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ARKANSAS BAPTIST GAINS

	1946	1947
Associations	42	42
Churches	1,035	1,061
Total Membership	185,128	200,158
Baptisms	9,941	11,458
Sunday School Enrollment	123,974	135,259
Training Union Enrollment	39,507	43,197
WMU Membership	19,310	23,072
Total Property Value	\$9,603,324	\$11,279,883
Total Pastors' Salaries	\$ 878,198	\$ 1,007,069
Total Local Work	\$3,235,173	\$ 3,696,467
Cooperative Program	\$ 356,544	\$ 414,195
Total to All Missions	\$ 823,417	\$ 924,471
Grand Total Gifts	\$4,058,590	\$ 4,620,938

The above figures are released by Taylor Stanfill, recording secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. They are a summary of the reports being published in the 1947 Convention Annual, now on the press.

A New Year In Home Missions

By JOHN CAYLOR

The new year in home missions anticipates a budget of \$1,365,000. It is hoped that the Cooperative Program will net the Home Board \$900,000 for its work. The Annie W. Armstrong offering in response to the March Week of Prayer and the special designations coming from various sources will complete the amount.

New Missionaries

During the past year a number of new missionaries were appointed, but the total number of missionaries employed in home missions was reduced by 19, the exact number of missionaries passed to the Foreign Mission Board force in Central American work. The new missionaries added during the past year were for replacements, largely.

Secretaries Re-elected

At the annual board meeting in December, Dr. J. B. Lawrence was re-elected as executive secretary-treasurer with Rev. Courts Redford as assistant. J. W. Wing and B. M. Crain were chosen again as office secretaries.

Heads of the various departments, together with the missionaries and field secretaries, were re-appointed. There are now 709 missionaries and staff members.

A Good Record of Achievement

As home missionaries begin their new year, they are encouraged by the records of the past year which indicate that more conversions, more additions to the churches, more efficient work, and more abiding interest, seemed to be universally evident.

New Books

"Spiritual Frontiers," by Courts Redford, a book surveying the work, the needs, and the challenge of home missions, was released



Rev. C. Y. Dossey, former pastor in Illinois and Texas, and for 19 years an evangelist, has been appointed assistant superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board. Dr. C. E. Matthews is superintendent of evangelism.

through the book stores January 1. The response to the announcement of the book has been gratifying. Approximately 20,000 copies have been ordered.

Other books in the 1948 graded series on home missions are: "Amazing Grace," by Louie D. Newton, a biography of the late M. M. McCall, a word picture of Cuba, and a report of 42 years of progress in home missions in Cuba; "The Ice Cutter," by Phyllis Sapp, the thrilling life story of Dr. J. B. Rounds, Indian missionary; "These Were First," brief biographies of seven home missionaries; and "Strawberry Road," by Margaret Hutchison, a picture storybook of a migrant child.

THE WEIGHT OF FEAR

A Devotion by the Editor

"But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid."

Fear is a milestone about one's neck. Fear will inevitably drag one down beneath the waves. Are the feet heavy, the steps lagging, the progress slow? Then look for fear hiding away somewhere in the heart. Do you sink beneath the waves of trial, or fall under the burdens of life, or quail before the towering tasks? Then fear has done its work and left you enervated and weak.

Fear is always the result of taking our eyes off Jesus. Unless our vision is filled with Jesus, it will be filled with the dangers and worries of life. Trouble and care and worry will take the place of radiant hope and triumphant faith.

John Wesley was walking one day with a troubled man who expressed his doubt of the goodness of God. "I don't know what I shall do with all this worry and trouble," he said. At that moment Wesley noticed a cow looking over a stone wall. "Do you know," he asked, "why that cow is looking over that wall?" "No," replied the man. "I will tell you," said Wesley, "because she cannot see through it. That is what you must do with your wall of trouble, look over it and above it to God."

Men can't fear and look at God. Men can't fall and look at Him. Men can't fail and look at Him. But fear is a killer. It will kill faith, hope, energy, and life itself, when we fail to trust God.

Jesus walks on the troubled waters of the world and above the waves, and He bids us come to Him. So long as we keep our eyes on Him, we also can walk upon the troubled waters of the world. "I don't know what's in the future," said a Salvation Army lassie, "but I know the Lord is in the future and I am in the Lord."

Genuine faith will look to Jesus and will rebound. It will not be content to remain submerged beneath the waves of sin or of trouble or of burdens. It will look up into the Master's face and gain reassurance and courage.

"And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me" (Matt. 14:29-30).

Fort Smith Young People Start Mission



This mission of Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, located in Coke Hill, along the river bank, was started in July, 1947, by two young women of the church, directed by one of the deacons. Meetings were held under a tree until the building in the picture was refitted.

Beginning with 30 in Sunday School, the enrollment has increased to 77; and the record attendance is 54. Deacon W. E. Lowrey is superintendent of the mission, and Mrs. Lowrey is associate. Other workers are Miss Patricia Boozman, Miss Carolyn Crouch, Miss Margaret Kaufman, Miss Beulah Neislar, and Miss Beverly Payne.

Pastor Victor H. Coffman, of the Immanuel Church, says: "We hope to start another mission in the near future."

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Across the Editor's Desk

Military Training

A correspondent challenges our position on universal military training as set forth in an editorial in the November 20 issue of the Arkansas Baptist.

This correspondent says in part, "How do the opponents of UMT propose that this country maintain a strength sufficient for national security, if not through UMT? It surely won't be by men flooding the recruiting offices voluntarily. If they did that, we would have no need of UMT or a draft during war time."

This is a legitimate question and deserves an answer. But before answering the question, we refer the reader to editorials appearing in the June 26, 1947, and the January 1, 1948, issues of the Arkansas Baptist.

The only method of recruiting the armed forces in times of peace, consistent with the principles of democracy, is by voluntary enlistment.

Why are the young men of America not voluntarily enlisting in the armed services in sufficient numbers to maintain these services at maximum strength? Doubtless the officials at Washington and the heads of our military services could answer that question in greater detail than I.

I wonder if the public display of graft, moral filth, and a total lack of any sense of responsibility, by the recent trial of a high army officer, would encourage young men from decent homes to volunteer for the armed services?

When fathers and mothers read of such conditions existing among our armed forces, is it reasonable to expect them to give their consent for their sons to volunteer? Why could not sober young men, and their Christian parents, object to military life, when the military and the liquor interests unite to make liquor easily accessible to the enlisted men?

The Brewers Digest for May, 1941, says, "One of the finest things that could have happened to the brewing industry was the insistence by high ranking army officers to make beer available to army camps . . . the opportunity presented to the brewing industry is so obvious that it is superfluous to bring it into it in detail . . . Here is a chance for brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men who will eventually constitute the largest beer consuming section of our population."

The protests of the GI's against the caste system is still fresh in our memories. What respect is held out to the young men that they will be respected as individuals instead

of being subjected to the rigid regimentation characteristic of the present armed forces?

These are but a few of the things which doubtless deter young men from volunteering for the armed services. The authorities in the various branches of our national defense system know the full list of objectional features which cause the young men to fail to enlist. But these same authorities are not willing to remove these objectional conditions, but instead are asking for the legal right to go into American homes and take the young men whether or not.

A realistic and practical approach to the problem of voluntary enlistment would involve two things: A general cleaning-up campaign on the inside of our military establishments, beginning at the top, and the consequent correction of those conditions which are stifling the voluntary enlistment program; and the provision of opportunities commensurate with the opportunities in civilian life.

Until these conditions are met and proven ineffective, the American people should resist with every power at their command the proposal for universal military training.

The Arkansas Baptist

From January 13, 1947, to January 8, 1948, subscriptions to the Arkansas Baptist have increased from 27,823 to 30,564—a gain of 2,741.

This increase in the number of subscribers is both gratifying and encouraging. We extend a most cordial welcome to every new subscriber and we invite others to join the ever growing list of Arkansas Baptist readers.

We can easily reach the goal of 35,000 subscriptions in 1948, if the friends of the Arkansas Baptist throughout the state will give us their full cooperation. We would encourage more churches to include the Arkansas Baptist in their budget and send the paper to every family in the church membership.

The staff, responsible for producing the paper, pledges its very best efforts to give to the Baptists of Arkansas a publication which will serve the interests of the individual Christian, the pastors, the churches, the denomination, and all its agencies.

We are confident of your full cooperation and we desire your prayers.

The Bible reminds us that God is, and sees and knows—and forgives. The Bible speaks of the possibility of cleansing; of lives, talents, relationships, and time redeemed and made anew. Who among us does not need to start the day with that news?

