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—H. Armstrong Roberts.

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## Give The Churches Back To The Laymen

By DOTSON M. NELSON, JR., Pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Kansas City, Missouri

My father is a deacon in a Baptist Church. He was a deacon long before his son was a preacher. Perhaps that is why I have such a high opinion of laymen in the church and the Kingdom of God. I have never known a preacher who thought as much of the church as my father does. I have never known a preacher who gave as sacrificially both of money and time as my father does.

When this preacher was "climbing fool's hill," the pole star that stabilized his compass was his father's faith. Most of the preaching I heard, some good—some bad, went in one ear and out the other. But the fact that my folk had religion left a spark in the chill of my heart which God fanned to a flame.

### Thinking for Church

Then, in the providence of God, I became a preacher. My hands followed my heart to the task. I began to preach, to seek to win men to Christ, and to be an administrator of church affairs. I thought of myself as a spiritual leader which is imminently proper. Soon I began to make decisions for my church, to think for them. They let me do it. I was the church to those outside our local congregation. I liked it. It was fun. I even fancied myself protecting my congregation by deciding not to present certain appeals. I was no different from my preacher friends.

### On Same Footing

But a great awakening has come to me. At least, I hope it has. I want to give the church back to the laymen. Baptists believe in the local church and in its independence and autonomy. Baptists believe in operating a spiritual democracy. Every member, including the preacher, is on the same footing in our congregational form of government.

Have you been to a Convention lately, even a State Convention? Surely you've been to a district association. Who headed the committees? Who spoke to the reports? Who really and truly made the decisions? The language may be inelegant but the answer is "us preachers." Now the decisions are mostly good. I have no complaint with that. Preachers are great folks. I like my job and I like my preacher brethren. But I don't believe

it is right or really in line with Baptist principles. I want to give the church back to the laymen. I am afraid of an "unofficial hierarchy" or an "unceremonial priesthood" even if I am in it.

It works better too, believe it or not! Just three or four months ago, the finance committee of our church met to consider a 1950 budget. Our church in contributing more than liberally to a Baptist Hospital, and to a building program, was, I considered, pretty well "drained dry." I counseled caution, retrenchment, care. Then I sat down, confidently awaiting the plaudits of the committee. The chairman, a "hardheaded" business man, rose and said, "Pastor, this is no time for retrenchment but for advance." That committee adopted a budget of \$10,000 more than I expected; fifty per cent of it for missions, and what is more, the church oversubscribed it. The preacher was the one who had the anchor dragging—not the laymen. Let's turn these laymen loose.

### Spiritual Potential

But these laymen of ours are more than financial geniuses. They have high spiritual potential. My men still laugh good-naturedly at their pastor's experience during the first great visitation evangelism week we had three years ago. I went out four nights, worked hard, prayed much, but was only able to win one man to commitment to Christ. That same week two of our laymen won seven to Christ and the church. They can do it better than we can. Let's turn these laymen loose.

And then, all these disturbances within our fellowship—are laymen interested in them? Not if the scores I have talked to are any criterion. They are not particularly interested in how the "i" is dotted or the "t" is crossed but they are interested in carrying the message of the love of God to this lonesome, weary, frustrated world. They may not know how to say "shibboleth" but they know what Jesus Christ has done for their lives and they can tell of it, too. The hope of the world and of our denomination is in its laymen more than its preachers. Let's give the churches back to the laymen!

## Roman Catholics Perturbed

By J. W. DAWSON

Our editorial in the November issue of *Report From the Capital*, entitled, "Pope Instructs Public Officials Administer Law in Behalf of the Church," apparently created keen apprehensions in Roman Catholic ranks. The National Catholic Welfare Conference demanded proofs of charges made in the article and shouted that there must be no more name-calling. The Archbishop declared his people, as a result of what Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State has done, "are in a very precarious position." They are indeed, as to their demands on the Government! We replied that proofs had been shown the public and would continue to be offered. Instead of calling names, which we have never indulged in, we merely refuse to allow free speech to be silenced and Constitutional action to be killed by our being called "bigots," and proceed to press for decisions which are in harmony with the American system. Whereupon Archbishop Cushing and

the Jesuit Weekly *America* really lashed out by calling us "KU-KLUXERS," "dishonest," and "notorious."

Alarmed over this turn, the Father Thomas J. McCarthy, Executive Director, National Catholic Welfare Conference Bureau of Information, in a requested conference with the Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, urged that in the face of Protestant-Catholic tensions, name-calling and emotional appeals contribute nothing toward a right decision in the present nation-wide debate on church-state relations, and that the debators should confine themselves strictly to the issues and on a high Christian level. Wonderful that the light is breaking at last! We stated to him that a frank and full public discussion of the issues at stake is the only true democratic process for reaching decisions in America. We further stated that this Church, however sincere, holds to radically different conceptions of church-state relations from us, and that he could not expect us to budge from our own sincere convictions.

## Too Big For Us

A Devotion By the Editor

"Ye believe in God, believe also in Me."

There are many things too big for us. In fact, everything is too big for us.

Sin is too big for us to meet alone, and handle by our own strength. We are the inevitable losers; sin is the inevitable victor, if we undertake to deal with sin by our own wisdom and strength.

Life is too big for us. We cannot meet life, answer its challenges, overcome its difficulties, enter upon its opportunities, solve its problems, or understand its issues by ourselves alone. Coming to the final end of life, we must give up all.

Death is too big for us. We cannot meet and conquer death; it is the final victor over all living creatures, the grim reaper by whom all living things are laid low.

God is too big for us. We cannot meet God and live. The Israelites felt that if they came face to face with God, they would perish. Eternity is too big for us. We cannot face eternity and determine our eternal destiny.

What then shall we do? Are we helpless figures on the chessboard of time? Are there no possibilities of overcoming our disadvantages and meeting successfully these issues which baffle us and overawe us when we approach them alone and in our own strength and wisdom?

We have the answer to these questions in the words of Jesus: "Ye believe in God, believe also in Me." Jesus is the answer to every need and every issue of life.

Is sin a blight upon life? Does life place upon us burdens which we cannot bear? Is death a fearsome monster towards which each day is carrying us a little nearer? Does God seem far away and vengeful? Is eternity a black darkness that cannot be penetrated, a realm unknown and forbidding?

Do these questions haunt you and trouble you? Then I refer you to the words of John the Baptist: "... there standeth One among you, whom ye know not." For if you know Jesus, if you are conscious of His presence, if you are abiding in Him as He encouraged you to do, you will not let your "heart be troubled," because in Him you meet every issue of life and death and eternity. And in Him you find that God is friendly, approachable, and easy to be entreated.

Why then should any one grope his way in darkness, or yield to the unfriendly forces by which life is beset? Or why should any one go down in defeat, when it is possible for all to be "more than conquerors" through Him who said:

"Let not your heart be troubled; Ye believe in God, believe also in Me." John 14:1

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## From the Editor's Desk

### Will Arkansas Churches Hold The Rope?

Angling at the end of the rope, known among us as the Cooperative Program, is every cause of Christ, as represented in the Baptist program in Arkansas and in the Southern Baptist Convention. The churches back home are holding the other end of the Cooperative Program rope.

The Baptist program can advance no further and no faster than the Cooperative Program rope will allow them. Our Baptist agencies and institutions, which exist solely for the purpose of promoting that program, can do no more than is provided them by the Cooperative Program rope. When the churches lengthen the rope, the program advances, and the agencies and institutions render a more effective service. When the churches draw in the rope, not only is the program halted and the agencies restricted, but retrenchment is called for.

Unless our Baptist churches in Arkansas put into the Cooperative Program in 1950 what, in former years, they gave to special campaigns, our Baptist program in the state will not only come to a stand still, but retrenchment will be necessary along many lines.

#### 1949 Gifts Near Million

For instance, in 1949 Arkansas Baptists gave \$598,036.19 through the Cooperative Program and \$304,142.25 in designated contributions, making a total of \$902,178.44. Our state budget for 1950 is \$1,016,666.67, or \$114,488.23 more than was actually con-

tributed in 1949. However, Dr. Bridges reports that Cooperative Program receipts in January amounted to only 61 per cent of the total budget for the year, and only 77 per cent of the operating budget. Now the operating budget of \$796,666.67 is the minimum amount required to hold the line, and the balance of \$220,000 is for capital needs for our three colleges, the orphanage, and the hospital.

The State Convention threw a rope, the Cooperative Program, consisting of an operating budget, to our state and southwide agencies and institutions. Will the Baptist people back home in the local churches hold the rope, will they let the rope slip, will they draw the rope in? These questions can be answered only by the people back home.

#### No Preferred Items

There are no preferred items in our state budget; every department, every agency, and every institution receives only its percentage of the total receipts each month and must operate within its income. If receipts fall short by 23 per cent for any month, as they did in January, it means that the operations of every department of our program must be brought within the actual income. This fact emphasizes the vital importance of our churches making their monthly remittance promptly. It also emphasizes the importance of the individual members making their weekly contributions to the local church budget.

### Only Real Solution Is Increased Allocations

How shall we meet the present situation relative to the 1950 budget? Perhaps no one method would solve the problem. First of all, and always, we should lay upon the hearts of all our people their stewardship responsibility. Christian stewardship, with the tithe as the minimum, would solve every material problem and meet every financial need of Kingdom work as represented in our Baptist program. God's financial plan is the only sufficient plan we have.

#### Churches Increase Allocations

We believe all our churches could increase their allocations to the Cooperative Program, even though they have already made up their budgets and started operation un-  
it. A church budget can be reopened at any time and inequities corrected and adjustments made. In view of the present situation, every church in the state should reconsider whether or not it is carrying its share of the Cooperative Program budget.

Here is a small town church giving \$1,000 per month to the Cooperative Program. In comparison there are large churches giving

no more than that, or but little more. Some of our churches do not give regularly. For instance, less than 500 churches out of 1,000 sent any contribution for the Cooperative Program in January. Many others will contribute later, but in the meantime expenses go on just the same.

Surely there are at least ten churches in the state which should increase their contributions to the Cooperative Program by \$300 to \$500 per month. Are there not forty more churches which could increase their allocations to the Cooperative Program by \$100 per month? Could not fifty churches be found that would increase their allocations by \$50 per month? Another 100 churches would surely be able to increase their Cooperative Program gifts by \$25 per month. There ought to be 500 churches that would increase their contributions by \$10 per month. Surely all the rest could raise theirs by \$5 per month.

#### A Challenge

We challenge every pastor in the state to sit down with his finance committee and

### Denominational Children

Addressing the individual Baptists back home and in the local churches, we would say that the denomination work is yours, the whole state and southern programs are yours, the institutions are yours, the agencies are yours, the departments at Baptist Headquarters are yours. All these are the children of your co-operative prayers, planning, purposes, and stewardship. They all came into existence, not by the efforts of those whom you have chosen to direct and administer them, but by the cumulative effort and prayers of Arkansas Baptists during the past hundred years. These are strong, healthy children of yours, but if you reduce their rations, undernourishment will weaken them to a point where the efficiency and effectiveness of their operations will be greatly impaired.

