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Family Fun

—H. Armstrong Roberts.

Family Fun



By HELLEN E. BUCHANAN

"Let's go on a picnic!" Begged Jimmie, a mischievous, bouncing six-year-old.

Daddy hesitated, thinking of the committee meeting that he should attend. Mother began to shake her head, the clothes were sprinkled down, and she wanted to iron tonight while father was at the meeting so that she could go to the club the following day.

"A picnic, a picnic, I wanta go on a picnic!" exclaimed four-year-old Susie.

Rapidly, many thoughts ran through the father's mind—I spend so little time with the children, it has been weeks since there has been a free evening just for them, already they ask each day, "Daddy, will you be home tonight?" Visions of the future with his then grown children began to rush past—would they be leading lives that as a Christian parent he didn't want them to be leading because of his neglect? Would they be seeking the amusements of the world in their leisure time? Would his days be filled with regret?

Determinedly, the father answered the pleadings, "Yes, we will go on a picnic this very evening if Mother can change her plans." Mother, realizing the importance of sharing her life with that of her children eagerly consented, knowing that the club meeting for the following must be foregone if the ironing wasn't finished tonight.

Eagerly they planned together. Sue and Mother would fix the lunch while Daddy and Jimmie fed the pet dog, Smuggie, also the chickens, and got the car and began to pack the picnic things.

What can home be without its leisure for relaxation and rejuvenation? Every day should have at least a short period, every week its Sunday, every year its vacation. And part of it should be time that the family spends together, happily, joyfully, abundantly, growing together in Christian love and graces.

Parents are responsible for guiding their children so that their leisure time will be spent in such a way that they grow spiritually, physically, and mentally in a wholesome and Christian way.

This is an age when the family has little time to live together, and if a part of the leisure time of the family is to be spent together there must be careful planning on the part of each member of the family, especially the parents. At times it will be necessary to make sacrifices in order to take the time for family fun. One of the best plans is to set aside one night in each week and call it family night. No member of the family would make any engagement for that evening. Definite plans to make it worthwhile and meaningful will pay dividends throughout eternity.

Prayer Victory

"A direct answer to prayer."

Such was the declaration of J. E. Tanksley, president of the Shelby County Baptist Pastors Association, when informed that race track promoters had withdrawn their petition for a franchise for horse racing at West Memphis, Arkansas.

The Baptist organization here had expressed bitter opposition to the proposed race track just across the Mississippi River from Memphis, and was engaging in a 24 hour long series of prayer services when word of the petition's withdrawal was announced. Racing is legal in Arkansas but illegal in Tennessee.

Focus of attention was on a meeting of the Arkansas Racing Commission at Little Rock, which had been scheduled to act on the petition for a racing franchise. The Memphis pastors, on invitation of East Arkansas Baptists, had originally planned a 200-car motorcade to the Arkansas capitol, but 48 hours before the meeting was scheduled altered their plans so as to substitute prayer services around the clock in Memphis churches for the motorcade.

The prayer services had scarcely gotten underway until word came that the petition had been withdrawn and the racing commission had cancelled its meeting. Threats of a local option election, led by West Memphis clergymen of all denominations which would have voided even the state commission's favorable action, was given by Wils Davis, attorney, as reason for the petition's withdrawal.

"I am content beyond a shadow of a doubt that the word from Little Rock concerning the race track is a direct answer to prayer," Brother Tanksley declared. The prayers were then turned into praise of thanksgiving.

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Inspiration and Revelation

By ROBERT S. SCALES

There are times in the midst of a sermon that I almost stop in amazed awe at the illuminating thought which has come to my mind for my lips to express. It was not in the carefully rehearsed outline which I had scanned one more time just before leaving it in the study to step out before the waiting congregation. It had never crossed my mind before, as far as my consciousness revealed. It was so much more beautiful and meaningful than anything of which I had thought.

My heart has leaped with exultation when these experiences have come, and as I have continued with the message it was with a prayer in my heart of "Thank you, Lord, for inspiring me to think your thoughts, and speak your message to this waiting people."

Similar is the experience which I, and all others who seek such, have had in the preparation of sermons. Whether it was in the seeking of a thought for a message, of a text for a thought, or an outline for a text, there have been times when the revelation of the thought has been so definite that audibly I have cried out in the quietness of my study, "Thank thee, Lord, for revealing this to me."

Such revelations are not confined to any particular person or group of persons, but are within the reach of all who study, preach, or teach God's Word. They do not come to a person upon the basis of his merit but, like all other gifts from God, entirely through His grace.

—Baptist Messenger.

Great Suffering, Greater Glory

A Devotion by the Editor

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Our suffering here is the result of the friction between irreconcilable forces. Sin has injected into human life a foreign element which is unfriendly toward the purposes for which man was created. Sin is set in determined opposition to the high destiny for which man was intended. Therefore, the forces of sin are in desperate and deadly conflict with the noble powers and faculties with which man was originally endowed.

The purpose of sin is to deprave all the sensibilities of man so that they will hunger only for the wicked delights which sin offers. It strives to impair the mental powers so that they will think crooked, draw false conclusions, and act upon unjust principles. Sin so mars the spiritual nature as to make man run away from the God who created him and who seeks to redeem him. The very first effect of sin in the garden was to cause Adam and Eve to hide from God. It has the same effect today.

But Paul maintains that the final outcome, the ultimate glory of the redeemed of the Lord far outweighs anything we shall be called on to suffer here; our sufferings are not to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

The final triumph of the people of God will be the eradication of everything that causes struggle and conflict, suffering and affliction. The forces, which cause conflict within our own persons, will be eliminated.

Our sensibilities will be freed from the temptations of sin, and they shall respond freely to the pure environment of eternal bliss. Our mental powers shall be released from the limitations which we know here and we shall be able to think the thoughts of God. Our loyalties will not be divided, our devotions will not be diverted, our love will not be tainted, our service will not be half-hearted.

Paul reasons that, with such a prospect before us, we may well endure the suffering of this present time, sustained and encouraged by the glory which awaits us.

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God" (Romans 8:18, 19).

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Across the Editor's Desk

Culture Based on Morals

Next morning after the dance, the young man remarked, "Everyone at the dance was drinking last night, except myself and the young lady who was with me."

A husband and wife speaking of a club of which they were members, said, "We enjoy certain recreational advantages by belonging to the club, but we can't participate in parties given by it because of the drinking." Continuing, they said, "These are the educated people of the community and you would think they would set the cultural standard of the community."

Cultural Standards

There was a time when the man who would get drunk at a social function was considered a cad, and the woman who drank was a social outcast. The standards of culture and refinement were invested with a moral content which raised them above the drunkenness, profanity, gambling, and promiscuity, reported as characterizing the social functions of our day.

Has American social life abandoned the standards of morality and repudiated the requirements of common decency?

Personal Attainment

It may be stated dogmatically that the cultural level of a person's life cannot rise higher than his moral attainments. In fact, it may be stated that there can be no true culture without a genuine moral content. Morality runs through the whole scale of cultural values.

Culture is not inherited, it must be attained. Inheritance may provide an environment conducive to culture, and capabilities susceptible to culture training; but true culture is the attainment of the individual. Culture cannot be bought with money or procured by the influence of position or the assertion of authority.

True culture is the refinement of life, attained by self-discipline and the exercise of one's powers of self-determination on the basis of moral values. It is a moral quality of life which grows from within outward. It is not a covering externally applied; not something a person can put on or take off like a garment.

Sanctions of Society

The culture of a person is not determined by the sanctions of human society. Many practices which are positively immoral are approved by society. There must be a higher standard than the sanctions of society by which to judge the quality of one's culture.

Education in itself does not produce culture. It has been demonstrated that education without morality produces the arch criminal, even on a national scale as in Germany.

Recover Moral Basis

Culture means the development, the refinement, and the discipline of the better, the nobler faculties, capabilities, and powers of life. When life finds expression in drunkenness, profanity, gambling, and other forms of immorality, it cannot claim to be cultured. On the contrary, it is debased, degraded, degenerated, depraved.

The tendency has been to take for granted these immoralities as the normal expression of life; and those who practice them should not be made self-conscious because of their practices. For self-consciousness inhibits their freedom of expression.

As a consequence of this trend we have produced an uncultured society that is unashamed of its immoralities.

We will raise the cultural level of our communities when we recover the moral principles upon which culture is based.

Concerning Organic Union

By R. T. SKINNER

A recent statement issued by the Episcopalians of America sets forth the basis on which that body will consider organic union with "any interested Christian body." The four major points in their statement are:

"1. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, 'as containing all things necessary to salvation,' as being the rule and standard of faith.

"2. The Apostles' Creed, as the Baptismal Symbol; and the Nicene Creed, as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith.

"3. The two Sacraments ordained by Christ Himself—Baptism and the Supper of the Lord—ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of Institution, and of the elements ordained by Him.

"4. The Historic Episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of His Church."

These four points demanded by our Episcopalian friends as a basis for organic union constitute the very heart of Episcopalian dogmas. Differing from them as we do in doctrine, we none the less congratulate them on their refusal to surrender conviction.

Baptists are equally insistent on certain doctrines which we regard as fundamental. It is to their eternal credit that they also are unwilling to yield. Beliefs which can be laid aside easily are not beliefs at all. Efforts at organic union between widely differing religious bodies accelerate at the point where conviction lessens. Doctrinal flabbiness, like physical softness, indicates weakness, not strength. Christ's prayer for oneness among

those called by His name does not encourage compromises of truth.