Revival of Stewardship

Horace Bushnell is quoted as saying, "One more revival, only one more is needed, the revival of Christian stewardship, the consecration of the money power to God. When that revival comes, the Kingdom of God will come in a day." And Mr. Gladstone is quoted as saying, "I believe that the diffusion of the principle and practice of systematic beneficence will prove the moral specific of our age."

Material possession provides a reservoir of spiritual power untapped, except by a few rare individuals who possess a keen insight into the spiritual realities inherent in all nature. A revelation which we have been slow to perceive is the spirituality of money power.

There is a definite moral and spiritual content in every dollar we earn, in every brick and board and nail which are built into our homes, in every thread that is woven into the garments we wear, and in every calorie and vitamin taken into our body in food.

There is an element of divine sacredness in what we earn, in what we build, in what we form, and what we conserve. We are working with materials that are sacred and sacredly given: the trees, the minerals, the plants and the animals; the machinery and tools; the professions and trades; the ledgers and accounts.

We are using powers that are sacred and sacredly given. The intellect, the will, the energies, and the talents. We are employing skills, and arts, and sciences that are sacred and sacredly given. To discover the sacredness of it all is to discover the richest content of life.

Shall we pray as we encourage our sacred powers in gainful employment for the creation of new wealth out of the materials which God has provided in such abundance? How can one keep from praying? Prayer is the very essence of our work, it is the wisdom of the skilled hand, it is the beauty of art, it is the accuracy of science, it is the nerve center of prosperity.

The Apostle John wrote his friend Gaius a personal letter. And in his letter he said, "Beloved, I wish (pray) above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

The apostle is wishing for his friend, Gaius, that he may be as prosperous materially as he is spiritually. When a person's soul is prosperous, he will use his material prosperity for spiritual ends. It is dangerous for a person's material prosperity to advance beyond his spiritual prosperity. It is a rich life that maintains an even balance between the two.

Christ is the great central fact in the world's history. To Him everything looks forward or backward. All the lines of history converge upon Him. All the great purposes of God culminate in Him.

Bookkeeper Resigns



Miss Betty Garton, who has been bookkeeper for the Arkansas Baptist for the past three years, has resigned to accept a similar position in the offices of the Executive Board. This change in positions becomes effective February 1.

In addition to handling the paper's several hundred monthly accounts, Miss Garton has assisted in the circulation and mailing departments and has more recently helped in the preparation of copy for the printers and in proof reading.

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Evangelist Lonnie Lasater, Clinton, states that the past year was the best year of his ministry in many ways. Beginning March 1 and continuing through December 10, he led in 19 revivals in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Arkansan Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., pastor Second Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, Ga. was recently elected president of the Christian Council of Atlanta.

Big Creek Association had its first meeting of the new year January 6 at Viola Church. Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of the Department of Missions, spoke on "The Bible and Spiritual Growth." The next meeting will be with First Church, Salem, February 3.

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.
- KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.
- KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

First Church, Blytheville, has announced detailed plans for the construction of a three-story building to include a new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 1,000, and for additional facilities for the church school to accommodate at least 1,000 pupils. Church officials are proceeding with plans and the construction will be started at the earliest possible date. E. C. Brown is pastor.

There were more than 9,000 professions of faith in revivals conducted by Evangelist Hyman Appelman, Hot Springs, during 1947, according to the International Evangelistic Association, of California.

Perry County Association met at First Church, Perryville, Sunday afternoon, January 4, for its first workers' conference of the new year. Five out of seven churches were represented with an attendance of 47. The theme was on stewardship, and arrangements were made to have a week of stewardship meetings with all the churches participating. H. D. Palmer is missionary.

Missionary Claude Crigler, White River Association, reports on progress in the association. J. C. Tolbirt, of San Antonio, Tex., has become full-time pastor of Gassville Church. Missionary Crigler assisted Pastor Tolbirt in a recent revival which resulted in five additions to the church and the organization of a new Sunday School class. Two new missions have been started—one at Bull Shoals, the other at Midway. Pastor Carl Huddleston, Flippin, has enrolled at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, offers "Family Life," a course in personal adjustments in the home, next semester. It will be open without prerequisites to juniors, seniors, and married students. The course is concerned with the cause of divorce and juvenile delinquency and the ways of acquiring and maintaining satisfactory home relationships.

First Church, Carlisle, has approved plans for remodeling the present educational build-

ing and erecting a new two-story addition. This is approximately a \$35,000 building project, and work will begin within 90 days. The church organized a Brotherhood January 2 with 34 charter members. Al Sadler was elected president. Guy D. Magee is pastor.

Woodrow Street Mission of Central Church, Jonesboro, had 22 professions of faith in a recent revival led by Nelson Tull, state Brotherhood secretary.

The Baptist Hour of the South is carried over a 62 station network extending throughout the Southern Baptist territory. Heard each Sunday at 7:30 a. m., January through March, this year's theme is "Divine Light for Daily Living." Dr. Kyle M. Yates, pastor, Second Church, Houston, Tex., has spoken each Sunday in January. Speakers for February will be Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C.; Professor Charles Wellborn, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; and Dr. Ted F. Adams, Richmond, Va. Dr. Duke K. McCall, Nashville, Tenn., will speak each Sunday in March.

Dillard S. Miller has accepted the pastorate of Wilnot Church rather than the Dermott Church as recently stated by mistake in the Arkansas Baptist.

Arkansas gave \$14,122.98 to Southwide causes in December according to the monthly report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of this amount \$13,850.98 was given through the Cooperative Program and \$272 to designated causes. The Southwide total was \$484,608.98.

Pat Mehaffey, of Atlanta, Ga., former pastor in Arkansas, is returning to the state to complete his college work at Ouachita.

W. R. White Elected President of Baylor

W. R. White, pastor, First Church, Austin, has been elected to the presidency of Baylor University, Waco, Tex. He succeeds Pat M. Neff, whose resignation became effective January 1.

Dr. White will assume his duties at Baylor on March 1. He plans in the meantime to visit selected universities over the nation studying trends in education and means of meeting new problems. He was at one time professor of missions at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and he served three years as president of Hardin-Simmons University. He is a trustee of five of the seven senior colleges and universities of Texas Baptists. He is also on the board of Bishop College for Negroes at Marshall, Tex.

In addition to serving on the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, of which he was once president, Dr. White has served on various boards and prominent committees of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is now a Texas member of the Sunday School Board.

Dr. White is the ninth president of the 103-year-old Baylor University.

Speaking Personally—

By IONE GRAY

As this issue of the paper goes into the mail I will be leaving the editorial staff of the Arkansas Baptist. I take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of serving Arkansas Baptists in this capacity for the past four and one-half years. They have been happy years of spiritual growth and development for me; and I trust my efforts have contributed something to the life of the Baptist denomination in Arkansas.

I need your prayers as I go to work in the offices of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Launch an Offensive in the Devil's Territory

By IRVING M. PRINCE, *Pastor*
First Church, Paragould

They do not belong to the devil! Too long he has preyed unmolested on them—on the neglected of the average country town!

Paragould is an average county seat town of 12,000 people; the First Baptist Church has the average problems of any church of 1,600 members. Today the average church of more than 500 members is wasting more potential possibilities than it is using.

A few people get places of leadership or places to block leadership. A church is like an army. "An army lives by conquest. When conquest ends, mutiny begins." A lot of churches are continually fussing and milling around and round like a blind mule hitched to a syrup mill—going nowhere fast. Missions catch you up to something!

The Why of City Missions

In most every small or large city, there is no man's land—no church's land—where the evil holds full sway. He has preyed long enough on these poor people. They are Baptists' opportunity. The missions begin work in these sections of town.

Every census reveals that 80 per cent of the members of the various missions contacted were once members of Baptist churches. The Baptists were not there. Don't fuss at the poor people. Give them the Gospel and the missions. I can show you the foundation of a certain tabernacle. After the Baptist mission was established, they literally tore down the building and moved it to another section.

Then in these sections there are a lot of good Baptists who will never feel at home in the First Church. You can beg them, bait them, and bemean them; but still they are unchurched.

The How of Missions

Select a suitable location. Do not find a cheap place—buy the best lot. Too many times a mission is launched on a cheap scale. It will not work that way.

Build good, attractive buildings. At Paragould, we have two buildings as shown in the pictures, and the third will be erected.

Select the best teachers—the best men and women in church. Magnify the mission task. The soul across the track is as important as the one across the ocean.

Make the members of the mission feel they are definitely a part of the First Church.

Now For the Pay Off

It will increase interest in the whole program. It will put unused talent to work. It will reveal fine talent that needs development.

Yes, too, I know to man four organizations calls for work; but I had rather do that than look for another pastorate. And when most men move, if they would be honest, it is because their program has fizzled out.