#### Making Brick Without Straw

You have assigned to these children of yours certain tasks, you have given them a job to do. Are they expected to make brick without straw? Can they perform their assigned duties, if you withhold from them the resources required for the performance of those duties? You would not send a person into the forest to fell a tree without providing him with the necessary tools for the task. Will you commit to your agencies and institutions certain tasks, but withhold from them the resources necessary to the performance of those tasks?

The personnel responsible for the administration of your agencies and institutions are your servants, obedient to the will of the denomination. They are carrying tremendous responsibilities. They are capable, sincere, consecrated Christian people who have responded to the call of the denomination and are giving their best, their all to the cause of Christ in the positions in which the denomination has placed them. There is no quicker or more effective way to break their hearts, their spirits, and their health than to lay upon them such heavy responsibilities and assign them to such big tasks and then leave them with inadequate resources to do the job.

#### God's Money

God has enough money in the pockets of Arkansas Baptists to meet every need of our Baptist program, and to further expand that program. Let us not rob God of His tithes and offerings, and so starve the agencies and institutions to which we as a denomination have committed the promotion of His Kingdom work as represented in our Cooperative Program.

earnestly, sincerely, conscientiously, prayerfully, under God and by the Holy Spirit study the church budget with a view to increasing the allocation to the Cooperative Program. Such a re-study of the church budget should be made in the light of what the church is spending on its local program and in the light of the broader field of Christian service around the world.



# Kingdom Progress

## A Letter to Arkansas Baptists

It was my privilege on February 6 to drop in at our Baptist Headquarters. I found the General Secretary and representatives from all departments in a prayer meeting. They meet often in prayer. The thing that stirred me most was the object of prayer.

The Secretary had just announced that in January only sixty-one per cent of the total budget had been met, and only seventy-one per cent of the operating budget had been met. I do not believe that the thousand or so churches met only sixty-one per cent of their local budgets for January.

I am wondering what we are going to do about this. The workers at Headquarters cannot solve the problem. The pastors cannot solve the problem. The Lord can solve it, but for the Lord to solve the problem, He must have the co-operation of the members of His churches. Members must be willing for Him to have His way in their lives and with their means.

Our budget is a large one. Baptists are large in numbers. Above all, we have a great God to lead us. An average of fifty cents per month per member will reach our budget. Is it too much to ask for an average of fifty cents per month from our members for a world-wide program? Really, do you not think it is too little?

First, let us all pray about our State budget, and for all our work.

Second, let us lay it on the hearts of our people and let them know about the program.

Third, let us all work together to carry on this great program of our Lord.

Just an interested Baptist,

W. M. Pratt.

*Editor's Note: We challenge every pastor in Arkansas to lay this matter upon your own heart, and upon the hearts of your people, as Pastor Pratt has done. And write us telling us what you plan to do about the situation.*

## Stewardship Revival at Texarkana

Pastor C. C. Ussery and the Calvary Church of Texarkana conducted a stewardship revival the week of January 29 to February 5, with J. W. Buckner of the First Church, Crossett, as the visiting minister. The revival was climaxed on Sunday, February 5, with an offering of \$718.06 and 212 people signing tithing pledge cards. Pastor Ussery has been with the Calvary Church slightly less than three years. During this period the church membership has grown to over 500 and two new brick buildings have been constructed.

## Fourth Anniversary For Gray Evans and Berryville Church

Pastor Gray Evans and Berryville Church celebrated the pastor's fourth anniversary with the church on February 5. Notable improvements have been made along many lines; Sunday School attendance has grown from 91 to 200; Training Union from 24 to 92; Church membership from 223 to 322; the annual budget from \$4,440 to \$8,026.

The auditorium was under construction when Mr. Evans accepted the pastorate, it has been completed with brick-veneering on the outside and plastered inside; an educational building has been added including twelve class rooms, modern kitchen, and nursery. The building will adequately care for three hundred persons.

## The Assembly Suffers Also

By EDGAR WILLIAMSON

The Arkansas Baptist State Assembly monthly allocation in the 1950 Cooperative Program Budget is \$458.33. At the end of January the Assembly received \$356.81. This was \$101.52 short of the full allocation.

With the improvement program now in progress on the Assembly grounds near Siloam Springs the full allocation is greatly needed. The Board of Control has authorized the building of six new teaching pavilions and the clearing of the valleys at the South and West ends of the grounds. This and other improvement work is now in progress.

We urge all who love the State Assembly and have been blessed by it to do what is possible, working with the pastors and leaders in the churches to increase, and to send in regularly month by month contributions through the Cooperative Program.

A real crisis exists NOW. Everything possible should be done NOW to increase the contributions of church members through the churches and through the Cooperative Program. Regarding this need it is entirely possible to do too little, too late. Let us do our best NOW.

## New Church Organized

Don R. Hankins, ministerial student at Central College, has been called to pastor the First Baptist Church of Oak Grove, located on highway 65 near the entrance to Central College.

The organization of the church was completed Wednesday night, February 15, with twenty-two charter members. Officers of the new church are as follows: Mrs. Joe Howell, clerk; Roy Black, treasurer; Mrs. Roy Black, reporter; Joe Howell, Sunday School superintendent; Billie Robertson, Training Union Director; and Miss Betty Pierce, pianist.

Mr. Robertson and Miss Pierce are Central College students.

Pastor Hankins is a native of Lamar, Arkansas.

## Attention Business Women!

The Pulaski County Federation of Business Woman's Circles will meet Friday, February 24, for a dinner meeting at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock. Miss Amanda Tinkle, missionary to Africa, will be the guest speaker.



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February 26—Subject:

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At 2:30 P. M., CST, Sundays: KELD, El Dorado; KFSM, Fort Smith; KTHS, Hot Springs; KGHI, Little Rock; KCLA, Pine Bluff; KBRB, Springdale.

## Purl Stockton Available For Singing or Preaching



Purl Stockton, widely known in Arkansas as both an evangelistic singer and preacher, has resigned as assistant pastor of First Church, Little Rock, effective March 1. This position he held for the past fifteen months.

Mr. Stockton plans to re-enter the evangelistic field. He will be available for revival meetings, either as preacher or singer, or both. His address is: 321 South Martin, Little Rock, Arkansas.

## Russellville Church

### Employs Educational Director

James B. Johnson has accepted the position of Director of Music and Education with First Church, Russellville. Before coming to the Russellville Church on February 5, Mr. Johnson held a similar position with First Church, Tyronza. He is a graduate of Ouachita College.

W. E. Speed is the progressive pastor of the Russellville Church, having come to this pastorate in June of 1948. During the ministry of Pastor Speed the Russellville Church has made notable progress along all lines of church life and activity. An indication of that progress is the employment of the Director of Music and Education. This is the first experience of the Russellville Church in the employment of such a Director.

## Arkansas Club Elects Officers

The Arkansas Club at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, is quite an active organization. At a meeting on February 7, the following officers for the spring semester were elected: Tommy Welch, president; Mrs. Claud Bumpus, vice-president; Gerald Travis, secretary-treasurer; Ernest Mosley, social chairman; and Mrs. Bill Sawyer, reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Goodbar of Central College, North Little Rock, were visitors at this meeting.

## Five-Year Program Proposed

The proposed five-year program for Southern Baptists is taking shape, according to Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the S. B. C. Executive Committee. The latest step was an all-day conference of South-wide agency and institution executives. The leaders freely talked of their plans for the next five years. No effort was made to crystalize a program beyond 1951. The mass of information accumulated will be presented to the summer promotion conference of the Executive Committee meeting in Nashville next June.

Dr. Moore gives five results of the Dallas meeting:

An increased conviction of the need for a five-year program of work to be adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, as envisioned by recent action of the Executive Committee.

Round-table discussion of the plans and programs of each of the Convention agencies for the next five years.

A clearer view of certain major aspects of these programs, which should be reflected in the Convention's proposed five-year program.

An increased sense of the unity and interdependence of all our work.



## A City of Babies

Babies attract more attention, are responsible for more smiles, prompt more baby talk by adults, elicit more solicitation, and demand more care than any other group of people. A city of babies would certainly be unique, and would, no doubt, attract world-wide attention. Of course, there is no such city. However, Dr. Frank Tripp, Superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital of New Orleans, in his report to the Board of Directors meeting at the hospital on January 26, stated that "The number of babies born in the hospital since its beginning is sufficient to populate a fair size city—31,645."

Among other notable achievements of the Southern Baptist Hospital are 150,000 days of free service since the hospital was opened March 8, 1926 and a total of 335,705 people admitted to the hospital. The total investment in the hospital is \$2,500,000. Dr. Tripp pointed out that the free service given during the existence of the



hospital, amounting to \$1,188,000, totals more than has been received from the denomination.

Dr. Tripp reports that the total admissions for the year 1949 were the highest in the history of the institution—29,124 people

having received some type of care during the year. Of this number, 14,517 were "In Patients" and 11,887 were "Out Patients." It was reported that 2,720 babies were born in the hospital during 1949.

## Ground Breaking Services

If a collection is necessary to make a Baptist meeting thoroughly Baptist and orthodox, then the ground breaking service held by First Church, Arkadelphia, on February 5, was thoroughly Baptist and orthodox.

A love offering on this occasion resulted in a contribution of several thousand dollars, and was participated in alike by children and adults who placed their gifts in the miniature church building provided for the occasion.

The program consisted of scripture reading by the pastor, who also gave a brief historical sketch of First Church. Prayer was led by Dr. S. W. Eubanks, president of Ouachita College. The choir was under the direction of Paul Brown. W. T. Jones, Sunday School Superintendent, and Chairman of the Building Committee, spoke briefly on "The Purpose of the Occasion," and introduced members of the committees and recognized the architect, Bruce Anderson.

The new educational building for which the ground breaking service was held is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy next fall. The first floor will provide

space for the Young People and a chapel for prayer services and other like purposes. The second floor will provide for an Adult department, a Junior department, and an Intermediate department. The building will accommodate a Sunday School of 778.

The Arkadelphia church is planning an enlargement campaign next September when they expect to enter the new building. The overall building program of the Arkadelphia church calls for enlarging the present auditorium and the addition of a second educational building on the North side of the church.

Pastor Cothran says, "Many of the members in First Church feel that we ought to have one of the best arranged and one of the best equipped buildings to be found anywhere. We believe that the hundreds of young people who come to our colleges and to our church, along with others, should have the benefit of being a part of a well organized and fully graded church program. We also believe that our entire program should be Bible centered. To this end we are working, planning, and building."

## Texas Entertained Southern Baptist Editors

The Baptist Standard of Texas was host to the Southern Baptist Editors' Association on Thursday evening, February 9, at Dallas, Texas. The Baptist Standard entertained the editors in the new Baptist Standard Building which has only recently been completed, and a banquet was served in this building.

Editor David M. Gardner and his efficient staff of more than twenty members were most gracious hosts and were delighted, not only to provide the banquet for the Association of editors, but to show them through their new building.

Earlier in the afternoon of the same day the editors visited the new Baptist radio station in Dallas—KYBS. Each editor and each guest present was introduced over the air by R. E. Dudley, managing editor of the Baptist Standard.