There is finest ground for Christian union in the New Testament, but the ground for such union must be the teachings of the New Testament. Dividing factors have been human in origin, not divine. When men have substituted man-made edicts for the revealed will of God in the New Testament, they have themselves thereby afforded righteous ground for disunion.

—Western Recorder.

Nothing To Be Gained

Editor John W. Bradbury, of the Watchman-Examiner, in the issue of July 1 of that publication, discusses with great clarity and analytical precision the question of the union of Northern Baptists with the Disciples of Christ.

Editor Bradbury refers to the action of the Northern Baptist Convention, meeting at Cleveland in 1930, in declining to enter into "unity of program with the Disciples, so long as they hold to their traditional view of the relation of baptism to salvation." In the opinion of the editor of the Watchman-Examiner that should settle the matter of union with the Disciples until and unless the former action of the Convention is revoked.

The editorial points out the difficulties and problems which would be encountered in such union, and which would be involved in operational programs, names, institutions, and theological beliefs.

Again and again, Editor Bradbury asks the question in one form or another, "What would be the advantage of uniting the two conventions?" The recurrent conclusion is that there would be no advantages gained, on the contrary, serious disadvantages would be suffered.

It is to be hoped that the reasoning of this clear thinking and courageous editor will prevail in the Northern Baptist Convention, and that the action of the Convention in 1930, already referred to, will stand inviolate.

Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "The World Into Which Jesus Came" by B. H. Duncan.

All broadcasts are by transcription and may be heard every Sunday over the following stations:

- KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
- KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
- KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
- KTFB—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
- KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.
- KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:45 p. m.
- KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.
- KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.
- KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.
- KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.
- KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Pastor J. L. Ingram, Woodlawn Church, Little Rock, is leaving the church to accept the pastorate of the First Church, Rio Vista, Texas, August 1.

During the three years of his pastorate at the Woodlawn Church Mr. Ingram has led the church in an expansion program which has included the erection of a \$10,000 educational building, and the remodeling of the parsonage, to the extent of \$2,500. The church plant is valued at \$25,000. One hundred seventy-three members have united with the church during his pastorate. The present membership is 240 and the Sunday School has an enrolment of 220.

One hundred seventy-three children were enrolled in the Vacation Bible School held at Ironton Church, Little Rock. The average daily attendance was 118. Five children professed faith in Christ and 30 re-dedicated their lives during this school.

The First Church, Carlisle, held a groundbreaking service June 30. Construction of a new addition to the present education building and the remodeling of the old building has been started. J. F. Gillespie is chairman of the building committee. The program will cost approximately \$30,000.

The First Church of Eylau was organized June 30, at the close of a two weeks revival, conducted by Paul Worley who will be pastor of the new church.

Pastor Carl Bates, First Church, Texarkana, was moderator and there were 46 charter members. Plans are being made for construction of a building.

P. A. Stockton, Little Rock, was the visiting evangelist in revival services at the Second Church, Monticello, June 6-29. There were 36 additions to the church membership. W. A. Lindsey is pastor of the church.

Pastor G. Paul Starnes and the Louanne Church had the services of O. M. Corley, Cofax, Louisiana, who did the preaching, and P. A. Stockton, Little Rock, who was in charge of the music, in a revival meeting, June 20-30. There were 16 additions to the church membership.

First Church, Black Rock, recently closed a revival in which Rural Evangelist R. A. Hill did the preaching and Bill Lewis, Southern College, was in charge of the music and young people's work. There were 15 professions of faith, 14 additions to the church membership by baptism, two additions by letter, and one re-dedication. Charles D. Tibbels is pastor of the church.

"Sunday Nights That Sing" is the title of a new series of Sunday night programs at the Second Church, Little Rock. According to this plan, the Gospel message is presented in the sermon and in a theme song. In addition to this, the hymns are related to the central topic. The pastor of the Second Church, Dr. M. Ray McKay, has announced the following

topics for this series:

June 20, "Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus"; June 27, "Christ Returneth"; July 11, "The Gardens of God"; and July 18, "Crown Him."

Pastor S. M. Cooper, Joiner Church, was the visiting minister in a revival meeting at Lake Hamilton Church, Hot Springs, June 13-20. Earl Murphy, music director of the church, was in charge of the music. There were seven additions to the church membership, four of whom were by baptism; a number of re-dedications; and one person surrendered his life to the ministry.

June 13-27 was the date of the revival in the First Church, Mena, in which T. B. Lackey, assistant executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, did the preaching, and Associate Pastor Orville D. Behm was in charge of the music. Pastor James A. Overton writes as follows concerning the revival: "We really had an old-fashioned revival. Our attendance was the greatest in the history of the church, with about 600 people in each of the two closing services. Our Sunday School attendance broke all records. There were 49 additions to the church membership by baptism, 25 by letter, and 5 other professions of faith. Among those coming by baptism were 13 adult men—heads of families—and 4 adult women. I am sure that it was one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church."

Arthur A. DuLaney, formerly of Arkansas, and now pastor of First Church, Roswell, New Mexico, recently completed his seventh year in the pastorate of the Roswell church. In the past year there have been 329 additions to the church, 137 of whom were by baptism. During his seven years as pastor the church has had 1,826 additions, 569 by baptism. The present membership is 2,336. One outstanding thing is the fact that the church has given more than half of its income to mission causes.

Congressman Brooks Hays addressed more than 1,000 men in Sunday School, June 20. This service marked the beginning of a tent revival sponsored by Immanuel Church, Little Rock. The Brooks Hays Sunday School Class from Second Church was in attendance at this service. The song service was led by Homer Rodeheaver, with B. D. Ackley as pianist.

Central Church, Jonesboro, closed a very successful Vacation Bible School, May 28. There were 132 enrolled in the school, with an average daily attendance of 100. Pastor Reese S. Howard writes: "From all accounts it was one of the best that we have ever had. The best thing about the school was the six boys and girls who made professions of faith."

Charles M. Lowry, Ouachita College student, has assumed his duties with the College Hill Church, Texarkana, as director of music and education. He has done music work in the Central Church, Hot Springs, and the First Church, Pine Bluff. He has worked with the young people of Arkansas in assemblies, youth revivals, and fellowship groups. C. G. Davis is pastor of the church.

Pastor Returns



K. E. McKneely

Pastor K. E. McKneely, formerly employed by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, as one of its mission pastors, has returned to Arkansas, after spending more than six months in Texas.

Mr. McKneely attended Decatur Baptist College, Decatur, Louisiana, and the Fort Worth Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and has had fifteen years experience in pastoral and missionary work. He is now open for work and may be reached at 1902 Railroad Avenue, North Little Rock. Telephone 8574.

Oden Church recently voted to construct a new building, and most of the lumber is now on the ground for the frame work of the structure. It will be brick veneer, and the cost of the building is estimated at \$10,000. The main auditorium will be 40 x 34 feet. There will be eight Sunday School rooms, a nursery room, and baptistery.

Paul Shipman, recently called full time pastor, states that the church is having the cooperation of all the members, as well as members of other denominations, and that much of the money has already been raised and subscribed for the new building.

First Church, Camden, has recently been painted inside and re-decorated with streamlined lighting. The arch over the choir loft is beautifully ornamented with rows of fluorescent bar lights. Also, a new cooling system has been installed. T. L. Harris is pastor of the church.

Betty Jean Sims was named representative in the Pulaski Association hymn-playing contest in First Church, Little Rock, June 27. Betty Jean, 12, and Mike Stewart, also 12, an alternate, will both participate in the annual alternate, will both participate in the annual Siloam Springs, July 19.

Pastor Lloyd A. Sparkman began his twelfth year with the South Side Church, Pine Bluff, July 4. During the eleven years of his pastorate the membership has tripled; finances are five times as great as they were; and all organizations have grown. An annex has been built, many improvements have been made, and tentative plans are under way for a modern, air-conditioned auditorium. The church maintains a full time mission, and has a regular radio program which is very popular.

Greenwood Has Music School

Miss Odessa Holt, one of the associate music workers, conducted a most successful two weeks' music school in the Greenwood Church, June 6-18, closing with a Music Festival in which six choirs participated. Daily classes in Music Fundamentals, Hymn Interpretation, Conducting, and Choir Work were held in the morning for primaries, juniors, and intermediates, and in the evening for young people and adults. Thirty music awards were earned by those who attended the school.

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Pastor J. T. Elliff, Fordyce, was the visiting minister in revival services at First Church, Monticello, June 9-20. Mrs. J. A. Garrett, Monticello, was in charge of the music. This revival resulted in 38 additions to the church membership, 26 of whom were on profession of faith and baptism, and 12 by letter. There were 10 other professions of faith. Reginald D. Washington is pastor of the church.

Associational Training School

Centennial Association recently held an Associational-Wide Training School, June 13 to 18, under the direction of the state Sunday School superintendent. There are nine churches in the association and all nine churches were enlisted in the campaign, each having a Training School.

Nine pastors and Sunday School workers from throughout the state were on the faculty as follows:

E. A. Ingram, Eastside Church, DeWitt; Guy Wilson, First Church, DeWitt; Raymond Strickland, Tichenor Church; Delbert McAtee, Aymra Church; Gray Evans, Hagler Church; Dale McCoy, Humphrey Church; Bill Kersh, Reydel Church; Seibert Haley, Bethel Church; and George Stuart, First Church, Stuttgart.

Centennial Association is carrying on a good associational-wide program of work for all the various phases of associational work. Congratulations to this association for enlisting every church.

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The Pea Ridge Church surprised Pastor P. J. Beach with a birthday dinner at the church on June 6. Ministers and their wives from the Methodist and Presbyterian churches were guests. Pastor Beach was presented with gifts from his Sunday School class and from the church.