It will help you to build a great missionary spirit in your church. We have steadily increased our mission gifts from less than 1,000 to what we hope will be near \$10,000 this year. We give one-third of all money collected to missions and to the Cooperative program. And we are now building a \$100,000 educational building.

It brings a tingle in your blood, Brother pastor. Do something different. Start a mission. Don't make excuses. Make straight in '48—a path of missions.



First Church, Paragould



Mission of Paragould Church
... organized 1940; record attendance 125



Mission of Paragould Church
... organized 1942; record attendance 123



Mission of Paragould Church
... organized 1947; record attendance 53

Parkin Church Finds Best Way To Help Others

By SEIBERT H. HALEY
Pastor, Parkin Church

The mission of First Church, Parkin, has been a thing of interest for more than two years. Rev. Wilson Wood first thought of the idea of getting a bus to make a 20-mile circle north of Parkin on Sunday mornings and evenings. This proved to be a wonderful piece of work.

People responded for a number of months even though an old model bus was used. It was inadequate, however, and the people of the Parkin Church bought a 40-passenger Ford school bus for the work. But even with care the bus has served its day. The number of people has increased until they desire a church for their community.

The people have enlisted the support of Christians in the community and now have approximately \$1,000 cash on hand and pledges which will bring the amount to \$1,350. The Wood Estate has promised ground for the building. A contract will be drawn up stating that the ground shall be used as long as the Baptists have use for it. When they have no more use for the building it will be sold and the price will be sent to the mission program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The community has 410 people who are Baptists or inclined toward the Baptist faith. There are 112 families that need Christian influence. The bus is now bringing on an average of 25 people on Sunday, and on Sunday night the crowd does not justify the driving of the bus. We have baptized 45 people from this community into the fellowship of First Church, Parkin, in the last 17 months.

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Frequently the people who are most careful of the gilt on their Bible care least for the gold within it.

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

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

Real Living: Life is so very short that it does not pay to hate. There is so much real living to do while you have it. — James Sherman.

Thy Will Be Done: "For Americans to think that this is a Christian nation because they call on God to bless their national dreams and ambitions is a blasphemous business," says Rev. Russell F. Auman. "Our nation will be Christian and will take its true place in the family of nations in the future only when it has ceased seeking the favor of God for its own selfish interests and enlist its strength in the accomplishment of the will of God for the world. We must stop trying to get the power of God on our side and begin enlisting our powers on God's side."

Superfluous: Dr. S. L. Stealey, professor of Church History, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., sounded a word of warning to one of his classes recently against pompous display of newly found knowledge in his courses. "Don't give us a lot of minor details just to show that you have 'been places and seen things,'" he said. "You can wear a handkerchief in your pocket and show us that!"

British Baptists: British Baptists, numbering only 300,000, have 420 foreign missionaries, according to Dr. Chesterman, medical adviser to the British Baptist Foreign Mission Society. If Southern Baptists were supporting foreign missions proportionately to British Baptists, we would have on the field 8,400 missionaries instead of the 650, our present number.

Unity: An interesting incident in connection with the presentation of a Bible to Trygve Lie, secretary general of the United Nations, by the American Bible Society, was that when he opened the Bible, quite by chance, it fell open at the 133rd Psalm. "Gentlemen," he said, "look at this!" and pointed to the first verse, which reads: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Absurd Education: "Any concept of education which is based solely on intellectual standards and neglects the teaching of moral and social obligations is absurd," Dean Lankard of Brothers College, Drew University, told college deans of the Eastern states.

Television: Religious groups must get into television at the beginning or "they will miss the boat," Edward Greif, radio publicity expert, told the Religious Radio Workshop in New York. Declaring it is "already clear" that church services are not functional for television, Grief recommended that religious organizations immediately begin a study of the medium and its requirements.

Mission Opportunity: "New York City presents the greatest missionary challenge of any city or territory in America or the world," said Dr. Mark A. Dawber, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America, speaking before 200 delegates assembled at Buck Hill Falls for the society's 40th annual meeting.

The church leader claimed that of the 7,908,000 people in New York City, at least 3,500,000 — a population equal to that of Chicago — are without active membership in any Protestant or Catholic church or Jewish congregation.

"New York City is now approaching the point in its history where secularism is destined to become the majority faith," he said.

Living Flames: More than 10,000 young people assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, for the Methodist Youth Conference were called upon to become "living flames" in helping the church wipe out racial prejudice and in championing the cause of the poor and underprivileged.

Dr. Richard C. Raines of Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, Minneapolis, said the church can alter the social structure by sending into society individuals of Christian character; by founding institutions that meet current social needs and by taking problems, such as the race question, "into its very bosom."

"The church," he declared, "must ever champion the cause of the poor and underprivileged, leaven the conscience of its members and prepare the way for change."

Church Going: East Side Junior High School, Little Rock, is holding a contest among home rooms to encourage attendance at church and Sunday School. Every pupil who attends a certain number of church services within a given time receives a service credit.

During December, 610 students attended church services part of the time and 238 had 100 per cent attendance records. Percentage in church attendance for the whole school was 87. The contest is sponsored by the PTA under the direction of Mrs. W. A. Red, chairman of the character and spiritual education program. Rooms with the highest percentage of attendance receive banners each month for display in the rooms.

Sunday Games: "Sunday games are not within the appropriate functions of public schools," says the New Hampshire commissioner of education, urging local action to prohibit schoolboy athletics on Sunday.

Profit, Victims: Seagram's distillers reported profits for the year ending July 31 of \$43,122,502 as compared with \$24,530,122 for the previous year.

Alcoholics Anonymous reports that mem-

bership has jumped from 7,000 to 50,000 in four years.

Smart Set, Smart Set, International, a new group opposed to the use of alcoholic beverages, has been formed in Hollywood. Its aims are to make it popular to be a non-drinker, to show that it takes more intelligent to be a non-drinker than it does to be a drinker, to point out that drinking takes brains, just money, and to make the non-drinker proud of the fact that he is "too smart to be taken by liquor advertising and propaganda and too smart to need alcohol to have a good time."

German Youth: More than half the organized youth of the American and British Zones of Germany are in Christian youth groups, according to L. E. Norrie, chief of the Youth Activities Section of the Education and Religious Affairs Branch of the United States Military Government for Germany.

Model: The ideal Christian layman, according to Rev. Oliver W. Hurst, New Castle, Pa., is one like this:

"Not inert but alert; not dead but dedicated; not seat-warmers but soulwinners; not worriers but workers, not masters of men but servants of God; not possessive but progressive; men of vision and vim who will venture for Christ and His kingdom until victory."

Delinquency: A new offensive against juvenile delinquency in neglected areas of Cleveland, Ohio, has been launched by Dr. Sylvester Williams, director of the Christian Community Center, in cooperation with the Cleveland Baptist Association and churches of all denominations.

Center of the drive is a district long known as "the roaring third," recognized as a breeding spot for much of the city's vice and crime. The plan follows the civilian block mobilization plan of World War II and calls for a committee of parents to organize and carry on the project in each block of the area.

The committees set up recreational programs for children and establish classes for health and child care for parents. Activities for children are organized in age groupings.

Tolerance: Francis Howard, in Our Colored Missions, presents the following prayer having been made by an old Negro.

"O God of all races, will you please, Sir, come in and take charge of the minds of all these white people and fix them so they will know and understand that all colored folks are not lazy, dirty, dishonest and of no account. Help them, Lord, to see that most of us are praying, working, and striving to get some land, some houses, and some education for ourselves and our children.

"Lord, while you are taking charge of the minds of the white people, don't pass by the colored folks, for they need you as much as the white folks. Open the Negro's blind eyes that he may see that all white folks are not prejudiced against the colored folks; that there are hard-working, just and God-fearing white folks in this community who are doing the best they know how, with circumstances often against them, to be fair in their dealings with the colored folks.

"Help us, O Lord, both black and white, to understand each other better every day."

Christian Schools: Seventy thousand students are now enrolled in 98 Christian schools in Japan it has been announced in Tokyo by the Christian Education Association.

Every Church Should Consider A Well Organized Mission Program for 1948

By C. W. CALDWELL

Does your church have a well-organized program of practical missions for 1948? Yes, you will give to missions through your church budget, but is there a plan for some practical mission work in your own neighborhood.

Each church should make a survey of her possibilities and then plan to do something about her mission opportunities. Of course, it would be a good thing to have a complete census, but it is not necessary to wait for that to see whether or not there are any possibilities.

For instance, figure how many white people are in your community and the half-way distance to the nearest Baptist church in every direction. Then subtract from that number those who are not being reached by your congregation and you will see how many people there are not being ministered to with the Baptist program. Or, you may go further and subtract from the total number those who are affiliated in the churches of all denominations. This will give you the unchurched number.

