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ARKANSAS

Baptist

NOVEMBER 19, 1959

Arkansas Goal: Every Church Having Part in Missions

WE ARE tremendously interested in every one of our churches having a part in our world mission endeavor. First, because this is a part of our Lord's redemptive purpose. Every individual and every church is to help in proclaiming the gospel throughout the world.

In the next place giving constitutes the very heart of Christianity. Only a casual reading of the Bible will impress one with the importance of giving. Judaism centers around a system of sacrifices. The heart of the New Testament is John 3:16. Delete the Bible of the note of giving and it would be robbed of real meaning. Jesus, according to Paul, reminds us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Thus giving becomes a vital part of Christian living.

For the first three quarters of this calendar year 102 of our churches in Arkansas had no part in world missions through the Cooperative Program. We believe the lack of sharing the gospel with others will add to the poverty of the churches. Perhaps there are many reasons why these churches did not participate in this world ministry. In many cases it is likely that oversight or neglect is largely responsible.

Following we have listed by associations the number of churches which have had no part in world missions through the Cooperative Program for these first 9 months of 1959 in the hope that this may prove to be a stimulus to mission giving during the remaining weeks of this year. Wouldn't it be a glorious thing if all of these churches would have a part in world missions according to their ability before the close of this year? It is our prayer that it might be so that we might become in reality "laborers together with God."—Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary. ■

Association	No. Churches	No. Not Contrib. 3rd Quarter	No. Not Contrib. Jan.-September
Ark. Valley	27	3	3
Ashley	21	9	5
Bartholomew	25	6	5
Benton Co.	24	4	3
Big Creek	13	5	2
Black River	30	8	6
*Boone	22	1	0
Buckner	33	13	7
*Buckville	4	1	0
Caddo River	19	7	5
*Carey	18	2	0
Caroline	25	4	2
*Carroll	8	0	0
*Centennial	11	1	0
*Central	38	1	0
*Clear Creek	31	3	0
Concord	40	5	4
Conway-Perry	15	2	2
Current River	20	5	3
Dardanelle-Russellville	25	8	2
Delta	36	8	6
Faulkner	25	8	3
*Gainesville	16	2	0
Greene	40	6	4
*Harmony	33	2	0
Hope	44	9	3
Independence	18	2	1
Liberty	52	4	2
Little Red River	16	2	2
*Little River	28	8	0
Mississippi	42	5	2
Mt. Zion	34	7	2
*Newton	5	0	0
Ouachita	20	1	1
Pulaski	76	5	1
*Red River	36	4	0
Rocky Bayou	15	4	2
Stone, Van Buren-Searcy	20	4	4
Tri-County	42	14	7
Trinity	33	8	8
*Washington Madison	28	0	0
White County	27	8	4
*White River	15	0	0
Woodruff	12	4	1
Totals	1,162	203	102
*100% for year			

Convention Suppers

THE OUACHITA COLLEGE supper for Ouachita alumni and friends will be held Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 17, at Immanuel Baptist Church dining room, Little Rock, at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 each. See Lawson Hatfield for reservation.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST COLLEGE dinner will be held at Franke's, on West Capitol Ave., Little Rock, Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 5:30 p.m. All Southern College alumni and friends are encouraged to attend. Tickets will not be sold. Dr. T. K. Rucker will be the speaker.

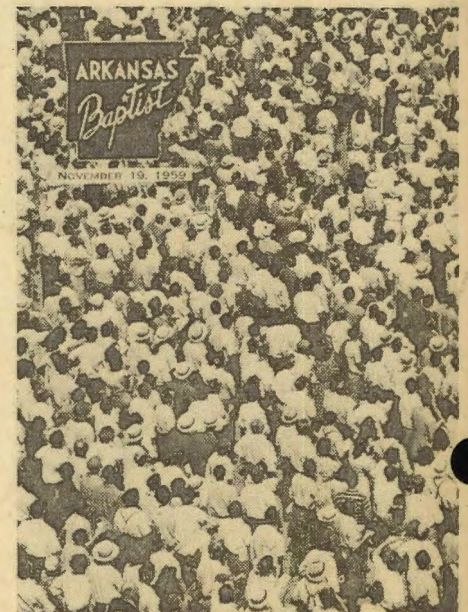
THE SOUTHERN SEMINARY alumni supper, for alumni and friends of Southern, will be held Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Frazier Coffee Shop, 220 W. 10th, Little Rock, at 5:30 p.m. Plates are \$2.25. See Erwin L. McDonald for reservations. Speaker: Dr. Wayne E. Ward, of the faculty of Southern Seminary.

The Cover

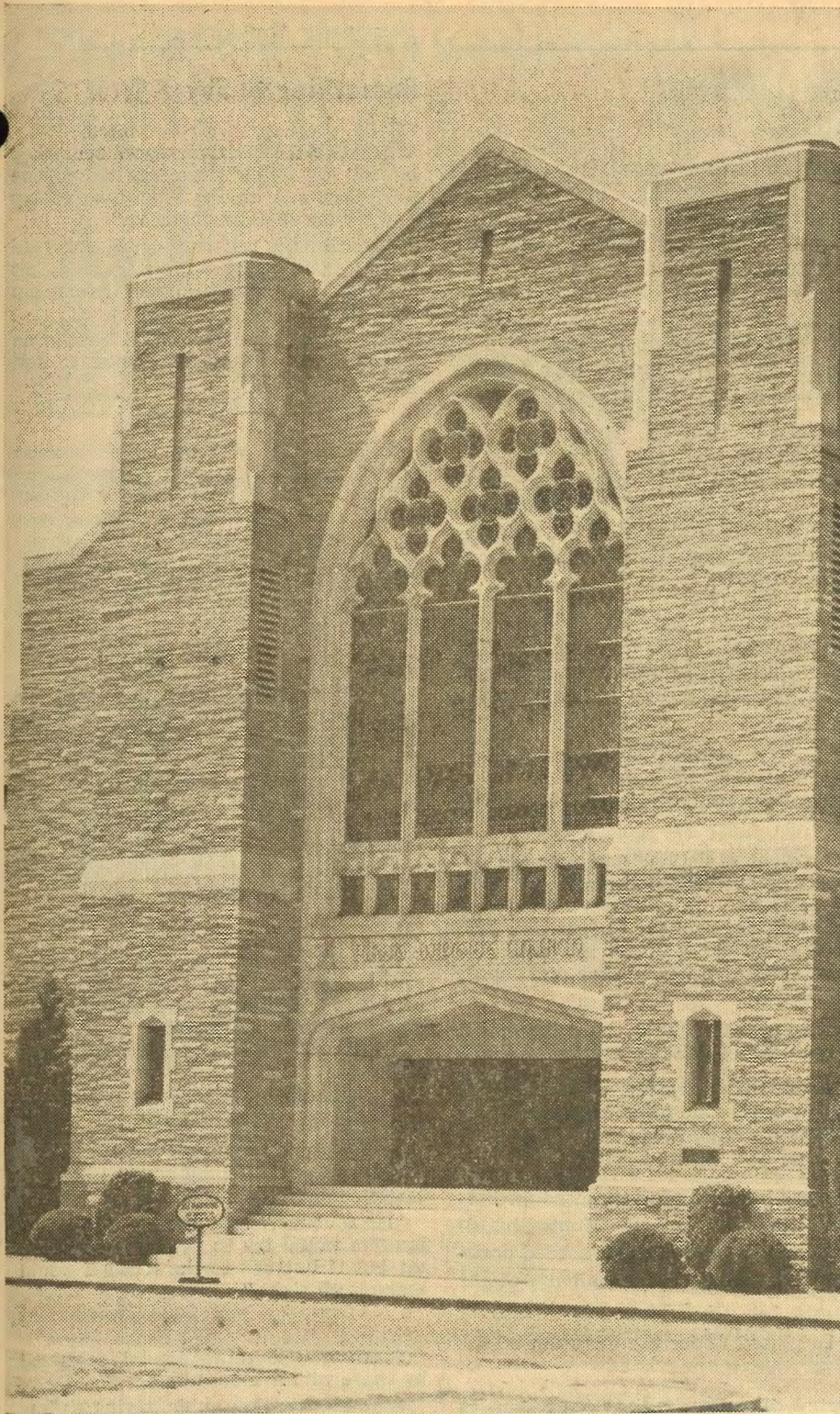
THE PEOPLE that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined (Isaiah VIII, 14).

Many Hear, Respond In Japan's Baptist Revivals

MORE THAN 300 decisions were registered in evangelistic meetings sponsored by 17 Baptist churches of the North Kyushu Baptist Association, according to a cable which the Foreign Mission Board has received from Carl M. Halvarson, press representative of the Japan Baptist Mission. The North Kyushu meetings are a part of a nation-wide evangelistic crusade now in progress under the sponsorship of the Japan Baptist Convention.



ARKANSAS BAPTIST



Welcome, Arkansas Baptists

WITH A WARM welcome and high anticipation we await the coming of you, our fellow Arkansas Baptists, to the 1st Church for our 106th annual State Convention.

The facilities God has made possible for us to use week by week we joyfully dedicate to our denominational work also. We always count it a pleasure and profit to have the greatest group in the world to come meet with us.

If there is anything we can do to make your stay more profitable and pleasant, please let us know.—1st Church, Little Rock

November 19, 1959

Receipts Near

\$14 Million

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Southern Baptist Convention portion of Cooperative Program receipts neared the \$14 million mark here, less than \$1¼ million short of the 1959 amount required to meet agency budgets.

Treasurer Porter Routh said that October receipts totalled \$1,463,425 and brought the 10-month figure to \$13,884,416. This is \$1.1 million ahead of the amount received at the same time in 1958.

Present trends indicated that the \$15 million necessary in the Cooperative Program to meet agency budgets for the year would be attained by mid-November.

After this is reached, all Cooperative Program receipts enter the advance section, divided only between the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board.

The foreign missions program gets ¾ and the home missions program ¼ of all above \$15 million received through Dec. 31, when the budget year closes. Goal for the advance section is \$2½ million. ■

Ex-Priest Baptizes Another Ex-Priest

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. —(BP)— On a recent Sunday here, Pastor S. M. Corradi of Fruit Ave. Spanish Baptist Mission baptized a convert named Salomone Humberto Pavia. Both the pastor and new convert are former priests of the Roman Catholic Church.

The new convert has expressed his conviction that the Lord has also called him to preach the gospel as he knows it now. He has already received several invitations to preach.

Born in Merida, Yucatan, in Mexico, convert Pavia studied at Merida and Puebla, Mexico, and at Montezuma Seminary, near Las Vegas, N. M.

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IT GOES without saying that no one can tell in advance what will take place in a Baptist meeting during the business sessions. This is necessarily true in a more or less pure democracy. And few would want to change our way of doing business as Baptists. It is not likely that we will have another session any time soon as outwardly harmonious as our meeting a year ago, in which not only was there not a negative vote cast, but no voice of differing opinion raised on any matter before the convention. Nor is this sort of "harmony" necessarily something for which we as Baptists of Arkansas should strive.

Matters Before Arkansas Baptists

Fight for fight's sake certainly is not to be desired. But those who have honest questions or convictions which may differ from those of others in the meetings should be able to present their views and take their stands without being branded as rebels or heretics. What we should strive for together is that in all we do we may be motivated by nothing selfish or by mere prejudice, but by a real desire for the spirit of Christ to prevail and for His will to be done in all things.

As far as the official agenda is concerned this year, there is not one thing scheduled to be before us that could be regarded as an "issue." This is not to indicate that we do not have any important business to transact, or that there may not be some negative votes cast. As we understand it, here are the more important proposals:

1. That the special Thanksgiving Offering for the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, which has been an annual undertaking across the years, be dispensed with as a fund-raising plan as of 1961 and the total budget of the children's home be provided through the Cooperative Program.

This, we believe, is definitely a move in the right direction. Our primary objective in all of our Baptist work is not fund-raising but people-raising. As it now stands, much of our money and energy must be spent raising money. Scriptural giving for all our work through the local church treasury and our Cooperative Program provides an opportunity for worship as well as necessary funds. Financing the children's home through the Cooperative Program will give us our time and energy for the main thing—building the lives of boys and girls.

2. That the Convention approve the borrowing of \$200,000 for the enlargement of its camp and assembly facilities and for acquiring a site for a new Baptist building.

Of this amount, \$125,000 would be made available to improve and enlarge present assembly and camp facilities, and to establish a new camp somewhere near the center of the state; and \$75,000 would be used to secure a building site for a new state office building.

Our leaders in all departments of our state work have long felt the need for better and larger camp and assembly facilities. And the plans for a new Baptist building in some section of the city of Little Rock that would provide badly needed parking space and allow for future growth are certainly in step with the challenge of our day.

