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ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION MEETING

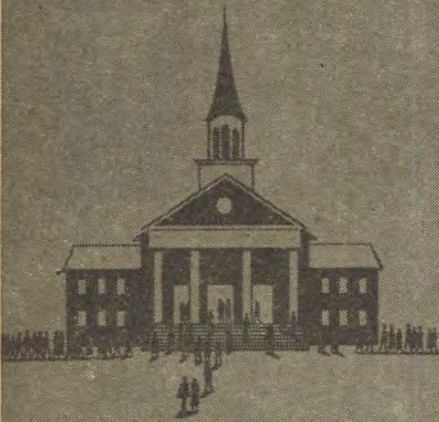
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"M" Night (Mobilization Night) meetings have grown steadily from an attendance of 75,964 in 1946 to 383,848 in 1955. Last year 936 of the 1,059 associations observed this special event.

In Arkansas the attendance has increased from 4,266 in 1948 to 17,097 in 1955. The Arkansas goal this year is 20,000 and the Southern Baptist goal is 450,000.

The purpose of these associational mass meetings is to mobilize the Training Union forces and launch the 1957 program of work.

RALPH W. DAVIS, *Secretary for Arkansas*

ROBERT A. DOWDY, *Associate*

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Arkansas Baptist State Convention Report

Little Rock, November 13-15

By L. C. TEDFORD, Pastor
Grace Church, North Little Rock

Arkansas Baptists met in Little Rock in the auditorium of First Church, in the 103rd annual session of their State Convention, to hear reports of the largest financial receipts in the 108 years of their history. Receipts for the Cooperative Program for the ten months of this year total \$1,126,444.36. Estimated amount for the full year brings the total to \$1,140,000. The Convention approved a budget of \$1,497,771 for 1957, which is an increase of about 12 per cent over the last year.

Pre-convention Meetings

While the Convention proper did not begin until Tuesday morning, there were three separate meetings Monday afternoon and one Monday night, which by custom have become a vital part of the annual Convention. The Pastor's Conference, Ministers' Wives' Conference, and Executive Board, held meetings Monday afternoon, and the Brotherhood Convention was held Monday night. Approximately 100 pastors heard a program centered around the general topic, "Pastoral Problems." Dr. Walter O'Neal discussed the problem of the preacher's health. The other problems were in the spiritual and moral areas of the preacher's life and were discussed by Dale Cowling, Rivos Dorris, and T. L. Harris. Leland Hall was elected president, J. D. Tollison vice president, and Delbert Garrett secretary for the next year.

The ministers' wives, meeting at the same time, had for their theme "Working Together." Mrs. S. A. Whitlow, president, extended greetings to the group and Mrs. R. H. Dorris led a devotional service. The featured speaker was Mrs. James H. Street. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Bradsby.

The Executive Board met in the chapel of the Baptist Building and attended to matters incident to the budget to be presented to the Convention.

The auditorium of First Church was filled with men and boys for the annual meeting of the Brotherhood on Monday night. State President James A. Linder was in charge. The program theme was "Witnessing. . . Wherever Men Live." Music was in charge of LeRoy McClard. Speakers were C. H. Seaton, Nelson Tull, O. C. Robinson, Jesse Reed, T. K. Rucker, Walter Warmath, and J. Harold Smith.

Tuesday Morning

The Convention, with President Rel Gray presiding, began promptly at 9:30. The general theme of the Convention was "Onward and Upward in World Missions." George Stark led the congregation in singing, "Saved, Saved," and Earl Edwards read scripture and led in prayer. The pastor of the host church, Nolan Howington, gave a gracious welcome to the messengers and visitors. Arkansas Baptists found all that might be desired in the meeting place of this year's Convention. The members and staff of First Church were most friendly and helpful, extending every courtesy possible to make the Convention pleasant.

The new pastors, educational directors, and music directors, missionaries, and state workers were introduced by Ralph Douglas. These totaled 29.

The address by President Gray was preceded by a musical selection by the Choir Directors Chorus. President Gray stressed the

responsibilities of the 1,150 Baptist churches with their 285,000 members, which compose the State Convention. He urged all pastors and laymen to be diligent in teaching the doctrines of the Christian faith and particularly the Baptist distinctives. He pleaded for consecrated Christian living and loyalty to our worldwide missionary program as found in the Great Commission.

The Convention heard Dr. Paul Stevens of the Radio and TV Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention say that there are 25 million TV homes in America, and the Commission he represents had just signed up the 100th TV station to carry the Baptist program which goes under the title "Christ Is the Answer."

The annual sermon was delivered by S. A. Whitlow, pastor of First Church, Hope. His sermon was based on Psalm 11:3: "If the foundations be destroyed, what shall the righteous do?" He pointed out the decline in moral standards in America, and urged a return to honest labor, integrity in business, and the making of Christian homes.

Tuesday Afternoon

Following the devotional service by Phil Beach and William Burnham, the Convention heard Dr. Norman Cox, Nashville, Tennessee, representing the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, tell of the work which he directs in preserving Baptist historical materials. He recited the high points leading up to the publication of the Baptist encyclopedia which will be released from the press next year.

The report on the Baptist Foundation was presented by Edward Maddox, a layman from Harrisburg.

Burton Miley reported on the Siloam Springs Assembly.

T. L. Harris gave the report on the Relief and Annuity Board. This report was spoken to by Floyd B. Chaffin of Dallas, Texas, associate secretary of the Board. He urged all pastors to participate in the Ministers Security Plan.

The afternoon session was closed by the report on seminaries. Of the five Southern Baptist seminaries three were represented as follows: Southern, by Dr. H. H. Barnette; New Orleans, by Dr. V. W. Barton; and Southwestern, by Dr. Cal Guy. By mutual agreement Dr. Guy spoke to the report. He told of the crowded conditions in all our seminaries and plans for establishing another soon to take care of the increasing number of men who are preparing for the ministry.

Tuesday Evening at Robinson Auditorium

After the devotional service by D. B. Westmoreland, LeRoy McClard directed a musical program by the Carol Choirs from Russellville; Monticello; First and Second, Little Rock; and West Helena; the Chapel Choirs from Russellville and El Dorado, and Youth Choir, Crossett.

The report on the Arkansas Baptist was presented by Dale Cowling. He stated that 449 churches have the paper in their budgets, 188 churches have clubs of ten or more subscriptions, and that 47,564 copies of the paper are mailed weekly under paid subscriptions and about 1,000 more are published for exchange and free distribution. He fur-

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The Ministries of Jesus

A Devotion by the Editor

"He went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God."

Jesus did not wait for the people to come to Him, He went to the people. Jesus was no recluse, living a hermit's life apart from the masses of the race. He did not draw Himself apart in seclusion, admitting to His presence only a select few. He did not set Himself up as some superior and unapproachable person on whose presence poor, suffering, sinful humanity would feel afraid.

On the contrary, He went to the centers of population, the cities and villages. He went where the interests of life brought people together in co-operative or competitive activities. He met people in the marts of trade where they were struggling to make both ends meet. He met them in their travels as circumstances made it necessary for them to change their residence. He met them in what comes nearest to what may be called the hospitals where they were seeking relief from physical pain and suffering. He met them in the home where the family life was centered. He met them in the synagogue and temple where they were seeking spiritual help and guidance.

The point is that Jesus went where the people were struggling with their daily problems of food and sickness and sorrow and sin.

Jesus got right into the middle of life with all its varied issues and activities. And He brought something with Him — the gospel. A gospel of promise, of hope, of faith, of courage, the gospel of a new day. It was a message to relieve their fears, a message to clear up their confusion, a message to revive their hopes, a message to strengthen their faith, a message to give them a new start in life.

Follow Him upon His journeys. See Him meet the sick, the blind, the lame, the poor, the ignorant, the learned, the rich, the successful, the sinful, the confused, the doubting, the mercenary, the publican, and you will learn the method of His ministries.

"And it came to pass afterward, that He went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with Him, and certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Suzanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance" Mark 9:33-34.

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Convention Report

ther states that the rising cost of paper stock and printing costs had created a need for \$5,000 to be added to the operating fund. The Convention authorized the Executive Board to find ways and means to take care of this need.

The manager of the Book Store, Dan Coker, urged all the churches to patronize the Book Store. Mr. Coker is being transferred to Texas as manager of the Dallas Book Store on January 1, 1957. He thanked all who had helped make his work a success in this state. He presented Dr. Harold Ingraham, Nashville, Tennessee, who spoke briefly about the wide ministry of the Sunday School Board to the churches and the kingdom of God.

The evening session was climaxed by the report on religious education presented by Edgar Williamson. Ralph Davis used colored slides to stress the fine quality of work the Training Union Department is doing. Dr. Williamson presented Ernest Adams, who is his associate in Sunday school work and he in turn presented the six district superintendents, B. G. Hickman, Leslie Riherd, Russell Duffer, Rel Gray, Hugh Cantrell, and Lawson Hatfield. Dr. W. L. Howse, Nashville, Tennessee, closed the evening session with an address on the expanding ministry of the Sunday schools and the necessity for more and more teacher training.

Wednesday Morning

Following the worship period conducted by Roy Galyean and Alan Meeks, miscellaneous business was called for. A resolution was presented by H. H. Coble of Cullendale asking that we go on record as petitioning the Arkansas Legislature in its next meeting to enact a law whereby counties could by vote keep out horse race tracks and dog race tracks operated for gambling purposes. It was passed by unanimous vote. The next order of business was the election of officers. A motion prevailed that Rel Gray be re-elected as president. B. K. Selph of Benton was elected first vice president and Fritz Goodbar of Danville, second vice president. W. Dawson King and Ben L. Bridges were re-elected recording secretary and treasurer respectively.

S. A. Whitlow, chairman of the Executive Board, presented the Board's report. This report recommended a budget of \$1,497,771.95 for 1957 and it was adopted. Approval was given to several other recommendations as follows: A new charter for the Convention, supplementary help for the Arkansas Baptist, permission for Ouachita College to borrow not more than \$175,000 for the erection of a new dining hall, and approval of a special offering from all churches on the second Sunday in June for Arkansas Baptist College (Colored) in Little Rock.

State missions was the next order of business and C. W. Caldwell made the report. He introduced the associational missionaries who were sitting in a body, and presented the following state workers who told of their varied activities: Jesse Reed and M. E. Wiles, state evangelists; Charles F. H. Richmond, chaplain at the State Sanatorium; L. B. Golden, state city missionary; and Clyde Hart, director of Negro work. This was followed by two musical selections by the choir of Arkansas Baptist College.

