

Ouachita Baptist University

Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 1950-1954

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

2-14-1952

February 14, 1952

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/arbn_50-54



Part of the [Christian Denominations and Sects Commons](#), [Mass Communication Commons](#), and the [Organizational Communication Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Arkansas Baptist State Convention, "February 14, 1952" (1952). *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 1950-1954*. 59.

https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/arbn_50-54/59

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine at Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita. It has been accepted for inclusion in Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 1950-1954 by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita. For more information, please contact mortensona@obu.edu.

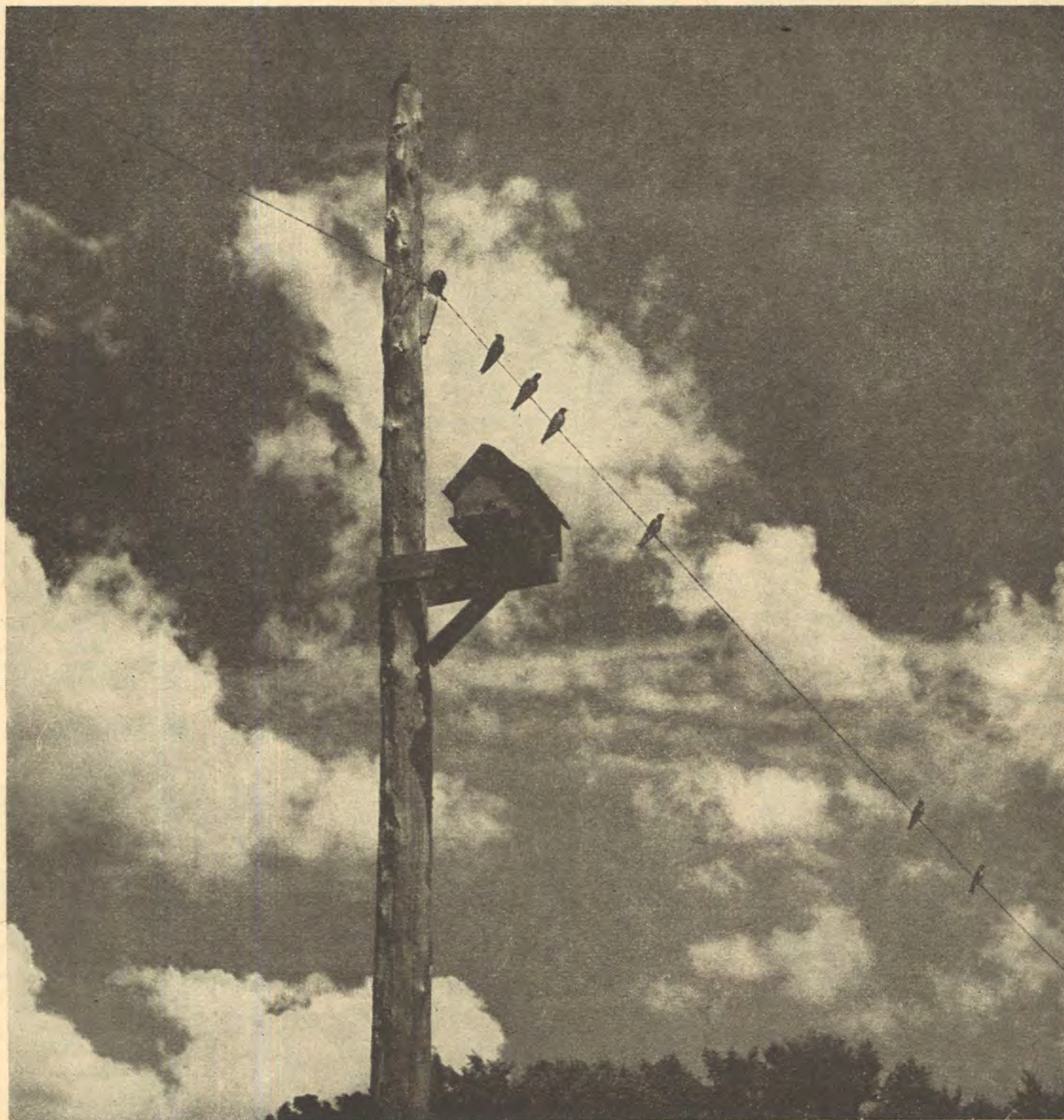
ARKANSAS BAPTIST

BAPTIST OFFICIAL STATE PAPER

VOLUME 51

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FEBRUARY 14, 1952

NUMBER 7



The Robins Will Soon Be Here

Louis C. Williams
**NORTH LITTLE ROCK
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LIBRARY**

Democracy, The Child of Christianity

By CLARA McCORKLE BUTCHER

"... And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1-8.

Christ was a world Christ—a world citizen of the highest order. He established a world-wide community, making Jerusalem the center.

Christ approved organized religion. He established a local church. Christ had global plans for that church. He gave to it the Great Commission. His divine plan was that His world-wide teachings be propagated throughout the world by His followers who are members of organized churches.

But there have been many dark periods in history when God could not use the churches in revealing Himself to the world; He could not speak through them because of the corruptness of His people. When organized religion has failed to function, the nation has fallen, but there have always been godly men somewhere in the world who have salvaged God's cause. The greatest movements of civilization have been born during the world's darkest periods.

The darkest period of all history witnessed the birth of democracy. From Malachi to Matthew — the period between the two Testaments—there elapsed from four to five centuries. During that time the voice of God was completely silent because of the corruptness of His children. There were no prophets to foretell the future.

In the fifth century B. C., under the influence of the philosophers of Greece, there was established at Athens a government that was nearer a real democracy than any which had ever existed in the world. It is generally known that it was a study of the Jewish writings which gave to the philosophers their democratic ideas. The unusual concept of man around which the machinery of democratic government was fashioned was found in the Law of God expressed by Moses. He gave to the world an entire family of related ideas—the sovereignty of God, the dignity and worth of the individual, human rights and responsibilities and the equality of all men before God. The Voice that spoke to Moses on Sinai was the voice of God. Democracy came from God.

The Greek democracy was not nourished by godliness and the nation fell into the hands of the Romans but godly men used what the nation had produced under democracy in carrying forward God's cause. Its government became an example for all the world to copy. Its language became a vehicle for carrying the gospel to the world. When the New Testament was written, it was written in Greek.

The Voice that spoke to Moses on Sinai spoke with greatest force and clarity in the life and teachings of Jesus who came not to destroy the Law but to bring it to a glorious fulfillment. In fulfilling the Law, He not only brought about the fulfillment of Christianity — He made possible the flowering of democracy. Jesus was the greatest exponent of democracy the world has ever known; He was man's greatest emancipator. He always practiced the principles of democracy in every-day living. All His teachings clustered around them. Every facet of the democratic thought-life of the world is contained in the teachings of Jesus. Every period of history has contributed to that thought-life by gradually discovering and developing those facets. Democracy is the political expression of Christianity. Love is the force that creates it. Democracy is the child of Christianity.

The union of the individual with Christ changes the whole fiber of civilization. The highest duty of government is to give man the freedom to make this union. Man must be spiritually redeemed by the Christianity from which democracy sprang. The same spiritual truths that free men from sin are the truths that lead to political freedom.

We desperately need world democracy. The time has come when we cannot long enjoy its blessings unless all the people of the world can have them. But we cannot force democracy upon the world. It must come about naturally and normally. Since democracy is the child of Christianity, world-wide democracy will be the child of world-wide Christianity. It will be brought about when the churches of America carry out the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Kingdom of God

A Devotion by the Editor

"... the Kingdom of God is within you."

Where is the kingdom of God? If you were looking for the kingdom of God where would you go to find it? If someone should inquire of you where he might find the kingdom of God, where would you tell him to look for it?

You would be able to tell a person where and how he might locate the hotels of the city, if he were to inquire of you.

Should not every Christian know where and how to find the kingdom of God? Should he not be able to tell exactly where and how one might find the kingdom of God? Should there be any guess work about it, any hesitancy or misgivings?

Where is the kingdom of God. A second question may help us to answer the first. Where is the kingdom of God most needed and when? We are in danger of thinking that the kingdom of God is in some distant and inaccessible place, quite beyond the reach of our earthly and daily routine life. It is some ideal and unattainable utopia which, in some mysterious future, we hope to reach, after we are done with the toils and strife of earthly existence.

But John the Baptist and Jesus and the early disciples, and Christian experience through the years, all teach and maintain one great and common truth about the kingdom of God: The kingdom of God is in the world, accessible to every inquiring soul. Isn't that where we need the kingdom of God, right here on earth where we must meet with trials and temptations and sorrows and griefs. John said, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus said the kingdom of God is "among you." He taught His disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come."

Again, it is said, "The kingdom of God is in you." The kingdom of God is not merely an enveloping influence, or a social order; it is primarily a state of the individual soul.

And from this reign of God in the individual heart, the enveloping atmosphere and the social order are created as subsidiary phases of that kingdom.

"And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

"Neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. Luke 17:20, 21.

A Good Beginning in '52

The General Secretary's office reports that only by allowing an extra day before closing the books for January, the Cooperative Program budget was met in January. This is good news in anybody's language. It will be encouraging to the pastors and churches throughout the state to know that the monthly proportion of the increased Cooperative Program budget for 1952 was fully met by their contributions in January. This sets the pace for the entire year and it gives substantial hope and expectation that the entire budget for the year will be fully met.

