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## *"I Am"*

### "I AM THE WAY", TREAD ME

And you will not lose your way in the wilderness of sin and iniquity; you will travel the king's highway — the way of man to God, the way of God with man, the way of salvation and life.

### "I AM THE TRUTH", KNOW ME

And you will not become confused and bewildered by the falsities of the world; you will live in the light of divine truth — the truth about man, the truth about God, the truth about time and eternity.

### "I AM THE LIFE", LIVE ME

• And you will not die the eternal death, but shall inherit eternal life—the immortal life, the spiritual life, the divine life.

"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE" (JOHN 14:16)

# Evangelistic Results Conserved...

## BY SANER DOCTRINAL PREACHING

By O. L. BAYLESS

It was Thomas A. Eidson who said, "We have progressed so far scientifically that we must stop and catch up spiritually or we will experience disaster." We face a somewhat similar situation in churches. Unless we indoctrinate those whom we win to Christ and to church membership we shall face a tragic loss of spiritual power and influence. Our evangelism must be reinforced by spiritual growth, broadening vision, and increased participation in Christian service.

### Doctrines Stabilize

Those who are won by evangelism must be stabilized by indoctrination or they will become confused and disturbed, not knowing the truth that they might speak it, not growing in grace that they might develop beautiful and useful lives.

Morality is God-like, education is worthy of the mind's noblest endeavor, culture is excellent. But the combined force of them all is too weak to carry the dead weight of an unregenerate soul into the Kingdom of God. For "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

We should avail ourselves of every opportunity and use every medium at our command, in the pulpit, with the Sunday School class, and the Training Union, to teach the great doctrines of the Bible. Our people should be well grounded in the doctrines of God, the Bible, sin, salvation, justification, sanctification, the church, baptism, the Lord's Supper, the Lord's Day, heaven and hell. Without the strength of these great doctrines, the soul is dwarfed and the life is barren.

The day in which we live is peculiarly opposed to "doctrine." We are told that the day of dogmatism is past and that doctrinal preaching is not acceptable. There are those who prefer anecdotes to doctrine and slang phrases to eloquence; others demand smooth words suggesting only possibilities but asserting nothing.

But the relation of truth to life is positive, "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Orthodoxy in thought is basic to orthodoxy in conduct.

It was the preaching and teaching of New Testament doctrines that built our great denomination of soul winners. If we continue as the world's greatest evangelical body of Christians, we must conserve the fruits of evangelism by indoctrination.

### Doctrines and Spiritual Strength

The martyrs of past centuries surrendered their lives rather than disavow the great doctrines of the New Testament, which they considered more precious than life.

Michael Sattler, a Papist, who through study of the Bible, became a Baptist, refused to recant or to be silent. His tongue was cut out, his flesh was torn with red-hot pinchers and his dying frame was flung to the flames and burned to ashes. And through the fire he passed to glory, proclaiming and defending the Christian doctrines which had sustained him in life and in death.

We are advised today that doctrines should not be labeled. However, those who built our denomination strong, labeled the doctrines

and hurled them out without fear or favor. They apologized to no one for their doctrines, nor did they try to make friends and fellow laborers of those who denied the Christian doctrines.

### Doctrines and the Commission

The term, "Baptist," used to mean, "the people who were eccentric enough to baptize." Now it should mean, "a people obedient enough to the Lord Jesus Christ to preach His word, to stand for His doctrines, and to carry out His instructions with courage and faithfulness.

Jesus commissioned His disciples: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

May we know the thrill of winning the lost to Christ, that is our delegated responsibility. But may we understand that we have not carried out the commission of Jesus fully until those whom we have won are anchored in the great doctrines of our faith.

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## Centennial Committee Has Planning Meeting

The Centennial Committee, appointed by the State Convention to plan the program for 1948, met at Baptist Headquarters, January 15. The most immediate objective proposed by the committee is "Centennial Sunday," March 7. It is the hope of the committee that every pastor in the state will bring to his people a Centennial message on that day.

Three great objectives for the year are to be kept constantly before the Baptists of Arkansas. They are: To win 25,000 souls to Christ in 1948; to complete the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign during the year; and to complete the liquidation of the Honor Debt. The committee hopes that these objectives will be presented to the churches by the pastors on Centennial Sunday, March 7, and that throughout the year the Baptists of the state will keep them constantly in mind.

It was emphasized at the meeting of the committee that all channels of information and all agencies of promotion be committed to the Centennial objectives and work toward their realization.

A special feature being planned by the committee is a pilgrimage on September 21, to Tulip, Arkansas, where the Arkansas Baptist Convention was organized in 1848. The program for this special day will feature in large measure the growth of the Convention during the hundred years period.

Tentative plans were formulated by the committee for the November meeting of the Convention. It was proposed that there should be three evening sessions and that each evening session should be so planned as to present a special appeal to all Arkansas Baptists. It was proposed that one evening session should be devoted to Missions and that the Mission secretaries should be invited to attend that session, and further that Dr. Duke McCall should be invited to deliver

## THE VOICE OF LOVE

"Father Forgive Them"

A Devotion by the Editor

We understand this intercessory plea to be the voice of love. What else than love would beg the forgiveness of the outrage of the cross?

Law would demand justice, and justice would forever condemn the perpetrators of such a deed. Righteousness would demand the standard of perfect living, and such a standard could only measure the enormity of the sin of the cross.

It remains for love alone to step between law and the guilty, between the perfect standard of righteousness and the poor human wrecks who are so under the power of evil.

Mercy is born of love: Mercy which looks with pity upon sinful men. Long-suffering is born of love: Long-suffering which halts in mid-air the stroke of justice about to fall upon our heads. Forgiveness is born of love: Forgiveness that blots out our sinful past and gives us a new start. Grace is born of love: Grace which makes available to sinful men all the riches and glory of the Father God. The cross is born of love: The cross which meets every demand of justice and righteousness and which is the full and complete expression of mercy, long-suffering, forgiveness and grace.

Such is the love of God the Father, such is the love of Jesus Christ our Savior. Such is the love we find in this plea of Jesus from the cross.

This voice of love has sounded and resounded around the world, it has reverberated through every generation of Christian history, it is echoed from every Christian heart.

the main address. A second evening session is to feature a moving picture presenting the highlights of the past hundred years of Arkansas Baptist history with Dr. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, bringing the closing address. It is proposed that the closing evening session shall be given over to a pageant which shall portray the outstanding periods in the hundred years of Convention history.

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# Across the Editor's Desk

## Right To Criticize Government

### Is A Basic American Privilege

One of the unique privileges of the American citizen is the right to criticize his government. It is the vigorous exercise of this right that keeps the government responsive to the voice of the people.

#### Two Methods

There are two effective methods of exercising the right to register complaints against the manner in which the government conducts the affairs of the nation. The citizen may write his state delegation in Washington. This privilege should be used far more than it is now being used by the rank and file of American citizens. Instead of thinking about governmental problems and saying nothing or merely talking with the next door neighbor, one should write the senators and congressmen who represent his state in the national capital.

The ultimate recourse of the citizen is, of course, the ballot. Our elected officials are always conscious of the "next" election. Doubtless, the vast majority of them want to know what their constituents are thinking on current or controversial issues, and they want to serve the best interests of the voters who elected them to office. It is therefore important that the voters let the officials know what they are thinking.

#### Loss of Freedom

When the citizens of any country lose their right to criticize their government, they have lost their basic freedoms. When the government does not allow the citizen to express himself, except favorably toward itself, then the citizen has no voice in governmental affairs. The right to express oneself and call the government to account may be lost by failure to exercise that right, or by allowing the government to go so far that it withdraws that right.

Therefore, it is important that we, the citizens and voters, give our best thought to the affairs of government, and that we express our best thought to our officials and at the ballot box. This is an inescapable responsibility of Christian people. The Christian intelligence should out think the unregenerate intelligence of the nation and so inject into government, on an ever increasing scale, Christian principles.

#### Vital Issues

Just now there are several things being considered by our National Congress and the Administration in Washington which the taxpayers and the voters of America should think about and talk about and write their

government about. This is a time for the Christian conscience of America to arouse itself and the Christian intelligence of America to give its best thought to the problems with which our government is concerned.

The American people should think through the proposed "Marshall Plan," and express themselves to Washington. We should consider our responsibility as well as our own interests in helping to rehabilitate Western Europe.

American fathers and mothers should study the proposed Universal Military training program, against the background of experience and history, and consider whether a mass army of 17 year old boys would provide us greater national security than a powerful air force, a great navy, and a "highly trained, mobile professional army, a strong national guard, and officers' training facilities."

American voters and tax payers should give their most serious consideration to issues involved in the use of public tax funds, both state and federal, for the benefit of parochial schools, which were established for the express purpose of teaching a particular religious faith.

Responsibility for the present dangerous inflation should come under the close scrutiny of the voter. Is it a fact that the present high price of grain is due, in some measure, to the government entering the grain market last summer? Is our government quite fair when it urges the American people not to bid against each other for scarce supplies, when at the same time the government itself is on a spending spree, bidding against the American people for these same supplies? Is not profligate spending by the government just as inflationary as profligate spending by the public. A budget of 39.6 billions in peace time! No tax cut! Have we, the tax payers, a right to think about these matters, make up our minds about them, and then tell Washington what we think? That is the only way to preserve our freedom?

Another issue with which the tax payer and voter should concern himself, is the expansion of government into the field of business. It is reported that the federal government owns 45 corporations, "controlling some \$30,000,000,000," and which compete with private business. Can private business pay taxes and at the same time compete with government business which pays no taxes or interest on capital investment? That is a question the American tax payer and voter must answer.

This matter of government ownership is a sort of creeping socialism which, if allowed to continue at the rate it has been growing for the past ten years, will eventually swallow up the basic resources and industries and we will find ourselves in a socialistic state. Is that what the American voter wants? Better think it through and decide.

And in our thinking on these issues, we should do some praying and Bible reading. If the Christian intelligence of America does not guide us through these problems, then the non-Christian intelligence will. And we shall certainly end up in chaos, if not in sheol.

## Concession to Russia

Religious News Service reports that "Speakers at the second general assembly of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) here (Mexico City) emphasized that a moral and spiritual foundation must be laid before there can be lasting world peace."

It has been a disappointment to many earnest Christians throughout the world that in the meetings of the United Nations there has been no recognition of God. We are quite confident that many of the delegates to the General Assembly and to the Security Council are sincere Christians. But their lack of public recognition of God seems to be another concession to Russia.

