel Church, Fort Smith.

February 5-6, regional Vacation Bible School Clinic, First Church, Malvern.

February 7-8, regional Vacation Bible School Clinic, First Church, Jonesboro.

February 17-21, Associational Sunday

EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

The Crusades' Enemies

PAUL WROTE to the Corinthians, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." It is even so in our simultaneous crusade. The door is open, the opportunities great; but there are many enemies, and the most deadly of them are within our own camps. Consider these three:



DR. YEARBY

First, there is the enemy of skepticism. Some of our people seem to mistrust methods. There are still those who say, "I don't believe it will work. We can't all do the same thing at the same time." Some seem to feel there is something unscriptural about organization and planning. When associational leaders and pastors plan ahead of time an evangelistic crusade and set up the organization to carry it out, there are those who say, "We are trying to direct the Holy Spirit instead of letting him direct us." The greatest New Testament pattern for revival was Pentecost. The

Holy Spirit here used the principles of simultaneous movement as the occasion for His mighty work in the salvation of 3,000 souls.

Second, there is the enemy of unpreparedness. Two types of preparation are prerequisite to the success of a revival. First, the mechanical preparation — setting dates, securing help, locating prospects, getting out publicity, arranging prayer meetings, planning attendance methods, etc. Then, the spiritual preparation, beginning with the pastor, the deacons, the officers and workers, and each individual member. Preparation is an absolute essential for any successful crusade.

Third, there is the enemy of indifference. It is said that Nero fiddled while Rome burned. The story of a powerful emperor's frivolity and unconcern while a great city melts in the heat of an angry inferno is a tragic thing, but a greater tragedy than that is before us. It is the tragedy of a church family whose first love is dedicated to worldly ambitions, whose hearts have grown cold, and whose spiritual concern has diminished, while the precious child in that home is slipping away into a devil's hell!

Brethren, give no place to these enemies. Overcome them by Faith, Prayer, Work and the Holy Spirit.

School group schools.

March 24, District Sunday School Superintendent meetings.

March 25, State Associational Sunday School Officers meeting, Little Rock.

June, Vacation Bible School month.

June 26-July 1, first session Arkansas Baptist State Assembly, Siloam Springs

July 3-8, second session Arkansas Baptist State Assembly, Siloam Springs.

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Baptists Have Bishops

QUESTION: Why do Baptists, who so literally believe in the Holy Scripture (such as complete immersion during baptism), not have bishops when the qualifications and institution of them are specifically given in the Holy Bible (1 Tim. 3:1-7)?

ANSWER: Baptists do have bishops. From the beginning of our history we have interpreted the office of pastor as bishop. Actually in New Testament days the word bishop did not apply to a minister who had supervision over an area or a group of churches. A bishop was an officer in a local congregation.

Let's get this straight. The word bishop is the translation of a Greek word that means "supervisor" or "ruler" or "overseer." The word pastor simply means "shepherd." The word elder (literally meaning "older one") was taken straight out of the synagogue organization and was simply the title of a particular leader — had nothing to do with the age of the person.

Now look at the Epistle to Titus and you will see by comparing Titus 1:5 and 7 that the term "elder" and the term "bishop" are used interchangeably. Such passages as Phil. 1:1 show that each church had bishops, which we assume to be the same as pastors. Therefore, Baptists believe that bishop, pastor, and elder apply to the same office.

Some Baptist churches try to make the pastor a "flunky" instead of a bishop — to this extent they are unscriptural.

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

Baptist Hour For Spanish Speaking

"La Hora Bautista," a weekly BAPTIST HOUR in Spanish, will be produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission beginning January 5, 1958, according to Director Paul M. Stevens.

The format of the new series will be similar to THE BAPTIST HOUR, the Commission's modified worship program currently being broadcast in English on 451 stations around the world. It will feature familiar gospel hymns and a Bible-centered message.

Dr. Lloyd Corder, secretary of direct missions, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., will be the speaker. All music will be under the supervision of R. Paul Green utilizing Spanish-speaking Baptists.

Mexican Harvesters Are Won to Christ

ARKANSAS BAPTIST missionaries, preaching in the Spanish language, ministered to Mexican cotton pickers this fall, reporting approximately 1,500 conversions, Dr. W. C. Caldwell, secretary of the Missions department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, reported to the State Convention.

