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*Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.*

—LONGFELLOW

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Greatest Need of Brazil Is Christian Leaders

By O. K. AND MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

"These are our two greatest needs for Brazil: First, more missionaries from the United States. Second, more and more trained young Brazilian Baptists, ready to carry the gospel and Christian education to their own people."

Our host, Dr. John Mein, was speaking. This veteran preacher and teacher showed us about the North Brazil Seminary. Southern Baptists' North Brazil Mission centers here in Recife. In this, the nation's third largest city, one finds visible evidence of the harvest from seeds planted by the great pioneer missionaries to Brazil—the Bagbys, the Solomon Ginsburgs, the Nelsons, and the Maddoxes.

Southern Baptists staked a claim to Brazil in the name of Christ seventy years ago. Since then, our workers and their converts in this greatest of countries in South America have had to struggle against two allied forces—Catholicism and ignorance. Almost seventy per cent of all Brazilians are still illiterate. Our schools for Christian education are proof that some ground has been gained that will never be lost.

Here in Recife, three Baptist schools occupy a whole block in the residential section. Within the city limits are fifty-six Baptist churches. One school, known as Colegio Batista, includes grade school, high school, and junior college. The president is a stalwart Christian leader, Dr. Jose Alfredo Menezes, who was converted to the Baptist faith in the process of helping Missionary Onis Vineyard translate a book on Lottie Moon. They say that when Dr. Menezes strikes a knotty problem in administration, he says to himself, "Now what would Lottie Moon do in this situation?"

The school has an enrolment of one thousand students. Summer school was in session during our January visit. The elementary section has outgrown its quarters, and Missionary Katherine Cozzens is supervising the construction of a handsome two-story building for the school to enter by June.

The Training School, directed by Missionaries Maye Bell Taylor and Cathryn Smith, last year graduated ten young women into special Christian work, from a student

body of sixty. In December, 1947, Mildred Cox, then director, married Dr. Mein, president of the Seminary. Thus a professional partnership of sixteen years became a perpetual one.

The North Brazil Seminary trains pastors for service in the constantly expanding evangelistic program of this vast section of Latin America. Students range in age from 20 to 62; they are accepted only on recommendation of their churches and after careful examination.

One of Dr. Mein's sons, David, Th.D., of Louisville, is a member of the Seminary faculty. Harold Schaly, also a Louisville graduate, is a Brazilian member of the faculty. Dan Luper along with Mrs. Luper is engaged in language study with a view to seminary service.

Dr. Arnold E. Hayes is in Recife as mission treasurer handling the problems of international exchange, building costs, and so on. He and Mrs. Hayes know North Brazil from long service. Mrs. A. J. Terry, veteran of interior missions, teaches at the Training School. Here also are Joe and Mary Lee Underwood; he is serving under the State Convention as executive secretary, fostering fellowship and co-operation among the eighty-two churches of the Convention.

At Belem, Pan America's first Brazilian stop, we spent a morning with Missionaries Vance and Sue Vernon, and the P. D. Sullivans. At Fortaleza, we worshiped in the beautiful First Baptist Church, designed by Missionary Pastor Burton Davis and dedicated a year ago. At the night service the writer "preached" the sermon, with Davis interpreting. We visited the almost finished school building for a new Colegio Batista to be opened this spring.

Everywhere in North Brazil we found a restrained optimism. Facilities and equipment for acute needs of long standing are being provided and the Advance Program promises more. As we fight illiteracy and superstition with evangelism and education, we are winning adults and young people in Brazil to an intelligent understanding of the Bible, and a faith in the living Lord.

Implications of Our Deeds

A Devotion by the Editor

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Could those people, for whom Jesus made this request, have known the implications of their deeds they doubtless would have been stricken with fear for so base a deed as were committing. Instead they probably laughed at the words of Jesus, considering that they knew quite well what they were doing.

How little those persons, who crucified Jesus, have become in comparison with the figure whom they nailed to the cross that day! How foolish they are seen to be in the light of the Wisdom of the Cross! How dark their understanding, when we think of the revelation of Calvary!

During recent years we have heard much about chain re-action. Only a very few persons among us know what is meant by chain re-action with reference to the Atomic bomb. But it is easy to discover and to understand chain re-action with reference to the deeds of our lives. A deed which affects other human beings sets in motion a series of deeds, actions, and re-actions which continue indefinitely, even when the original deed and the doer may be forgotten. In fact, I wonder if a deed can ever be stopped! No matter how insignificant or obscure the deed may be, if it touches another human life, its influence for either good or evil can never be stopped.

Literally, we do not know what we are doing day by day. That is, we do not know how far the influence of our deeds will go, how many people will be influenced by our deeds or to what degree.

If all the results of one day's deeds could be flashed on the screen, what would be our re-action to it? We would doubtless rejoice over some things we would see, we would weep over others, we would hide our faces in shame from others.

Perhaps such a vision would spread such a pall over life that we could not endure it. God has spared us the full and complete vision of our deeds and their implications, lest we should die of fright at the awful consequences revealed. Yet that is no reason for living a life of careless indifference to the consequences of our deeds. The very thought of the far reaching effects of our daily deeds should sober us, and discipline us, and guide us in our daily conduct; it should cause us to seek daily the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, and the companionship of Jesus.

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23: 33, 34.

Ever Attend A World Baptist Congress?

By DR. LOUIE D. NEWTON

I am asking for the attention of those who have not attended a session of the Baptist World Alliance—those who have attended even one such Congress will join me in urging you to consider the rare opportunity which you have to attend the Eighth World Baptist Congress this summer, July 22-27, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Notice that I refer to this as the eighth such Congress, and this is the third one to be held in the United States. You will not, probably, have an opportunity to attend another World Congress in the United States for some time. The ninth Congress is already scheduled for London, in 1955.

An Altogether Unique Experience

Attending a World Baptist Congress is an altogether unique experience. I have attended five of the seven Congresses thus far held—in Stockholm in 1923, Toronto in 1928, Berlin in 1934, Atlanta in 1939, and Copenhagen in 1947. I would not have missed any of these experiences for any other possible investment of the time and money involved. And that is the way you will feel about the Congress in Cleveland, after you get home.

There is something about these World Congresses of Baptists that you can't put into words—an atmosphere of universality—fellow-Baptists from yonder and yonder, across and around the earth, who love our blessed Lord, and, therefore, who love us and all their brother and sister Baptists of every tongue and every race.

"The Light Shineth in the Darkness"

And not only the people, but the program will prove inspiring. The theme for the Cleveland Congress, July 22-27, is: "The Light Shineth in the Darkness." See what it does to you just to read it! Now, imagine fellow-Baptists from all over the world, gathered in Cleveland this July, thinking together, singing together, praying together, with this encompassing theme ever in our hearts—"The Light Shineth in the Darkness."

Make your plans right now to attend the Congress in Cleveland. Application should be made and fee paid to: Dr. D. R. Sharpe, Chairman, 900 Schofield Building, Cleveland 15, Ohio.

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From the Editor's Desk

Honoring The Deacon

Why shouldn't we honor the deacon? He should be an honorable man, worthy of the highest respect and the full confidence of the membership, and the community at large.

The office of deacon is an honorable position and deserves to be filled by honorable men. Every man who is chosen by his church to fill this position should consider it one of the greatest honors within the power of the church to bestow, and excelled only by the honor of the ministry.

Having paid tribute to the honor of the office of the deacon and to the honorable men who fill that office, we hasten to say that no church should elect any man to the deaconship for the purpose of honoring him, and no man should accept the office because of the honor attached to it; honor comes as a result and is not a cause. When the honor attached to the deaconship becomes the cause for the action of the church in setting apart any man to this office, or when the honor becomes the cause for accepting the position by any man, then the deaconship is used for the glory of man and not for the glory of God.

A Service Position

The office of the deacon is a service position. The word itself means "servant." This fact, borne out by every scripture reference concerning the deacon, destroys all ground for the assumption that deacons are appointed to "run" the church. The deacons are to serve the church and not to boss it. They are to work in co-operation with the pastor, but they have no authority over him.

Since the deaconship is a position of service, and if for any reason a deacon should be disqualified or incapacitated for service, he should resign; and if he does not voluntarily resign, the church should remove him from office.

Limited space will not permit discussion of all the conditions which might disqualify or incapacitate a deacon for the service involved. It will be sufficient to call attention to a few of these conditions. Age or physical infirmities may render one incapable of performing the service of a deacon. One's employment may make it impossible for him to serve as a deacon. One's personal life and practices may disqualify him for the office. It should be said categorically that when for any reason a person becomes disqualified for the office, or incapable of assuming the responsibilities involved in the office of a deacon, he should be honorable enough to resign voluntarily, and if he does not, the church should have the wisdom and courage to remove him from office, and should do it in the spirit of Christian love, and in the interest of the church and kingdom progress.

Zealous Service is Necessary

Again, since the deaconship is a position of service, deacons should be interested, active, and informed in all phases of church

and denominational life, activities, organizations, and programs. It is unthinkable that any man should serve as a deacon, if he will not be active in, and inform himself on, the organization and operation of all the organizations of the church—Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union. How can one serve the church when he is ignorant of any one or more of these vital phases of church life and activity, and is not interested enough to actively promote them?

When the church organizations and the church program advances beyond the information, the vision, the interest, and the participation of the deacons, it is time for the church to get a new set of deacons, men who will stay out ahead and not fall behind the advance of the church.

Denominational Insight Necessary

What is said concerning the deacons with reference to the church organizations and the church program should also be said with reference to the denominational program. No deacon can serve his church well unless he informs himself on the agencies and institutions of the denomination, both state and south-wide.

Perhaps one reason it is so difficult to get our churches to increase their allocations to the denominational program is because the laymen, and particularly the deacons, have not informed themselves about the denominational program sufficiently to be vitally interested in it. We dare to assert that, if the deacons of every Baptist church in Arkansas would diligently study the work of the denomination both in Arkansas, throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory, and to the ends of the earth, we would experience no further difficulty in adequately supporting that program and greatly expanding it.

If deacons are to serve the church as they should, they will be out in front, in interest and in zeal, for the spread of the gospel throughout the world. And to that end the deacon will be a faithful steward, tithing his income for the Lord. How can deacons lead their churches in stewardship, if they themselves do not practice the minimum stewardship requirement and give a tithe to God's cause.

