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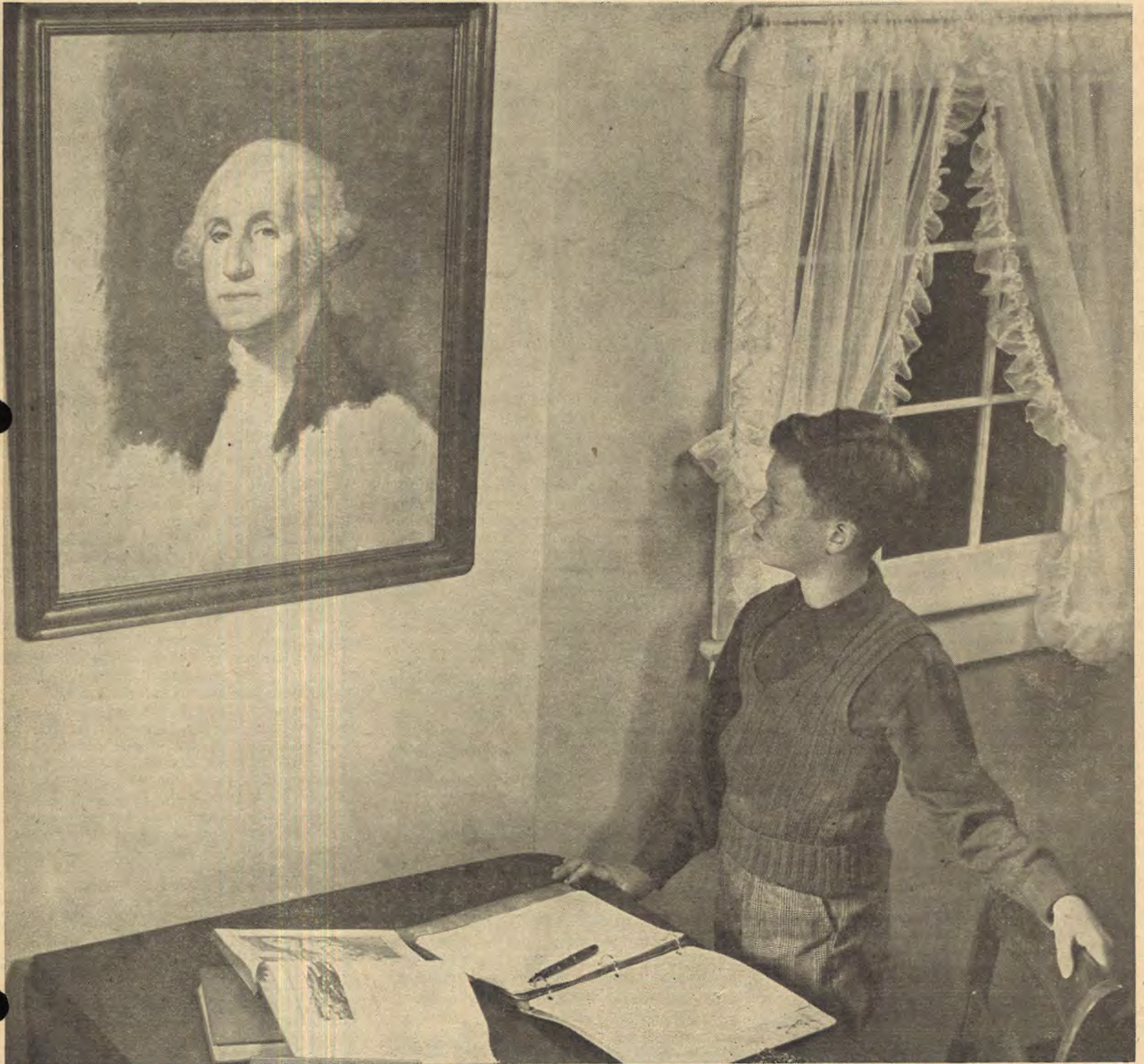
# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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—H. Armstrong Roberts

## *George Washington*

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# Southern Baptists and Social Security

By WALTER R. ALEXANDER, Executive Secretary

Relief and Annuity Board

## Article Number Three

Are there any distinct advantages to be enjoyed by those who participate under Federal Social Security that they cannot secure within the retirement plans of the denomination Board? Yes, there are.

What are these advantages, and are they of such great value that participation under Social Security is justifiable because of them, in spite of any and all objections that may come wrapped up in the same package?

There are two distinct advantages offered by Federal Social Security that no denomination pension board can offer.

### Freedom and Transfer

One is the absolute freedom of transfer of one's place of residence or one's type of employment, or of both, afforded the individual under Federal Social Security. Once a person has become a participant, he or she may live wherever he enjoys the protection of the Stars and Stripes, and pass from one type of employment to another at will. Obviously, such privilege of transfer cannot be as liberal under any denominational plan. The benefits offered by any denominational board are designed for employees of that particular denomination. The retirement plans are subsidized by that denomination, and they could not be expected to dissipate such trust funds in covering individuals after they have left denominational employ. The retirement plans of the Southern Baptist Convention, operated by its agency, the Relief and Annuity Board, can offer full benefits to those only who retain a salaried relationship to the denomination. There is offered ample freedom of transfer within the denominational life. Every week, because of change of type of service, men change from the Ministers Retirement Plan to participation in the Baptist Boards Employees Retirement Plan, or from the Baptist Boards Plan to the Age Security Plan, etc. But there is some inevitable loss sustained by that individual who works today for a Baptist organization, and tomorrow for some secular business concern or other type of work outside the denominational life.

I repeat the statement made previously: Federal Social Security offers a distinct advantage here. There are lay workers employed by our hospitals and by our educational institutions, for instance, not Baptists. They feel no particular sense of a divine call to the task they are doing. Tomorrow they may be employed by a hospital of another denomination, or a secular institution, or by some business organization that hasn't the faintest connection with Southern Baptist life. Social Security offers such individuals something they cannot secure elsewhere, and there is some valid reason for certain of our institutions to consider making possible such coverage to their employees as the Federal Government has now made available.

However, it should be noted here that this advantage is not as important as some might think, as it is an advantage that will never apply in thousands of cases. Employees of our churches remain in the denominational life, except in rare instances. The same is true of employees of our denominational boards and other agencies. They seldom leave for the employ of any other denomination or for some other secular pursuit. Thus, there is no particular advantage to our local churches

to place their lay employees under Social Security, nor to our general boards, state boards, and other groups within the denominational life. On the other hand, there are decided disadvantages in so doing, yet to be discussed in this series of articles.

### The Bait That Lures

The other distinct advantage Federal Social Security offers is another no denominational pension board can meet. It is the ultra-liberal old age pension payable under Social Security to those already well advanced in years who participate and retire after only eighteen months of "covered service." All pension plans, of course, denominational or otherwise, must proceed upon sound actuarial bases, and the old age pensions payable bear a direct relationship to services rendered and dues paid. Uncle Sam has access, however, to almost unlimited financial reserves out of which to pay old age pensions that bear no actuarial relationship to the dues paid in. Those reserves are the public treasury, refilled by public taxation. Thus, the subsidy paid out of public tax money, however well intended, becomes a bait that lures, and, as such, is fraught with many dangers.

There are Baptist churches now beginning to participate in Social Security, ostensibly to do a gracious thing by their aged janitor. After a short period of such participation by the church and covered employment by their janitor, he can receive a fairly liberal old age pension. Thus, lured by this bait, they actually palm off on Uncle Sam (all of us) what is their own responsibility as an employer of labor, and should have been discharged by them through the years that are gone in a manner worthy of a Christian institution that seeks to serve and does not ask to be served. In order to cover him, they must cover at least two thirds of their employees, and thus they provide certain of their employees with a coverage not nearly as good as these individuals could secure through their denominational agency.

The same trend is on in other denominational groups. It is a disturbing fact, and one that should give us pause. Churches, denominational Boards, and denominational leaders should be the last to say—even to think—"It is going to be spent anyway, so I might as well get mine." The present trend, if not curbed, will destroy some of the finest traits of American, yea Christian, character. Those who would corrupt our self-reliance with governmental gifts are our most dangerous friends. The only way to stop governmental extravagance is for each one of us to give up his own pet project for governmental aid. Then, too, it is as true today as it ever was, that you cannot accept government money without opening the way for government dictation.

There are many sides to this matter of our denominational servants participating in Federal Social Security. Many other matters remain to be discussed in subsequent articles. Let us look carefully before we leap.

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Roman Catholics have filed a brief in the New Mexico Supreme Court seeking to reverse the decision in the Dixon school case in which Catholic nuns and brothers were banned from teaching in public schools.

# The Christian Cross

The Sin Burden

Devotion by the Editor

"The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

It was the sin burden of the race that produced the cross. Jesus Himself declared, "The son of man is come not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom." And from the apostles we read, "He bore our sins in His own person on the tree of the cross—He, who knew no sin, was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God through Him."

The mob stood around the cross and taunted: "If He be the son of God let Him come down from the cross. He saved others, Himself He cannot save." Why could not Jesus come down from the cross? Why could He not save Himself? Because, as I have already stated, the wooden cross to which He was nailed was the symbol of the cross He carried in His heart, the divine love for sinful men, the love that dared to deliberately put itself between the sinner and the condemnation which he should rightly receive.

That is the Christian cross we must bear. Our cross is not a crucifixion upon a cross of wood, it is not the petty irritations of life, nor even the deep and mysterious tragedies, nor any of the other things which are frequently allowed to interfere with our Christian service. Our cross is the burden for lost souls, condemned to eternal death. Until we have felt that burden and taken upon ourselves to pray for and plead with the lost to accept the Christ, we have not taken up our cross to follow the Lord.

Here is a paradox of deepest significance. We dispose of sins and are freed from the personal guilt of our sins by accepting the atonement which Jesus made for our sins upon His cross; we bear the Christian cross by accepting the burden of the guilt of the sins of others. This is the suffering we endure for others, an agony of soul that expresses itself in intercessory prayer for those in sin. This is the cross that will take one's appetite and produce sleepless nights; it will cause one to forget the petty annoyances of life, it will lead one to despise the comforts of life, it will reveal the cheapness of personal and worldly successes.

Cross bearing is related to the profoundest joy of life. Do you know the experience of soul agony for some lost person and have you prayed until the victory was won and the lost were saved? If so you have known the experience of the cross and you have shared its triumph and its joy.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Catholicism And The Public Schools - Italy

(Continued from last week)

We introduced this subject last week using as a background for the discussion a series of articles by Paul Blanshard, now appearing in *The Nation*, a magazine published in New York. In this series of articles, Mr. Blanshard discusses the "struggle between the Vatican and public education" in certain European countries. The first article deals with the situation as regards public education in Italy.