3. That the Arkansas Baptist Foundation be placed under the direction of the Executive Board.

The Foundation has had its own board, elected, of course, by the Convention. It is believed by our survey committee that the Foundation will function more efficiently and more in line with its purpose of securing financial undergirding for all our causes, by making it a regular department of the state work. This proposed action seems to be logical.

4. That members of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, not be restricted from serving on one other board of the State Convention, and that an appropriation of \$15,000 per year be allowed to the Memphis hospital for each of three years beginning in 1960, to help expand the educational program of the hospital and provide for additional rooms for patients.

5. That a debt ratio of 2½ in assets to 1 in debts not be exceeded by any institution or agency of the Convention; that all requests for capital indebtedness by Convention institutions or agencies be submitted to the Executive Board at least 90 days prior to the annual July meeting of the Board.

Something to Say

THERE'S A lot of difference," remarked one of my fellow preachers to me one day, "between having something to say and having to say something."

My unfailing self-confidence saved me from a feeling that he was trying to get personal. So our beautiful friendship was spared.

Somebody else has noted that even Balaam's ass could talk when it had something to say!

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A **TEACHER** was concerned because one of his pupils took up so much time talking. When it was time for the periodic report card to go out to the parent, the teacher wrote on the card: "Your son is a good student, but he talks too much." The card came back with this brief note from the boy's Dad: "You should meet his mother!"

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WILL ROGERS suggested that we could clear up traffic congestion by limiting the use of streets and highways to those drivers whose cars are paid for. Perhaps we might help the "too much talk" situation by somehow restricting all talk to that which is true and pertinent. Of course, that'd be an awful blow to the American advertising business, not to mention Hollywood and TV!

* * *

AS A BOY took the witness stand to give his testimony, a lawyer bent on discrediting him, asked, "Has anybody told you what to say in court?"

"Yes, sir," promptly replied the young witness.

"I thought so!" responded the lawyer in jubilation. "Who was it?"

"My Dad, sir," replied the boy.

"And what did he tell you?" asked the lawyer, moving in for the kill.

"He told me," said the lad, "that the lawyers would try to get me all tangled up, but if I struck to the truth, I would make it all right."

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SOMETIMES impressive talk is ruined by those who ask questions.

A young hunting guide, trying to impress his personal bravery upon some big-game hunters, declared: "Once I cut off a lion's tail with my pocketknife."

"Why didn't you cut off his head?" a hunter teased.

Noticeably wilting, the guide confessed, "Somebody else had already done that!"

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HERE IS the great call to pertinent talk:

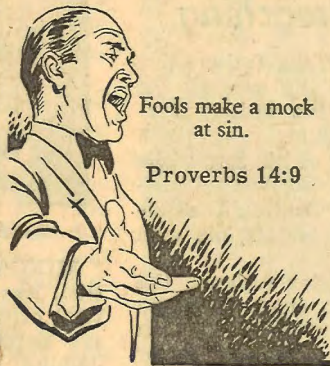
And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? (Luke 6:46)

Erwin L. McDonald

The Bible Speaks on "Sin"



Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. PRO. 14:34



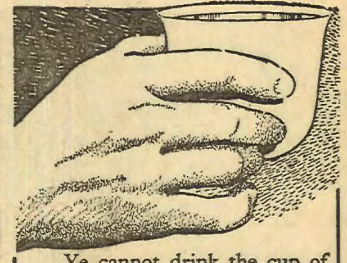
Fools make a mock at sin.

Proverbs 14:9



ISA. 57:20, 21

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.



Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. I CORINTHIANS 10:21

Legalized Gambling Declared Poison

MANY STATES and cities, as well as the Federal government, are pressed for funds. One proposal is to legalize gambling on the theory that the tax revenue received would be a gold mine.



DR. BROWN

Governor LeRoy Collins of Florida wrote an article on the subject. He appeals to the recent history of Florida as a witness against legalized gambling. Here is a brief quotation:

"In the years 1935 through 1937, the people of Florida got a dose of moral poison they will not soon forget. Times were bad then. The state was hard pressed for money, and looking desperately for ways to get it. The eyes of the governor of that day lit on the easy money of the slot machine.

"... The legislature bit. What followed shocked all Florida. Gamblers and unsavory underworld characters infiltrated the state from all over the country. Crime rates jumped. Delinquency increased. Disrespect for law spread over our state in a wave. One could almost feel the moral strength of the state ebbing away. In two years, Florida had had enough.

"Gambling, legal or illegal, spreads that kind of poison through a community. It is insidious. It kills more business than it generates. It encourages public corruption and undermines the faith of citizens in their officials. Worst of all, it saps moral strength and character.

"Opening the doors of a community to gambling is like opening Pandora's box. You run the risk of releasing all manner of dangerous and uncontrollable influences."

Admitting that Florida has some legalized gambling — pari-mutuel betting at horse-racing tracks, dog-racing tracks, and jai-alai frontons — Governor Collins says: "As such operations go, I am sure our mutuels are clean. But I have said frankly that

Florida would be better off if it had no pari-mutuel betting."

Answering the argument that gambling is necessary in luring tourists to his State, the Governor declares: "Even if gambling is 'needed' to attract some customers, I say, let other places have those customers. They bring more problems than prosperity. We want visitors to tell others back home that Florida is a place where the good in people, not the bad, is brought to the front. We just don't care for visitors who want to hang over craps tables."

Governor Collins concludes: "What we lose in income, we shall gain in integrity. And Integrity — and the moral strength of a community — are irreplaceable treasures no amount of money can buy."—Reported by Dr. Wm. E. Brown, Executive Director, Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc.

Miss Barrett Receives Bible Society Medal

MISS S. RUTH Barrett, secretary of the Work for the Blind, of the American Bible Society, was the recipient of the Migel Medal "For Outstanding Service to the Blind," presented to her recently at the headquarters of the American Foundation for the Blind in New York City. The medal was presented to Miss Barrett, on behalf of Dr. Helen Keller, who was unable to attend, by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

the CORNERCARD . . .

BE NICE TO YOUR ENEMIES . . . YOU MADE THEM

Cupples-Hesse Company,

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Daily Bible Readings

Nov. 19 — A Call for Evangelists (Rom. 10:12-17).

Nov. 20 — "Here Am I; Send Me" (Isa. 6:1-8).

Nov. 21 — Commissioned by Christ (John 20:19-23).

Nov. 22 — Ambassador for Christ (2 Cor. 5:14-20).

Nov. 23. — Saul's Conversion (Acts 9:1-9).

Nov. 24. — The Necessity for Conversion (John 3:1-8).

Nov. 25. — The Results of Conversion (Acts 26:13-20).

Final Approval on N. L. R. Hospital

NORTH LITTLE ROCK's new hospital, which has been leased in advance to Arkansas Baptist Hospital, will be known as "Memorial Hospital," with the possibility that another word or two will be added to the front of the title later.

This action was taken at a meeting of the North Little Rock Municipal Hospital Commission Nov. 12.

The commission took final action on the agreement to lease the proposed \$2,-250,000 new hospital to Arkansas Baptist Hospital. It also voted to exercise an option it holds on 40 acres at 22nd and Division streets, in North Little Rock, where the 100-bed hospital is to be constructed.

The hospital will be built with funds secured from the federal government and from a local bond issue voted some time ago. Approval of the leasing arrangement was voted by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention a year ago.

Under the lease agreement, Memorial Hospital will be operated as a separate unit, with its own administrator, but under the jurisdiction of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital board. Memorial Hospital patients will thus have the benefit of facilities at Baptist Hospital which would not be available at the smaller hospital.

Clifford L. Smith, chairman of the North Little Rock Municipal Hospital Commission, said that the North Little Rock City Council would be asked to concur in the decision to buy the property for the hospital site, since the hospital eventually will be deeded to the city.

Arkansas All Over



AT GA CORONATION—Participating in the recent GA service at 1st Church, Corning were, Queens Janet Harold and Georgene Townsend and Queen Regent Lou Ann Wright.

God's Rose Garden GA Service Theme

"GOD'S ROSE Garden" was the theme of the GA presentation and coronation service in 1st Church, Corning, Oct. 25, under the direction of Mrs. Melvin Yamnitz and Mrs. Bud Austin, counselors.

Those receiving awards included: Maidens, Betty Ermert, Dana Lynch, Sue Wright, Minnie Pierce, Tena Bates and Cherry Duncan; ladies in waiting, Beverly Aaron, Mackie Ann Blackwood, Barbara Green and Barbara Whitehead; princesses, Joyce Green, Eumecca Cole, Sue Holland and Sherry Bowers; queens, Janet Harold and Georgene Townsend, queen regent, Lou Ann Wright.

Mrs. M. G. Hoffman is WMU president for the church.

NAHEEL JERIES, a native of Nazareth, Israel, spoke at both services at Oakland Church, Pine Bluff. Miss Jerries, a 1959 graduate of Ouachita College, has been working with the Home Mission Board at Camp Garaywa in Clinton, Miss., the past few months and will work in the library at Ouachita this fall.

ON SUNDAY, Oct. 18, the Harvard Avenue Church, Siloam Springs, licensed George W. Jackson to preach.

He was converted Jan. 19, 1957, at the Harvard Avenue Church. He has served as president of the Brotherhood for the past three years and also a counselor for the Junior R.A.'s. Mr. Jackson has done outstanding work as a layman. He will now be available for supply work.

MR. JACKSON

Father Answers Call Under Son's Preaching

THE OLD saying, "Like father, like son," was reversed in the case of the Rev. John Hurd and his father, Herman Hurd, of Russellville.

Under the preaching of his son, while the younger Hurd was serving as pastor of Kelley Heights Church, Russellville, the father surrendered his own life to the ministry.

When the young pastor resigned the Kelley Heights post to enter Ouachita College, in September 1958, the church called his father, who has been pastor of the church since that time.

The father, a welder by trade, now operates his own welding shop, to help support himself and family, and gives as much of his time as possible to his pastoral duties. During the year which ended Oct. 1, he saw 26 new members added to the church roll.

His experience as a welder stood him in good stead in the construction of a baptistry for the church. Helping him in this and other building improvement, including educational building increase of 500 square feet of floor space, were the men of the church.

The building has been painted, a heating system installed in the auditorium, a drinking fountain installed, and church direction signs erected on the streets. Mrs. Don Sterling, wife of a former pastor of the church while it was a mission of Russellville 1st Church, painted the baptistry scene and donated it to the church.

All improvements have been paid for and the church recently voted a 50 per cent increase in the pastor's salary.

Full title to the church building and grounds has been made over to the church by 1st Church. On Dec. 27, the church will observe its second anniversary, with a dedication service.

The Kelley Heights Church is now receiving the **Arkansas Baptist** free for three months under the paper's standing offer to new churches. ■

MANSFIELD 1st CHURCH had Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Hattan, missionaries to Brazil, as special guests Nov. 8. Mr. Hattan spoke at both services. Clifford Lyon is pastor.

OFFICERS FOR Mt. Zion Association for the coming year are: R. D. Harrington, Nettleton, moderator; Curtis L. Mathis, Jonesboro, vice moderator; Bob Adams, Lunsford, clerk; L. D. Walker, Lake City, treasurer.

1ST CHURCH, Mountain Home, has called O. I. Ford to the full time pastorate of their mission, Eastside. The church has also authorized the missions committee to either rent or buy property for the mission.

S. C. SWINNEY supplied the pulpit of Philadelphia Church, Jonesboro, at both services Sunday Nov. 8. Pastor Stockemeyer was on vacation.



HERMAN HURD



JOHN HURD

MIXON CHURCH, Concord Association, has accepted the one month free trial offer and will receive the **Arkansas Baptist** free for November. Mrs. Jaquita Sharp sent in the subscription list. Pastor is Ralph Miller.

AS A memorial to her husband, who died Oct. 2, Mrs. Paul Clark, 224 Nesbitt, Jonesboro, sends a list of 10 names of members of her church, North Main Baptist, to receive the **Arkansas Baptist** for the coming year. Since North Main Church is new, the **Arkansas Baptist** will be sent free for three months to the entire membership.

Scotland Pastors To Visit Arkansas

TWO BAPTIST pastors from Scotland are coming to the United States at the invitation of Maple Avenue Church, Smackover, and 1st Church, Norphlet, to conduct a Bible conference and to observe methods of Southern Baptists.

Lewis E. Clarke, pastor of Maple Avenue, met them, Robert Sloan and A. M. Stewart, while in Scotland preaching last February. The two will arrive July 9 and will stay a month.

"We would like for them to be in as many churches as possible during their stay," Mr. Clarke said.

Any church desiring to have the visitors should contact Mr. Clarke.

Mr. Sloan is pastor of Perth Church, established in 1785. The building is now the largest building owned by Baptists in Scotland.

Mr. Sloan, who has been pastor since 1947, is a native of Ulster. He studied at Wolsey Hall, Oxford, and gained the University of London Certificate of Proficiency in Religious Knowledge.

