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# A new commandment



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Hours before his execution, Christ gave his followers a new commandment: ". . . love each other just as much as I love you. Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are My disciples" (*The Living New Testament*, Jn. 13:34-35).

What does it mean to have this kind of love for one another?

In the great classic on love, I Corinthians 13, Paul helps us to see what Christian love really involves. The practicality of love is highlighted in his verses 4-7.

"Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud,

"Never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong.

"It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out.

"If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him" (*The Living New Testament*).

It is hard to imagine a husband and wife who really love one another living a cat-and-dog life. A husband who really loves his wife will not want to provoke her to anger, and a wife who really loves her husband will not nag the life out of him.

Parents who really love their children will not abuse them and neither will they permit them to grow up without Christian parental nurture and restraint. And children who really love their parents will respect and honor them.

If one's heart is full of the kind of love that Christ has commanded us to have and Paul has described so vividly here, it will be a love that cannot possibly be hidden. It will show on the highways, in the way one drives his car. It will show in the shopping center, in the bargaining process.

If one really loves his fellow Christian, he will hurt himself in a business deal before he will allow the other to be hurt. One Christian would not be expected to take unfair advantage of another Christian in any relationship.

And when you are hurt by one you love, you do not strike back. Instead, you return good for evil. And there is no room in the heart of one who really loves for nursing grudges.

The most of us want very much to be loved. Perhaps we are not concerned enough about loving.

Lord, help us through love to be loyal to one another always and "no matter what the cost."

*Erwin L. McDonald*

# In this issue

- Regional and associational chairmen have been named to help in the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign. A list of these men begins on page 10.
- Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services has announced that the Little Rock office has a new director. See a story on page 13 for more about Mrs. Russell Clearman, who succeeds Johnny Biggs in this post.
- A Baptist group has made friends in the Dominican Republic while there on a mission project. A Baptist Press story on page 16 tells about their experiences.
- A Dermott woman has made a gift of a quarter of a million dollars to the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign. Mrs. Evans is featured on this week's cover. More about her and her gift is found in a story on page 7.
- The head of the Missions Department for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention has resigned to accept a post in Oklahoma. A story on page 13 tells how Arkansas work has prospered under the leadership of J. T. Elliff.
- A decline in giving to church-related colleges has been noted in a recent survey. See page 24.

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## Great lift for Christian education

The quarter-of-a-million-dollar gift of Scottie (Mrs. Leonard V.) Evans, of Dermott, to Ouachita University, reported in our cover story this week, packs a powerful punch for Christian higher education.

There is something significant beyond the size of the contribution in the fact that it comes from one who never had the privilege of a higher education herself, but who appreciates the key place of a Christian institution such as Ouachita in the building of a better world. It says something when a lady from the Baptist grassroots who has given her life in the stellar role of homemaker gives so liberally to the cause of Christian education.

One thing Mrs. Evans' gift says is that Baptist schools and colleges are not going to die as long as Baptist people believe in them. As long as our Baptist educational institutions continue to fulfill the purpose that called them into being—that of building Christian

character and equipping Christians educationally to live the abundant life—they can expect the support necessary to their continuance.

The beneficence of Mrs. Evans comes at a most propitious time, early in the campaign of Arkansas Baptists to raise \$4 million for their two colleges—Ouachita and Southern Baptist. Her enthusiastic liberality will add spark to a movement that already has gathered tremendous momentum. Coming at this time, it gives final assurance to the plans at Ouachita to begin construction, early next spring, of the first unit of new building development, featuring a student center.

Mrs. Evans has captured the spirit of her husband, whose life-time goal was to live out his years in service to mankind and leave the world a little better for his having been here.

## Elliff's new assignment

Feeling God is calling him to a new place of service, J. T. Elliff has resigned as director of the Missions department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to accept the position of superintendent of missions for the Capitol City Association, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Elliff has seen a great expansion of the Missions department here since he became connected with it ten years ago. (For more details, see story in this issue.) He has a great place in the hearts of Arkansas Baptists and his place will be difficult to fill. We wish him and Mrs. Elliff the best of God's blessings as they go to their new field.

## Look for these items next week

Three things of particular interest are scheduled for publication in our paper next week—the issue of Sept. 16.

First, the Jewish New Year (Sept. 20) will be featured. For several weeks we have been working with Home Mission Board personnel in the production of special materials on this significant holiday for our Jewish friends. Our cover will feature the Jewish New Year. On facing pages we will provide two interesting features on the biblical concept of the Messiah, the view of a Jewish rabbi and that of a Baptist minister. Still another feature, written by a Southern Baptist, will be an article on "Our Christian indebtedness to the Jews."

Second, will be the special Sunday School lesson, prepared by Lawson Hatfield, for suggested use in the Sunday Schools of our churches on Christian Education Day, Sunday, Sept. 20.

Finally, there will be an interesting story about four young people, three of them from Arkansas, who are volunteering a year of their lives to serve next year on missions fields at no salaries and with their expenses being provided by themselves and their families.

So, look for your *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* next week!

## On paying the visiting preacher

Nearly everything has gone up several times over since the depression of the 1930s. One of the exceptions, for many a church, is the so-called honorarium given pulpit-supply preachers. Despite the fact that travel, presentable clothing, meals, and motel charges have skyrocketed, most churches are still paying the same amounts for supply preaching as in the heart of the depression.

Whether or not to pay anything for supply preaching and how much is certainly a matter for the church to decide. But we are wondering if the failure of so many churches to be realistic in this regard is not an oversight rather than the result of definite purposing.

If a church wishes to give an honorarium to a visiting preacher it should first consider to what expense the visiting speaker has gone to fill the engagement. Air travel can easily be ascertained, as can meals and overnight lodging at motels. A

minimum for travel expense by automobile would be 10 cents a mile for the total number of miles traveled. These items should first be taken into account. Any honorarium should be above these expenses.

Ministers in retirement, especially, are sometimes made to suffer by inadequate pay for their services.

"The laborer is worthy of his hire" does apply to preachers.



**I must say it!**

## **Theological stance — the record**

(Second in a series)

Theological stance is reflected in the records. The man who prides himself on his far-out, left-field position will baptize fewer people, receive lesser funds for world missions and will be forced to be reconciled with a mediocre witness the full length of his days. Likewise, the man who congratulates himself on his far-out, right stance will lose much business which could have been recorded in his column.

Those nearest to the center of that spectrum will have the fullest, most satisfying and most productive ministry. These men will baptize from 30 to 50 percent more converts and will receive 25 to 40 percent more funds for world missions and will enjoy a greater commanding witness all their days.

The Southern Baptist Convention got in the winner's circle because of their deeply Bible-based stance, not because of the far-out people on either side who no longer consult the scoreboard.

If a given point on a straight line could represent the right stance on theology it would soon become obvious even to the casual observer that any deviation on either side of that exact point reflects proportionately in one's achievement for his God.

It will soon become progressively evident the extreme on either side of that point is the awesome outer darkness called heresy. The prophet on far right

who predicts the exact year, month and day of Christ's return is no less a heretic than the far left man who would deny Jesus will ever come again.

The far-out man on the left side who would make a community potluck of the Lord's Supper is no less a heretic than the far right man who insists that a relaxed prayer will change wine into the actual blood of Christ. At a certain point on either side stance becomes heresy.

A heretic is not known for his ability to analyze his condition nor change course. The teacher who says God said it but did not mean it will win no more souls than the one who says that God never said it but certainly should have. Those who chant, "Only certain parts of the Bible are inspired and I am the only one inspired to tell you what is inspired" are already in outer darkness and their closest friends are too kind to notify them.

The man playing too far out in left field will never catch the ball, even if someone wantonly sent it his way and the far-out man in right field will most likely toss it to home plate before he catches it. In either case the other side scores (Rom. 11:34).

*I must say it*, — Charles H. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary.

## **The people speak**

### **Offensive liquor ad**

*The editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine has been provided a copy of the following letter to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, Little Rock:*

Gentlemen:

We do not know exactly what authority you have concerning liquor advertising, but there is one piece of advertising being displayed at this time that is so offensive to common decency that we feel that a complaint ought to be made to some one.

This is the large bill board, seen all over the state, showing the back of a young boy's head (obvious because of his modern hair cut), and his hand reaching towards a bottle. The caption reads "Isn't it time you reached the Ancient Age?"

Now, we know that the liquor traffic has a vested interest in making addicts of the young. It is equally clear that the public interest is just the opposite, that is, to teach young people the dangers of alcohol addiction, and encourage them to leave it alone. If it is unlawful to sell liquor to the young, it ought to be unlawful to display advertising with this type of appeal. We wonder if this

represents the beginning of a campaign aimed primarily at youth?

Please let us hear from you concerning the laws on this subject, and what action can be taken to enforce them.—Men's Sunday School Class, Liberty Baptist Church, Lawson, Ark.

### **Grateful for help**

Our church is almost an Arkansas Baptist mission. The Pike Avenue Baptist Church in North Little Rock, and First Baptist Church in Conway are paying 75% of our building payment each month. Many other churches in Arkansas have helped us in the past four years.

In June of this year, First Baptist Church in Greenwood, sent us two young ladies to live and work with us for five weeks. They were Debbie Walker and Patricia Graham, both of Greenwood. They helped with the music at the church, taught in Sunday School, taught in V.B.S., counseled at our state Baptist camp, surveyed towns, helped in conducting two Good News Clubs, and helped my wife with the children and the housework. They were a real help to us.

I hope that more pastors will become aware of the importance of one or two talented young people to a small church in our pioneer states.—Dewey Hickey, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Valentine, Nebr.

### **Commends OBU students**

I have had a young preacher for two week-end Youth Led Revivals, which I have been very happy with. His name is Rodney Thomas, who has enrolled at Ouachita Baptist University. Rodney is 20 years old and has been preaching for two years. He does an excellent job. His room mate, Sonny McBay, was with him in our last week-end revival to lead singing and conduct youth fellowships and he was wonderful. He also is 20 years old. These two young men plan to make themselves available to churches for a week-end type of ministry. I highly recommend them and hope that you can find the space in our paper to say a word about them. They may be contacted at Ouachita.—William West, Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Conway, Ark.