It is difficult to see how Christian Statesmen can confidently expect the blessings of God upon the meetings of the UN when they are so intimidated that they fear to lift their voices in public prayers lest they should offend the Russians.

Among the last words which Jesus addressed to His disciples were these: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: And ye shall be witnesses unto me." The failure to witness to Him is a confession of the lack of power, whether in the meetings of the UN or elsewhere.

## Food and Clothing

### Needed In Europe

Southern Baptist chaplains in Europe are eager to distribute food and clothing to the needy in their area. Chaplain Malcolm M. Hagood writes the following: "During November, I received nine boxes of assorted clothes which were delivered personally to a German Baptist Church on Wiesbaden. There is a Protestant Orphanage near Wiesbaden, housing 80 needy children. Ages run from 2 to 15. I will be happy to receive and deliver clothing, foods, such as sugar, fats, chocolate bars (powdered milk, etc.). The children and old people are the greatest sufferers here." Chaplain Hagood's address is 317 Station Hospital, APO 633, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

# NOTES OF ADVANCE

## A Correction

The report of the 1948 budget of the Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, appearing in the Arkansas Baptist, January 15, was in error. That report specified a budget of \$32,000 with \$6,480 of that amount going to the Cooperative Program.

Whereas, the 1948 budget of the Immanuel Church is \$43,584 with approximately \$10,000 for the Cooperative Program.

First Church, Waldron, began the new year with outstanding records. Sunday School attendance reached an all-time high of 235. Only by the use of additional chairs could the congregation for the morning worship service be seated. Training Union attendance was higher than usual and the auditorium was again filled for the evening service. In response to the first public appeal for \$2,264.40 in payment for a new Hammond Organ which had just been installed, more than \$1,950 was raised during the morning service. Other contributions were added during the day until \$2,409.40 was given. The organ was dedicated at special services on January 11, when Sunday School attendance set a new record of 244. Basket lunch was served in the church basement. Plans are being made for enlargement of the church plant. Vernon E. Yarbrough is pastor.

The Junior G. A.'s of the Geyer Springs Church won the attendance banner at the Associational Rally which was held at the Reynold's Memorial Church, Thursday night, January 15.

The Geyer Springs Junior G. A. was the only organization from the fifty-eight churches of the Association whose total enrollment was present. This is the second time in succession that this organization has won this honor.

The number enrolled in the organization is thirteen. Mrs. John J. Hinkson is counselor and Rev. E. D. Estes, pastor.

A report on "civic righteousness and public morals" adopted by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky declared that "beyond question of doubt, the picture show is the No. 1 advertising agency of the devil." The report blamed commercial moving pictures as having "done more to popularize sin and break down spiritually our churches than any one thing." It criticized the relaxed attitude of many ministers and congregations toward movies as the "cancer of our church." A motion by Dr. J. Campbell Jefferies, a Louisville pastor, to have all delegates pledge they "never again will enter a commercial motion picture show" was declared out of order by the moderator.

Second Church, Hot Springs, has adopted "78 in 48" as a motto for its Sunday School. It means the church will strive to have 78

per cent of the Sunday School enrollment in attendance each Sunday in 1948.

8,256 Baptist Students were in attendance upon the eighteen Baptist Student Conventions during October and November. Approximately 9,000 other persons were present at the sessions of these conventions which had for their keynote, "Christ—The Great Difference." More than four hundred came forward for definite service out of the more than 1,000 making life decisions. Plans are now under way for the holding of eighteen similar conventions during the fall of 1948.

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## Six Months' Progress

By NORMA DAVIS  
Church Secretary

Second Church, Pine Bluff, is proud to present a record of the work that has been accomplished since the coming of our new pastor, Delbert C. McAtee, the last of July. There have been some 40 additions to the church and scores of rededications in the six months that Pastor McAtee has been here and there is truly a fine spirit of cooperation throughout the church.

Our church is grateful for the leadership of our pastor. He is one of our own Arkansas men and is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary.

Owen H. Kersh is our director of music and education, and we feel that wonderful progress is being made in all phases of the work. Mr. Kersh was recently discharged from the army where he served with the Chaplain's Corps. He is a former student of Ouachita College, and has just resumed his work there, returning to Pine Bluff each week-end. He is a past member of the Ouachita Male Quartet and Symphonic Choir. Surely we are planning on a great year in 1948 and trusting the Lord for His leadership in a great forward program.

## Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "The Meteor of Light Series" by B. H. Duncan.

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

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

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I want to take advantage of this method to express my appreciation to Arkansas Baptists for the treatment received by Mrs. Hitt and myself during December, 1947, at our Baptist State Hospital. Many friends will recall that Mrs. Hitt has been in ill health for a number of years and finally became totally blind.

An operation performed at the Hospital December 1 was 100 per cent successful. Mrs. Hitt is now able to see and to take care of the household duties. We can never fully express our sincere gratitude to the Hospital superintendent, to the staff, to the doctors, and to the Baptists of Arkansas for making this service available to us. Everyone was most kind and considerate. May God richly bless them everyone.

J. M. HITT.  
Howell, Ark.

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## "Greatest Story" Gets Special Recognition

Another special honor has been given the radio program, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," with the selection of Paul W. Litchfield, chairman of the board of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, sponsors of the program, to receive the 1947 Public Relations Award for "the greatest contribution during the year, through public relations, to the national welfare."

The Goodyear sponsored radio program, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," is a dramatization of the life and teachings of Christ. It was inaugurated a year ago as a public service program, without any commercial whatever, over the entire American Broadcasting Company network from 5:30 to 6 p. m., CST, every Sunday. Since then the program has received praise and awards from religious, educational and civic groups, and has become the outstanding radio program of its type.

It has proven of special benefit to churches and schools which make it part of their own religious programs. Requests for recordings of the program for special use prompted the sponsor and American Broadcasting Company to take the unprecedented step of making recordings of each of the programs available for such use at an extremely low cost, through the cooperation of cast, musicians, and everyone connected with the program. These recordings, some in albums, with two programs in each album, can be obtained from the American Broadcasting Company.

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Brookland Church showed appreciation for Pastor S. J. Meador during the Christmas season by giving him a food shower and money to purchase a new suit. The church is making plans to erect an educational building.

Membership of Texas' more than 3,000 Baptist churches is unquestionably over the 1,000,000 mark for the first time, Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism, has announced. Dr. Matthews made his announcement as reports reaching Convention headquarters totaled 999,870. "Additions to the churches in fall revivals since these reports were written undoubtedly have shoved the figures well above the 1,000,000 mark," he said.

# Save America Prayer Crusade

By GEORGE P. B. DAVIS

Our land is in deadly peril at the present moment—from communism, drunkenness, and other evil forces. It is only a great outpouring of God's Spirit, and another mighty spiritual awakening that can save us. And the history of the Christian church shows that such an awakening comes only through earnest, intercessory prayer.

At the beginning of the 19th century our land was in dire peril. Atheism, agnosticism, skepticism and other evils were rampant and raging. Christian people realized the great danger, and entered into a solemn covenant to spend "a definite portion of their time in prayer for an outpouring of the Spirit of God for the salvation of men." The Lord heard and answered the great volume of intercessory prayer. The great revival known as "The Awakening of 1800" followed. In his "History of American Revivals" Dr. Frank G. Beardsley says: "Infidelity became a vanishing force, while the religious character of the United States was assured for generations to come."

After nearly 150 years, our land is again in great peril. Unless a Heaven-sent revival comes speedily—through prayer, repentance and returning to God—our country is doomed to destruction. Freedom will vanish, and we shall awake one morning to find ourselves slaves of totalitarianism.

But, praise God, there is a way out! Long ago, Jonah proclaimed to the people of Nineveh: "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown." Jonah 3:4. The people believed God, and proclaimed a fast," and cried "mightily to God," and turned "from their evil way." The Lord heard their cry and the destruction of Nineveh was withheld for more than 200 years.

The situation here in America and in Europe and China is getting more desperate day by day. Quick action is needed. Sending money is urgent and imperative. But these material things will not stop the onward sweep of communism.

It is a spiritual battle. Communism is inspired and motivated by Satan, and only Spiritual forces are able to overthrow it. Prayer is our secret weapon. It is only a great volume of earnest, believing, faith-inspired prayer on the part of multitudes of God's children that can turn back the enemy and give glorious victory. The words of the apostle John are just as true today as when they were uttered long ago: "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." I John 5:4.

Christians, awake, awake! God's children! Let us arouse ourselves before it is too late, to the terrible danger that confronts our own land and other countries across the seas! Are we willing to sit idly by or go along serenely on our daily round of duties, and never lift a finger or raise a cry to God on behalf of millions that are trembling on the brink of an awful precipice?

It must have brought sorrow to the heart of God when He uttered these poignant words through lips of the Prophet Ezekiel: "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Ezekiel 22:30. God forbid that we should fail to "stand in the gap" by earnest intercessory prayer on behalf of our own and other lands in this hour of supreme crisis!

Here are some of the practical methods for mobilizing the prayer forces of the nation, and helping to bring mighty revivals to America and other lands:

1. **Through prayer meetings in the churches.** A Presbyterian minister in Philadelphia has an attendance of nearly 100 at his weekly prayer meeting. At the close of the regular prayer meeting he asks all who wish to do so to stay for a revival prayer meeting—to pray only for revival. The pastor says that 40 to 50 stay each week to intercede for real revival.

If hundreds and thousands of churches throughout our land would adopt such a plan, the churches themselves would be wondrously quickened and it would be a tremendous forward step in helping to bring another spiritual awakening to our country.

2. **Cottage prayer meetings in homes.** Such prayer meetings have always been a tremendous factor in bringing revival. It was such cottage prayer meetings that brought down the power from heaven in the Billy Sunday Campaigns. A woman who recently started such a prayer group for revival said: "What a wonderful time we had! Tears flowed. Cries went up to our heavenly Father to save the souls of the lost and to revive the children of God."

3. **Another factor in bringing revival is individual and united prayer in the home.** In one home the husband and wife are deeply concerned for revival and for the future of our nation. They make it a rule to have united prayer for revival each day, and on Sunday endeavor to have an hour of earnest intercession. They pray not only for revival in America but in Europe, Palestine, China, and other lands.