Mr. Stewart, who promised God his life when he was 17 and orphaned, has been pastor of Dundee since February, 1956. He has served a number of churches, with marked increases in membership. ■



MR. STUART



MR. SLOAN

Tyler Street Has Ground-breaking Service

TYLER STREET Church, Little Rock, broke ground for a new \$150,000 educational building on Sunday morning, Nov. 8.

Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School secretary, was the speaker at the morning worship service.

Following the morning service the congregation moved outside for the ground-breaking ceremony. After the opening remarks by the pastor, Paul Orton Sr., chairman of the Building Committee, led in a prayer of thanksgiving and dedication. The two youngest members of the church, Mary Ann Gartrell and Clyde Bone, turned the first shovels of ground for the new building. Robert Fletcher, minister of music, led in singing the hymn, "To God Be the Glory." The closing prayer was by M. E. Andrews, a senior deacon of over 30 years.

The new building will be dedicated to the children. Here will be located 5 nursery, 2 beginner, 2 primary, and 2 junior departments. This unit, designed by Norris J. Sparks, Little Rock architect, is so planned that additional space for these age groups can be added when needed. It will be one of the finest elementary educational buildings in the state.—Church Reporter ■

THE YOUTH group of Temple Church, Ft. Smith, had charge of the mid-week service of Huntington Church Nov. 11. Theme of the meeting was "The Message of the Cross." Those assisting with the program were Linda King, Sharon Carson, Jimmy Duncan, Lois Ann Woodruff, Eddie Carpenter, Danny Johnson and Sharon King. Bob Martin is pastor at Huntington.

Ouachita Dormitory Site Change Revealed

THE SITE of Ouachita College's new boys dormitory, originally planned for Fourth and Cherry streets, has been changed to where the present football stands are, according to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, president.

"This necessitates re-designing of the building from preliminary plans, but will give us a much better location for the building," Dr. Phelps said. "It will overlook the campus lake, but will face north toward the present football field."

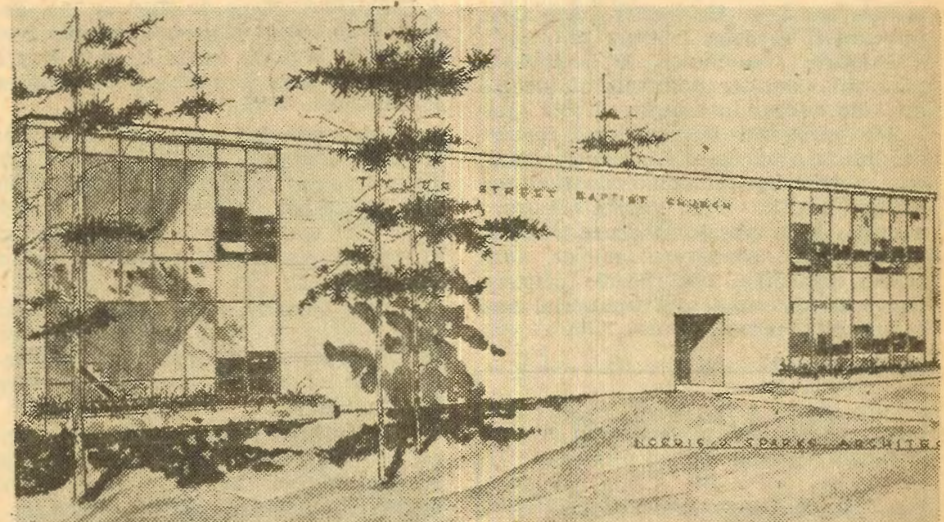
Until the college needs the space for additional buildings, the present football field will be used for intramural sports and physical education classes, according to Dr. Phelps.

Work on the new A. U. Williams Field, being built in its new location to make possible the new site for the dormitory, is progressing satisfactorily.

"The location of the dormitory and the new athletic field constitutes a part of the new master plan to develop the campus northward from its present location," Dr. Phelps stressed.



TURNING FIRST dirt at Tyler Street Church's groundbreaking recently were Clyde Bone and Mary Ann Gartrell. Back row, left to right, are Dr. James C. Coates, pastor; Norris Sparks, architect; Paul Orton Sr., building committee chairman; Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School secretary.



ARCHITECTS drawing of new Tyler Street building.

FIRST CHURCH, Mansfield, had a revival, Oct. 18-25 with Jesse S. Reed as evangelist, Lewis Gardner as song leader. There were 12 for baptism and 9 by letter. Clifford R. Lyon is pastor.

ERNEST COX has accepted the call of 1st Church, Hunter, and began his duties Nov. 15. He comes from Blue Eye Church, Carroll Association. W. O. Taylor has been serving Hunter Church as interim pastor.



Deer Preecher

Temperance Christmas Seals

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Bearing the legend "Christmas for Christ," more than five million Christmas seals will be distributed throughout the nation this year by the Woman's Temperance League, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Methodist Board of Temperance and other church-related agencies.

This year's temperance seal bears the same design as last year's, although it is a different color (green and black). The seal shows a hymn book open to "Silent Night, Holy Night" with whiskey flasks and glasses in the background. This symbolizes, said the temperance leaders, rejection of alcoholic beverages as a way of celebrating the Nativity. The seals sell for 25 cents a sheet.

Suggestion for Christmas Eve

Do you have plans for Christmas Eve?

The American Bible Society has a suggestion. It urges church families and other residents of U. S. communities to participate in a concerted reading of the Christmas story on the night in which we celebrate the Saviour's birth.

This is the first time, said a Society spokesman, that it has sponsored concerted reading of the Christmas story as recorded in the scriptures. For a number of years, however, it has published a special edition of the Christmas message as it appears in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. (EP)

1960 Alcohol Studies

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (EP)—Dates for the 1960 summer school of alcohol studies at Yale University have been announced as June 26-July 22.

Students (enrollment is limited to 275) will consider problems of alcohol and alcoholism in society.

Seminars and lectures will feature specialists from social sciences, medicine, psychiatry, religion, education and public health. The school features workshops for physicians, case workers, psychologists, clergymen, nurses, educators, probation and parole officers, personnel directors and industrial and community leaders.

Ouachita Supper

at

Immanuel Baptist Church

LITTLE ROCK

Tuesday, Nov. 17

5 P. M.

\$1.50

We jist moved to town and we're hunting for a good church. Here's sum questshun so as to find out if we ort to join yore outfit.

We got a daughter who's at the marigable age—31. Do you have plenty of bachelurs in yore church?

The boy is 15, which means that he would be in the interidiot department. He ast me about your fillupshups. Whut do you surve—lots of lemonade, donuts, cookys, and hot dogs? We aint gonna pay muny into a church which don't feed well.

How much do you all charge in cash muny fer yore Wednesday supper? We think everybody under 32 ort to be free-fer-nothing. And 2 bits is enuf fer anyone else. By the time we put a dime apeice in the kollekshun plate, we jist barely have enuf left to keep our pikchure tube in good repair.

Now me and the ole woman want it understood that we ain't gonna be graded in Sunday School. We want to heer the best teecheur yore church's got, even if everbuddy's thurty yeers older than us. Oh by the way, what class has the mos soshuls? That's fer me! I kin put up with a secun-rate teecheur if the class parties a hole lot.

Kud eny of yore folks tell us about a nice house fer sale, say about \$1,500 with easy payments. We'd like for the deecons to help us fix it up. They're servunts, ain't they?

We're again givin' a lot of muny to misshuns. If you got sum muny left over, give it to a pore fambly like us. Junior needs a portable TV fer his room. It strains him to walk from his bed to the parlur.

We'll be a-trying you out this Sunday, so have a good sampul surmun fer us. And if you don't notice us, smile reel big, and shake hands, we shore will be mad! That goes fer yore deecons and ushurs, too.

Yores trooly,

Zeke Zilch and fambly.

—Brook Hollow Baptist, in *The Lamplighter*, 1st Church, DeWitt

Kansas Votes New Site And Adopts 2 Policies

WICHITA, Kans. —(BP)— The executive board of Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists voted here to buy a site for a new Baptist office building in suburban Wichita.

It also adopted two policies — one that forbids state Baptist workers and their families from serving on Kansas convention boards, and the other which says the convention will not employ anyone divorced and remarried as a staff worker.

Hillary Brophy, state Sunday School secretary, submitted his resignation in keeping with the new policies. Brophy was with the Kansas convention for three years.

Sunday School enrollment of churches affiliated with Kansas convention rose over 5,000 to its present 28,000 during Brophy's tenure as secretary.

The new building site is located in west Wichita on an expressway, U. S. Highway 54. The two-acre tract will cost about \$4,850. The new site is five miles from the present Baptist building in downtown Wichita.

Convention leaders will study leasing the present building to help meet payments on the new building.

Carpenter Receives Military Chaplain Award

ATLANTA, Ga. —(BP)— Alfred Carpenter, director of the Chaplains Commission of the Home Mission Board, was cited for "outstanding" leadership in "strengthening religion and morality . . . in American life."

The citation was presented here by the National Military Chaplains Association. Atlanta chapter president, Robert C. Pooley, Jr., made the presentation, and Charles L. Glenn, president of the national group from Washington, D. C. spoke at the recognition services at Fort McPherson in Atlanta.

Carpenter's service to the Armed Forces was described as being "characterized by the highest norms of leadership, a living example of his love to God and country."

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA law enforcement officers were urged by the Druid Hills Church board of deacons to crack down on the "operation of slot machines and other gambling devices." Officials of five counties were called on "to terminate these violations" and "discharge their sworn duty." The resolution also rapped "the sale of mixed drinks."

Man In God's Economy

By DON HOOK

Pastor, 1st Church, Malvern

Psalm 8; Psalm 19:1-3, Ezekiel 20:30

IN THESE days of space rockets and satellites men are becoming rather acutely space-and-universe conscious. However, our generation is not the only one which has been interested in the cosmic universe. David, the sweet singer of Israel, "considered the heavens, the work of God's fingers" and asserted that they declared the glory of God.

Just how awesome God's universe actually is cannot be comprehended by finite minds. For instance, the moon, one of earth's nearest neighbors, is only 240,000 miles away. Yet, if I should walk to the moon, walking 40 miles a day, it would take me 16½ years to get there. The sun is over 92 million miles from the earth. If I should ride a train which would average 100 miles per hour all the time and all the way, the trip would require over 105 years.

Every Boy Scout knows where the North Star is located in the heavens. If one could ride a ray of light, which travels 192,000 miles per second, to the North Star, it would take 45 years to make the trip one way. If I should go to the depot and buy a ticket for three cents per mile to the North Star, a one-way ticket would cost some 720 million dollars. And these are only three of the bodies in the heavens, and they are among the very few which are ever seen by the naked eye.

Through powerful telescopes one can see Mercury, 91 million miles away, or Venus, 160 million miles away. Through the most powerful lens yet known one may even see old Neptune, which is 2 billion 790 million miles away, and may even catch a glimpse of nebula away out on the frontier of the universe which could well be another complete solar system.

All of these, and myriads of other bodies, constitute what we, and David, call the "heavens." Located among all these bodies which are rotating in space is a comparatively small one which God and men call "earth." And living here on this tiny earth is a still tinier speck of dust called man.

WHAT IS MAN?

WHO, AND what, is this creature called man? May I answer this question by saying that I believe that everything in this world, and even in the universe, finds its greatest significance in the light of its relationship to man. Money has no particular significance until it is related to man and his needs and desires. Food, shelter, raiment, and all the essentials of physical life find their greatest mean-

ing as they are related to man. Nuclear energy, atoms, medicine, and outer space, and all of the other matters of such concern in our day lose their significance completely in the absence of man. Even religion has no particular significance until it is related to man. Actually, man stands at the very center of all of God's plans and purposes.

Man is the center of God's creative plans. That this universe is the result of intelligent and deliberate creation none can deny. There is entirely too much perfection in its functions and operations for any to dare to claim that it is the product of blind and haphazard chance. It operates by plan, therefore, it must have been created according to a master plan. Personally, I am not nearly so much interested in the details of the plan as I am interested in, and concerned about, the purpose of the plan.

Why did God create the earth? For a plaything with which He might amuse Himself as a child would with a toy? The humbling and challenging answer to this question is that God created this earth and its fullness so that it might be used and enjoyed by this creature called man who was placed here as the trustee in charge of all its fullness. Yes, man is at the center of God's creative plans.

Man is at the center of God's plan of redemption. In the fullness of time one of the most awful, and yet grandest, scenes ever witnessed by human or divine eyes took place here on the earth. A Man, the likes of whom the

world has never seen, died on a cross. This Man was, and is, the strangest personality who ever walked among men. He was strange and wonderful in His birth, for He was virgin born. He was strange and wonderful in His personality, for He was both God and man. He was strange and wonderful in His influence, for men forsook all to follow Him. He was strange and wonderful in His life, for even His enemies declared they found no fault in Him.