## Ft. Smith First has bus ministry



Mr. James

First Church, Ft. Smith, keeps its buses rolling all during the week.

The Bus Outreach Program calls for buses to run Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and Wednesday evenings, as well as other times during the week when special emphases are planned to meet the needs of boys and girls reached through this ministry.

Robert James, minister of education at the church, will be on the program of the National Conference on Children Reached Through Bus Outreach to discuss the use of buses in outreach.

The conference will be at Dawson Memorial Church, Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 23-24.

To register for the conference, send \$3 to Robert G. Fulbright, Sunday School Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37203. Make check payable to the Sunday School Board.

## North Pulaski R.A.'s plan round-up

Tuesday, Sept. 14, will be round-up time for all North Pulaski Royal Ambassadors, when they have their annual parent-son get-together.

This year's event will take on a new look, with the meeting being held outdoors. Dress will be western style and the menu will feature western food. The R.A.'s will have as their special guests, along with their parents, their pastors.

Special entertainment will be provided by "The Littlest Cowboy," a feature all the boys as well as their parents will enjoy.

The big round-up will be held in the new Shelby Smith pavilion at Burn's park. All North Pulaski member churches who have Royal Ambassador chapters are urged to make plans now to attend. Churches who do not have active R.A. chapters are welcome to attend and share in the fellowship and good time for all their boys ages 6 thru 17 and may bring their parents.

Meal reservations must be made with your R.A. counselor, or by calling the North Pulaski Association office (753-6425) no later than Monday, Sept. 13. Cost is \$1 per person and this may be paid at the door. A meal is to be served starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. The program will end at 8:15 p.m.—Reporter

## Baptist beliefs

# Openminded research

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so"—Acts 17:11

Arriving in Berea Paul received a different reaction from that in Thessalonica. According to his custom he preached Christ in the synagogue, showing that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament scriptures about the Messiah. Rather than to reject his preaching categorically, the Jews of Berea made a careful study to ascertain whether or not what Paul said was true.

They were "more noble" than the Jews of Thessalonica. These words translate the comparative form of the Greek word *engenes* (note "Eugene") meaning "well born" or "good birth." This could refer to natural birth or, as here, to good manners. People of good birth should have good manners.

Their good manners were shown in that they did not arbitrarily reject Paul's message. Instead they received his message with all "readiness of mind." This renders a word meaning eagerness or rushing forward. They were eager to hear more. However, they did not accept or reject this new interpretation gullibly or arbitrarily. Instead they held it in abeyance while they research the matter.

Paul's message caused them daily to examine or "search the Old Testament scriptures." "Search" translates a participle of the verb meaning to sift up and down, to make careful research as in legal processes. They put Paul's interpretation in the sifter along with the scriptures, sifted up and down and found that there was no chaff. The evidence of both agreed.

There once were Sunday School classes called "Bereans." It would be well if all Christians were Bereans, welcoming new ideas but testing them through research to ascertain their value. An idea is neither true nor false because it is old or new. But truth has no need to fear examination through openminded research. The Christian message invites the light of true research. But most of all the research of experience.

Jesus said that if any man will do his will he will learn from experience that his teachings are from God and, therefore, true (John 7:17). God's Word has more to gain from openminded and open-hearted study than from closed-minded obscurantism.

## Woman's viewpoint

# Up with kids!

By Iris O'Neal Bowen

Kids? They are great!

Of course, I would not be one again, with all the tensions, temptations and perplexities they are having to grow up with these days. But I envy them their abundant energy, their zest for things new, their desire for knowledge, and, most of all, their ability to love and forgive and share!

I know one high school boy who had a part-time job and was doing pretty well financially, but he had a friend whose father was very ill and unable to work, and the son badly needed to make some extra money.

My young acquaintance quietly made arrangements with his boss, and soon his friend was sharing his job—and pay day—with him!

"I didn't really need all that money," was his only explanation.

Another time, I overheard a group criticizing someone they hardly knew.

One of them, who is usually very quiet, spoke up staunchly for the one criticized, reminding them, "We mustn't judge!"

There are many, many fine young people, and I think we find our very finest in the churches. And I am constantly grieved that all our youths get branded as "teen-agers"—has that not become a dirty name? "Long-haired hippies" and other misnomers which lay heavily on many undeserving shoulders!

Yes, I will admit their language is quite different from ours. (My mother used to call our sayings "inane.")

Yes, their music rattles our old head-bones, but did any of our popular music ever speak to the world of our Lord?

I would like to paraphrase, if I may, one of the commandments, to read: Parents, honor your children!

It is possible that in honoring their very best efforts, you may just lead them into the sweet, Christian adult life you have always hoped they would achieve!



Mrs. Bowen



## New courses offered at Southern College

Dean Woodrow Behannon has announced three new courses for the fall semester at Southern Baptist College. Jerry Gibbens is teaching English Literature; a new Bible course is being taught by Daniel Harrison; and the other new course, Communicative Skills, is under the direction of J. C. Thedford, professor of psychology.

New personnel on the faculty include Carl Martin Sewald, director of choral music. He received his bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau, Mo., and his master's degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

L. O. Baker is the new dean of men. The Bakers are from Little Rock.

## 'Pounding' held for DeQueen pastor

First Church, DeQueen, held a surprise appreciation supper at the church recently in honor of its pastor, Joe Denton, who begins his sixth year with the church this month.

After the meal, Pastor and Mrs. Denton were presented many gifts and an old-fashioned food pounding.

Five years ago, Pastor Denton came to the DeQueen church from First Church, New Boston, Tex. During his ministry at DeQueen, the church has received 290 members, 128 by baptism.

The church received \$330,000 in offerings during this period, with \$88,786 being given to mission causes outside the local church.—Dean Newberry

## Illinois retiree moves to Arkansas

T. H. King has recently moved to Hope, after retiring as superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home in Carmi, Ill.

Mr. King is an ordained minister. He served as pastor in Alabama and Illinois before heading the Children's Home. He is available for supply preaching and interim pastorates. He may be reached at 218 No. Hamilton, Hope.

## Revivals

**Forest Tower Church**, Aug. 23-28; Ed Walker, evangelist; 7 professions of faith, 6 for baptism, 6 by statement, 1 for special service, 47 rededications. Cecil Webb Jr. is pastor.

**Sulphur Springs**, Pine Bluff, Aug. 15-22; C. D. Peoples, evangelist, Erby Spharler, song leader; 15 professions of faith, 1 by letter. Don R. Williams is pastor.



North Little Rock girls slow pitch Softball League Champs—16th Street Church, North Little Rock, Girls' slow-pitch softball team won the league trophy, over the three other churches in the league, Stinson Chapel General Baptist, Ironton Baptist, and 47th Street Baptist.

The players, left to right, bottom row: Barbara Wakefield, Kathy Borges, Pat Whittaker, Marty Lukas, Debbie Backalekos, Karne Borges, Maxine Scott. Top row: Kelly Scott, coach: Brenda Sullivan, Peggy Pearson, Fonda Purifoy, Gail Carr, Jeannie Porter, Loretta Mitchell, Gilda Sitton, Janice Rhodes, and Johnny Mitchell, assistant coach.

The 16th Street team had a 6-win-no-loss record for the season.



North Little Rock Church slow pitch Softball Tournament Champs—16th Street Church, North Little Rock, was the winner of the slow-pitch league tournament held recently at Vestal Park, North Little Rock. Front row, left to right: Johnny Mitchell, Mike Rhodes, Bo Whitaker, John Crotts, Mike Harper, David Lukas; back row, Ottis Purifoy, manager; Kelly Scott, coach: Darrell Sitton, Lewis Sullivan, Tommy Wakefield, Charles Hill, and Tommy McBryde. Players not pictured are Chester Sitton, Charles Wakefield, and Tony Pruss. The Tournament was made up of 10 teams: Park Hill Church, Ironton, Indian Hill Methodist, Rose City Nazarene, Calvary, Amboy Methodist, Stinson Chapel General Baptist, Zion Hill, Faith Missionary Baptist, and 16th Street.



# Dermott churchwoman gives \$250,000 for new student center at Ouachita

— By the Editor —

A Dermott, Ark., widow, Scottie (Mrs. Leonard V.) Evans, has donated \$250,000 to Ouachita University, Arkadelphia.

Announcing the gift Thursday at a luncheon honoring Mrs. Evans, on the Ouachita campus, Daniel Grant, president of the university, said this was the largest single gift by a living individual in the history of the college.

The contribution, in stocks of Combined Insurance Company of America, will be used toward the construction of a new \$1 million student center at Ouachita.

Mrs. Evans, who made her first visit to the Ouachita campus last fall, said that she was greatly impressed at that time with the inadequacy of the present student center, built in the 1940's. She regards the proposed student center as the university's greatest building need.

Mrs. Evans' husband, who died in 1960, was district manager of Combined Insurance Company of America, in which position he built the Evans family estate. Throughout his career, he maintained his home at Dermott, including several years that he held residence in Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. Evans, a graduate of Dermott High School, said that she first became interested in Ouachita through a former pastor of her church, Dermott Church, about five years ago. Her interest heightened during the time a grandson, Al Niven, was a student at Ouachita. Young Niven graduated from Ouachita last spring and is currently enrolled as a law student at the University of Arkansas.

Ben Elrod, vice president for development at Ouachita, a friend and counselor of Mrs. Evans, presided at the luncheon. He praised Mrs. Evans as a great Christian benefactor and a life-long church and community builder. He mentioned specifically the gifts of Mrs. Evans and her husband to the Dermott Baptist Church and to the Dermott city library.

Responding to numerous tributes paid to her at the Ouachita luncheon, Mrs. Evans said that her gift was "a family affair." She said that her three daughters, all of whom were present, and their families were in full accord with her decision to make the gift. The daughters are: Mrs. Joe Niven and Mrs. John Morris, both of Dermott, and Mrs. Dorothy Downey, Lake Village.

"God has blessed me in so many ways and I want to show my appreciation by sharing in this worthy cause," Mrs. Evans said.

She said that she hoped her gift would inspire others to give in the current Arkansas Baptist State Convention campaign to raise a total of \$4 million for Ouachita and Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

Plans have already been drawn by architects for the new student center, which is to be the first unit of new buildings to be constructed at Ouachita from funds provided in the current fund drive. President Grant said that Mrs. Evans' gift would make it possible to begin construction early next spring.