Yellville Church held a combined Vacation Bible School and revival, June 11-25. There were 55 enrolled in the school. Pastor D. M. Kreis, Rehoboth Church, Flippin, was the visiting evangelist. Missionary Claude Crigler was in charge of the music. There were four professions of faith.

Charles Lowry, a student at Ouachita College, was ordained into the gospel ministry by the First Church, Pine Bluff, June 9. The examining council was composed of the following: A. B. Pierce, moderator; Joe Hall, clerk; Missionary Sam D. Davis led the questioning; S. E. Tull led the ordination prayer; and Joe Hall presented the Bible.

Charles Henderson, president of the Brotherhood of the First Church, Lepanto, reports that Dr. R. G. Lee of the Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tennessee, preached his famous sermon, "Pay Day Some Day," at the school gymnasium in Lepanto the evening of July 8.

June 13-23 was the date of the revival in which the First Church, Des Arc, and Pastor Ernest Baker had the services of Missionary V. E. Defreese, who did the preaching, and R. C. McCafferty, a 17 year-old boy from Hartford, who was in charge of the music. As a result of this revival, five persons have been baptized, with several others awaiting baptism; two have come into the church by letter; one by statement; and a number of re-dedications.

The Hatfield Church had the services of Rural Evangelist M. E. Wiles in a recent revival which resulted in 32 professions of faith and 22 additions to the church membership. Many of the professions were adults and parents. Pastor Curtis Penington was in charge of the music.

During the meeting, the church surprised the pastor and his family with a grocery pounding, also a love offering.

The young people of the Pea Ridge Church had complete charge of the morning services, June 20, at which time an inspiring Father's Day program was rendered. The oldest and youngest fathers present were presented bou-tonnieres. R. J. Richards, Rogers, brought the message, in the absence of Pastor P. J. Black.

At a meeting held Sunday afternoon, June 27, the congregation of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, voted to build a church auditorium, costing approximately \$300,000. The building will have a seating capacity of 1,200. A. N. McAninch is the architect and F. W. Parris is chairman of the building committee. Construction is expected to be started early in 1949. W. Harold Hicks is pastor of the church.

Leachville Entertains Hymn-Sing

The first Quarterly Hymn-sing for Mississippi County Association, planned by the new music director, Mrs. John Bearden, took place as the opening feature of a School of Church Music, Sunday afternoon, May 30. Miss Odessa Holt conducted the sing and taught the school for two weeks. Fourteen awards were earned in the school. B. W. Pierce is the pastor.

Members of the Park Place Church and representatives from the other Baptist churches of Hot Springs gave a formal welcome to Pastor David C. Bandy, recently called as pastor of Park Place Church.

In addition to the program, refreshments were served, and many gifts brought by members of the church in appreciation of the pastor, his wife, and two children.

First Church, Forrest City, recently closed one of the best Vacation Bible Schools in the history of the church, according to Pastor Minor E. Cole. There were 206 enrolled.

First Church, Plummerville, has just closed two training schools in Sunday School work in which three books were studied, and 28 awards given. The books studied were: Building a Standard Sunday School, taught by C. V. Webb, Morrilton; Evangelism in the Sunday School, taught by John Cox, Morrilton; and Tomorrow You Lead, also taught by John Cox. L. L. Jordan is pastor of the church.

A new Hammond organ has been installed in the First Church, Siloam Springs. It was played for the first time on June 20. B. N. Simmons is pastor of the church.



Ground was broken on May 31, for the erection of the new \$100,000 building for First Church, Clarksville, Arkansas. The building will be located on the corner of Hill and Cherry Streets, and will be a fire-proof, brick structure. When it is completed, which will take approximately one year, it will be one of the most complete church buildings in that part of the state.

J. S. Hardin is chairman of the building committee. The architect is Thomas West Gardner, Nashville, Tennessee, with C. B. Walton, Clarksville, as supervisor.

Pastor Walter Yeldell says: "We want to erect this building to render a more acceptable service to the present and future generations."

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

*An addition to God's Kingdom must be a subtraction from the world.
You cannot be counted in both places.*

Eisenhower Asks Waging of Peace

**Tells Brooklyn Sunday School Rally
We Must End Wars — Federal
Council Protests Weakening E. R. P.**

Co-operation among church, home, and school, to save the nation's children from future wars, was strongly urged by Dwight D. Eisenhower, now president of Columbia University, when he spoke at a luncheon preceding the one hundred nineteenth annual Brooklyn Sunday School parade in which over 100,000 children from the borough marched. "I have come here to review these parades because of the tremendous importance of these children to the future of our country," he said. "If we adults can't find some way of insuring that our children will not have to march off in uniform to another war, then we have failed in our duties and should turn the nation over to these children." The former chief of staff expressed faith in the ability of religious and secular groups to work together for the prevention of war and added: "They must forget their petty differences and dedicate themselves to the attainment of peace. If they succeed we can assure that future celebrations will be of the kind we see today, not those in which guns are carried."

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Pennsylvania drug stores ban sale of comic books: Drug stores in Pennsylvania have decided to stop the sale of comic books until the contents of these publications are "cleaned up" by the publishers, states a report by Religious News Service.

The action was taken at the annual convention of Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association meeting in Harrisburg.

Church youth to boycott movies with drinking scenes: Seventy-six young people of the Sellwood Methodist Church, Portland, Oregon, have adopted a resolution pledging themselves not to attend any motion picture showing drinking or dissolute behavior.

The resolution said:

"Believing that the portrayal of drinking and of dissolute behavior upon the screen is detrimental to the morals of our people and especially to youth, we, the undersigned, pledge ourselves not to attend any moving picture that we have reason to believe contains such objectionable scenes."

Baptist World Alliance: A large number of Southern Baptists are making plans to attend a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee in London in August.

The series of meetings on world Baptist matters will be held August 13-17, with the first two days given to mission leaders for reconsideration of Baptist work in Europe. The meeting of the executive committee is slated for August 16-17, for consideration of finances, theological education, relief, and the time and place of the next Congress.

Education Plus Religion: "Education without religion can lead to statism," warned Congressman Ralph W. Gwinn of New York at the fortieth session of the International Association of Dally Vacation Bible Schools.

"Without religious discipline the individual cannot function as a self-governing person. Self government under God is the only form of government we can support, and if we are to have a free society the whole educational program must be designed to achieve this endeavor."

Youth Center to be Established: Student youth centers in thirty-five colleges and universities across the country will be established by the Student Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council. This student ministry is to combat "the pagan influences on the college and university campuses of the United States."

New Jersey Methodists Fight Gambling: At its annual meeting, recently, the Newark, New Jersey, Methodist conference adopted a resolution condemning charity gambling. A major reason for considering the issue at this time was that the November election in New Jersey will decide whether or not mild forms of gambling under the auspices of charitable organizations shall be made legal. The Methodists are unalterably opposed. Pointing out that the evil "is spreading like fever and in Hudson County has averaged as much as \$75,000 weekly, making it big business," the resolution urged ministers to exhort their parishioners to defeat the proposal for charity gambling and to work to end all legal gambling as well. "It establishes an un-American policy of discrimination in favor of religious and fraternal groups but against commercial groups . . ." the statement declared. The conference also passed resolutions opposing the un-American activities committee, jimmecrowism, universal military conscription, and excessive armaments.

Students to help build college in France: Twenty students from the United States are going to Southern France to help build a college, according to an announcement made by the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board.

The students will spend a month in a work camp at College Cevenol, where they will assist other students from European countries to finish playing fields, lay gravel walks, build roads, and paint buildings.

They will also take part in discussion and study sessions—particularly language study—and will have week ends free for hiking, bicycling, and mountain climbing.

"Living Memorials" honor war dead: A "living memorial" of six scholarships valued at \$120 each per annum has been set up by St. John's Baptist Church of Charlotte in appreciation of its six young men who died in World War II.

Dr. Claude U. Broach, minister, said that the scholarships are awarded annually to students on a graduate level who are preparing themselves for a life of definite Christian service.

Two Negro young men are among the six recipients of the current scholarships. One is a student in American Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville, Tennessee, and the other is in the Graduate School of Religion at Shaw University. Two scholarships went to students at New Orleans Baptist Seminary and two went to students at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Thanks President for Aid of U. S. Christians: Dr. Hans Lilje, bishop of Hanover, Germany, had an interview with President Truman at the White House. The German churchman said he thanked Mr. Truman "for what all Christians in America, especially the Lutherans, have done for Germany."

Dr. Lilje told the President of the establishment of youth work, academies, and seminaries as positive evidence of a renewed interest in religious life. He further stressed the importance of the church during these days of confusion and uncertainty.

Atlanta Ministers Invite Negro Pastors: Members of the Atlanta, Georgia, Evangelical Ministers Association have voted to invite all Negro evangelical pastors in Atlanta twice each year to attend monthly association sessions.

When the motion was put to a vote before the association, only one dissenting vote was recorded.

Methodists Ask Passage of Displaced Persons Bill: Adoption by Congress of the Fellows bill which would permit 200,000 displaced persons to enter the U. S. over a two-year period was urged in a resolution adopted by the quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Church meeting in Boston.