He was even more strange and wonderful in His death, for He was betrayed by an associate, denied by an intimate friend, arrested by knaves, tried without counsel, and condemned to death by the testimony of false witnesses. He died such a death that even the sun hid its face and refused to look upon such a spectacle. And the earth reeled and rocked in mute protest against this awful perpetration by wicked men.

Why did He die? The Bible tells us that "He was delivered up by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). Why? Because man, the center of all God's plans and purposes, and the object of God's eternal love, was lost and alienated from God and the death of Christ was necessary to effect a reconciliation. Yes, man was, and is, at the center of God's great plan of redemption.

All of God's plans — creative, redemptive, evangelistic, and healing — find their real and true meaning and fullness in the light of man's presence and needs. Remove man from the scene and none of God's plans or providential workings have meaning. Put man in his proper place and we are able accurately to interpret the purpose back of God's workings. Therefore, it is no mystery at all, but quite easy to understand why God should say in every generation, "And I sought for a man among them" (Eze. 22:30).

GOD HAS SOUGHT FOR A MAN

From the day when God walked in the Garden in the cool of the evening and cried, "Adam, where art thou?" He has been on an age-long quest for men.

When God wanted someone to love, someone to care for His handiwork, He created a man and called him Adam. When God wanted a living memorial to the fact that it pays to serve God, He looked for a man — and found Enoch.

When God wanted to turn back the floods of wickedness and reward righteous obedience, He looked for a man —



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and found Noah.

When God wanted a people to be peculiarly His own, He looked for a man — and found Abram.

When God wanted to deliver a race of slaves and make them in two short generations one of the greatest nations of their day, He looked for a man — and found Moses.

When God wanted to fulfill His covenant and make Canaan the promised land of His people, He looked for a man — and found Joshua and Caleb.

When God wanted to deliver His people from the hand of the Midianites, He looked for a man — and found Gideon.

When God wanted to stop the blasphemous taunts of the Philistines, He looked for a man — and found David.

When God wanted to carve an immortal figurement of personal righteousness on the pages of time, He looked for a man — and found Daniel.

When God wanted to set His Messianic promises to music divine, He looked for a man — and found Isaiah.

When God wanted to prepare the way for the Holy One of Israel, He looked for a man — and found John the Baptist.

When God wanted to call the Gentiles to repentance and faith, He looked for a man — and found Paul.

When God wanted to gladden the hearts of the redeemed with a foretaste of heaven, He looked for a man — and found John, the Revelator.

When God wanted to move Europe closer to God and blast superstition, He looked for a man — and found Martin Luther.

When God wanted a new world opened to the outward push of civilization, He looked for a man — and found Columbus.

When God wanted a government dedicated to liberty, He looked for a man — and found Washington.

When God wanted a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, He looked for a man — and found Jefferson.

When God wanted slavery abolished in the "land of the free and the home of the brave," He looked for a man — and found Lincoln.

Yes, God has always sought for a man. He is on His quest today!

What kind of man does God want? God wants men who cannot be bought with money's magic, popularity's promise, or with power's pride. God wants men who can measure up to the simple A B C requirements for good men and women.

God wants answering men and women who will answer the call of God, home, and country, not abandoning men who forsake every ideal and conviction for the world's laudations.

God wants bold men who will storm the citadels of frustration, not bowing men who yield to every mouse of opposition.

God wants conquering men who will cross uncharted oceans and make con-

quests in every realm, not cowering men who would flee before a flea.

God wants daring men who will venture beyond the borders of timid traditions to discover the secrets of God's revelations, not dallying men who "spit, whittle, and piddle" while a suffering world crashes into ruin.

God wants enterprising men who will really perfect a better mouse-trap, not dream and talk about progress but never act for it.

God wants fighting men who will brave grape-shot and cannister to reach their goals, not filching men who move in like parasites to live on the hard-won fruits of the fighter.

God wants good men whose word is their bond and whose pattern for living is justice, mercy, and truth, and uprightness, not Godless men who worship only at the shrine of might.

God wants helping men whose neighbor is their brother, not hoaxing men who regard every man as a sucker.

God wants immune men who are unmoved by bribe, threat, or trickery, not inane men who become the plaything of every idle wind that blows.

God wants jovial men who spread laughter and sunshine in a gloomy, despairing old world, not jesting men to whom nothing is sacred.

God wants knitting men who would knit the breaches and bind up the wounds of a broken humanity, not knifing men who would stab a prostrate brother in the back.

God wants learning men whose minds are ever open to the truth, not leaning, listless men who let others do all their thinking.

God wants masterful men and women whose uprightness and firmness command the respect of even their enemies, not mealy-mouthed men whose tongues daintily compromise the truth daily.

God wants noble men whose nobility is born of ambition and initiative, not nomadic nobodies who have been spawned in the alleys of indolence.

God wants out-and-out men who are the same up and down, through and through, inside and out, not odious opportunists who are one thing today and another tomorrow.

God wants pure men whose hearts and minds have been cleansed by the Blood, not putrid Pharisees who are inwardly full of dead men's bones.

God wants qualified men who give full quantity for all they receive, not quipping quacks who constantly hoodwink humanity.

God wants resourceful men who will be ready when opportunity comes, not revolting revelers who crucify opportunity.

God wants stable men who are established like Gibraltar, not scintillating stars which can be obscured by any flitting cloud.

God wants tall men who measure up in integrity and character, not tapering tenpins to be bowled over by every rolling ball of fad or fancy.

God wants unassuming men who quietly bring home the bacon, not unstable upstarts whose usefulness is nil.

God wants valiant men who will count some things worth making any sacrifice for, even death, not vacillating vassals who are willing to be enslaved by pigmies.

God wants weighty men who weigh a full 16 ounces to the pound and whose weight is never questioned, not waning wasps whose sting is no longer feared.

God wants yearning men who hunger and thirst after righteousness and for better things for all posterity, not yapping yahoos who would be satisfied to live among life's garbage heaps.

God wants zestful men who would be zestful zealots in their conquest of life, not zizzling zephyrs which are gone with the sound.

*What makes a nation's pillars high,
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?*

*It is not gold. Its kingdom grand
Goes down in battle shock;
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,
Not on abiding rock.*

*Is it the sword? Ask the red dust
Of empires passed away;
The blood has turned their stones to rust,
Their glory to decay.*

*And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown
Has seemed to nations sweet;
But God has struck its luster down
In ashes at His feet.*

*Not gold, but only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men who for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long.*

*Brave men who work while others sleep
Who dare while others fly—
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

REACTIONS TO GOD'S QUEST

Be it quickly said that men do not always respond to God's call. And when they do respond in dedication, the world does not always eagerly and joyfully receive them. James Martineau says, "By supposed leaders have the guides, the saints, the redeemers of men, been poisoned in Athens, burned in Florence, and crucified in Jerusalem." And our own beloved Dr. R. G. Lee says, "We ought not be surprised that a world that threatened Milton, starved Burns, burned Savonarola, imprisoned Bunyan, assassinated Lincoln, threw mud at Robert E. Lee, broke the health and heart of John Ruskin, stoned Stephen and Paul, and crucified Jesus, will become your enemy if you live like men and tell a corrupt world the truth — if you refuse to give it taffy when it needs a bitter purgative, if you refuse to give it a quack's poultice when it needs a sur-

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BAPTIST GROWTH IN THE CAPITAL

By LEE I. DANCE

THE PULASKI County Baptist Association closed one of its most successful years on Sept. 30. During this 12-month period four new churches were organized; 1,732 new members were received by baptism; there were 3,374 additions by letter; and \$441,578.69 was given to missions. The Co-Operative Program portion of the mission gifts amounted to \$301,453.78.

[Editor's Note: The Rev. Mr. Dance is superintendent of missions for Pulaski Association, having come to this field only recently as the successor of the Rev. O. C. Robinson, who resigned the local mission post to accept a pastorate in Dallas. He has written the accompanying article at the request of the editor, who felt that Baptists of Arkansas would be particularly interested in the work in the host association to the annual state convention.]

Composition of the Association

Pulaski Association has 76 member churches which have resident church membership of 28,997, with an additional 8,294 non-resident members. The churches of the Association range in membership from 35 to 3,442. All but 1st, Sheridan; Immanuel, Vimy Ridge; and Zion Hill Churches are within the geographical boundaries of Pulaski County.

Purpose of the Association

The purpose of a Baptist association has not changed since the first association at Philadelphia was formed in 1707. The main purpose, therefore, is to share experiences and to promulgate and execute a program designed to make the greatest possible use of the Baptist witness in the area in which the churches are located.

One of the greatest challenges of the day is to help strengthen our weaker churches while maintaining a program of organized work in new residential areas of our Association. Some of our finest churches are severely handicapped in their outreach by inadequate facilities to care for the people.

We hope the day is not too distant when we will have strong and vigorous churches in sufficient number to present the Gospel regularly to every lost person in our area. This kind of witnessing will help to undergird our Southern Baptist mission program around the world.

Origin of the Association

The Association had its beginning on Nov. 9, 1916, at 2nd Church, Little Rock.

This organization meeting was composed of the following churches: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Immanuel, Pulaski Heights, and Maple Street, Little Rock; 1st, Cal-



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vary, Levy, and Baring Cross, Argenta; Lifeline, of Cypress Junction; Jacksonville from Caroline Association; Zion Hill, Pine Grove, and Ironton from Pine Bluff Association; and Wright Avenue, a new church, Little Rock.

Growth of the Association

During the 43 years that the Association has been operating, there has been a net growth of 59 churches. Much of this can be attributed to the fact that the population of metropolitan Little Rock has been on the increase.

The Association has been fortunate in having wise leadership through the years which has encouraged the establishment of missions in the new areas of development, and most of these have grown into churches.

Perhaps one of the finest periods of growth in our history has occurred during the last ten years, population-wise and churchwise. As a matter of fact, there has been an increase of 15 churches in our Association during these years.

In 1956, the Association adopted a program of city missions which is designed to place churches in every new residential area under development.

Objectives of the Association

It is not always possible to see the needs of the future either from a civic or a religious standpoint. However, trends of a day often are good barometers of needs of the future. As we see our population increasing, our older areas declining, our new areas growing, we can begin to see some of the needs of the future.

First: As the older areas decline the struggle for survival of the churches located therein becomes more difficult. Often the type of ministry of

a former year does not meet the needs of the changing conditions. Therefore, we can expect to change some of our methods of approach in reaching the needs of these particular areas.

Second: There is a growing tendency across America to develop communities within cities. These communities are usually located around a central suburban shopping center. A church in any such community must provide a church plant of sufficient capacity to care adequately for its members.

Third: In any rapidly growing city, property on which to establish churches is at a premium. Most cities, and ours does, require sufficient off-street parking for those attending the church when a new church plant is built. For an individual church to provide all the property necessary to begin a work in these new areas would impose considerable financial hardship on many churches. It means that, more and more, our Association will be called upon to provide the ground on which a church or churches may begin new work.

Fourth: Another foreseeable need is a ministry to minority groups, to homes for the aged, homes for the handicapped, and to areas populated by the underprivileged. Every soul is precious in the sight of God and we pray that He will give us the insight to foresee the needs and provide adequate facilities to meet these needs.

A Superintendent of Associational Missions' position is no longer one of just helping the churches to locate pastors and to provide pastorless churches with supply preachers, but it embraces a multitude of human needs which can be met only through providing the Gospel in such a way and at such times that it will reach the heart of every individual. ■

Eddleman's Mother Dies

MRS. LUCILLE Power Eddleman, 69, mother of H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Seminary, died Nov. 4 in New Orleans after an extended illness. She had made her home with her son for the past 11 years. Funeral services were held in New Orleans Nov. 5 with Dr. Eddleman officiating. Burial was in Cleveland, Miss.

CONGRESSMAN OREN Harris was the speaker at the Brotherhood of 1st Church, El Dorado, Nov. 10.

FRANK B. HOTARD sends a list of names from Kelley Heights Church, Russellville, to receive the Arkansas Baptist through our free trial offer.

Convention Sermon

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geon's knife."

But some do respond and measure up in their calling. It is said of old Gari-baldi, when he was defending Rome against the forces of Austria and France, that he was asked by his own people to surrender and spare the city's destruction. In front of the building where he maintained his headquarters, and which had already been littered by bombardment, he lifted his broken sword and exclaimed, "On my monument write these words: 'A man who never surrendered to the enemies of human freedom!'" There was a man who measured up.

Still others excuse themselves, or equivocate, and say, "I can't. I possess none of the qualifications. I am too limited in my abilities. There are no suns which I may light, no fires that I may kindle. I am too weak to make conquest in any realm."

Is that so? Do you not forget God? Where is your willingness? It is forever true that one willing man plus God constitutes a majority. One, two, three, or five talents — whatever a man has — there will never be any demonstration of what God can do until the man willingly offers it all to God.