Once more, deacons, in order to serve their churches effectively, should study Baptist doctrines, and doctrines which have made Baptists distinctive and have inspired them in the development of what is, perhaps, the most unique, comprehensive, and effective program known among evangelical denominations.

Help or Hindrance

It is an unfortunate situation, to say the least, when other groups in the church are more mission-minded than the deacons. In such case, the deacons constitute a drag on

Do Thou Likewise

The Baptist Standard of Texas has received a gift of \$100,000 from an unnamed donor to become the beginning of an endowment fund and the donor will receive a life annuity from the gift.

The gift was revealed by Editor David M. Gardner during dedication ceremonies for the new Baptist Standard Building on January 9. We congratulate the Baptist Standard upon this generous gift and also upon the completion of their \$216,777 building. We believe that such a gift to the **Arkansas Baptist** would be worthy of the consideration of some generous hearted Baptist in our state. Such a gift would minister through the medium of the **Arkansas Baptist** to thousands of readers throughout the state, year after year.

What better way could one find to bear his testimony perpetually and to literally thousands of people than through the pages of his state paper. Think about it, won't you?

Demolishing Our Roads

The tax-paying public should wake up to the fact that the heavy commercial trucking is destroying our major highways at an alarming rate. It is only necessary to follow one of the big box-car trucks on the highway to realize the damage that these monsters are doing to our state highway system.

Our state government can spend its millions on the highways and allow these heavy-duty trucks to continue using our highways as they now are and the probability is that we will have no better roads in the future than we have at present.

There is ample evidence that these great trucks do not bear their share of the taxes necessary to build and maintain our highways. How much longer the general taxpayers will stand for this sort of thing is not known, but certainly we should awake to the situation and seek remedial measures.

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James L. Kraft, Baptist layman of Chicago, now the world's largest manufacturer of cheese, reached the brink of bankruptcy when he suddenly realized he had left God out. He repented, took God into partnership, began to tithe, and now he is giving much of his time to persuading business men to take God into partnership through tithing.

the progress of the church. Obviously, the office of the deacon was not instituted to retard the progress of the church, to keep it in ignorance of the great Bible doctrines, and to restrict the operations of the church. Just the opposite is true. And when deacons are unwilling to be servants of the church, and so minister to the progress of the church and the promotion of its program, they should step down and let others fill the position who will fulfill the obligations of the deaconship.

We have known wonderful deacons who have measured up to the high and holy responsibilities of their office. We pay tribute to them. But we would not fail to lay upon the heart of every deacon in Arkansas a sense of the responsibility of his office and we would challenge him to fulfill the office of the deacon with his best thought, his best energies, and his consecrated manhood.

Kingdom Progress

Educational Building at Fayetteville



First Church, Fayetteville, and Pastor Walter L. Johnson celebrated Sunday, January 29, by moving into their new educational building, the first additional building to be made to their church plant since the construction of the present auditorium in 1908.

The new three-story brick and tile structure has seventy-six rooms, providing complete facilities for the Training Union and Sunday School departments, to take care of nine hundred persons; six office rooms, a Boy Scout room; modern kitchen, and kitchenette.

The building cost \$125,000, and new equipment was purchased in the sum of \$10,000, including five new pianos; two electric refrigerators; eight hundred chairs; one hundred tables; and office equipment.

Dr. Williamson Led In Enlargement Campaign

Dr. Edgar Williamson, director of the Department of Religious Education, led in a week of study from January 22 to January 29. The following faculty assisted Dr. Williamson: The adult conference was led by Frank Shamburger of Little Rock; Young People, Phillip Harris of Fort Worth, Texas; Intermediate, Mrs. Kenneth Brown of Fort Smith; Junior, Mrs. Rhea G. Smith of Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Primary, Mrs. J. E. Humphrey of Little Rock; Beginner, Mrs. Edgar Williamson of Little Rock; Nursery,

Miss Carolyn Madison of Jackson, Mississippi; Cradle Roll, Mrs. B. L. McCants of Little Rock. Mrs. J. E. Humphrey also led afternoon conferences for workers in the Extension Department. All of these workers made splendid contributions in the great task.

The Sunday School organization as set up now includes nineteen departments with 156 teachers and officers. Of this total, sixty-six were newly enlisted before or during the enlargement campaign; a new high Sunday School attendance record of 888 was reached.

The services on Sunday morning, January 29, were a real blessing to all. The whole Sunday School, with the exception of the Nursery workers and children, assembled in the main auditorium at 9:15. Dr. Williamson led in completely grading the Sunday School from the youngest to the oldest. He also led in a beautiful dedication service for the staff of teachers and officers.

Dr. John W. Raley, President of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, brought a challenging and inspiring message on the subject, "Investments and Dividends."

The morning service was concluded with the taking of the Victory Love Offering for the building fund. The goal of \$6,000 for the day was exceeded.

Herbert McGlamery is director of Religious Education for the church.

Honoring Dr. Selph

The Tarrant County Baptist Executive Board, Fort Worth, Texas, in a recent meeting adopted resolutions expressing appreciation for the outstanding work of Dr. Bernes K. Selph as pastor of the Gambrell Street Church of Fort Worth, and also commended him to the pastorate of the First Church, Benton, and to the fellowship of Arkansas Baptists.

Dr. Selph recently resigned the pastorate of the Gambrell Street Church in Fort Worth to accept work with the First Church, Benton.

While pastor of the Fort Worth church, Dr. Selph led the church in the erection of a new church auditorium and educational building. And a church cottage was built at Camp Copass, a district Baptist encampment.

Pastoral Changes

Pastor L. Y. Lewis has resigned the pastorate of the Hunter Church, Woodruff County Association, to accept the pastorate of Montrose Church, Delta Association.

Pastor T. N. Shaddox of First Church, Dumas, announces that Luther Freeman has accepted the position of Mission pastor and has moved on the field at Cypress Creek to assume his duties as the pastor of Cypress Creek Mission and the Johnson's Chapel Mission.

Pastor Ewell M. Logue has resigned the pastorate of the Johnson Church, Washington-Madison Association, and will move to California. He will be located temporarily at 1456 Maple Street, Santa Ana, California.

Seefeldt In Dallas



Superintendent Harold Seefeldt, Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello, Arkansas, is talking to Superintendent Edgar E. Blake of Missouri during the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children, in Dallas, composed of administrative officers of the Baptist Children's Homes in the Southern Baptist Convention.

O'Neal At Jonesboro

Pastor W. B. O'Neal of Batesville was with Pastor Reece Howard of Central Church, Jonesboro in a week's meeting at Woodrow Street Mission, the week of January 22 to 29. There were fifteen professions of faith and additions to the church by baptism.

Leachville Church Has New Building

Pastor B. W. Pierce and Leachville Church moved into a brand new church plant on January 22, building of which was begun in June, 1948.

The \$33,000 brick veneered building is complete with Sunday School rooms, a fellowship hall, modern kitchen, and office space. It has been furnished with new pews and pulpit furniture.

Pastor Pierce has been with the Leachville Church two years; "He worked untiringly with the building committee, and gave much valuable advice, taken from knowledge gained in several building programs of the past," says W. W. Cox, Chairman of the Deacons.

Hot Springs Church Has Ordination Service

Five deacons were ordained by the Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, on Sunday afternoon January 22. Those ordained were, Robert Taylor, Delmer Jackson, Louie Bright, James Walker, and Oscar Finch. Pastor W. W. Dishongh, of the Park Place Church conducted the examination of the candidates and Pastor Clyde Hart of Central Church preached the ordination sermon. Horace Marks is pastor of the Grand Avenue Church.

Nimrod Ordains Deacons

The First Church, Nimrod, ordained Paul Miller and Marcus Floyd to the Deaconship on Sunday afternoon, January 29. The ordaining council was composed of twenty pastors and deacons from neighboring churches. Missionary H. D. Palmer acted as Moderator, and Perry Corder served as Clerk. C. S. Womack examined the candidates, E. F. Simmons offered the ordaining prayer and Dr. C. W. Caldwell preached the ordination sermon.

1950 Simultaneous Revival

The associated press has released stories about the Hollywood movie actors and actresses turning to religion. If we are not mistaken, these people were reached in the great revival in which Billy Graham, 31 year old Baptist evangelist, did the preaching. It was perhaps the greatest revival the Pacific Coast has experienced.

A similar revival was held by the same preacher in Boston with 3,000 conversions.

What is the secret of these revivals, people are asking? That is what Texas Baptists wanted to know, so they sent Dr. Wade Freeman, Superintendent of Evangelism in Texas, to Boston to spend a week in observing and studying that great revival.

On his return home, he said something like the following: "I have heard a thousand men who can preach just as well as Billy Graham. He is fine, but the secret lies in the thorough organization for prayer and personal work."

Several months before those two revivals began, there were organizers in the cities getting the churches thoroughly organized and proper publicity given. Laymen, women, and young people were all lined up in a definite way. Cottage prayer meetings were held in all sections of the cities for weeks before and during the revivals. That is why so many people were won.

For this same reason, we urge every association and church to organize thoroughly for the revivals, April 9-23. Train the soul winners. Conduct cottage prayer meetings. Publicize the revival.

-C. W. Caldwell

Murfreesboro Music School

First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, conducted a School of Church Music, the week beginning January 29. There were sixty-five people enrolled in the school with an average daily attendance of forty-five. The state director, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, was there to do the teaching, and worked with a large Junior group in the afternoon, and the Youth and Adult groups at night. Twelve people qualified for awards in "Practical Music Lessons."

This church is planning to send a Youth Choir to the Festival at Ouachita College on March 31.

Woodruff Association Hymn-Sing

On Sunday afternoon, February 5, First Church, Augusta, was host to the regular Quarterly Hymn-Sing for Woodruff Association. Although many communities were isolated because of high water, there were 140 people in attendance at the Sing, representing nine churches. Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state music director, conducted the afternoon program, Theme, "Singing with Grace in Your Heart to the Lord." Three groups of congregational numbers formed the basis of the program, and were interspersed with special numbers by the following choirs: Cotton Plant, Gregory, Pleasant Grove and Augusta. Tupelo, New Hope, Raynor's Grove and Riverside were represented by duets.

C. S. Ramseyer presided over the business session of the meeting. Miss Jean Marie Candlish was organist, and Mrs. E. T. Thompson, pianist at the Augusta Church, accompanied the singers.