Mr. Blanshard quotes **Catholic Canon Law**, listing the number of the canon and the page of the book on which it is found, to show the Catholic attitude toward public schools in general in any country in the world. A sample quotation is taken from the latest American Catholic catechism which says on page 198: "(the church) forbids parents to send their children to non-Catholic or secular schools in which the Catholic religion is not taught unless the bishop of the diocese grants permission because of particular circumstances."

In Italy the struggle between the Vatican or the Catholic hierarchy and the public schools is not as intense as it is in other countries "because Catholicism is an organic part of public education." Mr. Blanshard says that there are almost no neutral schools in Italy because of that fact. It is compulsory in Italy that children in the public schools be indoctrinated in Catholicism.

There is a definite period set aside for a religious class taught by the priest who receives a salary from the government. However, the teaching of the Catholic religion is not confined to this one class. The Catholic religion is taught in practically every class in the public schools.

Mr. Blanshard relates that in ten text books he examined, he noted 143 pictures which

were definitely Catholic and 185 pages of religious text that was "essentially Catholic in character." The first 57 pages of a standard fifth grade text book are devoted to Catholicism. These pages deal with instructions concerning the mass, prayers for the dead, and the like, "and give no hint that any other religion has a right to exist." Even in the secular part of the text books religious material is sandwiched in. The teaching of the Catholic religion "begins with the nursery school and goes through to high school." That is the situation in the public schools of Italy.

However, the situation does not end there. Catholics in Italy are building their own parochial schools and they are advocating an "educational assistance plan which is paying off rather handsomely for the Catholics." That phrase, "educational assistance," reminds us of the pleas that have been made in our own United States by the Catholics for federal funds for their parochial schools.

The parochial schools will give the Vatican and the Catholic Church a stronger position in the event the government should fall into hands unfriendly to the Catholic Church. Also any salaries paid by the government to Catholic nuns teaching in parochial schools could be diverted to other purposes by the church, since the nuns themselves cannot receive a salary and since any salary paid to them is actually paid to the Roman church.

It may be of interest to American taxpayers that the Italian government is building schools "rapidly with E. C. A. help." And it should be remembered that in these schools built by the government with American taxpayers' money, the Catholic religion is taught to the exclusion of all other faiths.

### Leadership Conference

Dr. B. L. Bridges, General Secretary, and his assistant, Lucien Coleman, have planned seven leadership conferences in Arkansas for this spring.

The theme of the conferences is "Lengthen and Strengthen." The emphasis in the conferences will be placed upon the lengthening and the strengthening of evangelism, the Cooperative Program, prayer life, doctrinal preaching, and the support and program of all the agencies and institutions of our Conventions. The program in each conference will be inspirational, dynamic, and challenging.

Among the program personnel will be many of the outstanding leaders and preachers of the South, including Dr. Duke K. McCall, Dr. J. E. Dillard, Dr. Howard Williams, and others of equal prominence.

No Baptist pastor or missionary in the state can afford to miss one of these conferences. Many layman, including deacons, Sunday School and Training Union workers, and women from the missionary societies, should also attend. If these conferences are attended as they should be they will give a tremendous boost to our Baptist life in Arkansas and to the entire program of our state Convention.

Be on the look-out for announcements in your local papers and in the **Arkansas Baptist**. Programs will be mailed to the pastors of the state and it will also appear in the **Arkansas Baptist**. Don't fail to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by these leadership conferences.

These conferences are located in different sections of the state so that they will be easily accessible to the entire Baptist constituency of the state, both the pastors and ministers and the laity as well. For your convenience and lest you should miss the announcement elsewhere, we give you below the dates and the places where these conferences will be held.

These are one day conferences including morning, afternoon, and evening programs.

**Hope, February 27**

**Camden, March 1**

**McGehee, March 1**

**Little Rock, March 2**

**Fort Smith, March 6**

**Batesville, March 8**

**Jonesboro, March 9**

### Home Mission Challenge

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention never faced a greater challenge than it faces today. The Board has pioneered in many phases of Home Mission work and its record of achievement is an honorable one and one to inspire confidence in both the present and the future position of the Home Mission Board in our overall denominational program.

The Home Board, like all other denominational agencies and institutions, has greatly expanded its work since the liquidation of its debts several years ago.

The geographical area of the Home Mission field has been greatly expanded by the inclusion of the far west in Southern Baptist territory. The work of the Home Mission Board in this western area will undoubtedly grow in volume and extent for years to come.

It seems obvious that in order to take advantage of the opportunities in this new western territory, the Home Mission Board will, of

necessity, have to give less support to well established work in the great centers of population in the South where there is the greatest concentration of Baptists, Baptist churches, and Baptist wealth in the land. It would seem that these populous centers would be able to carry their own work and relieve the Home Mission Board of much of the responsibility it has been carrying in these areas so that the Board will have more resources for concentration of work in the new fields in the west.

The Home Board must look to the Annie Armstrong offering in March for the resources, not only to maintain, but to expand its program of service. That offering has been growing from year to year and should and will continue to grow. Like the Lottie Moon offering for Foreign Missions, the Annie W. Armstrong offering for Home Missions should become a church wide offering. It is hoped that this offering will exceed \$800,000 this year.

### The Way of Life

Jesus said, "By me if any man enter in" thus proclaiming Himself as "the Way" of life, and the only way.

The door stands ajar for "any man," who is willing to do God's will. The only qualification necessary is to "enter in."

When one has entered the way of life, he will find his primary needs of life to be supplied by the all-sufficient Savior. Salvation is first, giving eternal life, or security.

He promises to supply our physical needs, assuring us of sustenance.

He does not desire His subjects to be idle so He provides a field of activity in His service.

Human Society has endeavored to secure man's happiness in providing these needs, but has failed in many instances.



# Kingdom Progress

## Car Presented to Hot Springs Pastor On Sixth Anniversary of Pastorate



Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hart, Central Baptist pastor and wife, are pictured in the left foreground receiving from Lee Muncy the keys to the new 1951 Chevrolet, four-door deluxe model, given them by a group of members of the church in appreciation of the pastor's service. In the right foreground are other members of the group. Left to right, Turl Muse, Warren Chitwood, Mathew Harris, E. R. Johnson, and R. A. Chitwood.

February 11 marked the sixth anniversary of the pastorate of Clyde Hart with Central Church, Hot Springs. According to the deacon's report, the church has made phenomenal growth during these years. The membership has grown from 625 to 1,051; 48 members were received in the past four months.

The Sunday School and Training Union attendance have doubled; a Brotherhood has been organized and is progressing. Attendance at preaching services has reached an all time high.

The income of the church is approximately four times what it was in 1944, when Pastor Hart accepted the pastorate, with proportion-

ate increase in gifts for missions. The church has paid a large indebtedness, has purchased other valuable properties, and has a reserve in the building fund for the erection of a new education building they hope to construct in the near future.

It was in appreciation of his untiring efforts for the church and the cause of Christ that a group of the membership purchased and presented to Pastor and Mrs. Hart the new automobile pictured above.

The Harts have four sons: Tom and James are in military service; John lives in Houston, Texas; Clyde Jr., at home.

### Missionary Roy Fowler Accepts Pastorate

Roy Fowler, who has served as association-missionary in the Little Red River Association, has resigned that position to accept the pastorate of the West Texarkana church.

Floyd B. Caldwell, clerk of the Little Red River Association, writes for the association an expression of appreciation for the services of Missionary Fowler in the association and commends him to the West Texarkana church. Mrs. Fowler also shares in the commendation expressed by Mr. Caldwell.

Among other things, Mr. Caldwell says of Missionary Fowler: "Our experience with him has shown that he is true and loyal to Christian standards and Baptist principles, and that he is a hard, conscientious worker—we offer our prayers that the Lord will bless you as you serve Him together."

### Nettleton Church In Study Course

Nettleton Church held a Training Union study course January 15-19, with an enrolment of 70. Fifty seals were awarded. The books taught and the teachers were as follows: Adults, Mrs. Esther Hampton, "Working Together in a Spiritual Democracy;" Young People, Mrs. George W. Boyd, "Progress in the Christian Life;" Intermediates, Mrs. Willie Rutherford, "A Faith to Live By;" Juniors, Mrs. Mabel Neel, "Living for Jesus."

The study course was culminated with a social in the church basement which was decorated with vari-colored balloons. Tickets had been given each night for attendance and those tickets entitled the bearer to a free "hot dog," soft drink, doughnuts, and ice cream bars at different "booths."

## Japanese Gideon to Speak In Little Rock



Takeo Igarashi

The Gideons are sponsoring a city-wide meeting at the Second Church, Little Rock, Wednesday, February 28 at 8:30 p. m.

The Gideons, under the leadership of Mr. Richard J. Holzwarth, International Field Secretary, recently organized in Japan.

Mr. Takeo Igarashi, owner of the largest dry cleaning establishment in Japan is president of the Gideons in Tokyo. He will be the principal speaker, along with Mr. Holzwarth, at this meeting. This will be a real opportunity for every Christian man and woman in Little Rock to hear about what the Word of God is doing in the hearts of the people in Japan. During Mr. Holzwarth's stay in Japan 50,000 Japanese Testaments and 7,000 English Bibles were placed.

Hear Mr. Takeo Igarashi speak and Mr. Holzwarth speak and sing. Mr. Holzwarth is an accomplished soloist having a metropolitan opera voice. The program will last one hour and is set at 8:30 in order that the Christian people from all churches might come directly from their prayer meetings to this service.

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### Pastoral Changes

W. J. Smith, who has served as pastor of the Cole Ridge Church, near Blytheville, for the past two years, has accepted the pastorate of Immanuel Church, Newport, and moved on the field, February 1.

The church honored Pastor Smith with a reception and presented him and his family a shower of groceries.



*Listen to the*  
**BAPTIST HOUR**

Date: February 25

Speaker: Charles Wellborn

Subject:  
"Children of Wrath"

#### Arkansas Stations:

**KTHS**, Hot Springs, 2:30 p. m.  
**KENA**, Mena  
**KXLR**, Little Rock, 12:15 p. m.  
**KDRS**, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.  
**KUOA**, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.



## Pastors To Lead Religious Emphasis Week Ouachita College, February 25 - March 2



Dr. D. Blake Westmoreland, First Church, Warren, and Dr. Carlyle Marney, First Church, Austin, Texas, will be the speakers at the annual Religious Emphasis Week at Ouachita. The theme will be: "Christ, Our Hope for the Future."

Dr. Westmoreland will be the morning speaker each day, and Dr. Marney will conduct the evening service at 7, to be followed by seminars at 8:30. The informal "bull sessions" in the men's dormitories will be re-



placed by informal discussions each afternoon from 4 to 5 in the Student Center.