Evangelism, missions, and benevolences, all alike wait for God's willing man or woman. The gaps in the hedge are many and they increase or decrease on the basis of man's willingness to fill them. There is a breach in the hedge somewhere for each of us to fill. God is looking for us. In classroom, in the pulpit, in the pew, out in the plowed field, down in the mine, in the shops, in the offices, the quest continues. It is a quest for men and women, nothing more, nothing less. You are a man, aren't you? You are a woman, aren't you? Then God is looking for you!

Let none hear you idly saying,

"There is nothing I can do,"

While the souls of men are dying,

And the Master calls for you;

Take the task He gives you gladly,

Let His work your pleasure be,

Answer quickly while He calleth,

"Here am I, send me, send me."

Easy? No! A thousand times no! But it's gloriously possible! Let us stay in training, stay on the job, stand in the gaps, and we can move mountains, make new discoveries, establish new horizons, and erect eternal monuments. There may be giants in our promised land, but our God is able to drive them out and give us the land. Life's Pharaohs may pursue us with all their might, but our God is able to open impossible seas and give passage-way and victory.

Wormwood and gall may sometimes be the potion for our lips to drink, but our God is able to sweeten all of life's bitter water. We may be called upon to embark upon raging seas which may toss us like playthings, but our God is "Master of ocean, and earth,

and skies" and can tame every tempest and give respite in the midst of life's storms.

Our path may lead through dark nights and dark valleys, but our God is Light and will be a Lamp unto our feet and a Light unto our pathway.

Sorrow may overflow its banks in our lives, but our God is the God of all comfort and can give us songs in the night.

Life's perplexing problems may come with complexities which defy understanding, but our God can ordain wisdom out of the mouths of babes and sucklings. He has the answer. He is the answer! But the answer is publicly known through God's man and God's woman.

What is man? Why, beloved, he is God's instrument being used to fulfill God's plan of the ages. And I wouldn't miss my part in it for all the planets in God's Universe! Would you? ■

New Mexicans Talk Of Proposed College

HOBBS, N. Y. —(BP)— New Mexico Baptists heard talk at their annual convention here of a proposed state Baptist-supported college. Several cities were mentioned.

The Baptist Convention of New Mexico's executive board received instructions to weigh the matter during the coming year. It could, if necessary, call a special session of the convention to consider the matter.

New Mexico Baptists presently carry on their Christian higher education program through chairs of Bible at the various state colleges and universities.

The 314 registered messengers voted a 1960 convention budget of \$1,126,475 including supplemental income through the Sunday School and Home Mission Boards.

All officers were re-elected. W. D. Wyatt, Albuquerque minister, is president.

A resolution put the convention on record for vigilance in maintaining separation of church and state. ■

Dr. Arthur Fox Dies

DR. ARTHUR Fox, 79-year-old pastor-evangelist who preached his 21,370th and final sermon on Oct. 4, died Oct. 26 at his home in Morristown, Tenn., after a brief illness.

A native of Cooke County, Tenn., Dr. Fox had AB and MA degrees from Carson-Newman College and his doctor of divinity degree from Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky.

He had served as pastor of Baptist churches in Newport, Tenn., Marianna and Hope, Ark., Port Royal, Louisville, Paris and Mayfield, Ky., and was a former pastor of 1st Church, Morristown, Tenn.

He was the oldest living member of the Philomathean Literary Society of Carson-Newman College, and was honored last year at the organization's 50th anniversary. He and Mrs. Fox observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1957.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Sick Husband

QUESTION: I am a lady under 30 with two children, ages three and five. My husband is in the service and often goes overseas. A number of times he has had affairs and confessed them to me. Once he fathered a child by another woman.



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To top it off he is an ordained minister, and preaches some. My pastor advises me to get a divorce but my husband does not want one, in spite of the fact that he has mistreated us in a number of ways. I need advice in the worst way.

ANSWER: Your husband is a very sick man and should be treated as such. If he will not take psychological treatment of some kind, over a long period of time, you are wasting your time trying to salvage him.

The fact that he is a minister does not preclude his illness. He has no business in the pulpit because of the reproach he may bring, or has already brought, on the cause of Christ.

I think your pastor is right, unless your husband will be treated for his character defect.

Why do you take all of this? You do need advice, in the best way — perhaps even treatment.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)

Dr. Lofton Hudson To Lead Workshop

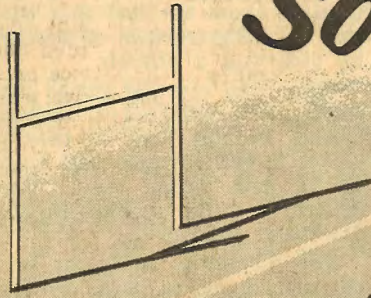
DR. LOFTON Hudson, of the Midwestern Counseling Center, Kansas City, a regular contributor to the **Arkansas Baptist**, will lead the annual pastoral-care workshop for ministers at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, December 10-11.

According to Dr. J. Don Corley, chaplain at the hospital, the program the first day will be for pastors in Pulaski County. The program the second day will be for ministers from outside Pulaski County. The program each day will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue till about 3:30 p.m. Reservations will be received up to 100.

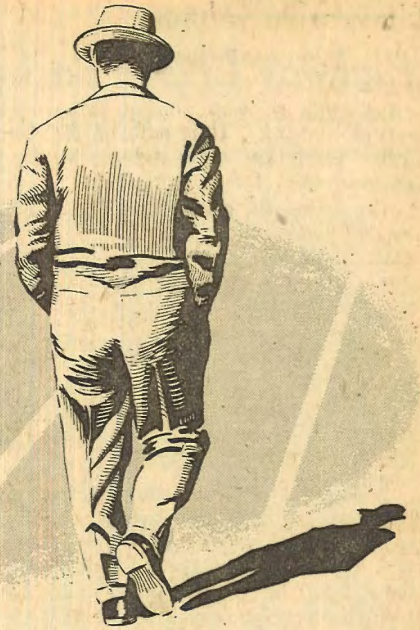
Those attending the workshop will be the guests of the hospital for the noon meal.

Featuring the morning program will be sessions on "Marriage and the Law in Arkansas" and "Pre-Marriage Counseling." The afternoon session will deal primarily with "Problems in Marriage Counseling."

Pastors planning to attend should make reservations immediately with Mr. Corley. ■



So They Fired The Coach



By RAY V. MAYFIELD, JR.

(Pastor, 1st Church, Conroe, Tex.)

WHY DID THEY fire the coach? That's easy — because the team didn't win.

November seems naturally to bring this mid-autumn madness among disgruntled football fanatics. This insatiable desire to win at all costs has sadly become part of our way of life. From Little League baseball through the old fiddler's contests the only thing that seems to matter anymore is that we win.

This same seeking for the sweet smell of success has crept into many of our churches today. This attitude poses a far more pernicious problem to the cause of Christ than all of the fiery darts of Satan.

In many of our churches if the report board doesn't reflect an appreciable increase over last year's record, if there are not additions to the church in at least one of the worship services, then the whole day is a miserable failure.

Of course, every Christian should seek daily to do more for the cause of Christ than he did yesterday. To measure the sum and substance of a church's ministry or of a pastor's leadership on the basis of a number neurosis, however, is a dangerous trend. It is alarmingly similar to the football fan who measures the far reaching results of a coach's influence in the lives of young men only in terms of the scoreboard.

The same group usually howls for the scalps of both the coach and the pastor. Their main charge is, "Thou shalt not lose." Only the words are changed in the hysterical tune, "Fire the coach" to "Fire the preacher."

Strangely, their terminology betrays their basic spirit. As public property, the preacher is a defenseless individual who cannot, and usually will not, re-

taliate. People get pretty brave in attacking when they are certain not to be hit back.

When the team loses, the scapegoat is the coach. It's all his fault. He therefore makes an easy target for the "experts" who never played a down of football. Really, now, the coach didn't let a pass receiver get behind him to lose the game. He didn't throw a pass and have it intercepted. He didn't fumble the ball or "bust" a signal all season long. But a losing season is all his fault!

The losses of Friday night and Saturday afternoon have brought Mr. Football Fanatic's blood to the boiling point. One ulcer is devouring the other and he has come to church Sunday morning. Why, no one will ever know.

He observes, among other things, that the work isn't going like it ought to go. "Maybe we need a change in leadership," he darkly suggests. He seems

California to Hold Special May Session

SAN DIEGO, Calif. —(BP)— California Southern Baptists will hold a special, mid-year meeting of their convention in 1960 to consider a survey made by the convention's long-range planning committee.

The special session was voted by messengers attending the regular 1959 session.

It will convene May 9 at Fresno.

The long-range planning committee has been making a survey of work done by the convention, but did not have its report ready to present here.

Messengers re-elected Charles L. McClain, pastor, Truett Memorial Church, Long Beach, as convention president. They adopted a total budget of \$1,258,222 which includes \$861,000 in distributable, Cooperative Program funds.

to have forgotten that throughout the week he hasn't spoken a single good word for his church or his pastor. He may have expelled some verbal venom and vitriol about "that preacher and his clique," but not one word of help, hope, and kindness for the cause of Christ.

He also seems to have forgotten that he didn't attend Training Union last Sunday evening. After all, it is not every night he can see a spectacular on TV. He does not remember either that Wednesday evening was fight night on TV, which prevented his attending teachers and officers' meeting and prayer meeting. Thursday's visitation effort was out of the question, too. He had to get ready for a week end of football. He completely ignores any personal responsibility of discipleship and seeks to strap the failures, shortcomings and "losses" of the church around the neck of the spiritual scapegoat. After all, the preacher is getting paid to "win."

It is no small wonder that the devil has sought out our most vulnerable weakness, the satisfaction of our superego, in his effort to win at all costs. This inevitably brings about confusion and strife within the most effective instrument of God's grace, the bride of Christ.

What can save us from the imminent spiritual breakdown eventuating from our numbers neurosis? Simply this. Every Christian must dedicate himself toward doing his very best for Christ. Then, win or lose, there will be no regrets, no excuses, no scapegoats. Victory will take care of itself. It will become an inevitable by-product of our efforts rather than the shrine at which so many worship.

Remember this, Christ never demanded that his followers be successful. He did insist that they be faithful even unto death!—The Baptist Standard. ■

Highway Church Backs Total Program

(Second in a series of articles about the music ministry in small and medium size churches.)

WITH THE mere knowledge of trying to establish a total music program, the congregation of the Highway Church, North Little Rock, a year and a half ago voted to establish the music ministry with a part-time music director, Burton Perry, on a volunteer basis. Since then, there has been a continuing rise of blessed experiences in growth in grace, musical understanding, knowledge and abilities.

Averaging 225 Sunday School attendance, there are today about 90 persons engaged in the music ministry. Starting with an Adult Choir, they now have an Adult-Young People Choir with an enrollment of 25, an Intermediate Choir of 23, a Junior Choir of 17, a Primary Choir of 13, and a girl's vocal quintet, "The Highwayettes." This progression has been made by challenging and achieving Standard recognition, a custom of the people at Highway, for they are also Standard in Sunday School and Training Union.

The pastor, Bunyan Wallace, has lent full support to the music ministry, and led the church to underwrite the sending of the director and church pianist to Ouachita Music Camp last summer. They were joined by six others from the church.

The director taught "The Church Music Manual" in February, 1959, with 23 awards earned. Attendance at Ouachita Music Camp earned 20 awards. July added 30 awards, with the music director teaching "Beginning Music Reader." The Association music school in early September brought to 89 the total awards earned this year, the third largest total in the state for adult awards. These music studies and classes have been enthusiastically received, and gone far in educating the various age groups.

Last Oct. 11 Highway Church dedicated a new church auditorium. Through the cooperation of the building committee and music director, they now have a baby grand piano, purchased very selectively in used condition; 135 new copies of the Baptist Hymnal; a three step choir area seating 28. The choir seats are individual, steel folding chairs, with padded seat, back and arms. In the immediate future, a tape recorder is to be bought. On dedication day the Adult-Young People Choir made their debut in robes. A robe committee of the choir shopped for material, made their own pattern, and tailor made 25 robes. The church figures a saving of \$450 here.

In addition to the tape recorder, a budget of \$200 runs the music ministry this year. This includes capes for the Intermediate choir (another do-it-

yourself job), sending two people to music camp, paying a visiting instructor at next music study course, buying teaching aids and music. The cost of the Church Musician is borne by the church literature budget.

Each member, or family, of the Adult-Young People Choir receives a copy of the Church Musician. The music section is removed and put into the music library. This has been maintained in the director's home until recently, when the church bought a four drawer filing cabinet for the music department of the church.

Being semi-urban, rehearsal times presented a problem. This has been settled by having the Adult-Young People choir rehearse each Wednesday night after prayer meeting, from 8:30 p. m. to 9:30 p.m. or later. The Primary, Junior, and Intermediate Choirs rehearse each Sunday from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. with the church bus making the circuit for this purpose. The children bring a bag supper, and the church serves a bottle of soda pop. Supper and recreation is from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with Training Union starting at the latter time.