4. **Individual intercessors** can have a real and vital share in bringing revival to our country and throughout the world. There are great numbers of praying people who may not be able to attend a revival prayer meeting at a church or even to go to a cottage meeting. But they can have earnest individual intercession wherever they may be.

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## Calvary, Little Rock, Conducts Revival

R. Wilbur Herring, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, announces a revival to be held at the Calvary church February 1-8, with services daily at 10:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Dr. R. Alton Reed, Dallas, Texas, will be the evangelist in the Calvary revival and will conduct all services. Dr. Reed has had wide experience as pastor-evangelist and radio preacher. Dr. Reed is at present Radio Director for the Baptist State Convention of Texas.

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## NEW BOOKS

MIRACLES:—C. S. LEWIS  
Macmillan Company—\$2.50

Mr. Lewis reasons that if we deny the miraculous, we deny the Bible, and denying the Bible, we deny God. He attempts to speak to the mind which knows no process of thinking except reason.

In my opinion, he has done an excellent job in giving a reason for faith in God and the Miracles.

DENNISON YATES



Eastside Church, DeWitt.

This church was organized last November from a mission sponsored by the First Baptist Church, DeWitt.

## Caudill to Write— Broadman Comments

By CLIFTON J. ALLEN

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, scholarly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Memphis, has been engaged to write the Sunday school lesson expositions for **Broadman Comments** beginning with the 1949 volume. He will succeed Dr. W. R. White, first author of this annual lesson commentary published by the Broadman Press. Dr. White, newly elected president of Baylor University, asked to be relieved because of the heavy demands of his many denominational obligations.

The acceptance of the authorship of **Broadman Comments** by Dr. Caudill will occasion widespread satisfaction and enthusiasm. He is ideally qualified for this major responsibility. Sound in faith, conservative in theological viewpoint, strong and mature in his doctrinal convictions, thorough in scholarship, and fervently evangelistic and missionary in spirit, his writing will reflect the principles and convictions characteristic of Baptists. He is a reverent and painstaking student of the Scriptures and possesses a comprehensive grasp of their message. He is a brilliant writer with literary appreciation and spiritual insight, having written a brief treatment of the Sunday school lesson which has been used in several of our Baptist state papers for the past several years. Frequent and significant articles have come from his pen.

Dr. Caudill has been an eminently successful pastor. Following the completion of his seminary training, he became pastor of the First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia. More recently he accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Memphis where he has served with high distinction. In recent years he has been chairman of the very important allocations committee of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Last summer he was appointed chairman of the relief committee of the Baptist World Alliance. Two years ago Dr. Caudill began a planned series of tours of our mission fields. His first tour was of South America; last summer he traveled in Europe. Further tours are planned for Africa and the Orient.

Dr. Caudill is a North Carolinian. He is an A. B. graduate of Wake Forest and a Th. M. and Th. D. graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His post-graduate study was in the Greek New Testament while serving as fellow with the renowned Dr. A. T. Robertson.

Dr. Caudill loves the Bible and believes in Bible teaching. We confidently expect him to bring to the authorship of **Broadman Comments** the fruits of biblical scholarship and interpretation that will make it foremost among the annual commentaries on the Sunday school lessons.

# CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

*Blessed is the man whose skylight is undimmed  
by the dust of doubt or sin of disobedience.*

**Transfusion for Church:** It is more important to reestablish the church in Europe than it is to restore diplomatic relations with former enemy nations, Dr. S. C. Michelfelder, executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, told churchmen in Toledo, Ohio.

"The sick and dying church of Europe must be given a transfusion," so it can assume its responsibility of social welfare, or it will cease to exist, Dr. Michelfelder declared while in Toledo on furlough from his headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. A former Toledo pastor, he has spent the past 30 months in Europe.

**Faith in God:** "Faith in God has made us great, if we cling to it, we shall be greater," Dr. Clark G. Kuebler, president of Ripon College, Ripon, Wis., said in addressing members of Congress, their families and their staffs, who filled Washington Cathedral at a special service for the Eightieth Congress.

"Totalitarianism is born first in the hearts and minds of men," Dr. Kuebler declared. "Therefore we must use against it the weapons of the spirit and the mind. Our enemies know this. They attack synagogues and churches because both believe that the individual is important. Both are bulwarks of the defense of our freedom."

**German Seminary:** American Military Government Headquarters has announced that permission has been granted for reopening the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church Seminary located at Frankfurt-Oberursel in the American Zone.

**Buildings for Japan:** Seventeen prefabricated buildings will be sent to Japan by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and the boards of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and the Methodist Church. The whole project includes 10 churches complete with living quarters, three schools and four residences, costing \$60,000.

The structures are intended to aid mission work in Japanese areas hardest hit by the war. Each building, barracks-like in design, is composed of standardized units which can be fitted together easily. They are constructed of steel and aluminum, except for wooden flooring.

**Dry Fight:** A fight over Mississippi's prohibition law will claim chief interest in the current legislative session. Militant Protestant church groups, spearheaded by Christian Citizens Leagues organized under Baptist auspices will demand: repeal of the "black market" tax, under which Mississippi levies a 10 per cent tax on illegal liquor sold in the state, a more rigid enforcement system for the present prohibition laws, and a fight against efforts to install a local option, a state-owned liquor store system.

**Proving Ground:** America is the proving ground for world brotherhood problems, Dr. Earl R. Brown, New York, executive secretary of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, said in Columbus, Ohio.

"We face certain problems of brotherhood toward the 13,000,000 Negroes who are our fellow citizens and the American Indians, especially those in Alaska. We think of them as charges and deny them citizenship," he said. "If American people cannot solve this problem of human relationship and human brotherhood in this land where we have all races, it will never be solved."

"Our attitude on such issues is immediately interpreted by the nations of the world as a product of Christianity."

**Tide Turning:** "Western civilization can get a new lease on life to the degree that the diverse groups work together with malice toward none and liberty and justice for all," declared Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, speaking before representatives of the amusement industry in New York City.

Declaring that the main current of Western European thought is away from Kremlin Communism, Dr. Clinchy said the anti-Christian tide on the continent is turning. Dr. Clinchy recently returned from Europe after spending 10 weeks there studying relations among religious and racial groups with a view toward establishing councils of Christians and Jews.

**Printing Plant:** Dr. J. Roswell Flower, general secretary and treasurer of the Assemblies of God, says that erection of a \$1,000,000 printing plant for the Gospel Publishing House in Springfield, Mo., will get under way about March 1.

It is estimated that the new plant will increase the Gospel bindery capacity by 100 per cent. The publishing house hopes to install rotary type presses capable of printing between 6,000 and 7,000 copies an hour, compared with the present output of 1,500 to 1,800 copies hourly.

**Impressions of America:** Reporting his impressions of the United States in the weekly, Die Kirche, Evangelical Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin said he was startled by the juxtaposition of the cross and the Star Spangled Banner in an American church procession.

Dr. Dibelius said he was also amazed by the average American's lack of knowledge about the Bible in comparison with the average Englishman or German of former days. He praised freedom of religious education in the United States, asserting, "the German must do everything with coercion and force . . . And the end is the total state. Blessedness, however, is only in freedom."

## Gratifying Response To Church-State Manifesto

By RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

Washington, D. C.—Hundreds of letters and telegrams have been received by signers of the church-state manifesto released by the newly-formed Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, it was disclosed here.

Dr. J. M. Dawson, recording secretary of the new organization and executive secretary of the Joint Baptist Conference Committee on Public Relations, reported that newspaper editorial reaction to the manifesto "has been mixed, some commending and some criticizing adversely."

"I feel highly 'gratified,'" he added, "that so many letters came from members of colleges and universities."

In an interview with Religious News Service, Dr. Dawson said that "only one letter from a Protestant contained opposition." Most of the writers, he indicated, "accepted in good faith the statement made by the signers of the manifesto."

Dr. Dawson said he had expected the sharp criticism of his organization that was leveled by the Knights of Columbus. He referred to the attack made on Protestants and Other Americans by John E. Swift, Supreme Knight.

"Protestant churches and all free churches are reluctant to engage in any overt movement which can be interpreted by hostile critics as a revival of religious intolerance," Dr. Dawson said. "To impute any animus to the organization for which we speak is to falsify its spirit and purpose. Its aim is absolutely opposite. Its purpose is to preclude the resurgence of this evil spirit of intolerance in any body politic."

"It seems clear," he said, "that unless the actual violations of the principles of separation of Church and State are redressed and the threat of further violations removed, the peaceful and friendly relations between the ecclesiastical beneficiary of these violations and the other churches of the land will be difficult, if not impossible to maintain."

He said an official reply to Roman Catholic charges of bigotry and intolerance would be made by the executive committee of the new group here.

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**Real Investment:** Young men and women studying for the ministry and other religious careers were made chief heirs to the bulk of a \$48,502 estate—the life-long savings of a 73-year-old U. S. Department of Agriculture clerk whose meager annual income was \$1,980.

Admired for her deep religious convictions and devotion to the work of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., Miss Bertha M. Roberts accrued her modest fortune through frugal living and careful investing. It was the will of Benjamin Franklin which she read during a visit to Philadelphia that gave her the inspiration for the bequest.

**Central Purpose:** The Christian religion provides the only central, intelligent purpose in the world today, Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, president of the Federal Council of Churches, told the opening session of the Southeastern Church Convocation meeting in Atlanta, Ga.



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# Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

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## Baptists of Japan Call For 60 Missionaries

In the summer of 1947, the Japanese Baptist churches with which the Foreign Mission Board has been associated withdrew from the Church of Christ in Japan and reorganized themselves into the Japan Baptist Convention. This convention has adopted a program of reorganization and is calling for a minimum of sixty missionaries from Southern Baptists to be sent out as rapidly as appointments can be made and living quarters in Japan can be provided. Eleven missionaries have already arrived in Japan and eleven others are studying the language in the United States. Additional appointments will be made in 1948.

A major difficulty in sending missionaries to Japan is the lack of housing facilities. The Occupational authorities will not give a permit for entry unless we can state in the application that living quarters are available. Before the war, our Board had residences in Japan for only some fifteen missionaries. Several of these were destroyed and others are being used by Japanese Baptist workers. Where additional residences can be purchased, Japanese families must be evicted before the quarters can be occupied.

The Board is studying the possibility of shipping prefabricated houses and pre-cut building materials from the United States. Shortage of houses in this country, however, makes it exceedingly difficult to secure export licenses for building materials.