We are confident that every agency and institution of the Convention joins us in expressing sincere thanks and appreciation to the Baptists of Arkansas for their response to the challenge of the 1952 Cooperative Program budget.

The monthly proportion of the budget was met in spite of the fact that some of

our churches delayed remittance of their monthly Cooperative Program funds, which remittances were not included in the January receipts at Headquarters office. It would be even more encouraging if all our churches would make sure that their monthly remittances to the Cooperative Program budget would reach Doctor Bridges' office in time to be credited to the current month. Just a little forethought and attention on the part of church treasurers, finance committees, and pastors would correct this delay in remitting the funds which they have on hand for the Cooperative Program.

Brethren, we do thank you and appreciate your unqualified co-operation.

—Editor.

—000—

The Bible can never be mastered by scrappy study. It must be studied systematically, consecutively, and conscientiously.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST

206 BAPTIST BUILDING, LITTLE ROCK
Official Publication of the Arkansas Baptist
State Convention

B. H. DUNCAN, EDITOR
MRS. HOMER D. MYERS, ED. ASST.

Publication Committee: D. B. Westmoreland, Jr., Warren, Chairman; Hugh Owen, Pine Bluff; Walter Hill, Stuttgart; James Fitzgerald, Hot Springs; N. E. Griffin, Monticello.

Entered Post Office, Little Rock, Arkansas, as second class mail matter. Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided in Section 1132 October 1, 1913.

Individual subscription \$2.00 per year. Church Budgets, 12 cents per month or \$1.44 per year per church family; Family Groups (10 or more paid annually in advance) \$1.50 per year. Subscriptions to foreign address \$2.50 per year. Advertising rates on request.

The cost of cuts cannot be borne by the paper except those it has made for its individual use. Resolutions and obituaries published at five cents per word. One dollar minimum.

Articles carrying the author's by-line do not necessarily reflect the editorial policy of the paper.

From The Editor's Desk

Militarism Substituted For Statesmanship

The propaganda for Universal Military Training is a defeatist attitude, a recognition of the breakdown of a blundering diplomacy and the lack of statesmanship.

We have come upon a sad day, indeed, if the necessity is upon us to substitute militarism for statesmanship. When it becomes necessary to make every young man of the nation into a soldier in order to maintain our position among the nations of the world, that is the beginning of the end of a democratic United States. We are not ready to admit that such a day has arrived, but perhaps it is dangerously near.

Diplomatic Blunders

Even a cursory review of the diplomatic blunders during and since World War II will reveal the fact that every crisis that has threatened war to our nation is the direct result of diplomatic blunders and the lack of real statesmanship.

Russia has no business in Berlin. By previous agreement the American armies were stopped dead in their tracks and held inactive for days in order to allow Russia to march triumphantly into Berlin. Russia has no business occupying the islands and ports near Japan, nor was there any sense in dividing Korea at the 38th parallel. All the trouble in Korea is the result of diplomatic blunders, a criminal sell out to Russia.

And by the inept and vacillating policy of our government we have lost the friendship and confidence of most of the nations of the world. Instead of trying to understand the peoples of other nations our government has tried to either buy with dollars or force with the threat of military power the friendship and the loyalty of other nations of the world. Neither an individual nor a nation can buy the confidence and friendship of others, nor can friendship and confidence be won at the muzzle of a gun.

Nationalistic Spirit Points Way

Great Britain also is suffering the consequences of her blunders and her high-handed methods in the Middle East. Great Britain thought that, by stopping the flow of money from the production of oil, Iran would come to Great Britain on bended knees. Britain would force Iran by economic pressure to bow to her will. It seems that Britain has forgotten the lessons she learned a century or more ago in her colonial experiences. She has failed to recognize the awakening of the nationalistic spirit surging in the commonly called backwards people of the world, and instead of taking advantage of that surging spirit she has tried to suppress it and, like a long inactive volcano, this spirit is now erupting and engulfing what the British have long enjoyed among these peoples of special economic privileges and influence over the local governments.

No one in his senses would question the need for strong military power in the present world situation; but the question arises, do we have no hope of any better statesmanship in the future than we have had in the recent past? Must we resign ourselves to an exclusive military diplomacy? Are we able to maintain our position among the nations of the world only by military power?

Graveyard of Nations

We had better learn the lessons of history which teach that every nation or empire of the past that has sought to maintain its position in the world and among the nations of the world by military power, and which has substituted militarism for statesmanship, has in the end fallen. The graveyard of nations is a mute but irrefutable testimony to the failure of military power to save a nation from collapse and ruin.

We are not stating a pacifist position. We believe that after the present emergency, if there is any after, and we hope there is, that our nation should maintain sufficient military strength for defensive purposes. We believe this military strength should be maintained if necessary by Selective Service, but we are not ready to admit that we have degenerated to such an extent that the only salvation for our nation is Universal Military Training which means the military indoctrination of every young man of the nation.

Statesmanship is the greatest need of the free nations of the world today, and when statesmanship is restored to the free nations of the world, militarism will take second place. But statesmanship cannot be restored to the free nations of the world by military indoctrination and military psychology.

Let us hope and pray for a statesmanship that will restore our nation to the respect and the confidence which it has so recently lost among the nations of the world.

Religious Persecution In Spain

Howard F. Schomer, of Chambonsur-Lignon, France, a representative of the Congregational-Christian Service Committee, recently told 100 members of the Washington Ministerial Union that Protestants in Spain "cannot even have a sign before their door indicating what they are." The same type of information has come out of Spain any number of times and has been reported by practically every non-Catholic visiting in Spain, so far as we know, who has reported on the Protestant situation in that country.

A Catholic priest, James A. Magner, in a communication to the *Washington Post*, takes issue with the Frenchman. However,

the priest acknowledges that "public demonstrations of non-Catholic religions are prohibited in Spain at the present time. Nevertheless, the law protects all religious persons and bodies and specifically states that 'nobody shall be molested for his religious beliefs or in the private exercise of his worship.'"

That is precisely what is charged by Mr. Schomer when he says that Protestants in Spain "cannot even have a sign before their door indicating what they are." The "public demonstrations" which are prohibited in Spain means that no public sign, which would be a public demonstration, is allowed to indicate a meeting place of non-Catholics. So long as one does not publicly avow religious beliefs, he will not be "molested." And further, no one will be "molested . . . in the private exercise of his worship." In other words the non-Catholics have got to keep their religious beliefs and convictions and worship strictly to themselves.

Catholics have claimed that the Catholics are persecuted in Protestant countries in Europe. That is true in those countries that have been taken over by communism. But that does not justify the Catholics in Spain to persecute the non-Catholics in that country. And as compared with the United States, if the Protestant United States should enforce the same restrictions on Catholics in this country that Catholics enforce on non-Catholics in Spain, then no public worship of Catholics would be allowed, and no signs would be allowed to indicate the places of worship for Catholics.

Doctor J. M. Dawson makes adequate reply to the *Washington Post* article. Doctor Dawson says in part: "I had occasion to make representations to the Spanish Charge D'Affaires here in behalf of Baptist J. D. Hughey in Spain concerning 20-odd serious complaints of religious persecution." Doctor Dawson says that he was handed the so-called Spanish Charter and referred to Article 6. This article reads as follows:

"The profession and practice of the Catholic religion, which is that of the Spanish state, will enjoy official protection.

"Nobody will be molested because of their religious beliefs or the private exercise of their cult. No external ceremonies or manifestations will be permitted except those of the Catholic religion."

Doctor Dawson continued to urge the Spanish Charge D'Affaires here to communicate Mr. Hughey's complaints to Franco. Doctor Dawson states that when the complaints were finally presented to Franco "the offensive Article 6 was at once interpreted more rigidly than ever, so that not only were Protestants forbidden to make any kind of publication, but prohibited from marking their places of worship in any manner."

And yet it is the intolerant, persecuting, clerical dominated Franco whom the United States Government is supporting with a large loan from the tax payers' money of the United States. Franco who persecutes non-Catholics must be supported by the dollars coming from non-Catholic pockets in America in order to keep his tottering regime from falling. That is the paradox into which our military high brass has gotten us here in America.

Kingdom Progress

New Church In Fort Smith



The Spradling Church, Fort Smith, organized December 30, 1951, and reported in last week's issue of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST.

This new church has adopted a budget of \$15,030 for 1952. Ten per cent of all non-designated funds will go to missions through the Cooperative Program. One hundred dollars a year will go to associational missions.

Fifteen Fruitful Years

During the past fifteen years First Church, San Antonio, Texas, has received 11,295 persons into the fellowship of the church, 3,329 of these were received on profession of faith and baptism. During this period the church has contributed \$3,113,997.24, \$1,210,834.25 of this amount has gone for missions.

These accomplishments have been under the ministry and leadership of Dr. Perry F. Webb who went from the pastorate of First Church, Pine Bluff, to San Antonio.

When Doctor Webb became pastor of the San Antonio church the membership totaled 3,693; today the membership stands at 8,788. Fifteen years ago the church budget of the San Antonio church was \$38,000, the 1952 budget is \$313,189.

Ravenden Springs Assembly Plans Improvement

A program for improving the facilities of Ravenden Springs Assembly got underway at the meeting of pastors and associational missionaries of Northeast Arkansas who met at Southern Baptist College on January 25. Plans called for the installation of sanitary facilities and the construction of new cottages.

The Assembly is scheduled for June 23-28. The G. A. camp will be held the week of June 1, and the R. A. camp the week of June 8.