In one of the larger towns this idea was carried out a few weeks ago and it was discovered that in a town of 30,000 at least 25,000 were not in any church service on Sunday morning.

It will be necessary, of course, to learn in what section of the city the people are who are not being reached before a definite location for a mission may be determined. Is there a new section of your town which has developed within the last few years that is not being reached by any church.

What about the people out on the highway beyond the city limits where they have built their humble homes? Is there a sawmill or other industry near you where a group of people have congregated without any church? Is there a section of your town where the

people are poor and do not feel that they can attend church?

Is there some little community a few miles distance without any church services for the people to attend? The possibilities are that within reach of practically every church there is some section that has been neglected where a mission ought to be established.

A church does not have to be large in number or wealthy in finances to have opportunities and to render such service. It needs a missionary spirit, a willingness to render service, and a readiness to help with the finances.

Every church should have a mission committee. This committee should report to the church in conference each month. The committee ought to lead the church to have community prayer meetings, find the places where missions should be established, secure a building or lead the church to erect one, and with the aid of the pastor, enlist workers and supervise the services in general.

Certainly 1948, the Centennial Year for Arkansas Baptists, is a good time for every church to check up on her possibilities and begin opening some new missions. Many churches will likely want to employ an associate pastor to superintend the mission work. No matter how well-equipped a church may be and no matter how hard the people work to enlist all the possibilities in the church organization, there will be some people, who, because of social or economical conditions, just will not line up with the town or city church.

This fact should not cause the church to lose interest in such people. In fact, the church ought to desire to give them a building and type of service where they will feel free to worship and take places of leadership. When a church does that it increases its own spiritual power and missionary outlook. Try it in 1948.



Pleasant Valley Mission

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OLD TIME RELIGION EVIDENCED IN NEWTON COUNTY REVIVAL

By OTTIS DENNEY
Pioneer Missionary, Newton County

The snow was deep on the mountain sides and it looked as if we would not be able to leave Jasper for our appointment at Nail. We started up the steep mountain in our car but were forced to turn around and come back home. Someone suggested catching the bus—"It never fails to make it," they told us. We put the car back in the garage, caught the bus to Deer, and got a friend there to drive us on over to Nail.

We were wondering if the people would come out in such stormy weather for the revival, but found the snow swept off the church house porch and a good fire burning in the stove. We hadn't seen the folks at Nail since leaving the appointment a month ago.

They knew we were coming, they told us, when they started filling the house an hour or so later. They said, "We've been praying for God to wake this place up and we believe that He has sent you to help Him do it." "We knew you would come!" "Our boy has come home and we're praying for him to be saved," they went on. (And he was!).

They came morning and night, walking through two and three inches of snow. With

the exception of a few services, the house was filled. Only one or two cars were seen at any one time on the church grounds. People came, carrying their babies, as far as three miles away.

The best way we can describe what happened during those few days together was that of an old-fashioned, mourners' bench, shouting revival. The sinners would fall on their faces and cry out to God for mercy with Christian friends praying all around them. Many of the mourners, when saved, sprang to their feet shouting. There was shouting everywhere! Every person saved in the meeting became a flaming evangelist and sought to win his or her lost friends and loved ones. We never experienced a meeting like this one in all of our lives!

There were 13 professions of faith, the youngest person being 14 years of age. When a call was given for members to join the new church to be organized, 13 persons offered themselves as members by statement, since the old church had been dead for some long time (this church was organized 56 years ago). This gave us 26 charter members to start with.

After the organization of the church, a call was extended to Lee Young, one of the

members, to become pastor. The call was accepted. Then followed an ordination service, assisted by the oldest man in Newton County, Albert Wilson, 97, a retired missionary Baptist preacher who came to Newton County 56 years ago from North Carolina. Brother Wilson started preaching when 13 years old. He told us about seeing trails of blood made by missionary Baptist preachers when whipped for preaching the Gospel in North Carolina.

Twelve of the 13 candidates for baptism were baptized by Brother Young the following Sunday afternoon, with ice extending around the edges of the creek. For 45 minutes, Brother Young tells us, he was in the water.

A Sunday School, the first Baptist Sunday School in the history of the community, was organized.

We found some of the purest and humblest missionary Baptist homes on top of this mountain that we have ever seen. Most of the homes were log cabins, built 50 or 75 years ago. We were entertained royally, with lots of fried ham and "warm" discussions on God's Word! Not once did the conversations ever get away from God's mercy and loving care for His people.

Facts Are Important; Facts Are Powerful Facts Must Be Taken Into Account But Facts Are Not Enough



Only the Christian approach and interpretation of facts will guarantee an abundant life.

The Ouachita College Million Dollar Campaign is an effort of Arkansas Baptists to provide for our young people the facilities for finding facts in a Christian atmosphere and the attitude of interpreting these facts for a fuller life.

THE BIG FACT is that every Arkansas Baptist should be vitally concerned in this matter.

Study these facts:

Amount collected by Campaign in 1947:	
Building Fund	\$179,784.93
Endowment	1,000.00
Amount collected from January 1 to January 15, 1948:	
Total	\$ 20,426.98
Amount collected by Campaign to January 15, 1948:	
Grand Total	\$293,824.86

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**Future Plans Include Committee of Laymen for Personal Contact
Campaign Rally in Little Rock, January 27, 12:30 A. M. to 2 P. M.
State-Wide Offering for Ouachita on Christian Education Day, June 27**

The Brotherhood Program of Evangelism

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By NELSON F. TULL
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The Brotherhood secretary believes sincerely that evangelism is basic and fundamental in every phase of the life and work of a church. He believes also that, besides the sacred obligation to observe and preserve the ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which Christ gave, the single other function of a church is to carry out fully and continuously the program of activities which is laid down in the Great Commission.

"Go ye therefore and disciple 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: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19-20).

Evangelism is the Great Commission in action! This article proposes to define evangelism in terms of action; and to set forth some simple, practical, inclusive, workable plans and methods which will help a church Brotherhood to focus its powers and energies on getting the whole church into a positive and active, a continuous and perennial evangelism.

Basic Concept of Evangelism

Evangelism may be defined as the sum total of all efforts to win people to Christ as Saviour, and to lead those thus won into a life of loving obedience that they, too, shall make soul-winning the supreme activity of their lives. Thus evangelism is soul-winning in the complete sense, which involves making soul-winners of those won to Christ.

Evangelism is the people of God winning souls to Christ; "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost"; then teaching them "to observe all things" whatsoever Christ has commanded, that those won and baptized and thus taught shall themselves also be drawn into the continuing activities program of the Great Commission. This concept of evangelism includes every possible type and kind and phase of mission work.

The Brotherhood concept of evangelism is exactly the same as the Biblical concept. The Brotherhood would not attempt to win men alone (yet who is going to win men to Christ if Christian men do not?). Instead, the Brotherhood would set men to work in a comprehensive program of evangelism designed to win to Christ people of all ages and both sexes.

We plan, therefore, to promote evangelism through the Brotherhood by setting men to going after all people for Christ; to win their souls to Him and their lives to Him; by challenging the men to lead their church through all of its organizations and in all its services to make evangelism supreme. A good, strong, active, persistent Brotherhood Evangelistic Committee will help to get such a program of evangelism under way.

The Brotherhood Evangelistic Committee should be hand-picked, and should include only men who (like Gideon's 300) are willing to fight the Lord's battles with the Lord's weapons. The committee must be large enough to carry on a big program. The activities of the committee should be exactly those which fit the needs of the church and the opportunities of the community. Such a committee with such a program will be able to put through, deliberately, prayerfully, continually,

and perennially that definite and objective design of work which we call evangelism.

Complete Periodic Survey

Such a program of work must comprehend a continuing effort to present the claims of Christ to every lost person in the community. The community is the whole area within possible (practical) reach of the local church. The informational basis for such an effort is a complete periodic survey, or census, of the entire community. We must know who the people are, and their spiritual needs, before we can begin intelligently and objectively to help meet those needs. Such a survey is absolutely necessary! Nothing else will suffice.

The survey should be made of people in family groups. Get the family name and address, and the age and spiritual history of each person in the family, together with information about Sunday School attendance. The Brotherhood should plan the survey and should enlist the aid of every man in the Brotherhood, together with the whole Sunday School force, to get the job done completely.

After the survey is finished the Sunday School prospects should immediately be copied out and given to the Sunday School superintendent for distribution to his teachers and officers at a joint meeting of the Brotherhood and the teaching force of the church. This will be a great meeting during which the Sunday School teachers and officers will be greatly encouraged at finding that the organized manhood of the church is solidly with them in their efforts to enlist and win the people of the community.