A total of 17 Spanish-speaking preachers participated in the special mission to the migrant workers, who numbered about 20,000, Dr. Caldwell said.

Of 186 rural Baptist churches of the state which have been assisted financially by the Missions department at one time or another during the past 10 years, 170 are now self-supporting, Dr. Caldwell reported.

The 224 new churches formed by Baptists in the state during the past decade have baptized more than 12,000 converts and have given more than \$300,000 through the denomination's Cooperative Program to missions, Dr. Caldwell said.

Out of the new churches have come 114 young men for the ministry, 40 volunteers for missions fields, and 96 others for other full-time religious service, he continued. A total of 121 young people from these churches were educated at Ouachita College, 47 attended Southern Baptist College, and 46 attended other Baptist colleges. Thirty-two young people from the new churches have attended seminaries and 29 have entered nurse's training.

Arkansas Baptists now have full-time chaplains on duty at two state institutions — Rev. Charles Finch, at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Booneville, and Rev. E. A. Richmond, at Boys Industrial School, Pine Bluff.

MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

IN 1951, our convention received into its fellowship ten churches in the Motor Cities Association of Michigan. The number of churches has increased year by year, and a few weeks ago a Michigan State Convention was organized, with 48 Baptist churches. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to our fellow Baptists of Michigan with whom we have had fellowship for six years.

As Superintendent of State Missions, I have been privileged to visit in a number of the Michigan churches, to conduct several revivals and to speak in an annual meeting of their association. I have rejoiced in their tremendous growth. The majority of the churches had a very humble beginning, but now they are building nice, modern church buildings.

During the past associational year, the 48 churches with 8,394 members baptized 1,225 and received 1,352 by letter. One church with 413 members baptized 120 people. Another with 301 members baptized 61 and still another, with 182 members, baptized 41, while another, with 109 members, baptized 52. What amazing records. Are there any churches in Arkansas with such high ratio of baptisms?

Arkansas Baptists can certainly be proud of the little part we have had in the Michigan work. We have given financial aid on Fred Hubbs' salary as superintendent of missions and also on the salary of his associate. The various departments of our state work have carried workers to Michigan to help the churches in setting up their programs. How we wish we could have done more and could have given larger sums for their mission work.

Now that Michigan Baptists are on their own, we wish them the very best of prosperity. Fred Hubbs is their executive secretary and will lead them in a great program. Brother H. T. Starkey is their state president.

HOUSTON (BP)— J. W. Denhart, architect supervising construction of a new building at First Church here, was killed in an accident at the construction project. Witnesses said Denhart apparently missed his footing as he attempted to step onto a construction elevator and fell five stories down the shaft to his death.

Furman University, Greenville, S. C., has received \$30,000 from the Woodside Mills to be used in the university's expansion program. This is the second major gift to be received by the college from the textile firm, the first being a gift of \$20,000 two years ago.



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BP FOLKS AND FACTS

William I. Barkley has begun pastorate of East Baltimore Church, Baltimore, Md. Barkley is former pastor of the Baptist church at Gene Autry, Okla.

Purser Hewitt has been elevated from managing editor to executive editor of the Clarion-Ledger, morning newspaper published in Jackson, Miss. Hewitt is a former president of the Mississippi Convention and is at present a member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

BIRMINGHAM —(BP) — Norwood Baptist Church here has changed the hours of its Sunday school and morning worship service in what the pastor describes as an effort to slow the hurried pace of Sunday worshippers.

The church moved its Sunday school hour from 9:30 to 9 a.m., its time for morning service from 10:50 to 10:10. Pastor John Scott Trent said this permits worshippers to leave the church by 11:10.

Court Dismisses Suit Against Convention

GREENSBORO, N. C. (BP) — Judge Walter E. Johnston of Guilford County Superior Court has dismissed a suit which sought to restrain activities of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Judge Johnston ruled that the suit was dismissed "for want of jurisdiction of this court over the . . . defendant." He ruled that the Southern Baptist Convention was a Georgia corporation and had not been licensed in North Carolina.

He ruled further that all money received by the Southern Baptist Convention from North Carolina "comes through the North Carolina Baptist Convention, a separate and independent corporation . . ."

The suit was brought against the Southern Baptist Convention by James M. Bulman, Baptist minister of East Spencer, N. C. Bulman alleged in his suit that the 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention failed to elect officers on the day designated in the

Convention's constitution, making future business dealings of the Convention invalid.