Dr. Westmoreland attended Little Rock Junior College, is a graduate of Ouachita, and did graduate work with Central Seminary, Kansas City.

Dr. Marney attended Carson Newman College in his native state, Tennessee, and received the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

## Little Rock Pastor Becomes Evangelist



R. Wilbur Herring

R. Wilbur Herring has resigned the pastorate at Calvary Church, Little Rock, to enter the field of evangelism. Mr. Herring has served as assistant pastor in the St. Charles Avenue Church, New Orleans, and as president of the San Marcos Baptist Academy, San Marcos, Texas. He became pastor of Calvary Church in September, 1947. During this ministry there have been over 400 additions to the church, a large percentage by profession of faith and baptism. The church assets have greatly increased during the three and one-half year period. Among other improvements, one education building of crab orchard stone was constructed and paid for, a temporary wooden structure was completed, and a parsonage built with a present estimated value of \$18,000. A Hammond organ has been installed as well as an outside public address system in the tower for amplifying the organ and recorded chimes.

Mr. Herring is a graduate of the Little Rock High School, Little Rock Junior College, University of Arkansas, and has done additional work at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, and Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

Evangelistic engagements can be made with Mr. Herring after April 1, the effective date of his resignation.

## Griffithville Church Has Ground Breaking



Pictured from left to right: John L. Vandiver, Sunday School superintendent; W. S. Thompson and Deener Williams, deacons; Mrs. J. A. Neaville Sr., oldest member and one of the most faithful in the church; the pastor, Ernest Anderson, and former missionary of White County, W. C. Rowe.

Griffithville Church, White County Association, are making plans to leave their one room frame building, 47 years of age, for a modern structure which will include a new auditorium and seven Sunday School rooms. Ground breaking ceremony was conducted January 21, and work on the new building is going forward.

The church organization is over one hundred years old, having been organized in 1848 by J. S. Thomas, with twelve charter members.

Ernest Anderson is the aggressive pastor. He reports a membership of 80, with 60 enrolled in Sunday School and an average attendance of 45. The church has an excellent W. M. S.; the deacons are organized and have regular meetings; a Training Union is being organized.

## Baptist Hour Fan Mail

A friend in Tennessee writes: "Never have I heard the claims of a living Christ presented so effectively and enthusiastically as by Charles Wellborn on the Baptist Hour. I am praying daily that soon the barriers to our hearing him will be overcome."

A man in South Georgia writes: "As I have said many times before, I am a great lover of the Baptist Hour. It was through the Baptist Hour that I came to know God. May we always have a program that will open up the hearts of men, and let the wonderful blessings of Christ in."

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"Let France have good mothers, and she will have good sons."—Napoleon Bonaparte.

## W. M. U. Rally in New Association



The newly organized Ashley County Association had its first W. M. U. rally January 18, meeting with First Church, North Crossett. Eight churches were represented, with an attendance of 129.

Their aim: "To reach more people, and to strengthen the rural churches." Theme for the program was: "God's Kingdom Waits—for witnesses."

Guest speakers for the day were Pastor J. W. Buckner, First Church, Crossett, and Mrs. Ford Maggard, El Dorado, State Stewardship chairman. Special music was rendered by Mrs. C. L. Howard, Crossett; Mrs. Oren Henderson and Mrs. Allen Linder, Hamburg.

The next rally is scheduled for April 5, with Unity Church.



# ★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

By Religious News Service

## Praises 'Christian Character' Of American Occupation Policy

The people of Hiroshima do not bear ill will against the United States for using the atomic bomb because the "subsequent Christian character of occupation policy" has convinced them that America is a friend of Japan.

This is the message given members of Congress by Kiyoshi Tanimoto, pastor of Naragawa Christian church, Hiroshima, and survivor of the atomic bomb.

Mr. Tanimoto addressed members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and other ranking guests at a luncheon given in his honor in Washington, D. C. He also addressed capacity crowds in six Washington churches and was invited to serve as guest chaplain of the United States Senate, the first Japanese clergyman upon whom that honor has been conferred since the war.

"The people of Hiroshima have accepted the atomic bomb as God's judgment upon them," Mr. Tanimoto declared.

"There is no bitterness in their hearts because they realize that war itself is the great tragedy."

He praised America's occupation policy, particularly the sending of food to Japan immediately after the end of hostilities, thus avoiding in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and the other devastated cities a famine which he said "would have been worse than the destruction of war itself."

"When the people saw America open its heart in Christian generosity, their eyes were opened," he declared.

"They said to themselves America is the friend of Japan. We are ashamed that we have been at war with her. From now on we must always be friends and show our gratitude and appreciation.

"That is why I say that America's Christian spirit has been a greater weapon than the atom bomb."

## Church to Pray For Local Business Establishments

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, East Springfield, has announced that it will pray at regular Sunday services for local gas stations, drug stores, manufacturing plants, and other business establishments by name.

Under a plan set up by Ellwyn J. H. Nichols, his church vestry and young people, the rector will pray:

"Almighty God, Who hast given us this community for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will.

"Bless especially (for example) the Corona Market, Loyal Masters Cleaners and Dyers, and Carew Gardens Service Station.

"Save them and us from violence, discord and confusion. Bless our community with good schools, honorable industry, sound civic life and upright Christian citizens."

A different group of neighborhood business places will be mentioned each Sunday. Mr. Nichols said the weekly prayer would serve to demonstrate and personalize the church's interest in community commercial and industrial activities and their personnel. He also expressed the hope that it would make local residents "stop and think of Church and God."

## Korean Protestants To Send Missions Abroad

Two special missions will shortly be sent abroad by the Korean Protestant churches to urge "other free democratic nations" under no circumstances to "abandon Korea" into Communist hands, it was announced in Pusan.

Sponsoring the missions is the newly-created Emergency Committee of the Korean Christian Churches. One delegation will go to the United States and other United Nations countries, and the other to Japan.

The group scheduled to visit the United States will include Han Kyung Jin, of the Presbyterian Church, and Heitung Ki of the Methodist Church.

Among those named to the Japan-bound mission are Jeun Pil Soon, Kian Won Yong, Chon Hun, Yu He Jun, of the Presbyterian Church; and Lee Yong Shik, of the Holiness Church.

A special purpose of this group will be to investigate means of establishing "new, close and friendly relationship" between the Protestant churches in Japan and Korea.

Both missions will carry with them a detailed report concerning massacres of Christians by North Korean Communists in their drive through South Korea.

Meanwhile, the Korean Protestant Churches' Association sponsored a special service in memory of the late General Walton Walker, American commander of the United Nations Eighth Army, who was killed in a traffic accident last December. The service took place at the Pusan base chapel and was attended by prominent Korean government officials and representatives of the United Nations Commission for Korea.

## Ohio Pastors Warn Against Growing Militarization

A "grave and patriotic concern for the growing militarization of our country" was voiced in Columbus by the Annual Ohio Pastors' Convention.

The clergymen called on the government to "stem and to curtail the authority and the control of the military establishment over the civilian affairs of our life."

Other adopted resolutions expressed opposition to universal military training, lowering of the draft age to 18 years, and extension of the time of military service beyond provisions of the current Selective Service Act.

## Fight Gambling Bills

Church leaders in Montana are preparing for an "all-out battle" against two pro-gambling bills before the state legislature.

The Montana Council of Churches is leading the opposition to the measures. One would legalize pari-mutuel betting on horse races, and the other would provide for the licensing of games of chance of all kinds. Both bills would substantially increase the state's revenues.

Although Montana voters last fall defeated a referendum which would have made slot machines legal, the Council's legislative committee has warned against over-optimism. It is urging ministers and laymen to start a letter-writing campaign asking the legislators to defeat both bills.

# A Smile or Two

Murry: "I wonder if Jones meant anything by giving me a ticket to a lecture on Fools?"

Pitus: "Why do you ask?"

Murry: "Because the ticket said, Admit one."

Fumble: "What are you doing with that red lantern?"

Dumbell: "I just found it. Some foolish person left it beside a hole in the road."

After the young minister had finished his sermon he took his place at the door to shake his parishioner's hands. He noticed that there was a stranger in the midst, so as she walked up to him to shake his hand, he said: "I am very glad to see you attend our parish. Would you tell me your name and address?" "No thank you," she replied, "I already have a steady fella, and I don't think he would like it if someone else butted in."

College man: "Pardon me, doctor, but last night your daughter accepted my proposal of marriage. I have called this morning to ask if there is any insanity in your family."

Doctor: "There must be."

Mr. Leach: "What is the shape of the earth, Bruce?"

Bruce: "It's round."

Mr. Leach: "Can you prove that it's round?"

Bruce: "All right, it's square. I don't want any argument."

Three students looking at report cards— one a Methodist, one a Baptist, and one a Presbyterian.

First student who made all D's, "Well, what is to be will be, why worry?"

Second student with same report, "Yeah, and often what is to be may happen."

Third student with similar report, "Huh, what is to be can't often be avoided."

Her hair in curls, a faded robe fluttering behind her, the lady rushed out and hailed the garbage truck.

"Yoo hoo! Am I too late for the garbage?"

"No, ma'am. Jump right in."

"Your wife drives like lightning, doesn't she?"

"She certainly does — always striking trees."

She: Will you love me when my hair has turned to silver?

He: Why not? Haven't I stuck to you through red, blonde, and brunette?

An inebriate was watching a man enter a revolving door. As the door swung around, a pretty girl stepped out. "Swell trick!" he muttered, "don't shee how that guy changed his clothes so fast."

A few days after a father had placed his two children in a school, a book agent called and said:

"Now that your boys are in school you ought to buy them an encyclopedio."

"Hanged if I do," said the father, "let them walk the same as I did when I was a lad."

Reporter: "And what would you say has been the chief source of your strength and health?"

Centenarian: "Vittles."



## News From Baptist Press

### Relief Badly Needed in Both Korea and Europe

Relief to Korea has struck a bottleneck that is not yet broken, due to the mid-winter military reverses. Very little relief is going into the war-ruined country at this time. The only recent shipment was made by army transport for United Nations distribution.

Plans are being made by the United Nations for the opening of the way for large scale relief in Korea. The program will be in charge of J. Donald Kingsley who is now directing the work of the International Refugee organization.

"Baptists are not conducting a drive at this time but are waiting until the military situation justifies it," Dr. Caudill said. The relief committee of the Baptist World alliance is on a "stand-by" basis, and will take action as soon as practical.

A west coast group will conduct a drive in early March. The need is for blankets, scarves, wool socks, wool clothing, full-length underwear, and shoes, especially for men.

European relief is still needed. Two offices are being maintained by the Baptist World alliance in Germany. Bulk shipments are still being made to these areas. A carload of rice was among the recent gifts. However, no bulk shipments can be made to the eastern zone of Germany.