The "Highwayettes," directed by Mrs. Perry, meet in her home every Thursday night for an hour or two of rehearsal. This ensemble was featured at the last State WMU Rally, and were Highway's entry in the State Music Festival.

Each of the three children's choirs has its own director. This is done by using a husband and wife team from the Adult choir for the Juniors, and a like team for the Primaries. Mrs. Perry directs the Intermediate Choir, with one of the choir's talented girls at the piano. The music director devotes about 15 minutes to each group each Sunday. Beginner music activities presently consist of the playing of Broadman records and having the children sing, clap and march to them.

The Adult-Young People choir performs every Sunday morning; the Intermediate Choir every other Sunday night. The Junior Choir alternates with the Intermediates, and once a month the Primaries join them, and sing their own special selection. Occasionally, the "Highwayettes" sing at either morning or evening services.—LeRoy McClard, secretary, music department. ■

THE THIRD annual Girl's Auxiliary coronation service was presented Sunday evening, Nov. 1, in the Sanctuary of Eudora Church. Hazel Lu Borland achieved the high honor of queen regent, the highest award given by the GA's. Others honored were: Teresa Drennan, as queen, Camille Coddington, Linda Jennings, and Nettle Sue Farmer as maidens.

Attendance Increased

ELGIN, Ill. (EP) — The phone rang in police headquarters, and an indignant caller demanded that something be done about the fact that the "devil" was violating freedom of worship rights by picketing a church.

When the startled police arrived at the location indicated — the Foursquare Gospel Church here — they found a picket in red costume and mask, bearing a sign which read, "Foursquare Church Is Unfair to Sin—Be My Friend and Don't Attend."

The picketing, as might be expected, turned out to be a stunt designed to create interest in the church's Sunday School program. The "devil" was the 15-year-old son of a Sunday School teacher.

What the police said and thought has not been officially reported. Church spokesmen do claim, however, that the picketing has stirred interest in the Sunday School program and that the attendance has increased.

Michigan to Launch Program in Detroit

FLINT, Mich. —(BP)— The young Baptist State Convention of Michigan adopted a goal of 60 new churches and missions in 1960 at its session here. It also voted to launch a city missions program in Detroit on Jan. 1.

Assembled in the new 600-seat auditorium of Lincoln Park Church, the 420 messengers learned there are 80 churches and 24 missions co-operating with the state convention. A year ago, there were 63 churches and 16 missions.

Area missionary Jay Brown will head the new city missions program in Detroit's 4-million population metropolitan area. The convention voted \$10,954 for this work next year.

Within a year or two, convention leaders said, the Home Mission Board expects to extend its "Operation Big Cities" into Detroit. Michigan convention hopes through its 1960 work to lay a foundation for the Home Mission Board operation.

The convention adopted a total distributable budget for 1960 amounting to \$127,764. Of this, 25 per cent will go to the Southern Baptist Convention through Cooperative Program. Presently, 20 per cent of distributable funds go to the SBC.

MRS. LORENE PHILLIPS, youngest sister and last surviving member of the family of the late Rev. E. J. A. McKinney, died in Shawneetown, Ill., Oct. 20. Mr. McKinney was editor of the Arkansas Baptist paper when it was known as the Baptist Advance.

Mrs. Phillips, wife of Elrod V. Phillips, had a heart attack Sept. 7, and was thought to be recovering when she suffered the fatal attack. Her husband is also under treatment for a similar condition.

First Pittsburgh Effort Organizes Into Church

ATLANTA, Ga. —(BP)— The first Southern Baptist work in Pittsburgh, Pa., was constituted as the Pittsburgh Baptist Church, Oct. 30, with 97 charter members.

Started by laymen, under the leadership of Area Missionary Paul Nevels, the mission operated several months without a pastor. Services were led by laymen of the church and the visiting preachers during this period. Since 1958, the mission had grown to a membership of almost 100 with a full church program.

Joseph M. Waltz, recently elected as director of Southern Baptist work in Pittsburgh, was called as pastor of Pittsburgh Baptist Church. Plans of Waltz and the new church are to sponsor missions in the surrounding areas.

Indicative of the spread of pioneer missions, the mission in Pittsburgh, associated with the Ohio convention, was sponsored by a church in Weirton, W. Va. J. Pat Brock, pastor of the sponsoring church, attended the constitution service.

Woman's Home Sought By Colorado Convention

ATLANTA, Ga. —(BP)— Because of the high rate of children born out of wedlock among high school girls in Denver, the Home Mission Board has been asked to establish a woman's emergency home there.

The request, to be considered by Home Board administration, came in the form of a memorial from the messengers of the Colorado Convention.

Courts Redford, Atlanta, executive secretary of the Board, said, "We have only one such home at the present time, the Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center in New Orleans. A few of the states are doing this type of work on their own, and the Board has been slow to start new, expensive institutions of this type; however, the request will receive careful consideration."

Single Alignment Sought in Missouri

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—The Missouri Baptist Convention here followed the recommendation of its executive board, reaffirming its historical position on the question of churches doubly aligned with the American Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention.

The adopted resolution also requested "that doubly aligned churches in Missouri give serious and prayerful consideration to single alignment during the coming year."

Dumb City Folks

UNCLE JEFF (from the backwoods) came to town for the first time in over 15 years. He read a sign on a plumbing shop window: "Cast iron sinks." He looked at it, then shook his head. "Well," he mumbled to himself, "any fool knows that."



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GUEST EDITORIAL

Deserves Respect. Not Intimidation

WHEN A Methodist pastor writes a pastoral letter to his congregation and the writing and writer become centers of controversy, it is time for all those committed to a Christian point of view to consider some of the implications. Moreover, when such writing results in deliberate harassment, intimidation and abuse of the writer, the matter has gone beyond bounds of commonly accepted decency.

That just about describes what has happened to a Methodist pastor in Pine Bluff. In early September, this pastor penned a communication to members of the church he serves, developing the theme, "Reaping What Has Been Sown," suggesting that racial disturbances in Pine Bluff could be traced to seeds of hatred sown in the past. The pastor also pointed out seeds of hatred being sown today will be reaped in future harvests. This is an expression of pastoral concern of a pastor for a pastoral flock and was published in a weekly mailing sent to families of the church he serves. The writing was obviously intended to remind Christian families that a great Biblical principle holds true in every area of life, including one where there is so much tension and misunderstanding.

The extent to which truth can be distorted to serve a purpose for which it was never intended is amazing. When people think with their hearts instead of their heads, results can be even more misleading. The pastor's letter fell into hands where the Biblical truth it lifted up was completely ignored. A most unfair, biased and illogical reply, unsigned, was printed and distributed along with the pastoral letter, with copies being released to the press for wider distribution. All this activity was calculated to bring pressure to bear on a Methodist pastor who sought to help those committed to his spiritual care.

Much could be said about this whole business. Perhaps too much has already been said. One thing is certain, however: a Methodist preacher worked to help his people and for his efforts he is made the target of abuse. This abuse proves the very point that the pastor made so clear in his letter. There is no clearer evidence that the point he made is based on Biblical truth.

There are well meaning, sincere, dedicated Christians on both sides of this question who are honestly seeking a solution which they believe is right. They believe in fair play, and they respect positions and expressions of others. These are not they who heap abuse and wrath on anyone and everyone who works for a amicable solution based on understanding, good will and mutual benefit.

The preacher who pleads for tolerance and understanding and who reminds his people they reap what has been sown has done his people, community and God a service. He is worthy of honor rather than abuse. Whether we agree with the preacher or not, we should respect his exhortation. History has proven that those who come sincerely in the name of the Lord have been more right than wrong.

The real question is what kind of pastoral leadership will really lead people in solving a thorny problem, leadership that advocates disrespect for law, human dignity and integrity, or that which promotes understanding, reconciliation, and peace between all men? —Editor Ewing Wayland, *Arkansas Methodist*

Sanderson Accepts Louisiana Pastorate

LEONARD SANDERSON, secretary of evangelism of the Home Mission Board since 1956, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the 3,000-member 1st Church of Lake Charles, La.

No date has been set when the resignation will become effective, since Sanderson's duties as evangelism secretary may require him to stay with the division during January and February.

"I had no doubt of the Lord's leadership when I became state secretary of evangelism in Tennessee and again when I succeeded C. E. Matthews. I hope I have made some contribution in this field. I feel just as definitely now that he is leading me back into the pastorate," Sanderson said.

The Lake Charles church has been without a pastor since Paul Roberts left in January to become pastor of 1st Church of Little Rock. Under Roberts' ministry the church grew from 1,620 to 3,000 members and increased its budget from \$60,022 to \$324,479. ■

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Enlistment Goal Set By Annuity Board

DALLAS —(BP)— Local trustees of the Relief and Annuity Board heard Executive Secretary R. Alton Reed report on the progress the board has made in its attempt to enlist a minimum of 75 per cent of the churches in its protection plan by Jan. 1, 1961. "We are reaching only about 40 per cent of our churches now," Reed told the group at their third quarter meeting in Dallas. But he said a promotional program now in progress would probably "raise this percentage to the minimum necessary."

Reflecting on the financial growth of the Annuity Board, Reed said total assets increased by more than \$8½ million since September, 1958, to almost \$70 million. This money, held in reserve, belongs to all persons who hold certificates in one of the various plans the Board administers, he said.

Relief expenditures of almost \$62,000 during the quarter brought the total for the first nine months to \$185,553, a decrease of almost \$5,000. There are 1,255 persons on the relief roll.

During this same period, almost \$633,000 was paid in benefits and withdrawals.

Reed emphasized the need for seeking greater participation by more churches on behalf of their pastors.

During the year, 60 widows started drawing monthly checks through the widow supplement plan. Of this total number of pastors, 30 died at an average age of 55.9 years. The youngest minister to die was 27, the oldest 76. ■

CARY C. WOOD, assistant pastor of 2nd-Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, is reported in serious condition in Georgia Baptist Hospital following a heart attack while preaching. The 56-year-old minister gave no indication that anything was wrong when the attack occurred. He motioned to a doctor in his congregation when the service was over who accompanied him to a room behind the sanctuary and administered medical aid.

WMU

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

By BAKER J. CAUTHEN

IT GIVES me much joy to write these words concerning the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering upon the request of Woman's Missionary Union. There are many reasons why missionaries across the world are grateful to God for this offering.

For one thing, it helps meet overwhelming need. A portion of the offering provides for salaries of missionaries and current expenses of many ministries of love. A larger portion provides funds for buildings and equipment for churches, schools, hospitals, and missionary residences.

It also harnesses prayer potential. Missions advance calls for much more than money. It calls for life dedication, sacrificial service, and spiritual power which can only come through prayer.

It also reinforces the Cooperative Program. The lifeline for all mission effort is the Cooperative Program. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering opens fountains of missionary compassion out of which flow increased giving through the Cooperative Program throughout the year. It is highly significant that the growth of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the growth of the Cooperative Program go hand in hand.

It is also a beautiful labor of love. Woman's Missionary Union renders a monumental service through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering each year.

THE NORTHWEST District annual Woman's Missionary Union meeting was held in 1st Church, Harrison, Nov. 3. Theme of the program was "To God Be the Glory." Mrs. James Hampton, a missionary in Kenya, East Africa and a native of Harrison who is on furlough, was the main speaker. Talks were also given by Mrs. Ira Marks, missionary in Utah, and Miss Nancy Cooper, state secretary of WMU.

One is reminded how Mary of Bethany anointed our Lord with a costly ointment just before his death, and when some murmured Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me . . . She has done what she could."

The beautiful example of Mary of Bethany will be followed year by year as love for Jesus and compassion for a lost world burn in devoted hearts.

May God bless all who ever share in this offering. You are bringing your gift to Jesus. He has put his approval on it. You will discover in the day of his glory what it really has meant to him and to the millions for whom he died.

Texas Organizes First Literacy Council in U. S.

WACO, Tex. —(BP)— A statewide organization to teach illiterates and semi-illiterates to read and write has been founded at Baylor University. Leaders of the organization say that it is the first statewide group of its kind.

The Texas Literacy Council will seek out refugees, aliens, and foreign born wives of servicemen who may need help in learning to read and write the English language.

Richard Cortright, director of the Baylor University literacy center, was elected chairman of the Texas Literacy Council.

Visual Aids for Home Mission Study Out

ATLANTA, Ga. —(BP)— A filmstrip, "Grandfather's New Church," has been released as a teaching aid for the Primary and Junior books of the 1960 Graded Series of Home Mission Studies. The filmstrip depicts farm and church life in the country.

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Foreign Missionaries Face Problem of Acceptance

WHETHER OR not foreign missionaries will be accepted by the people to whom they are sent is the big question facing them, Mrs. Logan C. Atnip confessed to her listeners at the First Baptist Church, Benton, Oct. 30.