The editors had met in Fort Worth on Tuesday, February 7, for their annual meeting, with Dr. R. T. Skinner, editor of the Western Recorder of Louisville, Kentucky, president; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor of the

Baptist Record of Mississippi, vice president; and Dr. L. L. Carpenter, editor of the Biblical Recorder of North Carolina, recording secretary. The outstanding feature of the three day program was a series of three lectures by Dr. W. F. Tanner, professor of journalism in Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, Oklahoma. Other features of the program consisted of round table discussions on practical questions relative to the various state publications and to routine business.

Dr. A. L. Goodrich of Mississippi was elected president to succeed Dr. R. T. Skinner of Kentucky; Dr. L. L. Carpenter of North Carolina succeeded Dr. A. L. Goodrich as vice-president; and Dr. W. Berry Garrett, editor of the Arizona Baptist Beacon was elected recording secretary to succeed Dr. Carpenter.

## Ringling Door Bells

There you go again; visit, visit, visit! No, that was not said by a person who visits. It was said by a person who does not visit. People who go visiting for Christ love it. They know it pays. Yes, it pays big dividends in happiness and rewards.

—Reese S. Howard

## 1950 Simultaneous Revival

"Our little church of Perla is in this revival. We are hoping and praying for big things from God. Our prayer is, 'God, awake America and bring her to her knees!'"

—Bill McIver, Pastor, Perla Church.

"Our church is making great plans and we are praying that our meeting during the Crusade shall be a revival like unto none we have ever had. We are already having an awakening in our church."

—R. O. Ekurt, Pastor, Strong.

"I am writing to let you know we plan to have our revival beginning April 9. I believe our only hope is in a revival, and if we fail in this I don't know what will happen to us."

—Earl Aitom, Kensett.

"Mt. Olive No. Two is making every plan possible for a great revival in April. We are dividing our territory into twelve areas and giving each deacon an area. We are going to try to have three prayer groups in each area, reaching into thirty-six homes each week, besides our regular Wednesday night prayer meeting."

—S. E. Powell, Hamburg.

"I am happy to assure you that our church will be in the Crusade. We are working and praying to that end now, and we feel that we are going to have a great out pouring of the Spirit."

—C. W. Womack, Perryville.

"We are going all out for the Simultaneous Revival."

—Charles D. Tibbels, Black Rock.

"Our church and the entire association is behind the Crusade. Our light may be small, but it will be burning."

—Jim Pleitz, Oden.

"Our church here in Clarendon is making plans for the coming revival in April. The results of our census really opened our eyes to the hundreds who know not Christ in our town. We are praying for a great out pouring of God's Spirit."

—John Holston, Clarendon.

"We have had the Spirit of God to descend upon us here. Seven grown people professed faith last Sunday and the crowds were excellent despite downpours of rain. Thank God!"

—Burton A. Miley, Marianna.

## Nelson Tull at Manila

Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary, was guest speaker on Tuesday night, February 14, at the meeting of the Brotherhood of the Manila Church. Besides Mr. Tull there were other visitors, from New Harmony Church, Leachville, Brown's Chapel, and Monette.

The Brotherhood of the Manila Church will sponsor the Simultaneous Revival in April. Pastor E. E. Greiver of First Church, Harrison, is engaged to do the preaching in this revival.



# \*\*\* Christian Horizons \*\*\*

## A Vicious Circle

Religious News Service reports on the situation concerning government support for church schools in England.

### From Catholics—

**Cardinal Addresses Rally Demanding More School Aid**—Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, addressed several thousand Roman Catholics assembled at Trafalgar Square in London, to demand increased aid for Catholic schools under the Education Act of 1944.

It had been announced that a silent march of protest would be held to dramatize the Catholic claim for relief from the assertedly heavy burden of financing the reorganization and extension of educational facilities imposed by the Education Act.

However, the parade was called off after police authorities had ruled it would be a political demonstration and subject to the official ban on all such marches. The question of more State aid to Church schools has become one of the major issues in the forthcoming general election.

In his address, Cardinal Griffin said the intention of the gathering was to pray openly and public so that God would bless every home in the country and grant a just settlement of the claims made by Catholic schools.

The cardinal was accompanied to the meeting by Bishop Cyril C. Cowderoy of Southwark, and Coadjutor Bishop George A. Beck of Brentwood.

### From Methodists—

Dr. W. E. Sangster, president-designate of the Methodist Conference of Great Britain, charged that the "real aim" of British Roman Catholics in regard to the issue of church school support is to have the entire cost of their schools paid from public money.

Preaching in Central Hall, Westminster, Dr. Sangster said that at present Roman Catholics were expected to only bear half the cost of modernizing their schools to meet standards demanded by the Education Act of 1944, and that the State "has already paid for everything else."

"The Catholics," he said, "are not asking for justice, but privilege—a prodigal privilege with the country in its present economic difficulties. The government has been generous, and was right to resist disturbing the arrangement agreed to freely by Roman Catholic authorities as recently as 1944."

Dr. Sangster asserted that "if we granted this privilege to one denomination, we could not deny it to others. The denominational schools have been treated generously and to ask for still more is unreasonable."

### From Church of England—

The Church of England Year-Book, in its latest issue, says there has been no lessening of the difficulties confronting church schools in maintaining standards demanded by the Education Act of 1944.

It said that if the Church of England is to retain its "aided" schools, further relief should be demanded.

"The estimated cost of building schools has become increasingly unreal," the publication stated, "and the managers' share of the cost is a far larger sum than was ever envisaged when the 1944 Act was passed."

## Liquor Bill

### Defeated in Mississippi

A bill which would have effectively repealed Mississippi's state-wide prohibition was defeated in the House of Representatives by a 67 to 58 vote.

Party leaders later conceded the issue is dead for the current legislative session. Rejection of the Price-Ross liquor referendum bill was hailed as a victory for religious leaders who formed the United Drys of Mississippi to oppose the legalization of liquor.

The Price-Ross proposal would have permitted package stores to operate on a local-option basis if voters of the entire state approved liquor sales in a summer election.

### Clergymen Help Prosecute Drunken Drivers

State Commissioner of Public Safety Paul W. Reed said in Tulsa, Oklahoma he would welcome the assistance of clergymen in prosecuting drunken drivers.

The Bristow clergymen volunteered to aid in a county program aimed at furnishing more concrete evidence of drunkenness by getting more reliable witnesses for the prosecution.

In his statement, the Safety Commissioner expressed gratitude to the Bristow ministers for agreeing to co-operate with the patrol in gaining the conviction of drunken drivers.

### Columbia Prepares for Revival

Several hundred persons attended morning prayer meetings at public buildings, department stores, and office buildings in downtown Columbia, South Carolina.

The prayer services, held by ministers of several denominations, were part of a program of preparation for an evangelistic crusade to be conducted here by evangelist Billy Graham, beginning Feb. 19.

The services at business places were in addition to cottage prayer meetings held during the past few weeks.

### Drinking No Problem At Church Colleges

Drinking on the campus of the church-sponsored college is either a very minor problem or no problem at all, according to a majority of the presidents of colleges affiliated with ten Protestant denominations.

This was revealed in a survey conducted by the National Temperance Movement, Inc., Chicago, which sent questionnaires to the college heads. Slightly over 44 per cent of those replying said campus drinking was a minor problem, and 31.1 per cent said it was no problem.

Fifty-one per cent of the presidents said they had very little trouble with off-campus drinking, while 16.4 per cent said it was no problem at all.

Eighty-seven per cent of the responses indicated that the colleges were teaching the moral aspects of the alcohol problem through the example of leaders, the general influence of Christian atmosphere and campus religious activities, chapel addresses and classroom lectures, and by the use of charts, posters, movies, pamphlets, magazine articles and reference volumes.

—Religious News Service

# A Smile or Two

A hardware supply house found one dealer particularly backward about settling his account. Letter after letter, first polite, then threatening, was dispatched, to no avail. At last a representative went to see him and asked, "Why haven't you sent us any more? Things going badly?"

"Oh, no," was the cheerful reply. "Everything is fine. But those letters of yours were so good I copied them and sent them out to my own delinquent customers, and they have brought in nearly everything that is owing me. I felt sure there must be another letter or two, so I was holding back until I had your complete series."

—Exchange

Definition: "A dime is a dollar with the taxes taken out."

The soldiers marched to the church and halted in the square outside. One wing of the edifice was undergoing repairs, so there was room for only about half the regiment.

"Sergeant," ordered the captain, "Tell the men who don't want to go to church to fall out."

A large number quickly availed themselves of the privilege.

"Now sergeant," said the captain, "dismiss all the men who did not fall out and march the others in—they need it most."

—Borrowed

The colored Baptist preacher had just finished an enthusiastic exhortation. "Now brudders and sisters, come up to de altar an' hab yo' sins washed away."

All came but one.

"Brudder Washington, don't yo' want yo' sins washed away?"

"I done had ma sins washed away."

"Yo' has! where'd yo' get hit done?"

"Ah, ober at de Methodist church."

"Brudder Washington, yo' ain't washed, yo' jes been dry-cleaned."

—Western Recorder

Shirley was racing around the porch with the neighbor's son close at her heels.

"Why are you chasing her?" Shirley's father asked.

"She pinched me," he replied.

He turned to Shirley. "Why did you pinch him?"

Blushing prettily she whispered to her father. "So he would chase me."

—The Baptist Observer

They are now making the Rip Van Winkle rugs again—the kind with the long nap.

—Baptist Observer

The noblest of all animals is the dog and the noblest of all dogs is the hot-dog. It feeds the hand that bites it.

—Baptist Observer

Elderly lady in phone booth, to operator: "You've been very nice, young lady, in answering my questions. I'm going to put an extra nickel in the box for you."

—Baptist Observer

Mrs.: "Did you water the rubber plant, Helga?"

Maid: "No, mam, I thought it was waterproof."

—Baptist Observer



## Interesting Items

### Baptists Should Produce Own Visual Aid Material

The Southern Baptist Convention should set up its own studios to produce religious movies, a special committee of Southwide Baptist leaders recommended in a meeting in Dallas.

The suggestion was offered in a report of a special committee appointed by the S. B. C. Executive Committee to study means to get better sound and silent motion pictures and film strips for showing in churches and institutions. The report asked "that Southern Baptists should approach seriously and with great vision the matter of audio visual education."

The report will go to the Executive Committee and then will be presented to the Convention in Chicago in May. If the committee's suggestions are carried out, Southern Baptists will produce sound and silent movies and film strips of an educational-religious nature to be sold or rented to Southern Baptists.

The Sunday School Board was suggested as the agency to handle the audio visual aid business. The committee's report said: "Since in the providence of God, Southern Baptists have the Sunday School Board, the most competent and powerful agency of its kind among evangelical Christians, and since audio visual education belongs in its general field of service, we recommend that Southern Baptists make the Sunday School Board their central agency for the promotion, production, and distribution of visual aids . . ." The Sunday School Board now operates book stores and supplies Sunday School and other literature for Baptist churches.

The report also said: "We recommend further that the state boards and institutions, and the Southern Baptist Convention boards, institutions, and agencies which may choose to use the Sunday School Board in producing their audio visual aids bear the expense of their own productions; and that the expense for providing adequate equipment for this ministry be referred to the Sunday School Board, the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, in conference with the state secretaries." The cost would be borne by the agencies or conventions using the Sunday School Board facilities.