Bulman asked the court to restrain future Convention business and financial actions and to order the Convention to reimburse all funds disposed of since May 30, when the Convention was in its 1957 session.

● **ENTERPRISE CHURCH**, in Big Creek Association, Fulton County, is completing work on an Educational annex which is expected to be ready for use soon, according to Oscar E. Ellis, Attorney and Baptist layman of Salem. The church is reported to have a good Sunday school and a half-time preaching ministry under Pastor P. O. Freeman.

"Too Many Meetings"

Hours to be accounted for weekly _____ 168

DISBURSEMENTS:

1. All Church and relative activities

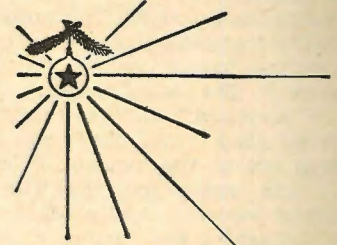
- 1. Family devotions @ 1/2 hour daily _____ 3 1/2 hours
- 2. 2 Worship services 1 hour weekly _____ 2 hours
- 3. 1. S. S. and T. U. each 1 1/4 hours weekly _____ 2 1/2 hours
- 4. Preparation of Sunday School and Training Union Lesson each @ 1 hour _____ 2 hours
- 5. Weekly S. S. or T. U. Visitation _____ 1 hour
- 6. Weekly soulwinning effort _____ 1 hour
- 7. Weekly prayer meeting and officers and teachers meeting _____ 2 hours
- 8. Miscellaneous weekly meetings _____ 3 hours
- TOTAL ALL RELIGIOUS PURPOSES** _____ 17 hours

2. **PERSONAL NEEDS**

- 1. Sleep @ 8 hours daily _____ 56 hours
- 2. Eating @ 1 hour daily _____ 7 hours
- 3. Work @ 40 hours weekly _____ 40 hours
- 4. Family life and recreation @ 3 hours daily _____ 21 hours
- 5. Business @ 2 hours daily _____ 12 hours
- TOTAL PERSONAL NEEDS** _____ 136 hours
- Balance on hand—hours left over _____ 15 hours

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The Father of the Christmas Seal

By VINCENT EDWARDS

EARLY IN this century there lived in Denmark a big, jolly postal clerk named Einar Holboll. Einar liked to see everyone happy. One day, not long before Christmas, as he was sorting the holiday mail in the Copenhagen post office, he had a wonderful idea.

"Why not sell Christmas stamps to put on Christmas letters and packages?" he wondered. "The money from the sale could be used to help sick and needy boys and girls."

Einar became greatly excited over his scheme. He immediately went to see the most important men in Copenhagen about it. He also talked with the heads of the post office department in Denmark.

He made the plan sound so attractive and worthwhile that all who heard about it said they would try to make it a success. Even the ruler of the country, good King Christian, became interested and gave it his hearty approval.

When the next holiday season came along, many people became very busy. Two million stamps, different in size and shape from regular postage stamps, were printed. They were to be sold between December 9, 1904, and January 6, 1905, for a penny each.

All the Danish people were told about the stamps and were urged to buy them. The newspapers had a great deal in their columns about them, and the editors missed no chance to advertise them.

The result was that the stamps sold rapidly. The demand was so great that more had to be printed. By January 6 more than four million had been sold!

The money that was raised paid for land for a fine new hospital. Here boys and girls in Denmark who were sick with tuberculosis would be given special care. Great scientists worked with

the hospital on ways to prevent and cure this dread disease. Einar Holboll had begun a really great work.

The second Christmas a new and larger lot of stamps was printed and sold. Each year the number increased. Soon there was hardly anybody in Denmark who did not buy Christmas stamps.

Then the jolly postal clerk's idea spread to other countries. Within a few years Sweden had adopted the Christmas stamp plan, and Norway followed not long afterward.

It was in 1907 that the United States sold its first Christmas seals. Here another Dane first told Americans about it. He was Jacob A. Riis, the man who helped to rid New York of its terrible slums. A lady in Delaware, Miss Emily P. Bissell, was the first American to introduce the seal. She did it in order to save her own tuberculosis sanitarium.