Virgil E. Defreese is president of the Assembly, Thomas W. Dove, vice president, and J. I. Cossey is general manager.

Evangelistic Singer Available

Evangelistic Singer R. W. Denney, 2400 South 16th Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, is available for meetings.

Mr. Denney is a graduate of the School of Religious Education and the School of Sacred Music of the Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Overflow Crowd at Prayer Meeting

The prayer meeting attendance overflowed the seating capacity of the Southside Baptist Church of Spartanburg, South Carolina, on Wednesday night, January 30, which marked the second anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. John E. Huss.

To accommodate the 1,936 persons attending the prayer meeting service, it was necessary to move to the Memorial Auditorium of the city.

During the two years that Doctor Huss has been pastor of the Southside church, there have been 1,006 additions to the church.

First Church, Luxora Receives 43 in Revival

Pastor Harold White reports a successful Brotherhood revival January 20-27 in the First Church, Luxora, in which they had the assistance of Mr. Nelson Tull, state Brotherhood Secretary.

There were 43 additions to the church membership, 37 of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism.

R. O. Pittman, educational director of the Luxora church, directed the music.

R. J. McMillan Accepts Jacksonville Pastorate



Pastor R. J. McMillan of Judsonia has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Jacksonville, and will assume his new duties on Sunday, February 24.

Pastor McMillan began his ministry at Judsonia October 15, 1948. During his ministry there the church membership has increased from 351 to 535. Sunday School attendance has increased from an average of 75 to 205; Training Union from an average of 25 to 95. A total of 210 persons have been received into the membership of the church, 153 of these on profession of faith and baptism.

In March, 1949, six months after Pastor McMillan moved on the field, the Judsonia church began the construction of a complete new church building, including an auditorium and educational facilities. Thirteen months later, in April, 1950, the church entered the new building which was constructed free of debt. The new church property is valued at \$75,000.

Since the construction of the new building, it has been equipped with refrigeration air conditioning, a Hammond Organ has been installed, and the auditorium equipped with opera type seats. The baptistry is equipped with a lighted stained glass picture window valued at over \$1,000.

In addition to the construction and equipping the new church building, the pastor's home has been completely remodeled and the church grounds landscaped.

Gifts to the Cooperative Program have increased from \$600 to \$1,250 per year. Contributions to associational missions have shown a like increase.

Pastor McMillan is moderator of the White County Association and a member of the Executive Board of the State Convention. He is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago and of Ouachita College. He also attended the Baptist Bible Seminary in New York.

Evangelistic Preacher-Singer Available

Evangelist J. W. Morris, 1415 West 16th Street, Pine Bluff, is available for evangelistic meetings either as preacher or singer. Evangelist Morris has held meetings in Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas, in recent years.

In 1951 he conducted the musical program for revival meetings in the First Church, Piggott, the First Church, Prescott, and Immanuel Church, Warren.

Minister Of Music Immanuel, Pine Bluff



E. N. Wisdom

E. N. Wisdom of Tulsa, Oklahoma, began his duties as minister of music and education with Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, on January 20.

Mr. Wisdom is an A.B. graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas. While in Baylor he served on the campus B. S. U. Council, and as director of College Training Unions at the Seventh and James Street Church in Waco.

Later he entered the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. While a seminary student he served the Davise Street Church in Dallas, as music and education director, and also the Evans Avenue Church in Fort Worth. He is completing his last semester leading toward his Master of Religious Education degree. Mrs. Wisdom is a graduate of the School of Religious Education of the Southwestern Seminary, having attended the seminary as a scholarship student from her home church in Attalla, Alabama, and later she was awarded a scholarship from the W. M. U. of the state of Alabama.

Howard S. Kolb is pastor of Immanuel Church. He came to Pine Bluff from First Church, Selmer, Tennessee.

Resolutions and Appreciation

First Church, Berryville, upon the recommendations of the deacons, passed appropriate resolutions of appreciation for Pastor Gray Evans, who offered his resignation as pastor of the church on January 6.

Special recognition was accorded Pastor Evans for his leadership in the completion of the church building free of debt and with a balance in the church building fund. Also, mention was made of the growth of the church in membership and attendance on the services with each department in the church organization having made satisfactory growth.

—000—

Missionary W. O. Taylor, formerly of the Clear Creek Association, is now missionary in the Delta Association.

—000—

Most advertisers, like most speakers, try to get over too many ideas at once.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

The construction of the new church building at Hazen is progressively rapidly.

Pleasant Valley Church in the Caroline Association is making improvements on their present building and planning to build additional Sunday School rooms in the near future.

Baugh's Chapel Church in Caroline Association has constructed a new house of worship which will be dedicated in the near future.

First Church, Nettleton, has reached the capacity of its present building and Pastor G. W. Boyd is urging his people to make their contributions to the building fund which will provide additional room for Sunday School expansion.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Sulphur Springs Church in Harmony Association has undertaken to supply the church with hymn books.

The men of First Church, Alma, met on Tuesday night, February 5, for the purpose of organizing a Brotherhood.

The First Church, Bearden, has recently completed extensive repairs and redecoration on their church property at a cost of approximately \$6,000.

A group of high school pupils from Rector are planning a trip to Ouachita College in the spring with the idea of considering Ouachita as the college which they will attend after graduating from high school. This group of young people will be accompanied by Pastor and Mrs. J. L. Hall of First Church, Rector.

First Church, Marshall, First Church, Leslie, and the New Hopewell Church, united in a joint study course recently when studying the new book by Dr. Clyde Turner, "The New Testament Doctrine of the Church." Pastor L. P. Thomas of First Church, Leslie, was teacher. The combined class met with the New Hopewell Church which is situated geographically between Marshall and Leslie.

First Church, Hampton, has made a complete calendar for the year 1952 listing the church and denominational meetings which are scheduled for the year.

Red River Association has purchased a home for the associational missionary, and has recently called D. E. Parsons of Gardendale, Alabama, as associational missionary.

First Church, Springdale, is formulating plans for the erection of a building for the North End Mission which the church sponsors. The building will provide an auditorium with a seating capacity of 250 and eight classrooms for Sunday School purposes.

First Church, Malvern, has sold \$80,000 worth of bonds, the proceeds from which sale will be used to complete their building program.

Harold Coble has come from Fort Worth, Texas, to serve as pastor of Strong.

Miss Josephine Harris, who has served as a missionary for the past six years in Hawaii, was the guest speaker recently for the Woman's Missionary Union of Beech Street Church, Texarkana.

The Ouachita College Extension Center, located in Little Rock and meeting at the First Church, opened on January 22 with 56 enrolling for the current semester.

Lawrence Laymon and Gene Laymon, father and son respectively, and both ministerial students at the University of Arkansas, are working as education and choir director with Second Church, Fayetteville, N. V. Drake, pastor.

South Highland Church, Little Rock, and Pastor Ray Branscum, are starting early in preparation for the simultaneous revival meeting to begin April 13. The evangelistic committee has been appointed and other plans formulated for this co-operative effort.

An annual feature in the program of First Church, El Dorado, is a New Members Party which was held this year on Friday night, February 8. The occasion provides opportunity to become better acquainted with the members received into the church during the past year.

Twenty-three churches in Central Association have made definite commitments to participate in the simultaneous revival in the association April 13-27.

Beech Street Church, Texarkana, reports satisfactory results from the grading of the adult departments of the Sunday School one year ago. After grading, Department Number One experienced an increase of one hundred per cent, and Department Number Two an increase of forty-nine per cent. This increase in the adult department of the Sunday School is also reflected in the increased enrolment in the Training Union.

The W. M. S. of the Genoa Church recently observed the Day of Prayer for Community Missions. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Leo Hughes.

South Side Church, Little Rock, organized January 20, received five members on profession of faith and baptism and four by letter and statement on Sunday, January 27.

Immanuel Church, Little Rock, has recently organized a youth council under the direction of Youth Director Rebecca Tune. The council will include those who work with intermediates and young people and representatives from all the youth groups in the church.

Miss Myra Joiner, who has been employed for a local business firm in Ft. Smith, became church secretary of Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, January 1.

First Church, Hampton, observed Children's Day, Sunday, February 3, in which the Sunday School, the Training Union, and the W. M. U. participated.

Mrs. Jimmy Jenkins has been added to the staff of First Church, Fayetteville. Mr. Jenkins, a recent B. S. graduate of Arkansas Tech at Russellville, plans to attend the University of Arkansas working toward his Master's degree.



Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

Church Collection Plate Gets A Horse

M. D. Hale, holding a revival at the Pasadena Memorial Baptist Church in Pasadena, Texas, felt he had preached a pretty good sermon when a member of the congregation approached him.

The member said he wanted to make a donation, but added that it was too large to put in the collection plate.

Mr. Hale smiled in anticipation, but paled when the member announced that he would donate a horse.

Now the church has a horse for sale.

Church Construction Shows Increase

A modest increase in the amount of scarce materials available for church construction projects resulted in more church building for the first month of 1952.

Church building starts totaled \$31,000,000 during January, the joint report of the departments of commerce and labor estimated. This was 17 per cent less than the \$37,000,000 worth of construction undertaken in January a year ago, but was 35 per cent greater than the \$23,000,000 worth of church building started in December.

Texas Baptists Add 100,000 in Year

Texas Baptists added 100,000 members in 1951 to set an all-time record in additions.

Total Texas Baptist membership in 1951 was 1,203,569. This figure is subject to revision, however.

Graham Appeals For National Prayer Day

An appeal for a national day of prayer was made by Evangelist Billy Graham as he conducted a worship service from the steps of the United States Capitol.