Celebration in Sweden: Some 8,000 persons attended an open-air demonstration in Stockholm, Sweden, which climaxed a week-long observance commemorating the centenary of the Baptists in Sweden. Among the participants was Minister Without Portfolio Nils J. E. Quensel, who brought the greetings of the government. A record sum of 45,000 Swedish crowns, about \$12,500, was contributed during the jubilee for missionary work at home and abroad. Pastor Ernhard Gehlins was re-elected president of the Swedish Baptist Union, which sponsored the program. Also re-elected were Vice President Ruben Swedburg, a member of the Swedish Parliament, and Dr. Gunnar Westin, Professor of church history at Upsala University.

Increase in Gambling: A British church committee on gambling estimates that Britains are betting nearly a billion pounds, \$4,000,000,000, a year on horses, greyhound racing, and football. The unadorned facts suggest that gambling in one form or another has become a national epidemic.

Presbyterians Postpone Vote: By unanimous decision, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., Southern, agreed to postpone for five years a vote on whether the denomination should unite with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. The action was a compromise between those who wanted to vote on the proposal this year in an effort to defeat it and the committee on union, which favored placing the plan on the 1949 church docket.

The Family and Its Health

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By DR. A. C. KOLB

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To insure good health: eat lightly, breathe deeply; live moderately, cultivate cheerfulness, and maintain an interest in life.

—WILLIAM LOUDEN.



(The fifth message in the Home Week program, First Church, Stephens)

When God created man, He endowed him with physical and mental health. When man sinned by violating God's law, he brought on himself various kinds of diseases to afflict and plague his body and mental conflicts to besiege his mind. He became separated from God spiritually. His plight was deplorable. He broke the law of God and suffered the consequences. It is just as true today that when man breaks the laws of God, physical suffering, mental anguish, and spiritual death will inevitably follow.

The human body has been described as a citadel in which the soul of man dwells. The Bible says it is the temple of God, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. It is the physical agent which puts into action the ideas which are created in the brain. The body is a very important mechanism. It has a divine and noble assignment, and its challenge is to keep itself clean and healthy, and worthy of performing its functions nobly. Every human being is obligated to God and to his fellow men to maintain a strong and healthy body; to obey the laws of health and to keep at the highest level his mental and physical efficiency. A sick body or a sick mind is no asset to the family, to society, or to God. Rather, it is a liability.

The body and mind function together. They cannot be separated. A sick body is accompanied by emotional disturbances such as fear, worry, and anxiety. Thinking is not normal. When the body is well and physically fit, the mind is in a condition for clear, orderly, and constructive thinking, provided there is a proper intellectual background.

Mental health is just as important to the individual and to the family as physical health. A mentally sick member of the family causes much grief and emotional distress in the home. This statement does not necessarily mean insanity. It means border line mental disorders seen daily in many of our homes. In order for the family to make its best contribution to the community, its members must be mentally and physically well.

Man becomes arrayed against himself early in life and continues this self-destructive pro-

cess throughout life. By this statement is meant, he takes on or engages in bad mental or physical habits, which, if persistently pursued, will ultimately destroy him. These unwholesome habits break down the defensive forces of the body, making it easy for disease germs to enter the body and set up acute or chronic disorders, which may bring about the death of the sufferer. Again, these bad habits, continued over a long period of time, will cause tissue changes in vital organs of the body and, thus, bring about ultimate death or cause such personality changes in the mental life of the person as to render him mentally abnormal to the extent that it becomes necessary to hospitalize him in an institution for the care and treatment of mental and nervous diseases.

What are some of these things we are talking about which lower the natural resistant forces of the body? They are, first, lack of sufficient rest, recreation, and proper food. These factors always lay the foundation for the reduction of the immunity reserve stored in the body to fight off disease. This enables disease germs of many kinds to invade the body tissues and set up disease. Second, abnormal growths, such as cancer, are on an alarming increase because of tobacco smoking alone. It is a well known medical fact that since women have taken up smoking, they are now developing cancer of the mouth and ulcers of the stomach and duodenum. It is also a well known medical fact that primary cancer of the lung is on an alarming increase due to smoking.

Third, alcoholism is probably the number one medical problem in the United States, when all its by-products and their end results are taken into consideration. Long continued use of alcohol brings about definite material tissue damages to the heart and blood vessels, the kidneys, the liver and, especially does alcohol have an affinity for nerve tissue, such as the nerves and the brain itself.

All forms of neuritis and personality changes, even to the extent of insanity itself, are caused by it. Seventy-five per cent of men and 65 per cent of women who contract venereal disease become infected while under the

influence of liquor. In cases of syphilis, these infections often extend to the brain and spinal cord and, insanity frequently follows and the victim has to be hospitalized and treated in a public institution at the taxpayers' expense. Thus, every taxpayer has to help bear the burden of the ravages of alcohol. The annual crime bill, or cost to the taxpayers of the United States, has been estimated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be \$15,000,000,000.

Beyond any question, alcoholism is a major factor in the majority of cases of crime. During the ten years from January 1, 1936, to December 31, 1945, 595 drivers of motor vehicles were killed on the highways of Arkansas while driving in an intoxicated condition. During the same period, 97 drunken pedestrians were killed while walking on the highways of this state. These are Arkansas State Police records.

Alcoholism plays the major part in the tremendous divorce rate with all its devastating effects on the mental life of the families involved. Truly, this thing is America's social cancer eating at the very foundation of our civilization. Space does not permit a full discussion of the hideous ramifications of this wicked destroyer of the homes of this nation.

One of the most disturbing factors in the mental health of the American family is that of parental over-protection. Maternal over-protection is much worse than that of the father over-protection. The average American mother is, unconsciously, doing a far-reaching damage to the normal mental life of her children in the matter of preventing the normal development of their emotional life. The result is that the children grow up to be emotionally immature and emotionally unstable. They are not being taught self-reliance. If our birds behaved like some of our parents, many birds would never learn to fly. It is a difficult thing for the average mother to realize that she has over-protected her child. Many families fail in their duty to their children in the matter of teaching them the ideals of good citizenship and Christian living. If our homes fail in developing good citizens with the proper attitudes toward life, our nation is bound to suffer accordingly.

Dollars . . .**BUT NO SENSE**W. W. HAMILTON, *New Orleans, La.*

God said of the man, "thou fool." He had so much wealth that he had no room where to bestow all his fruits and his goods, and was planning on increased facilities for the many years ahead, in which he would eat, drink, and be merry. Jesus, in relating the story, added the comment, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." How poor one can be with many dollars and no sense.

The fool's scale of values was wrong. God was not displeased because he was a good farmer and produced abundant crops, and it is no reproach to a man that he can and does make money. Folly is displayed when he puts last things or secondary things first, when the good displaces the better, or when the better denies the best. Education, food, clothes, position, health, and social standing continue to make fools out of some people. Put the first buttonhole over the first button, and things are all right. How senseless the mother who would say to the nurse, "Now, be sure not to let that expensive and beautiful little dress get soiled or torn, but if the baby gets hurt that will not matter so much."

The fool expected happiness from the wrong source. Eating, drinking, and seeking thrills do not bring real happiness. We do not live by bread alone. A hungry man cannot satisfy his appetite with pictures of fruit, meats, and vegetables. Great music is good, but it cannot fill an empty stomach. Soul hunger and thirst must have more than a little water to cool the tongue of a man in hell. The man who is without God and without hope has a name that he lives but is dead, and the woman who is godless is like a corpse which is painted and adorned. The wise man had rather have God with him and the world against him, than to own the world and all it contains or offers, and be lost.

The fool seemingly forgot about eternity. No mention is made of anything beyond this life, and there was no promise of the life to come. What shall it profit? What shall a man give in exchange? These questions have no answer. The pastor asked the rich man's son, "What would you think of your father, if he exchanged that mansion there on the hill for a hog pen out yonder in Cooper's Town?" That was the dirtiest, filthiest suburb of the city. Another question followed: "What do you think of yourself when you exchange a mansion in heaven for a pit in hell with the damned?" No wonder is it that God said, "Thou fool."

The fool wrongly estimated the length of time. He said, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years;" but God said, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee." "Time was in past, thou canst not it recall; time is thou hast, employ the portion small. Time future is not, and may never be; time present is the only time for thee." If it is wise and best to trust Christ and serve Him, then the sooner the better. The boy and girl of sense will remember their Creator in the days of their youth; will live with old age in view; and will fear God and keep his commandments. Now is the accepted time. Today is the day of salvation.

The fool failed in the real purpose of life. A hog's life depends upon plenty. If he does

Great Evangelism Conference

By HIGHT C. MOORE

Evangelism is the primal, pervasive, and perennial duty of each of our churches and of all of our denominational agencies as strikingly declared and demonstrated by the Home Mission Board in its conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 1-7, 1948.

No one who attended could fail to feel that the Home Mission Board would evangelize every inch of its area from Cape Hatteras to the Golden Gate, and from the West Indies to the Aleutian Islands; energize every fiber of its activity among various races with diverse languages and differing social conditions; and effectualize its entire corps of competent and consecrated workers and co-workers at headquarters and afield, united and undaunted in "the faith, fellowship, and furtherance of the Gospel."

A Challenging Program For Southern Baptists

The Convention at St. Louis in 1947 continued its committee "for the purpose of formulating a more effective program of evangelism in the hope that we, as Baptists, might have a unified program of evangelism that will enable us to mobilize all our 26,000 churches and 6,000,000 Southern Baptists into a mighty concerted and correlated effort of winning the world to Christ."

To the Convention at Memphis in 1948 the Committee reported on "the New Testament Plan of World-wide Evangelism," with a dozen or more recommendations calling for "the co-operative endeavor of every denominational leader of every church organization and of all the members of our local churches."