The Survey Committee should next make copies of those family group cards which show one or more persons with spiritual need. (The originals should be kept for reference for making additional copies as needed).

Phases of Evangelism

Personal Work: A strong effort should be made to get every man in the Brotherhood to be present at the next Brotherhood meeting. The meeting should feature a stirring program dedicated to evangelism, and setting forth the obligation of every Christian to tell the Good News to others. At the close of the program call through the list of family group cards asking each man to take those he feels that he ought to take. Keep calling until the last one is given out. Be sure that every man takes one or more of the cards.

Then get the men to pair off for the visitation effort. When the men go afield it will be to face people with their spiritual need and to press upon them the claims of Christ, and to invite people to all services of the church. Such an effort will begin to bear fruit immediately. When the Brotherhood meets again, call for reports from all who have accepted cards and ask for testimonies from those who have had the privilege of seeing their efforts bear fruit. Nothing stimulates to action like the success of others.

Cottage Prayer Meetings: The community

survey will reveal many families who never go to church, some families who live too far to go and have no form of transportation. There is no better way to reach such a family for Christ than to arrange for a cottage prayer meeting, (home evangelistic service) in the home. Most families will readily agree to such a service.

A few men from the Brotherhood (with their wives), with song books, folding chairs, etc., will go to the home on the evening appointed. The neighbors near should be invited. The service will consist of a few songs, prayers, testimonies, a simple Gospel message and an invitation. God richly blesses the work of some evangelism, as everybody who has ever participated in it will be glad to testify. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house," is the cottage prayer meeting motto.

Community Mission Projects: Another phase of evangelism which seems particularly cut out for men is that of community mission projects. Within reach of nearly every Baptist church will be found one or more well defined communities where there is no Baptist church or Sunday School. Such a community is generally a ripe field for the establishment of a mission Sunday School, a Sunday School which will eventually develop into a church.

A community survey, followed by a series of cottage prayer meetings, followed by the establishment of a mission Sunday School, followed by a mission revival, will give God the opportunity to shower down His blessings.

Bus Routes: An alternative to the establishment of a community mission Sunday School is the establishment of a bus route. Men must also take the lead here.

Institutional Evangelism: Still another extremely productive field for evangelism, especially in training of soul-winners, is institutional evangelism. Jails, penitentiaries, reform schools, houses of correction, detention homes, county farms, hospitals, orphanages, etc., provide almost unlimited opportunities for evangelism. God's blessings are always upon a church that will do work of this kind.

Street and Shop Missions: And there are yet two other phases of evangelism around the home base. They are: street missions, which is of course preaching the Gospel on the street; and shop missions, taking the Gospel to industrial establishments at noon or at some other suitable hour.

We recommend also the use of the Brotherhood revival which is simply a concentrated, consecrated, focused effort on the part of a church Brotherhood to present the claims of Christ to a whole community. It is a preaching - praying - going affair, in which the men of the Brotherhood lead out in every phase of the revival effort.

And, since a true spirit of missions must stem from a real mission program in the field of the local church, the church will become world conscious in its missionary outlook. Thus God will be able to impress the church with mission needs everywhere; and the church will want a larger part in sending the Gospel everywhere.

It is from such a church that God is able to call forth those who shall take His Gospel to the ends of the earth!

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"We Will Remember Thy Love"

Suggestions for Mission Study

By MRS. H. M. KECK
State Chairman

Remember—this is our Commemoration Year and we can honor God by showing to the world more missionary interest and more missionary zeal.

Remember—that the study of the Bible and of mission work is one of the basic stones in the foundation of Woman's Missionary Union and is one tangible evidence of the state of our missionary interest and zeal.

Remember—the plan for all WMU members to read the Bible through simultaneously during the year 1948 will be found in "Royal Service" magazine; the outline was prepared by Dr. John R. Sampey.

Remember—our anniversary committee is requesting that the histories in "Royal Service," "Life of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck," "Following In His Train," "To Be Continued," "Five Times Ten" and the lives of other leaders be re-read and studied this year. Will you not include them in your study plans for the year?

Remember—that our Southern Year Book and our State Guide Book contain valuable information each Mission Study Chairman should know and tell to other study leaders.

Remember—to plan now, that your society may reach the Mission Study Honor Roll by the end of the year.

Remember—to organize more Missionary Round Tables for women "who care" enough to do some extra reading that they may have a better understanding of our "one world" and that their missionary efforts may reach more people "for God and home and every land."

Remember—to cooperate with your stewardship chairman in planning at least one study of a stewardship book during this year. There are 12 books on the approved list dealing with stewardship, pages 46 and 47 of the 1948 Year Book. How many of these have you read?

Remember—to check with your

mission study committee to see how many other books on this approved list you have not read.

Remember—that now is an excellent time to plan for a church library, if you do not have one.

"Has the line been drawn underneath or through mission study in your society?"

Community Missions Program

Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, state program chairman for WMU and author of the Community Missions Program, suggests that those in charge of presenting the material use the program as printed in the January 8 issue of the Arkansas Baptist, rather than the mimeographed material sent from the WMU office. The Arkansas Baptist presents the program more in detail.

College YWA Presidents In Conference

The college and hospital YWA presidents and counselors will have a planning conference January 30 and 31 at Central Church, North Little Rock, in connection with the State BSU Planning Conference. Every college and hospital YWA in the state should be represented.

If there is no YWA on your college campus, this is an excellent opportunity for making plans to begin one. Send one representative from among the college girls who would be interested in starting the new auxiliary and one woman from your WMU who would be a prospective counselor for the group. Our goal: a YWA in every college and hospital in Arkansas!

Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference

The annual Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference will be held March 12-14. Mrs. Robert E. Beddoe, for many years missionary to China, is one of the missionary speakers who has already agreed to come. The place of the meeting and other details will be given later.

Plan now to have your Intermediate GA represented. Girls who are planning to be in the Coronation Service will need to be working hard to achieve the next step. A-1 Auxiliaries will need to start planning now on their representative who will participate in the Missionary Story-Telling Contest.

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Figures To Inspire

January 11, 1948

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1031	291	10
Including Missions	1484	542	18
Fort Smith, First	1012	375	6
El Dorado, First	863	231	3
Pine Bluff, First	670	195	
North Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	600	246	6
Including Missions	634	258	
Hot Springs, Second	581	212	3
No. Little Rock, First	552	100	1
Fayetteville, First	545	191	4
Including Mission	585		
West Memphis, First	526	207	2
Benton, First	524	248	2
Including Mission	552		
Camden, First	522	125	49
Including Mission	591		
Fort Smith, Immanuel	508	122	1
Including Mission	555		
Little Rock,			
Tabernacle	501	102	3
Hope, First	486	100	2
Magnolia, Central	478	174	2
McGehee, First	477	163	1
Malvern, First	456	100	8
Arkadelphia, First	448	212	3
Little Rock,			
Gaines Street	411	266	6
Little Rock,			
Pulaski Heights	402	89	6
Hot Springs,			
Park Place	400	120	5
Paris, First	395	145	1
Hot Springs, Central	371	139	1
Including Mission	415	169	
Conway, First	366	74	2
Fort Smith, Calvary	347	100	3
Springdale, First	342	225	6
Including Missions	482		
Hot Springs, First	342	57	
Bauxite, First	340	120	2
Fort Smith, Grand	321	97	2
Hamburg, First	317	154	2
Siloam Springs, First	307	167	
Stuttgart, First	305	149	
Including Mission	341		
Rogers, First	293	74	1
Smackover, First	271	116	
Jacksonville, First	259	135	2
Mena, First	254	71	
Including Mission	317	110	
Monticello, First	250	113	6
Stamps, First	233	91	
Batesville,			
West Batesville	233	77	1
El Dorado, Westside	227	88	
Greenwood, First	222	106	
Pine Bluff, Second	220	93	3
Texarkana, Calvary	219		
North Little Rock,			
Pike Avenue	197	94	3
Little Rock, Calvary	195	129	5
Fort Smith, Oak Grove	194	74	
Fort Smith,			
Bailey Hill	186	90	
Carlisle, First	161	39	
Little Rock,			
Reynolds Memorial	149	50	6
Elaine, First	141	80	6
Pine Bluff,			
Matthews Memorial	129	71	
Fort Smith,			
South Fort Smith	125	45	1
Monticello, Second	121	67	
Eureka Springs, First	117	41	
North Little Rock,			
Sylvan Hills, First	116	55	
Warren, Immanuel	99	62	
No. Little Rock, Grace	97	25	
Douglasville, First	95	55	
Tuckerman, First	83	35	
Texarkana,			
South Texarkana	77	64	
Texarkana,			
Arbella Heights	68	40	1
Fort Smith,			
Bethlehem	64	28	
Little Rock,			
Martindale	52	65	
Desha, First	50	28	
Little Rock,			
Zion Hill	42		
Monticello,			
North Side	38	39	
Little Rock,			
Crystal Valley	35	32	

Dr. W. R. White Will Speak at Training Union Convention March 19 and 20

"Follow Me," will be the theme of the State Training Union Convention, which will meet at Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, beginning Friday, March 19 at 10 a. m. and closing at noon on Saturday, March 20. Pastor Rel Gray, First Church, Rogers, is convention president.