Ouachita, as the senior college of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is to receive \$3 million of the funds now being raised, with \$1 million going to Southern Baptist College, a junior college.

The Evans gift equals the amount pledged to the campaign recently by Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, whose pastor, W. O. Vaught Jr., is chairman of the fund effort.

The Arkadelphia community, including the Ouachita faculty, staff, and students, along with the city of Arkadelphia, has pledged more than \$300,000. The nearly 1200 churches of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention are now in the process of making their pledges.



Scottie Evans

"God has been so good..."

## The cover



President Daniel Grant, of Ouachita University, shakes the hand of Scottie (Mrs. Leonard V.) Evans, of Dermott, in appreciation for her gift of \$250,000 to the university. Looking on, left to right are Ben Elrod, vice president for development, at Ouachita and Alvin (Bo) Huffman Jr., director of higher education development for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. In the background is the cornerstone of the Ouachita administration building, a memorial to another President Grant, Dr. James R., father of the present president. The senior Grant was president of the college from 1934 to 1949.—Photo by ELM





J. Everett Sneed

# STATE MISSIONS

## The Program of the Missions Department Arkansas Baptist State Convention

In excess of 59,000 Mexican farm laborers stay over-night in the facility pictured below each year. In a joint project between the Home Mission Board, the Missions Department, and Hope Association, an expanded ministry is being undertaken for these people. Will you help us realize this exciting ministry by assisting us in raising \$15,000 above our Dixie Jackson Offering goal? The money will be used for building and equipment.

J. Everett Sneed, Director  
Special Missions Ministries

Because the opportunity to expand the Migrant Ministry through State Missions developed after budget-making days, it is dependent upon beyond-the-goal contributions through the Dixie Jackson Offering. Unbelievable! The gospel may be presented to 59,000 people with only a 20% increase in gifts through the Dixie Jackson Offering in September. WILLING AND ABLE is not only the theme for the Season of Prayer for State Missions but it is descriptive of Arkansas Baptists!

Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary  
Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union

Sign, Labor Center, Hope



Over-night accommodations



Office Buildings



Some of 59,000 who spend night



**DIXIE JACKSON OFFERING GOAL: \$80,000**  
**MIGRANT FACILITIES: \$15,000 additional**



# Special Sunday School opportunities available to state Baptist leaders

Just ahead are three outstanding opportunities for Sunday School leaders and members in our state.

**One—Christian Higher Education Week.**

Sept. 13-19 has been designated as Arkansas Christian Higher Education Emphasis Week.

A special Sunday School lesson is available for use in adult and youth classes on Sunday, Sept. 19. The lesson has two main divisions, a stewardship Bible study and information on the current Ouachita University-Southern Baptist College advancement campaign. It will be published in the September 16 issue of the *Newsmagazine*.

Copies of the lesson material will be mailed in advance to pastors and Sunday School directors so they can have them for their officers and teachers' meeting on Wednesday night, Sept. 15. Additional copies are available upon request.

**Two—State Sunday School Convention.**

The state Sunday School convention will meet at First Church, Little Rock, Sept. 27-28. James E. Coggin, pastor of the 6,000-member Travis Avenue Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., will be the featured speaker. Outreach is not lost in this man's heart and in the actions of his

church.

Outreach will be the theme of the convention and will also be the emphasis in age-group conferences for all levels of officers and teachers in the Sunday Schools of the churches.

People-to-People, the current outreach emphasis and part of a three-year emphasis of the Sunday School, will be one of the main features of the convention.

**Three—People-to-People:**

This outreach program of the Sunday School is a part of a joint effort, with two other important phases of our work among the churches. The three simple and dynamic projects are the contents of a unified package, "Share the Word Now," designed by Sunday School Board and Home Mission Board leaders. A "task force" concept will include "People-to-People," a Sunday School project; "Extend Now," a missions department emphasis; and "Witness Now," an evangelism department program.

This surely is an imperative for a church that really cares for people. Learn more about "Share the Word Now" from these three departments.—Lawson Hatfield, director, Sunday School department.

## Brotherhood

### Plans men's meetings for month of October

Inspiration plus information coupled with dedication is a combination that will move the work of missions for Christ forward. Men who are inspired, informed, and dedicated can move the world for Christ.

Baptist men should be these men, and they can be. More and more men in our churches are becoming concerned about the work of the church and in reaching the lost for Christ. Men are concerned about the needs of people and how they can help meet those needs.

To assist in providing inspiration and information for Baptist Men in witnessing, stewardship, and mission activities a series of men's meetings are planned for October. There will be a meeting in each district.

Information about mission activities, and how to plan, will be available for all men, especially all those in any place of Brotherhood work, whether it be Baptist Men or Royal Ambassadors.

The inspirational message, on "Baptist Men and Stewardship," will be given by Roy F. Lewis. Mr. Lewis is director of Stewardship-Cooperative Program and assistant to the executive secretary for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He will challenge, inspire and bless the hearts of those who hear him. Pastors and laymen should attend one of the meetings. All Brotherhood officers should attend this meeting.

Meetings are scheduled for the following dates and places:

Oct. 4, Mountain View; Oct. 5, Immanuel, Rogers; Oct. 7, First, Hope; Oct. 18, First, Booneville; Oct. 19, First, Monticello; Oct. 21, Calvary, Little Rock; Oct. 25, Walnut Street, Jonesboro; Oct. 26, Wynne Church, Wynne.

Choose the meeting you wish to attend, mark the date, and make plans to be there and bring other men with you.

Missions, the command of Christ, waits on inspired, informed, dedicated men. Be one.—C. H. Seaton.

### Evangelism emphasis planned by BSU

The State Baptist Student Advisory Board met recently at the Red Apple Inn at Greer's Ferry and heard plans for the campus evangelistic emphasis of 1970-71.

The board honored Jamie Jones on his twentieth anniversary as Baptist Student director at the University of Arkansas, and made plans to increase the endowment fund for student work, with the Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

## Your state convention at work

### Woman's Missionary Union Goal of \$80,000 sought in annual offering

State Mission work is in focus! September is the month when most Southern Baptist churches give special attention to this important area of mission concern.

Challenging information and suggestions for observance of the season of prayer for State Missions on Sept. 20, or other convenient time, were sent all WMU organizations. Further emphases and supplementary information have been featured in recent issues of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. Exciting opportunities for witness and service abound in the "Wonder State" only one of which is the migrant ministry, featured in this issue.

The realistic theme, "Willing and Able," was developed by the following, who prepared materials for

organizational and church-wide use: Mrs. Geo. Tharel, Fayetteville; Nan Owens, Sara Wisdom, and Julia Ketner, of the state WMU staff.

Participation calls for personal identification with need and explodes the trite excuse, "If I could, I would."

The attendant Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions represents 30% of the financial resources of the State Missions department. The 1971 goal is \$80,000. Accomplishment of the task is dependent upon prayer and money. We believe Arkansas Baptists are abundantly "Willing and Able."

After every person in the church has had opportunity to share in state mission work through this channel, the Dixie Jackson Offering should be remitted to Charles Ashcraft, treasurer, Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Special offering envelopes are available from State WMU Office.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer



## Speakers announced for area conferences



Dr. Ashcraft



Mr. Rial

Dickson Rial, pastor, Orchard Hills Church, Garland, Tex., will speak each night during our Area evangelism conferences on "Personal Witnessing." Orchard Hills is one of the fastest growing churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Rial is a graduate of McGehee High School, Ouachita University, and Southwestern Seminary.

Our area evangelism conferences are to be held Sept. 13-17. They will be held at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 13; at First Church, Rogers; Sept. 14, First Church, Mena; Sept. 15, Beech Street, Texarkana; Sept. 16, West Church, Batesville; Sept. 17, First Church, Tyroneza.

Charles Ashcraft, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will speak each night about some of the things he hopes to see happen in the future. He wants to get the laity more involved in what we are doing.

Ural Clayton, secretary, Music department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will have charge of the music.

It will be my privilege to introduce our new tract, *How to Have a Full and Meaningful Life*, and talk about lay evangelism schools.

Nurseries will be open to the public.—Jesse S. Reed

## Plumerville Church marks anniversary

First Church, Plumerville, marked their 80th anniversary with guest speakers, a dinner at the church and a special service on Aug. 29.

The anniversary celebration was held at the climax of a revival with Grady Etheridge, Iberia, Mo., as evangelist. There were two conversions and three joined by letter.

The afternoon service featured the reading of a short history of the church by Dale Kirkland, and a message by Dr. Charles Ashcraft.

A former pastor, J. T. Elliff, spoke at the evening service.

## Higher education leaders named for Ouachita-Southern campaign

Listed below are the names of the pastors who are serving as co-chairmen in the Advance Division of the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign. These men are volunteers who offered to assist the Campaign Steering Committee in structuring local church campaigns in the 122 churches of the Advance Division. These busy ministers, who have great demands made upon their time and talents, are giving generously of themselves in the support of this great stewardship venture. — Alvin Huffman Jr.

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## Estate planning seminar

The Arkansas Baptist Foundation and Benton County Association will sponsor a Seminar in Estate Planning, Sept. 13-14 at First Church, Bentonville. First Church will host the meeting, providing coffee and doughnuts each morning from 8:45 to 9:25. The sessions will be from 9:30 to 11:45.

Purpose of the seminar is to offer sound principles and practical instructions in estate planning. Approximately 450,000 American women become widows each year, and proper planning can be of great help to them in this time of crisis.

Outstanding laymen will speak at each session. On Monday morning Ernest Lawrence will discuss the subject "What Happens to an Estate When the Owner Dies." Mr. Lawrence is an attorney in Bentonville. The other subject for Monday is "Life Insurance and Social Security." This discussion will be presented by Tom Boyd, general agent for Prudential Insurance Company. Wes Rogers of Fayetteville will serve as moderator for Monday's session.

Tuesday, James Campbell will discuss "Gift and Estate Taxes." Mr. Campbell is a CPA with Campbell, McCurdy & Worsham of Fayetteville. John W. Fryer, Trust Officer with the Bank of Bentonville, will discuss "Investment Alternatives and Opportunities." Richard Wommack, Attorney from Fayetteville will serve as moderator for Tuesday's sessions.