Those who drew up the report were Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, Louisville, Kentucky; Dr. J. Howard Williams, Dallas; Dr. Norris Palmer, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Dr. James Merritt, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Richmond, Virginia; and J. A. Ellis, Sherman, Texas.

### S. B. C. Has Choice Of 1951 Convention Date

Southern Baptists will have a choice between two dates for the 1951 San Francisco convention, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Two periods are being held in reserve by the San Francisco Convention and Tourist Bureaus, May 13-20 and June 18-24. The reservations are in keeping with an action of the recent Executive Committee meeting requesting that both dates be held open. On motion of Henry W. Tiffany, Virginia, the June 18-24 date was indicated as preferred.

The Executive Committee had to take action on the matter because of an oversight of the 1949 Oklahoma City convention in failing to designate a date.

### More Ministers Needed For Foreign Fields

One-fourth of Golden Gate Seminary's 160 students are foreign mission volunteers. Twenty of these surrendered in a recent service conducted by Samuel E. Maddox, S. B. C. foreign mission personnel secretary.

Declaring the imperative need for hundreds of our best young people to answer the world-mission call, Mr. Maddox said, "Out of the 27,000 ministers in the Southern Baptist Convention, only 231 are preachers in mission areas outside the United States."

The personnel secretary for the Foreign Mission Board urged Southern Baptists "to re-interpret their conceptions of a missionary call, and send hundreds of preachers to foreign lands while there is still time in this Atomic Age."

### Baby Sitters May Be Employed at Chicago

There will be no nursery for the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago. A better plan has been worked out, according to Dr. Noel Taylor, secretary of Illinois Baptists. Baby sitters may be employed by parents to stay with their children in their hotel rooms.

Taylor also announced that already 8,000 people have been assigned rooms in Chicago hotels.

A leading air line has decided to sell tickets to those attending the Southern Baptist Convention at a 33 per cent discount.

### Texas Baptist Own FM Station

Texas has the first Convention-owned FM station in the South. It is KYBS, "Your Baptist Station," broadcasting 16 hours daily with power of 90,000 watts. The director is Dr. R. Alton Reed, also director of public relations for Texas Baptists. The station has been in operation since last October.

—Baptist Press

### Baptist Hour in Evangelistic Crusade

The Baptist Hour will lead churches all over the Southern Baptist Convention in a great, simultaneous, evangelistic service on Sunday afternoon, April 23. Some 26,000 churches are expected to participate in this service. This will mark the climax of all the Evangelistic Crusades west of the Mississippi.

In commenting on the broadcast of this special program Dr. S. F. Lowe, Director of the Radio Commission, expressed the conviction that it would be "without doubt the greatest single religious broadcast in the history of radio." "Nothing like this has ever been undertaken," he said. "Let all God's people begin now and continue in prayer for God's blessed leadership through His Spirit in this whole movement which is for His glory in the salvation of the lost."

### Religious Tracts Available in Buses

Invited to help themselves, Pasadena, California, residents have been taking an average of 2,875 religious tracts each week from the city's busses.

The tracts are placed in the vehicles by the Pasadena Council of Churches. They are held in a plastic pocket attached to a card which asks them to "Think About These Things."

### Former Sun Editor to Direct Protestant World

James E. Craig, chief editorial writer for the New York Sun until its recent merger with the New York World-Telegram, has been named managing editor of the Protestant World, proposed national Protestant weekly.

Announcement of Craig's appointment was made at a luncheon meeting here by Dr. Robert W. Searle and Frank M. Totten, executive secretary and treasurer respectively of the Protestant Publishing Corporation, formed last June following a meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, of 150 Protestant leaders.

They said the Protestant World would probably begin publication by next fall.

A working newspaperman for over 40 years, Craig was editorial writer for the New York Sun from 1925-1943, when he became head of the paper's editorial pages, a position which he held until the recent merger.

### Legality of Massachusetts Bus Petition Upheld

Legality of an initiative petition aimed at repealing a state law which allows parochial and private school pupils to ride on state-financed buses was upheld in Boston by the Massachusetts State Ballot Law Commission.

In rejecting a protest by Chairman John C. Carr of the State Democratic Committee, the commission held unanimously that at least the required 20,000 of 21,183 signatures on the petition were valid. The Democrats had sought to prove that some signatures on the petition were illegal.

Carr said an appeal to the State Supreme Judicial Court against the commission ruling would be considered. Unless the court reverses the decision, Massachusetts voters will find the issue on the ballot in the November elections.

If the legislature, meanwhile, rejects the petition, the issue could still appear on the November ballot if the sponsors of the petition obtain an additional 5,000 signatures. Legislative rejection is expected since both major political parties are on record as opposing the petition.

Supporting the repeal move are the Massachusetts Council of Churches and the State Baptist Convention.

Under present Massachusetts law, cities and towns can provide free transportation for children enrolled in parochial and private schools. The state reimburses the cities and towns for a large part of the cost.

Intended to circumvent the petition are two other bills now before the legislature.

One, filed by Mason Sears, chairman of the State Republican Committee, and Charles B. Rugg, an attorney, provides that free bus transportation could not be denied any pupil who "in the exercise of his religious faith and fulfillment of the compulsory attendance requirements of the law, is enrolled at a parochial school."

### Prayers of Unemployed Mill Workers Answered

Special thanksgiving services were held in churches in Douglasville, Georgia for textile workers whose prayers for divine intervention following a lengthy mill shutdown have been answered.

The bankrupt Douglas mill on which the workers depended for their livelihood has been sold to a South Carolina firm which plans to re-open it soon.

The mill closed last March, throwing some 450 workers out of jobs. Just before Christmas, workers began prayer sessions for re-opening of the mill.

—Religious News Service



## Apartments For Seminary Students



A Dream of Decades is coming true at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, as construction progresses on this 96-apartment building for Seminary student families. Largely financed by money from the Cooperative Program, the million-dollar structure is expected to be ready for occupancy by next September.

## Faithful Baptist Workers Serve A Great Country

By O. K. AND MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

Many of the 33 missionaries of this center of the Foreign Mission Board's South Brazil Mission greeted us at the airport on our arrival from Recife. Dr. Merrill D. Moore, promotional secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and his son Merrill Jr., arrived next day. Dr. J. B. McLaurin, foreign secretary of Canadian Baptists, was in the city at the same time.

We five North Americans were honored with a reception and tea by the missionaries. Everybody who was not attending state conventions came. Dr. T. B. Stover, director of the Baptist Publishing House of Brazil, presided and called on each one present to introduce himself by name and work. It was a condensed education in the scope and importance of our Baptist mission program in South Brazil!

Minnie L. Landrum, W. M. U. secretary of Brazil, spoke of the 1,600 unit organizations with 30,000 members she serves from her Rio office. Sophia Nichols and Lois Roberts, in charge of the W. M. U. Training School and its handsome new "House Beautiful" here, reported a student body of 30 and expected enrolment of 45.

The South Brazil Baptist Seminary was represented by Dr. W. E. Allen and Dr. A. R. Crabtree. Their wives introduced themselves as Training School teachers. We heard from Waller Ray Buster, Bernice Neel, Ruth Randall, and Edith O. West, teachers in the Baptist College of 2,000 students, headed by a Brazilian president, Dr. Edgar Soren.

The publishing house and Bible press—Brazil's Baptist Sunday School Board—employ a big corps of missionaries: W. H. Berry, J. J. Cowser, E. F. Hallock Jr., James

P. Kirk, Dr. T. B. Stover, and Dr. W. C. Taylor, and each of their wives.

Letha Saunders spoke for the Brazilian Home Mission Board. Its director, Missionary L. M. Bratcher, and Mrs. Bratcher were out on a mission appointment that evening. The success of the literacy campaign and the enormous sale of Bibles were also mentioned, but what we remembered best was the announcement that Brazil supports 79 national missionaries—teachers, preachers, nurses and colporteurs—scattered all over its vast territory.

W. W. Enete, who with Crystal Armstrong Enete (O. K.'s sister) has spent most of the time since 1924 in evangelistic work in this country, spoke of the program and the great opportunity for winning souls in interior Brazil.

Dr. McLaurin had arrived from Bolivia where he investigated the recent martyrdom of his Board's missionary and seven Bolivian Baptists. He reported what he had found at the scene of the massacre, and told of new life in the Baptist churches of that area since these believers were stoned to death. "The blood of the martyrs is still the seed of the church," he said.

This was a happy evening. It was followed by several days of sightseeing as guests of the Enetes, and of services in Rio churches. On Sunday we spoke—through an interpreter—at Vila Isabel Church, and attended morning worship at the First Baptist Church, whose membership is 1,654, with Dr. John Soren as pastor. Two Brazilian Baptist leaders, John and Edgar, are sons of that church's first pastor.

That evening Pastor David Gomez of Tijuca Church invited us to address his congregation, and he interpreted for us. After-

ward we dropped in on his fellowship hour, an innovation in Brazilian Baptist life which he had brought from the United States.

The missionaries in Rio have 66 churches to select from when they choose a Brazilian church home, and they are all proud of the church they join. "Do I understand," Dr. McLaurin queried, "that you are all volunteer workers in these churches you mention?" "Strictly volunteer, except for the two or three missionaries who are pastors," they replied. "Our church work is over and above."

From Rio we went to Sao Paulo where the T. C. Bagbys greeted us unexpectedly. They were in the city for a week's revival services. Then we went to Campinas to see seven new missionary couples for Brazil. To reduce the amount of time required to get a working knowledge of Portuguese, the Foreign Board has sent these young people to a school organized three years ago by the Presbyterians for the same purpose. Today 34 North American Evangelical men and women are enrolled to get the language thoroughly by tested methods.

"Being in a school for language study is so much better," Jim Musgrave asserted, "than trying to study under private teachers in your spare time on a mission field. It's easy to get discouraged but here we're all having the same trouble and we help each other."

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### Definition

During the course of religious instruction in the fourth grade of a mission school, the teacher asked the question, "What is death?"

A little youngster raised his hand and gave his answer: "Death is when what's in you, which makes you go, goes out of you and your bones lie flat."



## Work and Worship

By BERTA DUMAS

In God's arrangement of things every child of His has a very definite work of his own. You will know when you are doing what He wants you to do; there will be a feeling of joy, satisfaction, and usefulness. You will feel that God guides and directs you, and imparts to you each day a portion of His divine wisdom. And whether or not things run smoothly, you will always be able to see good results from your work. And working for God is not limited to a few occupations. In fact, I know of no useful and legitimate work where a person cannot be a power for God.

No matter what work God chooses for you, if you keep the love of God in your heart and His praise on your lips, you can acquire the satisfaction of a full and useful life.

I think, however, that all of God's children have always felt a great need to have a place of worship. Abraham paused often in his travels to build an altar. And, even though the children of Israel were camped temporarily before Mount Sinai, God had them build an elaborate tabernacle. When we feel inclined to grumble at the expense of building and maintaining our churches, we should read Exodus 25:26, 27. In these early tabernacles God instructed them to build a mercy seat, and His promise was: "and there I will meet with thee and commune with thee from above the mercy seat." It was here that they talked to God and gained comfort and inspiration to go on.

Undoubtedly, we get more satisfaction from our church life when we have a definite part in the church work. For this reason every one who wants to work should be given a chance to find something he can do. Then there are a few who feel that they do all God requires of them in their daily work. These come to church only to worship; let's not drive them away.