Mrs. Atnip, missionary to Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, was on tour of the state under the direction of the Arkansas Baptist's Women's Missionary Union in its annual district conference.

Originally from Georgia, she felt very much at home in Arkansas. Her husband is a native of Marmaduke. Too, their first son was born in the state.

Fresh from her first tour of three years duty, she pressed home to the women the problems missionaries face as they leave established customs to take up life in a new country among new people.

"What would you do if you were going to a foreign field?" she asked. "One of the things you would do, if you went out under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptists, would be to write a biography of your life. I was surprised to find mine covered 30 typewritten pages. The Board wants you to recall God's leadership in your life. You need this reminder in the days ahead."

The pagan beliefs, strange customs and different cultures present difficulties. But the most involved is the language.

"You can't understand people without knowing their language," said Mrs. Atnip. "The Sindebele language, Zulu dialect, which our people use, is a most complex one. The letters c, p and x aren't pronounced. They are clicked. Try clicking them in words instead of pronouncing them and you will see what I mean."

"We have several incentives to learn the dialect. Older missionaries will not let us vote in mission meetings until we can speak it. Memory verses are learned in language study. We must be able to translate the gospel of John before we are considered linguists."

"But the greatest incentive is to be able to converse with the natives. We can never understand them as friends, or help them to know the gospel, unless we speak their tongue. They are very patient and help us correct our mistakes."

Husband Atnip, while on his field, oversees 23 preaching stations, directs five evangelists and church work, supervises five schools, and teaches in one.

"As wife, and mother of three sons, I feel my first job is in the home," declared Mrs. Atnip. "I think I should teach and train my children to be what God wants them to be. Our homes must be Christian witnesses."

There is proof that such witness is being borne. "They have asked me to teach a Sunday School class when I return," said Mrs. Atnip. "Too, just before we left Southern Rhodesia, I

received a letter from a group of women who wrote about our youngest son born there.

"They said, 'This is our missionary of tomorrow. He was born here. He is ours. We want him to come back and work with us.'"—Bernes K. Selph, Benton. ■

Editor Says Churches Fail in Use of TV

NEW YORK (EP) — A TV magazine editor has ventured some stinging-but-thought-provoking opinions about the use of television by organized religion.

The church has "fallen flat on its face" in its use of TV, says John E. McMillin, executive editor of *Sponsor*, a weekly trade magazine. This exposes, he says, the "intellectual fuzziness and creative sterility in many churches today."

Speaking in a laymen's Sunday address at the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, McMillin said that while television has become "an indispensable staple of American life, it has not become an important medium of religious communication."

He charged that nearly every other field of human interest, including politics, science, education and sports, is better represented on TV than religion.

"Today the average TV station devotes less than 2 per cent of its broadcast time to religious programming." More alarming than the quantity, he added, is the quality of religious TV.

For the most part, he maintained, religious programming on television has been "characterized by a poverty of ideas, a staleness and triteness of language, artistic dishonesty and cheapness . . . blatancy and banality." This all adds up to "poor presentation," he said.

From the Missionaries

Quotes

WHILE A second-year medical student I heard a suffering patient cry, "Help me, Jesus," and then in almost the same breath, "Help me, Doctor." I have heard the two cries together many times since then, and the aim of my life has become a combination answer to the two. I am deeply committed to the task of portraying Jesus through the medium of medicine.—Ralph C. Bethea, newly appointed missionary to Indonesia.

THERE IS new snow on the mountains and yellow oranges on the trees! An incongruence I still have not been able to assimilate even after 13 years of springtime in September. Flowering cherry trees line the streets like pale pink powder puffs and the fragrance of an occasional plum tree invades the air on a hazy afternoon. It's good to be alive and in Chile!—Roberta Ryan, missionary to Chile.

WE ARE confronted by an ocean of need and until now we have busied ourselves with noisy attempts to dip it dry with a teaspoon.—Elmer S. West Jr., secretary for missionary personnel for the Foreign Mission Board.


AS I sat in church services in Nigeria, I felt remorse surging within me about my unused yesterdays and failures, but it was soon submerged by the hope for better used tomorrows.—Jamie C. (Mrs. Hobart) Maiden, mother of Dr. Joanna Maiden, missionary to Nigeria.

A BRAZILIAN woman living in Jaciara, in the state of Mato Grosso, Brazil, said of Missionary Ann Wollerman, "The people of Jaciara have only the Lord in heaven and Dona Ana on earth to help them."

WITH MANIFOLD opportunities for service and witness on every hand, we stand in real danger of confusing activity with fruit bearing.—James P. Kirk, missionary to Southern Brazil. ■

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W. ALVIS STRICKLAND, superintendent of associational promotion of the Sunday School Department, Nashville, informs us of an attractive plan to help the churches organize new classes, departments and groups. Pastors and associational Sunday School superintendents have received promotional materials on the Unit-a-Month Club plan. We would urge the associations and churches to promote the use of the plan.

In California the unit-a-month plan was successfully promoted by Mr. Strickland when he served that state as secretary of the Sunday School Department.

When a church starts a new unit it cooperates with several laws of Sunday School growth. Some of these laws are as follows:

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Could your church start a new class in one of the children's departments of the Sunday School? Perhaps a new department in some age groups should be started by many churches. New groups could be added in many Cradle Roll and Extension departments. Many churches could start a new Sunday School in a nearby community.

Your Sunday School can grow now by adding new units.

Why not set a goal to start a new unit each month for the rest of this Sunday School year?

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New units call for new workers. Each new worker will in time add ten new people to your Sunday School roll. Add one new unit per month and in a few months you will add dozens of new people to your rolls. Evangelism, stewardship and missions flourish when a church adds new people to its rolls.

Join the Unit-a-Month Club.—Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School secretary. ■

MATTHEWS MEMORIAL Church, Pine Bluff, observed ground breaking ceremonies Nov. 8 for the Watson Chapel Mission. Assisting in the ground breaking were Amos Greer, associational missionary; Roy A. Lambert, chairman of the Harmony Association Missions Committee; Mrs. Flora Wooley, eldest member of Matthews Memorial Church; R. L. Ellis, building committee chairman; Buck Parrish, mission committee chairman; all of the deacons; and Vernon R. Dutton, pastor.



BSU DIRECTORS—James Smalley, left, BSU director at Arkansas State Teachers College, completed his fourth year with the Student Department Nov. 15, and Neil Jackson, BSU director at Arkansas Tech, will complete his fourth year Dec. 1. —Tom J. Logue.

EVANGELIST BILLY Walker of Walnut Ridge was with 1st Church, Conway, in a recent revival. There were 27 additions, 12 by baptism and 15 by letter. This was Mr. Walker's second revival in church, which is pastored by J. H. Street.

HERBERT O. Padgett, deacon of Mt. Zion Church, Little River Association, Banner, Ark., died Oct. 31. Mrs. Ora Wilson, clerk of the church, wrote: "He was a devoted Christian, ever faithful to the Lord and his church, always ready to lend a helping hand to all."

BROTHERHOOD OFFICERS for the new year at Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, are president, Jim Eubanks; vice president (membership), John Febro; program chairman vice president, Hugh Brewer; activity vice president, L. V. Hayes; secretary-treasurer, Pete Peterson; R. A. counselor, Dennis Harris; base-ball commissioner, Almon Hale. WMU officers are president, Mrs. Troy McNeill; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ed Robinson; mission study chairman, Mrs. O. R. Stewart; community missions chairman, Mrs. Jim Meek, Sr.

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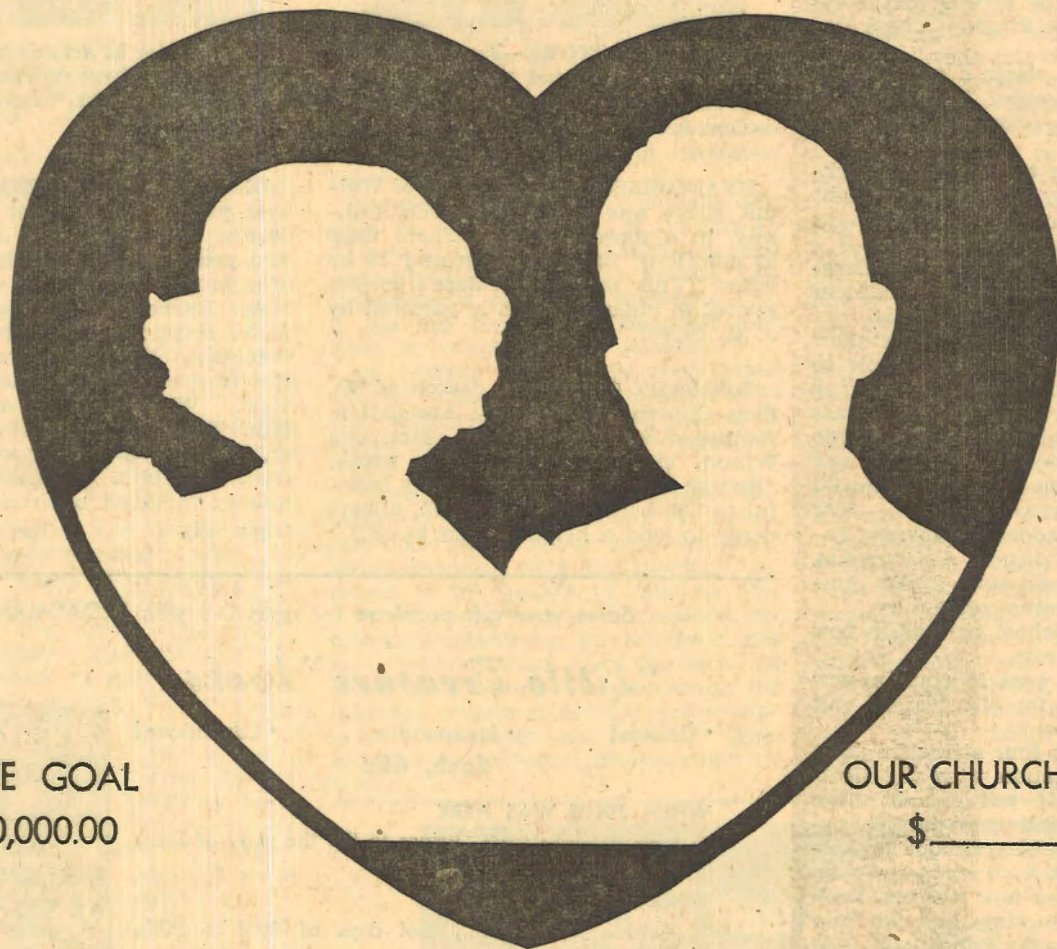
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Variable Annuity Fund Set Up to Meet Inflation

DALLAS —(BP)— A supplemental plan, designed to help denominational employees set up a defense against long range inflation, has been approved here by trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention Relief and Annuity Board.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary, said the plan, to be known as the Variable Annuity Fund, will be open January 1 to any Southern Baptist who holds a certificate in one of the basic retirement plans such as a Minister's Retirement Plan, Southern Baptist Protection Plan, or any purchased annuity plan.

"The basic plan plus the variable annuity would give the owner an excellent dollar stability regardless of the times," Reed said.

The Variable Annuity Fund will be set up completely separate from the regular investment program of the Annuity Board, Reed said.

The Annuity Board is the first denominational agency to enter the variable annuity field. Reed, who is president of the 33-member Protestant church-related pensions group in the United States, studied the variable annuity operations of College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF), the teachers' retirement agency.

During almost seven years of operation, CREF has proven the variable annuity is "excellent economic balance for the age annuitant," Reed said.

The Variable Annuity Fund is different from the basic plan in that the participant decides how much money in even dollars he wants to invest, Reed said.

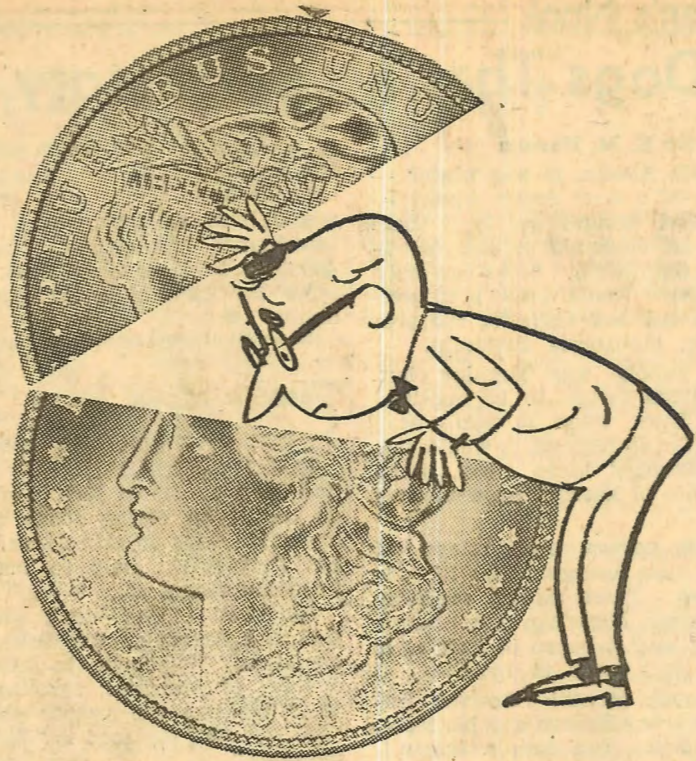
Each month, his payments will be converted into units with the value of each unit depending on the stock market value of the invested funds declared on the last day of the previous month.