There will be no charge for the seminar, and the nursery of First Church will be open each morning for pre-school age children whose mothers will attend. The public is invited to attend.

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## On the shelf

Do you remember that old clock  
Your folks had long ago  
That said its old tick-tock  
In measured beats, so slow?

Long time ago when Grandpa died,  
That clock was going strong,  
And still it was a thing of pride  
When many years had gone.

In Grandma's bed, in feathers deep,  
Was a weary little tyke,  
But as I was about to sleep  
That big, old clock would strike.

This timepiece is not running now  
And it sits upon a shelf;  
A useless thing that does, somehow,  
Remind me of myself.

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—Carl Ferrell



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## Missions

### Retreats planned for smaller churches

The first of four retreats for pastors of small churches will be held Sept. 10-11 at Baptist Vista Camp, north of Ozark.

Other retreats are planned for Sept. 17-18, at Beech Springs Camp, northeast of Smackover; Sept. 24-25, at Mt. Zion Association Camp, north of Jonesboro; and Oct. 1-2, at Camp Paron, west of Little Rock.

E. F. "Preacher" Hallock, Norman, Okla., will speak on "The Pastor and His Bible" and "The Pastor and Prayer" at each retreat.

Dr. Hallock was pastor of First Church, Norman, for 46 years. He is past president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and has served on various denominational boards and committees. He is the author of two books on prayer and the co-author of one on Philipians.

Other program participants will include Damon Shook, pastor of Park Place Church, Hot Springs, and Jerre Hassell, chaplain, Baptist Medical Center, Little Rock.

The retreats will be under the director of J. T. Elliff, assisted by R. H. Dorris, of the Missions department.

Cost of the overnight retreat will be \$5. All attendants are to bring their own sheets, pillows, and towels. Registration will begin at 5:30 on Friday of each retreat. —R. H. Dorris, Missions Department

## When is the best time to give tithes, offerings?

One church in another state, where I was a member for a short time some years ago, never passes an offering plate. All tithes and offerings are placed in offering boxes affixed to the wall near the main entrance to the auditorium.

I have always felt that the giving of tithes and offerings is an act of worship and therefore should not be excluded from the worship service itself.

Most Southern Baptist churches receive the greater portion of their offerings during the Sunday School hour, usually in envelopes which also provide records for the Sunday School. Some have felt that this procedure had the same result as the offering box by precluding the giving of offerings during the worship service, at least for a majority of the people.

Apart from the functional value and practical convenience of receiving the offerings in Sunday School, the main value is in the educational process. It is an established fact that the organization and setting of the Sunday School is more conducive to a teaching ministry than is the more formal worship service, where the usual emphasis from the pulpit is exhortation, and where the pastor must speak to all age groups together.

There is a way in which the teaching opportunities of the Sunday School offering can be retained without losing

the emphasis on worship. After receiving the offerings in Sunday School, they can then be brought intact to the worship service by the Sunday School director and placed at the front of the church, either before the service begins or during the service when the offering plates are passed. The pastor could call attention to the Sunday School offering and specifically include it in the prayer of dedication.

This procedure has two other advantages. First, it provides giving opportunities for those who attend Sunday School but do not remain for the worship service, as well as for those who attend the worship service without participating in Sunday School.

Secondly, it will increase the attendance in many worship services by preventing the counting of the money by tellers during that time. Admittedly, many churches and many laymen will not consider that an advantage, but the wide-spread practice of counting money during the worship hour is solely for the personal convenience of the tellers and cannot be defended on any scriptural basis.

Many church bulletins use the terminology, "worship with tithes and offerings." Why not practice what we preach?—Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of Stewardship-Cooperative Program

## Deaths

**Ralph W. Walton**, 73, Benton, died Aug. 30. He was employed by a funeral home and was a deacon at First Church.

**Mrs. Gracie Hudson**, 76, Sparkman, died Aug. 30. She was a member of Sparkman First Church.

**Mrs. Edward Sunderland**, 75, Little Rock, died Aug. 31. She was a member of Second Church and a retired welfare worker.

**Paul Ernest Moore**, 62, Marianna, a realtor, died Sept. 1. He was a member of First Church.



Scotty Black, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Black, of Trinity Church, Rt. 1, Texarkana, Delbert McAtee, pastor, has an unusual Sunday School attendance record. His parents enrolled him when he was 17 days old and he has a perfect attendance record to date.



# Missions department head resigns to accept new post in Oklahoma



Mr. Elliff

J. T. Elliff, for 10 years head of the Missions department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, has resigned to become superintendent of missions of the Capitol City Baptist Association, Oklahoma City, effective Nov. 1.

Mr. Elliff came to his present work from the pastorate of Bethany Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., where he had served for 8½ years. His previous pastorates included First Church, Fordyce, and Lake Village Church.

For the first 4½ years of his tenure with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, he was director of the Reli-

gious Education division. For the past 5½ years, he has been director of the Missions department.

Under Mr. Elliff's leadership the mission work was greatly expanded across the state. The full-time missions staff was increased to 13 and the annual budget doubled.

Three major areas of work were added: a chaplaincy ministry, special missions ministries, and ministry to the deaf. In reorganization, evangelism was transferred from the Missions department to become a full-time department, and the department of work with Negro Baptists was placed in the Missions department.

One phase of the work was an arrangement made with community developers for the deeding of property, at no charge, for the starting of new churches under sponsorship of sub-

stantial churches. This has seen new churches established at Cherokee Village and Horseshoe Bend and plans are underway now for establishing new churches at Bella Vista and Hot Springs Village.

A student preaching program started in Arkansas has been copied widely. Under this plan honorariums and travel expenses are provided for students from all colleges in Arkansas to work with churches needing assistance.

A new program of helping small churches to develop now has \$32,000 in a loan fund expected to start operation soon. The goal is to have \$100,000 available eventually as a church loan fund for smaller churches.

Another major program is the resort ministry, aimed eventually at the 22 million tourists who visit the state each year. During the past summer two summer missionaries, operating from a trailer, worked at Lake Ouachita, having as many as 300 people at a time in religious services.

In his new position, Elliff will have an over-all program similar to the Arkansas state program and with a comparable staff. Oklahoma City, the center of the Capitol City Association field, has a population totaling 700,000 and 140 Baptist churches. The city has an area designed for an eventual total population of approximately 2½ million.

## Beacon Lights of Baptist History Beacon Lights phase out

By Bernes K. Selph



**FULL CIRCUIT**—Dr. Selph, right, completes a 12-year writing assignment as he turns in his final copy to Editor McDonald, of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

This article closes my column on "Beacon Lights of Baptist History." I began writing it 12 years ago this week. It became a weekly feature in 1963. I suppose you could call it a hobby. I enjoy the work but think it best to quit for awhile.

Always interested in history, I wanted to try my hand at presenting it when I began studying journalism, in 1959. I called on Editor Erwin L. McDonald, of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, and told him I thought history could be presented in an interesting manner, and explained my point of view. He liked the idea and asked to see some of my work. I replied that I had none, merely a thought. He told me to provide some copy. I did, and have been turning out tidbits of history ever since. He suggested the title.

The work has been quite rewarding.

Research has brought me into contact with many people. New friendships have been formed. My resources have been many: people, periodicals, church records, books, libraries, and chance remarks that sent me researching. It sharpened my insight. I read with more alertness.

I must express my appreciation to Dr. McDonald and his staff for encouragement and help. Personnel in the Dargan-Carver Library of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention were most gracious in their assistance.

I am grateful to the late Davis Woolley, secretary of the Historical Commission, who gave constant support. And I must not forget my wife, who patiently listened as I tried out article after article on her.

The discipline writing exacts, the information gained, results of observation and analysis, broadened horizons, and sharpened perspective have more than offset the tedious, painstaking hours required in putting together Beacon Lights one word at a time. I am grateful for the privilege.

Now, Dr. McDonald offers to help me check through my writings of these years and select the best articles to put into book form.

## New director named for Child Care office



Mrs. Clearman

Mrs. Earlene Clearman, Little Rock, has been employed as director of the Little Rock office of Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.

She has been employed by the Arkansas Department of Public Welfare for the past six years, and has been supervisor of the Protective Service Unit in Pulaski County for the past year. Prior to that she worked for the Oklahoma Department of Public Welfare in Oklahoma County.

Mrs. Clearman, the wife of Russell Clearman, pastor of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, holds a B.A. degree from Hardin-Simmons University and a masters degree in social work from the U of A Graduate School of Social Work. She is a native of Oklahoma.

The Clearmans are the parents of two sons, David, 21, a ministerial student at Ouachita University, and Truett, 18, a student at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.



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# Baptist choir, medical teams make impact on Dominican people

PENSACOLA, Fla. (BP)—A Baptist musical-medical mission to the Dominican Republic has resulted in what one Latin American affairs expert has called the biggest U.S. "intervention" in that Caribbean island since President Lyndon B. Johnson sent American troops ashore during the 1965 Dominican Civil War.

But while the intervention of American troops resulted in "rancor" which still exists today, the Baptist-sponsored "intervention" will undoubtedly leave behind a large reservoir of good will, according to an analysis by *Miami Herald* Latin American Editor Don Bohning.

James Pleitz, pastor of First Church, Pensacola, which sponsored the two-week medical mission and choir trip, added that "not only did they represent our country well, our youngsters did a terrific job representing the Lord."

During the day, the 80 young people, 10 physicians and 39 adult sponsors and workers divided into 17 medical teams, setting up clinics in some of the poorest sections of the Dominican Republic and treating everything from the common cold to performing cataract surgery.

During the evenings, they performed benefit concerts to raise funds for the country's rehabilitation programs. They sang twice in the Royal Palace before top government leaders, including the president, and performed in city squares and on television before thousands of Dominican people.

## President likes program

President Joaquin Balaguer was so impressed with the Baptist youth that he invited the choir back to the Royal Palace to sing for him a second time and offered them the use of the presidential yacht for an entire day.

Though informed political observers like Bohning have praised the project for building good will between the Dominican Republic and the United States, there is no way to gauge its spiritual impact, said Pleitz in a telephone interview after the trip.

It is a little easier to gauge the medical results, he said. The medical teams treated more than 2,000 Dominican people, Pleitz estimated.