Make Reservation For Baptist Alliance

Have you made your reservation for the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, July 22 to 27. You should make application for Hotel or home reservation through the committee on housing. A registration fee of \$5 should accompany your request for reservation. Address your request for reservation to Dr. D. R. Sharpe, 900 Schofield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Temperance Forces Unite

The Temperance League of America, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., and the National Temperance Movement, Inc., with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, on January 26 and 27, in Chicago, voted to unite in one great temperance movement in America under the name National Temperance League, Inc. The unification will be completed at the Biennial Convention later this year, and united operation will be a reality not later than January 1, 1951.

Due to legal technicalities, several months of active work in integrating the two programs will be required. Major Clayton M. Wallace, General Superintendent of the Temperance League of America, and Herbert H. Parish, Administrative Director of the National Temperance Movement, Inc., are already at work on plans for immediate united action.

New Building At Strong

First Church at Strong is making steady progress along all lines. A contract for a Youth Building has been let and work begun. Ground breaking ceremonies were conducted on Sunday afternoon, January 29, when Deacons Frank Gathright and Roy Hill turned the first shovels of dirt for the building. Sunday School and Training Union attendance is steadily increasing. The regular offerings are in excess of the budget requirements each week and during the month of January four thousand dollars in cash was raised for the new building. Pastor R. O. Ekrut said, "Our people are tithing and are happy as they do it." Pastor Ekrut and the Strong Church are planning a special program for March 5. It will be the beginning of the pastors fourth year with the Strong church. Lucien Coleman will be the guest speaker for the day. The church will ordain two deacons and they hope to have the new building ready for dedication on that day. Pastor Ekrut says, "I am thoroughly convinced that the Arkansas Baptist is contributing a lot toward helping our members to grow and become more effective as workers in our church."

Red River Hymn-Sing

Red River Association met with First Church, Prescott, for their regular Quarterly Hymn-Sing on Sunday afternoon, January 29. There were 135 people present representing ten churches. The theme of the program was "Evangelism in Song." Congregational singing was emphasized and several churches brought special numbers. The next Hymn-Sing will be with the Richwoods Church on Sunday, April 30.

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The population of the United States has almost exactly doubled since 1900, with an estimated 150,500,000 on January 1.

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

Ouachita Objectives For 1950

In a recent chapel program Dr. S. W. Eubanks, president of Ouachita College, outlined his objectives for 1950. Below are some excerpts from his speech:

I. Completion and equipping new Library and Science Building.

We now have money on hand and in sight to pay the contractor, but we do not have funds for equipping the new buildings. To do a complete job \$80,000 is needed for the Science Building, and \$22,000 is needed for equipment of the new Riley Library.

II. Strengthen college program to fully meet accrediting agency.

The increase of the Cooperative Program will help greatly in achieving this objective. Weak places in our program are faculty salaries, additional faculty, collection of library books, and repair and maintenance of buildings.

III. To fulfill urgent need for new administration building.

The Old Main Fund now stands at \$85,000. We should find a way to erect a complete building, or at least use funds we have for a unit to be added to later.

Dr. Eubanks gave the following as an up-to-date list of the furniture needed for the new library:

20 tables	_____	\$50 each
150 chairs	_____	\$11 each
3 dictionary stands	_____	\$50 each
2 executive tables	_____	\$75 to \$100 each
Rare book case	_____	\$250
Filing cabinets	_____	\$30 each

-The Ouachita Signal

Curtis O. Bryant Ordained

Curtis O. Bryant of Little Rock, Arkansas, was ordained to full gospel ministry at Lake City Baptist Church on Sunday, December 18, 1949.

Dr. A. M. Norton, pastor of the Lake City church was moderator; James Fitzgerald, Jonesboro, delivered the charge; J. I. Cossey, Professor of Missions and Promotions, conducted the examination, and Dr. H. E. Williams, president of Southern Baptist College, delivered the sermon.

Mr. Bryant is a student in Southern Baptist College, and is pastor of the Bowman Baptist Church.

Canfield Church Ordains Deacons

Canfield Baptist Church, Dr. L. T. Wallace, pastor, ordained their first deacons Sunday afternoon, January 29. They were Clarendon Williams, Winfred Ward, William Smeltzer, and George Gaston. Loyd Hunnicutt, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Magnolia, preached the sermon.



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February 19—Subject:

"Do You Sleep Well?"

Stations in Arkansas:

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

*** Christian Horizons ***

Charges Government Trends Endanger Religious Freedom: Religious and other liberties are imperiled by the rising cost and increasing centralization of government, the Presbytery of Philadelphia was told here by United States Senator Edward Martin, Pennsylvania Republican.

Senator Martin, who spoke before the largest Presbytery (178 churches) in the Presbyterian (U. S. A.) denomination, as an elder of his hometown church in Washington, Pennsylvania, urged church people to "rise up and fight big and costly centralized government."

He declared that while the population had hardly more than doubled in 50 years, the cost of government had increased more than 40-fold. In 20 years, he added, the number of Federal employes has tripled.

"We are becoming a people looking for government hand-outs, while too many people support demagogues for office who offer benefits and gifts that come out of the people's money," he said.

"Our founding fathers, as they framed this government here in Philadelphia, feared such centralization. They knew it could destroy initiative, opportunity and individual freedom."

"When we have socialized medicine, Federal control of education, Federal regulation of agriculture and government competition with business and industry, all controlled by Washington bureaucrats, then we will have lost our freedom."

Mississippi Churchmen Form United Drys: Church and civic leaders in Jackson, Mississippi, have organized the United Drys of Mississippi to fight liquor legalization in the state.

The new group was formed almost simultaneously with the introduction in the state legislature of a bill to legalize liquor.

It is the co-operative effort of Mississippi's Methodist and Baptist boards of temperance, the W. C. T. U., and the Temperance League of Mississippi. Besides Methodists and Baptists, the board of directors of the United Drys includes Presbyterians and Disciples.

Meanwhile, a petition to Governor Fielding Wright and members of the legislature to support and strengthen the state's dry laws is being circulated among Mississippi's churches.

Church people are also being urged to attend a scheduled public hearing on the liquor bill, to pay the poll tax, and to register for voting.

The new group has also appealed to church people to give the dry campaign financial support. This would be in addition to the long-range work already being supported through the Mississippi Church Council for Alcohol Education.

Believes National Revival Near: Greater interest in organized religion was prevalent among St. Joseph, Missouri citizens during 1949, according to Dr. Adiel J. Moncrief, president of the St. Joseph Council of Churches. He said there was increased church attendance and more active participation in local religious activities throughout the year.

Dr. Moncrief said four factors were mainly responsible for the increased interest in local religious activities:

(1) A Go-to-Church campaign conduct-

ed by the city's Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

(2) The Advertising Council campaign which stressed spiritual recovery.

(3) The increased efficiency and enlarged program of the St. Joseph Council of Churches, directed for the first time by an employed executive secretary.

(4) An awakened spiritual interest among people and their heartfelt need for religion.

"The increase of interest in religion locally follows closely the trend of spiritual awakening among people all over the country, which indicates we are coming to another historic time of national revival," Dr. Moncrief said.

Reports Big Participation in Religion Campaign: More than 2,000 communities took part in the 1949 Religion in American Life campaign.

Earle B. Pleasant, national director of the United Church Canvass, said the results of the project—the first effort on behalf of religion in which business and advertising co-operated through the Advertising Council—had "exceeded all expectations."

Mr. Pleasant reported that 5,187 poster boards were used to carry the message "Find Yourself Through Faith, Come to Church this Week." In addition, there were 335 network and 30 regional radio programs, and 3,000 advertisements in 481 newspapers carrying the same theme.

Charlotte and Atlanta Contend for Seminary: The Christian Index said this week that Charlotte and Atlanta were the leading contenders for the new theological seminary to be established in the southeast.

The Georgia Baptist paper added, however, that should North Carolina Baptists make immediate plans to move Wake Forest College to Winston-Salem and make that campus available, it would receive favorable consideration.

A sub-committee charged with recommending a southeastern site is to meet in Birmingham, February 21, and receive formal offers from competing cities.

The sub-committee has agreed that minimum requirements for the bidding cities will include a 100-acre tract and \$1,000,000. The Index, without quoting its authority, said Atlanta and Charlotte were the only two cities prepared to meet these minimum requirements.

Find One Man Can Stop Gambling: It takes only one man to stop gambling, the Kenton County Protestant Association said in a statement released in Covington, Kentucky.

Praising the fight of Sheriff Henry A. Berndt on gambling in the county, the association said:

"By his single-handed action he has proven that the sheriff—one man—can control and demand law enforcement. That, in itself, contradicts the mistaken adage that 'it can't be done.'"

The association criticized the practice of prosecuting gambling cases in the county courts. Such prosecution is "nothing less than a compromise," the group said, and "serves to protect violators from the rigors of grand-jury investigation."

Sheriff Berndt recently ordered his deputies to halt all gambling in Kenton County.

A Smile or Two

"Lydia is clever!"
"Nonsense! She only makes people think she is."

"Well, isn't that clever?"
—Baptist Observer

A Texan was trying to impress upon a Bostonian the valor of the heroes of the Alamo.

"I'll bet you never had anybody so brave around Boston," said the Texan.

"Did you ever hear of Paul Revere?" asked the Bostonian.

"Paul Revere?" said the Texan. "Isn't that the guy who ran for help?"

—Exchange

Wife: "Dear, I simply must do some shopping today. What does the paper say about the weather?"

Husband: "Rain, hail, sleet, snow, thunder, lightning, followed by a tornado."

—Biblical Recorder

"And what," someone asked the candidate, "will you do if you are elected?"

"Good gracious!" exclaimed the startled candidate, "What will I do if I'm not?"

—Exchange

"I hear your boy has a gift for recitation, Mrs. Jones."

"Yes, indeed, he has," said the doting mother. "His uncle says that all he needs to finish him off is a course in electrocution."

—Exchange

At the football game, the boss suddenly came in behind the office boy, and tapped him on the shoulder.

"So this is your uncle's funeral?"
"Looks like it," the quick-witted youngster replied. "He's the referee down there."

—Quote

An elderly lady was browsing through a bookshop. The young man clerk walked over to assist her. Reaching up on the shelf he pulled down a book which turned out to be James Arnold's Kentucky Cardinal. He opened it saying, "Maybe you would like this."

"No," she replied, "I'm not interested in religious matters."

"But this," he corrected, "was a bird."
"Well," she said, "I don't care anything about his private life, either!"

—Quote

When a prominent man loses his mental balance it's occupational fatigue, but when a poor man has the same trouble he's nuts.