Today no less than 45 countries sell the penny stamps for worthy causes. In the United States the receipts from the sales run into millions of dollars. No Christmas comes along but that tens of thousands of letters and packages are gaily decorated with these little one-cent seals. Here, too, the money raised carries on the great fight against the white plague, tuberculosis. It is done under the direction of the National Tuberculosis Association.

The good work of Einar Holboll still goes on. There is no knowing how many thousands of sick boys and girls have been helped to get well and strong, all because this jolly postal clerk in Denmark thought of the wonderful plan. Einar Holboll will long be remembered and honored as "the father of the Christmas seal."

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A Smile or Two

Trade Winds

THE FOLLOWING advertisement is reported to have appeared in one of our newspapers:

FARMER, age 38, desires to marry woman, age 30, with good tractor. Please send picture of tractor.

Add "Mutnik"

PRESIDENT RALPH A. PHELPS, JR., of Ouachita College, tells of the little dog that stayed under the bed and wouldn't come out again. He had barked at the moon and the moon had barked back at him!

Up's and Down's

AMERICA IS still the land of opportunity, where a man can start out digging ditches and wind up behind a desk — if he doesn't mind the financial barrier. —The Right Hand Sound Barrier

THE HONEYMOON is really over when He phones that he will be late for dinner and She has already left a note that it's in the refrigerator.

—Leopard Spots

Ingenuity

"I don't think the man in the next apartment likes to hear Johnny play his drum, but he certainly is tactful about it. This afternoon he gave Johnny a knife and asked him if he knew what was inside his drum." —Copied

We Have the Same Trouble

After several hours of fishing, the little boy suddenly threw down his pole and cried, "I quit."

"What's the matter?" his father asked.

"Nothing," said the child, "except I can't seem to get waited on."

—Central Printing

Absolutely Right

"Tell me, sir, who was braver than Lancelot, wiser than Socrates, more honorable than Lincoln, wittier than Mark Twain, and more handsome than Appollo?"

"My wife's first husband."

—Exchange

It Had to Be

A friend, R. B. Jones, doesn't have a first or middle name, only the initials R. B. This unusual arrangement never was a problem until R. B. went to work for an agency of the U. S. government. The government is not accustomed to initialed but nameless employees, so R. B. had a lot of explaining to do. Finally he was given official forms to fill out for the payroll and personnel departments, and his name was entered as R (only) B (only) Jones.

Sure enough, when R. B. got his pay check, it was made out to Ronly Bonly Jones.

—Baptist and Reflector

Real Cards for Christmas

By Margaretta Harmon

Many people give Christmas cards with pictures of Christmas greens on them. Why not be different this year and give your friends a bit of the real thing? Or you may want to use these pretty stand-up cards for place cards on the Christmas table.

Cut a strip of heavy construction paper three inches wide and ten inches long. Fold it in the middle crosswise.

With a needle, punch two holes through one side, half an inch apart and near the fold. Run a scrap of narrow Christmas ribbon up through the holes. Now tie the ribbon ends around a small sprig of holly, mistletoe, or evergreen, making a pretty bow.

Print a Christmas greeting or the person's name under the decoration.

If you use a twig of evergreen, tie some tiny tree ornaments or Christmas bells to the twig. You can buy lit-



tle metal bells for a penny or two at most any gift-wrapping counter, or you can cut the bells yourself from silver paper.

You can't mail these stand-up cards in an envelope, of course, but it will be much more fun to deliver them in person.

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What Christ Means to the Christian

By RICHARD S. BRANNON
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December 8, 1957
Philippians 3:4-14

From a devotional standpoint, the lesson today is filled with inspiring truths. Even though the scripture is



the testimony of Paul, it is the experience of every Christian as well. In more modern language we have sung our testimony in words like these: "Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;" or, "I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today."

Paul's witness as to the value of Jesus in his life may be divided into two parts. First, he tells what it cost him to enter into the Christian life; and second, he describes the struggle to achieve higher goals in the Christian life.

The Cost of the Christian Life, vv. 4-9

Every Christian recognizes that his salvation was purchased by Christ at a great cost. Since it has been paid in full, salvation can not be purchased or earned but is received as a gift. There is, however, another side. Salvation is a costly thing to the person being saved — costly in the sense of renouncing the old life.

What were some of the personal advantages which Paul enjoyed before becoming a Christian? In his attempt to show that envy was not the reason for his fierce opposition to the Judaizers he points to his former prestige.