Dr. W. R. White, newly elected president of Baylor University, will be the principal speaker. He will bring inspirational messages Friday morning, Friday night, and Saturday morning. Dr. White is a distinguished preacher, educator and author. Dr. R. C. Campbell of First Church, Little Rock, will be the inspirational speaker for the Friday afternoon session.

Over 80 people will appear on the convention program. The churches of Fort Smith will furnish bed and breakfast free. There will be a small registration fee of 25 cents for juniors and intermediates, and 50 cents for young people and adults, to be paid on arrival at the convention.

On Friday morning, March 19, the State Sword Drill will be conducted and on Friday afternoon the State Junior Memory Drill will be held. The Speakers' Tournament will be held in the Young People's sectional meeting, Friday afternoon, and four young people will be selected for the State Speakers' Tournament to be held during the Friday night session.

Training Union Gains In Arkansas

Substantial gains have been made in Training Union work during the last few years. The Training Union enrollment in Arkansas now stands at 43,217, which is a gain of 3,943 over the year before. The Training Union enrollment has increased 15,193 during the last three years.

For several years the goal has been 15,000 Training Union Study Course awards in one year. During 1947, 15,612 awards were issued to the people of Arkansas.

During the first nine months of 1947 there were 75 individual unions that were standard. Two associations and seven Training Un-



Dr. White

ions were reported standard during the year.

During 1947, there were 319 different unions that requested periodicals from the Sunday School Board for new unions that had been organized. This means that 319 new unions were organized during the year. This included 50 Story Hours, 62 Junior Unions, 68 Intermediate Unions, 69 Young People's Unions and 70 Adult Unions. This indicates that Training Unions were organized in more than 70 churches of the state during the year. The net gain was more than 35 Training Unions during the year.

Circulation of Training Union periodicals for the fourth quarter of 1947 was 1,264,582. Circulation of the Training Union Magazine was 89,596.

Wanted! One Hundred Standard Sunday Schools

Last year there were only 27 standard Sunday Schools out of the 900 Sunday Schools in Arkansas. At the very least we should have 100 standard schools for 1948. At the present time, six schools have reached the standard. These are:

First Church, Stamps, Walf Hamilton, pastor, D. O. Talbot, superintendent; New Providence

Church, Leachville, R. F. Liddell, pastor, G. B. Galyean, superintendent; First Church, Marshall, W. L. Leach, pastor, C. E. Stephenson, superintendent; Beech Street Church, Gurdon, Kenneth R. Grant, pastor, A. J. Ryan, superintendent; Friendship Church, Jacksonville, G. W. Smith, pastor, M. M. Fuller, superintendent; Second Church, Hot Springs, O. L. Bayless, pastor, William R. Kimball, superintendent.

There are many schools in Arkansas that lack very little of being standard. Will you make a thorough check of your Sunday School and see what you lack, and then take steps to reach these points? The Department of Religious Education will send you free helps if you will write to Robert O. Barker, 212 Baptist Building, 403 West Capitol, Little Rock.

Hymn-Playing Tournament

Students and workers in junior and intermediate departments of Sunday School and Training Union will welcome the news of this year's Hymn-Playing Tournament. Some changes, for the better, should be noted in the bulletin and brought to the attention of boys and girls who will want to enter this tournament.

1. Ratings will be given instead of grades. It is possible for every player to "be a winner" as the competition is against a standard rather than against each other.
2. Two age groups in each department will make for fairer rating. Ages 9 and 10 are to play in one group, ages 11 and 12 in one, 13 and 14 in one and 15 and 16 in the last.

It is suggested that each junior and intermediate superintendent, teacher, and sponsor begin at once to publicize the Hymn-Playing Tournament, urging piano students to prepare for participation. The churchwide elimination should be scheduled for May, the associational play-off will be held in June under the direction of the associational music director, and each association will send one representative in each of the four age groups.

Following are five hymns which

have been chosen for the 1948 Tournament:

- "O Worship the King" Lyons
- "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" Arlington
- "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" St. Christopher
- "Dare To Be a Daniel" Bliss
- "From Every Stormy Wind" Retreat

Lake City Church Receives Untold Blessings From Its Three Missions



Bowman Mission of First Church, Lake City

By W. E. SPEED
Pastor, Lake City

The purpose of the mission program of First Church, Lake City, has been to reach the lost for Christ in the localities where there were no services being held. It has also served to increase the vision of the mother church as to its local responsibility and to make it more mission-minded.

The Lake City Church launched this type of program because we think it is the New Testament way of reaching people in our local communities. We have received bountiful blessings, both spiritual and material, from the hand of God.

Five years ago the membership of Lake City Church was 102 resident members; the average Sunday School attendance was less than 75; and the average Training Union attendance was less than 60. The budget of the church was then \$53 per week. The church was \$3,000 in debt on the building.

The church now has a membership of 500, both resident and non-resident members, and operates three missions. The average Sunday School attendance for 1946-47 was 255; the enrollment of the Sunday School is 283. The average attendance of the Training Union was 136 with an enrollment of 154. The buildings and grounds of two of the missions are owned by the church; the other meets in a local school building.

There are two mission pastors, H. B. Stone and Sherman Bridgeman, who preach in these missions and workers go out from the mother church to help carry on the work of the missions until they are well established.

Each mission has its own budget which is a part of the budget of the mother church, and the mother church sees to it that the needs of the mission are provided throughout the year.

In these years the two missions have been bought and paid for and many souls have been won to Christ. The lives of our own people have been blessed greatly in

these efforts. Also in these years the mother church has built an educational annex which is now nearing completion and will be paid for on completion. The cost was \$20,000.

A new pastor's home that is modern in every respect has been built at a cost of \$4,000. Many other advancements have been made that have run the church gifts to approximately \$50,000 above the regular church budget which has increased all along with the other efforts until it has more than quadrupled. The church budget is now \$265 per week, 50 per cent or more of which goes to missions. During this time the church permitted the pastor to attend Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

The church is now debt free and has in its plans two more missions which we hope will see great success. Our plans are made on a five to 10 year basis.

Any church will find great blessings in a mission program but that church will find lots of hard work.

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Editors to Meet

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Annual mid-winter meeting of Southern Baptist editors will be held at Biloxi, Miss., on the gulf coast, February 12-13, Dr. O. W. Taylor of Nashville, association president, announced.

The program will feature discussions by three journalism professors from Baptist colleges, which men have made a three-months study of publications represented in membership of the association. They are Prof. E. E. Folk of Wake Forest College, North Carolina; Prof. Frank E. Burkhalter of Baylor University, Texas; and Prof. J. R. Scales of Oklahoma Baptist University. They will discuss, respectively, the mechanics, the means, and the message.

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Many a person makes the mistake of developing his opinions in the darkroom of prejudice.

Convention President Speaks For Ouachita

By E. C. BROWN

Ouachita College occupies a very unique place in the Christian education program of Arkansas Baptists in that it is our only senior college.

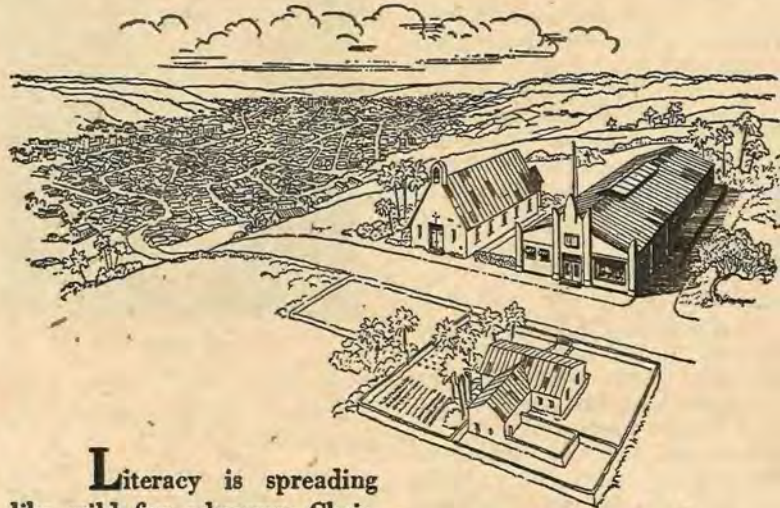
Her ministry is an absolute essential to the program of Arkansas Baptists. She must measure up to every Christian standard, and she must meet the standards of the educational world. This must be done in order that her

graduates may be motivated by Christian ideals and purposes. It must be done in order that the scholastic standing of her sons and daughters may continue to be recognized.