An address on "State of the Churches" by B. L. Bridges brought the morning session to a close. In his address he reviewed the debt-ridden days when he became Secretary in 1931, the campaign to settle an

indebtedness of over a million dollars for 35 cents on the dollar, and later paying the remaining debt in full thus saving our good name and strengthening our credit rating. He warned against heavy indebtedness on the part of churches and Baptist institutions, and urged strong faithful preaching of Bible morals today.



Wednesday Afternoon

The devotional service was given by J. W. Cady and George Wadington. The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by T. L. Harris and adopted. This report will be published in full later.

Miscellaneous business brought up a proposal that the Convention authorize the purchase of a camp site in the vicinity of Little Rock for youth camps and special meetings of other groups. This provoked more discussion than any other proposal during the Convention and resulted in passing unanimously a motion authorizing the Executive Board to make such a purchase, and called for a Camp Committee to be elected by the Convention. The committee was elected in the closing session Thursday morning.

Dr. I. L. Yearby, secretary of evangelism, presented the report on evangelism.

The Orphans Home report was given by E. E. Griever. The report stated that 155 children had been cared for within the past year and the maximum capacity of 140 was about filled now. Superintendent H. C. Seefeldt presented about half the children to the Convention in a group. They made a lasting impression on all who saw and heard them. They sang a few songs and one or two of them spoke. They were as well-dressed, well-fed, and well-trained a group of children as you would hope to find anywhere. It was stressed that about half the financial support of the Home comes from the special Thanksgiving offerings from the churches.

H. L. Lipford reported on hospitals. He presented Robert Scates, assistant superintendent of the Baptist Memorial hospital, Memphis, who made a brief talk. Superintendent J. E. Gilbreath of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital gave a demonstration on how an operation was performed in ancient times, then in the middle ages, and how it is done now. After seeing all the precaution against germs, the costly equipment used in an operation and the necessary staff, one ceases to wonder why a modern operation is so expensive.

The report of a special committee named at last year's convention, on finding out where Arkansas tax money is being used for parochial schools, was made by the chairman, T. L. Harris. The committee found six schools receiving state tax money which were under the supervision of Roman Catholic churches.

Wednesday Evening

We gathered back at the Robinson Auditorium for this session. It was well attended. A devotional service led by J. W. Royal and Lloyd Owen initiated the evening program. Brotherhood work was discussed by Nelson Tull. Reports on home and foreign missions consumed the remainder of the evening. Dr. L. W. Martin of Atlanta, Georgia, secretary of mission education, made an impressive address on schools of missions and missionary education. He urged churches to utilize their own members in teaching courses and giving programs with mission teaching contents. He presented Fred Hubbs of Michigan who told of the ministry of the Home Mission Board in helping Southern Baptist churches get buildings and pastoral aid in that state. Three spoke for foreign missions. Mrs. John Abernathy told of her labors in Korea beginning in 1950. Dr. J. V. Dawes, who went to China in 1897, and is now retired, living in Jasper. He, although 87 years of age, said if China were open today and he were allowed to enter he would gladly go back. Dr. Paul Geren, Waco, Texas, vice president of Baylor University, brought the closing message. He spoke about our missionary problems, needs, and victories in the region of Lebanon and Jordan.

Thursday Morning

This closing session was held in Robinson Auditorium because of the large attendance anticipated to hear Billy Graham. By nine o'clock the crowds were converging on the place of meeting from all directions and parking lots in the adjacent area were doing a rushing business. Despite a downpour of rain there was an estimated audience of 2,200 to hear Dr. Graham.

The morning session opened with a devotional service led by Luther Dorsey and LeRoy McClard. This was followed by routine matters such as reading of the journal, the report of the resolutions committee, the obituaries committee, and other details incident to adjourning. The Ouachita College Choir furnished several numbers of sacred music during the morning. The Convention heard Mrs. William McMurray of Birmingham, Alabama, speak to the report of Woman's Missionary Union, and Tom Logue, state student union director, tell of the work he directs on behalf of college and university students. Southern Baptist College was well presented by its president, Dr. H. E. Williams, and Ouachita's president, Dr. Ralph Phelps, told of the growth of Ouachita College and the urgent need for expansion of facilities and increase in the number of faculty members.

The address of Evangelist Billy Graham climaxed and closed the Convention. His address began at 12 noon and was telecast over KATV. He read Matthew 24:6, 7 as his text and began by discussing the present turmoil the Middle East troubles. The burden of his message was that sin abounds in the world and the only remedy is the saving grace of Christ. Dr. W. O. Vaught offered the closing prayer.

Thus ended the 1956 Convention. It was harmonious, constructive, spiritual, and missionary. The number of messengers enrolled was 1,532. The 1957 meeting will be held with Immanuel Church, Little Rock, November 19-21. Let us hope and pray that the world may be kept peaceable and Christian people busy at the job of making disciples for another year.

Kingdom Progress

Moreland Pastor



WM. L. HINDS

First Church of Moreland, had a groundbreaking ceremony on November 11 for a new church building. In recent months the church has been meeting in a private home.

William L. Hinds, a senior at Ouachita College, and pastor of the church, stated "We hope to begin digging the foundation within the next few days. We do not have the necessary funds, but we feel sure that the money will come in as we go along."

Speaking in the groundbreaking service was J. D. Seymour, missionary in Dardanelle-Russellville Association. Others who appeared on the program included E. A. Webb, pastor of First Church, Russellville; Morris B. First Church, Dardanelle; Jim Short, Ten Bottoms Church; Richard Garner, Ouachita College; the men's quartet from First Church, Russellville, and Miss Dorothy Hankins of Russellville, who sang a solo.

Land for the church was provided by Mr. Hulén Graham. The building will be located on a hill just south of Moreland.

Three charter members of the church, organized in 1925, are still members. Two of them, Mrs. Dora Tittle and Mrs. Jennie Collins, along with Mrs. Collene Bradley, the newest member of the church, turned the first shovel of earth. The third charter member, Mrs. Nora Graham, who is also the oldest in age, could not attend.

J. E. Redden
Ouachita News Bureau

Walker at Monette

Evangelist Billy Walker was with Pastor Ray Nelson and First Church, Monette, in a revival meeting, November 4-11. Carlton Berry was in charge of the music.

There was 13 additions to the church by baptism. Two surrendered for special service.

Seals of Achievement

Sunday evening, November 11, First Church, Manila, presented the following Sunday school workers with their seals of achievement for 1956; Mrs. R. D. White, Ivarena McMickeal, and Mrs. Edith Horner, blue seals on advanced diplomas; Mrs. L. H. Goodson, blue and gold seals on worker's diploma; Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Bud Wortham, Mrs. Blythe Childress, and L. B. Gunn, blue seals on worker's diploma.

John Gearing, missionary in Mississippi County Association, delivered the message following the presentation.

Alzheimer Church Adds Theological Courses to Training Program

On November 25 eleven members of the First Church, Alzheimer, received diplomas for completing a study in systematic theology. Each student had to pass a written examination, class work, and write a research paper on a given topic and present it to the church.

The church elected Prof. John W. Young as director of the school and on Sunday evening, he will teach the doctrine of the Holy Spirit using Dr. W. T. Conner's book, *The Work of the Holy Spirit*.

Mr. Thurman Braughton, music and education director from Ouachita College, will teach in the school. He will conduct a class for new church members. There will be two other courses taught by graduates of the University and Ouachita College.

Pastor Lewis E. Clarke, teaches the systematic theological course. Pastor Clarke is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary.

This course of study is designed to train a teaching staff for the church. In anticipation of an expanded program of teaching and training the Alzheimer church broke ground Sunday, November 18, for a new educational building which will accommodate four departments.

News From Ouachita

Ouachita Baptist College will build a new dining hall in the very near future following approval by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for the college to borrow \$175,000, it was announced by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president.

The college recently dedicated a new men's dormitory — O. C. Bailey dormitory — as the newest addition to the modern campus supported by Arkansas Baptists. Bailey dormitory houses 100 men and a resident counselor.

"The present dining hall was built when the enrolment was about half what it is today and the facilities are only sufficient for feeding around 250 students," Dr. Phelps stated.

Fifteen Ouachita College seniors have been selected to represent the college in the 1956-57 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, according to a recent announcement from H. Pettus Randall, editor of the national publication.

The students were nominated by a secret committee composed of representatives from the faculty and student body. The candidates were chosen on four qualifications; character, scholarship, leadership in extra-curricular activities and potentiality for future usefulness.

Garland Heights Pastor

The Garland Heights Chapel, sponsored by the First Church of Fayetteville, has recently extended a call to Leon Brock. Mr. Brock previously served the Forrest Tower Chapel of Sheridan.

The new pastor succeeds Floyd Titsworth who is enrolled at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Conference Speaker



DR. ELMER DUNHAM

Dr. R. Elmer Dunham, Superintendent of Missions of the Texas Baptist State Convention, will be a featured speaker on the program of the state-wide Church-sponsored Missions Conference, which is being held at Second Church, Little Rock, December 11.

Other out-of-state speakers will be Taylor Pendley, of Dallas and Charles McLaughlin of Fort Worth, who are dynamic speakers in the field of Missions.

Several Departments of our denominational work will be represented in the conference program by such speakers as, Mr. Nelson Tull, Secretary of the Brotherhood, Dr. Edgar Williamson, Sunday School Secretary, Dr. I. L. Yearby, Superintendent of Evangelism, and Dr. C. W. Caldwell, State Superintendent of Missions.

All Pastors, Church Missions Committees, Associational Missionaries and Associational Missions Committees are URGED to attend this most informative and inspirational, annual, one-day conference.

—L. B. Golden

Missionaries to Jordan Now in Beirut, Lebanon

Southern Baptist missionaries to Jordan have left that country temporarily and are now in Beirut, Lebanon. They made this move upon the advice of the American Embassy and a member of the Jordanian Parliament that their remaining might endanger the work if any move by America should be interpreted as in favor of Israel or against the Arabs.

Dr. Lorne E. Brown, medical doctor associated with the Baptist hospital, Ajloun, Jordan, informed Dr. George W. Sadler, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, of the move to Beirut and said: "We believe the Lord has worked wonderfully to provide the setup for the carrying on of the work in our absence. We hope that we may go back soon."

Southern Baptist missionaries to Jordan now in the near East are Dr. and Mrs. Brown, Miss Anna Cowan, Miss Annie Hagstrom, Rev. and Mrs. William O. Hern, Dr. and Mrs. L. August Lovegren, and Miss Violet Popp.

Grady Pastor



GEORGE HARRIS

George Harris became the pastor of the Grady church August 15 and since that time the church has made notable progress. The church adopted a budget, included the **Arkansas Baptist** in it too, to be sent to every home; organized a W.M.U.; offerings have increased 52 per cent; and three young men have surrendered to the ministry, as follows: Johnny Dobson; Ed Rhyland; and Nolan Finch.