In past years, Southern Baptists maintained a staff of about twenty missionaries among the 70,000,000 people in Japan. The immediate objective of the Foreign Mission Board is to increase the staff to a minimum of sixty and then to build it on up as rapidly as Southern Baptists will make possible the resources in personnel and funds.

Dr. Dewey Moore writes that reports reaching the American public regarding the activities of the Communists in Italy are considerably inflated and the whole matter exaggerated. He expressed the opinion that "there will be trouble in Italy if outside influence continues to seek to help force on the people of Italy another clerical state."

Mr. Peter Belicov of Rumania thanks Southern Baptists for 1750 C. A. R. E. parcels and \$6,000 we were able to send our brethren in that country a few months ago. Mr. Belicov states that the seminary has been reopened in Bucharest with a student body of 65.

Miss Eunice Fenderson writes from Jerusalem: Opportunities for witnessing have been many both among Jews and Arabs. When the trouble began I was afraid that the attendance in my Sunday school class in the Arab quarter of Musrara (near Calvary) would be greatly diminished, but I am thankful to say that the opposite has been true."

The Foreign Mission Board appreciates the step taken by the Executive Committee in its recent meeting in adopting a recommendation to the Southern Baptist Convention providing for the ratio of funds allocated to the Foreign Mission Board from South-wide receipts for current operations be increased from 46 to 50 per cent. We hope that the increased giving of Southern Baptists will warrant an increase from \$4,000,000 for current purposes to \$5,000,000 and beyond. In this time of urgent world need and opportunity, Southern Baptists need to give priority to foreign missions.

On the point of gifts for foreign missions, Editor Reuben Alley said recently in *The Religious Herald*, "The most powerful and effective ministry of the church must be given today . . . by the direct method of Christian missions." He goes on to say that it is a serious matter that Protestant Christians in America are neglecting the support of world missions in an hour of world crisis. Yet most of the money which is given through increased capital for distribution is used for work in the homeland.

In the January meeting of the Foreign Mission Board four new missionaries were appointed, two of them, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Copeland, to Japan, and two, Mr. and Mrs. Neville Claxon, to West Africa. These two couples are admirably equipped for the work for which they have been set apart. The Foreign Mission Board plans to appoint missionaries along through the year, thus avoiding congestion in examinations, although, as heretofore, the largest group will be appointed at the April meeting. As already indicated, the goal for 1948 is 100 new missionaries.

Missionary Homer R. Littleton, who a few months ago was transferred from Nigeria to the Gold Coast, writes that recently he baptized 70 converts and has at least 60 more in training who will be baptized a little later.

Secretary Gill reports that practically all of our missionaries who have been appointed to South America will be on their respective fields by the end of January. Dr. Gill and Dr. Rankin plan to visit our missions in Mexico and Columbia next summer. At that time they expect to be present at the organization of the Baptist convention in Columbia, which probably will take place during the week of June 20.

Secretary Baker James Cauthen, who expects to return home in time for the April meeting, on a brief furlough, writes that the work in China would have been retarded for years if Southern Baptists had not reinforced Chinese Baptists with funds for relief and rehabilitation. The reinforcement of Southern Baptists has greatly heartened our fellow-workers in China.

Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, director of the Baptist Relief Center, New Orleans, writes that

during the month of December approximately 648,434 pounds of clothing, bedding, and shoes, were received for needy people overseas. By working both a night and day crew in the processing department, approximately 15,000 pounds of clothing are being processed per day. Each bale of clothing going overseas carries copies of the Scripture printed in the language of the country to which the clothing is consigned. These Scriptures are furnished by the American Bible Society. Southern Baptists are urged to go through their closets and send to New Orleans all garments they can possibly spare. Send your used clothing to 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans.

Recent departures to foreign mission fields are: Miss Gracia Bailey to Recife, Brazil, by plane from Miami, January 6. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Enete to Rio, Brazil, by boat from New Orleans, January 2. Mr. and Mrs. Zach Deal to Cartagena, Colombia, by plane from Miami, January 6.

Recent arrivals from the mission fields are: J. E. Jackson, China, now at 2108 Baylor St., Waco, Texas. Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Hallock, Brazil, now at 622 S. Ponca St., Norman, Okla.; Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, Brazil, now at Box 218, Wytheville, Virginia; Miss Estelle Councilman, Paraguay, now at Bear Creek, North Carolina; Miss Rees Watkins, Nigeria, now at 7810 Fifth Ave., S., Birmingham 6, Ala.; Miss Ada Lois Newman, Nigeria, now at Route 2, Coleman, Texas; Miss Kathleen Manley, Nigeria, now at S. Cumberland Ave., Morristown, Tenn.; Rev. Edwin B. Dozier, Japan, now at 708 E. Tremont Ave., Charlotte, North Carolina; Miss Oleta Snell, Chile, now at 2027 Texas St., Vernon, Texas.

"A half million dollars for food during January is clearly in sight," declares Dr. George W. Sadler, director of the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board. "Cash offerings through the churches, designated for relief, are still acutely needed for the payment of the shipping costs of the vast quantity of clothing now being processed at the New Orleans warehouse. The Relief Committee hopes the offering will far exceed the goal." Pastors are urged to send relief funds at once through the usual channels.

Treasurer Buxton reports an increase of Cooperative Program receipts for last year of \$243,126.81 over 1946. During the month of December \$32,620.61 was received for Relief, a considerable increase over the preceding month.

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The Brotherhood of Harmony Association met at Matthews Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, January 5. Ten churches were represented by 83 men. Eddie Blackmon, DeWitt, brought the message. The next meeting will be with South Side Church, Pine Bluff, April 5, at 7:30 p. m.

The pulpit committee of First Church, Knoxville, would like to contact available preachers. Address R. M. James, chairman, pulpit committee.

Benton County Associational Conference was held at First Church, Pea Ridge, January 5. The Associational WMU was reorganized and future plans were discussed.

# Radio Discussion On Universal Military Training

Following is a discussion over a radio network broadcast from the House Office Building conducted by Congressman Edward G. Rohrbough of West Virginia and Dr. J. M. Dawson.

**Rohrbough:** With me last week for my regular broadcast from Washington was Gen. John Thomas Taylor, national legislative director of the American Legion. He presented the case in favor of Universal Military Training. This week I have another guest in the studio with me who will present the other side of this highly controversial issue. My guest today is Dr. Joseph H. Dawson, Executive Secretary of Public Relations for 14 million Baptists of the United States. That's a lot of Baptists, Dr. Dawson. Tell me, in opposing Universal Military Training do you speak for all of them?

**Dawson:** No, not all of them, Congressman. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, for instance, was a member of President Truman's Advisory Commission which recommended Universal Military Training. But the position he took is in direct opposition to the officially expressed convictions of his fellow Baptists.

**Rohrbough:** You mean that the Baptist churches have gone on record in opposition to UMT?

**Dawson:** Yes sir. Through their Conventions, North and South.

**Rohrbough:** What about the other denominations? It is my understanding that many of them oppose UMT.

**Dawson:** That is correct, Congressman. Here is a compilation of 236 typewritten pages showing practically every religious group in America has officially pronounced against UMT.

**Rohrbough:** I recall that I received a statement opposing UMT from the West Virginia Council of Churches and Christian Education.

**Dawson:** Yes sir. That is one of a number of state organizations which have taken this position.

**Rohrbough:** Dr. Dawson, General Taylor told me that the American Legion believes World War II would have been avoided if we had been prepared for war. He said he believes further that UMT was the preparation we needed. How do you reconcile your position with his views?

**Dawson:** Mr. Rohrbough, I am not a pacifist. Baptists generally by no stretch of the imagination can be termed pacifists. I believe with them in necessary national defense, but I want it to be more effective than anything possible through UMT.

**Rohrbough:** My own son was overseas much of the time during the last war. I understand that you had two boys in service.

**Dawson:** I had one son who served in the Navy, Congressman, and another son in the Infantry who was decorated by General Eisenhower himself with the Distinguished Service Cross following the Normandy invasion on Omaha Beach. My son's heroic stand on Crucifix Hill, Aachen, caused the overseas dispatches and radio broadcasters to rename the hill Dawson Ridge. My daughter's husband, a bombardier on a B-26, was shot down and killed in the Normandy invasion.

**Rohrbough:** I can see how you believe in

necessary national defense. What do you propose?

**Dawson:** The service of my sons accentuated my interest in the success of the United Nations. I represented the Baptists at the San Francisco Conference. Last July I addressed the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, on the subject of the United Nations. I count heavily on the united efforts of the Allied Nations to win the peace. If the two-year-old United Nations, brought as an infant into a war-blasted world sown with suspicions and hatreds, has not been able to rebuild such a world overnight, there is no occasion to despair. It is really doing far more than the public is aware of.

**Rohrbough:** Many of us, however, fear that the power to veto is being used as the power to destroy the United Nations.

**Dawson:** The veto is objectionable and will be remedied. Along with educators, churchmen, farmers and labor, whose organizations have spoken out against UMT, I am deeply sympathetic with the extremely difficult situation which prevails. I can appreciate the anxiety of our President, the Department of State, and of Congress in seeking to devise our Nation's course. I hold there is much that our country can do and will do. But I do not believe that our people, nor all military men, accept the theory that war is inevitable, or that war can be averted by the United States adopting Universal Military Training. UMT will lead away from cooperative action toward unilateral action against effective efforts for peace. That was the opinion of the Association of American Colleges and Universities expressed in an overwhelming vote in Cincinnati, notwithstanding Dr. Dodd of President Truman's Commission had just spoken in favor of UMT.

**Rohrbough:** Would you care to develop that a bit further?

**Dawson:** UMT is psychologically bad in that it impresses other nations with we are utterly distrustful of the United Nations; it suggests that we have imperialistic designs on the world. UMT would be a phase of power politics by which the U. S., in effect, would resort to the tactics of the police state in the effort to coerce peoples into the acceptance of our political faith.

**Rohrbough:** You're saying, if I understand you correctly, that we would be girding for war and that, by doing so, we might be inviting war.

**Dawson:** Not exactly, Mr. Rohrbough. But the argument that UMT is essential to U. S. defense is quite unconvincing. Perhaps no more revealing statement of the remoteness and irrelevancy of UMT has been put forth than by the President's own Advisory Commission on Universal Military Training in its lengthy report, when the Commission listed UMT as the very last item offering usefulness. It fails to show how mass training of 18-year-old boys would be adequate defense. It is not desirable in view of the new weapons which have come into use.