In verses 5 and 6 the Apostle gives a catalog of his inherited advantages and personal achievements in the religion of his fathers. Paul's inherited advantages were: (1) Born an Israelite, "of the stock of Israel." (2) Obedient to the law through circumcision, "circumcised the eighth day." (3) From the tribe of Benjamin, "of the tribe of Benjamin." This added to his prestige since it was Benjamin who gave to the Israelites their first king, they had remained faithful to the true God, and they held from earliest times the position of honor in the army. (4) A full-fledged Hebrew, "a Hebrew of the Hebrews."

Having enumerated his inherited privileges, the Apostle points to his personal achievements. He could boast of his attainments in three areas. (1) "As touching the law, a Pharisee." (2) "Concerning zeal, persecuting the church." This point emphasizes Paul's furious and fanatic enthusiasm to destroy Christianity, which was looked upon as heresy by the Jews. (3) "Touching

the righteousness which is in the law, blameless."

Few men, if any, could have had more than Paul of which they might boast.

But then one day he met Jesus Christ, and a radical change took place!

This division of the lesson should be concluded with two general observations: When Christ redeems a person he redeems the whole person, even those pre-Christian achievements, and he turns them to his own glory. For example, a Catholic priest was converted. Christ sanctified his former learning, and he now uses this learning to His glory.

The other observation has to do with those who either brag or complain about what they "gave up for Christ." Regardless of what we might have lost for Christ, it is but refuse compared to the overwhelming gain which is ours.

The Struggle of the Christian Life, vv. 10-14

Having renounced all personal advantages for the sake of Christ, Paul turns his thought to a discussion of his experience within the Christian life. Here he declares that Christianity is a progressive struggle upward toward "the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul's testimony in v. 10 is difficult to understand; consequently, it is difficult to explain. Perhaps it is one of those deep truths which only can be known by experience! Can one accurately interpret words like these? Certainly when he explains his desire to know Christ, he does not mean to know him in a salvation experience, but his longing is to be more intimately acquainted with the living Christ by becoming more completely identified with Him. This verse lays stress upon the progressive element in the Christian life. There never comes a time in the life of a Christian when he knows his Lord as intimately as he would like. Dr. C. B. Williams renders this verse in a helpful manner:

Yes, I long to come to know Him; that is, the power of His resurrection and so to share with Him His sufferings as to be continuously transformed by His death, in the hope of attaining, in some measure, the resurrection that lifts me out from among the dead.

The manner in which Paul would come to know Christ better was to first share his Lord's life ("the power of His resurrection"), and then to share in his suffering. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (I Peter 2:21).

In vv. 12-14 the Apostle states a principle and a plan for growth in the Christian life. The principle is that Christ has laid hold upon him for a purpose ("that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus"), and that this divine purpose can only be achieved by a constant struggle upward. Paul is a bit vague as to what the goal is which he strives to reach, but his discussion of perfection suggests this to be it. One of the foremost principles of the Christian life is suggested here. No matter how old or how mature a Christian one may be, there never comes a time in this life when he can say, "I have arrived." And yet the only way to be pleasing to God is to persevere in the struggle to become what God desires.

The Ambassador of Christ concludes with a statement of his plan for spiritual growth (vv. 13-14). The phrase, "I press toward the mark," is stated emphatically. It is the picture of a runner on the track stretching every muscle and nerve toward the finish line. If all Christians were as zealous to achieve for Christ as the champion runner is to achieve victory, what a glorious quality of Christianity would be exhibited!

The Apostle Paul has given his testimony earnestly. Christ is worth more to him than all else in the world, and the desire for Christlikeness is the result of this surpassing value he has found in his Lord. Is this the testimony of all of the children of God? If it is not, let us pray that it might become so.



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I Protest

The *Broadcasting Magazine* dated October 28, 1957, had a very interesting editorial. This could be a far-reaching piece of writing, because it will be a sad day, indeed, when the air waves are used to make drunkards of our children.



DR. DOUGLAS

head on the moon, we may be losing our grip on the earthen civilization.

We have sent our protest to Sol Taishaff, editor, *Broadcasting-Telecasting*, 1735 Desales Street, NW, Washington, D. C. If our Baptist people fail to register their protests, they might find themselves furnishing their living rooms with radios and television sets with which the brewers can sell their children hard liquor.