Faulkner Association News

JAY W. C. MOORE, *Missionary*

George Robinson, who has served the Pittsburg Church in Clear Creek Association for the past three years, has accepted the pastorate of Southside Church. Mr. Robinson succeeds George Harris who resigned to accept the Grady pastorate. Robinson is a graduate of the Russellville High School and is a senior in Ouachita College.

The Bono Church, Charles Mason, pastor, has bought new pews and a piano for the church auditorium and has installed a Butane heating system.

Mrs. Jay W. C. Moore spoke at the annual associational banquet sponsored by the missionary societies of Clear Creek Association for the auxiliaries, in First Church, Van Buren, November 19.

O. M. Stallings, pastor of Second Church, Conway, for the past four years, has resigned effective December 31 of this year. After accepting the resignation, the church called Stallings to serve as interim pastor for January, February, March and April. After this he will devote his time to evangelism.

Lonnie Kliever, Fort Worth, Texas, was the evangelist in a revival recently in First Church, Conway. Bill O'Brien of Pasadena, Texas, led the singing. James H. Street is the pastor.

Troy Ackers, formerly pastor of the Oakwood Church in North Little Rock, has accepted the pastorate of the Immanuel Church near Conway. He succeeds John Payles who resigned to accept the Holland pastorate.

Charles Sewell, a student in Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth has accepted the Happy Hollow pastorate.

Pastoral Change

Fred H. M. Smith has resigned the Wabbaseka Church in Harmony Association and assumed the pastorate of the Plainview Church.

BSU Writers Contest

The **Baptist Student** reached a distribution of 32,715 for the October issue and remains the most widely circulated Christian magazine for college students published by any denomination, according to Dave Alexander, editor, Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. He said the circulation is now equal to approximately twice that of any other Christian collegiate magazine.

The **Baptist Student** carries at least one article each month written by a student. Alexander said the magazine is designed to meet student problems, to stimulate student thinking, and to motivate them to apply their Christianity to everyday campus living and in their vocational life plan.

The **Baptist Student** Writer's Contest is currently sponsored by **The Baptist Student**, with \$75 as the first award, \$50, second award, \$25, third award, and 10 two-year subscriptions to the magazine.

Baptist graduate and undergraduate students now enrolled in an institution of higher learning are eligible for the contest, provided they have not completed requirements for the doctoral degree.

Numerous entries have already been received and students are urged to begin their articles and-or short stories now and submit them as early as possible. They should be approximately 2,000 words in length, or less. Deadline is February 28, 1957.

The articles will be judged on skill in writing and ability to convey ideas; content showing depth and clarity of thought; insight into student life and its complexities; organization and development of ideas; and readability.

Entries should be sent to: The Baptist Student Writer's Contest, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tenn. All manuscripts submitted become the property of the Student Department.

This has been a most enduring peace — never has a peace had to endure so much!

—Adrian Anderson

HURRY

Get on the beam! Put the **Arkansas Baptist** in your budget.

New Budgets

First Church, Ben Lomond, Little River Association, Mrs. M. T. Dellinger, treasurer.

First Church, Hoxie, Black River Association, Mrs. R. H. Shrewsbury, treasurer.

New Clubs

Brookland Church, Mt. Zion Association, J. O. Miles, pastor.

Plainview Church, Dardanelle-Russellville Association, sent by Mrs. Oscar Burt.

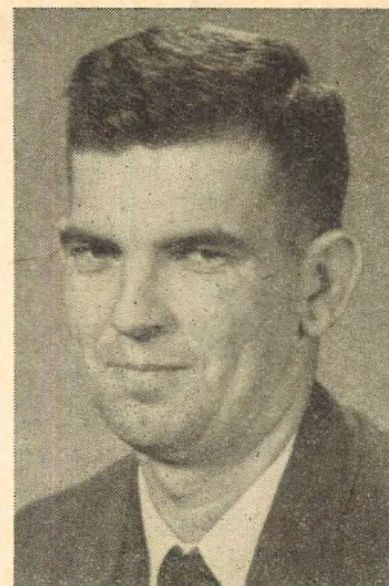
Subscription Analysis

Newton County Association has 1 budget, 1 club and 3 with neither.

Ouachita Association has 12 budgets, no clubs and 3 with neither.

Pulaski County Association has 46 budgets, 6 clubs and 24 with neither.

Minister Ordained



BILLY FERRAL HICKS

Billy Ferral Hicks was ordained to the gospel ministry by Second Church, Arkadelphia, September 26.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Hicks of Smackover.

Pastor Thomas W. Dove served as moderator of the ordaining council. Ralph Kirkman, dean of men at Ouachita College, conducted the examination. Raymond A. Coptenger, professor in religion at Ouachita College, delivered the charge to the candidate and the church. He also presented the Bible. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. E. M. Hicks, grandfather of the candidate.

Mr. Hicks is a graduate of Smackover High School. He served in the United States Army from June 1951 to May 1953. He graduated from Ouachita College in August of this year. He is serving as pastor of the mission sponsored by First Church, Augusta.

Baptist State Sunday School Secretaries Meet in Nashville

Baptist state Sunday School secretaries representing twenty-four states will meet in Nashville December 17 through 19 with Sunday school workers at the Baptist Sunday School Board. Dr. J. N. Barnette, secretary of the Board's Sunday School Department is chairman of the annual meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to plan the Sunday school work for next year, October 1957-October, 1958. It is an open meeting, and pastors, educational directors, superintendents, and other Sunday school workers are invited to attend and participate, according to Dr. Barnette.

One of the major subjects for consideration in the meeting, Dr. Barnette said, will be the part the Sunday school forces must take in the program of 30,000 additional churches and missions by the time of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1964.

Revival

The Lakeshore Baptist Church recently closed an eight-day revival with Evangelist A. T. Willis of Tulsa, Oklahoma, (formerly of Arkansas), doing the preaching and conducting the services.

There were forty five additions, eighteen by letter and twenty-seven by baptism.

Ralph Kerley is the pastor.

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By Religious News Service

Ministers Ask Religious Theme Be Stressed In Christmas Advertising

Merchants have been asked by the Tallahassee Ministerial association to emphasize the religious theme in all their Christmas holiday advertising this year.

A resolution asked that the true meaning and spirit of Christmas, as the birthday of Christ, be kept to the forefront. The ministers also requested that the term "Xmas" be eliminated from advertising copy and the full word be spelled out.

Dr. Harold G. Sanders, chairman of the association's social action committee, said the Christmas story "should not be obscured by the disproportionate use of such symbols as the Yule Log, holly, mistletoe, Christmas tree, stockings or the mythical figures of Saint Nick or Santa Claus."

Communists to Seek World Atheistic Cooperation

Russia's top organization for atheistic propaganda has announced a campaign for cooperation with similar groups in other countries, the Moscow Radio reported.

The society is the successor to the League of Militant Atheists which was formed in 1935 to fight religious "superstitions." It ceased to function in 1941. This was after the Moscow government decided to soften its former uncompromising opposition to religion in order to increase support for the war effort among religious believers.

Moscow Complains Youth Turning To Church For 'Consolation'

A Moscow Radio broadcast complained that a lack of cultural opportunities throughout the Soviet Union is causing young people to "turn to the Church for consolation."

It said that those who are not turning to religion are being lured to drink or crime.

The Moscow Radio said Pravda cited as an example conditions in Kirov, a trade and manufacturing center in the Ural region, where "the influence of local churchmen is becoming increasingly strong" because of the failure to provide young people with cultural outlets.

Home For 'Christian Rehabilitation Of Alcoholics' Dedicated

The Harbor Inc., a "home for Christian rehabilitation of alcoholics," was formally dedicated in La Grange, Ga., after two months of operations.

Modeled after The Anchorage, a similar institution at Albany, Ga.; Hebron, a Christian home for male alcoholics, and Grace Home for women alcoholics, both near Boone, N. C., the infant institution can accommodate ten persons. It has eight residents at present.

Founded by a group of La Grange business men and private citizens, it is a non-profit, non-denominational institution. It provides protection, care and healthful surroundings for men while they are being shown the way to new life and freedom from the slavery of the drink habit through the supernatural power of God.

Methodists to Issue Talking Book Edition of Devotional Guide

A Talking Book edition of *The Upper Room*, Methodist bi-monthly guide to daily devotions, will be available starting with the January issue, Harold L. Hermann, the publications director of public relations, announced.

It will be produced by the Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, Ky. Mr. Hermann said that each Talking Book issue of *The Upper Room* will consist of three double face 12-inch records. He said he believed this was the first time that a daily devotional guide has been available on Talking Book records for the visually handicapped.

Southern Presbyterians Plan \$2,000,000 Pan-American School

Construction will start shortly on a \$2,000,000 Pan-American school to be erected near Kingsville, Tex., by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern).

The school, already operating under a joint board on two campuses, merges the former Tex-Mex school for boys near Kingsville and the Pres-Mex school for girls at Taft, Tex.

Urge Methodists Have Own Convention Center

The Methodist Church was urged to study the advisability of having its own "convention center" for religious meetings.

The denomination's Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations voted at its annual meeting to request the Church's Council of Secretaries and Council of Bishops to explore the possibility of securing such a center.

The motion was made by the Rev. Harold W. Ewing of Nashville, Tenn., national director of youth work for the Methodist General Board of Education.

"What we need is a suburban-type hotel in a campus atmosphere," Mr. Ewing said. "The center should have an auditorium large enough to accommodate our biggest meetings, including the General Conference."

Railroad Gives Funds To Church Colleges

A gift of \$40,000 was presented in Houston by the Santa Fe Railroad Co. to the Texas Foundation of Voluntarily Supported Colleges and Universities.

Mr. Olson said the gift is part of \$250,000 the railroad is giving this year to private schools, many of them church-related, in 12 states.

Santa Monica Plans Big Christmas Campaign

Merchants, churches, artists, actors and the City Council will cooperate in the sixth annual "Put Christ Back Into Christmas" campaign in Santa Monica, Calif.

Dr. Hugh C. Tucker Died

Dr. Hugh C. Tucker, formerly secretary of the Brazil Agency of the American Bible Society, died on November 4 in his one hundredth year at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. A. Estes, in Media, Pennsylvania.

A Smile or Two



"I had a sign painter put a couple of eyes on the back of my overalls — it makes the men feel that I'm watching them ever minute."

Asked how she liked her new boss, a young secretary remarked, "Oh, he isn't bad, only he's kind of bigoted."

"How do you mean?"

"Well," explained the girl, "he thinks words can be spelled but one way."

Man over back fence to neighbor toiling in garden: "I had phenomenal luck with my garden this year — not a thing came up."

A man dropped his wig in the street and a boy picked it up and handed it to him.

"Thanks, my boy," said the owner of the wig, "you are the first genuine hair restorer I have ever seen."