The most urgent need at this time is cash, Caudill said. Money is needed to keep the German offices open. Send all offerings to Baptist World Alliance, 1628 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

### Arizona Baptist College Relocated in Phoenix

Grand Canyon college will move to Phoenix. This decision was reached at a special meeting of the college trustees January 25. The time of the move and the specific location in Phoenix will be decided at a later date.

President Leroy Smith states that the school will finish the current year and summer school in Prescott. The school will probably move to Phoenix for the opening of the fall semester of 1951.

### Georgia Baptists Set Goal of 75,000 Baptisms

Georgia Baptists have set a goal of 75,000 baptisms in 1951—or more than twice the record in the past year, which was 31,571.

The goal was set by the Georgia evangelistic conference when plans for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade March 25-April 8 were advanced. Reports from associational chairmen indicated almost 2,000 of the state's 2,600 Baptist churches had committed themselves to participate in the Crusade.

### Missionaries Leaving China

Twelve of the sixteen Southern Baptist missionaries in China have applied for exit permit. "They realize their remaining up to this point has produced a great deal of good," Dr. Cauthen said, "but with the probability of even more anti-American pressure, a longer stay would not only bring greater danger to themselves but would imperil Chinese Christian friends as well."

"It is obvious," Dr. Cauthen reported, "the Communists regard missionary work as a bond of good will between America and the people of China. Their effort now is directed toward breaking down that good will by accusing the missionary movement of 'cultural aggression.'"

### Southwide Gifts for January

According to an announcement from Dr. Duke K. McCall, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, Cooperative Program gifts for January, 1951, were \$597,111.69, plus designated gifts of \$820,436.66, making a total of \$1,417,548.35 for the first month of 1951. The total income for January, 1950, was \$1,238,794.19, of which were designations in the amount of \$597,038.87, showing an increase of \$178,754.16 for this January over that of last year.

### Will Write New Textbook For Religious Journalism

William F. Tanner, assistant professor of journalism at Oklahoma Baptist University, is head of a 12-man committee to write a textbook for courses in religious journalism.

The text, believed to be the first of its kind in the country, is being sponsored by the Radio and Public Relations Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The outline of the new book will follow largely the notes which Tanner is using in the beginning religious journalism courses at OBU.

Delivery of the text is anticipated in September, 1952.

### Missouri Baptists Set Goal 75,000 Baptisms

Missouri Baptists at their annual evangelistic conference meeting at First Church, Jefferson City, January 8-9, set as the evangelistic aim for 1951 the winning of 75,000 souls. The resolution, offered by Dr. K. J. O'Banion, state Brotherhood president, was voted with fervent unanimity. Plans for the intensification of the evangelistic program were set in motion immediately. Missouri Baptist churches in 1950 baptized 21,143 which was an all-time high record.

### Baptist Standard Set Goal at 250,000

Texas Baptists hope to achieve a total of 250,000 circulation for their weekly paper, *The Baptist Standard*, by the end of this year. The list now stands at 231,285. The announcement was made by Dr. David M. Gardner, editor.

### Seminaries to Offer Student Secretary Course

Representatives from Southern, Southwestern, and New Orleans Theological Seminaries met January 29 to discuss the possibility of co-ordinating the various seminary courses of study for training of student secretaries. The meeting was called by Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Department of Student Work.

Conclusion reached by the group: Beginning this summer a seminar will be conducted for the secretaries now in service. It will be jointly sponsored by the Seminaries named, and the Department of Student Work at Nashville, Southeastern and Golden Gate Seminaries, along with the Training School, will be invited to participate through faculty representation. The first of these seminars will be held at Southern, July 30 through August 3.

Quiet meditation is still the best way to arrive at an intelligent decision.

## Unhappiest Man In Washington

By CONGRESSMAN BROOKS HAYS

The unhappiest man in Washington today is the person in the Soviet Embassy who reports to Moscow on American morale. He could not help seeing that our spirits have been lifted by the exciting events of this week, climaxed by the report of General Eisenhower. The General brings to the task of unifying defense efforts of America and Europe a superb military mind and a high degree of statesmanship. He holds the confidence of both sides.

Other events contributing to the boost in morale: (1) the one-sided vote (44 to 7) of the United Nations declaring Communist China an aggressor; and, (2) the visit of France's Prime Minister Plevin for conferences regarding the French government's contribution to the defense program. One noteworthy fact is there were no requests for new loans or allocations for French aid. Mr. Plevin reported that the French Army is being recruited to almost a million men; that 160,000 are now fighting in Indo-China against the Communists and French casualties have reached a total of 25,000. This is one reason France has not been able to give more help in Korea.

General Eisenhower gave specific instances of Europe's heightened program emphasizing Britain's policy and the French goal of 29 full divisions within two years. Members of Congress who have raised doubts as to Europe's resolution to resist aggression were convinced the General's leadership would be the best stimulus. As I came away from the two-hour conference he had with our Foreign Affairs Committee, I felt warmed inside by the sign of confidence on his part that the peace can be saved. It is obvious that PEACE is the only purpose of the great enterprise of defense in Europe.

### Dr. Wallace Still in Prison

Dr. William Lindsey Wallace, Southern Baptist missionary who was taken prisoner in December, is still in custody, according to Dr. Baker James Cauthen, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for the Orient.

The Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China, where Dr. Wallace served as staff physician, sends food to him each day; but friends are not allowed to see him, the report said. Communists have called meetings of doctors, nurses, and other groups asking if any one can bring any charge against Dr. Wallace. The people say he is the most unselfish man they have ever known and they cannot say enough good about him.

Then the Communists ask, "How do you explain finding a pistol in his room?" Although it is common knowledge that the gun was planted by the Communists, the people do not dare say, "You put it there." A Roman Catholic bishop, two priests, and a nun also are being held because opium was planted at their mission and then discovered by the Communists, Dr. Cauthen reported.

A visitor to Coleridge argued vehemently against the religious instruction of the young, and declared his own determination not to "prejudice his children in any form of religion, but to allow them at maturity to choose for themselves."

Coleridge's answer was: "Why prejudice a garden in favor of flowers and fruit? Why not let the clods choose for themselves between cockleberries and strawberries?"

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## News From The Seminaries

### New Orleans

#### Offers Special Session For G. I. Students

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is offering a regular quarters work of eight weeks summer school for G. I. students.

This session will begin Tuesday, May 8, and close Friday, June 29.

G. I.'s interested will please write Mr. Upton Reynolds, Registrar, 1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

#### God's Grace

Recently one of our students, who works in the Rescue Mission in New Orleans, handed me this letter which he had just received. Dear Brother Brumblow:

It is with great humility and a prayerful heart that I write you this slight testimonial. When I came to this Mission I was very much confused and wounded deeply in heart therefore, I was humiliated and very embarrassed to be forced to accept charity. A long time ago I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior, but through the years as a criminal lawyer and also twice a member of the legislature of my home state. I wandered away from God. This was a gradual process from associating with and defending murderers, forgers, burglars and also hardened criminal officers. I suppose I thought through the pride of my strength and ambition for achievement I could make it through, but sickness and death in my family overtook me and it was hard for me to get in touch with God again. I am now thankful that I came to your mission, because through your prayers and help I have found my way back to the Lord.

God still works wherever men tell of his love. We have experienced almost daily on the streets, in the jails, in the hospitals and other institutions, telling us of the power of God to save men and to reclaim men.

#### "Missionary Day" Results

##### In 59 Volunteers

Dr. Everette Gill Jr., was speaking to the faculty and students of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Missionary Day, January 25. The seminary holds three such days each school year, inviting missionaries and others to speak on missions. The service is always climaxed with an invitation for volunteers.

The first call was to those who had already made public at the seminary their intention to become missionaries, at home or abroad. At least 40 — coming too fast to count — crowded to the front.

Then the new ones came, 19 in all, some smiling through their tears, to shake hands with Dr. Gill and the seminary president, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell.

One Arkansan responded, James Hefley, Mt. Judea.

"I had no idea there was such a missionary spirit at New Orleans," said Dr. Gill after the service, "Until I saw the response — so many fine young people."

### Southwestern, Fort Worth

#### Enrolment Reaches High

Enrolment for the Spring semester at Southwestern Seminary now totals 1,455. This is an increase of twelve over the last semester. One hundred seventy-nine students are registered for the first time.

Nineteen students list as home places outside the continental United States.

#### Southwestern Graduates Cited For Heroism In Korea

Two Southwestern men, both Army chaplains, have been commended for heroism under fire in Korea, according to the office of the Chief of Chaplains in Washington.

First Lieutenant Deyo J. Williams, 1949 graduate, was commended for the religious program he conducted nightly, first on board the ship carrying the 10th Engineer Battalion to Korea and later on shore. The citation stated that the program was "enthusiastically received by officers and enlisted men alike."

Captain Michael E. Reynolds, 1940 graduate, was cited for his service with the 31st Infantry Division in the bitter fighting below Suwon. His work was termed "outstanding."

#### Accreditation Notation For Theology School Removed

One of the two notations in accreditation listed for Southwestern Seminary has been removed by the American Association of Theological Schools, according to word received by Dr. Ray Summers, Director of the School of Theology.

A letter from Dr. Nevin C. Harner, chairman of the Association's Committee on Accreditation, advised that the notation, "inadequate library" is no longer listed. Expansion of the library's staff, facilities, and total volumes make possible the dropping of this notation.

The only remaining notation against the school is one stating that more than ten per cent of the student body do not have college degrees.

"We are not disturbed because of this notation," Dr. Summers explained, "for these non-college students are always welcome. We anticipate this notation indefinitely."

#### Seminary Correspondence Study

In view of plans of the Inter-Seminary Council to establish a department of extension study, Southwestern will discontinue credit work by that method of correspondence.

#### Mission Conference Scheduled

Six hundred high school, college and seminary students are expected to register for the annual Mission Volunteer Fellowship Conference to be held at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, February 23-24.

This conference, sponsored by the Seminary Mission Band, is for home and foreign mission volunteers and others interested in missions.

Dr. M. T. Rankin, Samuel E. Maddox, Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, and Dr. George W. Sadler of the Foreign Mission Board will be present to counsel with students. Returned missionaries will be on the program.

Mission Day speaker at the Seminary on February 23 will be Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas. Dr. E. D. Head, Seminary president, will welcome visiting students at a barbecue to be held on the opening night.

Those who desire to remain through February 25 will be invited to services at Gambrell Street Baptist Church and to the Coliseum to hear Billy Graham in the opening service of the Fort Worth revival.

Registration for the conference will be \$1.00. Rooms will be available in the dormitories and homes without charge. Arrangements may be made with Virgil O. McMillan, Jr., 2000½ Broadus, Fort Worth. Meals may be taken in the Seminary cafeteria.