**Rohrbough:** You've read the report too, I see.

**Dawson:** Yes sir. Here it is. I've studied it carefully. I recognize the distinguished

members on the Commission. I cannot ignore, however, the opposing wisdom of notable men in great numbers who supply the answer. The President's hand-picked committee represents individuals who tried to express rather well-known judgments held previous to their appointment. An example is my cherished fellow churchman, Dr. Poling.

**Rohrbough:** You are aware, I presume, that in his budget message this week President Truman recommended 500 million dollars to set the universal military training in operation.

**Dawson:** Indeed I am, sir. And this, as the President conceded, is only a beginning. UMT is an unnecessary financial burden upon the taxpayers who already groan under the stupendous national debt and the huge annual budget. Seventy-nine cents out of every dollar in the national budget now goes to pay the costs of past wars and present military upkeep. This huge sum might actually detract from the efficiency demanded in the real armaments required today.

**Rohrbough:** The President estimates that UMT would cost about two billion dollars a year. But those who argue that UMT will keep us out of war point that the cost of World War II would have paid for UMT for about three centuries. They say it's insurance against war, at a very low premium.

**Dawson:** The answer to that, Congressman, is that UMT follows an obsolete notion of defense, and yet it arouses dangerous fears and suspicions in other nations. The world is struggling toward disarmament through collective defense. I repeat: UMT does not provide an effective defense.

**Rohrbough:** Dr. Dawson, we have but a few minutes left for you to tell us your other reasons for opposing UMT.

**Dawson:** Thank you, Congressman, I'll sum them up. I oppose UMT because it takes more than a million of our young boys away from the moral and cultural environment at a critical age and exposes them to physical and spiritual hazards for which military training camps have never provided protection. No matter how many camps patterned after Camp Knox, such will still be unsatisfactory. Chaplains are giving out some very disturbing information about Camp Knox in particular. I oppose UMT because, while it does not help the peace of the world, it does provide the means for completely militarizing our own country at a time when the whole world stands aghast at the wrongs and sorrows inflicted upon all peoples by hideous militarisms. I oppose UMT because it impairs the moral leadership of the United States toward world peace by renouncing methods creative of that peace, and lapses into the disastrous ditch of European militarism.

**Rohrbough:** Thank you, Dr. Dawson, for stating the case against Universal Military Training as you see it. As I said last week, I feel both sides must be heard upon an issue so significant.

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The Anniversary Citation award will be presented to Miss Denton at the WMU Annual Meeting, April 13-15, First Baptist Church, Little Rock. Any other young women who complete the requirements for the Citation, as outlined on the application blank, before the Annual Meeting, will be recognized at that time.

## Sixty Delegates For Southern WMU Meeting

Each state is allowed sixty delegates for the annual meeting of Southern W. M. U. in Memphis in May. To be assured a hotel room all requests must clear through the chairman of the committee on hotel arrangements; the hotel, after receiving assignment through this chairman, will notify the individuals of their assignments and will expect response of confirmation.

We have received the names of several women who desire to attend as delegates. We are urging the women to send their names to this office. The first sixty names received will be forwarded to the proper source for room assignments. It will likely be necessary for three or four to room together. Please indicate others with whom you desire to room or state that you will gladly share a room with others. We are requested to send this information along with the names. Please do this at once.

## YWA Camp At Ridgecrest

Young Woman's Auxiliary members, mark these dates in red on your calendar: June 17-23; YWA Week at Ridgecrest; 41 representatives from Arkansas testify that last year's camp was wonderful!

## Southern Baptist Hour Speaker

"Why the Church" is the subject of The Baptist Hour for February 1, to be heard over a network of 62 stations at 8:30 Eastern Standard Time (7:30 Central Standard Time) with Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, North Carolina, as speaker. "Church, Youth, and the Home" will be considered in February, under the general theme, "Divine Light for Daily Living," it was announced today by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, S. F. Lowe, Director. Dr. Warren, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, will be heard the first two Sundays, while Professor Charles Wellborn, Waco, Texas, will speak the middle Sunday, and Dr. Ted F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, the last two.

A popular feature of each program of The Baptist Hour is a favorite hymn, determined by a poll among six and a half million Southern Baptists, and in which all interested listeners are invited to take part. The hymn ranking ninth in favor will be featured on the February 1 program.

These programs can be heard in our state over radio stations KUOA, Siloam Springs; and WFAA, Dallas. Also over WREC, Memphis, at 9:30 a. m.



Dr. C. C. Warren

past and that have served succeeding generations. We respond to the same note of praise and cry for mercy and forgiveness as expressed in the historical past. We also rejoice and sound our praises in every "new song" as it comes to us in present day language expressive of the experiences of our days.

The physical abuse of hymn books so often observed, the frequent cool indifference and the far too wide ignorance of church hymnals is inexcusable. Next to his Bible the most valuable aid and asset of the Christian worker and witness is his hymnal . . . his own, not one belonging to some church.

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## Honor Missionary Societies

Thirteen missionary societies have reported to the State W. M. U. Office that they rate as an Honor Society for the year 1947, an Honor Society being one where every member reads a mission book during the year. We are hoping to have reports from many others. Please let us hear from you if your society has won this distinction. The plan is to be continued during 1948, so begin now to urge missionary reading by every member of your society.

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The total received to date (January 21) for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions amounts to \$43,000.01. Please send all funds for this offering to the State WMU Treasurer at your earliest convenience.

## Narcotic Education Fund

The State W. M. U. Executive Board voted last April to request every W. M. S. to make an offering of at least 10 cents per member to help place a young woman on the field to work through schools of Arkansas in the interest of Narcotic Education (alcohol and other narcotics). Miss May Wilhelm of Stuttgart has been employed and has introduced the work in 127 Elementary and 88 High Schools, and has contacted 1,469 teachers. Other church groups are participating and we are anxious to do our part. We want to complete this offering before the W. M. U. annual meeting next April. Many societies have responded with splendid offerings, but it will take the full cooperation of all to reach our goal. Please make an appeal to the women of your society and send a worthy offering to your State W. M. U. Treasurer at your earliest convenience. If your society has already sent an offering for this purpose, we express our gratitude to you.

# Religious Education



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## Figures To Inspire

Sunday, January 18, 1948

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	954	297	9
Including Missions	1294	553	10
Fort Smith, First	933	336	
Fayetteville, First	548	153	8
Including Missions	588		
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	530	97	
Including Mission	574		
North Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	524	185	2
Including Mission	548		
Paragould, First	464	212	
Arkadelphia, First	460	241	1
El Dorado, First	452	141	
Benton, First	441	120	1
Including Mission	456		
Little Rock,			
Tabernacle	431	78	2
Malvern, First	376	78	3
Springdale, First	358	204	4
Including Missions	486		
Hope, First	346	67	
Paris, First	341	118	1
Magnolia, First	325	109	1
Conway, First	314	73	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	304	87	
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	298	91	4
Camaen, First	291	80	1
Including Mission	343		
Rogers, First	285	84	
Harrison, First	281	145	
Including Missions	375	183	
Siloam Springs, First	270	190	
Mena, First	238	63	
Including Missions	280	88	
Stuttgart, First	233	109	
Including Mission	263		
Glenwood, First	222	75	1
Nashville, First	222	68	1
McGehee, First	209	97	2
Gentry, First	194	75	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	180	72	
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	162	74	1
Texarkana, Calvary	148		4
Pine Bluff, Second	142	64	2
Smackovr, First	141	91	1
Cullendale, First	131	37	3
Carlisle, First	126	24	
El Dorado, Westside	122	71	
Ft. Smith, South	104	41	
Walcott	87	48	

## State Training Union Convention Will Provide Program For Adults

## Junior Choir Festival

Sectional meetings for each department will be held for one and one-half hours, Friday afternoon, March 19, and for one and one-half hours, Saturday morning, March 20th, at the State Training Union Convention, Immanuel Baptist Church, Fort Smith. The convention will begin at 10:00 A. M. Friday and close at noon Saturday. The main program can be found in the poster which has been sent to all of the churches.



Dr. Clay I. Hudson

Dr. Clay I. Hudson, director of Adult Work, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will preside over the following Adult Sectional Meeting.

### Friday Afternoon, March 19

2:00 - 2:30—Main Convention in Auditorium.

### Adults, General Officers, Pastors

2:35—Follow Me in Praise and Prayer—Rev. Cecil Archer

2:45—Message — Rev. A. B. Pierce

3:10—Read—If You Would Lead —Miss Russeleen Baldrige

3:25—General Conference: "How We Do It"

"How We Secure our Leadership"—Dr. Clay I Hudson  
 "How We Enlist Our Membership"—Mr. Carey Selph  
 "How We Use our Program Materials" — Rev. C. D. Sallee, Jr.  
 "How We Lead Our Adults to Play"—Mrs. James Williams

4:05—Adjourn to Main Auditorium

### Saturday Morning

9:00-9:45—Main Convention in Auditorium

### Adults, General Officers, Pastors

9:45—Follow Me in Praise and Prayer—Rev. Cecil Archer

10:00—Message — "The Challenge of this Hour"—Dr. Clay I. Hudson

10:30—Song

10:35—Open Forum: "Why and How?"

"Why and How of Commit-

tees"—Rev Ralph W. Davis  
 "Enlisting Bible Readers"—Mr. Robert H. Rose  
 "Making the Monthly Officers-Council Succeed" — Mr. George Stuart  
 "Putting Training into Practice"—Rev. Ralph Dodd

11:15—Adjourn to Main Auditorium

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## Bible School Clinic

February 5-6

There is to be a State Vacation Bible School Clinic in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Little Rock, on February 5 and 6. Mr. Sibby Burnett of the Baptist Sunday School Board will lead the conferences. This clinic is for the purpose of training the Associational Vacation Bible School workers for each association. An interesting program of demonstration, participation and inspiration has been planned. For further information write your State Sunday School Superintendent, 403 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas.

What you lean against is not as important as what you stand for.

The First Junior Choir Festival will be held at the Church Music Assembly in Siloam Springs during the week of July 15-22. This news will meet with the approval of all Junior Workers as well as the talented boys and girls. Many requests have been received concerning plans for stimulating Junior Choirs. It is expected that the idea of a Festival will prove to be a worthy incentive to diligent membership in such a choir.