There were 22 patients who could not see before the Baptist teams arrived. But with surgery performed by the project's ophthalmologist, aided by the teenagers, they "walked away" from the clinics with sight, Pleitz added.

Several of the participants, in interviews after the trip, agreed that the experience probably made a greater impact on the team members than it did on the Dominican people.

"I'm sure we got a bigger blessing out of it than they did," said Connally Pickens, a Pensacola pediatrician who participated in the medical mission.

"It really makes you appreciate your own country," added Nix Daniel, Pensacola, Fla., 19-year-old student at Wake Forest University. "I'll never take a warm shower for granted again," he added.

## Sight for the blind

Daniel told of an experience he had working with Charles Clevenger, the ophthalmologist who performed two dozen cataract operations, when a 79-year-old Dominican woman after surgery saw her daughter for the first time in 30 years.

"Things like that are tangible," Daniel said. "You know you have actually done something to help these people to be better off physically, and I think that a lot of the work we did physically for these people is going to help Baptist missionary work down there in the future. Anytime you help a person physically, he is bound to be more receptive to you in other ways," the youth added.

Dr. Pleitz pointed out that in the city of Santo Domingo the eye surgery was done in the sanctuary of Baptist Temple, on the very spot where the pulpit is located. "I couldn't help but think that right there where the preacher had talked about the power of Christ to restore sight to the blind, that very thing did happen in the name of Christ," he said.

## Clinics set up

The group divided into 17 medical teams, setting up clinics, laboratories and dental offices in four cities—Santo Domingo, Santiago, Bani and Bonao.

The teenagers who made up the choir for the musical presentations had been assigned months in advance to each team, headed by a physician, and had been trained to do everything his nursing staff would do in the U.S.A.

The four dentists on the team pulled an estimated 1,680 teeth during the two weeks, and one dentist confessed to muscle spasms after yanking 76 teeth in one day. "You wouldn't believe some of the abscesses we saw," said Pleitz, describing beautiful young teenage girls with teeth rotting away because of lack of care.

A chartered jet plane from Pensacola to Santo Domingo carried nearly five tons of medical supplies and equipment, including everything from lighting to dental chairs, to the island republic. Most of the medical supplies and some of the equipment was left in the Dominican Republic for future use.

In most cases, the medical teams worked in the poorest slum areas. They gave the people inoculations, filled prescriptions, assisted the physicians in patient treatment and tried to show their love for the people.

For more than a year, the teenagers had been studying Spanish every Sunday evening for an hour to give them an elementary understanding of the language of the people. Daniel said there was no communications barrier, for their message was "a universal language in itself."

## Wide witness given

Paul Royal, minister of music for the church who coordinated the mission trip, said that there was quite a contrast between working with the poorest of the poor in the medical clinics and singing in the Royal Palace for the top government officials, but it was this willingness to witness to all the people that won much approval from the Dominicans.

There was also no effort to separate the groups into musical and medical sections, since the youth participated in both, he said.

In the Dominican Republic, the group was called "El Coro, Por Amor, de Pensacola" (literally, "The Chorus, For Love, of Pensacola"). In the U.S.A., the project was called "Operation: Good Samaritan South." The English-language name was not used in the Dominican Republic, to avoid any appearance of paternalism, Royal said.

The project began more than a year ago when the church began thinking of ways to get youth and others involved in helping people in need, Dr. Pleitz said.

Royal said it went back even further, to 1969, when a group of teenagers went to Pass Christian, Miss., to rebuild a church destroyed by Hurricane Camille. The youth realized then that Christianity is something you do, and that they should put their faith into action, he added.

Contact was made with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and it was ultimately decided the group could best be utilized in the Dominican Republic.

The day after their arrival in the country the choir presented a benefit concert at the Royal Palace before top government leaders, including President Balaguer and Vice President Carlos Gorco.

## Eight-hour cruise

The president insisted that the youth take an eight-hour cruise on his yacht and that they return to the palace for a second, private concert to sing his favorite songs from the performance, a Dominican popular song entitled, "Por Amor," from which the group took their project name and "Pass It On" from the religious folk musical, "Tell It Like It Is." At the second concert, the president



greeted each teenager individually.

Singing before the president was a thrilling experience, Royal agreed, but performing before an estimated 2,000 to 5,000 people in the public square at Banao and about 1,500 in Bani was equally exciting in a different way, he said.

"We weren't prepared for their reaction," he said. The crowds jammed closer and closer to the platform and at one time even came up on the platform with the choir. They shouted and clapped their approval in the middle of the songs, often drowning out the music with thunderous applause. In Banao, the crowd stood in a hard rain to hear the choir.

Twice the group sang on nation-wide television on one of the island's most popular programs. They gave about a dozen concerts in all, each concluded with a brief sermonette by Dr. Pleitz.

There were no evangelistic crusades conducted as a part of the effort, although there were probably a dozen professions of faith in church services in which the choir teams sang and gave personal testimonies. But the long-range effect on Baptist mission work in the Dominican Republic will no doubt be significant.

Already "relationships in the community are more solid as a result of the group's work," said Missionary Howard Shoemake, of Santo Domingo, in a ham radio-patch telephone interview after the trip.

#### **'Excellent response'**

"There was excellent response to everything the group attempted," Shoemake said. He added that a Dominican physician had told him that he could not think of a better way for Baptists to have shown how they think and work."

Shoemake said that the extent of press and radio-television coverage was tremendous, and "we couldn't have asked for one word more" in coverage.

He added that in the wake of the tragic murder of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Potter, SBC missionaries to Santiago, who were found stabbed to death in their bed, the people there "are watching us to see if we really mean what we say as Christians in regard to our faith."

Although news reports indicated that anti-American slogans had been written on the Potter's car, Dr. Pleitz said that the Pensacola group encountered no anti-American sentiments on the trip. The closest thing to it was an incident in Santiago, when it looked as if some Dominican youth were going to throw stones at some Pensacola youth, but nothing happened.

In fact, both Pleitz and Royal agreed, the group was overwhelmed with the friendliness of the Dominican people.

"They once were almost too friendly," quipped Pleitz, relating an incident when they offered the group some rum to drink.

When the choir left, both the Americans and the Dominicans wept openly. They did not want to end the close friendships brought about by the "Por Amor" project.

Royal said the youth returned convinced that they had received far more than they had given, and convinced that they must do more at home to meet human need similar to those they found in the Dominican Republic.

"They felt to the man that in order for us to enjoy the integrity of proclaiming the reason we did this, we must carry out the same sort of ministry, the same sort

of sharing right here in Pensacola," said Royal.

"They told me repeatedly, 'We've found more joy in sharing and really giving of ourselves than we ever found in our lives,'" Royal concluded. "And they asked, 'Why don't we do this at home?'"

## **'Livelier' materials produced by 'Army'**

CHICAGO (EP)—On Sept. 5, the Salvation Army introduced livelier, more youth-oriented Sunday school study materials.

Officials said increasing youth involvement in religion seems to date from, or be coincident with, release of the British pop-opera, "Jesus Christ Superstar."

## **SBC Mission Board official reports on Pakistani scene**

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—Southern Baptist mission work in East Pakistan is being jeopardized by denial of visas to some missionaries wishing to enter that country. This is the report of John D. Hughey, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East.

Hughey's report was given during a business session of the board, most of whose 67 members were among 2,584 persons registered for a Foreign Missions Conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

Upon a recommendation of its administrative committee, the mission agency appropriated an additional \$10,000 for relief work among Pakistani refugees in India. An initial \$10,000 had been allocated for that purpose in July.

Hughey said that the initial appropriation was administered in cooperation with the Mennonite Central Committee. If attempts of Southern Baptists to become directly involved in relief work are unsuccessful, the second appropriation may also be channeled through other groups he said.

Since March, East Pakistan has been the scene of civil strife between forces of the West Pakistan-based government and supporters of independence for the Bengalis of East Pakistan. Thousands have been killed and about seven million have fled to India.

Many people have told "hair-raising stories" about others being killed and of hiding in villages and rice fields and wandering from place to place, Hughey said. Hindus, who make up 80 per cent of the refugees, have suffered most;

Christians have fared much better, he added.

On a trip recently to East Pakistan and India, Hughey visited with the Thomas E. Thurmans and James F. McKinleys, the only Southern Baptist missionary families then in East Pakistan. After fighting erupted in March, five other missionary families left there, returning to the United States.

Shortly before the missionary family of the Pakistani army captured the town of Feni, where the McKinleys were stationed, the missionary family made a two-day move—most of it by rickshaw—to Dacca. They were not fired upon in either Bengali or army-controlled territory, Hughey said.

A few days later, the Thurmans made a similarly uncertain trip from Faridpur to Dacca. The two families set up joint housekeeping in the Baptist guest house there. The Thurmans have now moved back to Faridpur.

"A constant stream of visitors—Bengalis, Americans and others—passed through the guest house while I was there," Hughey told the board members. "Our missionaries were a source of comfort and strength. Their presence has meant the difference between hope and hopelessness for many."

Since Hughey's visit, the Troy C. Bennetts and J. Howard Teels have returned to East Pakistan. "Fortunately, they had visas," Hughey said. "The Charles A. Becketts, who applied for visas more than a year ago, before coming to the States for furlough, have been denied re-entry by Pakistani authorities in Islamabad, the capital.



# Baptist astronaut tells church he felt close to God on moon

HOUSTON (BP)—The first Baptist astronaut to walk on the moon returned to worship at Nassau Bay Baptist Church here, saying that he felt the presence of God more closely while on the moon than any other time in his life.

Astronaut James B. Irwin told members of the church about his experiences on the moon and expressed thanks for their prayers during the perilous mission.

Irwin presented to the church an enlarged prayer covenant, framed along with a copy of a banner reading, "Things Happen at Nassau Bay Baptist Church," which was a duplicate of the banner he had left on the surface of the moon.

To Irwin, however, the prayer covenant was more than just a souvenir to be stuffed in a corner of his flight bag and brought back as a church trophy. It symbolized a sacred promise entered into by the congregation to sustain Irwin and his flight companions—James Scott and Al Worden—with prayer.