### Southern, Louisville

#### Missionary Opportunities In The West

For Christians willing to do pioneer work, California offers unparalleled opportunities for service, Dr. S. F. Dowis, of the Home Mission Board, said in conferences with Southern Seminary students recently.

With a population of 10,500,000, the state has only 2,500,000 residents with any religious affiliation whatever, Dr. Dowis said, including Catholic, Protestant and Oriental religions.

Warning of hardship incident to establishing new churches, Dr. Dowis said, "You will have to scratch ground, dig out the rocks and plant the roots, but then you will see your work sprout and grow."

Although established churches are still comparatively few in the West, the people are responding in large numbers to Christian leadership, he said. The average mission becomes a self-supporting church within a year to eighteen months after its establishment, he said.

#### Rural Pastor's Conference

Rural pastors and missionaries from the states of the Southern Baptist Convention will be invited to attend a Rural Life Leadership conference at Southern Seminary May 14-17. The conference will be sponsored jointly by the Home Mission Board and Southern Seminary and will feature Bible study, preaching, and addresses and forums on rural life and rural church problems. Rooms will be provided by the Seminary and meals will be available in the Seminary cafeteria.

#### Semester System

Beginning next September, Southern Seminary will operate on the semester rather than the term system. This decision was reached at a recent faculty meeting following a careful study by a special committee.

#### Pastor's Conference in July

Instead of its annual March Pastor's Conference Southern Seminary will have a Summer Conference this year, July 23 to August 3. Thirty-five apartments will be available for married couples; and 100 rooms for individual men attending the conference.

Refresher courses will be offered in Old Testament, New Testament, theology, philosophy, church administration and pastoral counseling. There will be conferences on the city church and the country church, led by experts in these fields. The lectures will be held in the morning and there will be a worship service and preaching hour each night. The afternoons will be free.

### Golden Gate Berkeley, California

With twenty-eight new students entering in spring semester, enrolment has now reached 205 at Golden Gate Seminary. Over 100 new students have registered since September 1. The 28 new students in spring session are from Texas, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington, Minnesota, Maryland, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Alabama, and Arkansas.

The second annual Missions Day, January 31, will feature Dr. Samuel Maddox, Personnel Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia. An all-day conference will be conducted at the seminary highlighted by missionary addresses and group conferences on missionary qualifications and fields in the world.

Open House for the new Music Building will be held January 25. The building has five studios, two music classrooms, and seven student practice-rooms.

Preparations are being completed for the seventh annual Bible Conference to be held at the seminary February 19-23.



## Spiritual Fires Burn Anew At Pastors' Retreat

K. OWEN WHITE, *Pastor*  
First Church, Little Rock

Born of a sense of personal need and expressing a heart-hunger for a deeper spiritual life, the first Arkansas Baptist Preachers' Retreat was held at First Church, Little Rock, February 5-7. The idea originated among the preachers themselves and was sponsored by no particular group. Feeling the need for something of this sort, one of the brethren spoke to several others during our State Convention and expressed his convictions to our Executive Secretary and other state leaders.

There was little time for preparation or publicity. An announcement of the date and an invitation to every preacher in the state appeared in the *Arkansas Baptist* and in the local papers. It was felt that the emphasis should not be placed upon a large attendance for this first attempt. It was in the nature of an experiment in which no one was particularly experienced but all were feeling their way along. The attendance was unusually good in spite of the severe weather of the preceding week.

Harvey Elledge, North Little Rock, spoke several times on "The Gospel of Redemption," Jesse Boyd, DeWitt, brought an exposition of I Thessalonians, and the writer was privileged to speak on "Christian Living." Interspersed

between the messages were periods of prayer and testimony. It was a heart-searching, heart-warming experience.

The group appointed Russell Club, West Memphis, as chairman, Wilbur Herring, Little Rock, as secretary, and instructed the chairman to appoint a steering committee representing various districts over the state to make plans for an annual gathering of this sort. This committee is to investigate the best time and place for the next meeting and give it statewide publicity.

Let it be said emphatically that this Retreat is only for the purpose of Bible study, prayer, and Christian fellowship. It is not a promotional gathering. However, it is not apart from or outside of our co-operative work. It is to strengthen, undergird, and serve as a source of spiritual refreshing with which to implement our entire Southern Baptist and Arkansas Baptist program.

For the pastor in the great city church with all the pressure and tension of the work, or to the pastor of the isolated rural church with the sense of loneliness which may oppress him, such a conference offers glorious opportunities for the revival which he needs in his own heart.

## Arkansas Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy

By J. F. QUEEN

For convenience my title is "Hospital Pastor," or "Chaplain." Other titles could be given as "Public Relations Man" or "Teacher" in the school of nursing.

It was six years ago January 16 that I came to the hospital to begin my work. Looking back over the years, there are many things I wish that I could have done. Some of them I could have done if I had known how, and others could not have been done by any one man.

There is no boasting in this report, because I am certain many others could have done more. In 1950 I preached 88 times in churches; gave 21 addresses, nine of which were on the hospital reports in district associations; conducted six mid-week prayer services in churches and one in a home; taught Sunday School classes in various churches; and officiated in several weddings and funerals. I am responsible for five services a week from noon to 12:30 p. m. in the hospital chapel. Dr. E. A. Ingram, superintendent of missions in Pulaski Association, conducts one of these services every week, and the student nurses another. The other three days we secure a visiting speaker if we can. The past year we had an average of one visiting speaker per week. It is my policy to be ready for the service if a promised speaker should fail to be present.

During 1950 I stood by the beds of more than 8,000 patients, making 10,543 visits. Some of these visits were very brief and some lasted several minutes. Since the number of bed patients is 12,000 or more per year, I missed seeing about 4,000 of them. It takes one week to visit all rooms. Those who come to a room, just after I visit a patient who is going out, and who do not stay a week I will not get to see, unless they send for me. I have the privilege of explaining the plan of salvation to one or more patients per day and rejoice to see some of them saved.

We have three classes of nurses enrolled every year. I have taught a Bible course to sixteen of the classes the past six years and Miss Elma Cobb has taught two. She assists me when I need her in teaching. Other records for the six years are: Visits or contacts with approximately 50,000 bed patients; supplied the pulpits of 139 churches; counseled with many relatives of patients; and conducted two revival meetings each year, or twelve in all.

A constant effort is made to maintain a Christian atmosphere throughout the hospital among the personnel, students, and patients. Miss Cobb is always faithful at the organ in chapel services and with the student nurses in B.S.U. and Y.W.A. Mrs. Brough, in addition to her many duties, is faithful in seeing that an appropriate verse of scripture is placed on the trays every morning at breakfast for the patients, and a Sunday School leaflet for every patient every Sunday. The good women of the Hospital Auxiliary furnished the scripture verses, and the Sunday School Board furnishes the Sunday School leaflets free of charge.

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## New Book

### Christ in the Old Testament

Author, Dr. T. W. Callaway

Publisher, Loizeaux Brothers, Inc.; Price \$2.25

Review by Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee.

The aim of this book is to discover the historical source of the name Jehovah-Christ, and to trace it through the centuries in type, in symbol, in prophecy, and in figure of speech, finding its connection between the Messiah of the Old Testament, and the Savior of the New Testament.

The author accomplishes his objective in a most interesting way. In simple language, he presents profound truth.

## Tributes to Dr. Whittington He Was a Giant

By T. H. JORDAN

Arkansas Baptists suffered a great loss in the home-going of Dr. Otto Whittington. He was the most widely known, the best loved, and the most trusted preacher and leader Arkansas has produced. It will take eternity to tell the good influence his ministry has had on the preachers and churches. No job was too big for him and no task was so small but that he put his best into it.

Dr. Whittington possessed more ability in more ways than any other preacher of our state in my day. He could fit perfectly into every situation in the country and in the city. He was a giant in the pulpit. He was a great pastor. He was a mighty kingdom builder. He was a denominational statesman of the first rank. His denominational convictions were true and steadfast. He was an evangelist of the highest order. And he was as courageous as a lion in fighting sin and in denouncing heresy. His compassion for the lost was akin to that which led Christ to Calvary's Cross.

## From Central Association

We of Central Association express our sympathy to you and yours in your hour of sorrow.

Brother Whittington was a great servant of God, one who was always faithful, even until death.

We in Central Association loved him very much, and will miss him, but we have the promise of Christ that we shall meet again in that promised land.

We know that he is at home with his Lord and King. May God bless and comfort you, and help you to look up in faith, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Bill Kersh, *Chairman*

C. E. Precise Sr., *Secretary*

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## Youth Church

First Church, Conway, has hit upon a plan that it believes is leading it forward. The first Sunday night of each month is given to the young people. The entire worship period is conducted by them. They plan the service and the pastor approves it.

"The Plan of Salvation," a sermon in song and scripture, was one very impressive service recently. On another occasion a young college student just returned from Europe spoke of the summer service there.

"It Costs to Follow Christ" was the subject Dr. Dale Cowling, State Student Secretary, spoke on at one Youth service.

Two Ouachita students spoke at the last Youth Church. Miss Chieko Sato from the Hawaiian Islands told of her conversion and her decision to come to the United States to school. Miss Bennye Sims' talk on "Contagious Christianity" was one especially aimed at the young people.

We feel that not only the young people, but the church as a whole is going forward under this new program.

Othar Smith is the pastor and Bob Allison is Training Union Director.

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## In Brotherhood Revival

Forrest R. Sawyer, Brotherhood secretary of Illinois, was with First Church, Hamburg, for a four day Brotherhood Revival, beginning February 18-21. Lowell F. Matheny is pastor of the Hamburg Church.



## Foreign Mission Advance

M. THERON RANKIN, *Secretary*

### Slowly, But Surely, The Work Bears Fruit

**Spain:** The prospect is that Baptists of Barcelona will soon have a place of worship of which Southern Baptists will be proud. Baptists there have been worshipping in an out-of-the-way place on an unpaved street not far from a stable. This new building is the first decent place of worship. Baptist work in Spain has been carried on with great difficulty. The pressure is not as severe as it has been, though there is still not religious freedom as we know it in America.

**Italy:** The Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome has twelve students, one of whom is a Swiss. With approaches from a German, a Yugoslav, and a Highlander it seems as if the institution is on the way to becoming an international school for girls.

**Switzerland:** The Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon-Zurich has eighteen nationalities represented in its student body. All are from Europe except four—an American, an Algerian, a Jordanian, and an Egyptian. Plans are about complete for the erection of new buildings.