This is the age at which people form habits and develop tastes. Acquainting boys and girls with good literature, pictures and music is part of their religious education. These young people can grow spiritually through their experiences in a well organized and well conducted Junior Choir.

Music for the Festival has been chosen and is to be found in one splendid collection, entitled "Anthems for the Junior Choir." It is published by the Westminster Press and may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store. The price is 75 cents. Choice and suitable music for any occasion throughout the year is included, and the book will serve as the only necessary music in addition to the various hymnals already in the choir library. A copy for each member of the choir should be purchased by the church. Here is a list of the selections for the Festival:

Praise Ye the Lord

    " Loben den Herren "

Lift Thine Eyes

    Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Saviour, Like a Shepherd

    " Silician Mariners "

Lord, Dismiss Us

    " In Babilone "

Hosanna \_\_\_\_\_ Gregor

Besides these five numbers, which will be sung by the entire ensemble, each individual choir will sing one number of its own choice. This may be selected from the collection of anthems or from any other text.

Singers in these Junior Choirs must be between the ages of nine and twelve. Singing may be done in unison or in two parts.

Abundant help is available in the office of the State Director for Workers in this field. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the

value of well-chosen music for use with this group. Discipline, rehearsal, incentives and other matters pertinent to successful Junior Choir work may be found in the splendid text entitled "Methods and Materials for Age-Choir Groups." This is one of the sixteen books comprising the new Church Music Course of Study, and was written by Mr. C. A. Holcome, State Director of Church Music in Florida. The text may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

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It has been said, "To err is human." "Sin may be customary, but it is not natural." To say that sin is normal to man is like saying that disease is normal to man. If that were true, just how sick must one be to be normal; and just how sinful must one be to be normal.

## SECOND SEMESTER

February 2, 1948

## East Texas Baptist College

A few rooms available for both young men and young women. Applications should be made at once to:

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## Let's Tell The World

Something new and big is under way in Memphis and Shelby County, Tennessee. It is the campaign sponsored by the Shelby County Baptist Association to advertise and publicize church attendance. Seventeen large billboards, located at strategic spots throughout the city and county, are carrying very attractive posters. The posters are presenting a real challenge and making a strong appeal to all who view them. Smaller copies of the posters have been put in beauty parlors, barber shops, stores and other public buildings throughout the city and the surrounding territory.

On New Year's Day of 1948, downtown Memphis awoke to something new and different. On the sidewalks, at the four corners of every street intersection in the heart of the city, were stencilled the words, "1948. Give God a Chance This Year."

Lawson Cooke writes, "The Memphis advertising campaign is hitting all over the country. Look at page 78, NEWSWEEK, January 19, for picture. LIFE Magazine may carry it next week.

"This is the biggest thing we have ever gotten into and will mean more to our Brotherhood work and to the denomination and every cause of Christ's Kingdom than anything Southern have ever done."

The advertising materials have been planned and designed by Mr. Ernest Cummings of the Cummings Advertising Company of Memphis. Mr. Cummings is a consecrated Baptist layman who knows the advertising business thoroughly. He is working with the Baptist Brotherhood of the South to set up a continuous program of church publicity, and to make the materials available to all Baptist churches and associations throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.


The billboard sheets and the smaller posters are available now. Interested Brotherhoods should contact either the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Commerce Title Building, Memphis 3, Tennessee, or the Cummings Advertising Company of Memphis.

Here is a very worthwhile project for the church Brotherhood and also for the Associational Brotherhood. A good publicity program is one of the acute needs of all our church and denominational work. We believe that the program which has begun so well in the Memphis area will spread all over the South.

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"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

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## Two Great Americans

*One Dead — One Living*

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

Let me put down some thoughts about two great Americans — Josephus Daniels and Kenneth Scott Latourette—one dead, one living.

Josephus Daniels was editor of the Raleigh, N. C., News and Observer, for more than a half Century. He filled important national roles, member of President Wilson's Cabinet, and Ambassador to Mexico. He was honored by Methodists with every office a layman can fill. He was, at the time of his death, January 15, the greatest American editor and the greatest Southerner.

I could write page after page of personal impressions of the great man, but I must be content in this short space with just one incident — one great incident, to me.

I was in his office. He was talking about North Carolina. There came a knock at the always open door. A farmer, with rugged face and home-made clothes, stood smiling, his hat in his hand.

"Howdy, Jim, come in old man, and meet my friend from Georgia."

"Howdy, Joe, and how's the Missus?"

After a few intimate remarks, the farmer asked to be excused, and presently he was back in Mr. Daniels' office with a home-cured ham. They shook hands. Mr. Daniels thanked him heartily, asking him to go to the house for dinner. No, he couldn't. Had to pack his wagon and get home.

"God bless you, Jim. Pray for me."

That was how North Carolinians felt toward their great leader.

The living man, Professor Latourette, of Yale, is a Baptist, and the other day Oxford University conferred upon him the first honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity ever awarded a Baptist. And this is what the Public Orator said, as he conferred the degree:

"Dr. Latourette's History of the Expansion of Christianity should be in all your hands as a sevenfold shield against the bolts of Ignorance."

## Record Attendance Expected

### At 1948 Memphis Convention

The entertainment committee for the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Memphis, Tenn., May 19-23, 1948, made its first official report on hotel reservations this week.

Dr. Slater A. Murphy, chairman, reported that "even now, four months in advance, more requests for hotel reservations have been received than can be supplied, and the hotels of Memphis have been most generous in their allotment of rooms.

Continuing, Dr. Murphy said, "from Maryland to California, the number of reservations is growing daily. It is our belief that the location of Memphis, in the center of the convention area, and its easy access by rail, highway and air, will contribute to make the 1948 attendance even larger than the record attendance of 8,300 messengers in St. Louis in 1947."

Requests for all room assignments should be made promptly, addressing your request to Dr. Mark Harris, chairman of rooms reservations committee, 601 No. Bellevue, Memphis, Tenn. No further requests should be sent to Codie D. Bell, chairman of the hotel reservations committee, nor to the hotels, as more requests for hotel rooms are in hand than can be filled. From now on, all requests for rooms should be sent to Dr. Harris, indicating your mode of transportation.

If you expect to attend the 1948 Southern Baptist Convention, Dr.

Murphy has this friendly bit of advice, "send your reservation in now for assignment to a room in a private home. Only in this way can we be sure of getting enough homes enrolled for this service to our guests. We know we can do it, if we can get the reservations in early." Room assignments will be made beginning April 1, 1948.

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The resources of Jesus are too vast to be confined within narrow national limits, His grace is too generous to be satisfied with a ministry that stops short of the whole wide world.

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Any number of courageous men, however few, is a majority with God; any number of fearful men, however many, is a minority without God.

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If one considers the cross of Christ a scandal or foolishness, that proves himself unfit, and not the cross. If one cannot see the light of day, that does not prove that the sun has ceased to shine, but that he needs to visit on oculist; if one cannot appreciate art, it is no reflection upon art, but upon himself; if one cannot enjoy music, that is no reflection upon music but upon himself; if one cannot see the wisdom of God and feel the power of God in the cross, it does prove that his own spiritual sensibilities are blinded and benumbed.



This is the architect's drawing of the proposed \$140,000 building of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock. Construction will begin in February.

The church was organized April 6, 1947, in the Park Hill School by a group of 44 Baptists from 15 churches. This is the first church to be organized in the community of 6,000 population.

Taylor Stanfill, superintendent of city missions at that time, led in the organization. He resigned the city missions position in October last year to accept the pastorate of the new church.

The church has a well-organized Sunday School, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Society. The offerings for the first nine months averaged \$2,000.

## State Mission Program Grows

A church-centered mission program is spreading over Arkansas. It is the hope of the Mission Department that at least 52 new missions will be established in 1948. Has your church already started one? Let us know about it. The daily papers usually tell about the first baby born in the new year. Our Baptist people want to know the first mission started by a church this year. So, send in an announcement about your mission baby.

### Laymen See Need

Sometime ago a laymen, after seeing the movie film on local missions, remarked, "I am ashamed of our church. We ought to be doing something like that." He went on to say that he would be willing to make an extra gift for such work if his church budget could not provide the funds.

Over at Fort Smith, after the film was shown, Brother Coffman, pastor of Immanuel Church remarked, "I know of three places now where we ought to open up new missions." The church already has a thriving mission which was started by some young girls. (Picture in last week's issue of Arkansas Baptist).

Rev. Sam Reeves and the great old First Church of El Dorado are going to launch out in the mission business. He writes: "Your visit did good. We have set aside a few thousand dollars to start some missions." Other pastors are making plans to invade the neglected sections within reach of their churches.

The missions that ought to be organized may or may not be hard by the church. The Immanuel Church of Little Rock has one just a few blocks away, but another is 17 miles out of the city. They have three others from 7 to 15 miles away from the mother church. The need and not the distance is the determining factor.

### Mission Reported

The "Figures to Inspire" in the Arkansas Baptist January 11th, shows ten churches reporting Sunday School and Training Union attendance "Including Missions." A glance over the figures reveals that 854 people were reached for Sunday School in those missions sponsored by the ten churches. Many churches, of course, do not send in their attendance each week. Likely there are at least 2,000 being reached in the church sponsored missions over the state. How many ought to be reached in 1948? What will your church do about it?

The failure of the Baptist Churches in establishing missions in the neglected areas has been

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C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

the cause of the Assembly of God and other such groups springing up. People do not join them because of their doctrinal beliefs, but simply because they are spiritually hungry. Give them the pure gospel and no new denomination can pull them away. A hungry person is apt to eat most anything—even that which he ordinarily dislikes. The same is true religiously.

The church houses of the modern "isms" are monuments to Baptists failure. If your church doesn't get busy and open more missions you will see these other groups moving into your town.

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### Central Church, Jonesboro Sponsors Revival

The Central Baptist Church of Jonesboro recently sponsored a revival at their Woodrow Street Mission. It was a wonderful experience for all who had any part in the revival effort. There were forty-one decisions, and thirty-six additions to the church, thirty of these coming by baptism. Brother Reese Howard, pastor of Central Church, led the singing, and your Brotherhood Secretary was the speaker.

Every Baptist church ought to sponsor a mission! Some churches ought to have a whole family of missions. Sponsoring a mission puts a church in mission work in its own church field. And that's exactly where true mission work begins!