I find one thing characteristic of all God's children—they love to go to their places of worship. They no longer have to go there to make burnt offerings as they did in the days of Abraham and Moses but they still feel the same profound need to go. In the Eighty-fourth Psalm we find this longing beautifully expressed. In one place the psalmist says, "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord." When for some reason you cannot go to church, and you hear over the radio some familiar song, does it fill the need? Or does your heart cry out for your own special place of worship?

### Arkansas Baptist Foundation

Invites you to consider the wisdom of using its services in handling trust funds which you would like to leave for some Baptist institution or denominational cause.

If interested in making a will or setting up a trust fund, get in touch with:

Dr. B. L. Bridges, 200 Baptist Bldg.,  
or with any member of the Board  
of Directors:

J. G. Cothran, First Baptist  
Church, Arkadelphia

Claud Gregory, Jonesboro,  
Hamilton Moses, Little Rock

T. S. McNulty, Pine Bluff  
Dewitt Poe, Dewitt

Warren Wood, Little Rock  
Phil Baldwin, Little Rock  
George Floriday, Osceola

We invite your inquiries.

## Missionaries Make Goodwill Call on President

Three American Indians called on President Truman the other day. They were David Owl, a Cherokee missionary to Seneca Indians in New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hancock, of Oklahoma. The occasion was a brief visit of 24 Baptist missionaries and leaders to the White House during the Washington, D. C., fifth annual World Mission Week. Included were missionaries who serve in China, Argentina, Nigeria, Burma, Japan, Belgian Congo, Hungary, and the United States. During the week they spoke to nearly 20,000 people in 175 meetings.

Dr. Edward H. Pruden, pastor of First Baptist Church where the President attends, said in presenting the visiting missionaries to the President: "This is the fifth annual World Mission Week in which we have tried to make the people of Washington conscious that missionaries are ambassadors of goodwill to every nation. They are a powerful influence in creating that reservoir of goodwill which may prevent another world conflict."

## Urges Caution in Responding to Pleas

American Baptists must be careful when answering "begging" letters from European Baptists. Most of those now sending pleas for help are unworthy. This is the announcement of Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee.

Dr. Caudill cited as an example a recent letter sent to First Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi, by a Paul Plagemann of Germany. The writer pleaded most unfortunate circumstances and claimed to be a member of a Baptist church in Schwerin. He said he was an invalid and could not work.

Actually, according to an investigation by Otto Nallinger, European representative of the Committee, Plagemann was employed and quite prosperous. He had obtained by fraud a Certificate of Membership in the Baptist Church. He tries to earn extra money by preying on the good-heartedness of Christian people.

Dr. Caudill also suggested that there are thousands of needy folk in Europe and that the best way to help them is through a relief offering to the Baptist World Alliance.

## Officers Elected For Baptist Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Baptist Foundation of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention held an organizational meeting at the Baptist Building in Little Rock, Thursday, February 16. The following officers were elected: J. G. Cothran, pastor of the First Church, Arkadelphia, president; Claude Gregory, banker, Jonesboro, vice-president; Warren Wood, lawyer, Little Rock, recording secretary. Other members of the committee are: Hamilton Moses, Little Rock; Ray Wilson, Little Rock; Phil Baldwin, Little Rock; T. S. McNulty, Pine Bluff; George Floriday, Osceola, and DeWitt Cole, McGehee.

Dr. B. L. Bridges, general secretary, was selected by the group to serve as treasurer. An investment committee was appointed consisting of Claude Gregory, Jonesboro, Hamilton Moses, Little Rock; Phil Baldwin, Little Rock. It will be the responsibility of this committee to look after the investment of such funds as may come into the hands of the Foundation.

A second committee was appointed for the purpose of finding and recommending to the Board of Directors of the Foundation a suitable man to serve as secretary. This committee is composed of J. G. Cothran, Arkadelphia, chairman; Warren Wood, Little Rock; Claude Gregory, Jonesboro.

## Paul Acklin and Kirkwood Church

Pastor Paul Acklin formerly of First Church, Warren, and now of the Kirkwood Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, reports an average Sunday School attendance in his present pastorate of 1,026 during the year 1949, and a total contribution to all causes of \$92,000. There has been a marked expansion in the church program along all lines and an increase in baptisms over former years.

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The Sunday school teacher stands in the most strategic place in the world, outside the pulpit, for teaching a better way of living.

—W. R. White

# Do You Know?

## March 19 Is Christian Education Day

Special offering authorized by Baptist State Convention goes to

CENTRAL COLLEGE

Reasons why Baptists should give generously:

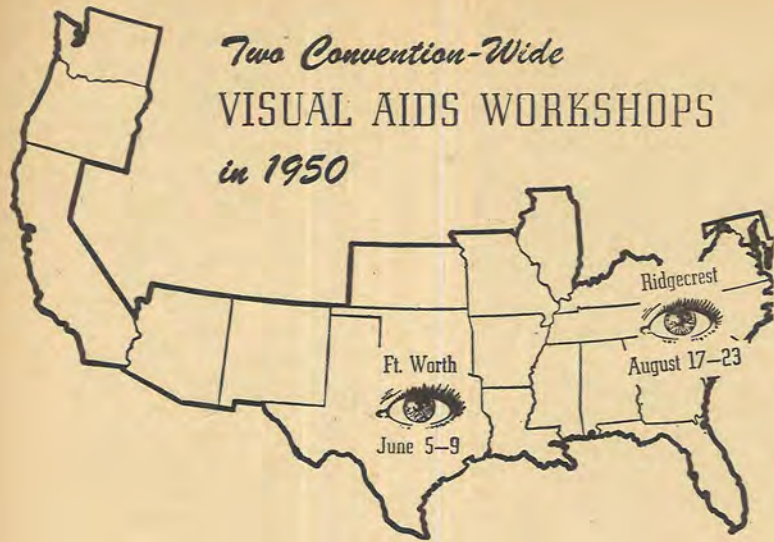
1. Christian Leadership is the hope of the world.
2. Central College is a Baptist responsibility.
3. Arkansas Baptists and the world need Central College.

*Centralites Will Light the World!*

Irving M. Prince, President

North Little Rock, Ark.





Two Convention-wide Visual Aids Workshops are being planned for this year: Fort Worth, Texas, June 5-9, on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Ridgecrest, N. C., August 17-23, at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. The program is being planned for all church workers interested in using visual aids, with particular attention being given to the interests of directors of visual aids, visual aids committee members, pastors, educational directors, Sunday school officers and teachers, and Training Union directors, leaders, and sponsors. For further information and a copy of the tentative programs, write the Visual Education Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

## Simultaneous Revivals Prove Effective

By C. E. MATTHEWS

If anyone desires proof of the effectiveness of the simultaneous crusade method, we have it in abundance. In the past three years, more than 700 associational-wide simultaneous crusades have been conducted all over the South, in cities, in towns, and in rural places, in all sizes and types of churches. Here are some recorded results:

### Total baptisms:

1946—253,361  
 1947—285,152, a record  
 1948—312,246, a record

### Some associational results:

#### City Churches:

	Bap.	Let.	Total Adms.
St. Louis, Mo.	1304	275	1579
Atlanta, Ga.	1329	649	1978
Houston, Tex.	1856	1279	3135
Montgomery, Ala.	518	362	880
Clovis, N. M.	173	123	296
Washington, D. C.	353	310	663
Miami, Fla.	1117	401	1518
Los Angeles, Calif.	255	208	463
<b>Rural Associations:</b>			
Northern Kentucky	433	163	596
Oklahoma:			
Mullins Association	317	104	421
Northeastern Assn. Texas:	307	115	422
District 8	395	398	793
Wichita-Archer Assn.	234	141	375
District 16	313	314	627

### It Solves No-Baptism Problem

There are thousands of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention that report no baptisms for an entire year. We do not know of a single instance where a church went through a two weeks' simultaneous crusade and failed to win a soul to Christ.

### Non-Participating Associations Fail

We have from one of our state

secretaries of evangelism the report, "Our state had a splendid increase in baptisms this year (1949) over last year (1948). The only associations that dropped off in baptisms were those that had no simultaneous campaign." One association in Texas had a simultaneous crusade in 1948 but did not in 1949. The association had more than 400 fewer baptisms in 1949 than in 1948. The Southern Baptist program of evangelism recommends that all churches have at least two revivals each year, one of these to be a part of a simultaneous effort.

### Ways of Defeating Simultaneous Crusades

There are several ways to defeat the effectiveness of simultaneous crusades and thereby stand in the way of lost people in an endless eternity, as follows: First, non-participation on the part of the churches; second, failure to make the program simultaneous, thereby destroying its effectiveness. This is done by some churches going eight or ten days, or beginning a week ahead or in the middle or at the close of the crusade. This breaks up continuity and unification of effort. At Pentecost they were of one accord, doing the same thing the same way at the same time. If our simultaneous crusades are to be effective, all churches should follow the program, as it is outlined, in preparation and performance. Meeting Pentecostal conditions assures Pentecostal results.

## Woman's Missionary Union

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

MRS. F. E. GOODBAR  
 President

MISS NANCY COOPER  
 Executive Secretary and Treasurer

MISS DORIS DEVAULT  
 Young People's Secretary

## We Must Do It!

We must! Yes, we must, Arkansas Baptists! We must match our enthusiastic vote to increase the 1950 Cooperative Program budget with our gifts. One month of the year has passed and our gifts were alarmingly small. A recurrence of this will force us to think in terms of retrenchment rather than advance—not only in Arkansas, but on all fronts, for through our gifts we share in Southern Baptists' world-wide mission, educational and benevolent causes. In the midst of plenty, do we dare fail to share and share equitably?

Surely none will say "What is the Cooperative Program? However, we quote: "The Cooperative Program is not in reality a program. It is a plan of mission finance. It is not an end in itself. It is merely a means to an end. The Cooperative Program is to our mission work what the line is to electricity—a medium or channel by which or through which our money reaches the places we decide upon ourselves."

What will our institutions do with their support curtailed? How will the administrative forces continue to operate?

Oh, but Arkansas Baptists can and will rally to the need by matching their vision and zeal with their gifts! To do this, first, we suggest giving according to the scriptural plan, the tithe, given through the church. Teach it! Practice it! We urge an equal division by the local church of the offerings received. Ask a reconsideration of your church's allocation. Cite needs. Explain causes benefitted. Undergird every decision and plan with earnest prayer, and victory will be inevitable. Yes, victorious support of Southern Baptists' world-wide mission program is necessary!

### West Helena Sunbeams

The Pearl Caldwell Sunbeam Band of West Helena Church met recently with thirty-one Sunbeams present and seven visitors. Mrs. H. H. Ramsey is their counselor. Martha Ann Warren, Johnnie Hunter, and Joan White brought the devotional. A number of the Sunbeams received their mission study certificates at this meeting, and seven Sunbeams received pins for being present at all meetings in the past three months. There are seventy Sunbeams enrolled and of this number only eighteen have missed

all meetings the past three months.

### State Y. W. A. Banquet

The Young Woman's Auxiliary Banquet will be held the first evening of the W. M. U. Annual Meeting! This banquet is for all Young Woman's Auxiliary members, counselors, and prospective Y. W. A. members.