**Yugoslavia:** John Allen Moore, professor in the Baptist Theolo-

gical Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, recently spent three weeks in Yugoslavia, where he used to serve as missionary. He says: "The attitude toward Americans is some better but the fears and suspicions in general on the part of the authorities seem to be greater than two years ago." He visited a number of churches representing the various groups of Yugoslav Baptists — Serb, Croat, Slovak, Hungarian, and Rumanian. "We visited two of the three churches we have helped to build since the war," he reported. "They were crowded to overflowing." The only thing in the way of Baptist literature being published in Yugoslavia is a mimeographed devotional quarterly.

**Korea:** Communication has been established with Korean Baptists through David Ahn, a co-worker with Missionary John A. Abernathy, who is in Pusan. Dr. Cauthen reports that through him we are able to get relief funds to the Baptists of Korea.

**Japan:** The seminary building at Kukuoka is under construction and administration building at Seinan Gakuin will soon be started.

**Nigeria:** Missionary L. R. Brothers writes, "We have concluded some of the finest revival meet-

ings I have experienced in Nigeria.

Three churches, Aipate, Olukun and Oluponna, had simultaneous meetings and together saw over two hundred professions of faith."

Missionary J. S. McGee writes: "I have baptized 548 converts since I returned to Nigeria a year and a half ago, and Pastor Fatunla has baptized 137. With the exception of a few old people, all of these have been taught to read. I have one small church with seventy learning to read."

**Southern Rhodesia:** Missionary Clyde J. Dotson and E. M. Darroll, an outstanding young South African Baptist pastor, have recently surveyed the Zambezi Valley. They report that aside from a few Roman Catholic outstations, the whole district is untouched by the gospel. Dr. Darroll was so impressed with the need that he has offered his services on a contract basis to the Foreign Mission Board in order that a foundation in that neglected area may be laid.

**Jerusalem:** Miss Eunice Fender-son says, "Never in the history of missions in this land have we had such opportunities and open doors as we were privileged to have this past year. We thank God for the consent of the Israeli Government to broadcast the gospel in Hebrew over Kol Israel (The Voice of Israel)."

**Siam:** Good beginning in this land of 17,000,000 people where

one out of 1700 confesses Christ as Savior. Two couples and two single ladies are now in Bangkok.

**Philippines:** Three centers have been opened and the work is being strengthened. Splendid beginning is being made in Manila with the work directed toward the Chinese population.

**Indonesia:** Shortage of housing has held up visas for our missionaries, but indications are that the way is now being opened.

**Formosa:** Six women missionaries now represent Southern Baptists. In the capitol city there is a church, a gospel center, a definite witness to the students of the government university. Missionaries report most unusual opportunities and stress need for additional personnel.

**Peru:** The Board, at its February meeting, appropriated \$5,000 for pioneer work in Lima, Peru. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Oates, who were appointed for Chile originally, went to Peru a few months ago after completion of language study in Medellin, Colombia. They have reported their first conversion and have obtained permission to remain there as full-fledged missionaries with the assurance that additional missionaries will not encounter serious trouble in obtaining permits. Senor Gamarra, one of the Argentine seminary graduates, and family have moved from La Paz, Bolivia, to assist in the opening of this new work.

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# STATE TRAINING UNION CONVENTION

First Baptist Church, El Dorado

Friday, March 16—Saturday, March 17, 1951

IT'S COMING SOON!



Ralph W. Davis

"Choose You This Day" is the theme of the convention which is just around the corner. The convention will begin at 10:30 Friday morning, March 16, and close at noon Saturday, March 17. The people of El Dorado and Liberty Association are planning to care for numbers of people who plan to attend. Bed and breakfast will be furnished free. There will be a registration fee of fifty cents for all Juniors, Intermediates, Young People and Adults. The two main speakers will be Dr. Leo Eddleman of Louisville, Kentucky, and Dr. John L. Hill of Nashville, Tennessee. The following workers from the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will be present for conferences and messages: Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, Miss Thelma Arnote, Versil Crenshaw, R. Maines Rawls, Harvey Gibson, and Leonard Wedel. Mrs. Frank Leavell, representing the Home Curriculum Department of the Sunday School Board, will bring three messages. People within a radius of fifty miles of El Dorado are urged not to ask for entertainment unless necessary. A limited number coming two hundred miles may receive entertainment Thursday night as well as Friday night, provided they write to Reverend Clyde Freed, First Baptist Church, El Dorado, and make reservations by March 10.



Sam C. Reeves

## IT'S FOR EVERYBODY

Yes, it's for everybody! A well planned program for all age groups will be provided. There will be ten sectional meetings for General Officers, Associational Officers, Adults, Young People, Intermediates 13-14 years of age, Intermediates 15-16 years of age, Juniors, children, workers with children, and Educational Directors. A large number of Intermediates and Young People will be on the sectional meeting programs.

## STATE TOURNAMENTS

The State Junior Memory Drill will be conducted on Friday afternoon at 2:15 at the First Presbyterian Church. All Juniors, regardless of the number, who make a perfect score at the associational Junior Memory Drill, may participate in the State Junior Memory Drill.

Elimination Intermediate Sword Drills will be held in the Intermediate "A" and Intermediate "B" sectional meetings on Friday afternoon with the eight best sword drillers participating in the final drill on Friday night at the High School Auditorium. The same plan will be used in the Young People's Speakers' Tournament, with the four best speakers participating on Friday night.

## IT'S FULL OF ATTRACTIONS

Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Training Union Department, Nashville, Tennessee, will bring the key-note address. Messages and conferences by nine

workers from the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board. Inspirational speakers will be Dr. Leo Eddleman and Dr. John L. Hill.

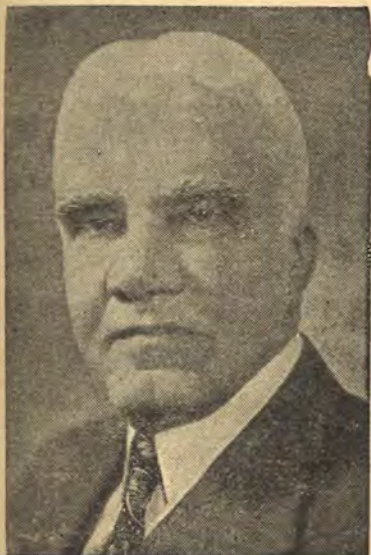
Sword Drill Elimination and final drill; Speakers' Tournament Elimination and final tournament; College Choir Festival under direction of Mrs. B. W. Nininger. Sectional meetings; special music by choirs, quartets, and sextets; emphasis on Christian Home by Mrs. Frank H. Leavell; State Poster contest—information, inspiration. Plan now to attend.

## CONVENTION OFFICERS

J. T. Elliff, pastor, First Church, Fordyce, president; Arlie McDaniel, pastor, First Church, Mena, first vice president; Mrs. Howard Samuels, Fordyce, secretary.

Important people in El Dorado whom we should recognize at this time are: Dr. Sam C. Reeves, host pastor; Clyde Freed, convention coordinator, and J. D. Tolleson, chairman of the homes committee.

In case of large groups coming, one person should write the State Training Union Director, 212 Baptist Building, for registration cards. These cards should be filled out, brought to the convention, and one person can present these cards with the registration fee at the registration desk.



John L. Hill



Leo Eddleman



J. T. Elliff



## Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, *State Secretary*

219 Baptist Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

### Regional Tour Going Well

The Brotherhood Department is now in the middle of the Second Series of Regional Brotherhood meetings. Two of the meetings of the current series have already been held: at El Dorado, with Second Church, and at Helena, with First Church. Both meetings were well attended by large and representative groups of Baptist men. Two other meetings are scheduled. They are with First Church, Harrison, and First Church, Eudora. Dr. A. S. Newman, Brotherhood Secretary of Louisiana, is the out-of-state speaker for these meetings. He is being ably assisted by Ralph D. Dodd, pastor of Tabernacle Church, Little Rock, and by Harold A. Anderson of Heber Springs. Harold is acting president of the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas.

Many good things can be said about these Regional Brotherhood meetings. They bring together many Baptist men from the various Baptist churches within the region; and these men are informed, inspired, and challenged to get to work for the Lord with all they are and have. It's a wonderful experience for God's men to be together, pray together, sing together; and together consider their sacred obligations, explore their sacred privileges, and examine their sacred opportunities to serve their God.

#### Sixteen Regional Meetings

It will take about sixteen such meetings as those mentioned above to cover every area of our state. So the Third Series of meetings is being planned for late spring or early summer. The Brotherhood Department earnestly desires to make available, to all Arkansas Baptist churches and all Arkansas Baptist men, the good things which these Regional Brotherhood meetings offer to those who attend.

#### Ridgecrest Brotherhood Conference

This year's Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest is scheduled for August 16-23.

Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest is a great period of inspiration and fellowship. And Ridgecrest is a choice vacation spot.

If possible, why not plan to go to Ridgecrest this year? If interested, write for details from your Brotherhood office.

#### A Good Suggestion

The Brotherhood Department recommends to every pastor and every church Brotherhood president that the Brotherhood Guide-Book be taught in every church in the state — and in the very near future.

The Guide-Book will help church Brotherhoods already in operation to straighten out any flaws in their organization or their program of work.

It will be well for the pastor to teach the Guide-Book to his men. And as pastor and men study together the mechanics of Brotherhood organization and the suggested program of Brotherhood work, they can discern the place that a live Brotherhood can fill and should fill in the life and work of the church.

The Brotherhood Guide-Book is available from the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock, or from the Brotherhood Department. The cost is 75 cents for the paper binding, and \$1.25 for the cloth binding. Order your copy now!

#### A Tract Much in Demand

About a year ago the Brotherhood Department published a little tract, "Essential Steps in Personal Soul-Winning." The tract has proved to be very popular among Southern Baptists, and about 40,000 of them have been distributed throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Perhaps the reason for the wide demand for this tract is that it sets forth a METHOD in soul-winning.

If you would like a copy of the tract, it will be sent free upon your request. Drop a card to the Brotherhood Department, 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

#### The Arkansas Brotherhood Bulletin

Four issues of the Arkansas Brotherhood Bulletin will be published this year. Mailing lists are being made up largely of the names of men who have attended recent Regional Brotherhood meetings. If you also would like to be among those who shall receive the Bulletin, drop a card to the Brotherhood office.

The bulletin is free!

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Most church quarrels originate over someone's rights, not over someone's prayers.