During this Centennial Year of Arkansas Baptists, every church in our state should sponsor one or more mission revivals—revivals in communities where there is no Baptist church. And there are several such communities within reach of nearly every Baptist church.

More mission work at home will provide the answer to mission needs everywhere. And the church Brotherhood can put the whole church into a program of local missions!

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Jesus sets forth the fact that there are two depositories for our life treasures, one that brings endless disappointment, the other that brings endless satisfaction; one temporal, the other eternal; one material, the other spiritual; one on earth, the other in heaven; one devoted to self, the other devoted to God.

## Baptists and Methodists Planning Joint Campaign

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (BP)—Baptists and Methodists are working together in Alabama for Christian education.

Leaders of the two major denominations in the state have launched a joint campaign to raise \$2,500,000 for Howard College, a Baptist institution, and Birmingham-Southern College, a Methodist institution. Both schools are located in Birmingham, and both will share equally in the campaign's proceeds.

The campaign was launched in a giant rally in the Birmingham City Auditorium Saturday night, January 17, with Bishop Arthur Moore of the Methodist Church and Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee as speakers.

Pledges were taken at the rally, with a total of \$440,000 either pledged or paid in cash at the program's conclusion.

Birmingham has accepted a quota of \$1,000,000 for the campaign, and another \$1,000,000 will be sought outside the city. The General Education Board and other Foundations are expected to give the final \$500,000.

Dr. A. H. Reid, executive secretary of Alabama Baptist work, ex-

plained the nature of the campaign as compliance to the request of certain big givers who desire to contribute to both colleges and would not favor a campaign for one without the other. Both institutions are so much a part of Birmingham, he said, it would be impossible to conduct separate campaigns in that city. The Alabama Baptist Convention and both Methodist conferences in the state have approved the joint drive.

While Baptists and Methodists will use their own organizations in making the appeal to churches within their group, teams contacting corporations and other prospective big givers will be composed for a Baptist and a Methodist.

Money designated for one or the other college will be accepted, but it is explained that monies in the large gifts will be so juggled that each college will gain equally in the final tabulation.

Because of the cooperation of the two groups, representing jointly so large a part of Alabama's population, newspapers, radios and other publicity media have opened their space almost unreservedly to the campaign.



Pastor Simpson Powell, Mt. Olive No. 2 Church, near Crossett, receives the keys to a new Chevrolet given him by members of his church and friends in Ashley County. Mrs. Powell stands beside him. Salesman B. T. Willis, member of First Church, Crossett, presents the keys.

Mt. Olive Church is a product of the work of associational missions. In 1942 under the leadership of Pastor Powell and Rural Evangelist M. E. Wiles, then missionary of Bartholomew Association, the church was led to erect a new building which is shown in the background. A program of Sunday School and Training Union work was begun along with enlarged support of the Cooperative Program. Now the church is one of the strongest in the association.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Universal Military Training

Our editor should not be restricted to certain lines in his columns but he is open to criticism because of this liberty and my exception is to his articles under the above caption.

Several weeks back he stated that most people were opposed to such a national policy but did not give his basis for the statement. He could poll our readers and even then he might find no ground for such a statement. Avowed positions by such organizations as the American Legion disprove this declaration.

In the issue of Jan 8th in the first paragraph, it is made a party issue which is not true as evidenced on every hand.

His declaration of the underlying purpose of the U. M. T. program does not harmonize with published information and since he does not cite any authority this is denied as without proof.

It would be as consistent to advocate a law to disarm every sheriff and peace officer of our state as to argue against preparedness for our nation in its place of world leadership. Those of us who saw our sons go into the last conflict so green themselves, and buddies of many no more experienced, are definitely convinced that never again should this be necessary.

The statement in paragraph two of Jan. 8th is absurd. While the value of a year's training would diminish it would not, "Almost reach the vanishing point within a year." This is proven in so many lives about us that it needs little support.

The position assumed in paragraph eight is a reflection on the loyalty of our editor. You should read it again and wonder with me why any true U. S. citizen could be sure that Communists would be among the instructors.

The tone all the way through reflects pessimism rather than the helpful Christian hope that our good boys in camp, with the other class, would be a blessing to them. Maybe the editor has never listened to his sons tell of the great prayer meetings held in camp, felt the surge of pride as they told of personal mission work, and saw again how, "All things work together for good to them that love God."

Sure there will be elements in camp we do not approve, this is

true in our business, social and church life, but are we to resign to a desperate fate?

Ask J. Edgar Hoover what one year's training will do for our 17 year old boys.—Fred E. Reed.

## Relief Goods

By CHARLES R. GAGE

147,591 pounds of clothing were shipped to Germany from the Southern Baptist Relief Center at New Orleans the last week of December, it was reported by Rev. Clovis A. Brantley to the Relief Committee at Richmond, Va.

Each bale contained in addition to the clothing and bedding numerous copies of the Gospel of Luke written in German. These Gospels were furnished free by the American Bible Society at the request of Dr. Paul Caudill of Memphis. Of the total shipment 47,796 pounds were consigned to the French Zone, 49,612 pounds for the American Zone and 49,183 pounds for the British Zone. Another shipment of 48,000 pounds is ready to be loaded on the boats this week and will be sent to the French Zone of Germany.

The Southern Baptist Relief Center is still receiving hundreds of boxes daily and is making shipments rapidly. The need overseas for clothing, bedding, shoes and food remains critical and the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board plans to continue the sending of supplies overseas until conditions are sufficiently improved. Pack a box today and send it to 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans. Send cash contributions through your church designated for world relief.

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The Christian cross is not a weight but a wing, it is sin that weighs the soul down, it is the cross that lifts the soul in spite of and above it's weight; the cross is not the thorn but the rose, sin is the thorn that jibes and tortures and makes life ugly, the cross is the rose that makes life fragrant and beautiful; the cross is not a blight but a blessing, not a curse but the removal of the curse.

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## Man, Converted

### By Prayer,

### Dies at 102

HIWASSEE, Ga. — (BP)— "Uncle Jim" Barrett died last week at the age of 102, but the story of his conversion probably will be told and retold for another century.

Uncle Jim started life as a bootlegger of moonshine liquor. He was 42 when the change came. He was walking through the woods to deliver a jug of moonshine to a customer, but all of a sudden on that delivery trip he stopped to listen, for he saw a man praying.

The praying man, really a youngster of 21, was on his knees by a log, and the bootlegger hid behind a fallen tree to hear and see what the other was doing.

That was Uncle Jim's last delivery of moonshine liquor, for he quit the business and joined the Union Hill Methodist Church. And ever since then, Uncle Jim has been happy to tell of his "turn-about."

In the meantime, that youngster who was praying, a school-teacher at Hiwassee Academy, moved to Texas and became an outstanding Baptist minister—the late Dr. George W. Truett, for 47 years pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, for three terms president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and later president of the Baptist World Alliance.

But Uncle Jim stayed in Hiwassee to tell of his experience and give his last 60 years of life to Christian service. Asked recently by Gainer E. Bryan, Baptist writer from Atlanta, if Truett prayed directly for him that day in the woods, Barrett relled:

"Well, he didn't call my name, but he prayed for all the sinners. That's when he got my number, if not my name. He didn't see me because he dropped to one knee by a log and started praying. I lay down by another log and silently listened.

"After his prayer, he got up and left. He never saw me. I went on

with my jug of gin, delivered it to my friend but said, 'John, if you won't buy any more licker, I won't make any more.'

"A few weeks later, a change of heart and life came over me, and I joined the Union Hill Church. From then until now, I have not made a drop, sold a drop, nor drunk a drop, and all my 11 children are church members."

He's buried now in the little cemetery beside Union Hill Methodist Church. But that's the story he told happily for 60 years, and which undoubtedly will not die as long as the name of Truett is remembered.

## Housing

Mrs. N. M. Batchelder of Milford, N. H., tells a story about a neighbor who rents a room on the second floor of her home to an elderly woman.

At a church gathering she met a young man and offered to loan him a religious book, "The Upper Room."

When the fellow called for the volume the next day, the lodger happened to answer his ring.

"Mrs. R. promised me 'The Upper Room,'" he began.

"Young man," interrupted the tenant. "I want you to know that the upper room is mine and no one can have it."

It took the arrival of the landlady to unravel the ensuing tangle.

"For all these things do the Gentiles seek" (Matt. 6:32) "These things" are worth far more when they are given second place in our lives, and God is given first place, than when they are given first place and God second place.

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# What We Know About Jesus Of His Work of Salvation

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

## Sunday School Lesson For February 1

Scripture: Isaiah 53:4-6; Matthew 1:21; 5:17; 20:26-28; Hebrews 4:15-16.

Probably no lesson which we shall teach this entire year will have a greater significance than the one for our study this week on Jesus' work of salvation. These next two lessons are the central doctrines of our faith—this first, the work of Jesus and the second, the nature of Jesus. The greatest thing Christ ever did was not to teach or to heal or even to give physical life but it was and is to save man from his sins. Our united prayer should be that every teacher of every denomination using the International Sunday School Lesson will be led of the Spirit of God as he or she teaches this important lesson. Some faiths do not preach salvation by the blood of the Lamb; thank God for the committee's selection of this theme. What an opportunity we have to teach the saving blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as we study the Scriptures which have been chosen for this discussion. Often when several passages from different books of the Bible are to be used, the material must be carefully considered and re-arranged in order to give continuity to thought and purpose. These passages, however, in content and sequence, give us a perfect picture of the work of our Lord.

### His Coming Foretold

The entire Bible has as its theme the Lord Jesus Christ. Both Testaments tell of Him and His mission, whether in prophetic pictures, actual events or the testimony of Christ Himself. Perhaps the writer in the Old Testament who had the clearest and fullest vision of the coming Christ is Isaiah who beheld every detail of His earthly life and future glory. It was Isaiah who saw the vicarious and substitutionary suffering and death of Jesus which we study in the 53rd chapter of his prophecy. Israel fully expected a Messiah, a Deliverer, but not one like Jesus. They expected a great temporal king who would release them from foreign powers and restore to them their national heritage. Israel looked for one to build with them a kingdom as great or greater than that of David or Solomon. But, Isaiah saw down through 700 years to the coming of Israel's Messiah and knew a Redeemer would come, not only to Israel, but to all mankind, who would be vastly different from that which they expected. He would be a man of sorrows, despised and rejected of men whose sufferings would be vicarious, that is "endured in the place of others."