### Price

The banquet tickets are \$1.25 each. Reservations should be made through your State W. M. U. Office. Address reservations to: Miss Doris DeVault, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock, please. Include the price of \$1.25 for each request. Tickets will be mailed immediately to you.

### Place

The place of the Annual W. M. U. Meeting is Fort Smith. The Y. W. A. Banquet will be held at the Masonic Temple, 5:50 P. M. March 28.

### Program

Our Annual Convention brings the choicest of missionary speakers . . . several of them will be our guests at the banquet. The young women will be delighted to know that Miss Lavora Murphin, New Orleans, will be the main banquet speaker. Miss Murphin will relate her personal experiences and challenge us with the missionary opportunities in New Orleans.

### G. A. Conference

Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Members should be planning to attend the Conference at Central College, March 3-5. Have you sent your reservations yet? Please, as soon as possible notify the State W. M. U. Office of your desire to attend. Girls working on the higher steps should be getting their material to the State Office for grading, please.

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## STATE POSTER CONTEST

The State Poster Contest will be held at the State Training Union Convention, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, March 17-18. All who are interested in entering posters should write to the State Training Union Director for a sheet of instructions. There are three divisions of posters, which will be submitted according to age groups, that is; Juniors, Intermediates, Young People and Adults. Anyone from any church may bring as many as three posters (one in each division), direct to the State Training Union Convention. There may be four winners (Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, and Adults) in each of the three divisions. There are no church or associational elimination contests.

Posters should be brought direct to the Berean Class Room of the Immanuel Church, where they will be registered by the committee in charge. No poster will be considered unless the card is filled out by the poster committee showing the name of the poster maker, church and association, department and the division of the poster. Poster makers should call for their posters at the close of the Convention.

## PRE-CONVENTION TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE NIGHT

March 12 will be "Pre-Convention Training Union Attendance Night" and all Training Unions have been sent their goals, along with a poster announcing the State Training Union Convention. If you have not received your goal write immediately to the State Training Union Director; 146 Training Unions have accepted their goals. All Training Unions that reach their goals will be printed in the convention program folder which will be given to all who attend the Training Union Convention, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, March 17-18.

## DID YOU GET A POSTER?

Posters announcing the State Training Union Convention have been sent to the churches. If you have not received a poster, or if you need additional copies, write to your State Training Union Director at once.

## Church Workers Can Help

In last week's issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*, page sixteen Dr. B. L. Bridges announced that Cooperative Program contributions for January were far too small. The churches sent in undesignated through Cooperative Program just a little more than seventy-seven per cent of the needs of the operating division of the budget or approximately sixty-one per cent of the total budget which includes capital needs.

For the Religious Education Department the budget allocation for operating needs is \$2,291 per month. At the end of January the department received \$1,785 or \$506 less than needed. If this deficit should continue it will mean that the promotion programs of the department which includes Sunday School, Training Union, Student Union, and Church Music, will have to be greatly curtailed. After twelve years of continuous and victorious progress, to slow down and stop such promotional work would be deplorable.

We believe that the churches will rally to the needs of the hour and will, in one way or another, under the leadership of the pastors, increase and send contributions through the Cooperative Program in sufficient amounts to underwrite fully the great 1950 world-wide Cooperative Program of Arkansas Baptists.

Church workers can help. Workers in the Sunday Schools, Training Unions, Student Unions, and Church Music organizations can help greatly in this hour of need. We urge every worker in these organizations to prayerfully consider and give full and hearty

### LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

Years ago only Caleb and Joshua returned from the promised land with a report that the land was flowing with milk and honey, and that with the help of God, the children of Israel could possess it. The other ten men said, "No, we are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we," Numbers 13:31.

Today in Arkansas, the "Land of Opportunity," the spirit of the ten is multiplied a thousand fold. On every hand we hear, and see, and read of negativism on the part of the people. Criticism falls readily upon local, state, and federal government and their ad-

co-operation concerning the following suggestions:

1. Working with the pastors see if it would not be possible for the church to reconsider its annual budget and increase the allocation through the Cooperative Program.

2. Check with the pastor and church treasurer to see that monies to be given through the Cooperative Program are sent to Dr. B. L. Bridges, month by month, promptly, Arkansas Baptists operate on a month to month cash basis. For instance this department may spend only what it receives through the Cooperative Program month by month.

3. Leaders in the different organizations may greatly help the cause of Christ by first of all giving the tithe, and then by teaching and urging others to tithe. Certainly all Christians should give generously of what they have received for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Workers in the Sunday Schools, Training Unions, Student Unions, and Church Music organizations are urged to realize the need for immediate and whole-hearted action regarding the matter of increasing allocations of funds through the world-wide Cooperative Program of Arkansas Baptists. What is done, let it be done NOW. The need is urgent! Workers may help greatly! As a rule, people follow leaders. Together with God, we can win a great victory. In whatever organization we are working let us get busy now—next Sunday—and lead the people to come up to the help of the Lord in this the day of critical and world-wide need.

ministrators. People complain of the leadership in all fields, social, economic, and financial. Even the forces for good are prone to say we are not able to cope with the problem.

It is in this situation that the Baptist Student Union serves best. The leadership in all phases of the state need this influence and the impact that the B. S. U. program can and does have on the students. Arkansas Baptists need to take a step in this direction and need to do it now. Will you not pray that the Lord will lead us to support a program that will take Christ and His way of life to the students of Arkansas, the Land of Opportunity?

## Music FOR EASTER AND MOTHER'S DAY

The state music director approves and recommends the following anthems for Adult, Youth and Junior Choirs that need them for immediate use. None of the works is extremely difficult, but all are challenging and beautiful.

The Baptist Book Store will be able to supply copies:

Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass

"Easter Tidings" — Nordman-Shattinger, St. Louis.

This is a choice number combining excerpts from the following-well loved music: "Open the Gates of the Temple," "Calvary," "Hosanna" and "The Holy City."

"The Resurrection Morn"—Mueller.

With Descant for Youth and Junior Choir.

"Dawn in the Garden"—Goldsworthy-J. Fischer & Bro., 119 W. 40th, N. Y.

Junior and Senior Choirs. "O Savior of the World"—Goss-G. Schirmer.

"Gloria in Excelsis"—Mozart-G. Schirmer.

"Beautiful Savior"—Christiansen-Augsburg Pub. Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"—Harris-Harold Flammer, N. Y.

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"—Hicks-Summy.

Soprano, Alto and Baritone "More Love to Thee"—Bixby-Clayton F. Summy, Chicago.

"Fling Out the Banner"—Bixby-Summy.

"A Mother's Day Prayer"—Thompson-Summy.

## Notice To All Youth Choirs

Several have written questions concerning the interpretation of "Praise God in His Holiness" for the Youth Choir Festival, the following explanation has just been received from Dr. Warren Angell. The part marked first treble will be sung by all sopranos; second treble sung by all altos, the men's part will be sung by all the men. This makes a four-part mixed arrangement of this anthem instead of the male arrangement as the publisher indicates. Dr. Angell states that he prefers this arrangement and ALL GROUPS COMING TO THE FESTIVAL will take NOTICE.

### Special Request

Will all directors send in by March 15, the number of people coming in their group, so that adequate preparation may be made in the dining hall for taking care of the large number expected. Send your post card or letter to Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.



## A Great Decision Has Been Made

The dry forces of Arkansas, led by the Temperance League of Arkansas and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, are initiating and sponsoring a statewide prohibition bill. Christian leaders throughout Arkansas have stated that 1950—NOW—is the time to strike!

## A Great Day For Arkansas Drys!

**WHEN? Thursday, March 2, 1950**  
beginning at 10:30 a. m.

**WHERE? First Baptist Church, 12th  
and Louisiana Streets, Little Rock**

**WHAT IS IT? STATEWIDE  
PROHIBITION MEETING!**

If humanly possible, come, and bring one or two or more of the best leaders and workers in your church. It is our earnest hope and prayer that every church in each of the seventy-five counties in Arkansas will be represented by the pastor and other workers, who will come with their hearts on fire for Christ, and "with their sleeves rolled up" for this great Christian crusade. Please begin right now to pray that Thursday, March 2, 1950, may be a day to be long remembered in Arkansas; then please help make it so!

Let's make this the greatest occasion of its kind this state has seen in years. Your presence in this first meeting will be a real encouragement—and help.

All Dry forces of the state pulling together, working hard, praying earnestly, will be pleasing to the Lord, and He will bless our efforts. Such a force as that will be unbeatable. Come early, and come with a song and a prayer in your heart.

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Clyde C. Coulter, Superintendent

James 1:22

John 15:14

## Foreign Mission Advance

By M. THERON RANKIN

### Nazareth to Have A Missionary Pastor

Pastor and Mrs. Dwight L. Baker of Miami, Texas, received missionary appointment to Palestine by the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, February 9. Mr. Baker, now pastor of First Church in Miami, will serve as pastor of the Baptist Church in Nazareth, Israel, working among an Arab population. Southern Baptists have had no male missionary in Nazareth for many years.

Mr. Baker is a native of Missouri and a graduate of Southwestern Theological Seminary. He and Mrs. Baker were married by transoceanic telephone in June, 1946, while he was serving as a chaplain with paratroopers in Germany. Mrs. Baker worked with the Rachel Sims mission and the Toledano mission both in New Orleans.

### Interim Board Members Elected

The Foreign Mission Board elected three board members to serve until the Convention meets in May when regular appointments can be made. Dr. J. H. Kyzar of Greenwood, Mississippi, was elected to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. W. A. Bell; Dr. Robert E. Humphreys of Owensboro to represent Kentucky in place of E. L. Skiles who moved from the state; and Sam G. Gordon of Amite, Louisiana, to replace C. E. Autrey who resigned.

### Board Meeting Dates Changed

To avoid conflict with the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago, the May meeting of the Foreign Mission Board was set forward one week, from May 11 to May 4.

The next meeting of the Board on March 14-15 will be the regular spring meeting of the entire Board with state members present. This semi-annual meeting was advanced from April to March because of the April evangelistic meeting scheduled west of the Mississippi River.

### Relief Center to Close

The Southern Baptist Relief Center at New Orleans will close February 28. During the three years of operation more than 5,000,000 pounds of relief goods have been processed.

### Board Meets in New Chapel

The Board met for the first time in a new chapel room in the building at 2039 Monument Avenue, purchased in the fall of 1948. President L. H. Jenkins of the Board states that it is the "first worthy meeting place the Board has had in 105 years." He told briefly of the Bottoms Fund, established 25 years ago, which made possible the two adjoining buildings now occupied by the

Foreign Mission Board in Richmond.

### Among the Missionaries

Missionary Emily Lansdell is assisting the Missionary Personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board in deputation work during February and March. Miss Lansdell served two years in China with the University of Shanghai, returning to the States early last year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Abernathy left the States February 3, by boat for Japan. After a brief stay in Tokyo they will leave for Korea to serve as Southern Baptists' first missionaries in that part of the Orient.

Miss Iola McClellan, missionary to Lebanon, was married to Dr. Peter S. Manoogian at Beirut, January 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roberson left London by air January 23, for Port Harcourt, Nigeria, after three months study in England.