—Church Bulletin

Motorist: "I ran over your cat, but I came to replace it."

Lady: "Very well, but are you sure you can catch mice?"

—Quote

The schoolmaster stood with his back to the fireplace on a winter morning and addressed good advice to the pupils before starting the day's lesson.

"Before you speak, think. Count to fifty before you can say anything important; 100 if it is very important."

The lips of the pupils were moving in unison, and suddenly they burst forth in chorus:

"Ninety-nine, one hundred! Your coattails are on fire, sir!"

—Western Recorder

News Flashes

By PORTER ROUTH

The Citizens Committee of Massachusetts, Inc., has estimated that a possible \$31.5 billion is spent each year in the U. S. in gambling on races, sports, number pools, and slot machines. They estimate there were 100,000 bookmakers in the U. S. dealing in off-track betting.

Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel Prize winner at the University of Chicago, told a New York audience that it had been reported regarding the proposed hydrogen bomb "if such bombs were dropped off the Pacific Coast of the United States, the prevailing winds would carry the radioactivity over the country and would result in the extinction of all forms of life."

The M. D. Anderson Foundation in Houston, Texas, has given \$1,500,000 toward the erection of a charity hospital in the Texas Medical Center in Houston. H. R. Cullen, Houston oil man, has given \$1,500,000 for the project.

It is estimated that New York has 500,000 alcoholics, and each one costs his community about \$1,500 annually.

Vatican officials have been encouraged to believe that Franklin C. Gowen, assistant to Myron C. Taylor, will return to Rome after consultation with State Department officials. Mrs. Gowen is remaining in Rome while her husband goes to Washington.

Dr. W. E. Richardson has been elected president of Cumberland University, Tennessee Baptist College located at Lebanon.

There were 27,286 churches which reported to Southern Baptist associations during 1949. This compares with 26,822 churches reporting in 1948.

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas, has voted to affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention. The church has voted to retain its relationship with the Northern Baptist Convention. George D. McClellan is the pastor.

Dr. Walter Arthur Maier, Lutheran Hour preacher, died on January 11 in St. Louis.

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Baptist Hour Records Available

More and more non-ABC stations all over the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention are asking for records of the weekly Baptist Hour broadcasts.

During the past month the Radio Commission has been adding stations at the rate of about one every other day. There are now 157 stations broadcasting the Baptist Hour each Sunday. Of the 157, there are 61 stations taking the program every week by transcription. Almost all of these (54) are carried on a sustaining basis.

The Radio Commission has announced that regular recordings of all the Baptist Hour broadcasts are available to any stations that will schedule the program on a sustaining basis. The Commission has been anxious for some time to give every station desiring the programs an opportunity to have them. This objective has now been accomplished, and transcriptions will be sent without cost to any radio outlets requesting them.

Pastors or stations interested in this service may write, wire or phone the Radio Commission in Atlanta. Ask for Dupree Jordan, Assistant Director.

Books Received

Eternal Values in Religion

Author: James Bissett Pratt
 Publisher: Macmillan Company
 Price: \$2.00

James Bissett Pratt was one of the most eminent religious psychologists of our times. In the present book he clearly evidences both the questing mind of the scientist and the fervent spirit of the believer. While the book is made up of a group of seven essays, through it all runs the theme that man's purpose on earth should be a voyage of discovery into the spiritual world, a quest to come nearer to the Creator of the universe.

Growth in Prayer

Author: Constance Garrett
 Publisher: Macmillan Company
 Price: \$2.00

Why do we pray? The purpose of this stimulating book is to teach greater appreciation of prayer as communion with God, as opposed to the childish idea of prayer as merely asking for what we want. The reader is carried into the deeper reaches of prayer, the kind of prayer which transforms and activates every phase of life.

Nineteen Missionary Stories from the Middle East

Author: Basil Miller
 Publisher: Zondervan
 Price: \$1.50

These are thrilling, true accounts of zealous missionaries who carried the Cross of Christ and planted it in foreign lands. As you read of these soldiers of the Cross who labored and suffered—and died—that people starved for the Gospel might know the true and only way of salvation, your soul will be stirred to its depths.

Mel Trotter

Author: Fred C. Zarfus
 Publisher: Zondervan
 Price: \$1.50

Senator Arthur H. Vanderberg says, "Mel Trotter was my precious friend. He put spiritual stimulation into every life he touched. He marched for God and in His name he richly served his fellowmen. Countless souls have good reason to bless his memory."

These My Brethren

Author: Ralph A. Felton
 A Study of 570 Negro Churches and 1,542 Negro homes in the Rural South.

Palestine, a Missionary Color Book for Children

Authors: Theodore W. Engstrom-Paul Hubbard
 Publisher: Zondervan
 Price: \$.35.

Baptists, Hold That Line

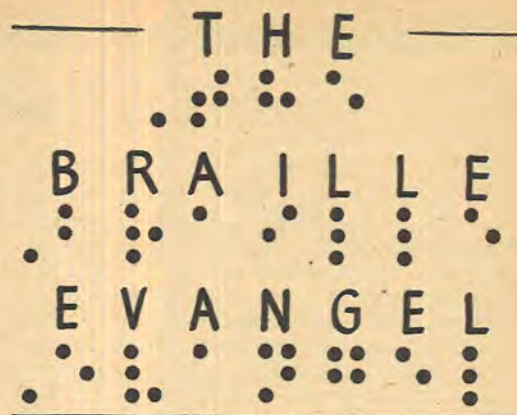
Author: M. E. Ramay
 Price: \$1.00
 Available at Baptist Book Store

Dr. Ramay sets forth in his book the basis for the interpretation of its constitution relative to seating messengers by Oklahoma Baptist Convention. He discusses alien immersion, open communion, and federal grants for Baptist institutions.

Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University says, "This is a good book and one which I believe we need distributed extensively throughout the Southern Baptist Convention."

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There is never any peace for those who resist God.



To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.—ISAIAH 42:7

Last year **The Braille Evangel**, Fort Worth, Texas, received \$9,354.70 in volunteer donations from 652 Southern Baptist churches and individuals; \$14.35 is the average amount of these gifts. We are indeed grateful for the privilege of this special ministry, which has been so greatly implemented by the gifts of Southern Baptist friends.

This religious monthly magazine for the blind has carried the unspeakable riches of the Christian gospel to a host of people throughout the world in every walk of life. Letters from our reading constituency have brought heart-warming stories of Christian fellowship and service inspired by the messages of **The Braille Evangel**.

The **Braille Evangel** is a world-wide literary mission enterprise for those who must read with their fingers. Currently we need your financial support. A gift of \$10 will support four subscriptions for one year.

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Better Writers For Better Baptist Papers

By G. S. DOBBINS

That the health and growth of the denomination depends in large measure on our state papers is evident to any student of our Baptist life. What circulation is to the human body, these papers are to our Baptist body.

A great daily newspaper has at its masthead, "All the news that's fit to print." Obviously much that comes in to the editor of a religious paper is not, in the form in which it is received, "fit to print." Some of it may have no place in a religious journal; much of it must be virtually re-written before it reaches the standard set by a conscientious editor.

The near-despair of the editor is the neglect or refusal of men to write who have something most worthwhile to say. "I can preach," runs the typical excuse, "but I just can't write." The fact is that any man who preaches well can write well if he masters a few simple principles.

May not the editor lay some of the blame for his difficulties on the seminaries? In every seminary heavy stress is laid on teaching students to preach, but traditionally little has been done to teach them to write for the denominational press. Growing realization of this neglect and need has led to the instituting of a course in Southern Seminary listed in the catalogue as "The Ministry of Writing."

A Comprehensive Bible Analysis on . . .

Repentance and Faith

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By JAMES H. LANDES, *Pastor*
First Baptist Church,
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We are living in an age of mental confusion. There have been so many surprising discoveries, so many startling inventions, so many new combinations within the past few years that many minds are hopelessly bewildered. The impression has gone abroad that Christianity is not what it used to be—that the Bible is not the book it was when it was young; that old doctrines have been discredited, or at least modified; that the church is not so important any longer. It is, therefore, entirely fitting in a great convention to consider the cardinal doctrines of our faith.

Even a hasty glance at the New Testament will convince us that repentance and faith are matters of vital importance. "There are many terms used in the New Testament to describe the experience of becoming a Christian. Perhaps the essential elements are summed up in the two terms 'Repentance' and 'Faith.' One has to do with sin; the other has to do with the Savior. The inward turning from sin is repentance. The turning to Christ as Savior is faith. Each implies the other. They are two aspects of one ACT or attitude."

Repentance—Ancient Doctrine

Repentance has been well called the lost chord of gospel preaching. And yet, as I turn the pages of the blessed Book, I find that repentance is necessary for forgiveness; repentance is necessary for possession of peace; repentance is necessary for final entrance into the city of God; over and over repentance is emphasized. Hosea exhorts, "Break up the fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord." Everywhere and always the prophets call upon their people to turn from their wicked ways in repentance. John the Baptist, forerunner of Jesus, came preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." After His resurrection he charged his disciples to preach repentance and remission of sins through His name. Peter preached that men must repent. Paul, flaming evangel of the grace of God, said, "The times of ignorance God winked at, but now he commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Whitefield thundered that men must turn. Wesley cried aloud that men must come to God on their knees. Moody had his altar bench. Bunyan said, "Except one come by way of repentance, he cannot come." Edwards said, "Tell men everywhere that repentance is the one thing that opens the doors of heaven; that only a forgiven sinner can be redeemed, and only a repentant sinner is forgiven."

The examples of repentance compose the most absorbing and moving pages in the Bible. From Genesis to Revelation the penitent cries are the most poignant sentences on record. Here are the psalms of penitence, with their profound sense of guilt, their fear of divine displeasure, their passionate prayers for cleansing; and here is Paul crying out, "I am Chief of sinners!"

I know there are some today who hold that the preaching of repentance is the survival of an obsolete mind, and I also know that if a man can sit down by the cross where hangs the sinless Son of God and can say, in shallow self sufficiency, that he has no need for repentance, he has sealed his doom, and shut himself out of the Kingdom of God.

What Is Repentance?

Repentance is not merely sorrow for sins.

There are moods of the heart easily mistaken for repentance. Some sorrow for sin is not unto life but unto death. Many times man flings the reins of life to passion and sin in his youth. When the years have come and gone, he calls himself a fool. **THE FRUIT HAS TURNED TO ASHES.** We see it in Esau kneeling at his father's feet because he lost his blessing; we see it in Pharaoh when in suffering he resolves to let the people go. These are instances of self pity.