Irwin also took to the moon a small Christian flag from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, signed by its executive secretary, Baker James Cauthen. Irwin in effect became the first Baptist foreign missionary to the moon.

In presenting a copy of the covenant to the church, Irwin both expressed thanks for their prayers and "most of all" he said, "we take time to thank God, who enabled us to leave the earth and explore a part of his marvelous heavens."

"We think our mission was a tremendous success," he told the two morning congregations, "and the success of that mission is directly related to your prayers for our safety and success."

Irwin, a quiet, thoughtful man, believes deeply in God's will for his life and in what he is doing.

In what most human beings would consider an alien and ominous environment, Irwin felt only that he was where he should be, where God wanted him to be.

And as a Christian, he saw the beauty of the moon as further evidence of God's creation.

"You are almost struck dumb sometimes by the beauty you see, not only on the moon, but around the moon, the view back to earth and the various lighting conditions," he said.

It was this beauty of God's creation, and his trust in God during the trip to the moon, which prompted Irwin to quote his favorite Psalm to an international television audience as he gazed at the beauty of the mountains

250,000 miles from his home planet on earth.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

"The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand."

And on Irwin's cue, television news commentator Walter Cronkite picked up a copy of the Bible and read the entire Psalm 121.

On his return to the church where he is a member, Irwin told the congregation that he felt God's guidance while on the moon.

"On the moon, I think we had some divine guidance, helping us to be able to interpret what we saw," he said.

"A lot of people never thought we would find a rock like the 'Genesis rock,' one possibly dating from the creation of the moon. But the fact that we found it, the fact that it was positioned like it was, has really impressed me. It was supported like it was on a hand, like saying, 'Here I am, take me.'"

As Irwin had said earlier in a first-person account of his trip, he felt not only God's presence and guidance in exploring, but his aid in carrying out the tasks of the mission.

"There were several times when tasks seemed to be impossible," he said. "But they worked out all right every time. We were able to accomplish almost all of our objectives and I believe it helped to have someone there watching over me."

Irwin's personal faith in Christ, which began in a Florida revival 30 years ago, was nurtured mainly in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. It was only last summer, during a vacation to his Florida home town, that he discovered that the church where he trusted the Lord was a Baptist one.

He continued going to Presbyterian and Methodist churches until about three years ago, when he and his children began attending Nassau Bay Baptist Church. He is now a member there and both by his own testimony and that of his pastor and other church members, enjoys a close relationship with the congregation across NASA Road 1 from the Manned Spacecraft Center.

"I think that God has a plan for everyone's life," he declared. "I feel happy with my own relationship and I feel close to God, so naturally I am satisfied that I am doing God's will."

While Irwin said he had not pondered the place of space flight in God's master plan, he does think it is inevitable that man will visit the planets and eventually, travel throughout the universe.

In discussing the effect of space flight on men's faith with pastor William Rittenhouse, Irwin agreed with Deacon Bill Pogue, an astronaut slated for the Skylab program, that simply going into space and seeing the beauty of God's creation from a different perspective will not give a man faith.

"But it gives you a deeper appreciation of God as you look around and have pause to think of it—if you already have some faith," he said. "Just that aspect alone would strengthen one's faith."

Irwin, whose own faith was tested and strengthened during three months in a hospital following a plane crash, said space flight will alter men's relationships with each other and with God.

"I think as we go out to the moon and other planets, it will make us appreciate God's creation more and, in giving us a closer relationship with him, will give us a closer relationship with each other," he said.

## Bible given to Vietnamese pastor



Robertson and Buu

Chaplain Kenneth G. Robertson, Tillar, Ark., recently presented a Bible to Ngo Van Buu, pastor of the Tin Lanh (Protestant) Church in Kien Tuong, Vietnam.

Pastor Buu had expressed a desire for a Bible with a concordance and center reference. Chaplain Robertson passed this request on to Dalark Church, Route 2, Arkadelphia, Bob Solomon, pastor. They sent a Bible to Vietnam with Mr. Buu's name engraved on it.

Kien Tuong is in the Vietnamese Delta near the "Parrot's Beak" of the Cambodian Border. The Vietnamese have no word for "Protestant." So they use the phrase "Tin Lanh," which means "good news."





# Ancient Egypt

By Thelma C. Carter

HAVE you ever wondered what Egypt was like in early Bible times? How did the people live? Were there big cities?

Egypt in that time, as today, consisted of a long, narrow strip of green, fertile land with endless areas of desert sands on each side of it. A long river called the Nile flowed through it.

Around this fertile Nile Valley, the people began to build small villages. It was a beautiful place in which to live. The climate was warm, and because of the long river, water was at hand. Food grains grew wild in the fields and valleys.

History tells that the Egyptian people lived in scattered villages for many years. A chief ruled each village. Always some sort of fighting was going on. The stronger people gradually took the land of the weaker people. After a time the settled villages along the Nile River organized into two kingdoms—Upper Egypt and Lower Egypt.

About 3400 B.C., a very strong leader became ruler of both kingdoms. Menes was his name. Under his rule Egypt became a rich and powerful nation. A city called Memphis was built near the mouth of the Nile River. This city was the capital of Egypt for many years.

In the ancient land of Egypt, many arts and trades were tried for the first time. The Egyptians were the first to survey their lands. In ancient Egypt flax was first used as thread and later made into fine linen. Glassmaking was probably first learned in Egypt.

Other fine crafts also were begun here. This included the making of rings, necklaces, and bracelets. Furniture was decorated in ivory, gold, and silver, and metal workers began their trade of making shields and spears.

## America's most important crop

ONE of the most important things derived from corn is penicillin. Penicillin mold has been called a miracle mold. Supplies of penicillin were badly needed, but scientists were able to manufacture it only in small quantities. The mold grew very slowly.

Then a researcher named Andrew Moyer threw some corn-steep liquor in with other chemicals with which he was experimenting. Corn-steep liquor is the liquid left after corn is soaked in water to make starch. Mr. Moyer used it to make the mold grow faster. This solved the problem. Investigation proved that the mold when grown in corn-steep water produced ten times as much penicillin as any other mixture.

Furfural is the newest substance found in corncobs. It was found in oat hulls previously, but only in small quantities. Someone discovered that furfural could be turned into nylon, which has many uses. Now another material is being made from corn proteins, one that has the warmth of wool and is easily washable.

Back in the old days many had fun with corn, too. Lacking our modern machines, the people had to husk it by hand. So husking bees were held. They were occasions of much festivity. Neighbors from all around came to help. Young men vied with each other to husk the greatest number of ears. When the husking was finished, all joined in a feast of delicious food prepared by the womenfolk. Later the people played games and had fun in the barn.

A field of corn with its green waving plumes and tassels is a beautiful sight. Poets have sung of it. In "The Song of Hiawatha" Longfellow devoted a chapter to corn, to its planting, its blessing, its harvesting. Whittier wrote enthusiastically of "the golden corn:"

No richer gift has Autumn poured  
From out her lavish horn!

Edna Dean Proctor in "Columbia's Emblem" asserted:

The rose may bloom for England,  
The lily for France unfold;  
Ireland may honor the shamrock,  
Scotland her thistle bold;  
But the shield of the great Republic,  
The glory of the West,  
Shall bear a stalk of the tasseled corn  
The sun's supreme bequest!

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## The bookshelf

*Prehistoric Agriculture*, edited by Stuart Struever, The Natural History Press, Garden City, N.Y., 1971, \$9.95

This volume centers on the beginnings of agriculture and agriculture's implication for future cultural development, including the preconditions that make the rise of civilization possible. Selections include: "The Origin of Plant Cultivation in the Central Mississippi Valley," "Food Production in Prehistoric Europe," "Animal Domestication in the Near East," and "Developmental Stages in Ancient Mesopotamia."

*Sexual Understanding before Marriage*, by Herbert J. Miles, Zondervan, 1971, paperback, \$1.95

"If there is national confusion about the place of sex in life today, it is largely because the great, sound majority of the population has allowed a noisy, ill-informed, and radical minority to do most of the talking," says Paul Popenoe, founder and president of the American Institute of Family Relations, in the introduction to this book.

Dr. Popenoe recommends this book as one that "ought to find wide use in the Christian community." He especially likes the suggestion of Dr. Miles that the book be used as source material for church women to study in classes, seeking to learn how best to talk with their children about sex.

*Damned through the Church*, by John Warwick Montgomery, Bethany, 1970, \$2.95

The author addresses himself to the ancient and modern misconceptions of the nature of the church. Not every reader will agree with his every thrust and lunge, but all readers should be captivated by "the cutting away of many appendages which at times obscure the Body of Christ."

Montgomery declares: "The church is no place for religious fellow-travellers. A man had better go to church for the right reason—God-centered, not self-centered reasons—or not at all. The church can be a place of accelerated salvation; but it can also be a place of accelerated damnation."

*Should Doctors Play God?*, edited by Claude A. Frazier, M.D., Broadman, 1971, \$4.50

This book deals with some of the awesome responsibilities modern technology has placed upon the physician. It presents the problems and asks the questions, but does not attempt to give the answers. Mrs. Billy Graham says in the foreword: "If I were a doctor or anyone else trying to play God, I would learn all I could about God. When one does this, one learns one cannot play God. One can only obey Him or disobey Him."

Mrs. Graham writes, "The incredible moral choices facing the medical profession today place doctors in the position of trying to play God. This book sets before us some of the great moral issues facing doctors today, their patients, and their families. You won't agree with all of this book. I don't. But it will make you think."

*A Quest for Reformation in Preaching*, by H. C. Brown Jr., Broadman, \$5.95

Dr. Brown, a veteran of many years in the classroom and the pulpit, analyzes both the need for and the way to reformation in preaching. Complete sermons of Karl Barth, Harry Emerson Fosdick, G. Campbell Morgan, Helmut Thielicke and others are subjected to instructive, in-depth analysis.

*The Birth of God*, by James Kavanaugh, Trident Press, \$4.95

Mr. Kavanaugh was a priest when he wrote the best-selling *A Modern Priest Looks at His Outdated Church*. In *The Birth of God*, he looks at "the entire religious tradition of the Western world and its long-established mythology," and appraises the imposed religious structures which have "deprived man of the freedom that is his right and the maturity that is the hope of the world." Refuting the God-Is-Dead faddists, Mr. Kavanaugh writes to "the man who is prepared to be responsible for his own actions and for the condition of his world." He contends that "in the free and responsible behavior of such a man is the genuine birth of God."