Three missionaries to China left the States for Yokohama by boat January 7, on temporary assignment to Japan. They are Miss Lois Glass, Miss Rose Marlowe, and Miss Pearl Todd. Two China missionaries, Miss Alda Grayson and Miss Bonnie Jean Ray, left the States for Honolulu by boat January 7, on temporary assignment to Hawaii.

Other missionaries who left the States for foreign fields during January are: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hickerson Jr., to Medellin, Colombia; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mitchell and Miss Marjorie Spence to Valpariso, Chile; Miss Josephine Scaggs to Port Harcourt, Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bice to Recife, Brazil; Blonnye Foreman to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Miss Edith Rose Weller to Belem, Brazil.

Missionaries returning to the States recently from stations on the foreign field are: Miss Mildred Crabtree, December 4, from Nigeria to Dalhart, Texas, Box 887; Miss Cornelia Brower, January 29, from Chile to 1902 University Avenue, Austin, Texas; V. L. David, January 25, from Argentina to 1200 Southmore, Houston, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McConnell, in December, from Chile to Box 322, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; Miss Roberta Ryan from Chile to Arab, Louisiana.

Dr. and Mrs. John Mein of Recife, Brazil, are visiting relatives in Italy and England during their furlough year. They plan to arrive in the States in May. Dr. Mein is a native of England. A son, Gordon, is secretary to the American Ambassador in Rome.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Secretary for the Orient, expects to arrive in San Francisco February 20.



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### Great Associational Men's Rallies Planned

Below is the program for the Washington-Madison Association-wide Men's Rally in preparation for the Simultaneous Crusade. It is a great program which sets forth a general theme which can well be followed by every Brotherhood in the state.

#### PROGRAM for the ASSOCIATIONAL MEN'S RALLY

First Baptist Church  
Fayetteville, Arkansas  
March 3, 1950  
7:15 to 9:15 P. M.

Song Service—Paul McMillan, Chorister; Mrs. Paul Leake, Pianist.

Prayer—Norman V. Drake  
Purpose of Meeting—Associational Brotherhood President

"The Great Commission"—Dr. Walter L. Johnson

Song (standing)—"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Offering\*  
Solo—Mrs. Herbert McGlamery

A Series of Messages:  
"The Simultaneous Crusade—What it is"—A. L. Leake, Associational Pastor

"The Place of Preaching in the Crusade"—Louis Bohlen, Fayetteville

"The Place of Praying in the Crusade"—Lawrence Layman, Springdale, Arkansas

"The Place of Going in the Crusade"—Parker Rushing, President of Brotherhood, First Church, Fayetteville

Song (standing)—"Bring Them In"

"The Seeking Savior," Stanley Jordan, Springdale

Benediction: John B. Stephens, Prairie Grove

Fellowship and Refreshments

\*The offering will be turned over to the Associational Secretary-Treasurer to pay for postage, stationery, and other incidentals of the Associational Brotherhood.

If your wife wishes to come along don't hesitate to bring her because several ladies will be present.

Below is an interesting letter received from G. H. Goolsby, president of the Harmony Associational Brotherhood:

"We are happy to report that God is blessing the Brotherhood work in Harmony Association and we feel that by the end of the year, more progress will have

been made this year than in all of the past years.

We set as our goal for this year, ten new Brotherhoods. To date we have organized three, another is now in the process of organizing and should be completed within a week. New interest is being shown in Brotherhoods which have not been as active as they should have been.

At our Associational Rally in January, more than fifty Laymen promised the writer and their Lord that they would make a visit, or put forth every effort possible to talk to at least one lost person each week. We are already seeing and hearing good reports of these efforts.

We have made plans to have our next Rally April 4, at First Church, Pine Bluff (7:30 P. M.). Our program will be Soul-winning. We are going to urge that each Brotherhood start their Cottage prayer-meeting the last week in March.

We are praying and looking forward to having the greatest revival our Association has ever experienced. Pray for us and come to see us when you can."

The key to Brotherhood growth and development throughout the association is a functioning associational Brotherhood.

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#### SUMMER SERVICE

Baptist students will be glad to learn that we are already receiving a response to the B. S. U. Summer Service program. Requests have come for more information concerning the program. Pastors, Associational Sunday School Superintendents, and Missionaries are interested. Students are ready to serve.

In case this is new to you, the Baptist Student Union is inaugurating this summer a program whereby students are going to serve wherever and whenever they are needed. They will continue to serve with Ralph W. Davis in the Summer Field work of the Training Union, and in addition, are planning to help in daily Vacation Bible Schools, G. A. and R. A. camps, in Youth Revivals and in whatever other fields you, the Baptists of Arkansas can use them. If you are interested and can use this potential source of help this summer, contact your Baptist Student Union Secretary, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

#### About the Budget

The fact that we fell short of the monthly quota of the 1950 state budget should not be too discouraging. It just opens our eyes to the bigness of the task. Anyway, January was a month of bad weather—rain, sleet, and snow—all of which hindered the services in many sections of the state. We note, also, that over six hundred churches did not give anything to the Cooperative Program during January. The January receipts, therefore, do not necessarily mean failure. It may be necessary for some churches, already giving, to increase their amounts. But the main need is to get those six hundred churches to become regular contributors. We believe the pastors, laymen, and women will not let it fail.

However, if January is the average we shall receive during the year, then the Mission Department will get \$12,260 less than it got last year. Are you willing for this to happen?

#### One Pastor In Fifty Miles

Sunday, February 5, I went with Missionary T. D. Douglas for a visit in Fourche Valley. It is that section of the county between Nimrod Lake and Forester. We left Danville, crossed the mountain, and entered the valley near Rover. There is a Baptist Church in Rover but they do not have a pastor. Rover is about ten miles from Plainview. We went through the little towns of Wing and Briggsville where there is no Baptist church. The main object of this visit was to go to Bluffton for a morning preaching service. During the past year the Mission Department supplemented the salary of Ralph Wilson as he served the Bluffton Church. We knew he had resigned and moved, but we did not know until after the service that the church had called another pastor the previous Sunday, and he had moved in the parsonage. He is C. H. Miles. We enjoyed his cordial fellowship, and rejoice to know that the church has such a capable leader. He is the only Baptist pastor in Fourche Valley.

About six miles on down the valley from Bluffton is Gravelly, a fine little town of several hundred people without any church of any kind.

From Gravelly we went over a

mountain range to enter Dutch Creek Valley which extends from Danville to Waldron, a distance of fifty miles. In all that area there is no Convention church. I doubt if there is a resident pastor of any denomination. We went through the communities of Blue Bull, Waltreak, Chalybeate, and Macedonia. We found a Hardshell Baptist Church, one Landmark, and heard of a Holiness Church.

Out of twelve people we contacted, we found one Christian. We stopped at a country store about fifteen miles from Danville and counted, about the store and within sight 53 people.

We need a pioneer missionary about half way between Danville and Waldron. The people are there. No church is ministering to them. But it takes money to put a worker there. Somehow, we hope to do it.

#### Three Years As Superintendent

This is being written on February 4. I am reminded that this completes three years of service as your Superintendent of Missions. On February 15, 1947, I left Fordyce to assume this position. Up to this time I have not heard who recommended me for the place, if anyone. Rel Gray walked into my office study at Fordyce one day and told me I had been elected. The Lord seemed to be in the call and I accepted. I gave up the best church in the state, but I have never regretted the decision.

These have been glorious years; plenty of hard work, but joy beyond measure. Yes, there have been some heartaches and many little worrisome problems, but the thrill of seeing some things accomplished for the Lord outweighs them all.

I have made mistakes; some I know, and probably others of which I am not conscious, but to the best of my ability I am trying to do the right thing for all. We have a splendid corps of missionaries and not once has there been the least friction or ill-will manifested by anyone. We appreciate the interest manifested in our mission work. Continue to pray for all of us as we serve you and our Lord.

Teaching in the Sunday school is the giving of oneself in love—love to God, and love to our human kind . . . It is a service worthy of the best one can give.



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With UN-employment insurance a big subject of discussion these days, we are proud to be working for an organization that is investing in employment. It helps our state grow.



## Figures To Inspire

SUNDAY, FEB. 12, 1950

	S.	S.	T	U.	Addi.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1,161	294		4	
Including Missions	1,432	484			
Little Rock, First	958	356		5	
El Dorado, First	920	202		1	
N. Little Rock,					
Baring Cross	782	225		6	
Including Missions	886	278			
Ft. Smith, First	735	412		15	
Including Missions	832	482			
Hot Springs, Second	732	183		2	
Little Rock, Second	685	98		7	
Fayetteville, First	543	277		6	
Including Missions	621	320			
El Dorado, Second	542	184		1	
Pine Bluff, South Side	509	212		9	
Including Missions	556	248			
El Dorado, Immanuel	499	223		3	
Including Mission	540	258			
Crossett, First	493	129			
Hot Springs, Central	471	149		5	
Paragould, First	368	176		1	
Including Missions	456	202			
West Helena	448	108		2	
Warren, First	445	65			
Texarkana, Beech Street	443	170		2	
McGehee, First	433	152		1	
Including Missions	555	180			
Arkadelphia, First	421	170		2	
Including Mission	436				
Forrest City, First	421	96			
Hope, First	403	132			
Fordyce, First	392	149			
Little Rock, Tabernacle	390				
Malvern, First	376	83		2	
Magnolia, Central	360	186		3	
Including Missions	445	224			
Hot Springs,					
Park Place	357	105			
Smackover, First	348	120			
Camden, First	325	165		2	
Including Missions	527	312			
N. Little Rock,					
Park Hill	321	70		4	
Searcy, First	321				
Stuttgart, First	314	187			
Including Mission	330				
Hot Springs, First	307	116		1	
Little Rock,					
South Highland	306	115		4	
Conway, First	297	75			
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	295	180		2	
Including Mission	347	214			
El Dorado, West Side	288	102		5	
Monticello, First	285	115			
N. Little Rock, First	285	86			
Norphlet, First	277	195			
Springdale, First	276	270			
Including Mission	425				
Siloam Springs, First	273	174		2	
Rogers, First	268	111		1	
Ft. Smith Grand Avenue	254	107		1	
Paris, First	257	116			
Including Mission	264				
Cullendale, First	229	164			
Pine Bluff, Second	224	98		2	
Jacksonville, First	222	116		2	
Little Rock, Calvary	203	103		3	
Little Rock,					
Reynolds Memorial	192	74		2	
Mena, First	186	106		1	
Strong, First	168	56			
Little Rock, Hebron	165	64			
Hot Springs, Piney	153	136			
DeQueen, First	133	51			
Douglasville, First	121	74			
Warren, Immanuel	115	113			
Hot Springs,					
Lake Hamilton	114	40			
El Dorado, Joyce City	111	71			
Hot Springs,					
Grand Avenue	104	55		1	
N. Little Rock, Highway	98	41			
Little Rock, West Side	85	51		5	
Kelso	85	30			
Grannis	73	53		1	
Douglasville, Second	69	39		2	
Ft. Smith, Northside	64	54			
Little Rock, Biddle	54	44		2	
Monte Ne, First	48	57			
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	38	33		1	

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# Planting A Church In A Pagan City

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Sunday School Lesson for  
February 26, 1950  
Acts 15:36-18:22

This discussion is based on the International Uniform Sunday School Lesson Outlines, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education and used by permission.