In a clear, concise, comprehensive statement to the Ridgecrest Conference, Superintendent Matthews presented and pressed "The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism" as already outlined, approved, and inaugurated with every prospect of success under "the good hand of our God." He gratefully reported that sixteen states have created departments of evangelism and twelve have secured superintendents; he fervently hopes that at the earliest possible moment all the twenty-one states in our Convention area will have departments and superintendents of evangelism; and he prayerfully plans a mighty evangelistic crusade first in all our churches west of the Mississippi and then in all our churches east of the Mississippi.

May Southern Baptists hear this clarion call and do their utmost to fill the earth with the knowledge of the Lord "as waters cover the sea!"

not have big feedings he is a failure; but a man's life does not consist in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. The big business man related to us in prayer meeting one night what it was that so changed his life and led him to become such a joy to his pastor. He and his brother owned a chain of stores, and they worked day and night to make money. The brother was stricken with typhoid fever, and when the crisis came he died. The business man went about the store to pick out the needed garments for his brother's burial, and laid them in a little pile on the end of the counter. Overcoming his emotions as he remembered it all, he leaned heavily upon his cane and said, "That's all. That's all he got out of it." Then with firmer voice he added, "I determined then and there that would not be all I'd get out of it."

Just PiddlingBy BILL AND PEN LILE PITTARD
England, Arkansas

Dr. W. W. Melton, pastor of the Columbia Avenue Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, was the son of a country store keeper. In the rural community where the Meltons lived there were two well-known men who hated each other, bitterly. Their enmity was common knowledge, and the day one of them, Big Dan, came swaggering into the store with a glowering face and a torrent of profanity, announcing that he was on his way to Ross Garner's house to kill him, Mr. Melton knew that he was not kidding.

Hastily, the merchant wrote a note of warning to Ross and turned it over to his son to carry to the endangered man at once.

It was a lovely day outside. The walk through the woods was a pleasure, and the child stopped here and there to throw stones at the birds to test his skill. At length, he hit a bird, and when he had found the small body and picked it up, it was dead. How proud he was of his prowess! But, of course, he couldn't delay much longer, for there was the note to be delivered and the work he had left to do when he returned to the store. However, when young Melton arrived at Garner's house and knocked, he was unable to rouse anyone. Deciding that there was no one at home, he turned back.

When his father heard the story, his face was a mask of sorrow. Finally he said, "Son, what are those stains on your hands?"

The child glanced down and saw that his hands had been soiled, and he said with a grin, "Oh, that is just blood from a little bird I killed with a stone."

"No," answered his father, "that is the blood of a man. For while you played along the way, Ross Garner was killed."

The hands of Christian people are covered with the bloodstains they have accumulated from the souls of those whose eternal death without Christ need not have been. But we who could have warned them came too late or not at all. We are piddling with inconsequential things, while matters of everlasting significance perish in neglect.

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Representatives of more than 30 Baptist churches in Mississippi County attended the quarterly Associational Baptist Training Union rally at First Church, Osceola, recently.

The inspirational message for the session of the program was a forum on "Why WE Attend the Mid-week Prayer Service." The forum was led by Emmett Cross, pastor of the East Side Church, Paragould. One of the features was given by Jeff Rousseau, Brinkley Chapel Church.

P. H. Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Church, Blytheville, led the congregational singing. A Bible reading devotional was conducted by young people from several of the churches sending delegates to the rally.

"As Ye Go, Preach," a religious film, was shown as the closing feature of the rally.

The Workers Council of the Mississippi County Association met at the Manilla Church, May 14, for an all day meeting. Two hundred members from over the county attended. J. P. Jernigan, moderator for the association, conducted the day's service. The theme for the program was "Alcohol and Its Effects." A choir of 40 boys and girls from Dell added to the song service.

Journeying Through Bookland

Yesterday, as I was wending my way through Bookland, I was astonished with the increase in population. Many of the people I knew, but there were also strangers in the land. Yet, I felt that in time we would be friends, for we had a bond; we were all inhabitants of Bookland. There's an unusual affinity among the inhabitants of Bookland. We possess a purpose for living. That purpose has been fortified, because of the land in which we live. We patriots are never reticent in discussing our loyalty to the land we love. We want to share our feelings of devotion and gratitude.

I chanced to encounter a friend who has, for many years, lived happily in the realm of Bookland. Inquiring about her welfare, Florida Waite, South-wide church library secretary, responded: "I can truthfully say that books have been a benediction in my life. When I am thinking of my indebtedness to books, my mind goes back to HANDBOOK FOR WORKERS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, by James V. Thompson. It was that book more than anything else which helped me to make a decision about my life's emphasis."

Soon, I found myself approaching another friend, J. R. Grant, president of Ouachita College. As we exchanged views of Bookland, he confided: "I agree with McCauley who said, 'I'd rather be a poor man in a garret, with plenty of good books, than a king who did not love reading.' Outside of the Bible my early life was influenced more by stories which I read in McGuffey's readers than by any other book or books."

As I made my way through the maze of pedestrians, I was stopped by a Bookland resident, who spoke gratuitously of our Land. "As a student I was always interested in books," professed Brooks Hays, Congressman of the United States. "In my pre-school days my mother read two books which had a lasting effect. Both books were biographical, one dealing with heroes of the Old Testament, and the other with the great men of America. I remember the title of the latter, GREAT AMERICANS FOR LITTLE AMERICANS. Since those days I have favored biography. In our present world crisis I can think of nothing more important than having plenty of good literature available."

Waiting at the street corner for the light to change, for there are stoplights in Bookland, I was joined by Dollie Hielt, floor manager of the Baptist Book Store. She expressed loyalty to books on prayer. "INTERCESSORY PRAYER, by McClure caused me to realize how little I used this medium of receiving God's power. Dr. Carver's IF TWO AGREE caused me to realize that God's Kingdom on earth advances or is hindered as Christians pray or fail to pray. PRAY YE, by Mrs. W. C. Tyler, challenged me to climb the ladder of prayer to the complete surrender to God's will even as requests are made to Him."

Others were converging at the intercession. Othar Smith, Baptist pastor at Heber Springs, and many years an enthusiast about Bookland, testified: "The pearl of great price in my library is the book entitled THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN PERSONALITY, by Ligon. This book, which deals with the common, everyday problems of personality in the light of the teachings of Jesus, has opened up new avenues for me in the building of Christian character." B. H. Duncan, editor of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST, was there with us,

and he mentioned his devotion to the realm of Bookland. "BELIEFS THAT MATTER, by W. A. Adams, takes it place among the books which have wielded the greatest influence over my life. Dr. Adams sets forth the basic fact that religion cannot dispense with belief. My own beliefs were strengthened by this book, and I was inspired to re-examine my beliefs and make sure of their anchorage in eternal truth." R. C. Campbell, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, volunteered his appreciation for fellowship in Bookland. "LIFE STORY OF J. B. GAMBRELL, by E. C. Routh, has influenced my life profoundly. Dr. Gambrell was a great commoner among Southern Baptists, and a unique character. His pithy, philosophical statements are quoted more often among Southern Baptists perhaps than any leader of recent years."

Oh, yes, Bookland has its stoplights and its danger zones. But the true and the good and the wisdom of the ages may also be found. The true and the good of Bookland ennoble lives and impart direction. That is why we so-journ there.

H. D. Bruce, president of East Texas College, did the preaching recently in an eight-day revival at the First Church, Groveton, Texas. Hugh McMurray was in charge of the music. This revival resulted in 34 additions to the church membership, 27 of whom were by baptism. A. M. Funderburk is pastor of the church.

Church Pays Quota

El Paso Church, White County Association, is the sixteenth church to complete their quota in the Ouachita College Campaign. Ernest Anderson is pastor.

This is only a half time church, but they have made regular contributions since 1946.

The Ouachita Board and Campaign Committee deeply appreciates the work and contributions of this fine church.

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Pastor R. E. Jones accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Dell, in August, 1947. The church, under his leadership, has been growing continuously since that time. Since January 1, he has baptized 44 persons and there are 10 awaiting baptism. The church attendance has doubled. When he became pastor there was one W. M. U. circle; now, there are two W. M. U. circles; one Y. W. A.; one R. A.; two G. A. organizations, and one Sunbeam Band. A youth choir of 40 members has been organized. A new propane gas system has been installed, with stoves in every room, and an 80-gallon tank, electrically heated, for the baptistry has been purchased. The ARKANSAS BAPTIST is in the church budget and goes into the home of every family.

The pastor recently did the preaching in a week's revival meeting which resulted in 37 professions of faith and 6 re-dedications. Ray Morgan, Blytheville, was in charge of the music.

Prior to his coming to the pastorate of the Dell church, Mr. Jones was pastor of Central Church, Mineral Springs, and Bethel Church, Prescott.

LIBERTY

Sin Enslaves Christ Liberates

...The truth shall make you free.

MAKE THE WISE CHOICE
CHRIST

SPONSORED BY BAPTIST CHURCHES

The Baptist billboard posting program, originating in Memphis, Tennessee, in January, and now in use in many cities throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, goes into its seventh month, with a colorful, pictorial poster on the subject of "Liberty."

The July poster boldly presents liberty founded upon the Grand Old Book. Upon opposite pages of a huge open Bible are two dynamic phrases that stand as the epitome of all Scripture, "Sin Enslaves; Christ Liberates." Beneath the Bible is the motivating challenge to self-determination, "Make the Wise Choice—Christ."

Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, says that "Messengers attending the recent Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis were stirred to an eager want, when they viewed the first six months' posters, in full billboard size, and full color, posted on the outside of the convention hall."