Therefore as an alumnus of Ouachita, as a pastor of a co-operating Baptist church, and as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, I challenge the present student body, faculty, trustees and every Arkansas Baptist to rise up as one mighty unit and finish the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign in this Centennial Convention year.

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Literacy is spreading like wild fire wherever Christianity takes hold. Nigeria, with its twenty-two millions, was one time 93 per cent illiterate but today boys and girls, and men and women are learning basic English fast, and they read everything they get their hands on. They believe what they read. Nigerian Baptists plead for help in creating a Christian literature—reading matter that is simple but clean, true, and idealistic, and available at the price Africans can pay.

At Ibadan, the largest native city on the continent of Africa, the site chosen by the

British Government for a state university, Baptists want to establish their publication center. That city of a half million people can be the birthplace of another movement of educated paganism, or of light and hope and peace for the African world.

This is another open door which can be entered only with adequate funds. Your tithe can give Southern Baptists a strategic opportunity which evil forces in the world covet. Can you conscientiously pass it up?

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Month-Old Mission Has Attendance Of 100; Has Received 40 Members

By T. L. HARRIS, Pastor
First Church, Camden

We have been feeling for years that we should go afield from First Church, Camden, with a city mission program. We appointed a survey committee some two years ago to study the entire field. We have a lot of two acres near the Naval Depot here in Camden and hope to develop it this spring.

We also located a neglected section of our city with 100 families with no church near them. One of our members gave a desirable lot in this vicinity and we secured a number of surplus government buildings at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La., which we dismantled and moved here.

One, a sectional building, was erected and on December 4, 1947, we organized a Sunday School and started full-time preaching. A complete church program was inaugurated at once with Jack

Gulledge, ministerial student of Ouachita College, as pastor.

On the first day we had 47 in Sunday School; just one month later, January 4, we had 100 in attendance with some 30 or more conversions, several rededications, and additions by letter or statement.

First Church, Camden, furnishes all needs, workers, materials, pastor, house, and grounds. We hold title to this. All income from the mission goes into the treasury of the mother church. Complete records are kept of all activities at the mission. All money received from the mission or donated by friends in the mother church for this work is credited to the operation of the mission.

When the mission is developed sufficiently to carry on its work, it will be organized into a regular Baptist church. Our church is being greatly blessed through this work.



One-month-old Bethel Baptist Mission, sponsored by First Church, Camden, had 100 present on January 4. On that day 25 converts from the mission were baptized, bringing to 40 the number of members received during the month. The building just completed is already inadequate, and more room is being planned. A complete Baptist program is being carried out in the mission.

past in order to take care of new fields which are being formed. The plan of the Mission Committee all along has been that where supplementary aid is given to a church that it be decreased at least 10 per cent each year.

The committee has prayerfully considered the action on each case and the brethren over the state will no doubt appreciate the work of the committee and their desire to render financial aid in every worthy situation.

Department of . . . MISSIONS

By C. W. CALDWELL

Everything is in readiness for the Evangelistic Conference which will open in Immanuel Church, Little Rock, January 26 at 7 p. m. The program has been mailed in a special bulletin to all the pastors with a card enclosed for them to check whether or not they desire a reservation.

There is a possibility of course that some of the preachers in the state did not get this special program and if so, we would like for them to send us a card stating whether or not they expect to attend and desire a reservation in a home. It will be necessary to do this at once in order for the card to get back to the office in time to have everything in proper order.

The entertainment in the home with bed and breakfast will be free. The luncheon Tuesday at noon will be furnished by Ouachita College. So, it will only be necessary for those who attend the conference to pay for three meals; Monday evening, Tuesday evening, and Wednesday at noon. Those staying in the hotels will take care of their own expenses.

The indications at present are that the attendance will be unusually large. The majority of those who have indicated that they will be present are pastors of rural churches. This is encouraging indeed. Special recognition will be given the associations which have every pastor present. Many churches have written that they are sending their pastor—providing all the expenses.

Centennial Year

Our Centennial Year is now upon us. It ought to be a great year of evangelism. The objective suggested at the state Convention was that we endeavor to win 25,000 souls to Christ during the year. Each church should make definite plans for evangelism and missionary services.

The articles in this week's issue of the Arkansas Baptist ought to inspire the pastors and church leaders to establish more missions. These missions may be begun by having first a mission revival. Certainly more than one revival ought to be held in one church. Let's get down to business for the Lord this year and make it a glorious one for Him.

Giving Aid

The Mission Committee met January 9 to consider all applications in regard to aid in supplementing pastor's salaries, associational missionaries, and building houses of worship. The large number of requests made it necessary for the committee to stay in session practically all day.

The committee was faced with the problem of trying to distribute the funds in an equitable and worthy manner. They found it impossible, however, to grant the full amount of every application. For instance, there is set up in the budget \$12,000 to supplement pastor's salaries in needy fields. The requests for such aid ran up to around \$20,000.

It was necessary to decrease the allocation to the churches which have been receiving help in the

Harry Rimmer Comes Again to Immanuel Church, Little Rock



DR. HARRY RIMMER
Hollywood, Calif.

Hear Him Speak . . .

January 25—February 1, 1948

He speaks at both Sunday services on January 25 and February 1, and each night of the week of January 26-30. He will speak on Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and 27, at the state Evangelistic Conference.

YOU ARE INVITED

Thank You From Austria

Among the most interesting of the scores of "thank you" letters being received daily at the Southern Baptist Relief Center, New Orleans, from the grateful recipients of relief goods sent overseas, is this one from a young Austrian boy.

If you would like to get a personal "thank you" note from the person receiving your gifts of clothing, bedding and shoes, write your name and complete address on several slips of paper and put them in the pockets of the garments and in the shoes.

Here is the letter:

"With many many thanks I received from my pastor at school some very useful things for me and my younger brother. I am so grateful to you, as I got a pullover and a pair of shoes and my brother a pullover and a shorts as well, just now at this hard wintertime the things are so very helpful to us.

"For us Austrian children it is a great pleasure to know that there are so many good people in America who want to help us over the terrible time. God bless you all for this kindness.

"Now I am going to tell you just a few things about us. I am eight years old going to the second class of the Elementar School. I am sure you are surprised about my writing in English, you see this is a little trick. I wrote in German and my auntie translated for me. Did she well? I hope she did!

"My brother is five years. We are two, what we call 'Styrian Boys.' I suppose you have not much heard about our country. Anyway we live in the second biggest town of Austria, its a very nice place.

"One thing I forgot to tell you, how I got your address. You see in one of the shoes in the last corner there was hidden the little note of yours so I had the opportunity to thank you personally.

"Well I once again thank you for your help and send my best regards to you all. I remain yours

As your thankful
H. P. Schweigert."

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Work for God Involves Deep Needs and Rich Experiences

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

I know a family that comes close to being ideal in their various relationships. One of the things that causes this family to so impress me is the fact that each child, along with the mother and the father, has his or her responsibility about the home. Those children have been trained to each carry his share of the work that must be done to maintain their standard of living. It is all done in a cheerful manner, that the home might be the best possible. Love abounds there. Isn't that as it should be?

Think of us as children of our Heavenly Father. Last week we studied our relationship to God. Our conclusion was: He is your Father, you are His child. This matchless position, this glorious privilege carries with it certain responsibilities. As children of our Father, should we not serve cheerfully and lovingly, that His Kingdom might be brought in and His name honored and glorified?

The Christian who has an idea that he should have his own way and do as he pleases is soon to realize an unhappy life and will of a certainty be a stumbling block to others and be displeasing to God. We in the family of God have a high and noble calling which is two-fold in character: the winning of the lost to Christ and the development and spiritual growth of believers.

We are to work with one another in harmony, confidence and love, always esteeming Christ and seeking His leadership and approval. We Christians are fellow-laborers for the Lord as His plan so lovingly reveals a place for human instrumentality.

Our Work

On this theme of work with God we are studying Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians, written perhaps on his third missionary journey. According to the 8th chapter of Acts, Paul spent a year and one-half in Corinth on his second journey; after that, while in Ephesus, in 58 or 59 A. D. Paul wrote his first letter to this church, a letter of rebuke and correction because of the carnal living of the Corinthian believers.