Be sure to read from Acts 15:36 through Acts 18:22 before reading this discussion, which can scarcely hit the high points of recorded truth for lack of space.

This is commonly called, "Paul's Second Missionary Journey." Paul and Barnabas decided to visit the churches that had been established on the first journey, to see how they progressed, and to encourage the young disciples. Barnabas determined to take his nephew, John Mark on this tour, but because he had started with them the first time and turned back, Paul refused to have him accompany them the second time. The dissension was so great, Paul chose Silas and they went to Asia Minor by the land route, and Barnabas took Mark and sailed by way of Cyprus; thus two missionary journeys were accomplished instead of one. No doubt, the separation of these two great men was caused by some human weakness, but God can overrule all situations to our good and to His honor and glory.

## Gospel Preached in Europe

In this lesson we review the famous "Macedonian Call" that came to Paul after he was forbidden to preach in Asia. Many questions have been raised as to why God blocked Paul's work in Asia; could it not have been because Barnabas and Mark were already working that territory, and the Lord led Paul farther out, into Europe, into a very needy field, indeed; and definitely for the good of the Western world.

In a dream Paul saw a man and heard his plea: "Come over into Macedonia and help us," so he set sail for Phillipi in Europe. When he arrived in Phillipi he found no synagogue, but instead, a group of women in a weekly prayer meeting on the bank of a river outside the city; and from this group of women, no doubt, was developed the Phillipian Church.

## Suffering for Christ

It was in Phillipi that Lydia, the business woman of Thyatira was saved, and she furnished entertainment for the several preachers in Paul's party.

It was in Phillipi that a slave girl, demon possessed, and used by wicked men to tell fortunes thereby bringing them much profit, kept crying after the preachers and Paul turned one day demanding the evil spirit to come out of her, and she was gloriously saved. Whereupon, the wicked men had them arrested, beaten with many stripes, and thrown into a dungeon. At midnight Paul and Silas sang praises unto God

in that dark prison.

What would we have done under such circumstances? Possibly prayed a great deal, but very likely we would not have sung in the face of such treatment.

If you would like to know what the Apostle Peter did on a similar occasion, turn to Acts 12:6: "He slept." Peter was typical of many of us today; he could always take a nap. He found it impossible to stay awake one hour with Jesus in Gethsemane. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter took a nap. In this prison experience his very life was at stake; Herod already had plans completed for his death. But while Peter slept, others were praying for his deliverance.

Sleeping Peter was delivered, alone. Singing Paul was delivered also, but he reached an entire household for Christ in that midnight experience. The Phillipian jailer, who has become famous through the years, was saved and baptized that night, along with his family.

There is just as much difference in Christians today as there was in these two apostles. Some are always alert, as was Paul, to every opportunity to testify for his matchless Savior. Nobody can point a finger to one idle moment in Paul's life. "Day and night" he said, "with tears, from house to house, privately and publicly" he sought the lost. Others refuse to take the task really seriously, it is easier to "nap"; what on earth would happen if all God's children would throw off their complacency and go to work for Him!

## Preaching to Pagans

Paul preached throughout the region of Phillipi, Thessalonica, and Berea, fleeing for his life from place to place. He left churches in each place, and while his co-workers were finishing up details in Berea, Paul waited for them in Athens, Greece. Upon seeing the condition of the city he could not refrain from preaching Christ to the Athenians, which he planned to do when his party reached him.

Athens was the very center of the Greek schools of philosophy and mythology. They had an altar to every heathen god in the catalogue, and one altar was inscribed to the unknown God, lest they leave out a god and bring his wrath upon themselves. Paul's efforts in Athens fell flat, they ridiculed the whole story of the gospel, so Paul moved on seeking a more fertile field.

## Paul at Corinth

Paul approached the Corinthian field "in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling," I Corinthians 2:3. Paul's recent experiences had almost been too much for a man to bear. He was stoned at Lystra; he had been beaten many times; he had been forbidden of God to preach in Asia; he went to Europe and was driven from town to town, each time fleeing for his life. At each place he had left a group of believers, except at Athens, and that experience must have left him depressed and defeated.

Now, he approached another pagan city, working alive with heathen idolatry and vile practices; anything could happen here. But the Lord appeared to him at this point and said, "Be not afraid . . . for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee, for I have much people in this city." So the apostle

was encouraged, and stayed in Corinth eighteen months, teaching the word of God. Later he wrote two epistles to the Corinthian Church which have been preserved for our instruction today.

Paul was unable to plant a church in Athens, so far as we know, but he went right over the way and planted a church in another pagan city, and who knows but what later the Corinthian influence might have had weight in Athens?

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The Training Union of First Church, Cotter, has doubled its Training Union attendance as a result of a Young Married Couples union being organized. This new union consists of twenty couples. As a result of the increased Training Union attendance, the church attendance at night is now larger than the morning attendance was before the increase in Training Union attendance. J. B. Stroud is the Training Union Director and Reverend T. E. Funderburk is the pastor.



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## Six Leadership Conferences

In the Arkansas Baptist last week we listed the places and dates of six Leadership Conferences to be held in March. Today we are giving you the skeleton programs. The personnel of the programs has been completed, but we have not had the confirmation from every man, and we are withholding their names until we get such confirmations. This should appear next week.

Make your plans to attend these great meetings. We haven't had anything like them for three or four years. They will strike at the heart of our denominational work and interest. Here are the programs:

### Program Leadership Conference

#### Monticello, Monday, March 20, 1950

##### Morning

- 10:00 Song—Prayers for God's guidance this year
- 10:10 Baptists and Revivals
- 10:35 Singing
- 10:45 This meeting today
- 10:50 "E. Pluribus Unum"
- 11:20 What part has the preaching of Baptist Distinctive Doctrines Played in Building the Denomination
- 12:10 Lunch

##### Afternoon

- 2:00 Song—Prayers
- 2:15 Panel Discussion of Baptist Work in Arkansas
- 3:15 Sermon on "The Church, and the Churches"
- 4:00 Adjourn

##### Night

- 7:30 Songs—Prayers
- 7:45 Baptists—Past, Present, Future
- 8:15 The Cooperative Program
- 9:00 How It Works (Sound Film)
- 9:15 Adjourn

#### Hope, March 21, 1950

##### Morning

- 10:00 Song—Prayers for God's guidance this year
- 10:10 Baptists and Revivals
- 10:35 Singing
- 10:45 This meeting today
- 10:00 What part has the preaching of Baptist Distinctive Doctrines Played in Building the Denomination
- 11:15 "E. Pluribus Unum"
- 12:10 Lunch

##### Afternoon

- 2:00 Song—Prayer
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##### Night

- 7:30 Songs—Prayers
- 7:45 Baptists—Past, Present, Future
- 8:15 The Cooperative Program
- 9:00 How It Works (Sound Film)
- 9:15 Adjourn

#### Fort Smith, March 20, 1950

##### Morning

- 10:00 Song—Prayers for God's guidance this year
- 10:10 Baptists and Revivals
- 10:35 Singing
- 10:45 This meeting today
- 10:00 What part has the preaching of Baptist Distinctive Doctrines Played in Building the Denomination
- 11:15 "E. Pluribus Unum"
- 12:10 Lunch

##### Afternoon

- 2:00 Song—Prayer
- 2:15 Panel Discussion of Baptist Work in Arkansas
- 3:15 Sermon on "The Church, and the Churches"
- 4:00 Adjourn

##### Night

- 7:30 Songs—Prayers
- 7:45 Baptists—Past, Present, Future
- 8:15 The Cooperative Program
- 9:15 Adjourn

#### Harrison, March 21, 1950

##### Morning

- 10:00 Song—Prayers for God's guidance this year
- 10:10 Baptists and Revivals
- 10:35 Singing
- 10:45 This meeting today
- 10:50 What part has the preaching of Baptist Distinctive Doctrines Played in Building the Denomination
- 11:15 "E. Pluribus Unum"
- 12:10 Lunch

##### Afternoon

- 2:00 Song—Prayer
- 2:15 Panel Discussion of Baptist Work in Arkansas
- 3:15 Sermon on "The Church, and the Churches"
- 4:00 Adjourn

##### Night

- 7:30 Songs—Prayers
- 7:45 Baptists—Past, Present, Future
- 8:15 The Cooperative Program
- 9:15 Adjourn

#### Jonesboro, March 23, 1950

##### Morning

- 10:00 Song—Prayers for God's guidance this year
- 10:10 Baptists and Revivals
- 10:35 Singing
- 10:45 This meeting today
- 10:50 What part has the preaching of Baptist Distinctive Doctrines Played in Building the Denomination
- 11:15 "E. Pluribus Unum"
- 12:10 Lunch

##### Afternoon

- 2:00 Song—Prayer
- 2:15 Panel Discussion of Baptist Work in Arkansas
- 3:15 Sermon on "The Church, and the Churches"
- 4:00 Adjourn

##### Night

- 7:30 Songs—Prayers
- 7:45 Baptists—Past, Present, Future

- 8:15 The Cooperative Program
- 9:00 How It Works (Sound Film)
- 9:15 Adjourn

#### Little Rock, March 27, 1950

##### Morning

- 10:00 Singing and Praying
- 10:10 Baptists and Revivals
- 10:35 "E. Pluribus Unum"
- 11:00 Singing
- 11:10 What part has the preaching of Baptist Distinctive Doctrines Played in Building the Denomination

##### Lunch

##### Afternoon

- 2:00 Singing and Praying
- 2:15 Panel Discussion of Baptist Work in Arkansas
- 3:15 Baptists: Past, Present and Future Recess

##### Night

- 7:30 Singing and Praying
- 7:40 "The Church, and the Churches"
- 8:15 The Baptist Program"

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### An Unusual Letter

We have just received a letter from one of our faithful pastors. We are making mention of it because it is such an unusual letter. We are omitting the writer's name because he requested that we refrain from mentioning the matter in the paper. The letter is so unusual that we want to exhibit the fine spirit. We are sure it will be all right to do so by omitting the name of the writer.

In this letter the writer gives excellent praise to every preacher that I can think of in his association. In all probability he can see some mistakes and faults in some of his brethren, but their virtues—their spirit, and attitude, and work—so outweigh all their deficiencies that the writer can think only of their good qualities as he mentions them one by one. The writer has no "ax to grind" and is seeking no favors. His letter seems to be simply a literary expression flowing from a heart of brotherly love. We wish we could tell you what preacher this is that exemplifies this excellent Christian spirit, but out of respect to his wishes we forbear.

### Jonesboro Central and Pastor Howard

It was our privilege to pay a recent visit to Central Church in Jonesboro and to have fellowship with Pastor Reece Howard. It was inspiring to note the growth of Central Church, and the fine spirit that exists there. On a recent Sunday more than three hundred were in Sunday School. Pastor Howard is a great preacher, and his members delight to follow his leadership.

### Magnolia Missions Starting Right

Central Church in Magnolia has two Missions. They have started sending ten per cent of their receipts to the Cooperative Program. They are also giving to Associational Missions. This is more than some older churches are doing on the percentage basis. They say they realize that this isn't much, but it is a start in the right direction.

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