Mission Conference Set For All Six Seminaries

ATLANTA —(BP)— All six seminaries have scheduled home mission conferences during January, February, and March, announced Glendon McCullough, secretary of missionary personnel of the Home Mission Board.

New developments in home mission work have made the meetings necessary, McCullough says. These are the re-organization of the board, the new relationship with state boards, the acute need for personnel in several areas, and the new qualifications for home mission personnel.

Dates for the conferences are: Golden Gate Seminary, Jan. 19-22; Southern Seminary, Jan. 26-29; Southern Seminary, Feb. 9-12; Midwestern Seminary, Feb. 16-19; New Orleans Seminary, Feb. 24-26, and Southeastern Seminary, Mar. 2-4.



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Dogs That Made History

By E. M. Hansen

AT NOME, Alaska, it was winter — the middle of a true Arctic winter — when in and around the city there broke out an epidemic of the dreadful disease diphtheria. Lives had been lost, and more would have been sacrificed if it had not been for the precious serum, diphtheria antitoxin.

But the supply was running low. How was fresh serum to be obtained in time? Even when it had been brought as far as Nenana, it would still be seven hundred miles away, seven hundred miles of narrow, snow-blocked trails.

Over these narrow trails relays of dog teams were bringing the lifesaving medicine. These strong, carefully trained Eskimo dogs can cover sixty miles a day, and it began to look as if there were still cause to hope.

Then tragedy struck! On the last lap of the journey Kasson and his team, headed by Balto, ran into a blizzard. Because of the blinding snow, they missed the relief team. Continuing in the sub-zero storm, Kasson could no longer see his dogs in front of him. He gave Balto free rein and trusted the great dog to find the way. Balto brought them into Nome on time, over fifty miles in a thirty-below-zero, blinding snowstorm!

Kasson's limbs were badly frozen, his strength utterly spent. But the serum that he and his courageous dog brought through the storm saved the lives of a countless number of people. Is it any wonder that Balto has had a monument erected to his memory? The memorial stands in Central Park, New York City, a testimonial to the intelligence of a heroic dog.

Nor was that Balto's only remarkable feat. He led his owner's team of dogs to victory in the big moose race of 1915. Carrying the famous explorer Amundsen, he cut almost in half the former record time from Nenana to Nome. For this achievement he was presented with a gold medal.

Another member of the canine race who had a monument erected to his memory was Barry. Barry was a huge St. Bernard. His monument stands at the St. Bernard Hospice, high in the Swiss Alps. He, too, saved many lives, rescuing travelers in time of desperate need.

One of his most famous rescues was that of a ten-year-old boy. Although the boy was already in a stupor in the deep snow, Barry, with the warmth of his great body, warmed him and woke him. Then nuzzling him gently, the dog got the boy up onto his back, and then Barry carried him back to the hospice.

After ten years of such heroic work, the faithful dog was shot by an unknown traveler. The latter supposed-

ly thought he was being attacked by the big animal.

Balto and Barry are two heroes whose lives are unsurpassed in canine intelligence and courage. In faithful devotion to their duty, they well deserve the memorials erected in their honor. ■

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Foreign Land Foods

By Vincent Edwards

LONG BEFORE the UN cafeteria had been set up in New York most of us had been eating foods that were identified with foreign lands. Here's a list that might help to make up a tempting menu.

But wait! The blank space show that the names of the dishes are not complete. You have to fill in from the list of countries; for example, for the first one the proper country is "France" and the food is "French fried potatoes."

You are to supply the proper adjective in each case, such as French, Danish, or Italian. If you can get as many as seven right, you'll pass for a real gourmet, which is a French word referring to an expert judge of good foods.

- Canada
- Denmark
- England
- France
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Scotland
- Spain
- Switzerland

1. _____ fried potatoes
2. _____ goulash
3. _____ omelet
4. _____ pastry
5. _____ muffins
6. _____ lamb stew
7. _____ minestrone
8. _____ steak
9. _____ lamb broth
10. _____ bacon

ANSWERS

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10. Canadian bacon
9. Scotch lamb broth
8. Swiss steak
7. Italian minestrone
6. Irish lamb stew
5. English muffins
4. Danish pastry
3. Spanish omelet
2. Hungarian goulash
1. French fried potatoes

A Smile or Two

Non-Essentials

WIFE: "Here are some bills that just came in."

HUSBAND: "Light bill, gas bill, water bill, milk bill—you've got to put a stop to this crazy spending."

Better Chance for Survival

THE OFFICER in charge of the firing squad addressed the prisoner: "Shall we blindfold you?" he asked.

"No," was the reply, "blindfold the firing squad."

They Never Close

SO YOUR new job makes you pretty independent, eh?"

Yes, sir! I go there any time I please before eight and leave just when I please after five."

The Inner Man

CANNIBAL CHIEF: "What did you do for a living?"

VICTIM: "I was an associate editor, sir."

CANNIBAL CHIEF: "Cheer up. Tonight you will be editor-in-chief."

Overheard In Cherub Choir

A CONVERSATION in Cherub Choir meeting last week between two Primaries ran as follows:

First Cherub: "And just whose brother is Brother Munkie (Mulkey)?"

Second Cherub: "Well, I think Brother Munkie's mother had three sons — Brother Bob, Brother Bakery (Baker), and Brother Munkie."—1st Church, Pine Bluff, bulletin.

Church Chuckles

by CARTWRIGHT



"Any old port in a storm, I always say!"

It's fortunate the elements conspired to finally drive these good people through the church door. They couldn't have selected a better place to find haven and refuge from the tempests that plague every one now and then. The church has always proved itself in the final reckoning, the BEST port in ANY Storm!

Phillip, Willing Evangelist

By DR. C. GORDON BAYLESS
(Central Church, North Little Rock)

November 22
Acts 8:4-6, 26-38

THE FIRST mention of Phillip occurs in the account of the dispute between the Hebrew and Hellenistic disciples. He was one of the Seven elected by the church at Jerusalem to supervise the distribution of the common fund so there would be no favoritism between the two groups. We do not know how long Phillip served in this capacity. Like Stephen, we do know he had the confidence of the Church, and like Stephen, we know that he was catapulted far beyond the office of the Seven to become an evangelist, and a personal soul winner.



DR. BAYLESS

Some churches become too large, too satisfied, and too proud of the prestige that money and size, commands. It was so with the unwieldy First Church of Jerusalem. It was too large to be efficient. A large church membership provides more hiding places and more loafer's benches than a small church. Even today we read articles referring to "the great First Church of . . .". Invariably the church has money, and therefore, tremendous influence through its pastor and a few of its laymen. Is a church great only because it has size and money?

God took care of the over crowded condition in the Jerusalem church. He used the persecution of the church by men like Paul to scatter the members into their home countries. This persecution no doubt stopped the "daily ministrations" of the church. The more prominent teachers, like Phillip, were forced to flee from Jerusalem. This is as it should have been. Phillip fled to Samaria. It is significant that God used this deacon-evangelist to overcome Jewish prejudice rather than to use an apostle. He was teaching the church that Kingdom work is not limited to the ministry but is every Christian's business. "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." Acts 8:4

Phillip was highly successful in his revival in Samaria. Perhaps God gave him the ability to speak their language. He also gave him the power to perform miracles. These divine gifts gave Phillip a large and fascinated audience. A good New Testament preacher can always get results if he has a large audience to preach to. Phillip got his audience largely by performing miracles. He reached the unsaved by his preaching in power of the Holy Spirit.

THE PASSING CHARIOT

While Phillip was still in Samaria he was directed by "an

angel of the Lord to go toward the South, unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza." Phillip asked no questions. He simply obeyed. He had no idea why he was to go. But God never sends a man on a senseless journey. He also prepares the mind and heart of the person who is to be contacted by His servant.

The Ethiopian was a foreigner, a person of quality, and perhaps a proselyte to the Jewish religion. He had been to Jerusalem to worship. He may have been circumcised and probably observed the Jewish feasts, or, he may have been a proselyte of the Gate, a Gentile, but who had renounced idolatry and worshipped the God of Israel occasionally in the Court of the Gentiles. If so, Phillip, and not Peter (as he said he was), was the first to preach to the Gentiles.

The eunuch was reading loud enough for Phillip to hear him as he drew near his chariot. He must have been reading to his charioteer. Phillip may have looked like a tramp after having traveled the dusty, dirty road. But the Ethiopian official invited him to sit by him in the chariot. Though the eunuch had been going to the church for several days in Jerusalem he still had heart hunger. He was reading from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth."

No doubt the eunuch had heard about Jesus. He knew some said that Jesus was the Messiah. But he needed Phillip to connect Jesus, who died recently, to the Sufferer in Isaiah. Phillip convinced him Jesus had come, had been crucified and was now risen. The eunuch swung the door of his heart wide open for Christ to enter.

What does this New Testament story mean to us?

1. Chariots, carrying lost souls, are passing us each day. They may be part of our family, a business associate, a school mate, or a Sunday School pupil. God wants us to join ourselves to them and teach them about Jesus.

2. God will direct us to the lost if our wills are surrendered to Him. He would have us sit by their side. The church will win the lost in large numbers when it gets off its stilts and walks where the lost walk.

3. God is the power unto salvation: we are the channels through which He works. He prepares our sympathy as we go. "Go, and I will go with you." But we must go. Christ promised only to be with the church that is going into all the world—beginning at home.

4. Many times we must obey God blindly. Like Paul who said, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision," Or like Abraham "who went out not knowing whither he went." Phillip had no idea as to the purpose of his journey. Did he need to now? Wasn't that God's business? ■

New York Church Adds 50 in Month

MANHATTAN BAPTIST Church in New York City added more people to its membership in a month than it had members two years ago. Fifty joined the fellowship in October.

From a 37-member mission two years ago, the church has grown to a membership of 515, and sponsors five missions in Long Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Massachusetts.

The second anniversary of director of Southern Baptist work in New York City Paul James was marked Nov. 1.

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Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By **BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.**
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

BAPTISTS HAVE never adopted a creed as an authoritative statement or symbol. They have issued many confessions.



These confessions have been made by individuals, individual churches, or group of churches to set forth the prevailing doctrines. They do not propose to speak for all Baptists of all time but have been thought of as standing only for the particular group in whose name they were put forth.

Circumstances have played largely in producing confessions. Persecution, opposition, and misunderstanding have called for their issuance. When conditions have changed these confessions have usually been revised or discarded.

They have played a large role in securing toleration for Baptists. Churches have used them as bases for working together. Their statements have served as educational instruments. They have spurred missionary activities. In moments of heresy and proselyting they have proved effective weapons.

The first confession of which we have any record was issued by John Smyth's church while it was still in

Holland. But it had the precedent of other dissenting groups and churches of the Reformation.

A chief landmark of Baptist history is the confession of faith issued by the particular Baptists in 1644. Among other statements of gospel truth, it pronounces baptism as immersion and an ordinance given by Christ.

Specifically, it states "that the way and manner of the dispensing this ordinance is dipping or plunging the body under water; it being a sign, must answer the thing signified, which is that interest the saints have in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ: and that as certainly as the body is buried under water and risen again, so certainly shall the bodies of the saints be raised by the power of Christ in the day of the resurrection, to reign with Christ." ■

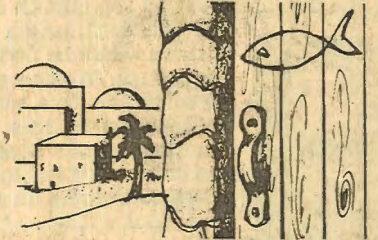
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November 8, 1959

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Benton, 1st	696	143	
Camden, Cullendale, 1st	459	239	
Crossett, 1st	597	219	2
El Dorado, 1st	823	303	3
El Dorado, Immanuel Mission	706	317	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	332	131	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	429	178	
Huntsville, 1st	122	51	
Jacksonville, 1st	609	273	2
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	357	134	
Little Rock, Life Line	242	130	2
Little Rock, Tyler St.	286	126	
Magnolia, Central	732	337	1
McGehee, 1st Mission	461	211	
	54	31	
Pine Bluff, South Side	645	269	1
Springdale, 1st	473	158	
West Memphis, Calvary	266	173	1

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