"In the dark days of 1863 President Lincoln ordered a day of prayer," Dr. Graham recalls.

"I ask the Senate and House of Representatives to request the President as we stand at this abyss of national destruction to set aside a day for confession of sin, humiliation, repentance, and turning to God," he said.

Dr. Graham spoke to a throng officially estimated at 30,000. Unofficial estimates placed the crowd as high as 45,000. Leadens skies which poured rain before and after the service failed to reduce attendance.

In addition to calling for the day of prayer, Dr. Graham offered a five-point program for world peace.

He urged the maintenance of strong military power "at any cost;" stiffer legislation to combat crime; stronger efforts to attain economic stability; more Christian tolerance and understanding, "faith with faith, creed with creed, and color with color;" and "spiritual and moral regeneration of our national life."

Dr. Graham gave a "sure fire recipe" for getting elected president.

"If I would run for President today on a platform of calling the people back to Christ, to God, and to the Bible, I believe I'd be elected," he said.

Klan Threats Give Minister Breakdown

Eugene Purcell, pastor of the Methodist church in Fair Bluff, N. C., was driven close to a nervous breakdown and forced to leave town by threats of the Ku Klux Klan, his wife charged.

Mrs. Purcell said her husband invited a Negro quartet to sing at his church in January and that he was warned by a man representing himself as a spokesman for the hooded group, that the Klan did not approve of the invitation.

On the following day, she added, the manager of the quartet received a similar warning. Despite the warnings, the club repeated its invitation to the Negro group but the quartet decided to cancel the engagement.

Her husband brooded about the matter, Mrs. Purcell said, and his health declined. Finally, he departed for Florida where he is now "recuperating."

Religious Groups Ask Ban On Radio, TV Liquor Ads

Strong support for federal legislation to ban liquor advertising from radio and television was expressed in Washington, by religious groups at a two-day hearing conducted by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

Legislation to ban liquor ads on the air waves has been introduced by Senators Edwin C. Johnson (D.-Colo.) and Francis Case (R.-S. D.).

Although only a few radio stations now carry advertising for alcoholic beverages other than beer, religious leaders warned that there is a definite trend toward removal of this inhibition. They urged that Congress act without delay before large-scale commercial advertising of hard liquor is begun on the television networks.

Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker of the Methodist Board of Temperance, leading off the presentation for religious groups, told the committee, "the sole issue is whether liquor advertising is good for the people of this land, especially our young people."

"The question is whether you believe it to be in the interest of the public welfare for the manhood, womanhood, and youth of our land," he said, "to be teased, in almost unbelievably enticing ways, to use liquor, and, when using it, to drink more and more of it.

"Legislation and judicial decisions have held for more than a century that the liquor traffic is different from other business and that the police power should be freely used to curb its excesses."

Mrs. Albert H. Ashton of Arbor Lawn, Md., testifying on behalf of the Five Year Meeting of Friends (Quakers), made an impassioned appeal on behalf of Christian mothers.

Declaring that Christian parents would give up anything to protect their children from harm, she said: "We find ourselves helpless in the face of an enemy which callously disregards our protecting doors and walls and steals into our homes through radio and television, making tragic inroads on the plastic, impressionable minds of our children."

A Smile or Two

"I sent my little boy for two pounds of plums, and you sent me only a half pound."
"My scales are all right Madam. Have you weighed your little boy?"

—Christian Herald.

Mrs. Profiteer was very proud of the stunts they were doing at the smart private school to which she had sent her daughter.
"My dear," she said to her friend, "she's learning civics, if you please."

"What's civics?" asked her friend.

"Civics? My dear, don't you know? Why, it's the science of interfering in public affairs."

Best thing about the old-fashioned blacksmith was that when you brought him your horse to be shod, he didn't think of 40 other things that needed fixing.

Moe and Joe were fishing in Florida waters. Suddenly Joe felt a jerk on his line. "Moe," he said quietly, "I got me a haddock!"

"Vell," said Moe, "vy don't you take an aspirin?"

Excited Visitor: "Can I see the mayor, sir?"

Attendant: "Not at presnt; he is at dinner."

Excited Visitor: "But, sir, my errand is most important."

Attendant: "I can't help it, sir; his honor is at steak."

Little Charlotte was having trouble with her English. She thought she had got on matter straight when, after much thought, she said the other day: "Mother, I see how it is now. Hens set and lay and people sit and lie, don't they?"

From Merrie Olde England comes this tale, about an elderly Yorkshire couple who were visiting an exhibition of domestic appliances, one of the Festival of Britain displays in London, and paused to gaze through the glass panel of a demonstration washing machine at a bunch of laundry that was being swirled and splashed. "Well," said the lady of the pair, "if that's television, they can have it."

—Quote.

At a Baptist Book Store in the west, this order recently arrived:

"Please send me a Bible for a child with a white back."

—Baptist Student.

"You're right, Sgt." said the commanding officer of the infantry company, "that new man is much too thin to be digging foxholes. Put him to work cleaning rifles." Replied the Sgt., "Yes, sir. Shall we push him through or pull him through?"

—Quote.

Smith: "So you're not on speaking terms with Jones?"

Robinson: "No. He sent me a can of oil to use on my lawnmower when I started to cut the grass in the morning. I sent it back and told him to save it for his wife when she started singing at 11 p. m.

It was the "New Deal" for 5 percenters; "Fair Deal" to Mink Coaters; its a "Dirty Deal" to the rest of us.

News From Baptist Press

Burton Invited on Tour To Study Europe Family Life

Dr. Joe Burton, editor of *Home Life* and head of the department of home curriculum of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is to be one of fifteen members of a marriage and family life tour in Europe this summer.

The tour, scheduled for July 8 to August 26, will cover study of family life in France, Holland, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and England. The trip is conducted by Dr. Meyer F. Nimkoff, head of the sociology department of Florida State University and author of a standard college text on *Marriage and the Family*.

Academic credit will be given for the tour which will include fifteen travelers selected by Dr. Nimkoff.

County Dry 47 Years; Church Forces Do It

Leon County, Florida, will remain dry as a result of an all-out campaign by church forces. Voted dry in 1904, the county has remained that way in face of four efforts to change it. Each time the church people are credited with the victory.

Leading in the dry drive during the last option campaign was Dr. Harold G. Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church, who led the community in a four-hour prayer meeting on the eve of the election.

WMU Dedicates New Headquarters Building

Dedication ceremonies for the new headquarters of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, were held in Birmingham recently during the semi-annual meeting of the Union's executive committee.

The WMU offices have recently moved to the new building. Growth of the work demanded enlarged space and the purchase of the building eliminated long months of planning and building that would have been necessary soon, according to Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the WMU.

Program personalities for the dedication included Miss Kathleen Mallory, retired WMU secretary; Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Virginia, president of WMU; Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; Dr. Porter Routh, Nashville, secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and Miss Hunt.

Three February Meetings Planned For New Orleans

The "Crescent City" will be the site of three Southern Baptist leadership conferences in February.

Two groups, executive secretaries of the twenty-two co-operating states and editors of the state Baptist publications, will meet February 11-13. The third group, secretaries of the state Baptist foundations, will meet February 28-29.

Bible Institute Opens For Alaska Baptists

The Alaska Baptist Bible Institute in Ketchikan was started last year with thirty-six pupils enrolled in the four classes, according to B. I. Carpenter, missionary and editor of the *Alaska Baptist Messenger*.

Courses taught include English grammar and composition, speech, Old Testament and the Life and Letters of Paul.

Arkansas Baptist Affairs In Good Shape

By L. H. DAVIS
Chairman, Executive Board

Arkansas Baptists are in good shape. The fact that we raised \$34,808.92 more than the Cooperative Program Budget called for last year, gives us a good morale and great hopes for 1952. Both our institutions and the departments are in splendid shape.

The fact that Dr. H. A. Haswell was elected president of Ouachita College; and that whom there is none better, and that a contract has been let to build an Administration Building, together with the prospects of re-entering the North Central Accrediting Association puts us in good shape. As I see it, Ouachita College is entering an era of the greatest prosperity it has ever experienced.

In the Baptist Hospital, we have in John A. Gilbreath one of the best administrators to be found. The \$500,000 office building is now being completed and doctor's offices are being established. It is hoped that we will be able to have in this building, one of the best clinics in the South. True, we owe some for this wonderful building, but it will pay itself out within a few years.

Our Orphanage, under the leadership of H. C. Seefeldt is in sound condition. The Thanksgiving offering was the best it has ever been and things in general are in good shape around the Orphanage. Prospects are good for erecting some new buildings at the Orphanage within the next year or two.

Our Departments are functioning well. The formation of four Departments, out of what had been only one department, the Religious Education Department, is proving to be a wise move. The principle of multiplying by division certainly applies here. Everything bids fair for every department to grow under the splendid leadership.

One would have to go a long way to find better leaders than Edgar Williamson, head of our Sunday School Department; Ralph Davis, of our Training Union Department; Dale Cowling, of the Student Union Department, and Mrs. B. W. Ninger, of the Music Department. Our other department leaders, too, are of the best, with C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of State Missions, and Nelson Tull, secretary of the Brotherhood Department. B. H. Duncan, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, is giving us one of, if not the best, state Baptist papers in the whole south. The campaign for increased circulation is having telling results. The paper is on a sound basis. Our general secretary, B. L. Bridges, is the veteran of secretaries in the South, and than whom there is none better. He has done a marvelous work through a long period of years. Arkansas Baptists have every reason to thank God, and take courage.