Many a child is spoiled because you can't spank 2 grandmothers.

—Elberton (Ga.) Star

"Why do you want to enter the U. S.?" asked the immigration official.

"I want to lead a peaceful life and make an honest living," replied the immigrant.

"Okay," said the official. "I guess that's not one of the overcrowded professions."

—Louisville Courier-Journal Magazine

He who hath not music in his soul makes a fine neighbor.

—Anna Herbert

The best way to save face is to stop shooting it off.

—Cy N. Peace

The truth about those poets who sing about autumn leaves is that they write their verses to get enough money to pay someone else to do the raking.

—Winona News

Most of us carry our own stumbling block around with us. We camouflage it with a hat.

—Healthways

The man was telling about a frightening experience he'd had out West. "It was harrowing," he declared. "Indians to the left of me. Indians to the right, Indians to my rear, Indians in front, Indians everywhere."

"Whew" exclaimed a listener, "What did you do?"

"What could I do?" There was a sigh. "I bought a blanket."

News From Baptist Press

Community Fund Drives Sectarian Support Hit

Texas Baptists have criticized the community fund drives which provide financial support for church-related and sectarian welfare agencies.

The statement disapproving such drives is contained in a report of the state Baptist Christian Life commission, which reported to the 1956 session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Corpus Christi.

"Our institutions, historically, have never accepted support from these drives and we commend to other religious groups the Baptist principle of providing for their own welfare agencies," the report continued.

Baptists, numbering 6,200 including 3,925 messengers, attended the session. They elected E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, their state president. They also approved a \$10 million budget for 1957.

The budget includes \$7½ million in undesignated items, and of the first \$7 million, 36 per cent will be distributed to worldwide causes of the Southern Baptist Convention. The next half-million will be divided with 45 per cent for worldwide causes.

Total 1956 gifts are expected to exceed \$9,960,000. (This does not include money retained for local churches' expenses.)

Fort Worth has been selected as meeting place for the 1957 convention, San Antonio for 1958.

The state Christian life commission also recommended Texas Baptists refrain from participating in any lawlessness in racial flareups and instead to act in the spirit of brotherliness and Christian love.

Another recommendation of the Commission was that Texas Baptists "staunchly" oppose the use of public school teachers in Texas who wear distinctive religious garb. "Many are now doing this," the commission said.

Resolutions adopted by the convention condemned the liquor industry advertising and commercialization of Sunday worship. The convention also declared its participation in Southern Baptist evangelism efforts through 1964.

Women Now May Serve On Board In Kansas

A revision in the constitution of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists permits women to serve on the convention's executive board.

The revision, adopted at the convention's 11th annual session, also increases the membership of the executive board to 36, six more than before.

The convention authorized establishment of a Sunday school department at state convention offices in Wichita, effective Jan. 1. Hillary Brophy will be secretary of the new department.

The state executive board again has been authorized to review operation of a Baptist chair of Bible at the state college in Pittsburg, Kans. The convention has requested a survey by the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

Jack Hall, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Wichita, has been elected convention president, succeeding H. H. Whatley, Hutchinson.

The total Cooperative Program budget for the state next year will be \$196,550. This is about \$31,000 greater than the 1956 budget.

In 1957, the convention will convene in Wichita. Dates are Nov. 12-14.

Alliance Reports 1959 Period For Evangelism

Baptist World Alliance officers report that Baptist groups in a number of countries plan to make 1959 a special year of organized simultaneous evangelistic effort.

"It is our hope that 1959 will witness the greatest united evangelistic advance in which Baptists have ever shared in the more than 100 countries where we are at work," they say in a New Year's message to Baptists over the world.

The message was signed by Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va., BWA president; Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary, and Robert S. Denny, associate secretary, Washington, and Henry Cook, acting associate secretary in Europe.

Cooperative Program Goal For California

California Southern Baptists have adopted an \$850,876 budget for next year and set a \$600,000 Cooperative Program goal for 1957.

The convention allocated \$50,000 toward property payments on California Baptist College campus and underwrote an additional \$50,000 for operational expense.

Arlie L. McDaniel, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Calif., was elected convention president.

H. B. Long, who had held the post of recording secretary for ten years, was re-elected executive secretary of the convention. He succeeded Floyd Looney, editor of the *California Southern Baptist*, as historical secretary. Looney had held the post for four years but requested that he be relieved of the responsibility.

The convention adopted a program calling for the organization of 357 churches, missions, and branch Sunday schools during 1957.

The next session of the convention will be held in Riverside, Calif.

Illinois Outlines Plan For Observing Jubilee

The Illinois Baptist State Association is making plans to observe its golden anniversary in 1957.

1236 Southern Baptists in the state registered for the 1956 annual meeting of the association here set in motion activities leading up the 50th year celebration.

The three-way goal for the year is 10,000 baptisms of persons professing faith in Christ, 157 new mission stations organized, and gifts of \$550,000 to the state and Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

42 per cent of the \$550,000 would go to the Southern Baptist Convention for work outside Illinois.

The jubilee session will be in Pinckneyville, Ill., the same city in which the state association was organized in 1907. Dates for this session are Nov. 5-7.

Theron H. King, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Frankfort, was elected to a second successive term as associational moderator (president).

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'Tis True

Someone likes me gloomy
Another likes my smile.
I like myself when sunny,
Somehow it fits my style.
Someone likes me serious
Or even when I'm sad,
But never have I met a soul
Who likes me when I'm mad!

—Paula B. Barnes

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

HUSBAND'S PARENTS

Question: Since we married, the only time I have heard my husband pray was when he became upset or frustrated about something. He would run to the bathroom and pound the walls, crying out God's name in a persecuted, rebellious attitude.

Once I tried to explain my husband's attitude to his parents. They replied, "Our son was the shy, quiet type who helped his mother around the house and never answered back. If you can't get along peaceably with him, that's too bad. We have nothing to say of his conduct now."

Is that the correct attitude?

ANSWER: Really, now, what did you expect your husband's parents to say? Why did you go to them in the first place? You didn't expect them to straighten him out, did you?

You had better be thankful that your husband prays instead of cussing or drinking. At least, he has a vague idea that God is his source of help, even if only in time of trouble.

Your husband has a problem. It may be you. But whatever it is, you cannot solve it, except as you create the environment for growth. I suspect that the best thing you can do is to learn to accept your husband as he is, pray for him, set him a good example, and try to make life as bearable as possible for him.

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John F. Havlik Called To Kansas Convention

John F. Havlik, Kansas City, Mo., has accepted the call as secretary of evangelism for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists. He will assume his duties in mid-December.

He has been pastor of Beaumont Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., since Nov., 1949. During this time the church has maintained a baptismal-membership ratio of "1 to 11," or one convert for every 11 church members.

He is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.; Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He received the master of theology degree from Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kans., in 1952. He is completing work toward his doctorate from Central Seminary.

Revival

President H. D. Bruce of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas, did the preaching recently for a revival at the First Baptist Church, McLeansboro, Illinois, where Olive Rice is the pastor. Mr. Rice is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College. The music was led by Mr. Homer Walker, of Gainesville, Georgia, another graduate of East Texas Baptist College.

In this revival there were eighteen additions.

President Bruce has a return engagement with this church in March, 1957.

Forty-nine Years In The Ministry

W. B. O'Neal of Batesville has been preaching for 49 years. He is retiring January 1, 1957, from the active ministry but will be available for supply work and other engagements with the churches.

Brother O'Neal is especially anxious for appointments on the first, the third, and the fifth Sundays in December. Any church or pastor desiring to contact him may reach him at Batesville, Arkansas, phone 515J2.

Convention Sermon —

FOUNDATIONS

By S. A. WHITL

First Church

Matthew 7

In a time of stress the psalmist asked, "If the foundations be destroyed, what shall the righteous do?" We all recognize the seriousness of the hour in which we live. The upheavals in the world today, which in a number of places are breaking out into open conflict, are not mere surface matters, they are shaking the very foundations of our existence. Jesus plainly tells us if the house of life is to endure it must be erected upon a secure foundation.

However, as we labor together to build, we need to be reminded of the fact that we have much in our favor.

Ours Is A Glorious Heritage

You and I have the good fortune of being citizens of a country abounding in natural resources. America is the only nation in the world today that has a surplus of the necessities of life.

Here, too, the freedom of opportunity provided the individual finds no parallel in history. America indeed has become the melting pot for the whole world. Every race, creed, color, and kind have come together to make America what it is. The glory of our heritage through the ages has been that Lincoln the rail splitter could become Lincoln the President. In this country intelligence plus honest toil come nearer being rewarded with a just recompense than anywhere else under the sun.

Ours is a nation with an enormous productive capacity. During the war our ability to produce was so fabulous it gained for us the title of "The Arsenal of Democracy," and our scientific skill earned for us the distinction of being the chief "know-how" nation of the world.

Our transportation system is a case in point. Our progress has been unbelievable.

You are all acquainted with the matchless record of our long-range bombers during the war. But today we have produced an aeroplane that can take off from any point in the world, and fly to any other given point on the globe and return to the original place without stopping to refuel. According to the newspapers the speed of our planes was given a dramatic demonstration the other day by a mishap. One of our planes fired a shell then flew on to catch up with its own bullet and downed itself.

At a luncheon in London a minister from Seattle arose and remarked, "The other day I received a cable from London that was sent at three in the afternoon. I received it at nine in the morning of the same day, six hours before it was sent." Then he went on to say the day was not far away when one could have breakfast in London, fly to New York and have breakfast again, and then fly to Seattle and still have a third breakfast.

Meaning

What does all this mean? It means that we have China in our back yard, Africa as our next door neighbor, Russia to another side of us, Germany across the street. Our scientific miracles have made our world a neighborhood.

We witness the same rapid progress in the field of communications. I remember distinctly the first radio I ever saw. A young

man, a friend of mine, brought a set to the village in which we lived. He invited me, together with other friends, to his home one evening to listen in. It was in those days when the Kansas City Night Hawks were among the chief of radio entertainers. When it came my turn to listen I fastened the head-phones about my ears, and with all present very quiet, I strained every nerve in me in an attempt to hear the program — but I didn't even get first rate static that evening. But now with the development of radar an echo can be received from the moon in a matter of seconds.

Our scientific genius has opened for us an illimitable power in disclosing the secret of the atom. A leading scientist of this nation was speaking to a friend of his some time ago. He pulled an ordinary cardboard railroad ticket from his pocket and said, "There is enough atomic energy in that to run an express train ten thousand miles." And then he said: "We'll tackle sand next. Sand! And in two handfuls of sand there is enough energy to supply the basic power needs of the United States for two or three years." Here even our imagination fails us as we attempt to survey the possibilities of this newly released power.

This brings us next to the greatest item of our glorious heritage. That of our historic faith and freedom. Purchased at great sacrifice and transmitted to us by our fathers.