Continuing, Mr. Cooke said, "an avalanche

of requests from pastors and laymen from all sections of the convention area poured across the desk of the Baptist Brotherhood booth, and in a steady stream, the requests for information have continued to come into both the Brotherhood office in Memphis and into the state Brotherhood offices."

This is a program with four distinct phases: billboards, display cards, small blotters for personal work, and automobile license frames and display cards. The creation of all materials used in the program is under the supervision of a committee of pastors and laymen with a South-wide viewpoint, and produced by the Cummings Advertising Company, Memphis, Tennessee.

The entire program is available to any Baptist church or group of Baptist churches, by writing the Brotherhood secretary of your state, or Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Commerce Title Building, Memphis, Tennessee, or Cummings Advertising Company, 158 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention
209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

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Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Tenderest Sympathy to Mrs. Pye and Family

The many friends in the state and South extend tenderest sympathy to Mrs. W. D. Pye and family in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Florence Westbrook on June 10. For more than forty years, Mrs. Westbrook's interest and efforts were freely given to every forward missionary movement of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas as an active member of the State W. M. U. Executive Board for twenty years, and then as an honorary member until her death. Her devotion and steadfast loyalty not only stimulated her beloved daughter with her multiple talents to answer the call of her state to consecrated leadership for many years through Woman's Missionary Union, but others who knew her personally, to follow in her steps.

*"So great a cloud of witness
Servant of God, well done
Thy glorious warfare's past
Th battle fought, the race is won
And thou art crowned at last."*

Inter-Racial Methods Institute

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas promoted the seventh annual methods institute at the Arkansas Baptist College June 1-2 for the Negro Baptist women of Arkansas, this institute being made possible by the financial assistance of Southern W. M. U. There was a total registration of 105.

"Showing the Spirit of Christ in Our Leadership" was the general theme. Mrs. Ray and a very efficient group from the State W. M. U. of Arkansas worked conscientiously to make this a fruitful meeting. State leaders who assisted were: Mrs. F. E. Goodbar; Mrs. J. C. Fuller; Mrs. A. B. Pierce; Miss LaVerne Ashby; Mrs. Harold B. Tilman; and Mrs. W. B. Pittard. Gwendoline Luster, field worker among the Negro Baptist women of Arkansas, conducted a conference on methods.

The Negro Baptist women of Arkansas are grateful for the opportunity made possible by our friends. We shall strive to see that the efforts put forth shall not have been in vain. Each woman present was inspired to re-dedicate her life to God and to mission work.

—Mrs. T. P. Johnson, Camden.

State Y. W. A. Houseparty At Petit Jean

Miss Lydia Chang of China and Miss Thelma Mardis, missionary to the Indians in New Mexico, will be guest speakers at the State Y. W. A. Houseparty at Petit Jean State Park, August 7-8, 1948. Representatives from Y. W. A.'s all over Arkansas are expected to attend this outstanding event of the Y. W. A. year. The Houseparty will begin Saturday afternoon and close Sunday afternoon, enabling girls who work to take advantage of the missionary information and inspiration which will be afforded by contact with these guests, fellowship with other Y. W. A.'s over the state, missionary films, the uplifting worship periods, as well as the swimming and recreation.

A special bus will be provided to bring girls from Morrilton to Petit Jean Saturday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon. Be sure your Y. W. A. is represented at this important and inspirational meeting. Register today by sending \$1.00 of the total cost of \$3.00 as registration fee to State W. M. U. Office, Young People's Department, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Make checks to: State W. M. U. Treasurer.

Latest Reports On Special Offerings

The total received on the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** for Foreign Missions, as of July 6, is \$48,415.03.

The total received on the **Annie Armstrong Offering** for Home Missions, as of the same date, is \$19,099.86.

The total received on the **Narcotic Education Fund**, as of July 6, is \$1,556.29. This fund is for the purpose of paying the salary and travel of Miss Mae Wilhelm, who is engaged in teaching the evil effects of alcohol and other narcotics through the schools, and civic and church groups. The work was started in September, 1947, and we had hoped to have a total of \$2,000 for this project by this time. A total of \$200.98 was contributed by the districts during the recent meetings. If any organization has not had a share in helping to promote this work, please send in an offering for this purpose immediately.

Good News That Inspires!

Charles Hampton, pastor of First Church, Glenwood, writes that the Brotherhood of Park Place Church, Hot Springs, recently brought to their people a devotional service which did them much good. The service was led by C. J. Moore, president of the Park Place Brotherhood, who was assisted by Dall DePriest, Mr. Gather, and others. Mr. Gather showed the film, "The Romance of a Century."

According to Brother Hampton, the Park Place Brotherhood is reaching out in every direction with the above program of work, going anywhere within a hundred mile radius. They have recently been to Malvern, Prescott, Owensville, and other places. Their activities are the result of a diligent heart-search to find the answer to the question, "What can I do for Christ?" They are finding the answer in going and witnessing for Him (Matthew 28:18-20).

Brother Hampton also writes that, since the start of these activities, God has called two men of the Park Place Brotherhood into the ministry. Two others have surrendered to the Lord, and are waiting for Him to point the way to the work that He wants them to do.

If your church desires the services of this consecrated group of men of the Park Place Brotherhood, write C. J. Moore, Park Place Church, Hot Springs.

We thank Brother Hampton for his letter giving us such good inspirational news.

D. C. Bandy has recently gone to Park Place Church to be pastor. We believe that Brother Bandy and his Brotherhood are going to make the influence at Park Place Church felt mightily for Christ, both at Hot Springs and in regions round about, and in many regions afar off.

Recently, Ralph D. Dodd, pastor of First Church, Stuttgart, led his church in a Brotherhood revival. Assisting him were Nelson Tull, state Brotherhood secretary, who did the speaking; and Robert James, educational director of First Church, West Memphis, who led the singing. The people of the church responded well to the call to go afield with Christ after the lost. Visible results of the revival were 33 additions to the church, 27 coming by baptism.

The Stuttgart church has in it some of the finest Christian men to be found anywhere, men who live close to the Lord and who work with their pastor to bring God's will to pass within their church and community. The church also has a life service band of some 27 young people who have surrendered their lives for full

time Christian work. These young people were very active during the revival.

Robert James, who led the singing during the Stuttgart revival, has accepted the call to become educational director of Second Church, Little Rock, where Dr. M. Ray McKay is pastor. He will take up his new duties July 15.

Brother James is a capable and talented young Christian man; one who is willing to use all that he has for the Lord, and willing to go and present the claims of Christ to those who are lost.

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Brotherhood Week At Ridgecrest

We are encouraged to believe that Arkansas is going to be well represented this year at the annual Brotherhood Conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. We are hoping that still other Arkansas men shall decide to attend this very worthwhile assembly, taking their wives and families along with them.

The time is August 5-11.

During Brotherhood Week, there will be three other conferences: The Foreign Mission Conference, always an inspiration to those who attend; the Editorial Conference; and the Young Men's Mission Conference. Each conference is a separate affair, but all people at the assembly are thrown together at meal time, during recreation periods, and at the two general assembly periods each day. It is a real privilege to go to Ridgecrest!

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	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	940	284	2
Including Missions	1245	473	5
Ft. Smith, First	849	325	1
El Dorado, First	725	169	2
Hot Springs, Second	527	148	1
Paragould, First	505	182	1
El Dorado, Second	437	142	19
Benton, First	414	81	5
Including Mission	455		
Fayetteville, First	398	128	2
Including Mission	438	166	
Camden, First	387	107	4
Including Mission	471	164	
Little Rock Tabernacle	380	120	2
Hope, First	357	73	
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	343	76	
Hot Springs, Central	334	127	1
Including Mission	391		
Fordeyce, First	313	127	8
Siloam Springs, First	311	188	4
Little Rock, Gaines St.	302	207	6
Rogers, First	302	104	
Hamburg, First	291	118	
Hot Springs, Park Place	284	78	
Springdale, First	271	182	
Including Missions	405		
Russellville, First	257	56	3
Including Mission	297	90	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	250	63	
Little Rock, S. Highland	249	78	5
Gentry	239	109	3
Hot Springs, First	239	89	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	231	111	35
Paris, First	223	99	2
Pine Bluff, Second	223	84	8
Harrison, First	217	102	
Including Mission	277	122	
El Dorado, West Side	207	62	
Texarkana, Calvary	197	88	
Prescott, First	197	88	
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	189	87	
Cullendale	182	101	
Ft. Smith, Southside	178	61	8
DeWitt, First	162	43	
Greenwood, First	159	61	
Elaine, First	143	73	4
Hot Springs, Lake			
Hamilton	119	64	
South Fort Smith	76	38	
Walcott	75	39	
South Texarkana	68	43	
Ft. Smith, Bethlehem	38	29	

Summer Field Work

Seventy-five churches will be served by 32 Summer Field Workers from July 25 to August 28, under the direction of Ralph Davis. These 32 college young people will work in the churches of the following associations: Boone-Carroll, Newton County, Clear Creek, White County, Caroline, and Carey.

During the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs, July 15-22, these workers will receive their training before beginning their work. Among other things, they plan to enlist at least 4,000 people in Daily Bible reading this summer. During the summer, the state Training Union director plans to speak in at least 50 of the 75 churches.

PERSONALITY PROFILES



Mrs. C. D. Sallee Jr



Mrs. R. H. Reasor

Mrs. C. D. Sallee Jr., Morrilton, and Mrs. Ralph Reasor, Smackover, are members of the music faculty for the assembly, which opens Thursday night, July 15.