The budget for 1952 anticipates fully liquidating Central College, paying out the Baptist Building in Little Rock, and paying the balance of our old debts. This is to be done while we carry on a good program of work.

Brethren, let's work together to pay this budget and make 1952 a jubilee year for Arkansas Baptists.

We are not here to construct playhouses, but to build character. Not here as slaves to pleasure, but to serve a King. Life is not a romance; it is a race, a battle, a course, a conquest.

Universal Military Training

A statement adopted by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.,
January 30, 1952

With the view to meeting the military requirements of our nation during the current period of international tension, the Congress has extended to 1955 the drafting of men for the armed forces. The period of military service has been lengthened from 21 to 24 months and the ceiling on numbers raised from 3½ to 5 million men. If events that cannot now be foreseen should make necessary the further strengthening of the nation's armed forces this end can be accomplished by Congressional action in the light of conditions then prevailing. The National Council of Churches, however much as it may deplore the circumstances that have required this stepping up of our military establishment, acknowledges the need of and supports adequate defense measures.

With its position on the issue of national security thus stated, the National Council of Churches affirms its opposition to permanent universal military training. This action is in line with the views of many of our constituent communions which over a period of years have consistently opposed universal military training. It seems clear, that the effort to establish a system of permanent universal military training will meet with widespread opposition within our churches for religious and moral reasons and to the end that our traditional democratic institutions may be preserved.

We believe it is one thing to acknowledge the necessity of drafting men for a limited period to meet a specific international emergency. It is another, and quite different thing for the churches to support the conscription of each succeeding generation of the nation's youth for a program of universal military training. It is not in accord with our heritage as a free nation under God, permanently to recruit our youth under the banners of the military. To do this would be to take a long step in the direction of a garrison state.

We are mindful of the grave responsibilities with which our Congress is confronted during these difficult days. The decision which it is required to make respecting universal military training will have far-reaching consequences for the people of other lands as well as our own. It is our earnest prayer that to each member of the House and Senate there may be vouchsafed such measure of divine wisdom as will enable the Congress to reach a decision in accord with God's will for our beloved country.

—000—

DAY OF REST

A famous physician, Sir James C. Browne, said, "we doctors, in the treatment of nervous diseases, are now constantly compelled to prescribe periods of rest. Such periods are, I think, only Sundays in arrears."

The eminent conductor, Sir Landon Ronald, discontinued his Sunday concerts in 1928 on account of his health, saying, "I can no longer work seven days each week."

Gladstone attributed his long life to his rigid observance of the Lord's day.

—Queebach Herald.

—000—

Real Christians are always humble people. They have faith, they love people, they possess integrity, and they are realistic.

Minister Ordained



Glenn Elliot Hickey

Glenn Elliot Hickey was ordained the full gospel ministry by First Church, Mount Ida, on January 27. Requests for the ordination of Mr. Hickey came from the Roseville Church in Franklin County.

Missionary Clyde Hankins preached the ordination sermon, and Deacon Carey Selph of Houston, Texas, led the ordination prayer. Pastor J. P. Emery of Story presented the Bible, and Pastor John Collier delivered the charge.

Glenn Hickey is a student at Ouachita College and a member of the college quartet.

Twenty-five Years at Gaston Avenue

The Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, has designated the month of February as the anniversary month for observing the silver anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. W. Marshall Craig and Mrs. Craig.

On February 13, a silver anniversary banquet honoring Dr. and Mrs. Craig will be held in the main dining room of the Gaston Avenue Church. Provision is being made for 800 people.

Doctor Craig is widely known throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention and is in great demand for revival meetings and for messages on special occasions.

Rescue, White County Moves to Full Time

Rescue Church near Searcy is promoting a full-time program under the leadership of Pastor Sidney Holcomb.

In addition to the regular church services on Sunday, Pastor Holcomb has a radio program each Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 over Radio Station KWCB at Searcy.

The Rescue Church is co-operating in the simultaneous revival crusade which begins March 9, and will have the assistance of Pastor Homer D. Myers in the revival. Mr. Myers is pastor of Toltec Church.

The Rescue Church is contemplating the construction of a new church building in the future.

—000—

A dime is a dollar with all the taxes taken out.

—Magazine Digest.

Research work—Hunting for the guy who moved the miles.

A Statistician—A statistician is a man who draws a mathematically precise line from an unwarranted assumption to a foregone conclusion.

Three Day Mission Tour To Cuba

A three-day tour of Baptist missions in Cuba—to be held immediately following the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami, Florida, in May—has been announced by Dr. H. C. Goerner, professor of missions at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Primitivo Delgado, pastor of First Baptist Church, Marion, Virginia, will assist Dr. Goerner with the tour. Dr. Delgado is a native of Cuba and will serve as interpreter for the group.

Dr. Goerner's plans calls for a group of 150 persons to leave Miami by Pan-American Airways on Saturday, May 17. The return trip will be made on May 20. Sight-seeing in the vicinity of Havana has been planned.

A bus trip of approximately 200 miles is scheduled. The trip will include stops at Baptist churches and mission points in several towns and cities. Time for brief fellowship services with the Cuban Baptists will be afforded.

The group will be limited to 150 persons, Dr. Goerner said. He has estimated that tour costs—including round-trip fare, three days and nights in one of Havana's better hotels, and the bus trip—will total approximately \$60.00. Reservations may be made by contacting Dr. Goerner, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Ky.

Dr. Herbert Caudill, superintendent of the Home Mission Board in Cuba, has assisted Dr. Goerner in making arrangements for the tour.

Church Building Dedicated

The Ozark Church near Hardy, in Black River Association, dedicated their new church building on January 20. Dr. B. L. Bridges, general secretary, brought the dedicatory message on this occasion.

The work which resulted in the organization of the Ozark Church was started by Pastor W. A. Abee in September, 1949. Pastor Abee began services at Bakers Chapel. A revival meeting resulted in 25 professions of faith. was held under a brush arbor at No Name Camp.

In August, 1950, work was begun on the foundation for a church building. Much voluntary work contributed to the construction of the new building and the congregation entered their own house of worship on December 31, 1950.

Visual Aids Workshop

A Convention-wide Visual Aids Workshop will be held on the Southwestern Seminary campus, Fort Worth, Texas, July 7-11.

For the past two years this workshop has been held on the seminary campus the early part of June. Those who are interested in attending this Visual Aids Workshop will note the change of time from June to July 7-11.

This workshop is sponsored jointly by the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Southwestern Seminary.

Enthusiastic Praise Of Youth Revival Team

A sustained level of Christian consecration and Christian service looks in two directions: In retrospect it cherishes those experiences of the past which have made possible the present achievements; in prospect it looks to the future with expectations of great achievements.

According to Pastor Percy F. Herring that is the present experience of the First Church of Osceola. The present accelerated and sustained interest and activities of the Osceola church sprang from a revival which was led by a team of young people last August. Referring to this meeting Pastor Herring says, "August 5 of last year will continue to be a day of remembrance with Osceola Baptists. For it was on that day that we began what was to be probably the greatest revival ever had in our church."

Having had no experience with such revivals in which six visiting workers were engaged, the undertaking seemed so big that there was some hesitancy on the part of the members of the church who feared that they could not meet the demands of the situation. The young people having had no experience in leadership responsibilities were also hesitant concerning their part in the revival campaign. "But when the team arrived, and the services began," says Pastor Herring, "there was no more hesitancy on the part of any one but all fears and misgivings were completely obliterated and people gave themselves wholeheartedly to the revival services."

So enthusiastic are Pastor Herring and the Osceola church over the permanent results of this meeting they are looking forward to next August when they will have the same team of young people for another week of revival services.

The team which was engaged by Dr. Dale Cowling, Student Union Secretary, consists of: Tommy Purnell, captain; Tom Landers, preacher; Carroll Evans, singer; Carol Cooper, pianist; Bertha Mosely, junior leader; Max Gregory, round table leader; and John Herring, organist.

Pastor Herring remarks, "These young people did one of the finest jobs I have ever seen, and my people acclaim it our finest revival ever had here."

Brumley Chapel Has Best Year

Pastor Clayton Peoples reports progress at the Brumley Chapel Church in Faulkner County Association. "We received," says pastor Peoples, "more members for baptism last month than we baptised all last year." The Sunday School attendance has increased twenty per cent since the first of the year.

Pastor Peoples says, "We believe in co-operating with our state program in every way." The church is now giving ten per cent of its income to the Cooperative Program "and our goal for the coming years is fifty-fifty."

ATTENTION! SWORD DRILLERS

There is an error in the 1952 Intermediate Sword Drill tract. It is on page 12. The scripture reference for November 18 should be John 4:38 instead of John 4:33.



Letter To The President

Dear Mr. President:

Since we desire that this nation "of the people, for the people, and by the people" shall ever remain free of and from any totalitarian government, we voice our soul-stirring convictions to you.

The matter to which we refer is your appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. As others have already stated to you, and as you already knew yourself, this is an out-and-out breach of our church and state relations. Sometime ago I remember your voicing your fear that an atomic war would plunge us back into the Dark Ages again. No, Mr. President, that would not put us back into the Middle Ages again, though we realize that it would be indescribably terrible, for the only thing that can plunge us back into the Dark Ages again is that power which threw us into it and held us there those hundreds of years, and as you and I both know, that power to which I refer is the Romish Church.