American Greatness

A Frenchman, Alexis de Tocqueville, came to our shores early in the 19th century to study the American prison system. After long observation of many aspects of our culture, he wrote of America as follows: "I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her fertile fields and boundless forests: It was not there. I sought for it in her matchless Constitution and democratic Congress: It was not there. I sought for it in her free schools and institutions of learning: It was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and found her pulpits aflame with righteousness, did I understand the greatness and genius of America. America is great because America is good. When America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Mr. John Foster Dulles, our secretary of state, recently said, "Our American political institutions are what they are because our fathers were deeply religious people. As soon as a community was founded, a church was built. Also, wherever a community was founded, its members developed practices and ways of life which reflected their belief that there is a God; that He is the Author of a moral law which all can know and should obey; that He imparts to each human being a spiritual dignity and worth which all should respect. Our founders sought to reflect these truths in their political institutions, seeking thus that God's will should be done on earth."

Dr. Joseph Martin Dawson in his book, *Baptists and the American Republic*, states: ". . . the America we love . . . a dream come true. . . grew into being; not as something sprung from the brain of a single man, nor yet as the outcome of planning by a group

of men, but that Christianity was the generative force. Although some of those who are skilled in tracing the effects of social causes may emphasize the working of economic and political forces, none can fully explain America apart from the Christian religion."

American Responsibility

Growing out of this faith, and basic to it, is the conception of the infinite worth and dignity of human personality. This concept revolutionizes one's outlook on life. The man who believes that he is made in the likeness and image of God is apt to hold all life sacred. From this religious appraisal of man's worth the logical outcome was our democratic ideal, and the formation of a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Other fruits of this faith are a free church in a free state; in the field of economics, the right to bargain. It produced a social conscience that broke the bonds of slavery. For one cannot long call a man brother and hold him as his slave. It is the proclamation and practice of this faith that will eventually lift the veil of second-class citizenship from our land.

All of this places a peculiar responsibility upon America. For America stands in a unique position among the nations of the world. As yet the axis nations have not regained enough strength to assume places of leadership in the world; China has been bled white by war from without and conflict from within. Colonialism has suffered a death blow, and France and England are locked in a struggle for mere survival, and in recent days they have betrayed the ideas of western civilization. Russia is rich in both man power and natural resources, but she lacks the moral fiber to act as a bulwark of a lasting civilization. Only America has the physical resources, the moral and spiritual idealism that offer any hope of permanency.

The Debit Side

This is but a part of one side of our heritage. There is another — the debit side. It is none the less real, although it is not so beautiful to behold.

My friends, we are face to face with a world of suffering. There are hoards of hungry. Did you know that in a recent year starvation alone took as many lives as the six years of World War II. The consequences of these conditions have produced problems which shall plague us for the full span of our days.

And to add to this picture of horror is the rank "materialistic" philosophy that dominates so much of the world. In a time when so many were dying of starvation we could think of nothing better to do with our surpluses than to destroy them in our attempt to bolster a sagging market. This is profit above personality, money above man. This kind of inhumanity to man is a vicious thing.

Danger

Another item on the debit side of our heritage is the fact of a world filled with anxiety and fear. Our scientific advancement has so far outstripped our moral and spiritual

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advancement that we stand victims of terror in the presence of or own power.

Charles Clayton Morrison, former editor of the *Christian Century*, has made this sobering observation: "Mankind must be made to realize that the world faces unimaginable danger. The very character of this planet as a life-producing, a humanity-producing and a civilization-producing orb in the vast universe can be changed back into the character of the stellar system from which it has emerged. It can be made a dead planet like the moon or Mars, or a ball of nuclear flame like the sun. The full impact of the discovery of such possibilities must be brought home to all men. . . We must accept the fact, never before grasped, that our world is a precarious world, that we cannot take its future for granted. The Creator has entrusted the very earth to men, with the ability to keep it and make it a garden of the Lord, or to destroy it."

General Douglas MacArthur stated aboard the battleship *Missouri* at the close of World War II: "Military alliance, balances of power, leagues of nations all in turn failed, leaving the only path (to peace) by way of the crucible of war. The utter destructiveness of war blots out this alternative. We have had our last chance. If we do not devise some greater and more equitable system, armageddon will be at our door. . . . it will be of the spirit if we are to save the world."

Moral Breakdown

This leads us then to the most disturbing part of our heritage. The evident breakdown in our fundamental faith. That vital Christianity is on the wane is obvious. This is true not because the average American is opposed to God, but because the average American just simply ignores God. Elton Trueblood has said the average American "claims to be a shareholder in the Christian corporation, but the stock has been watered almost to the vanishing point and is held, moreover, by absentee owners." This subtle form of practical atheism will, if left unchecked, lead to disaster.

Our moral collapse is due in part to the widespread ignorance of the Bible and the rejection of its authority. The *World Religious News* says that a questionnaire sent to more than 18,000 high school students in Virginia showed in its returns that 16,000 could not name three prophets in the Old Testament; 12,000 could not name the four gospels; and 10,000 could not name three of Christ's disciples.

The fact that many are playing fast and loose with the marriage tie is another indication of our present moral decay. The divorce rate in America has gone up 500 per cent since the Civil War. In a recent year two as many homes were broken by separation and divorce as by death. Today about one out of four marriages result in divorce.

Other evidence of our moral decline is the fact that our nation is fast becoming a nation of drinkers. Mountains of heartache and misery must be laid at the feet of this dreadful evil, and drinking in America is on the increase. According to Yale University

when in 1953 there were 4,589,000 alcoholics in this nation, our consumption of liquor was reckoned at 18.95 gallons per person, thus reaching the staggering total of 3,002,000 gallons. Further reports indicate that 20 per cent of our high school boys and girls, and seventy-four per cent of our college young people use alcoholic beverages to some extent.

Every thinking person now recognizes that the problem of moral reconstruction is our primary problem. No matter how powerful we are, and no matter how rich we are in physical resources, unless we find moral and spiritual power to curb and direct our technological discoveries, we now have the tools that will lead to international suicide. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? There is but one thing. WE MUST REBUILD THE FOUNDATIONS.

Our Hope

There is one hope and only one. That is a firm faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." The object of our faith is of vast importance. A strong faith, if misplaced, will prove disastrous. The blind faith of the people of Germany in the Fuhrer, and the devout faith of the Japanese in Emperor Worship are tragic demonstrations of this fact to this generation. Only a faith in Jesus Christ will be sufficient to build lastingly.

This faith must be not only a vertical experience, but it must be given a horizontal expression. Hear the prophet, "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." Hear the Master, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Listen to the plain talk of the beloved disciple, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen." The faith that looks to God, but shuts its eyes toward man is founded upon shifting sand. "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." But in a number of places in our land where our evangelical faith seems to be the strongest, human rights are the weakest. Brethren, this ought not to be!

In the next place we need to recognize that lasting good comes from honest toil. Our forefathers had a mind to work and they built well. We have developed what might be termed a "gambler's mentality." The sin of gambling does not lie primarily in the fact of chance. Who of us is not involved in chance? But the sin of gambling lies in the attempt to get something for nothing. This attitude perverts personality and results in moral decay. We shall not make much progress so long as we keep our eyes trained upon Washington as the source of life and the fountain of all blessings. We cannot build lastingly by giving 34 inches for a yard, and 11 for a dozen. An honest

day's work brings with it not only a monetary gain, but a spiritual satisfaction.

Sanctity of Home

The third thing is basic and foundational. We must again restore the sanctity of the home which is the cornerstone of civilization. Christ and His church can do much in the matter of home building.

A survey was made some years ago by Oberlin University. That year the general public divorce rate was 18 per cent, the divorce rate for church members that same year was only 2 per cent, and for those who were active church workers, only 1 per cent; 18 times as many divorces for those who are not active in the church.

So long as there are homes to which men turn at close of day;

So long as there are homes where children are, where women stay.

If love and loyalty and faith be found across those sills,

A stricken nation can recover from its gravest ills.

So long as there are homes where fires burn and where there is bread;

So long as there are homes where lamps are lit, and prayers are said;

Although a people falter through the dark — the nations grope

With God himself back of these little homes — we still can hope.

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Feigned Treat Proves To Be Dirty Trick

By W. BARRY GARRETT

Early Halloween evening when the young people were getting started good on the rounds of "trick or treat" I observed a feigned treat that was in reality a dirty trick.

I took my daughter to the Variety store and the only vacant parking space was in front of a liquor store. Two masked boys about 12 years of age came along with their bags for treats. They were passing the liquor store when their attention was attracted by the keeper who motioned for them to come in.

Hesitatingly the boys eased through the liquor store door with open sacks. A candy sucker was tossed into each bag. The boys came out with bright faces and pleased looks. That is exactly what the liquor dealer wanted.

This is what I call a dirty trick in the guise of a treat. By posing as their friend and by breaking down reluctance to enter a liquor store the dealer made future potential customers.

Later when these boys grown older enter the liquor store, instead of coming out with candy they will be the suckers with bottles of poison that will inflame their lusts, deprave their natures, reduce their ability to think and act straight, and that may lead to their ruin at home or on the streets.

They will then learn that the liquor dealer had no sincere interest in them, but that he wanted only their business and their money. Their character, safety or happiness meant nothing to him. This treat of feigned friendliness is repeated a thousand times daily throughout the land, but it is a dirty trick.

The sooner we can close up the liquor business the better off we will be.

—Baptist Beacon

Evangelism and Spiritual Temperature

We deplore the fact of the decline of baptisms reported by our churches this year. The reports are still incomplete, but it looks as if our churches will report from 1,500 to 2,000 less baptisms this year than in 1955. This seems to be a trend all over our Southern Baptist Convention. The numbers our churches baptize are indicative of their evangelistic zeal and efforts. The words of Jesus, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold," were never more true than now. Jesus lamented concerning the Laodicean church that, "They were neither cold nor hot but lukewarm." He declared that because they were "neither cold nor hot," He would spew them out of His mouth. Churches made up of Christians who are not burning out for Jesus, stand in the peril of being spewed out by Jesus.

There are logical explanations concerning the decline in baptisms. There are bona fide reasons why it has taken place. But alibis and excuses must not become substitutes for evangelism in Arkansas. Alibis are really an admission of a mind preoccupied with lesser things. Excuses are really a confession of guilt and an attempt to divert attention. Let us face it squarely, and honestly, before God. The numbers

indicating the decline in baptisms represent persons — souls. Is it no concern to you that 1,500 to 2,000 people may die and go to hell because Arkansas Baptists failed to win them to Christ in 1956?