Mrs. Sallee, who studied at Magnolia A. and M. College, Ouachita, and Southern Baptist Seminary School of Music, and has taught piano and voice for several years, is at present director of the Youth Choirs at the First Baptist Church, Morrilton. She will be in charge of the Rhythm Band for children 4 and 5 years of age at the assembly.

Mrs. Reasor received her Bachelor of Music degree from Baylor University, where she studied voice and organ, and was a member of the a capella choir. She and Miss

Dorothy Weaver will combine their classes of Youth Choir Work teaching all the intermediates.

Other members of the music faculty who have not been introduced through these pages recently are Rick Jernigan and Jack Rowe.

Mr. Jernigan, who is majoring in music at Ouachita College, will work with Mrs. Roy Paslay in the class for boys and girls of junior age called "The Junior Sings."

Mr. Rowe, former director of the Ouachita College Choir and also the choir at Central Church, Hot Springs, and lately a music major at the School of Music in Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, will teach the book, "Music In Worship."

Winners In Pulaski County Associational Hymn-Playing Tournament

Betty Jean Sims, receiving "superior" rating, and Mike Stuart receiving "excellent" rating, were named representative and alternate respectively in the Pulaski County Associational Elimination Hymn-playing Tournament held Sunday, June 27, at First Church, Little Rock. Both musicians are twelve years of age, and both will participate in the State Hymn-playing Tournament, which will take place at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs, Monday, July 19, at 3:00 p. m.

Betty Jean, entered from Immanuel Church, Little Rock, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sims; Mike, entered from the Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stuart. Mrs. Kate Bossinger, Mrs. David Tipton, and Mrs. Emile Trebing, served as judges. Hatcher Hoyt served as auditor. Roland Leath, Little Rock, is the associational music director.

The Ouachita Associational Training Union Rally met with the Hatton Church, June 13, with five churches represented and 115 attending. A good program was presented with much interest shown in junior and intermediate work. Miss Ruth Wilson is the associational Training Union director.

40 Associational Rallies

According to the denominational calendar of activities during December 6-10, forty associational Training Union meetings will be conducted in forty associations by eight teams of two men to the team. These will be night meetings.

The work of the local Training Union will be discussed by these men, and the associational Train-

ing Union officers will do everything possible to promote a good attendance at each meeting.

For several years one day in December has been designated as South-wide Training Union Day, but beginning last year in Arkansas, eight teams have gone into 40 associations to conduct these meetings. These meetings will take the place of South-wide Training Union night.

Is Your Sunday School a Standard School?

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Vacation Bible School Reports Are Now Due

A large number of Vacation Bible Schools were held during the month of June. Many of these have sent us reports, but some have not. We want a report of your school, and of every school held in the state this year. If your school has not been reported, won't you please see that we get a report at an early date? Report blanks will be sent upon request made to your State Sunday School Department.

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By VIRGINIA WEBSTER

"Christ is the Answer" has been the theme of many Baptist meetings in recent months. We have heard wonderful messages setting forth this truth as it is related to various problems of our day, from the local ones to those that are world-wide. And, "Christ is the Answer" in the field of education, also.

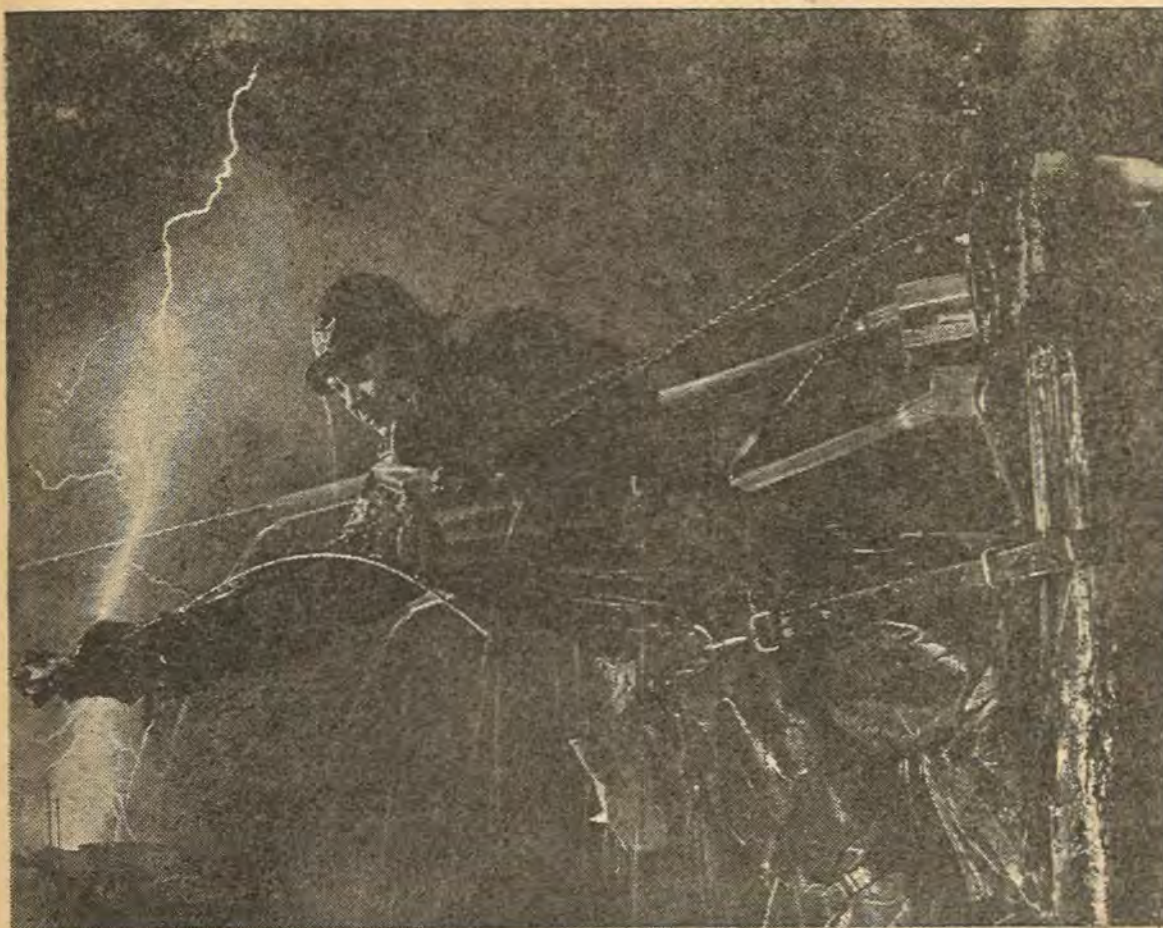
That education is making rapid progress in our world today is an established fact. But education without Christ is very dangerous. When man attempts to cultivate the God-created mental resources without considering the Creator, he has omitted the first prerequisite to success.

Christian education is education which recognizes the necessity of Christ's teachings being pre-eminent in every area of life. This fact is very important to all who are interested in the spread of the kingdom of Christ. College students who learn the proper place of Christ in their lives will be the best fitted to meet the problems of tomorrow. These students will be the ones who will say, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" And, whether it is to be a homemaker, a business man or woman, a doctor, a preacher, or to fill a place in any one of the thousands of occupations that are open to youth today—if it is His will—it will lead toward the building of a more Christian world in which to live.

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Naomi, Woman Of Faith

By Mrs. ROLAND LEATH

Several weeks ago we mentioned the fact that the Bible contains two books which have the name of a woman as the title: Esther and Ruth. We studied the life and character of Esther; and we find our lesson for this week in the book of Ruth. But, we are not concerned with the character, Ruth, but her mother-in-law, Naomi. This small book contains only four chapters. In these chapters, there are eighty-five verses in which many interesting and inspiring truths are to be found. Ruth is found in the sacred canon between Judges and 1 Samuel. "It is a gem set between the ermine of the Judges and the purple of the Kings." A picture of life during the times of the Judges is revealed here; the characters of two women portrayed with their faith as an inspiration to all who read of them; the boundless grace of God is a great Christian cornerstone fully revealed; the Messenic line is continued.

Naomi, Sustained by Grace

This is the third in our series of "Unheralded Bible Characters." We pass on to you the statement of Dr. Clark: "We believe this account of Naomi was preserved and published for the encouragement of people who occupy inconspicuous places. God knows them; He understands them; He appreciates their faith, love, and service, and in due time He will reward them." We can definitely see the hand and will of God working in this devout woman's heart and life for, even through triple sorrow and loss, she walks in faith and brings joy to others and to her own heart.

The story of Naomi, her husband, Elimelech, and her sons, Mahlon and Chilion, is familiar to all. Many believe that the Great Reaper visited this family suddenly and quickly because of their lack of confidence in God, because famine in their home town, Bethlehem, drove them out to a foreign land. You will notice that the word of God has no rebuke; only a great deal of consequent sorrow. We do have Naomi's own words, "I went out full and the Lord hath brought me home again empty" (Ruth 1:21). She left home with her companion, her two boys, and with hope for the future. Full indeed was her heart and life. The boys grew to manhood, married Orpah and Ruth, Moabite women, only to die, leaving no sons or daughters. Death claimed her loved one, Elimelech, leaving her alone with her two daughters-in-law.

Naomi determined to return to her homeland, and surely we can understand how empty she felt, how alone she actually was, but she had the faith to go ahead and the desire for a new life in the land of her God.