## Woman's Missionary Union

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209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

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President

MISS NANCY COOPER

Executive Secretary and Treasurer

MISS DORIS DEVAULT

Young People's Secretary

### Recognition of A-1 Societies

Fifty-three Woman's Missionary Societies reached the requirements on the Standard of Excellence during the past year, and Certificates of Recognition are being mailed to each. They are:

First Church, Kensett; First, Rogers; First, Marianna; Immanuel, Rogers; Moro Church; First, Strong; First, Star City; Hardin Church, Pine Bluff; First, Elaine; First, Bearden; First, Trumann; Decatur Church; First, Murfreesboro; Holly Springs Church, Hermitage; Joyce City Church, El Dorado; First, Charleston; First, Tyrone; Mason Valley Church, Bentonville; Memorial Church, Hot Springs; South Highland, Little Rock; Matthews Memorial, Pine Bluff; Second, Hot Springs; First, McCrory; First, Hamburg; Trinity Church, Fort Smith.

Dierks Church; Central, Hot Springs; First, Paris; First, Crossett; First, El Dorado; First, Pine Bluff; First, Paragould; Central, Magnolia; First, Blytheville; First, Stephens; First, Bauxite; First, Ozark; Grand Avenue, Fort Smith; First, Arkadelphia; First, McGehee; First, Smackover, First, Dumas; Southside, Pine Bluff; First, Prescott; Calvary, Fort Smith; West Helena Church; Immanuel, Newport; Second, Little Rock; Pilgrim's Rest, Bethesda; First, Hope; First, Alma; First, North Crossett; Baring Cross, North Little Rock.

One hundred eleven Societies maintained full graded missionary education for their young people.

#### Thank God For Christian Friends

"Last week I went to baptize three of our Japanese friends who are in the old men's home in Manteca. During the terrible flood every belonging of these and other Japanese friends was washed out.

"Today we are sending some used clothes which our American Christian friends have brought. I thank God for our American Christian friends who help in every possible way."

So writes George Fujita, our missionary at the Sawtelle Japanese mission in West Los Angeles. He and Helen, his charming Japanese wife, are tireless workers in this field where there are hundreds of Japanese.

They arranged for one of the Japanese students to participate in the state Baptist Student Union Convention. It was the first time that a Japanese had been recognized in this way. The receipts from the Annie Armstrong Offering provide most of the salary for this fine couple.

Miss Helen Ige, serving among the Japanese in Richmond, California, is also supported very largely from these funds gathered by Woman's Missionary Union.

The Annie Armstrong Offering goal for 1951 provides \$15,000 for the Chinese and Japanese work.

Intermediate G. A. Conference

INTERMEDIATE

G. A. CONFERENCE

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#### The Acrostic Pastor

By Dr. L. M. Sipes

Viewed from the standpoint of his relationship to the church as an organization the acrostic pastor is:

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A—dministrator  
S—hepherd  
T—eacher-trainer  
O—rganizer  
R—egulator

Does he have anything to do? Or, does he just preach on Sunday, and rest the other days of the week?

The truly efficient and effective pastor is a busy man and very fruitful.

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# Denominational Leadership Conference Programs

## Hope, February 27

### Morning Session

LAWSON HATFIELD, Presiding  
CHARLES E. LEWIS, Song Leader

- 10:00 "... Come before His presence with singing."
- 10:10 Strength in Scripture and Prayer—Stanley M. Cooper
- 10:20 Words of Welcome—S. A. Whitlow, Host Pastor
- 10:25 We meet today—B. L. Bridges
- 10:30 Strengthen Doctrinal Preaching
- 11:00 Recognitions and Announcements
- 11:10 Special Music
- 11:15 Lengthen and Strengthen Evangelism—J. E. Dillard
- 12:00 Recess for lunch

### Afternoon Session

- 1:30 "Sing unto the Lord . . ."
- 1:40 "... strengthen thou me according to thy word"—Prayer—A. W. Wagnon
- 1:50 Strengthen the Prayer Life—John Collier
- 2:20 All stakes should be strengthened—A Forum  
State Missions—W. E. Perry; Home Missions—J. W. Royal; Foreign Missions—Dell Hames; Christian Education—Dale McCoy; Healing the Sick—C. G. Davis; Helping the Helpless—Nelson Greenleaf.
- 3:20 Special Music
- 3:30 Strengthen our Stewardship Life—J. E. Dillard
- 4:10 Recess for supper

### Evening Session

JAMES HARRIS, Presiding  
CHARLES E. LEWIS, Song Leader

- 7:30 "Rejoice and sing Praise"
- 7:45 "Wait on the Lord . . . and He shall strengthen thine heart," Prayer—Floyd G. Davis
- 8:00 Strengthen our Fellowship in Service—Nelson F. Tull
- 8:30 Special Music
- 8:35 Strengthen the Cooperative Program

## McGehee, March 1, 1951

### Morning Session

RALPH DOUGLAS, Presiding  
WALTER N. HILL, Song Leader

- 10:00 "... Come before His presence with singing."
- 10:10 Strength in Scripture and Prayer—N. R. Griffin
- 10:20 Word of Welcome—Theo T. James, Host Pastor
- 10:25 We meet today—Lucien E. Coleman
- 10:30 Strengthen our Fellowship through service—Nelson F. Tull
- 11:00 Recognitions and Announcements
- 11:10 Special Music
- 11:15 Strengthen the Cooperative Program—W. R. Vestal
- 12:00 Recess for lunch

### Afternoon Session

QUINCY MATHIS, Presiding  
WALTER N. HILL, Song Leader

- 1:30 "Sing unto the Lord . . ."
- 1:40 "... Strengthen thou me according to thy word"—Prayer—U. C. Broach
- 1:50 Strengthen the Prayer Life—Burton A. Miley
- 2:20 All stakes should be strengthened—A Forum  
State Missions—Allen McCurry; Home Missions—Carl Overton; Foreign Missions—Minor Cole; Christian Education—Wesley A. Lindsey; Healing the Sick—Homer Bradley; Helping the Helpless—Sam Davis.
- 3:20 Special Music
- 3:30 Lengthen and Strengthen Evangelism—E. F. McDonald Jr.
- 4:10 Adjourn for supper

### Evening Session

W. B. TATUM, Presiding  
WALTER N. HILL, Song Leader

- 7:30 "Rejoice and sing"
- 7:45 "Wait on the Lord . . . and He shall strengthen thine heart," Prayer—Dillard S. Miller
- 8:00 Strengthen Our Stewardship Life—J. E. Dillard
- 8:30 Special Music
- 8:35 Strengthen Doctrinal Preaching

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### Morning Session

HUGH CANTRELL, Presiding  
CHARLES LOWERY, Song Leader

- 10:00 "... Come before His presence with singing."
- 10:10 Strength in Scripture and Prayer—Howard Barton
- 10:20 Words of Welcome—T. L. Harris, Host Pastor
- 10:25 We meet today—B. L. Bridges
- 10:30 Strengthen Doctrinal Preaching
- 11:00 Recognitions and Announcements
- 11:10 Special Music
- 11:15 Lengthen and Strengthen Evangelism—J. E. Dillard
- 12:00 Recess for lunch

### Afternoon Session

- 1:30 "Sing unto the Lord . . ."
- 1:40 "... Strengthen thou me according to thy word"—Prayer—R. O. Ekrut
- 1:50 Strengthen the prayer life—Lonnie Lassater
- 2:20 All stakes should be strengthened—A Forum  
State Missions—J. D. Tolleson; Home Missions—Glenn Crotts; Foreign Missions—Jesse S. Reed; Christian Education—Dale Taylor; Healing the Sick—J. Elmer Morgan; Helping the Helpless—John Hargett.
- 3:20 Special Music
- 3:30 Strengthen our Stewardship Life—J. W. Buckner
- 4:10 Recess for supper

### Evening Session

SAM C. REEVES, Presiding  
CHARLES LOWERY, Song Leader

- 7:30 "Rejoice and sing Praise"
- 7:45 "Wait on the Lord . . . and He shall strengthen thine heart," Prayer—Johnny Jackson
- 8:00 Strengthen our Fellowship in Service—Nelson F. Tull
- 8:30 Special Music
- 8:35 Strengthen the Cooperative Program—W. R. Vestal

## Little Rock, March 2, 1951

### Morning Session

W. M. PRATT, Presiding  
J. F. MORELAND, Song Leader

- 10:00 "... Come before His presence with singing."
- 10:10 Strength in Scripture and Prayer—W. E. Speed
- 10:20 Words of Welcome—K. Owen White, Host Pastor
- 10:25 We meet today—B. L. Bridges
- 10:30 Strengthen Doctrinal Preaching
- 11:00 Recognitions and Announcements
- 11:10 Special Music
- 11:15 Lengthen and Strengthen Evangelism—Duke K. McCall
- 12:00 Recess for lunch

### Afternoon Session

- 1:30 "Sing unto the Lord . . ."
- 1:40 "... strengthen thou me according to thy word"—Prayer—Doyle Lumpkin
- 1:50 Strengthen the Prayer Life—M. Ray McKay
- 2:20 All stakes should be strengthened—A Forum
- 3:20 Special Music
- 3:30 Strengthen our Stewardship Life—J. E. Dillard
- 4:10 Recess for supper

### Evening Session

CHARLES E. LAWRENCE, Presiding  
J. F. MORELAND, Song Leader

- 7:30 "Rejoice and sing Praise"
- 7:45 "Wait on the Lord . . . and He shall strengthen thine heart," Prayer—Harvey Elledge
- 8:00 Strengthen our Fellowship in Service—Nelson F. Tull
- 8:30 Special Music
- 8:35 Address—Duke K. McCall