*The Key to Triumphant Living*, by Jack R. Taylor, Broadman, 1971, \$3.95

This is the personal testimony of Pastor Taylor and of his church, Castle Hills First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex. The emphasis is on the in-dwelling power of the Holy Spirit and the revival this has brought to this pastor and church.

New paperbacks include: *When Human Wisdom Fails*, an exposition of the Book of Job, by T. Miles Bennett, Baker, 95 cents; *Hermaneutics*, by Bernard L. Ramm and Others, Baker, \$1.45; *Bible Study Books, Leviticus-Deuteronomy*, by Derek Kidner, Eerdmans, \$1.25; *Bible Study Books, Romans*, by E. M. Blaiklock, Eerdmans, \$1.25; *Get in the Game*, by Edith Beavers Allen, Baker, \$1.95; *The Cross and the Switchblade*, David Wilkerson, Fleming H. Revell, 95 cents.

## 'God is first,' says athlete Don Mincher

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—To a startled manager, Don Mincher of the Senators Ball Club said there are "other things I love more than baseball."

Ted Williams looked on incredulously until Mincher explained: "Number one is God, number two is family, and number three is baseball."

"Great, wonderful," said Williams. "But my mind doesn't go that way. Not even close."

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# God transcends our understanding

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Beware of a theology that promises too much! The dimensions of God extend above and beyond us—far beyond our poor powers of comprehension. Only a person with the mind of God would ever be able to understand fully the mind of God.

In recent years some modern theologians have been writing about the impossibility of talking about God. They are right in their conclusion that man cannot by means of reason find God, but that does not preclude experiential knowledge of God.

Even so, those of us who claim to know God through faith in Christ do well to follow Job in laying our hand on our mouth lest we utter what we do not understand. A Christian's knowledge of God is genuine, though it is extremely limited: his ways are higher than ours, and we cannot probe to the depths of his being. Man has not been able to descend to the lower depths of the ocean, but that does not mean that he has no genuine knowledge of the ocean.

## Hidden glory (Ex. 33:19-20)

When Moses was on the mountain, God spoke with him "face to face, as a man speaks to his friend" (33:11). In the course of their conversation Moses requested that God would show him his glory, but the Lord only partially granted the request. In a visible manifestation in some man-like form God passed before Moses and allowed the law-giver to look upon his back. His explanation that a man could not look upon the face of God and live indicates that God must ration out his revelation piecemeal because man is not constitutionally equipped to handle the full blaze of divine glory. The followers of Moses were not able to look upon the face of Moses after he had spent forty days talking with God (34:29-35).

## Creator and sovereign (Isa. 40:18-26)

1. In this passage from Isaiah, the author first sets out the spiritual nature of God as opposed to the idol gods of the heathen. He scoffs alike at the rich man's idols made of silver and gold and the poor man's idols made of wood; but the one thing that both of them hold in common is that they have no life in them and cannot move (18-20).

2. Over against these Gentile religions in which men manufacture their gods, he sets in contrast the true religion

which worships the Lord God, who created man and the place of his habitation: indeed the whole universe. The God of Israel, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, having created the universe and the human race continues to rule over it as sovereign.

As sovereign over all, God presides over history, and under his watchful eye princes come to thrones rise to prominence and fade into forgetfulness. Looked at from the Lord's vantage point, rulers fade fast, like a vegetable planted in the springtime, which scarcely takes root until the hot and dry winds of summer blow upon it, causing it to wither and die.

3. Again he asks the question: what is God like (vs. 18-25)? He has answered above that God is not like the idols which men manufacture, but is the creator and upholder of this universe.

If one seriously desires to know what God is like, says Isaiah, let him lift up his eyes on a clear night and behold the stars which the Creator brought into being. A music masterpiece tells a great deal about the composer; a classical piece of art tells much about the artist, and the created universe has a lot to say about the Creator brought into being. Paul said that God's power and deity are clearly perceived in the things which he has made (Rom. 1:20).

Isaiah was impressed with the orderliness of God, who brings out his stars like a shepherd brings out his sheep and not one is lost. Pagan people worship the stars but our God controls them; therefore, we worship not them but him.

## The unsearchable mind (Rom. 11:33-36)

God's wisdom and knowledge constitute an unending source of riches. The depth of his wisdom is unfathomed, unsounded, unknown; and his wisdom cannot be measured. His judgments emerge from a depth of being beneath and beyond our comprehension. Therefore, we are unable to trace out the pattern of his activities because no man can understand the convolutions of his mind.

This doxology tells us more about Paul than it does about God. For one thing, it

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Exodus 33:19-20; Isa. 40:18-26;  
Romans 11:33-36

tells us that history's greatest theologian had run out of answers while his questions kept on multiplying. The apostle had sought to "trace out" the ways of God in human history and to harmonize the free will of men with the sovereignty of God. That he failed to achieve his goal is no reflection on Paul because, according to the doxology, that would be impossible. We are persuaded to believe that they do harmonize, but on a plane beyond human comprehension.

Again, the doxology tells us that Paul's trust extended beyond his knowledge. Though unable to probe the depths of the divine mind, he nevertheless believed that all God's judgments did arise out of wisdom. While he could not understand the mind of God, he could trust that mind.

Finally, the doxology states the Christian belief that all things pertaining to the sweep of history, revelation, and redemption have their origin in God; come to pass through the effective will of God, and come to their consummation in God. God designs, effects, evaluates, and ultimately has his way in human history. He above all is worthy of human worship.

## Positive Christianity aim of Methodists

DENVER, (EP)—An all-out, global evangelistic crusade against "doubt and confusion" that mark our age is being planned by representatives of the world's 50 million Methodists.

The special campaign was approved by the World Methodist Council here in the face of statistical trends making Christianity a declining minority among the earth's people.

"The whole church faces the greatest missionary challenge it has ever had to face," declared Leslie Davison of London, an executive of the British Methodist Church. "We have to harness ourselves, as never before, for the greatest missionary undertaking of our time."

Alan Walker, an Australian evangelist, reported that the Christian proportion of the world's population fell from 32 per cent in 1900 to 30 per cent in 1960.



## The Christian and war

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This is the third and final lesson of the unit, "Bible Teachings On War And Peace." Today's study involves some of the most provocative Biblical passages on the subject of war and peace. We are to be makers of peace. We are not to retaliate nor seek revenge. In our personal relationships with our fellowman we are to live peaceably with all men as much as is possible. On the other hand the Bible teaches love and defense for country. If no one ever went to war to protect and defend it, how long would it stand? The obligation to one's country is real, essential and definitely Biblical.

### The call to be peacemakers (Matt. 5:9)

At the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, Christ gave to his disciples what later became known as "The Beatitudes." The word "blessed" means "happy." Matthew 5:9 in *The Amplified New Testament* reads: "Blessed—enjoying enviable happiness, spiritually prosperous (that is, with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) — are the makers and maintainers of peace, for they shall be called the sons of God!"

This is a marvelous translation. We are spiritually prosperous if we are makers and maintainers of peace. We cannot sit back, do nothing and call ourselves peacemakers. We daily are to go forth on peace missions. We must look for ways and means of bringing or restoring peace among men.

### Christ's teaching against retaliation (Matt. 5:38,39)

No theologian is at all necessary to explain these verses. We just need to practice what is taught therein. Christ's reference to "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" refers to Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20, and Deuteronomy 19:21. This was given as a part of the Mosaic law in order to control anger, violence and the desire for revenge. The tendency to hit back and retaliate lies at the very depths of human nature. The object, therefore, of Moses' teaching was to control and reduce this action to a degree. The punishment, according to this law, was to fit the crime and not be in excess of it.

Please note how Christ's teaching is so far superior to the Old Testament law. Christ's teachings were not a new kind of law so much as they were a matter of emphasizing the spirit of the law. The Beatitudes are for the Christian. They are relevant and we should make every

possible effort with God's help to live by them. Many feel that it is impossible for us not to retaliate at times. We should ask for God's help and believe his teachings were intended to be kept. After all, they were given us with the desire that they be obeyed!

Does this passage teach pacifism? I think not. Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones gets right to the point when he states:

"Yes, but there are also certain more personal relationships, my relationship to my wife and children, my relationship as an individual to other people, my friendships, my membership of the Church and so on. All these are quite apart from my general relationship to the country to which I belong. Now here, I would repeat, our Lord's teaching concerns the behaviour of the Christian in his personal relationships only; indeed, in this saying, the Christian's relationship to the State is not even considered or mentioned. Here we have nothing but the reaction of the Christian as an individual to the things that are done to him personally. With regard to the Christian's relationship to the State and his general relationships there is ample teaching in the Scriptures. If you are anxious about your relationship to the State or your attitude as a citizen do not stay with the Sermon on the Mount. Rather go on to other chapters that deal specifically with that subject, such as Romans XIII and I Peter II. So that if I, as a young man, am considering my duty to the State in the matter of going into the Forces, I do not find the answer here. I must look for it elsewhere. This is only concerned about my personal relationships. And yet how often, when a man's duty towards the State is being considered, this passage is quoted. I suggest it has nothing whatsoever to do with it."\*

### Love is the principle of all human relationships (Rom. 12:17-21)

Paul in Romans 12 gives lofty ethical teachings. He comes very close to measuring up to the teachings found in the Sermon on the Mount. Paul gives the application of redemption. Paul appeals for personal consecration and love as the basic Christian ethic. After all, is not the "love" ethic our greatest Christian ethic? In Romans 12:9 Paul states that our love should not be hypocritical but should be sincere, unfeigned and genuine. When we love, we live at peace and do not retaliate.

In verse 19 Paul taught that vengeance belongs to God. If someone needs to be repaid for the evil he has done, God will

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Matthew 5:9, 38-42; Romans 12:17-21;  
1 Timothy 2:1-6; John 14:27.

see that his sin will not go unpunished. When we sow to the wind, we shall reap the whirlwind. Whatever a man sows, he reaps. God keeps books; he will even the score.