Nor is repentance fear. There is a fear that worketh Godly sorrow. But not all fear ends in repentance. Every man is uneasy when he faces judgment. Nor is repentance, **REMORSE.** Remorse is deeper than regret or fear of consequences, but it is earthly sorrow and worketh death.

Scriptural repentance requires a man to change his mind about sin, sins that broke the bond of love in Eden, sin which cost God His Son on Calvary. A man must recognize himself as a sinner.

Scriptural repentance requires that one change his mind about self. It is not easy to look into one's heart. We like to compare ourselves with others. We look at a deacon, or a teacher, and think, "I am as good as he." If we would know the sinful state of our deceitful hearts, we must compare ourselves to the sinless one; we must mirror ourselves in the perfect righteousness of Christ.

True repentance calls for a change of mind about Christ; from Him we have run; from His presence we have fled. We must see in Him the Savior from sin, the Redeemer from iniquity.

Faith—A Vital Principle

And here we come to the second doctrine, Faith. The scriptures assert that it is our manifest duty to believe. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." From the Call of Abraham to the invitation of the Spirit in Revelation, we are urged to have faith in God. "The just shall live by faith," says Paul. "By grace are you saved through faith," says the apostle. And John, the beloved, cries, "These things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, ye might have life in His name." The apostle's ambition was to create faith in the Son of God.

It is therefore of eternal importance that we understand the meaning of faith. Let us set this clear at the beginning. The New Testament never sets faith in opposition to reason. Faith is no more opposed to reason than it is to any other faculty of the mind. It simply goes beyond reason. The antithesis of Faith is sight. But a man may walk by faith and reason just as he walks by faith and memory.

What then is the meaning of faith in the New Testament? It means in the New Testament precisely what it means everywhere else. Faith is not peculiar to Christianity. It is a principle which underlies all of life. Every successful businessman is a man of faith. Every time he enters a new market, buys

new goods, puts money into a new investment, he ventures forth in faith. The men of our nation who are most successful have the greatest capacity to believe. Ordinary men walk by sight; great men walk by faith. The successful scientists are men of faith.

Two Ideas of Faith

Faith is commonly used in two ways, but the confusion of these two brings disaster. When one says that he believes that Jesus died and rose again, he is declaring his faith in a fact of history as he might declare his faith in the Battle of the Bulge. When one declares his faith in Jesus as the Son of God, incarnate in Human flesh, it is still an intellectual belief in a fact.

But there is a faith which is from person to person. If I say I believe in my mother, it has a deeper and more sacred meaning. I am not dealing with facts but a person. When one believes in a person, he not only believes with his intellect, but he also believes with his heart, his conscience, his will. The act of faith which Jesus demands is a personal act of faith between one person and another.

When Christ appeals for faith in Himself, He is speaking to us as **sinners who need salvation.** He appeals in His office as Savior, a Savior appointed of God to do the work of redemption. The trust which I place in Him is a particular trust. I as a sinner trust Him as a Savior.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for." To believe then is to hope that Jesus is able to do what He claims, and to hope so strongly that we venture our lives into His hands. Can a man hope to have the mind that was in Christ? Of course he can. If he does not, it is because he loves darkness rather than light. Faith then may be defined as "hope plus action." It is an act of the will. I know there are those who have said conclusive proof should be furnished at the beginning. "To command belief at the beginning is unfair," they say. But this would be contrary to all of life. Belief always comes first; proof follows. A man believes that a market is good, and he enters. If he did not believe, he would not enter. If he waits for others to prove it, he is too late, and he will have lost his opportunity. Science never waits for proof. Science observes, calculates, and then ventures.

New Testament Faith

Here then is New Testament faith. We believe that Christ can save us. We take Him at His word. We venture. We learn by experience that His word is true. It should be observed that both repentance and faith are permanent attitudes of the Christian heart.

To whom are repentance and faith granted? They were granted to the prodigal when he owned his sin and looked to the father. They were given to the publican when he owned his sin and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner." They were given to Paul when he owned his sin and looked to Christ. They were given to the sinful woman when she owned her sin and looked to the Savior. They were given to the thief when he owned his sin and looked to Christ. Repentance and faith are granted to each and all who acknowledge their sinful state and turn to Christ.

"Whosoever will may drink freely of the water of life."

Sound Doctrine Makes for Sound Living

By J. G. COTHRAN

What one believes has a great deal to do with his character. Some people pride themselves on not being "narrow" and bound down by certain Bible doctrines. Others say, "One church is just as good as another." To love one church as good as another means that you do not love any church. Unless a person has deep convictions about Bible truth and puts it into practice he is not much good to the cause of Christ. It made some difference with Paul, John, and with Jesus as to what people believed.

There are about 400 denominations and different "sects" in the world. Many have come into being because of certain efforts made to "unite" people who did not agree on doctrines. If people through the years had followed Bible Doctrine we would not have so many denominations and "religious sects." "There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism." When people deny the Lordship of Jesus, and the other great doctrines in the Bible they will go astray. If the example of Jesus were followed we would still have only one baptism and one plan of salvation.

Too many people say, "We are going to Heaven when we die" and then go out and live like those who are "going to hell." There are things involved in one's profession that make it imperative that he live right. If one is baptized and he fails to live as a "new creature" then he is a liar before God and man. The person who expects to have a home in Heaven must have Heaven within his life here on this earth.

A man who believes the truth practices it. It has been said, "You cannot have an honest horse race until you have an honest race." A lawyer once said to me, "Preacher, if people did what you preach the lawyers would not have much to do." If church people would accept the sound teachings of the Bible, and apply them in the home, business, society, and politics, changes would be wrought in the world that we have never dreamed about. People hold to a form of Godliness but deny the power thereof.

The man who knows the Bible doctrines has a rich store of truth. The person who applies Christianity in every area of life will help to save others. We are under obligation to God to know the truth and to teach it, preach it, and to live it.

—The Baptist Voice

Airlines Proposes Discount On Fare to Convention

Something new in airline discounts, excursion fares for convention messengers, has been proposed by Delta Air Lines to the Civil Aeronautics Board in a tariff prepared for filing the last of January.

Delta proposes a one-third discount from the regular fares for the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, including the Women's Missionary Union, meeting in Chicago May 8-12.

Laigh C. Parker, vice president of traffic and sales for Delta, said the 33 1/3 per cent discount fares were intended to stimulate convention travel, and would be offered in connection with other large conventions if the Civil Aeronautics Board approved the fares planned to correspond with the Baptist convention. He said as far as he knew it was the first time any airline had proposed reduced rates in connection with conventions.

The Baptist convention fares would be good from all Delta cities into Chicago, except from Kokomo and Richmond, Indiana, and Delta stations west of Birmingham.

—Illinois Arrangements Committee

Bracewell's Idea Erects 121 Churches

Because a Houston churchman-lawyer had an idea one day in 1936, one hundred and twenty-one churches have been built in twelve states and Alaska that otherwise might not have been built at all, and many hundreds more may be built.

What Joseph Searcy Bracewell discovered about church financing means not a thing to fancy, multi-million-dollar church-building programs. But the idea, backed by fundamental business-savvy and Christian faith, has meant the difference between a church and no church for smaller, less prosperous congregations.

One such congregation was that of the Broadway Baptist Church in the Pecan Park area, Houston, Texas. In 1936, when a suspender button in the collection plate was no affront to a preacher who might be able to use it to repair his suit, the fifty members of the new church were doing the Lord's work in borrowed rooms in the old Harris School on Broadway.

They wanted their own church building, but they had no money to pay for one, though they had made a \$25 down payment on some land.

To build almost anything except a church, the usual financing plan is to give a mortgage on the property as security. The trouble is, a church building is suitable for little else than a church and few security as narrow as that.

But Joseph Searcy Bracewell reasoned that church financing was not as unique as it seemed. Few investors want to take over a city, either, yet municipal bonds have a ready sale because the basis of payment is assured revenue that has been dedicated to the purpose.

What Mr. Bracewell had to do was to prove that church revenue was steady enough to guarantee payment of revenue bonds. Then, maybe, the Broadway group would be able to build its church. Church-goers, Mr. Bracewell's research showed, each contributes an average of \$1.25 a week when the collection plate is passed.

That was enough for Mr. Bracewell, who quickly outlined what was soon to be known as the Broadway Plan. In the case of his own church in 1936, weekly collections totaled \$60. Mr. Bracewell figured a third of this amount (\$20) could be spared for a building program. The church treasurer agreed to sign an obligation to put \$20 a week in a special bank account. To be sure he did it, several members signed the obligation too.

Fundamental to the Broadway Plan is the weekly deposit of dedicated funds in a special bank account from which the bank is authorized to pay only bond coupons and to redeem matured bonds. The reason: A thoughtful investor would much prefer to present matured obligations to a banker in exchange for cash rather than face a church treasurer who might plead with the investor to contribute his investment to the Lord's work.

It may be surprising to some, but a little pencil and paper work will show that just \$2 a week will retire \$1,000 a little at a time with 5 per cent interest on the outstanding balance in 13 years. The Broadway Church had \$20 a week, so it issued \$10,000 in bonds.

Later the church floated four more bond issues, bringing the bond total to \$50,000. So successful was the plan for the Broadway Church that it paid off all bonds in seven years. Membership multiplied more than ten fold and weekly collections rose from \$60 to \$700. The church now has 24,000 square feet of floor space and two acres of land—

A Poor Man

Religious News Service reports that Prince A. Eades, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Greenville, Tennessee, used five-minute sermons during the summer.

"The responses has been good," Mr. Eades said. "A noticeable difference in the large number of parents with small children attending the services has been observed.

"Attendance at church services has increased during the summer months, instead of decreasing, as is usually the case.

"I believe that a 30-minute sermon can be condensed into five minutes without losing any of the essentials."

Frankly, we do not think the plan a wise one but if Mr. Eades wants to be consistent why not:

1. Use only one verse of one hymn and save more time.
2. Limit praying to one prayer to 30-seconds duration.
3. Omit any scriptural references. The people can save the time usually given to reading the Scripture by reading it at home.

if it is logical to cut sermons to five minutes in summer, why not do the same in winter?