There are more lost people in Arkansas NOW than ever before. It is tragic beyond words that after more than 100 years of preaching the Gospel in Arkansas, by all who have preached it, that more than one-half of the present population of this state are still lost. These lost multitudes are the responsibility of people called Baptists. Yes the lost are the responsibility of the preachers and all members of Baptist churches.

Our recent Convention program was built around the theme, "Onward-Upward In World Missions." I was struck with the fact that in almost every message, "Evangelism" was emphasized. It is difficult to separate missions and evangelism. We believe that "Missions Is Evangelism and Evangelism Is Missions."

In the closing session of the Convention, Billy Graham gave a dynamic and powerful appeal for evangelism. He emphasized that "sin" is the cause of all the troubles the world faces today. He declared, "The Bible says there is

only one remedy for sin." That remedy is the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Evangelism is the proclamation of the truth that Jesus Christ was crucified for the sins of the human race. "Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures." The supreme task Christ, in whom all authority is vested, has given unto His followers, and to His churches, is evangelism by which man is brought to a knowledge and an acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Another year of opportunity is before us. The urgency of "red hot evangelism" was never greater. The alternative which world conditions pose now, is either the salvation of the lost of earth quickly, or the judgment of our Holy and Righteous God must and will come speedily. (Psalms 103: 8-10).

The results of the recent election in Arkansas, involving morals and righteousness, reveal the lax spiritual convictions and low moral standards of the majority of the people of our state. Preachers who will uncompromisingly preach the truth of God's word concerning sin, righteousness judgment and salvation, can turn the tide in Arkansas. Let us embrace the new year as another God-given opportunity to evan-

gelize the lost and create a moral conscience in the citizenship of Arkansas.

Brethren, you, who are leaders in your associations, if there is not already planned a Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade in your association for '57, I most earnestly appeal to your hearts and consciences to make plans now for a Crusade in '57. Also, may I urge that adequate and full preparation be made for such Crusade. Short-cuts and half-way measures will not do for these times. Surely, pastors and churches, you will cooperate with your leaders by participating with your association in every evangelistic effort.

The Annual State-Wide Evangelistic Conference will be held January 21-23, at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock. A strong, heart-warming soul-stirring, fire-falling program is being planned. We most urgently ask pastors, associational leaders and members of our churches, to plan to attend this Conference.

Pray that a Holy Ghost, preacher revival will be experienced from this Evangelistic Conference. When pastors and preachers are revived, revival will break out in our churches.

I. L. Yearby

Secretary of Evangelism

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Reply To Dr. Williams Open Letter

By W. ROSS EDWARDS, Pastor

Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri



315,000 Southern Baptists in the combined and widely separated states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, Oregon and Washington, there are over 400,000 Southern Baptists in Missouri alone. A radius of 300 miles from Kansas City reaches into states that represent 1-6 of our Southern Baptist churches.

There are over 400 students preparing for the Baptist ministry in our Missouri colleges alone. Is it not good business to place our seminaries where our people are rather than where they shall be?

It is true that the sixth seminary will likely "cost into the millions." So what? Have we any assurance that the "junior seminaries" would not soon grow into senior seminaries, with each "costing into the millions?" Future developments might prove that we were wrong in our prophecies as to where our people might be. The developments at New Orleans Seminary, though providential, show that "junior Seminaries" may become "seniors."

Education is one of our best investments. Seminaries do not cost — they pay. A well-trained ministry will do more to break the financial bottleneck in all our work than anything else. Can we afford not to build that sixth seminary now, and other seminaries later on? Yes, "our day of opportunity is here." Opportunity for what? Not to build second-rate schools for our ministers. Let us rise up and build that sixth seminary as a vital part of our conquest for Christ. What ought to be done, by the grace of God, can be done! This is no time for a retreat. Forward together with Christ!

ent seminaries." If those proposed five junior seminaries were established, and each one did a good job of recruiting, training, and inspiring the students to further study; and if these students went on to the five senior seminaries, would not the overcrowding soon be much worse? Would it not be better to establish one more senior seminary now, and step up the work of the "Extension Department" of the seminaries to meet the needs of those students that are not particularly interested in taking work for credit?

With the three oldest seminaries "crowded to overflowing," and with the other two schools far removed from the center of the area of greatest need for a theological seminary, where is the best location for the proposed sixth seminary? How does Kansas City come to be included in the category of "Seattle, Denver, Chicago, and some point in Ohio?" Kansas City is in a rather unique position. While located in the midst of many Southern Baptists, it is close enough to serve the needs in which Southern Baptists are at work. While there are only about

Lewisville Mission



In September of this year, First Church, Lewisville, began a mission north of town. The services began with a week of revival services, led by Pastor Emil Williams. The mission now has two services each Sunday, with an average attendance of 25.

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Foreign Mission Board Relief Funds Low

Treasurer Everett L. Deane reported that the \$45,292 received for relief funds during the first 10 months of 1956 is \$3,182 less than was received during the same period last year. There was only \$3,781.95 available for appropriation on October 31.

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ACCIDENT—Toll

Accidents kill and cripple more of our children than all the infectious diseases of childhood put together, according to a recent report by the Children's Bureau, U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

—Education Digest

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CONVERSATION

It's all right to hold a conversation, but you should let go of it now and then.

—Richard Armour

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The grandmother who used to sew on buttons now has a granddaughter who just pushes them.

—S. Omar Barker

Church Music Awards Top 31,000

Total number of training course awards issued this year by the Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, is 31,952, an increase of 10,745 over 1955.

First Baptist Church, Newnan, Georgia, led with 528 awards; and First Baptist Church, East Point, Georgia, came second with 414 awards.

Atlanta Baptist Association, Atlanta, led all associations in music awards for 1955-56, with 879 awards, Union Association, Texas, had 641 awards, the second highest.

Because of the publication of several new texts in the Church Music Training Course, we have had a great increase this year, and we anticipate at least 54,000 awards next year. We are publishing several new texts by June of 1957," according to Dr. W. Hines Sims, department secretary.

Broadman Author Featured Speaker at Chicago Book Fair

Miss Sylvia Cassel, author of *Fun With Puppets*, a Broadman Press children's book for 9 to 12-year olds, will be one of the featured speakers at the annual "Miracle of Books" fair November 12 through 17 at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago. The fair is sponsored by the Chicago Tribune.

Broadman Press has accepted another manuscript from Miss Cassel, *Fun Together*, a book of games and crafts for adults, parents, and club leaders to use with children. It will come from the press in the fall of 1957, according to Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, Children's Book Editor for Broadman Press.

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Some battle their way to the top — others bottle their way to the bottom.

Illinois Store Manager Transfers to Alabama

V. L. McGlocklin, manager of the Baptist Book Store, Carbondale, Ill., has been transferred to Birmingham, Ala., to manage the store there. He succeeds Mrs. Roy S. Bass, manager of the Birmingham store since July 1, 1955, who has resigned.

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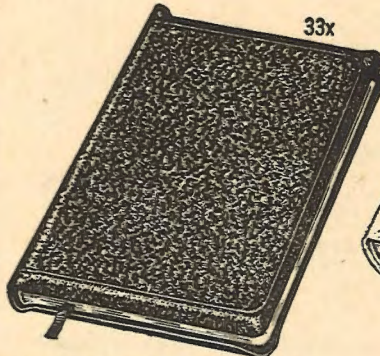
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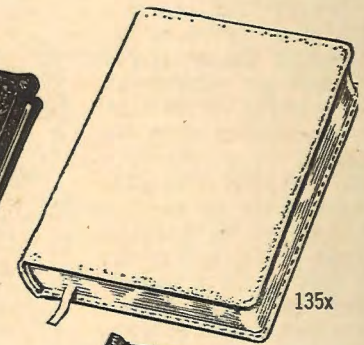
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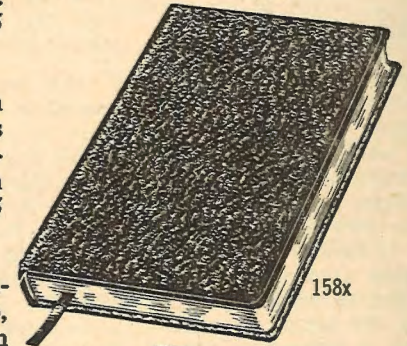
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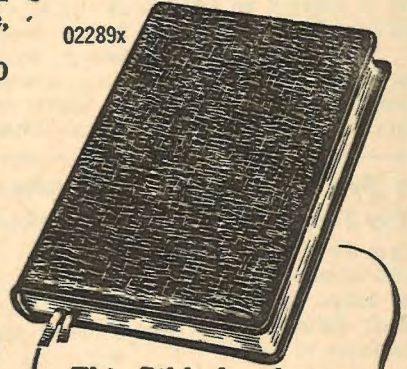
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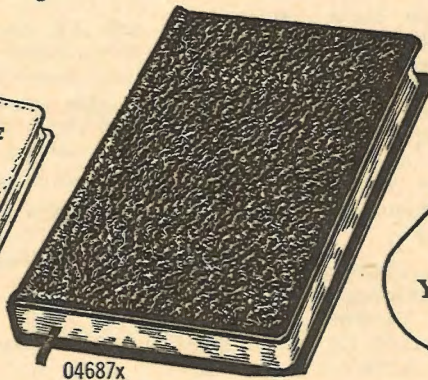
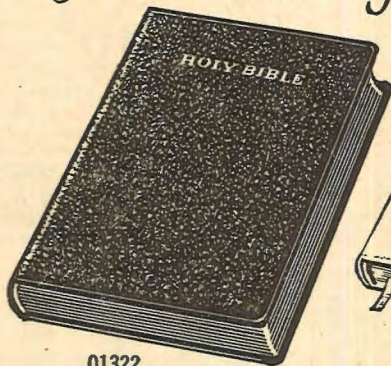
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Children's Page

God's Wondrous World

By MRS. TOM CARTER

Centuries ago, sailors and adventurers accepted the myth that the world rested on the back of a turtle. That is, until the question was asked: "But what does the turtle rest on?"

People believed that the world was flat. Sailors dared not sail far out on open seas for fear that their ships might drop off the edge. Little truth was known of the seas except the Mediterranean Sea, on which seamen sailed without being out of sight of land.

Maps of the known world were crude and charted by imagination, with blank spaces and little pictures of strange beasts and headless people which map-makers thought inhabited far-off places.

Galileo, scientist and astronomer, not only rejected the turtle-back myth but tried to present the truth that the earth was a sphere, like other planets, spinning around the sun as the stars revolved around the planets.



It sounds unbelievable that so little was known of the seas until Columbus began his sea voyages — about 500 years ago!

Few in number were those who sailed perilous unknown waters in search of the truth about our wonderful world!