On the positive side, we are to give food and drink to our enemies (see verse 20). In other words we are instructed to return good for evil and actually help those who are our enemies. Certainly this is practicing the Golden Rule! Think what our world would be like if more of us practiced this high ethic!

### Prayer for all men (1 Tim. 2:1-6)

Paul in these verses mentions another positive action for peace: we should pray for all men and especially for national leaders, those in places of authority.

The fulfillment of these prayers would be peace, tranquility and calm in our society.

Our leaders are to look to God for guidance. They are to be guided by justice and honor. They are to rule under the lordship of Christ (Actually everyone should live under the lordship of Christ). We are to pray for them and intercede for them before God's throne. How many of us remember to pray for our country's leaders? Our state's leaders? Our community leaders? Our church leaders?

### Christ's peace for us (Jn. 14:27)

Christ bestows peace to the human heart. His peace is a different kind from that of the world. Christ's peace cannot be given nor taken away by the world. His peace passes all human understanding and endures. It means more than the absence of troubles. This peace is one which no sorrow, danger, heartache or suffering can make less. This peace is independent of and surpasses outward circumstances.

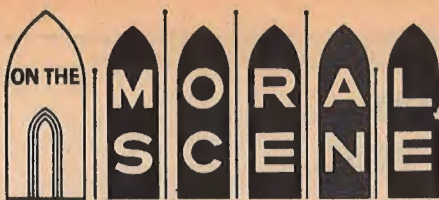
We can be peacemakers in our world through the power of God and because he has given us his abiding peace within our hearts.

### Conclusion

Thus this lesson brings to a close the units of study on Bible teachings on poverty, race, war and peace. Our next two lessons will deal with another important unit, "Bible Teachings About Alcohol."

\*D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies In The Sermon On The Mount*, Vol. 1. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1959), p. 277.





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Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adns.
Alexander	42	27	
Alicia	87	88	
Banner, Mt. Zion	25		
Berryville			
First	146	35	
Freeman Heights	120	37	
Rock Springs	96	63	
Booneville, First	263	121	
Cherokee Village Mission	95	26	
Crossett			
First	541	142	1
Mt. Olive	253	148	1
Ei Dorado			
Caledonia	41	21	
Ebenezer	147	46	
Förrest City, First	506	145	
Ft. Smith			
First	1255	398	6
Grand Avenue	728	260	10
Moffett Mission	25		
Haven Heights	234	134	
Gentry, First	178	78	
Grandview	74	39	
Greenwood, First	296	144	
Hampton, First	144	53	
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	211	77	5
Northvale	121	97	2
Helena, First	287	4	
Hope, First	479	117	
Hot Springs			
Emmanuel	85	24	
Lakeshore Heights	117	43	
Jacksonville, First	361	83	
Jonesboro, Nettleton	254	108	
Lavaca, First	387	192	6
Lake Village, Parkway	55	28	
Little Rock, Geyer Springs	669	246	3
Luxora, First	91		
Magnolia, Central	628	225	6
Marked Tree, First	161	53	4
Melbourne			
Belview	132	74	
First	125	46	
Horseshoe Bend Mission	26		6
Monticello			
Northside	93	73	
Second	210	64	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	551	167	6
Calvary	383	147	2
Gravel Ridge	178	102	
Levy	447	106	1
Park Hill	720	189	8
Sixteenth Street	49	38	2
Paris, First	371	84	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	184	86	
East Side	198	96	1
First	701		2
Green Meadows	84		
Springdale			
Berry Street	115	61	
Elmdale	388	86	1
Van Buren, First	385	137	1
Mission	69		
Vandervoort, First	37	29	
Warren, Immanuel	253	92	4
West Memphis			
Vanderbilt Avenue	95	56	

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### A smile or two

Two English school boys were bitter enemies. One entered the Royal Navy, and became an admiral, while the other entered the ministry and became a bishop. Their hatred never ebbed.

Years later they met on a London railroad platform. The bishop, who had grown fat, swept up to the admiral, resplendent in his glittering uniform, and said:

"Stationmaster, from which platform does the 10:05 leave for Canterbury?"

The admiral bowed and replied: "Platform five, madam. But in your condition, you shouldn't be traveling."

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Wife: I don't think the Senator put enough fire in his speech.

Husband: In my opinion, he didn't put enough of his speech in the fire!

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An efficiency expert is a man who is smart enough to tell you how to run your business, and too smart to start one of his own.

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Next best thing to having a garbage-disposal unit in the kitchen sink is having a teenage boy in the house.

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French proverb: The day is lost in which one has not laughed.

## Dumas singers give concerts

The First Church, Dumas, youth choir, directed by Ed Falcomata, returned recently from an eight-day tour that included several singing performances. They presented programs at Scenic Hills

Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Pleasant Ridge Church, Collinsville, Ill.; First Church, Johnston City, Ill.; and Immanuel Church, Benton, Ill. Robert F. Courtney Jr. is pastor of the Dumas church.

• Intense pressures are starting to build on adoption agencies throughout the country as the supply of available white infants continues to dwindle. Many officials are worried that the pressures could lead to a "black market," in which babies are adopted through private channels for excessive fees. These private, or independent procedures, are legal in all but two states, but established agencies feel they place more priority on a couple's ability to pay a good fee than to be a good parent. At the same time, many adoptive parents who have used the independent adoption procedures insist that there is often no other way to get a healthy white baby, since agency red tape makes that avenue difficult or impossible. Legitimate independent adoptions usually run about \$1,000 to \$1,700 including the lawyer's fee, obstetrical costs and expense money for the natural mother—all paid by the adopting parents. But reports keep filtering in to the agencies that the going rates run from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

(By Steven V. Roberts, New York Times News Service, July 24, 1971)

• WHO ARE THE 14 MILLION AMERICANS ON RELIEF? Of 14,387,000 persons getting some form of public assistance last March: 10,166,000 were parents and children on rolls for aid to families with dependent children; 2,083,000 were needy people over age 65; 967,000 were disabled persons; 80,800 were needy blind people; and 1,090,000 were general assistance recipients—jobless family heads whose unemployment pay had run out, "unemployables," and others.

(Source: U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, U.S. News & World Report, Aug. 9, 1971)

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## Learning probe set for Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—Foregoing its usual business meeting, the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) has instead planned a three-day "learning probe" to the nation's capital.

Issues of ecology and justice, as dealt with by the major federal agencies, will be the themes for the Washington visit Sept. 20-22. Board members will also meet with their Senators and representatives in efforts to learn how Christians can better communicate with legislators.

The national mission agency for the American Baptist Convention will focus on the relationship between the legislative and the executive branches of government during its Washington visit.

## Urges church stress on justice, peace

DENVER (EP)—The former ambassador from Sierra Leone to the U.S. and the president of the Methodist Church of Uruguay appealed here to churches to give major energy to justice and peace.

John J. Akar, who quit his diplomatic post last April in protest to developments in Sierra Leone, assailed the Christian church for its "long history" of neglect of blacks.

Emilio Castro of Montevideo said the church must "scream" to the poor and oppressed of the world that it is time to demand justice.

Both spoke to the 12th World Methodist Conference, representing 50 churches in 80 nations.

## Church unity trend seen as on wane

PHILADELPHIA (EP)—The half-century of movement among churches toward togetherness and amalgamation has shifted, according to the president of the Lutheran Church in America.

"But one wonders if we are seeing a short-lived disruption or a trend toward diversity or spintering," continued Dr. Robert J. Marshall.

He was later quoted in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* as refusing to speculate about the meaning of the "fragmentation" in religious ranks.

The fragmentation that began in the 1960's, he said, can be compared with that during and after the Civil War, when racism split many churches.

He did forecast, however, that unless something happens to change the trend, a better relationship between the Lutheran and Catholic churches would continue.

## Giving to church colleges shows decline over last year

NEW YORK (EP)—Giving to the nation's private institutions of higher education dropped in the 1969-70 academic year for the first time in 12 years.

A survey by the Council of Financial Aid to Education showed that voluntary support for 575 universities, colleges, and specialized schools dropped 8.6 percent between 1968-69 and 1969-70. These were the institutions reporting in both years.

Of this total, approximately 375 listed themselves as "church related" and 20

said they were "church controlled."

The group of 575 received \$1,126,789,000 in the previous year as compared to \$1,030,250,000 in 1969-70.

In the same period, public support for 148 state and municipal institutions rose 16.3 percent, from \$237,302,000 to \$275,868,000.

The decrease for the private universities and colleges interrupted a trend of about 9 percent a year increase over the past decade.

Voluntary support fell 28.3 percent between 1955 and 1956.

## 34th Assemblies council changes constitution

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (EP)—Delegates to the 34th General Council of the Assemblies of God in biennial session at the Municipal Auditorium here made constitutional and bylaw changes which will result in important changes in its headquarters organization.

The council, which drew 10,000 representatives, voted to designate its 200-man general presbytery as "the official policy-making body of the General Council when the General Council is not in session."

It also called for one of the three representatives from each district to be an ordained minister serving as a pastor.

In other action the council elected a single assistant general superintendent, in accordance with the provisions of a newly adopted constitutional revision reducing the number of assistant general superintendents to one.

Elected was the Rev. G. Raymond Carlson of Springfield, Mo., 53, who has served as an assistant since 1969. He was president of North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, for eight years.

The Assemblies of God Foreign Missions department announced the launching of an international prayer program, which will concentrate prayer on designated countries for a month at a time.

Japan is the object of the special prayer emphasis throughout September, J. Philip Hogan, Foreign Missions director, reported.

Delegates to the biennial council were also told that during the decade since 1961 the Church has gained 27 per cent in membership. In the U. S., a gain of 20,231 was recorded for the biennium for a total of 645,891.

## Puritan sex view seen as superior

LOS ANGELES (EP)—Couples with puritanical views about sex have happier marriages, according to a research project by a clergyman here.

The survey showed that fundamentalist Christians tend to have happier marriages than Catholics and liberal Protestants.

The study of 208 couples in the Los Angeles area was conducted by the Allan G. Snider, an Assembly of God pastor. The report was submitted as a doctoral dissertation in sociology at the University of Southern California.

Of the Pentecostal, or fundamentalist, couples surveyed, 48 per cent were classified as having achieved "highest marital adjustment." The more liberal the religion, the lower the incidence of high adjustment, the study said.

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