Some months later he wrote his second letter; it is not quite

Sunday School Lesson For January 25

II Corinthians 5:20-21; 6:1-10

as easily understood as the first, but we know it is of a highly personal nature for he speaks largely of himself, his hopes, plans and desires, and vigorously answers his enemies' charges against his character and apostolic authority. He has spoken at length in the fourth chapter and in the greater part of the fifth concerning his ministry.

In the latter portion of this fifth chapter he speaks of the marvelous position of a new creature (creation) in Christ as he is a mouthpiece of God to a lost world. God has made possible man's being a new creature by bringing about our reconciliation with Him. We are estranged from God because of our sinful nature. God brings about a mighty transaction, for in His love, He gave His Son that we might become reconciled to Him.

As Christians we are ambassadors for Christ, pleading with men to be reconciled to God through the Saviour. The 21st verse of the fifth chapter is said by many theologians to be one of the most perfect pictures of the atoning work of Christ in all the New Testament. We become the ambassadors of this Christ when we are reconciled to the righteousness of God.

The dictionary says, "An ambassador is a government agent of the highest rank, representing his country's interest as a foreign court." While we sojourn in this world, not truly our home, we are to represent the interests of our King in our homes, in the church, in our daily work and in our leisure time. It is no frivolous work; it is one of great importance to God and of abiding joy to the one who represents his Lord in a sincere and devoted service.

Paul quotes from Isaiah 49 in the second verse of our sixth chapter and shows that he and his followers are living in the light of the day of salvation which the

prophet foretold. The interpretation holds, also, that there is danger to men of all ages in delaying and that the need is for action in accepting God's salvation. We hold this important message in our hands; it must be given and men urged, entreated, and implored to not "neglect so great salvation."

Our Equipment

In verses three through ten of the sixth chapter Paul lists some 28 phrases concerning the qualifications of a true ambassador for Christ. An ambassador of the United States must meet certain requirements in order to fill his position. I am not familiar with all of them; but I do know he must be diplomatic, tactful, cautious, and kindly in his contacts with other people. It would cause a breach, perhaps, between his government and the one to which he is sent for him to be rude and clumsy in his dealings.

How often we turn men away from our Saviour because of just such conduct on our part! Certain educational requirements must be met to hold a diplomatic post in the government of our country. But, you know we do not have to be a college graduate or to possess certain talents in order to serve the Lord. We must be equipped with an humble and contrite heart and a yielded will that will allow our Master to develop the necessary Christian characteristics within us.

Certainly our equipment will carry information about the Word of our Lord, His dealings with man and some knowledge of the work expected of us. How careful we should be of our conduct, for the work is of none effect unless we can qualify according to God's standards.

"Giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed." Paul was speaking, not alone to ordained ministers but to all ministers of the reconciliation—to you and to me! Do we stop to realize when we lose our tempers, become impatient, bitter, complaining, depressed, or deceitful, and sometimes even impure that by our very inconsistency, we lead a soul to hell or weaken a Chris-

tian to such an extent that he loses all his usefulness?

Either the lost man or the unstable Christian seeks that which he may criticize in the Christian worker. How easily they sense our weaknesses and notice our faults. Paul urges us to be patient whatever the circumstance (verses 4-5), to be pure in heart and life, to be informed, filled with kindness and above all unfeigned love (verse 6). How much such Christians are needed today by Christ and His Church.

Our Rewards

We do not attempt to teach that the life of an ambassador for Christ is an easy one. On the contrary, it is a hard life, one often filled with sorrow and even suffering. Every Christian worker knows the sting of rebuff, feels the hurt of un-Christlike actions on the part of those he endeavors to lead, yearns over the lost, blinded soul who refuses to accept Christ.

Paul reminds us, however, of the victory possible through Christ, regardless of back-sets, rebukes, and evil men. Whether men speak evil or good, you notice that the church of God moves on. We are not to become discouraged nor take out on God because of men. How true it is, that even though we sorrow, we rejoice because of Jesus. Even though we are poor, yet we are in possession of all things through Christ.

Are you yielded to the will of God? Are you a sincere Christian? Are you an optimistic, happy servant of God? Do you daily commune with Him in prayer? Do you read His Word? Have you a clean life? These are tests to which each of us should submit ourselves. Through God's power we are able to perform our tasks in His service. He supplies our every need (Philippians 4:19).

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GREAT CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM!



Dr. C. W. Caldwell



Dr. Robert G. Lee

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, our state superintendent of missions, has arranged for a mighty conference on evangelism. The conference will be held in Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Dates are January 26, 27 and 28. It is expected that hundreds of preachers and other Christian workers will attend this conference.

Most of the Baptist conventions of the Southern states are putting on these conferences on evangelism this winter. Dr. C. E. Matthews, of the Home Mission Board, is not only giving his assistance in the conference, but is also pushing the evangelistic idea and practice among the leaders in all the Southern states.

Dr. Matthews is a great proponent of evangelism. His presence and part on the program will be a great contribution to the conference. Another outstanding Baptist leader on the program of this conference is Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of Calvary Church, New York City. One of his subjects is "Marching Orders of the Church."

Dr. Robert G. Lee, of Memphis, is another of our great Baptist leaders who will be on this program, and B. B. McKinney, of Nashville, Tenn., will conduct the music. These out-of-state Baptists, together with a number of our own leaders in the state, will quicken our spiritual interests, and deepen our evangelistic fervor.

Dr. Caldwell is making a great leader in the field of missions and evangelism in Arkansas. His is a lovable and congenial spirit. He loves lost souls, and he is a splendid director in the field of missions. He is a good preacher. He holds good revivals himself. We bespeak for him the unlimited cooperation and support of the brotherhood.

We urge our people to attend this great conference on evangelism. Several years have elapsed since we had a statewide conference on evangelism. We used to have them every summer in Arkadelphia. They proved to be valuable indeed in the promotion of evangelism and in the creation of a broader missionary spirit.

recognizing and celebrating the centennial occasion.

The Convention is working on elaborate plans and programs which will be announced shortly. We are working and praying for the greatest and best year that Baptists have ever had. We are planning for our Baptist people to have a one-day Convention session on the spot where the Convention was first

PROGRAM

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State-Wide Evangelistic Conference

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Immanuel Church, Little Rock
January 26-28

MONDAY NIGHT—JANUARY 26
C. W. Caldwell, presiding

7:00	Song Service	B. B. McKinney
7:20	Words of Welcome	W. O. Vaught, Jr.
7:30	Baptist Youth Choir	
7:45	Youth Evangelists	
8:30	Message	Harry Rimmer

TUESDAY MORNING—JANUARY 27
M. E. Wiles, presiding

9:00	Song Service	B. B. McKinney
9:15	Scripture Reading and Prayer	Hugh Owen
9:20	Message—"Our Main Mission"	Jesse Reed
10:00	Message—"The World Needs A Revival"	T. K. Rucker
10:40	Recess	
10:50	Message—"We Can Have a Revival"	R. C. Campbell
11:30	Special Music	
11:40	Message—"A Campaign for Concern"	R. G. Lee
12:30	Noon—Luncheon furnished by Ouachita College	

TUESDAY AFTERNOON—JANUARY 27
R. A. Hill, presiding

2:00	Song Service	B. B. McKinney
2:20	Scripture and Prayer	W. A. Lindsey
2:30	Conference	C. E. Matthews
3:15	Group Conferences	
3:45	Message—"Marching Orders of the Church"	W. Ward Ayer
4:30	Adjourn	

TUESDAY NIGHT—JANUARY 27
D. C. Bandy, presiding

7:00	Song Service	B. B. McKinney
7:20	Scripture and Prayer	John Whitlow
7:30	Message	Harry Rimmer
8:10	Special Music	
8:20	Message—"The Blight of Sin"	R. G. Lee

WEDNESDAY MORNING—JANUARY 28
C. W. Caldwell, presiding

9:00	Song Service	B. B. McKinney
9:20	Scripture and Prayer	L. C. Langley
9:30	Message—"The Holy Spirit in Evangelism"	B. V. Ferguson
10:00	Message—"Pray Ye"	E. C. Brown
10:30	Recess	
10:45	Message—"Heaven"	B. L. Bridges
11:30	Message—"Do the Work of An Evangelist"	W. Ward Ayer

Our Centennial Year

This is the Centennial year—the 100th anniversary of the organization of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. One hundred years ago, next September, the Convention was organized in the town of Tullip in south Arkansas. Arkansas Baptists this year are

organized, and then in our regular annual session of the Convention much recognition will be given to the 100 years of progress of the Baptist cause in Arkansas.

We had a great year in 1947. Elsewhere in this issue of the paper, the gains are being mentioned. We should have a much greater year in 1948.