The truth of the power of Christianity to change men's hearts and lives was not easily accepted at first. Few in number were the first disciples who accepted the gospel of salvation by faith in Christ. Wonderful! Isn't it — to know the truth? "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

The Marble Slide

By PAUL TULIEN

Eight-year-old Bobby was visiting his cousins, seven-year-old Jack and five-year-old Davey, but not one of them was having a happy time. Bobby had many toys at home but Jack and Davey's father had been sick a long time, so there was no money for toys. All they had was a small bag of marbles.

"I wish I was home," Bobby said.

"I wish so too," Jack said. "We have more fun alone."

Jack and Davey's mother was hanging out washing and overheard them.

"Can't you boys find something to play?" she asked.

"He won't play marbles," Jack said, "because we beat him — even Davey can."

"I like to build," Bobby said. "At home I have a set to build with. I can build bridges and towers and a lot of things."

"There are some boards in the kindling pile," Mother said. "Can't you build something with that?"

"What could you build with that?" Bobby said.

Davey was rolling the marbles through a short piece of old drain-pipe.

"What are you doing that for?" Bobby asked. "What fun is that?"

Davey did not answer but kept on rolling the marbles.

"If I was home," Bobby said, "I could make a big slide to roll them on."

"Maybe we could use the boards to make a slide," Jack said.

No one said anything for a few minutes. Davey kept on rolling the marbles.

"Maybe we could," Bobby said, "if we had some nails and a hammer."

"We have a can of old nails and a hammer," Jack said and ran to get them.

Bobby and Jack nailed two boards together to make a V-shaped trough while Davey watched them.

"Can't you use this pipe too?" Davey asked.

"I don't think so," Bobby said. They made a few more troughs and then they propped them up one after the other making a long sloping trough. When the marbles were dropped in the higher end they rolled swiftly down.

Then Davey happened to push against the troughs and they fell down.

"Can't you be careful?" Jack cried.

"Never mind," Bobby said. "We'll build it again but this time we'll do it better. We'll make it longer and we'll have some turns in it and we'll use Davey's pipe. That will be a tunnel."

They had hours of fun building the slide and rolling the marbles, and when it was time for Bobby to go he did not want to.

"Let me roll them just once more," he said. "This is fun."

"Anything can be fun if you work together to make it fun," Jack and Davey's mother said.

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Program For December

Some Woman's Missionary Societies wish to have a regular missionary program in addition to the observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, though the Aims for Advancement do not call for this month's meeting. Here is a program outline based on material in December 1956 *Royal Service* for your WMS to use if you wish.

Sing Christmas Carols

Read Nativity story from Matthew and from Luke

Sing Christmas songs

Three talks based on messages from the three Regional Secretaries of our Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board:

Dr. Frank K. Means, p. 1

Dr. George W. Sadler, p. 3

Dr. Winston Crawley, p. 7

(These may be handled as panel discussion, or informal conversation between the three secretaries).

The Philippines Join in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, p. 15.

Two Stories About Lottie Moon

To Them Through Prayer, p. 19

The Inspired Cat, p. 14.

Prayer that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will far surpass last year's gift of \$4,628,-691.03.

Background for Near East Problems, page 28, page 22

Pray that peace may be restored and maintained in the Near East Song, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

If you have the proper projector, throw pictures on screen and tell of work of Spanish Baptist Publishing House in El Paso (inside cover) and pictures on other pages throughout the magazine.

Read message of Paul Gillespie, page 38, after explaining about Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship and Margaret Fund (see WMU Year Book or leaflet, "The Margaret Fund," free from your state office).

Address Christmas greetings to Margaret Fund students from list on pages 31, 32.

Pray for these students, asking that happy arrangements for the season may be made for them.

Two Readings

She Gave—and You? p. 27

Christmas Afterthought, p. 40

Closing prayer for gratitude for Christ's coming and a Christian keeping of Christmas.

WHERE CAN A CHRISTIAN GO TO COLLEGE?

For Chinese young men and young women graduating from our three high schools in Hong Kong, the chances for college education were practically nil. An interdenominational university is being started; University of Hong Kong is way over-crowded.

Communist China invited students back to its colleges on the mainland on an "all expense paid" basis. But, would a Baptist go back to study in Communist China? Could he?

Where would we get prepared volunteers for our seminary in Hong Kong?

To think of the situation is to see we must have a Baptist college. With steadfast faith, the Chinese Baptists of Hong Kong felt led of the Lord to answer the urgent need. And, from 1955 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$15,000 will go to prove our interest. Will \$15,000 be enough? Give so that another appropriation can be made after this Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

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Atnips Arrive In Rhodesia

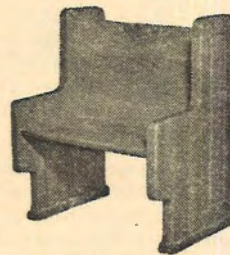
Mr. and Mrs. Logan C. Atnip, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Southern Rhodesia, have gone to their field of service and may be addressed at 22 Ellington Avenue, Kumalo, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. Mr. Atnip is a native of Marmaduke, Ark., where he and Mrs. Atnip make their permanent American home.

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Training Award Gains

Dear Dr. Williamson:

You will rejoice to know I am sure that at the close of August our records show a total of 660,831 awards earned in the Sunday School Training Course for the past eleven months. That represents an increase of 47,364 over the previous year. On that basis it looks certain that we will go beyond the seven hundred thousand mark for the year. Also, at the close of August, 14,052 churches had reported some training, which is another new record!

The tremendous increase in training done makes it all the more necessary that our department continue to give the best possible service regarding processing the requests for awards. At this point may I make the request that you run a statement in the *Arkansas Baptist* as soon as possible, calling attention to the fact that it is extremely important that workers sending in requests for diplomas and seals be sure to enclose the appropriate individual book certificates. When this is not done it causes unnecessary delay and much extra correspondence. Also, unless the workers and the church offices keep their files clear of used book certificates it confuses their records. The individual files of all the workers should be studied and any used book certificates should be discarded or marked void. Cooperation at this point would be most helpful.

Also, may I answer a question raised by many of the workers regarding the book by Dr. Charles McKay, *The Call of the Harvest*. This book does give credit in Section IV of the Sunday School Training Course, but it is not a diploma book. It is certainly a splendid book, giving particular attention to the use of the Sunday school in winning the lost to Christ.

Most sincerely,
A. V. Washburn

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A Training Award Comparison

"Because I am, in addition to being Sunday school superintendent of Providence Church, also the Superintendent of Sunday School Training, Washington-Madison Association, I have frequently received lists of churches which stand high in training activities, and sometimes these lists have been publicized. As a result it has been called to my attention that the lists include the larger churches, and I have been asked how our record compares with the smaller churches which have had good training programs. I don't know, because the smaller churches seem to have no chance of getting into these lists.

Last year our association prepared a list which gave a comparison of the baptismal ratio in the churches of the association. The method used in computing these ratios was that given in "One to Eight," the rule which uses the church membership at the beginning of the church year as compared with the number of baptisms. I have never had the necessary information to apply this rule to the training records of the larger churches, but I have often wished to do so.

Recently the *Arkansas Baptist* published a list of "the high twenty-five churches in the state for the Year October 1, 1955 through September 30, 1956." Providence placed 11th in this list, and since I could get the information for a comparison of Arkansas churches, I did make such a comparison. I thought you might be interested in what I learned. I figured the training ratios of those churches rated higher than Providence, using the same rule given in "One to Eight," and then curiosity caused me to go further to see what those churches would have needed to have a ratio equal to that of Providence.

Church	Members	Awards	Ratio	Awards Need to Equal the Ratio of Providence
Immanuel, Little Rock	4,092	1,485	.36	13,504
First, Fort Smith	5,468	896	.16	18,044
First, Little Rock	2,574	783	.34	8,494
First, Cullendale	865	669	.77	2,855
Second, Little Rock	2,503	654	.26	8,260
South Side, Pine Bluff	1,453	642	.44	4,795
First, Helena	1,264	608	.48	4,171
Grand Avenue, Fort Smith	1,385	532	.38	4,571
Second, Hot Springs	1,972	524	.27	6,508
South Highland, Little Rock	1,338	406	.30	4,415
Providence	112	369	3.30	

Someone will say that the large churches are at a disadvantage when compared with the smaller churches, because so many of their members are not active. Yet only 43, or about one-third, of our members earned awards, the others being inactive so far as training is concerned.

Would it be possible for recognition to be given to those churches which are high in their training ratio, instead of limiting the recognition to those with the largest numbers of awards. Certainly that would seem more fair — at least to the small churches. The present method is something publicizing the wheat grower who farms a thousand acres and grows more wheat than the farmer who has only twenty acres.

Yours very truly,
Hugh E. Martin
Fayetteville, Ark."

Music Directors Set Up Arkansas Baptist State Music Organization

The Music Directors set up the first Arkansas Baptist State Music Organization. This organization is for the express purpose of planning a Statewide Music Directors Retreat and to begin plans for six State Conventions in 1958. The organization is as follows: President, Joe Walters, First Baptist, Pine Bluff; Vice President, George Starke, First Baptist, Little Rock; Secretary, LeRoy McClard, State Music Secretary; Chorister, Allen Meeks, Immanuel Baptist, El Dorado; Accompanist, Edwin Irely, Second Baptist, Little Rock.

District Leaders: Southwest, C. S. White, Beech St. Baptist, Texarkana; Southeast, Willard Burnham, First Baptist, Crossett; West Central, James Chatham, Grand Avenue, Fort Smith; Central, Jack Riley, South Highland, Little Rock; East Central, Norman Greene, First Baptist, Marianna; North Central, James Birkhead, First Baptist, Mountain Home; Northwest, Russell Oldham, First Baptist, Fayetteville; Northeast, Loyd Owen, First Baptist, Blytheville.

MUSIC ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRESS

Nine associations have completed their music organizations. They are as follows:

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of Training, Oliver Martin, Rt. 5, Hamburg; Dir. of Publicity & Promotion, Taylor Carter, Rt. 1, Crossett.

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Caddo River — Dir. of Music Education, Miss Odessa Holt, Mount Ida; Missionary, W. O. Miller, Norman; Moderator, Eddie McCord, Mount Ida; Dir. of Instrumental Act., Mrs. Juanita Nutt, Amity; Dir. of Congregational Act., W. B. Morow, Caddo Gap; Dir. of Graded Choir Act., Mrs. J. V. Chandler, Glenwood; Dir. of Training, Thurlo Lee, Oden; Dir. of Publicity & Promotion, Mrs. James V. Doyel, Mount Ida.