And if summer sermons should be shortened to one-sixth the average length would it not be just as reasonable to cut other things in proportion. We suggest: one tablespoonful of coffee or tea with 18 grains of sugar if desired; one third strip of bacon; one-third egg (any style); one teaspoonful of a green vegetable and the same amount of a starchy vegetable; instead of a good sized portion of roast or steak; allow two-three-second smells of dessert. And to be really consistent the work day should be cut to one hour and twenty minutes.

There is too much abbreviating of gospel preaching in too many places. If we dress and go to church, we want more than a five minute capsule. We want a full meal.

In Mississippi many churches having the usual one hour program find it necessary to have two morning services. A recent bulletin of one Mississippi's leading churches said:

"It is most inspiring to see the large crowds who are attending our services morning and night. Our auditorium was packed Sunday morning, with additional chairs up and down stairs. At the night service the first floor was completely filled."

Within the past two months we have preached in three churches that had as good crowds at night as in the morning service.

Some sermons could be cut to five minutes and lose none of their value because they are just five minute sermons (hastily prepared) with a lot of useless or irrelevant matter added to make them 30 minute sermons.

—The Baptist Record

all of it debt free.

By 1945 eleven churches had been built with Mr. Bracewell's Broadway Plan. The next five years were to see 110 more churches built with the plan, one of them as far away as Fairbanks, Alaska.

Though the plan started with small churches, it has been used lately for programs of more than \$100,000. A Dallas church and one in Houston are considering \$200,000 programs.

Mr. Bracewell still runs the show. By 1950 the show is big enough that he has had to move it out of his law offices and into its own quarters in the Citizens State Bank Building.

—Houston Post

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Intermediate G. A. Conference

March 3-5,
Central College

Registration will begin at two o'clock Friday, March 3, for the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference at Central College, which will be held through the noon meal Sunday, March 5. An exciting program of activities is planned for all the girls attending. A pageant, missionary messages, a banquet, Coronation service, talent program, fun and stunt hour, and many, many good things are in store for you.

Among the guest missionaries at the Conference will be Miss Vivian Langley and Miss Amanda Tinkle, missionaries from West Africa; Miss Regina Sliger of the Home Mission Board will be present; and Miss Elma Cobb, who recently toured in Europe. Miss Katherine Hendrix, your Hawaiian student in Ouachita College will be there, and you will want to meet her.

The total cost of attending the Conference will be \$6.50. Please send in the registration fee of \$1 by February 28, to Miss Doris DeVault, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock. This fee will apply against the total, and upon arrival at Central College the balance of \$5.50 is payable. Facilities at the college are limited; so only a minimum number can be taken care of. Your G. A. may send four representatives, plus a queen, queen-with scepter, or queen regent. It is customary for a counselor or chaperone to accompany the girls. All girls must be thirteen years of age or above, please.

Each person will need to bring a sheet, one light-weight cover, towels, toilet articles, Bible, G. A. Manual, note-book, and pencil. If you prefer a formal for the banquet, which is to be held Saturday night, then bring it along. The girls participating in the Coronation, also on Saturday night, should wear white, street-length dresses, and the queens, long dresses.

Don't miss these wonderful things planned for you! Send in your reservation today!

Miss Taylor Available

Information has come that Miss Elizabeth Taylor, special field worker for the Home Mission Board will be available for speaking engagements in Arkansas during February. She may be reached at 408 West Ash Street, Harrison, Arkansas.

Miss Taylor worked with the Cuban peoples of Key West, Florida, for a number of years, and as a field worker she has visited many of the home mission fields in the Southland. She could certainly lay a wonderful foundation for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, and will give her services if you will only take care of her expenses (travel and entertainment). This is an opportunity that you will want to take advantage of. Contact her at the above address.

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Those bringing children to the Convention may secure competent "sitters" from Baby Sitters, Inc. of Chicago. The usual rate of 75 cents an hour plus car-fare will engage a sitter to take care of one or two children for a maximum of three hours in an afternoon or the same rate applies to any number of children for an evening. The children will be cared for in the hotel room of the parents.

Communication System For Hospital Patients

Dr. Frank Tripp's mimeographed letter to all patients of the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, released the news—good news, it was—that radio and record service would be available in the rooms of the hospital beginning at 7:30 p. m. on December 24.

This announcement came as a climax to efforts begun back in September to equip the hospital with a new public address system. The new system, in addition to corridor outlets, includes individual speakers for the rooms and wards.

The new sound equipment is the gift of a friend of the hospital and is presented in the hope that it will be of some pleasure and comfort to the patients during their stay in the hospital.

The opening of this radio and record service was featured by prefatory remarks by the Superintendent, Dr. Frank Tripp, on Christmas Eve, and was followed by the broadcasting of popular Christmas recordings. On the following day, Sunday, December 25, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, Chaplain, conducted his first service over these new facilities.

Briefly, here is how the new system works. The master station, which constitutes the point of origin of record and radio programs and any original ones such as the Chaplain's services, consists of a console unit which is located in the Chaplain's office on the third floor. When a program is in progress, the patient's speaker in his room can be regulated by pull cord control which has three volume ranges, and which permits the patient to turn the program on and off as he may desire. The speaker is located directly above the head of the patient's bed with pull cord control commodiously within reaching distance.

The speakers in the corridors are on a separate hook-up from the ones in the patients' rooms and wards. However, both hook-ups can be so manipulated as to carry the same program simultaneously if the occasion warrants such.

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President Sets Example

By DR. EDGAR GODBOLD

Recently, a great deal of publicity to the shame of our American political set-up has come to our attention concerning an uncouth, unrefined, or at least thoughtless, remark of our President concerning the privilege of one of his former cabinet members to be a candidate for governor of one of our states. It is easy to find how weak a person is in his ability to express his definite convictions by noting the language he uses. How sad it is that even the President of our United States has to prop up his expressions with a word that in polite circles is regarded as a "curse word." Let us suggest to our President that he read the words of our Savior as recorded in Matthew 5:37. Any method beyond the definite expression is uncalled for. How sad it is that the highest official of our nation will allow himself to set such an example. We should have in the person of our President a man of such strong refinement and high culture that all of us could look to him as our ideal.

This editorial is not dealing in politics; we are talking about morals, and the best welfare of our young people.

—Baptist Message

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Southern Seminary Honors Polio Victim



Bill Cain and Happy

A room in the new Alumni Memorial Chapel of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., is being named in honor of Bill Cain, 15, polio patient of Houston, Tex., Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Seminary, announces. The honor is an expression of appreciation of the Seminary for a \$35 donation from the youth for the Chapel building fund.

Announcing the Seminary administration's decision to designate a Bill Cain Room, Dr. Fuller said:

"In all of my ministry I have never known of a gift that more nearly approximates the memorable widow's mite than does this donation by Bill Cain out of his meager savings from his allowance."

Bill's friends have indicated they will contribute \$1,000 to pay for the room furnishings, Dr. Fuller said. Pictures of Bill will be placed on the walls. The room will be open to the public for the first time during the annual Pastors' Conference, March 20-24.

Bill was stricken with polio about four and one-half years ago. For two years he was confined to his room, spending most of the time in an iron lung. He still must be carried wherever he goes, but he and his ambulance cot regularly are seen at church, community, school, social and athletic events. In the field of sports he particularly likes base ball and wrestling.

Bill's pastor, Dr. E. Hermond Westmoreland, of South Main Baptist Church, said of Bill re-

cently:

"His long illness and continued disability has not lessened his interest in the church. He attends all of the services and participates actively in all of the organizations. He is a constant source of inspiration to his pastor and to all the members of the congregation. If the sermon is interesting, he listens attentively, but if the sermon is uninteresting he takes a brief nap on his cot. Naturally, I watch Bill out of the corner of my eye because his degree of interest sits in judgment on my sermons."

Bill has had visits from many of the nation's celebrities and his room is lined with their autographed photographs. His most constant companion, however, is Happy, a year-old fox terrier.

Central Association Music Festival

On Thursday evening, January 19, the quarterly Music Festival for Central Association was held at First Church, Benton. Preceding the Sing a supper conference was held, attended by twenty-four persons representing six churches. Henry Keahey, Music director of First Church, Hot Springs, brought a message on the subject, "Suitable Music for Our Choirs—How to Select it, and Where to Get it," followed by open discussion.

A total of 500 persons were present for the Festival program. Special numbers were provided by the following churches: First, Malvern; Park Place, Emmanuel, Second and Lake Hamilton, all of Hot Springs; Shorewood Hills, Malvern; First, Benton; and Bauxite. Congregational singing was led by Ray W. McClung, director of Music and Education, Second Church, Hot Springs; accompan-

ists were Miss Sarabel Leach, organist, and Edward Harris, pianist, of First Church, Benton.

Bernes K. Selph was present, this being his first appearance at one of these gatherings since coming to Benton as pastor, and expressed appreciation of the Festival. Miss Amanda Tinkle, missionary to Africa, who is home on sick-leave was present also and expressed appreciation of the program.

The next meeting is to be the Choir Rally in connection with the Simultaneous Revival Crusade, and is to be held at Second Church, Hot Springs, March 16.

The Christian church does not ask enough of men through stewardship and so they are passing the church by because of the insipidity of its message.

—Edwin W. Parsons

White River Association Hymn-Sing

The Quarterly Hymn-Sing for White River Association was held on Sunday, January 29, with First Church, Mountain Home. The theme of the program was "Salvation." There were eleven churches represented, with a total attendance of 124. Eight special numbers were contributed by the various churches represented in the meeting.

The next quarterly Sing is scheduled to meet with the East Cotter church, the Fifth Sunday in April.

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The longer I live, the more deeply I am convinced that that which makes the difference between one man and another—between the weak and the powerful, the great and the insignificant—is energy, invincible determination, a purpose once formed and then death or victory.