During those years we were down and could not rise. Our blood flowed like rivers simply because we stood to the death for that precious faith once-for-all delivered to the saints in God's inspired word. Now He has raised us up. Our Lord has won our victory. We are free. Would you thrust us down again, Mr. President? You have done several things which we do not approve of in the past few months. You fired a consistent, Christian general because he spoke up against the inconsistent, un-Christian policy of your administration. You scandalously and childishly challenged a critic to a fight because of his exercising his freedom to think and freedom to speak, giving his honest opinion of your daughter's singing. We've also seen the reports of your attending wild, drinking parties. These were bad enough, but when you tamper with our freedom to worship our Savior, the Lord Jesus, and our freedom to proclaim the good news to the lost by subjecting us to the Roman Church, we wholeheartedly rebel. We refuse to go with you if you go into their camp. We implore you to turn and come back. Come back to the Lord Jesus Christ whom you have professed to believe in, according to reports. If you have been born again of the Spirit of God, won't you please start living like you profess? Stop attending the wild parties. Associate yourself with evangelical believers and exhibit the fruit of the Spirit that all may know where you stand, and show to the world that the President of these United States is a child of God. And of course, if you do this, Sir, you will certainly withdraw your appointment of a man to be our ambassador to the Vatican and never make another such appointment.

And to complete our message which we desire to give to you, we must say that if you do not remember our Lord and return to Him, if you do not remember those of us who love Him and the freedom which He has given us, then we shall not remember you when we go to the polls in November.

In all sincerity, for Christ's sake,
William P. Griffin.

—00—

"Blessed is the man who can endure an hour in the place of worship as well as two hours in the place of amusement."

—Copied.

On Guard, America

By DR. J. D. GREY, President
Southern Baptist Convention

The next few weeks are critical and could be disastrous to religious liberty in America. Patriotic Americans are grateful for this respite occasioned by President Truman's announcement that he will not resubmit the nomination of General Clark as the first United States Ambassador to Vatican City. It is fervently hoped that sounder and wiser counsels will prevail in the president's mind and that he will not do as he has indicated that another nomination may be proposed at a future date. In the meantime, we dare not relax our vigilance one minute. We must proceed as if this threat of a diplomatic mission to the Pope, which has been temporarily halted, may reappear at any hour.

The wisest strategists on this matter among us suggest that we must continue to be alert and vocal as we wait. Edmund Burke, whose philosophic and political wisdom commands increasing respect, on one occasion uttered some words which need special emphasis in America today. He said, "He transgresses against the law of duty who sleeps upon his watch as well as he who goes over to the enemy. In affairs of state, indifference and neglect are national crimes." It is the part of wisdom to suggest the following for immediate and future action.

First, now is the ideal time for Americans to write to President Truman by the hundreds of thousands, expressing gratification that he has not submitted any nomination to this session of the Congress for an ambassador to the Vatican. It should be made crystal clear that our opposition had no personal reference to General Clark and would be equally intense against any appointee. These letters, of course, should be temperate, respectful, and persuasive. A new flood of mail right now will be doubly helpful if it stresses the fact that the appointment of a personal representative from the President to the Pope will be thoroughly unsatisfactory. The President may conclude that this would be an attractive compromise solution. The mind of the administration must be disabused of any such idea. Let us make

it plain that we stand on principles in opposing a diplomatic mission of any character to the Holy See.

Second, General Clark asked for his name to be withdrawn because of the volume and vigor of the opposition. If there seems to be any indication that convictions on this issue are cooling or public interest is waning, it might seem to invite a new appointment. Convictions on an issue like this cannot be turned on and off at will.

Third, too often we in America forget to say a gracious "Thank you" to faithful and courageous representatives in government. Many Senators have bravely announced publicly that they will oppose an un-American embassy at the Vatican. Letters of commendation in great numbers should be sent to them just now. Appreciation always helps to solidify a man in the right.

Fourth, mail must continue to go to those Senators who thus far are uncommitted on the appointment. If the mail now suddenly slumps, these Senators may think that the primary objection has been against General Clark personally or that they can now vote for diplomatic recognition of the Pope with impunity. During this time when there is no nomination before the Senate will be our most opportune time to approach undecided Senators persistently and urgently on the grounds of fundamental principles with no personality involved.

Fifth, if the worst comes to worst, and the President submits another nomination to the Senate, this should be the only signal needed for us to immediately and emphatically register our opposition. The president's act should be recognized as the only signal needed.

We are justly proud of the courageous stand our people have taken along with other Christians and patriotic citizens on this matter. Let there not be the slightest relaxing in our defense of religious liberty and the separation of church and state written by the beloved patriots in our Bill of Rights. Remember always, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty!"

Distinction Without Character

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Everybody wants to be "somebody," get a bigger car, bigger house, belong to the right social set or club. We have put the accent on "distinction" — and forgotten character. Little men—who have neglected character—have scrambled and pushed their way into places of responsibility and importance, then have failed miserably because they achieved distinction without character. This is not only true in government circles. In the next ten years, as the big boom ends, we may see many business failures because management built an impressive profit structure and forgot integrity. When survival becomes the issue, integrity and character are deciding factors for men or institutions. There can be no real distinction without character, and character is the fruit of spiritual growth. In this month of birthdays of famous men, consider the fact that it was character, and character alone, that lifted them above the generations.



Listen to The

BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: February 17

SPEAKER:
Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT:
"No Greater Love"

ARKANSAS STATIONS

KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
KENA, Mena, 1:30 p. m.
KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.
KUAO, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.
KOSE, Osceola
KVEC, Arkadelphia, 2:15 p. m.
KRLW, Walnut Ridge
Consult local paper for time

This, That, And The Other

By DR. C. W. CALDWELL

Some people, even preachers, seem to think they are fundamental in their doctrinal beliefs if they believe in the inspiration of the scriptures, the virgin birth, vicarious atonement, bodily resurrection, ascension, and second coming. They can believe all this, but unless they have the right conception of the church—the ordinances, officers, the policy—they are a long way from being fundamental. One can be fundamental on salvation and a rank modernist on the church.

The measure of a church's success is not by the number of people in the pews to hear the sermon, but by the number at the altar when the service is over.

A man answering an inquiry as to his estimate of two pastors in his city said, "Dr. A. has practically all his merchandise on display in the show-window; Dr. B. doesn't have much in the show-window, but has a stock room that is full."

A childless couple, after adopting a baby, will often, then, have one of their own. The fondling and caressing of a baby makes it possible for a woman, who has given up hope, to become a mother in reality. Even so, a church that goes out and

"mothers" a mission station will discover that souls will begin to be born in her regular services.

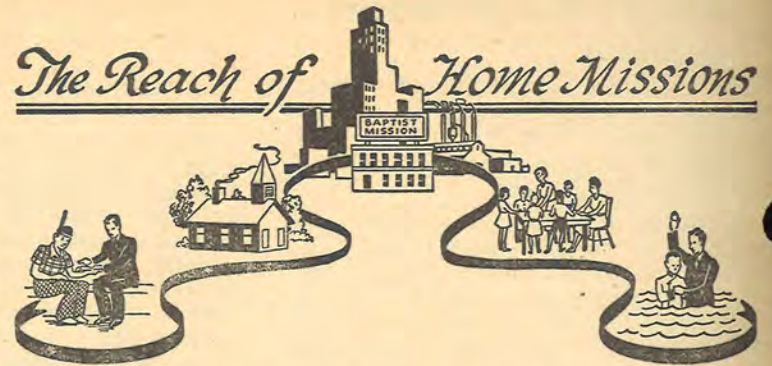
A politician may help to get some people on "welfare" to strengthen his position, but an associational missionary should have a higher motive in getting a church to ask for supplementary aid from mission funds.

Lyman Beecher once expressed regrets that a sermon he had preached was not up to his average. His little son tried to console him by saying, "But, Dad, you preached louder than usual." The great preacher replied, "That is just it, Son; the less I have to say, the louder I say it."

This reminds us of the Indian's comment on a sermon he had heard—"Ug, high wind, much thunder; no rain."

Too many sermons seem to be preached for the sermon's sake, rather than as a means to accomplish definite results.

Coercion is slavery; co-operation is freedom. Only a free people can co-operate. Baptists can co-operate because they are free people, and the highest type of freedom is expressed in co-operation.



Big Is The West

By DR. JOHN CAYLOR

The thousands of Southern Baptists who made the trip to San Francisco for the Southern Baptist Convention last summer will agree that the West is big. It is big in geography. In traveling from Norfolk to San Francisco one must go almost completely across Kansas to get halfway. He will find that Dodge City in the western part of Kansas is just halfway. He will have overshot one of our western states in reaching that point. The halfway point between Savannah and Los Angeles would be in western Texas.

A line drawn from the eastern border of North Dakota southward to the Rio Grande River would indicate seventeen states west of that line. Exclude Texas and Oklahoma, outstanding Baptist states, and this western territory would contain fifteen states with fifty per cent of the area of the United States. The West is big geographically.

THE WEST IS BIG IN OPPORTUNITY

There are more than fifteen million unchurched people in the fifteen states indicated. There are 619 Southern Baptist churches, 1,382 American Baptist churches, and 322 other Baptist churches, making a total of 2,323 Baptist churches in the area. There is a total membership in those fifteen states of 505,052. In that area are 5,000 villages and towns without a Baptist church in any one of them. It is estimated that 300,000 Southern Baptists in other areas have moved into that section. At least 200,000 of them have not affiliated with

churches. They are looking for a place where they can worship with people of like faith. Many of them declare that they are ready to start such churches.