Dr. B. A. Copass in "Isaiah, Prince of Old Testament Prophets"

says "The prophet explains the true significance of the sufferings of the Servant. They are vicarious and redemptive in the presence of and on behalf of a world in sin. The first declaration sets forth that His sufferings were vicarious: Our griefs He bore; our sorrows He carried; for our transgressions He was wounded; for our iniquities He was bruised. The Servant bore all that sin meant with all its dire results. The second declaration sets forth that His sufferings were redemptive: By His chastisement He made peace; by His stripes we are healed. The Servant stood in the presence of sin and sinners. Jesus saw man's condition and his only hope."

Because all men like sheep have gone astray, God laid upon this willing, suffering, sorrowing Servant all our iniquities and made possible our reconciliation with Him, our Righteous God. All these things foretold by Isaiah, were completely fulfilled in the coming of Jesus into the world and His subsequent death.

### His Name Given

When God was ready to send the only One who could be a substitute for all men in need of salvation, He chose His Only Begotten Son and made minute preparations for His coming into the world. He did not send Him to the rich and noble, to those living in palatial splendor but He sought a young Jewish maid, living a simple pure life filled with devotion and reverence for God. Following the divine conception of the Virgin Mary, God, who doeth all things well, sent His angel to Joseph who was soon to take Mary as his wife. After the angel's reassurance and marvelous announcement, he tells Joseph God's earthly name for the Son. "... thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." The word Jesus is the Hebrew Joshua which means, "Jehoval saves" or "Jehoval is Salvation." The mighty name of Jesus! "Sweetest name on mortal tongue!" Yes, He was sent to save men from the destroying disease, Sin. He came to save from the bondage of sin, the punishment which is everlasting death and the inevitable wrath of God. His salvation reaches down as low as man ever falls; His salvation

reaches as high as man ever climbs. Christ is the propitiation for all sins of all men. (I John 2:2).

### His Work Revealed

We find the work which was Jesus' purpose in coming into this world explained by our Lord's own words and fully revealed to us as He sits upon the throne as our great High Priest. With the acceptance of the gospel which Jesus taught, men's values quickly changed and hearts were made right. The Scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day made the law an end within itself and held that man must mechanically keep every jot and tittle of the letter of the law. When Jesus came, teaching the spirit as the important thing of the law, they accused Him of breaking the law. How could He, who is the Substance of all the Shadow of the law, possibly destroy it! Jesus, the One greater than Moses, confirmed and taught the law as God originally meant it to be while He completely fulfilled it. Those saved by the blood of Jesus keep the law through His power of love for Him.

How understandingly the Servant—Christ—deals with the ambitious two and indignant ten in the next passage where we study His own words concerning His work. They were not to lord their authority or power over others as some do; they were not to be jealous or small of spirit. Such as that must not be found among the followers of Christ. "The glory of life is to love, not to be loved; to give, not to get; to be a strong hand to another, to be a cup of strength to a soul in a crisis of weakness." That describes the only life the genuine Christian can live because of the example of our Lord. He came "not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many." He willingly laid aside Heaven's glories, came into this world where he had not a place to lay His head, served men everywhere because He loved us and

gave Himself for us. God paid a price to make each of us who are captives free—the giving of His Son to be crucified upon the cruel cross. "He ransomed me."

But, you know, Jesus' work did not stop with the cross. Neither did it stop when He arose from the new tomb of Joseph of Arimathea where He was laid. His work constantly is carried on in Heaven. He works up there for everyone whom He saves and that work shall be continued until He comes again to this earth for His own. He does a two-fold work for the redeemed—He intercedes for us and makes it possible for us to draw near the throne of grace in prayer. What an High Priest is our Saviour! He knows our weaknesses; He "remembereth our frame." He is sinless, yet in all types of temptation, He, too, was tempted. Thus, He knows of our many struggles and is mindful of our needs. He invites us to come boldly, in confidence to Him for He is able to bestow grace upon us to help in time of need. "He ever liveth to make intercession for us" (Hebrews 7:25). Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost and He is able to keep all whom He saves! That was His purpose in coming to Bethlehem's manger over 1900 years ago.

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Someone spoke slightly to his pastor one day of a new member in the church as an "Everyday sort of Christian," meaning an average or commonplace Christian. But the shrewd old minister caught up the word with enthusiasm. "An every-day sort of Christian, is he? Is he that? I wish I had known it when I gave him the right hand of fellowship; I would have given him both hands. My greatest trouble is with the every-other-day sort of Christian."

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## Your Minister's Retirement Account

Brethren some of us are behind in the payments of our Ministers Retirement accounts. We want to be fair with you, and not let you sleep out your advantages. Doubtless you have just neglected the matter; because you would not want to get behind in so vital a proposition.

1. The actuary and the Relief and Annuity Board have ruled that any period of time that transpires in which a member does not pay dues into the Plan does serve to reduce the annuity possibilities. Suppose you do not pay for a certain year, perhaps your church does not pay its three percent for that year. Neither does the Convention pay its two percent on your behalf. For a whole year the eight percent of your salary is not paid. Whatever annuity might be purchased by this eight percent for a year is lost to you. When you finally retire the annuity which this eight percent would have purchased for you will be deducted from the amount which your annuity could have been if you had made all these payments. You can see brethren that it doesn't make any difference what causes you to fail in these payments, the failure does work against you.

2. If a young man neglects joining the Annuity Plan because he thinks there is plenty of time, and thereby fails to help us build up a Fund out of which annuities are to be paid, he also suffers loss. Suppose he says that he is young and will wait ten years before beginning the Plan. He says that he will still have twenty-five years to his credit before he is old enough to retire. He must not forget, however, that whatever annuity eight percent of his salary would purchase will be lost to him when his annuity is calculated. We can hardly call this a penalty.

Any kind of an annuity in any case (even in the insurance field) is created by making payments into a Fund. Given payments produce a given annuity. A failure to make payments is a failure to create an annuity, etc. The Ministers Retirement Plan is a sort of a mutual Plan, or at least a cooperative Plan. If one eligible man fails to help the group build up the Plan, and build up the Fund, then comes in late, and begins to make some payments, he cannot be expected to have in the form of an annuity such benefits as should accrue to those who joined in the beginning and built up the fund.

Many pastors have worked hard to get their churches into the Plan, and our office has helped many of them. We even went so far as to allow a man to come into the Plan without his church, for a limited time, and pay for both himself and his church pending the decision of the church to enter the Plan.

We entreat everyone of our preachers to pay into the Plan, and keep up the payments regularly. Brethren this Ministers Retirement Plan is a gracious thing that the Southern

Baptist people have offered to you and me as preachers. The least that we can do is to do our part in a great cause.

## Need An Evangelist?

Rev. Roland Crowder is one of our own young men. He is assistant pastor of the great First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana. He could be used in Arkansas in Evangelistic Services. Don't forget him. Write him if you need him.

Total receipts for 1947 through the Executive Committee were \$7,356,226.65, compared with \$10,259,995.77 in 1946. The 1946 figure included the World Relief offering. Total Co-Operative Program receipts reached \$5,217,762.39.

Mrs. C. M. Truex has resigned as Executive Secretary of the Missouri W. M. U., Miss Eva Berry has been elected as the new secretary.

Dr. A. T. Orhn of Norway has accepted the position as secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. The new office number is 1628 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

## McAttee In Pine Bluff

During the approximately six months in which Delbert McAtee has been pastor of Second Church, Pine Bluff, there have been some 40 additions to the church. There have been scores of rededications. There is a fine spirit in the church.

They have called Owen Kersh to be the director of music and education. Brother Kersh is a former student of Ouachita College. He will attend Ouachita, and come to Pine Bluff on week ends.

Brother McAtee is also a graduate of Ouachita, and a native of Arkansas. This fine young pastor is demonstrating some very fine qualities of leadership. He is a good preacher. His people love him, and the church is going forward in a marvelous way.

They sent us a nice check which was an extra contribution to help us reach the 1947 budget goal. They are giving regularly for cooperative missions.

## Watson and Oxendine

We notice that the church at Watson is increasing its Cooperative Program contributions, and will give this year approximately \$150 for cooperative missions. They have been giving \$24.

Sidney Oxendine is the aggressive pastor of this good church. Brother Oxendine says he believes in cooperative missions. His church believes in him, too. He is making one of our very best pastors.

## 20,000 MEMBERS

We need 20,000 members in the Honor Club. The Honor Club consists of men, women, and young people, who are cooperating or clubbing together, each paying one dollar per month on the old debts of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and its institutions. We have a goodly number who are now contributing this one dollar per month over and above their regular contributions. Most all of these members are paying this dollar through their local churches. Then the church treasurer sends it on to this office at the close of each month designated for the Honor Fund.

### Major Objective

One of the major objectives in this Centennial Convention Year is to finish up paying these old debts. Twenty thousand members of this Honor Club will do it. This is about one out of every ten of our members. It seems to us that it would be an easy matter comparatively for each pastor to enlist one tenth of his members in paying these old debts. Of course, the pastors are too busy to give their personal time to enrolling these members of the Honor Club, but in any case, he could and doubtless will appoint an efficient leader in his church to do this work. We believe that most every preacher wants to see this task accomplished, for we preachers could not very well epitomize the Christian ministry without working to pay our denominational debts just as we work to pay our church accounts month by month.

### Joy In Redeeming Honor

Are you a member of the Honor Club? Do you not get a great deal of joy in being one who is helping to pay these Honor debts? Remember, we borrowed the hard cash from men, and women, most all of whom are Christians—Baptists, and Protestants—and used this money in building Ouachita College Dormitory, Central College Dormitory, The Bottom's Baptist Orphanage Dormitories, the Baptist State Hospital, as well as using part of it in our Mission work.

Mr. Nelson Tull, our State Brotherhood Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Ray, of the Woman's Missionary Union, and Rev. Ralph Davis, of the Training Union Department, have been appointed as a Statewide Committee to work on this matter. This Committee will soon be making its contacts with all of you.

A recent 11-nation Gallup Poll indicated that 94 per cent of the American people believe in God, but only 68 per cent believe in life after death. In France, only 68 per cent of those polled believe in God. The poll showed that more older people than younger people believe in God, and more rural than urban.

Dr. A. U. Bone is in a serious condition at his home in Memphis, Tennessee.