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"Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled"

By BURTON A. MILEY

"How To Be Untroubled" could well be the title of today's study. Trouble and fear are universal and take their toll from every individual. Three elements combine to make fear and trouble in life. One is uncertainty. One does not know so many things about life. Neither can he determine the forces or their effect that will operate tomorrow. These uncertainties breed fear for the future. Loneliness creates trouble within life. The scripture used for today is in relation to the pronouncement of John 13:33. The disciples of Jesus could not see their future without Jesus. Loneliness is the problem of many. Old age breathes down loneliness. Death prompts loneliness. Failure to be popular and fear of censorship bring loneliness. Troubles come by illness and unforeseeable change, loss of values, failure upon the part of those in whom confidence has been vested. Many times Jesus said "Fear not, be not over anxious." These words were spoken to men who lived in the grip of troubled hearts.

THE WAY OUT

The first three verses of the fourteenth chapter of John have brought unmeasured comfort to many hearts. One is accustomed to hearing these words at a funeral service. However, the words were not primarily intended for funeral use though they lend themselves sweetly to that comfort. They were spoken by Christ to quiet His disciples' hearts which were greatly disturbed by the threat of being left alone.

The way out is found in verse one and it is by faith. "Believe in God, believe also in me." The sense is "since you believe on God, believe on me." Faith lays hold upon enemies to the peace of man. If a man fears uncertainty, faith is his assurance. If one walks in loneliness, faith is the coupling link which ties him to God. If one walks among the troubles of life, faith is the answer. It is the way out. Faith never stops short of man's full need. Christ used faith to point upward to the Father's house that was filled with many rooms or abodes. Faith grasped the fact that He was going to prepare a place for those who waited. He would come again to receive them and the two would be together in the bliss of redemption's harmony.

When Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many rooms" He was not overlooking the individual. The expression could be taken to mean that there is room for all. This is true. However, God never loses the individual though the total mass can be numbered in billions. A father and mother never speak of the family without thought of the individual children who compose it. God thinks of the earth in this way. The individual

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John 14:1-14

is not lost in the tightly-pressed mass, but bears the eye of Jesus in all his walks. This individual through faith has a direct line to God and communication is possible. Divine guidance is a result. Assurance is strengthened. It is hard for a man to be troubled and with God at the same time. Jesus does not hesitate to show himself "the way, the truth and the life."

Two disciples speak out. They represent their spiritual descendants. Thomas was one who could not readily grasp that which the Lord had said. He was a spiritual dullard. Christ could say the most beautiful things and Thomas would mar the beauty by the thrust of a blunt question. Thomas could see what was immediately in front of him but he could not see that which lay ahead or analyze that which was behind. He was a man for whom neither history nor prophecy worked. Therefore, he could say to Jesus "We know not whether thou goest and how can you expect us to know the way?" Verse seven brought identity between the son and the father into the picture and Thomas was reminded that if he had known the Son, he would have known the Father.

Phillip represents another. Phillip had to have the full picture clearly before him. He could fill in none of the details. If there were a father, he wanted to see him. A likeness would never do. Jesus reminded Phillip that anyone that had seen Him had seen the Father. The two were together. The more that one knew of Christ the more that one knew of the Father. All work which the Son did was prompted through the Father.

TWO PROMPTINGS FOR FAITH

If faith is relief for a troubled heart, what is going to prompt it? Christ says there are two great promptings. The first prompting is the position of God. Christ pledged that men should believe that He and the Father were one. This is the prompting to accept Jesus for what He really is, not for what He does. Happy is the faith that is resident upon this foundation. It will not be shattered or shaken by the storms of life for Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Human elements can mock, mar, go down, come up, scorn, swerve to the side, but Christ remains the same. Happy is the person that prompts his faith through what God is. Can one

not realize that God is calling history and prophecy into the room of the present for counsel? Does not the Bible give honorable position to God in the past? Is there not a chartered course for God in the future? If God is honorable in the past, and will be so in the future, will He not be in the present? Can't an individual yield self unto him accordingly? Happy is the man who believes in Christ for what Christ is.

The second prompting is the very work that had been done. A man sees the results of the visitation of the gospel. Broken lives are healed. Sores in society are cured. Characters in decay suddenly mend and become strong. All God's works prompt to greater faith. One can see them on every hand and determine them at every crossroad. If a man did nothing except study the working of God in lives that he had known, it would be sufficient to give God preeminence.

WONDERFUL PROMISE TO THE UNTROUBLED

Christ speaks peace to the heart that is resting on Him. He makes the rather extravagant promise that greater works shall be done. The question is whether these works are greater in quality or in quantity. There is no occasion for the work of the Lord to be reduced in quality. There is occasion that the quantity of the work for the Lord be constantly increased. If Jesus worked as an individual to accomplish certain aims, then His group working, many more in number, should accomplish greater goals. If Christ could accomplish so much working in one small geographical area, the church of the Lord Jesus

commissioned by Him working over the face of the earth should accomplish much more. The promise includes a resource that works for glory to the Father and Son. The words could cause some to stumble. But for every man that the word has caused to stumble, it has caused others to arise in courage and face outward. "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." This is a message to a heart that has found release from trouble. A heart that is able to take the power of God and utilize it. The untroubled heart is the God-blessed heart.

Jesus lived a peaceful life but not a quiet one. Peace and quiet are not synonyms. Peace is the handling of trouble so that no agitation worries the soul. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled."

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1957 State Budget

The messengers to the One Hundred Third Annual Session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention unanimously adopted the proposed Cooperative Program budget of \$1,497,771.95, for 1957. This is 12½ per cent, or \$166,362.86 more than the budget for 1956. The new budget includes \$518,871.95 for the Southern Baptist Convention share. All overage will be divided on a fifty-fifty basis between Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, and Southern Baptist Causes.

Here is the adopted budget for 1957.

DIVISION I

Non-distributable items:

Administration	\$ 40,000.00
W. M. U.	31,000.00
Retirement Plans	62,000.00
Bookkeeping Machine	6,000.00
	\$139,000.00

DIVISION II

State Causes:

Department of Evangelism	\$ 10,000.00
State Missions Department	105,000.00
Southern Baptist College	30,000.00
"Arkansas Baptist"	20,800.00
Orphanage	62,000.00
Hospital School of Nursing	30,000.00
Hospital Charity Fund	25,000.00
Sunday School Department	22,200.00
Training Union Department	20,400.00
Church Music Department	11,000.00
B. S. U. Department	42,000.00
Ouachita College	175,000.00
Brotherhood Department	20,000.00
Foundation Department	9,500.00
State Assembly	5,000.00
Promotion and Convention Fund	11,000.00
Emergency Reserve Fund	7,000.00
Ministerial Education	7,500.00
Memphis Hospital	10,000.00
Memphis Hospital Charity	10,000.00

\$633,400.00

DIVISION III

Southern Baptist Causes:

\$518,871.95

DIVISION IV

Capital needs:

Siloam Assembly	\$ 15,000.00
For Reconversion of	
Office Bldg.	7,000.00
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage	25,000.00
Ouachita College	67,000.00
B. S. U. Department	30,000.00
Arkansas Baptist Hospital	45,000.00
Camp Grounds	7,500.00
Memphis Hospital	10,000.00

\$206,500.00

Total Budget \$1,497,771.95

Welcome!

At the recent State Convention we welcomed 25 pastors, 2 educational directors, 2 associational superintendents of missions and 1 denominational worker to our Arkansas fellowship.

Some of these are native Arkansans, returning from the seminaries, while others come to us from other states.

We want to use this medium to say to

The 1957 Cooperative Dollar

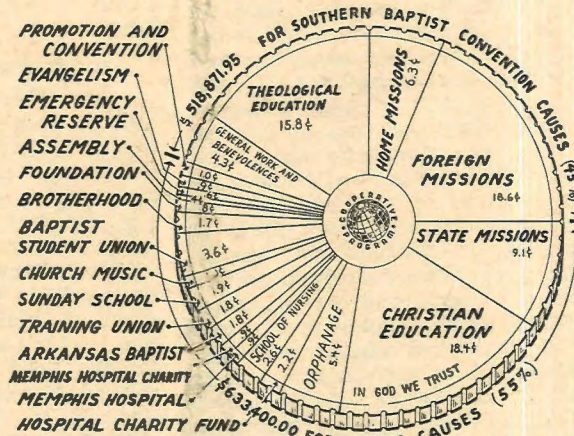
We, recently, attended a meeting with Southern Baptists in Pontiac, Michigan. While in Detroit, waiting for a train, one of the Detroit pastors, who is a member of our State Executive Board, took me to see the Baptist Temple. The building was erected by a group of people under the leadership of the late Frank Norris. These people are not affiliated with our group and call themselves Independent, Fundamental, Baptists.

As we entered the foyer of the building, we saw a display of their mission work. On that display we saw the pictures of the missionaries (some half dozen or more) and the places where they served.

As we thought of what that group was doing, we realized again, that the Cooperative Program is the best plan God has ever revealed through which to do world mission work. If one of the small churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, which gives through the Cooperative Program, tried to build a display of its mission activities, the foyer would not only be too small, but the auditorium would not be large enough for such an effort.

This is true because every church that gives money to world missions through the Cooperative Program supports, hospitals, colleges, seminaries and over 2,000 missionaries. That church also helps establish missions, erect buildings and supplement the salaries of scores of workers preaching the Gospel in destitute sections and remote places.

Here is a picture of the 1957 Cooperative Dollar, which will give some idea of the vastness of the Baptist World Mission Program.

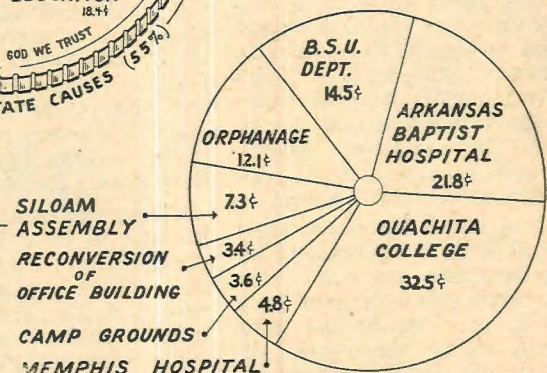


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Here are the names and the addresses of the workers who were introduced at the State Convention.

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Richard Perkins, Nashville; Raymond Carpenter, Hamburg; James W. Short, Carden Bottoms; Leroy Harp, Little Rock; Oscar Golden, Jones Mill; Carl W. Kluck, Atkins; Johnny Irish, Arkadelphia; Allen R. Reeves, Sr., Clarksville; Allen R. Reeves, Jr., Clarksville; Wendell Welch, Sheridan; W. O. McMillen, DeQueen; W. C. Blanton, Russellville; J. M. James, Waldron.

Earle and Abington

We have just had a letter from First Church at Earle saying that their new budget has been adopted with \$5,200 for the Cooperative Program. This is nearly twice as much as the church has been giving. Also within the last four months the church has baptized 41 into its fellowship. It meant much to Kingdom of God in Arkansas when Brother Abington came back to the state and became the pastor in Earle. — B. L. B.

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