Sunday School Lesson

For July 18, 1948

Ruth 1:16-18; 2:20; 4:14-17

Naomi, A True Witness

Naomi left her home in Moab, in the company of her two daughters-in-law. They were walking a part of the way with her because of their love and respect for her. Much is told about the character of Naomi, and of her faithful witness in her daily life to the God she trusted by the incident here recorded. These young women wept as they thought of parting from their mother-in-law. Yet, she entreated them to return to their own homes and mothers, to their land with its customs and idols. Orpah, with a kiss and much weeping, turned toward her home.

Ruth is different. Probably, Orpah loved Naomi, the mother of the one who had been her husband, as devotedly as did Ruth, but another tie bound Ruth to Naomi. That tie was divine. Naomi had been a faithful and true witness for her Lord. We can well imagine that Naomi lived her Christianity in her family relationships, that she talked many times of God and the land of Israel. Ruth wanted the hope and faith in her heart and soul that she must have felt in Naomi. One of the most beautiful and impressive statements in all literature is that speech of Ruth, "Intreat me not to leave thee. . . Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Ruth chose the God of Naomi as her God. Dr. Newton emphatically voices his opinion concerning this: "Ruth, from that moment, believed in God." She probably was interested, convicted, and convinced as she learned of Jehovah and this is her confession!

Seeing the resolution of Ruth, Naomi did not try to dissuade her, but the two of them returned to the land of Judah.

Naomi, Happy, Honored, and Blessed

Naomi returns home saying, "call me Nara" because of her sorrow and loss, but her loneliness and bitterness of soul is soon re-

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placed by hope, joy, and gratitude. We do not have space to go into the details of the story but from this time forward another character, Boaz, plays a prominent part.

Ruth, the younger woman, goes into the fields to glean in order to provide means of livelihood for her and Naomi. To the fields of Boaz, the kinsman of Naomi, went Ruth. There she found favor in his sight with the result that she made an acceptable living and aroused the love and protection of Boaz. Naomi's faith is rewarded and she happily says to Ruth, "It is good, my daughter."

Naomi's latter days were filled with joy and honor, and she sincerely cried, "Blessed be the Lord."

Her cup of happiness overflowed when the child of Ruth and Boaz was laid in her arms. ". . . And they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David" (4:17).

Yea, how highly honored and blessed of God was this little home for the little son was a link in a mighty chain. The grace of God was clearly seen for Ruth, the Moabite, was among the ancestry of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:5).

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Annual meeting dates of Arkansas Baptists' district associations are given below. These are important meetings, when reports of all the denominational work are brought to central meeting places in every section of the state so that many Baptists may attend, learn of the kingdom work, and be inspired.

Very likely there are errors in this list. If you will inform us, we will be glad to make corrections. Some data is incomplete, but this is the best information received to date in the State Secretary's office.

Stone-Van Buren

Place: Lexington Baptist Church.
Moderator: Claude Jenkins, Clinton, Ark.
Vice Moderator: Chester Roten, Leslie, Ark.
Clerk: Mrs. May Roberts, Timbo, Ark.
Date: September 2-3.

White River

Place: Whiteville Baptist Church, Gassville, Ark., Rt. 1.
Moderator: W. B. O'Neal, Yellville, Ark.
Vice Moderator: D. F. Yates, Cotter, Ark.
Clerk: Ralph T. Grigg, Gassville, Ark.
Date: September 2-3.

Trinity

Place: First Baptist Church, Harrisburg, Ark.
Moderator: John Collier, Harrisburg, Ark.
Vice Moderator: Edgar Griffin, Trumann, Ark.
Clerk: C. F. Barnett, 325 Madison, Jonesboro, Ark.
Date: September 7-8.

Clear Creek

Place: Mulberry Baptist Church, Mulberry, Ark.
Moderator: Don Hook, Ozark, Ark.
Vice Moderator: T. H. Jordan, Van Buren, Ark.
Clerk: D. O. Stuckey, Alma, Ark.
Date: September 14-15.

Little Red River

Place: Floral, Pleasant Hill, Ark.
Moderator: D. L. Garrett, Floral, Ark.
Vice Moderator: W. B. O'Neal, Newport Rt., Batesville, Ark.
Clerk: Mrs. C. F. Moore, Box 47, Heber Springs, Ark.
Date: September 16-17.

Boone-Carroll

Place: Harrison, First Church, Harrison, Ark.
Moderator: Gray Evans, Berryville, Ark.
Vice Moderator: E. F. Cox, Omaha, Ark.
Clerk: W. A. Odell, Omaha, Ark.
Date: September 15-16.

Buckville

Place: Cedar Glades, Ark.
Moderator: P. M. Williams, Buckville, Ark.
Vice Moderator:
Clerk: J. D. Bradley, Buckville, Ark.
Date: September 24.

Perry County

Place: Houston, Ark.
Moderator: Lawrence Ferrell, Arkadelphia, Ark.

Vice Moderator: J. N. Brown, Bigelow, Ark.
Clerk: Mrs. R. E. Dismukes, Bigelow, Ark.
Date: September 25.

Ouachita

Place: Yocana Baptist Church.
Moderator: J. M. Holman, Gillham, Ark.
Vice Moderator: H. V. Wilson, Gillham, Ark.
Clerk: M. L. Wallis, Board Camp, Ark.
Date: September 30, 7:30 p. m.

Buckner

Place: Dayton Baptist Church, Mansfield, Ark.
Moderator: David Moore, Hartford, Ark.
Vice Moderator: Vernon Yarbrough, Waldron, Ark.
Clerk: Herman Highfill, Mansfield, Ark.
Date: September 30-October 1.

Caddo River

Place: Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Alf, Ark.
Moderator: J. P. Emery, Story, Ark.
Vice Moderator: W. B. Essman, Amity, Ark.
Clerk: Roy Wright, Mount Ida, Ark.
Date: October 4-5. Beginning Monday evening, October 4, at 7:00 o'clock.

Little River

Place: First Baptist Church, Ashdown, Ark.
Moderator: W. E. Perry, Nashville, Ark.
Vice Moderator: W. E. Baucum, Murfreesboro, Ark.
Clerk: Lawson Hatfield, Ashdown, Ark.
Date: October 5.

Benton County

Place: Pea Ridge Baptist Church.
Moderator: B. N. Simmons, Siloam Springs, Ark.
Vice Moderator: Melvis Coffelt, Bentonville, Ark., Rt. 1.
Clerk: Edgar Harvey, Gravette, Box 296.
Date: October 5-6.

Big Creek

Place: Salem Baptist Church, Salem, Ark.
Moderator: Alphus Capps, Mammoth Spring, Ark.
Vice Moderator: Tom Pool, Salem, Ark.
Clerk: Roy Roby, Viola, Ark.
Date: October 6-7.

Carey

Place: Prosperity Baptist Church, Fordyce, Ark.
Moderator: John M. Basinger, Sparkman, Ark.
Vice Moderator: C. A. Maule Jr., Arkadelphia, Ark.
Clerk: H. S. Coleman, Bearden, Ark.
Date: October 7.

Concord

Place: Bailey Hill Church, Ft. Smith, Ark.
Moderator: H. C. Seefeldt, Paris, Ark.
Vice Moderator:
Clerk: H. E. Marsh, 1905 Tilles Ave., Ft. Smith, Ark.
Date: September 30, 10 a. m.

Dardanelle-Russellville

Place: Plainview, Ark.
Moderator: J. A. O. Russell, Dardanelle, Ark.

Vice Moderator: C. D. Sallee, Morrilton, Ark.
Clerk: C. E. Archer, Atkins, Ark.
Date: October 14.

Central

Place: First Baptist Church, Bauxite, Ark.
Moderator: T. K. Rucker, Malvern, Ark.
Vice Moderator:
Clerk: S. A. Wiles, Malvern, Ark.
Date: October 7-8, 10:00 a. m.

Mississippi County

Place: Wilson Baptist Church, Wilson, Ark.
Moderator: P. H. Jernigan, Blytheville, Ark.
Vice Moderator: W. M. Robertson, Rt. 1, Tyronza, Ark.
Clerk: C. R. Banks, Rt. 1, Tyronza, Ark.
Date: October 7-8.

Pulaski County

Place:
Moderator: W. O. Vaught Jr., 1000 Bishop St., Little Rock, Ark.
Vice Moderator: Owen W. Moran, 418 Willow, Little Rock, Ark.
Clerk: J. L. Ingram, 507 No. Polk, Little Rock, Ark.
Date: October 11.

Harmony

Place: Matthews Memorial, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Moderator: A. B. Pierce, 1003 W. 6th, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Vice Moderator: T. T. Newton, Rison, Ark.
Clerk: L. G. Whitehorn, Rt. 7, Box 571, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Date: October 12.

Tri-County

Place: Parkin, Ark.
Moderator: Joe Sullivan, Earle, Ark.
Vice Moderator: S. H. Haley, Parkin, Ark.
Clerk:
Date: October 12.

Bartholomew

Place: North Side Baptist Church, Monticello, Ark.
Moderator: Stanley Jordan, Hamburg, Ark.
Vice Moderator: Rolla Nixon, Fountain Hill, Ark.
Clerk: R. R. Shreve, Monticello, Ark.
Date: October 12-13.

Red River

Place: First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, Ark.
Moderator: Fred A. White, Prescott, Ark.
Vice Moderator: Marvin Gennings, Arkadelphia, Ark.
Clerk: Kenneth R. Grant, Gurdon, Ark.
Date: October 12-13.

Liberty

Place: Beach Springs Assembly Grounds, Rt 1, Louann, Ark.
Moderator: R. H. Reasor, Smackover, Ark.
Vice Moderator: C. A. Johnson, 729 Marsh El Dorado, Ark.
Clerk: Garland Anderson, Camden, Ark.
Date: October 12-13.

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