—Powell Buxton

Figures to Inspire

Sunday, February 5

	SS	TU	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1,241	413	10
Including Missions	1,518	675	11
El Dorado, First	1,132	242	3
Ft. Smith, First	1,112	405	6
Including Missions	1,301	457	
Little Rock, First	900	426	9
N. Little Rock, Baring Cross	836	295	1
Including Missions	992	369	
Fayetteville, First	795	307	
Including Mission	886	345	
Hot Springs, Second	785	228	3
Little Rock, Second	783	144	3
Pine Bluff, First	701	231	
Pine Bluff, South Side	609	251	3
Including Mission	670	294	
El Dorado, Second	600	224	3
Magnolia, Central	565	174	2
Camden, First	540	193	3
Including Missions	800	357	
McGehee, First	524	200	1
Including Missionse	654	271	
Crossett, First	512	236	1
Forrest City, First	512	194	
El Dorado, Immanuel	508	263	4
Including Missions	556	312	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	493	155	
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	487	128	1
Texarkana, Beech Street	486	181	6
Arkadelphia, First	479	201	3
Including Mission	490		
Warren, First	376	102	
Hot Springs, Central	456	178	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	449	194	
Hope, First	442	145	
Fordyce, First	440	149	2
West Helena	436	145	
Paragould, First	429	249	4
Including Missions	582	326	
Russellville, First	427	180	2
Including Mission	498	224	
Little Rock, Gaines St.	419	240	7
Including Mission	517	293	
Little Rock, So. Highland	417	161	3
Stuttgart First	414	263	
Including Mission	449	271	
Hot Springs, Park Place	410	118	
Paris, First	403	166	
Including Mission	458		
Smackover, First	400	155	4
Ft. Smith, Calvary	392	125	1
Conway, First	390	74	4
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	385	178	4
Including Mission	435	206	
Cullendale, First	377	183	4
Hot Springs, First	348	90	
Rogers, First	344	117	
Springdale, First	339	284	12
Including Missions	551		
Monticello, First	337	143	2
Searcy, First	337	83	
Siloam Springs, First	336	202	4
El Dorado, West Side	330	127	8
Texarkana, Calvary	328	136	1
Pine Bluff, Second	323	147	
N. Little Rock, First	317	95	2
N. Little Rock, Park Hill	303	80	25
N. Little Rock, Central	284	84	1
Gentry, First	270	84	1
Mena, First	258	109	4
Little Rock, Calvary	230	99	4
Gurdon, Beech Street	210	100	
Bentonville, First	203	62	1
Little Rock,			
Reynolds Memorial	200	70	3
Hot Springs, Piney	189	117	
Strong, First	168	66	2
Little Rock, Hebron	164	79	2
Warren, Immanuel	153	114	
Hot Spring, Lake Hamilton	151	66	
Hoxie, First	144	77	
Douglasville, First	144	74	
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	144	96	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	123	53	
Kelso	120	117	1
Grannis	118	77	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	116	67	
N. Little Rock, Highway	115	63	5
Ft. Smith, Northside	100	57	
Little Rock, Tyler St.	96	49	2
Melbourne	89	84	
Little Rock, West Side	80	62	
Oden	71	76	2
Little Rock, Biddle	70	43	
Douglasville, Second	70	48	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	70	36	1

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You Are Somebody's Ideal

By JOE A. BELL

We of this generation are soon to leave this earth and its uncertainties, and in so doing, we are going to leave our children a heritage, one which is not to be envied. All the way down through the pages of the world's solemn history we find that in very few instances have economic, political, and moral conditions of the world as a whole, been forced into a more bewildering and demoralizing turmoil because of the almost total void of real statesmen and the over abundance of mercenary politicians.

We should at least attempt to arm the children of today with a weapon to combat and solve the problems which they are soon to face, and the best weapon with which we can supply them is the enlightenment to be gained in our public schools and Sunday Schools.

We should spare no effort to improve our public schools. We probably regard our Sunday Schools as organizations in which a number of noble men and women cheerfully accept one of the most important and sacred tasks of all religious work, for it is they who are entrusted with the forming of early religious ideas and the molding of character of those who are at an age when the twig is easily bent.

As the harvests of tomorrow are locked within the dusty bins of today just so are all the material and spiritual progress and achievements of the next generation locked within the hearts and minds of the children who are in our public and Sunday Schools of today. The teachers hold the keys to these treasure houses, and it is their great responsibility to release them and start them upon the paths which lead to high moral and religious attainments.

Nobody Is Obscure

Every officer and Sunday School teacher is a marked man or woman in his community, and should he err it is so noticeable and disappointing. One of the most demoralizing disappointments is to have someone in whom you have faith, to fail you. We can gain no comfort by saying to ourselves: "I am just an ordinary individual, no one is noticing me, and no one is expecting me to be more than just an everyday human being." For no matter who you are, or how obscure the place you may occupy in life, there is someone who has pictured in you his ideal.

It is the nature of a child or young person to picture in some older person an ideal and it is almost invariably unknown to the older person just who it is who has based his faith in him, and would emulate him. Although unsuspected by you or me, there is some boy or girl who is counting on us to live above reproach;

there are those who see in us perfection; there are those who would pattern after us; who would be crushed to find that their "Idols' feet are only clay." We cannot be too careful of our conduct, for some young person is watching our every act.

A man who shows his heart to his family and to his neighbors is far better than the man who is pleasant and righteous in his business world, but who is a curse to his neighbors, and a tyrant in his home. A man is pathetic when his family and neighbors shun him, and his children tremble with fear in his presence. No man ever assumed a more serious obligation than his obligation to his family.

Life Is Real

There are no deserted pathways, no almost inaccessible riches, no dark corners in which we may seclude ourselves but that the stern realities of life will search us out and place upon us life's responsibilities and one of the greatest of these is to our children, may we accept it and prove worthy.

The dog—the pony—the old swimming hole will soon be buried in the mists of the past. The cherished rag doll—the mud pies—and the playhouse out among the rose bushes will also be a fading memory, but they still remember their ideal.

Consciously or unconsciously, some child is looking toward us in faith, in confidence, in hope, just as we look upward with faith and forward with hope, knowing that God is Justice, and Justice is God, and in Him we find all we need. May we keep sacred the faith that children have placed in us and make every effort to live our lives so that we may lead them to the threshold of manhood and womanhood firmly fortified against the vices and adversities of life and to faith in Him who can never fail them.

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Marshall the Forces in March

Are all forces harnessed up for Simultaneous Crusade in your association? Have you had a census in every community? Are all the prospects, discovered in the census, being enrolled in the Sunday School? Do you plan to have several courses in soul winning taught?

Brother Missionary, have all the churches been informed about the Crusade and voted to participate?

Brother Chairman, are all committees properly functioning? Has ample publicity material been secured? Have the special rallies for men, women, and young people been planned and speakers engaged?

During March all churches should have soul winning courses taught to all ages. It is not just for "credit" either; it is to teach people how to use the Bible in winning a soul to Christ. If each church could develop ten soul winners and those ten would win one soul to Christ each month, we would baptize over 125,000 people this year. How many soul winners in your church?

Then, March is the time for great associational mass-meetings for men, women, and young people in the interest of the revivals. Many associations already have the entire programs planned.

Central Association, where O. L. Bayless is the General Chairman and Ottis Denney the organizer, announcements have been made of a music rally, March 16, in Second Baptist Church, with Bob McMillan of Judsonia as speaker; a Youth rally, March 25, in Central Church, with Jackie Robinson of Fort Worth as speaker; a Men's rally, March 27, with a barbecue supper at the Armory in Hot Springs, and Harvey Elledge of North Little Rock will be the speaker; a Women's rally at Lake Hamilton, March 30, with Dr. B. K. Selph of Benton as speaker.

In addition to these rallies, planned for March, an initial as-

sociational evangelistic meeting was held February 10, with the Superintendent of Missions speaking during the morning service and Dr. E. W. Perry, Negro pastor of Oklahoma City, speaking at the evening hour.

All but three churches are planning to be in the Crusade. Denney believes those three will join with the others and make it one hundred per cent.

A. L. Hart, missionary in Benton County, writes, "Everything is shaping up nicely in our association for the Simultaneous Crusade. Every church in the association plans to participate."

From Washington-Madison Association, A. L. Leake writes, "We have contacted every church and pastor with respect to the spring revivals. All the churches have agreed to participate for one or two weeks, April 9-23."

Remember, brethren, proper preparation means success; no preparation means meager success. Advertise! Advertise! Advertise! Get the people out for the rallies. Pray! Pray! Pray! Have cottage prayer meetings and all-night prayer meetings.

Our evangelists are staying busy. M. E. Wiles is now in Kentucky for a two-weeks School of Missions. R. A. Hill has been speaking and showing mission films in Little Red River and Trinity Associations. D. C. Bandy has spoken and shown movie films in churches of Greene County and Caroline Associations.

Since the first of January your Superintendent of Missions has spoken in seven associational meetings and in some church or mission in four other associations—making eleven different associations visited this year.

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By Mrs. HOMER D. MYERS

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

The Fifteenth Chapter of Acts should settle the question of salvation by grace once for all time, and to the entire satisfaction of all people. In the first verse we find "Judaizers" from Judaea (Jerusalem vicinity) visiting the Gentile church at Antioch to inform them they must be circumcised and keep the law of Moses in order to be saved.

Two Plans of Salvation

These Gentiles were already saved and had the witness of God resting upon their work. They had all the miraculous powers the Jerusalem Church enjoyed; the Holy Spirit had led them out in a great missionary effort. Paul and Barnabas had just returned and reported the many blessings of God upon the Gentiles during their missionary journey through Asia Minor. And now these Jews had the audacity to come all the way from Judaea to let the Antioch Christians know their salvation was incomplete. The whole episode reduced itself to the age-old question in Jewry: You must be a Jew or become a Jewish proselyte through the act of circumcision and embracing the law of Moses, or be lost. The descendants of this group abide with us yet, teaching salvation by baptism, church membership, and righteous deeds.

Ever since the days of Cain and Abel in the very dawn of civilization, there have been two theories concerning the salvation of the soul—one, salvation by works, or the way of Cain; the other, salvation by grace as pictured by Abel. Since that time the human race has added the third theory: a mixture of works and grace, an idea that Paul refuted with all his strength in dealing with the Romans and Galatians especially.

Paul emphasized to the Romans that if salvation is by works, it is not of grace; or if it is by grace, works can have no part in it—then he proceeded to prove that we are saved by faith in Christ, because of God's grace, and not by good works.

Paul's epistle to the Galatians was primarily to counteract their ideas which resulted in a perverted gospel. In Galatians 3:3 he ridiculed them for thinking they were saved by faith and kept saved by their works. But in spite of all Paul said about it, this is a very popular theory among many protestant denominations today.

Paul and Barnabas must have been astonished when they met this challenge to Christian freedom. They were men of great

Sunday School Lesson for February 19, 1950 Acts 15:1-35; Galatians 2

spiritual experiences with God. Paul, on another occasion, said that he had not received what he knew (about spiritual matters) from the apostles, even though they were sound in faith and doctrine; nor did he receive his information from reading books, fine though it is to read the right books; but he received his knowledge by special revelations from God, Himself.