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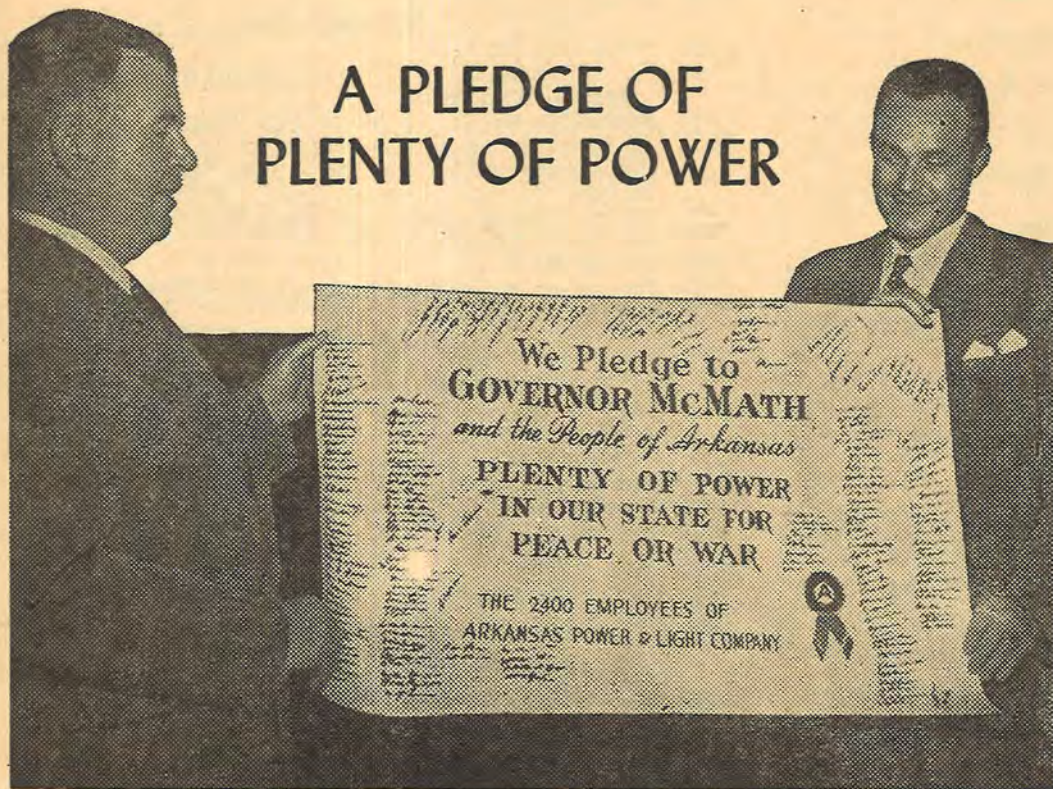
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	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock Immanuel	1217	369	12
Including Missions	1421	497	14
Fort Smith, First	1105	680	21
Including Missions	1332	740	
Little Rock, First	934	416	6
El Dorado, First	920	271	7
Including Missions	976	305	
N. Little Rock, Baring Cross	877	339	
Including Missions	1011	410	
Hot Springs, Second	756	173	2
Little Rock, Second	748	173	2
Fayetteville, First	681	225	
Pine Bluff, First	631	196	
Pine Bluff, South Side	624	231	
Including Mission	661	253	
Camden, First	578	176	3
Including Mission	860	381	
El Dorado, Immanuel	578	289	
Including Mission	634	336	
Crossett, First	560	280	4
Hope, First	465	119	
Hot Springs, Central	453	182	1
Magnolia, Central	451	177	
Paragould, First	450	231	1
Including Missions	662	391	
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.,	448	160	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	445	145	7
Paris, First	417	143	
Including Mission	449		
Forrest City, First	422	190	4
Little Rock, Gaines St.	420	242	5
Springdale, First	409	230	
Including Mission	502		
Rogers, First	406	130	
Hot Springs, Park Place	403	189	6
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	403	130	1
Smackover, First	401	169	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	398	198	1
Fort Smith, Calvary	390	192	5
Stuttgart, First	388	247	3
Including Mission	440	276	
Siloam Springs, First	377	236	1
Conway, First	370	88	
Cullendale, First	363	158	
El Dorado, West Side	360	127	3
Hot Springs, First	357	109	1
Little Rock, So. Highland	357	115	4
Norphlet, First	349	223	
Monticello, First	342	119	
Fort Smith, So. Side	334	103	8
Hamburg, First	322	123	
Searcy, First	304	103	
Pine Bluff, Second	292	137	1
Mena, First	283	108	4
Texarkana, Calvary	281	85	4
DeQueen, First	279	95	2
No. Little Rock, First	272	82	
Bentonville, First	250	77	
Gentry, First	246	167	
Gurdon, Beech Street	233	122	
Wynne	220	54	3
Little Rock, Hebron	209	119	
Jacksonville, First	198	102	
Including Missions	236		
Little Rock, Reynolds Meml.	196	70	3
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	184	141	5
Star City, First	175	48	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	137	72	
Rt. Jacksonville, Friendship	129	95	3
Little Rock, Tyler St.	128	63	2
Strong, First	125	50	
Warren, Immanuel	113	105	3
Grannis	102	56	
Magnolia, Immanuel	99	61	2
Fort Smith, North Side	87	68	
Monte Ne, First	79	63	2
Gurdon, South Fork	76	50	
Rt. No. Little Rock, Bethel	66		
Rt. No. Little Rock			
Cedar Heights	55	37	2
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	54	51	

Some people think prayer has failed because God has not accepted their judgment of the case.

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You'll always find a welcome, and your friends will wish you nigh — if you strive in conversation, not to overwork the I.

April 22

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The Commission



# Glory and Service

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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

Luke tells us, in relating the story of the Transfiguration, that Jesus took Peter, James and John up into a mountain to pray. He often went alone for communion with His Father, but by this time in His ministry there had definitely developed a sort of "inner circle" between these four.

We find the same human characteristics among the twelve apostles that we find among every day Christians in this age. Some disciples are closer to the Lord than others. Some are more anxious to learn, more willing to serve; some are more usable in God's kingdom than are others. It was no fault of Jesus that three apostles were closer to Him than the other nine. The twelve apostles had the same opportunities and privileges, only three were more alert, more consecrated than the others.

Many times in this age, a pastor is accused of having his pets. Sometimes a pastor is accused of catering to certain members; a pastor who would stoop to such is not worthy of the high and holy calling he received of God. The pastor should be the pastor of all his people, with no partiality being shown to any group, nor to individuals. But the modern pastor cannot be any closer to any individual member than that member wants him to be. The nine apostles in question were just as close to Jesus as they desired, and no closer.

## The Transfiguration

Luke tells us also that while Jesus prayed, His clothing became so white it glistened and glowed; His whole being was flooded with glorious light. As the apostles gazed in awe another phenomenon occurred; two other men appeared on the scene whom they recognized as Elijah and Moses of Old Testament fame. A discussion followed between Jesus and the two visitors concerning the coming sacrificial death of the Lord in Jerusalem.

The thing was so sensational that it inspired another one of Peter's bright ideas; "Master," he said, "It is good for us to be here; let us build three tabernacles, one for thee, one for Elijah and one for Moses." It's great to be in the presence of effulgent glory, to fellowship with great men like Elijah and Moses; why not just build, and remain on the mountain top?

We have too many mountain top Christians today. Too many are willing to go along so long as things are sensational. But when it comes to the common humdrum of every day work and ser-

## Sunday School Lesson for February 25, 1951 Mark 9:2-50

vice to others, they are nowhere to be found.

God answered Peter's query, personally: "This is my beloved Son, hear him." Fellowship with Elijah and Moses is one thing; to make them equal with the Son of God is another. The Lord gives us these high moments for our encouragement and strength, but the WORK must be done in the valley. How wonderful life would be if that were all there was to Christianity — just fellowship and communion with God and one another. This does not reach the lost, nor heal the sick, nor evangelize the heathen.

## Service In the Valley

That truth is emphasized in this lesson, Mark 9:14-29; Jesus came down from the mount of transfiguration just as He was sorely needed. The nine apostles had attempted to cast out an evil spirit in an effort to heal a certain man's son, but they had failed. The multitude of spectators, being agitated by certain scribes who scorned the disciples for their claim to heal and their failure to perform, was about to turn into a mob. When Jesus appeared, all eyes were turned on him; the poor father was desperate. His son had suffered death many times over. In unwilling doubt he said to Jesus, "If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us." Jesus replied in the man's own language, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible . . ." The youth was healed, and the mob was dispersed, but the apostles were confused. When alone with Jesus they asked Him why they had failed. Did they really need to be told that their lives were powerless because they were prayerless? That was the answer they received.

Let's not let this lesson pass without making a personal application. If we attend Sunday School and church only to hear, and never heed, we are mere hearers of the word and not doers. We are like Peter who wanted only the mountain top experiences. We go to church, to special meetings, to revival services, to gain spiritual strength and encouragement; these furnish our spiritual "refreshments." But while we are in that sort of service, while we are feasting on the mountain top, there is always some one in a nearby valley who needs our help or our encouragement, who needs to know the truth about Christ that we could tell them if we put ourselves in the place of service, if we are willing for God to use us.

The glory, the good times, are on the mountain top but service is always in the valley—below.

## Are We Spiritual —Or Carnal?

The transfiguration scene seems to have inspired hope in the apostles that God's kingdom was soon to be established on earth, and since they were closer to Jesus than others, they would naturally expect to have positions of honor in the kingdom. These followers of Christ were more carnal than spiritual; they had doubtless viewed the transfiguration scene from a selfish point of view. They began to reason among themselves concerning who would be greatest in the new kingdom.

When Jesus perceived their thoughts He took a little child in His arms and sought to teach His followers a lesson in humility. There are many lessons to be learned from watching a child grow. To become a Christian one must have the simple, trusting faith of a child. Simplicity is the ruling factor in the life of a child; their obedience, their hopes and desires; their longings to grow up and be like Daddy or Mother; all these are characteristics of a nor-

mal child; apply the spiritual point of view to each of these childhood traits and see what you have!

The average normal child would expect to work in order to be successful in this life. The same is true in the spiritual realm. There must also be, of necessity, a time element in any phase of growth, that is true in any realm. So, he who would enjoy the full glories of heaven must serve down here. Not in order to be saved, but to receive special rewards, such as being counted among the great over yonder. If one expects to sit with Abraham and Paul and John the Baptist, or John the apostle in the coming kingdom, they should be willing to pay the kind of price those men paid for being renowned today.

The indifferent, the complacent, and even lazy Christians can get to heaven, but he will not have the rewards for service that the diligent child of God will enjoy. Many will arrive there "though as by fire," without the benefit of rewards. But to others Christ will say: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy reward, prepared for thee by the Father."



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Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention, Little Rock, March 2.

Dr. J. E. Dillard, Director of Promotion, Emeritus, Southern Baptist Convention, Hope, February 27; Camden and McGehee, March 1; Little Rock, March 2; Fort Smith, March 6; Batesville, March 8; Jonesboro, March 9.

Mr. R. G. LeTourneau, Industrialist and great Christian layman, Fort Smith, March 6.

Dr. J. Howard Williams, Executive Secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Batesville, March 8; Jonesboro, March 9.

Note: Dr. R. C. Campbell, previously engaged for Hope, Camden, McGehee, and Little Rock conferences, has been forced to cancel his engagements with us due to unexpected surgery last week at a South Carolina Hospital.

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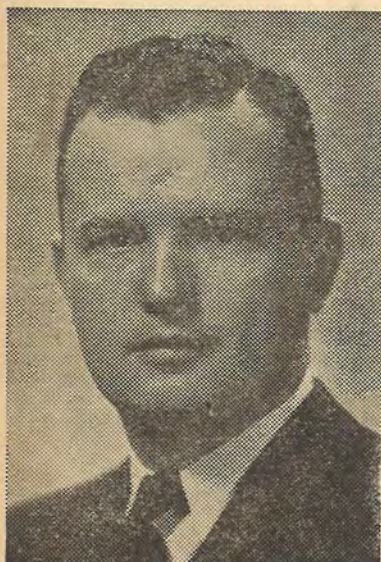
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