Here is a copy of the editorial:

"Let's Break Out the Bottle"

"We think broadcasters ought to re-appraise one of their oldest and most rigid taboos, the rejection of liquor advertising. Like many taboos of primitive tribes, the interdiction against liquor advertising was imposed and has been cultivated by fear.

"Broadcasters fear that the acceptance of liquor advertising would evoke an outcry from die-hard dries that could lead to tightened government regulation. This fear, we believe, arises from an unrealistic estimate of prohibitionist power. To be sure, dry elements flourish in some U. S. communities and even in some U. S. states, but their influence on the national scene is unimportant.

"No session of Congress passes without the introduction of bills which in one way or another would limit or outlaw the sale and advertising of alcoholic beverages. No one would be more surprised than their authors if any of these bills became law. The bills are introduced only to make a show for a few Congressmen whose constituencies contain substantial blocs of prohibitionists.

"Where liquor is legal, which is to say most parts of the United States, the advertising of liquor on the air is

equally legal. Why shouldn't broadcasters accept their legal rights?

"There are moral problems involved in liquor advertising, to be sure, but they are no more perplexing than the problems involved in many other kinds of advertising now using radio and television.

"No broadcaster in his right mind would accept a liquor commercial which, directly or by subterfuge, urged children to take to drink or suggested new ways for alcoholics to acquire and conceal a bottle. A study of the liquor ads in national magazines will show that distillers, as a group, are using extreme moderation. There is no reason to believe that this moderation would not extend to radio and TV.

"At appropriate times and with appropriate content, liquor commercials would be perfectly proper on radio and TV. It remains for courageous broadcasters to defy the old taboo. If they use discretion and obtain the cooperation of distillers, they can perform a valuable service not only for themselves but for all broadcasters."

Time to Take Stock

WHERE DOES your money really go? It is time to take stock. We are coming to the close of another calendar year; which means that many families will be trying to balance the budget. Hundreds of churches will be starting on new budgets, and the Arkansas Baptist Convention will start working on the largest budget in its history — \$1,500,000.

Take stock: This is a good time of the year for one to make sure that all of the tithe has been put into kingdom causes through the church. A wealthy family should go far beyond the tithe in giving back to God. Too, when the yearly income has been as usual, or better, it would be a fine thing to inquire about making a special offering to some worthy church or denominational enterprise.

Take stock: Many of our Baptist churches will go beyond their planned budgets for the year and wind up with a surplus. Why not give that extra money to World Missions through the Cooperative Program? If enough of our churches will do this, the needs represented in the State Convention Budget can be met.

Take stock: The 1958 budget of the Arkansas Baptist Convention is the

largest in its history; likewise, the proposed percentage to world causes is larger than ever before. Next year Arkansas Baptists propose to give \$525,000 to Southern Baptist causes. Does your church have a proposed budget for 1958 that is larger than this year's budget? Another question, does that propose a larger percentage to World Missions through the Cooperative Program? A large church with a large budget should give more percentage-wise through the Cooperative Program than a small church with a small budget.

The State Convention has increased its world-wide mission gifts until now we propose to give 35 per cent of every dollar to outside causes. The average church in Arkansas is giving approximately 11 per cent of its income to world causes, through the Cooperative Program. If the churches could step up to 17½ per cent in 1958 (or half as much percentage-wise as the State Convention gives) our State Convention Budget would be about \$2,550,000. With that much income, Arkansas Baptists could start giving 50-50, immediately, to World-wide Causes.

YES, THIS IS A TIME FOR ALL OF US TO TAKE STOCK.

California Will Seek 50,000 Converts In '58

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — (BP) — California Southern Baptists will seek to win 50,000 converts to Christ during 1958. The goal was adopted during their annual convention here recently.

The Southern Baptist General Convention of California voted to issue \$50,000 worth of bonds to finance an auditorium and other improvements for the convention's summer assembly, Jenness Park, in the high Sierra Mountains near Sonora.

Messengers adopted a total budget of \$864,120 for 1958, of which \$725,000 is for activities supported through the Cooperative Program. Of the \$725,000 for Cooperative Program work, \$150,075 will be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention to support its missionary and education enterprises.

The convention re-elected Arlie L. McDaniel, pastor, First Baptist Church, Barstow, Calif., as president. Its 1958 session, scheduled the first week in November, will meet in Santa Rosa.

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