Furthermore, these men knew what they had seen: the unquestionable salvation of hundreds of Gentiles. So Paul and Barnabas took a stand for Christian freedom. The dissension between these ministers and the Judaizers was so great that Antioch Church sent Paul and Barnabas to confer with the church in Jerusalem concerning the matter. And while journeying to Jerusalem these servants preached to the Gentiles along the way.

Christian Freedom on Trial

"And when they were come to Jerusalem they were received of the church. . . but there arose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, that it was needful to circumsize them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses. And the apostles and elders came together to consider the matter."

This contention seems to have been largely between the clergy and laity; all the preachers understood the truth and testified in favor of it. After much disputing, Peter rehearsed all that had happened concerning the salvation of the first Gentile, Cornelius, and his waiting congregation, and how "God bare them witness" by bestowing the gift of the Holy Spirit on them, "purifying their hearts by faith." In verse eleven, Peter approaches the question from the opposite direction; instead of trying to impose the Judaistic customs and burdens upon the Gentiles—who evidently were saved without such, he had reached the conclusion that the keeping of the law was not necessary to the salvation of the Jews either: "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we (Jews) shall be saved, even as they."

Paul and Barnabas took the stand to relate simply what God had done through them among the Gentiles, namely, "Miracles and wonders," and who could contradict God?

The next witness in this conference is James, a leader in the Jerusalem Church. James referred to the prophecies of David,

Growing Great Americans

By CHARLES A. WELLS



Greatness is not an accident. There have been periods when within a few decades America has produced an astonishing number of great men . . . men great in spirit, heart and mind, as well as great in war and politics. When we examine such periods we find that a deep religious faith characterized the day—a belief in God's presence in life and a divine purpose for life. Children were taught responsibility—how to play, how to be honest, how to work hard and be self-reliant—all attributes of a strong religious faith. As a nation we have also had periods barren of greatness, periods when our leadership was skilled, clever and adroit, but cleverness and skill are not substitutes for greatness. Skill and cleverness become great only when based on spiritual depth and spiritual growth. During these early months of the year when we commemorate the births of so many great Americans—Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, and others—let us remember that these men were great men because they were great in heart.

and reminded them of the Old Testament promises of God to "visit the Gentiles," of which this must be the fulfilment. So it seemed good to James for them to accept the testimony of the scriptures, and the witness of these servants of God, which was evidence that all was going according to God's plans and purposes.

Jerusalem Counsels Antioch

James thought it wise for the Jewish brethren to advise the Gentiles along certain lines, helping them to throw off paganism, and to live above reproach among other Gentiles. These Gentile converts had never known the high moral standards embodied in the Ten Commandments, nor the higher principles of a people who had been in contact with God; they needed the help and counsel of these more civilized people.

So the Jerusalem Church wrote a letter to the Gentiles requesting that they not eat meats which had been offered to idols;

nor drink the blood of those animals as many pagans did; and that they abstain from fornication. These practices all went hand in hand with the heathen religions; so the Gentiles had never been taught that they were sinful and harmful. They naturally took these things for granted as ordinary, everyday habits in life.

They were not to be burdened with the yoke of the law and its many requirements, those things could not save their souls; but being Christians they should throw off the sins and habits of heathenism, and rise to a higher plane in life as a testimony to the effectiveness of salvation.

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Christian stewardship is the absolute acceptance of the Lordship of Christ with its consequent administration of the whole of life under the will of God, the Father and Owner, and in partnership with Christ.

—Frederick A. Agar

Executive Board — STATE CONVENTION

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Contributions Far Too Small

When we closed our books for January we found that the contributions for the Cooperative Program were far below the figure that the messengers of the churches set as our goal and prayed that the churches would give. The total amount of the undesignated contributions were not only below the monthly goal for the overall budget, but they were even below the monthly goal for the operating division of the budget. It was more than \$14,000 less than our minimum hopes for the month. It was just a little more than 77 per cent of the needs for the operating division of the budget. It was approximately 61 per cent of the total budget which includes Capital Needs.

On a percentage basis this is the greatest deficit that we have reported so far as we can remember. Only 427 churches made undesignated contributions during the month.

We simply hope that the January figures are not actually prophetic of the gifts for the entire year ahead. While we did have five Sundays in the month, yet some of those days presented unfavorable weather indeed.

We do not believe that the small number of churches giving undesignated contributions during the month is indicative of the number that will take part in the program from month to month. Last year 893 churches contributed for Cooperative Program work. We believe that fully as many will send undesignated contributions in 1950, so when the other churches come in with their contributions we are sure that our hopes will be raised in some measure.

Frankly, Brethren, we just cannot operate the program on \$51,000 or \$52,000 per month. It will be necessary to call an extra meeting of the Executive Board, if not indeed the entire Convention and change our entire program unless the churches can give more for the Cooperative Program. Designations did not seem to hurt the Cooperative Program last month for very little more was received in designations last month than we received a year ago for the same month.

Our failure to contribute more money last month for the Cooperative Program does not simply work a hardship on one particular agency or department, but it is a terrible blow to all agencies and departments that share in the Cooperative Program receipts. Our colleges, our Hospitals, our Orphanage and all other causes which we finance either in part, or altogether suffer irreparably. Home Missions and State Missions and Foreign Missions all feel the freezing spiritual concern of many of our churches, some of which did not contribute one undesignated dime during the month and others gave only a pitifully small percentage of their gross receipts. We have made our positive appeals for the last few months. We do not like to make an appeal with a negative statement, and yet we are compelled to say that any well organized church that is milling around and giving only eight or ten or twelve per cent of their

contributions for a mighty world-wide program and effort is failing somewhere to measure up to the New Testament emphasis. Its giving does not look like its prayers. We do not make such a statement simply as a criticism. We have repeatedly tried to show that fifteen cents of your church dollar will not do this work for your Lord. We do not believe that it is too late even now for churches to change their attitude and their allocations. For this we earnestly appeal.

Here is a copy of the 1950 budget.

I. For Operations Preferred

Administrative	\$ 26,000.00
Arkansas Baptist	6,000.00
Woman's Missionary Union	20,000.00
Promotion and Convention	5,500.00
Brotherhood Department	9,000.00
Department of Religious Education	27,500.00
Retirement Plan	21,200.00
Old Debts	30,000.00
Office Building (Annual Payment)	7,500.00
History Commission	2,000.00
Baptist Hospital (School of Nursing)	35,000.00
State Missions	60,000.00
Quachita College	100,000.00
Central College	53,000.00
Orphanage	30,000.00
Ministerial Education	1,800.00
Emergency Revenue	9,500.00
Baptist Foundation	5,500.00
Southern Baptist College	23,000.00
Camp Ground	5,500.00
Total State Objectives	\$478,000.00
Southern Baptist Convention	318,666.67
Total Operating Budget	\$796,666.67

II. For Capital Needs Deferred

Quachita College	\$ 80,000.00
Central College	50,000.00
Southern Baptist College	20,000.00
Orphanage	20,000.00
Arkansas Baptist Hospital	50,000.00
Total for Capital Needs	\$220,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,016,666.67

This is How the Money Was Distributed in January 1950

Southwide	\$ 20,684.92
Quachita	6,490.93
State Missions	3,894.97
Central	3,440.42
Hospital	2,271.72
Orphanage	1,947.49
Old Debts	1,947.49
Religious Education	1,785.11
Administration	1,688.41
Southern Baptist College	1,492.93
Retirement	1,376.06
W. M. U.	1,297.98
Emergency	616.41
Brotherhood	584.35
Office Building	486.61
Arkansas Baptist	389.39
Foundation	356.81
Camp Ground	356.81
Pro. & Conv.	356.81
Ministerial Education	116.37
History	129.80
	\$51,712.29

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"The Christian religion is a matter of both the hand and the heart. It is designed to make both clean and pure; it is dependent upon both for it is a matter of both feeling and doing. But before the hands can become clean the heart must become pure. There must be the inner regeneration of grace before there can be the transformation of conduct.

—Clifton J. Allen, The Teacher

Leadership Conferences

We have found that it is necessary to change the dates of some of our Leadership Conferences that we have planned for the month of March. The Womans Missionary Union will hold its Convention the last week in March. They used to hold their meeting in April. When we planned the Leadership Conference for the last week in March somehow we overlooked the fact that the Womans Missionary Union had changed to this week for its annual meeting. We do not want to have any meeting that will conflict with the annual meeting of the Baptist women of the state. We are changing the date, therefore, on some of our Conferences. This change will throw us a week later in getting out the programs, but still we have plenty of time, so next week we hope to present on this page the programs of these Leadership Conferences.

Leadership Conference Dates

(Corrected)

Monticello	March 20
Fort Smith	March 20
Hope	March 21
Harrison	March 21
Jonesboro	March 23
Little Rock	March 27

A Big Story Briefly Told

By PORTER ROUTH

	1948	1949	Gain	% Gain
Churches	26,822	27,286	464	1.7
Baptisms	310,226	331,862	24,636	7.9
Membership	6,492,221	6,761,265	263,044	4.1
S. S. Enrolment	4,301,491	4,643,650	342,159	7.9
T. U. Enrolment	1,079,024	1,235,638	156,614	14.5
W.M.U. Enrolment	856,332	913,135	56,803	10.1
Brotherhood Enrolment	119,230	142,402	23,172	19.4
Val. of Church				
Total Gifts	\$156,654,746	\$178,504,778	\$21,850,032	13.9
Value of Property	\$450,489,517	\$548,261,584	\$97,772,047	21.7
Per Capita				
Total Gift	\$ 24.13	\$ 26.40		
Mission Gifts	\$ 31,748,358	\$ 32,347,420	\$ 599,062	1.9
Per Capita Mission Gifts	\$ 4.89	\$ 4.78		
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WHEN THE JOB IS TOO SMALL

"Years ago I crossed the North Sea on the same ship with a man who was a missionary to China. I did not meet him personally. I was too seasick. This man was said to be more familiar with things Chinese than any other man at that time. Because of this a great oil company sought to obtain his services. It sent a representative to offer him a salary of \$10,000 a year. When he refused the representative went up to \$20,000, then to \$25,000; then he invited him to set his own salary. In reply this missionary said, 'The salary you offered first is large enough; I am making only \$1,200 a year. It is not your salary that is too small; it is your job. I have a bigger job than you can possibly offer!'"

—Dr. Clovis G. Chappell

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