There are many new churches. Recently 150 new Southern Baptist churches have been instituted in states of that area outside the established bounds of the Convention territory.

The Home Mission Board does its work in the West through the state conventions of New Mexico, Arizona, California, Washington-Oregon, and Kansas. Dr. S. F. Dowis, secretary of the Department of Co-operative Missions of the Home Mission Board, reports that the convention of the western states have forwarded to him many requests for help from border states. For instance, Arizona has in its convention seven churches and three missions in Utah with requests for more work to be opened in that state. Also South Nevada has made several requests for help through the Arizona convention and Casper, Wyoming, and Denver, Colorado, have churches which are affiliated with the Arizona convention. There are many other requests coming from the area around Arizona.

California Southern Baptists are sponsoring work in Nevada and the Oregon-Washington convention has requests for additional work in Idaho and Montana. Through the Kansas convention requests for help have come from Nebraska.

The Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions in March is the only hope the Home Mission Board has for extra money to answer the needs of the West.

High School Seniors . . . Plan to Attend . . .

TIGER DAY APRIL 18

on the campus of

Ouachita Baptist College



Plan to Bring a Carload From Your Town!
See Ouachita College in Action!
Free Noon Meal in Ouachita's Cafeteria!
Watch This Spot for Further Information!

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST COLLEGE

Marshall, Texas
Summer School, June 2, 1952
New Apartments Ready for Occupancy
New Dormitory for Men Being Completed
New Library-Science Hall Being Planned
High Academic Rating
High Moral Standards
Reasonable Rates
Orthodox in Belief
Spiritual in Character
H. D. BRUCE, President
Application Should Be Made NOW

GOWNS

• Pulpit and Choir •
Headquarters for
RELIGIOUS SUPPLIES





Church Furniture • Stoles
Embroideries • Vestments
Hangings • Communion
Sets • Altar Brass Goods

CATALOG ON REQUEST
CHURCH GOODS
SUPPLY COMPANY
821 - 23 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

Arkansas Baptist State Assembly

Siloam Springs, Arkansas

July 1-9

EDGAR WILLIAMSON, Director

July 1-9

The Assembly For You In '52

Preparations are under way to make the 1952 Assembly one of the best. Dr. Carl Bates, First Church, Amarillo, Texas, will be the speaker for the night services; Dr. Carl Goodson, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri, the morning Bible Hour speaker; and Troy Campbell will again be the song leader. Miss Rose Arzoomanian will be the featured soloist. James Hillman Smith, First Church, Paris, will direct the recreational activities.

Good faculties are being enlisted to teach courses in Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, Student Union and Church Music.



Dr. Carl Bates

Reservations

1. Reservations should be made now. Reservations accepted only for those who send name or names with a \$2 reservation fee for each name. If accepted, (receipt issued), no reservation fee will be returned.

(for individuals 24 years of age and younger, indicate age and sex.)

2. Reservation fees will be credited to the account of those for whom reservation is made.

3. All reservations will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis and will be held only until 9 p. m. Tuesday, July 1, unless otherwise arranged. All reservations unclaimed at this time will be re-assigned.

4. Send all requests for reservations, with reservation fees, to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 215 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Rates For 1952 Assembly

Full Time Rates



Dr. Carl Goodson

Registration	\$ 2.00
Cot and Mattress in Dormitory and all Meals:	
Individuals in Assembly-owned Dormitories	16.00
Individuals in Church-owned Dormitories	15.00
Individuals in Church-owned Dormitories providing own cots and mattresses	13.00
Children 5 to 10 years inclusive	13.00
Cot and Mattress in Dormitory and all Meals: (For Married Couples and Families Only)	
Individuals	17.00
Children 5 to 10 years inclusive	15.00
Cot and Mattress in Cabin and all Meals: (For Married Couples and Families Only)	
Individuals	17.00
Children 5 to 10 years inclusive	15.00
Cot and Mattress in Cabin or Dormitory Room, (without meals)	6.00

NOTE: All individuals staying in Assembly or Church-owned cabins and dormitories, and NOT eating meals in Assembly dining hall, will pay an Assembly maintenance fee of \$4.00 in addition to above rates.



Miss Rose Arzoomanian

Part Time Rates

Registration Per Day .....	.25	Cabin space, per day	1.00
Meals: Breakfast .....	.60	Miscellaneous Charges, (without meals)	
Dinner .....	.75	Trailer	8.00
Supper .....	.60	Tent space—campers	5.00
Per Day	1.75	Tent space—churches	10.00
Cots, per day .....	.35	Electric plate or grill	5.00
Mattress, per day .....	.35	Electric fan	3.00
Dormitory space, including cot and mattress, per day .....	.75	Radio	3.00
		Other electric appliances, irons, etc., each	2.00

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

An Excellent Series Of Meetings

The Brotherhood Department recently sponsored a series of Regional Brotherhood Rallies in Eastern Arkansas. Mr. E. N. Delzell, Brotherhood Secretary of Tennessee, was the main speaker; and did an excellent job!

The attendance was the best in the history of such meetings in Arkansas. The average number of people present was 204. Attendance at each rally was as follows:

Osceola, 256; Paragould, 242; Hamburg, 185; West Memphis, 131. Attendance at the West Memphis meeting was cut considerably by bad weather.

The Brotherhood Department wants to thank all men who worked to build the attendance upon these Regional meetings. Such meetings are worthwhile from every viewpoint, and contribute much toward the stimulation of Brotherhood organization and the enhancement of the quality of Brotherhood work.

BROTHERHOOD REVIVAL AT LUXORA

Your Brotherhood Secretary recently had the gracious privilege of assisting the Baptist Church at Luxora in a Brotherhood revival. The Lord wonderfully blessed, and gave 43 additions to the church, 37 coming on profession of faith and baptism.

Led by the capable young pastor, Harold White, the church was ready for the revival. The people responded well to the call to pray and to go. And God will bless any people who will pray and go!

Many men and boys were among those reached for Christ

and the church during the revival.

EVANGELISM A PRIME BROTHERHOOD OBJECTIVE

The Brotherhood believes in evangelism! Our perennial motto is, "A Million Men for Christ." This means a million men enlisted in God's work. And God's work is evangelism.

320 BROTHERHOODS IN ARKANSAS

The number of church Brotherhoods in Arkansas has climbed to the 320 mark. And others will be reported soon. We are looking forward to the time when we will reach 400; and then 500; and then to the day when every church in our state shall have a functional Brotherhood.

We believe in our Department slogan: "Every Church Needs a Brotherhood."

—000—

Seminary Extension Course

The Seminary Extension Department was organized by the Seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention to meet the needs of those who, (1) cannot meet requirements for entrance into College, (2) cannot attend college or the Seminary, (3) want to follow a plan of study, although they have already attended the college or Seminary, (4) Lay workers in the church who may be planning to do religious work.

The following subjects are ready for distribution: Old Testament History (from Adam to David), \$6.50; New Testament Study of the Epistles and Revelation, \$7.50; Evangelism, \$6.00; Preaching, \$6.00; New Testament History (from Jesus to Paul), \$7.00; The Book of Hebrews, \$4.50; Church Leadership, \$7.00; Christian Doctrine, \$5.50.

All correspondence should be sent to Lee Gallman, Director of the Seminary Extension Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

American Folding Chairs NEW IMPROVED DESIGN

DURABLE—strong steel frame
SAFE—can't tip, pinch, snag
COMFORTABLE—extra-wide and extra-deep seats, backs
FOLD QUICKLY, quietly, snugly
SEAT STYLES—formed plywood, durably lacquered; or vinyl-plastic upholstered

Write Dept. 115

AMERICAN SEATING COMPANY

World's Leader in Public Seating
2930 Canton St., Dallas 1, Texas



Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary

Going to Cuba During Southern Convention?

If you are interested in making a side trip to Cuba and covering home mission fields on the Island before or after the Southern Baptist Convention or Woman's Missionary Union Convention in Miami, the Home Mission Board will be of any assistance possible.

Write to B. M. Crain, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, for particulars. The round trip, Miami to Havana by boat is \$50.60 (overnight). By airplane the ticket charge is \$34.50 (RT) (fifty minutes each way). A bus trip to Key West and plane trip to Havana will be about \$30 for the round trip from Miami.

Would you like a one-day bus trip of 100 miles and back, or a two-day bus trip spending the night at Santa Clara? You will be able to make the trip with all expenses for about \$50 up, depending upon hotel accommodations and the length of the stay in Cuba. Write the Home Mission Board for more information.

This is an unusual opportunity to visit a land so near and yet so far — near in distance, but foreign in custom, language, etc. See what Southern Baptists have done during these more than fifty years of mission work on the island.

ATTENTION B.W.C.'ERS!

The annual banquet of the State Federation of Business Woman's Circles will be held at First Church, El Dorado, April 2. The time will be 5:30 o'clock and the price of the dinner will be \$1.25 per plate. Mrs. Lucille Reynolds, president, will preside.

Plans are being made for one of the most attractive banquets the Federation has ever had, and among the speakers will be Mrs. Frank Belvin, missionary to the Indians of Oklahoma and wife of Dr. Frank Belvin, superintendent of all Indian mission work for the Home Mission Board. Another will be Mrs. William McMurry, Southern Woman's Missionary Union's Mission Study chairman.

Reservations should be sent to Miss Nancy Cooper, State W. M. U. Treasurer, 209 Baptist Building.

Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas will be held in El Dorado, April 1-3, and the B.W.C. Banquet is a part

of that great meeting. Be one of the two hundred to attend!

WHEN ORDERING

Especially when ordering leaflets on Community Missions, specify the title of the particular ones wanted. Four new leaflets have recently been published with a general heading, **Everyone Active in Community Missions**. Specific, individual titles are at the bottom of the leaflet. They are the ones to watch and to specify. This will guarantee the securing of the materials needed.

There are a host of free leaflets available for the promotion of all phases of Woman's Missionary Union work. Order them from your state W.M.U. headquarters, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock. (Remember! Nothing free comes from the W.M.U. Headquarters in Birmingham.)

One Out of Eleven

By SAM T. MAYO

Missionary to the Migrants

One Sunday morning on "Strawberry Road" a deacon took me in his car to the roadside where the migrant people lived in trailers and tents, to pick up some children and take them to Sunday School.

Eleven were ready. As they crowded into the car I asked them, "How many of you have ever been to Sunday School before?" Only one had ever been and she said, "I have been once."

During the short strawberry season we saw ten people saved, all of them adults except one intermediate girl.

One man, 59 years old, and a woman, 54, came to know Jesus as their personal Savior. Every child said to the deacon and me, "Thank you for taking me to Sunday School."

Can you hear their call to Southern Baptists, "Come over into the migrant camps and teach us about Jesus and His love for us?" Through the Annie Armstrong Offering \$15,000 will be voted to work among the migrants. Pray for more workers among them.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS, March 3-7, 1952.

FOR SALE

Two Used Busses
1 Dodge\$400
1 Ford\$600
All-State Supply Co.
1401 W. Capitol Ave.
Little Rock, Ark.

5,000 CHRISTIAN WORKERS WANTED

to sell Bibles, Testaments, good books, handsome Scripture mottoes, Scripture calendars, greeting cards. Good commission. Send for free catalog and price-list.

George W. Noble, The Christian Co.
Dept. D, Pontiac Bldg., Chicago, 5, Ill.

Lido

CAFETERIA

"QUALITY FOOD
POPULAR PRICES"

615 MAIN LITTLE ROCK

The Gullible Giver

By DAVID M. GARDNER, Editor, Baptist Standard

Some weeks back, a fellow Texas Baptist requested us to give him information concerning five radio programs to which his wife has been sending offerings regularly. Since none of the programs originate in Texas, it required some time to get the information desired.

In the inquiries made concerning the promoter of each program mentioned, we sought to determine the character, the church, and denominational connection of the promoter. We also requested information concerning the value of the programs to the churches and forces of righteousness in the community.

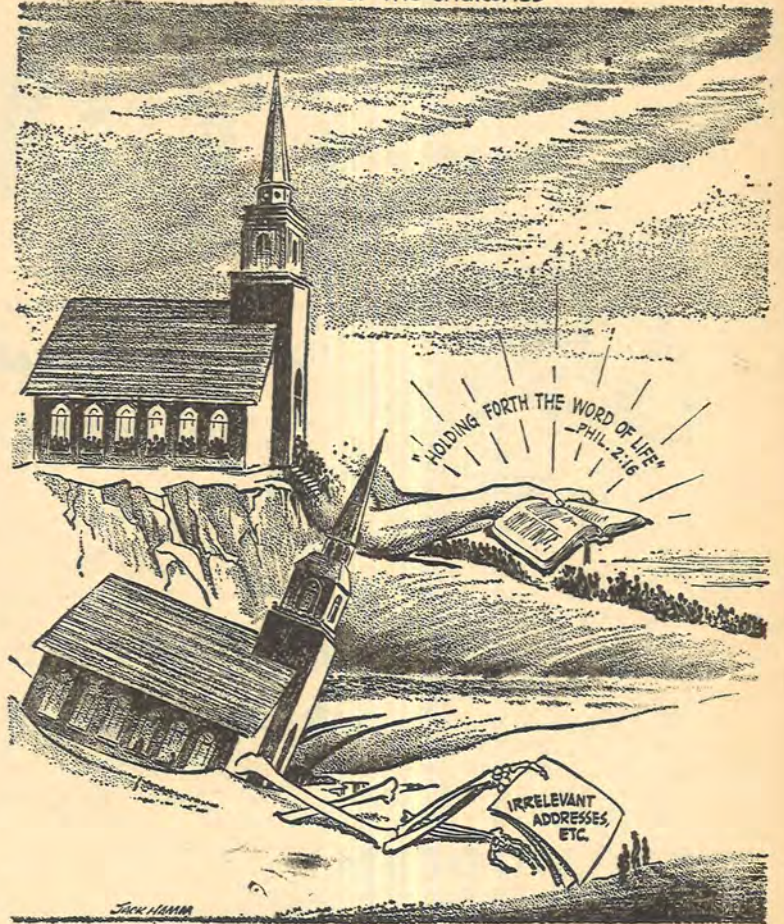
We have had reports on four of the five inquiries made, not one favorable, and some positively bad. The last report received concerns a radio preacher whose program our Baptist sister supports. The radio preacher is not a Baptist, in fact, he is not a member of any local church and has no standing in the community. It is reported that he patronizes and participates in public dances, fishes on Sundays, and has a plurality of wives, Cadillac cars, a yacht, a private

plane, all paid for by a gullible public.

Our people do not have to be told that there are reputable radio preachers who send good gospel messages over the air on every Lord's day and many times during each week. Money given to racketeers in the name of religion is worse than wasted. This matter of sending money indiscriminately and promiscuously to individual promoters of religious programs is bad business. If all the money that Baptists are wasting, yes, worse than wasting, on individual, interdenominational radio programs, were channeled through our churches for the promotion of our own **Baptist Hour**, we would blanket the nation with ringing gospel messages every day in the year.

We have just read the four messages Charles Wellborn sent out over 270 radio stations during the month of November. They were timely gospel messages, destined to do great good any time, anywhere. Here is a real religious radio program Baptists can support and know what they are promoting when they give their money.

A TALE OF TWO CHURCHES



The Arkansas Baptist Is

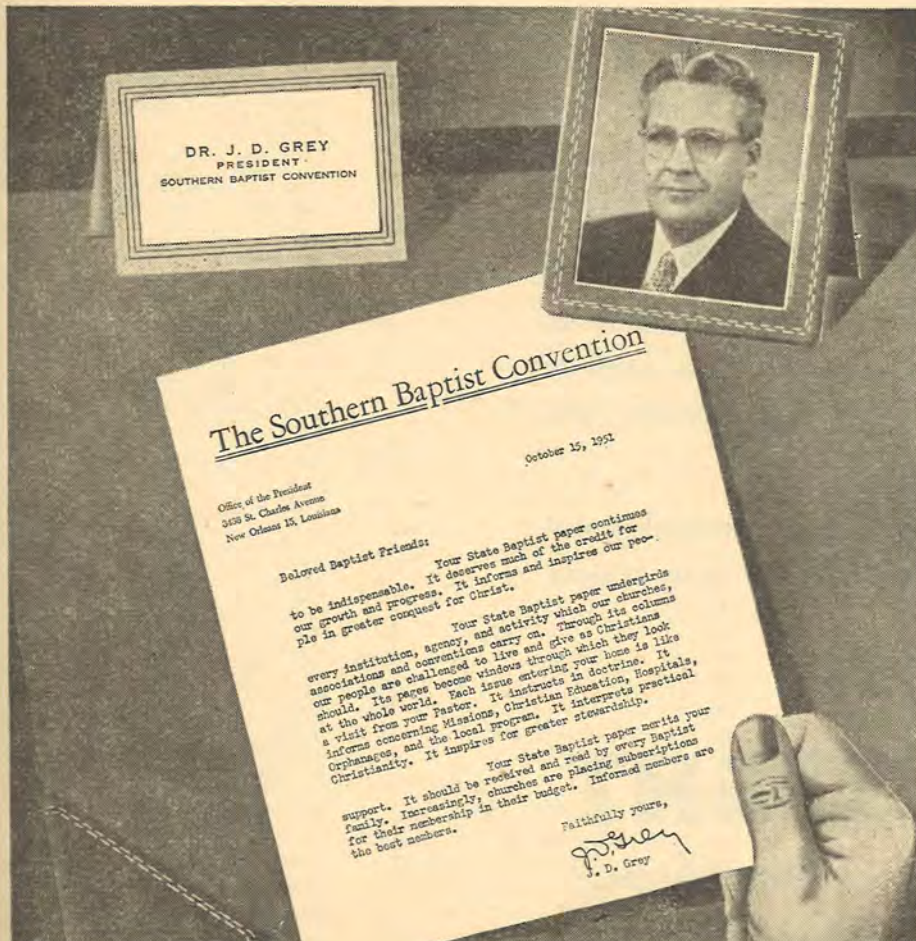
on
the
March

WE HAVE ADDED 15 CHURCH BUDGETS SINCE JANUARY 1

WE HAVE HAD A NET GAIN OF 1,425 SUBSCRIPTIONS SINCE JANUARY 1.

Let's blow the top off the 40,000 circulation goal during the Associational Rallies now being held.

More Budgets — More Clubs — Means more informed Baptists, more enlisted church members, a stepping up of church and denominational programs.



"it's so inexpensive"



"it actually helps Johnnie get better grades"

"it dramatizes our whole house"



YES, MODERN

Home Lighting

WORKS WONDERS!

We are all so accustomed to flipping a switch and lighting our homes that we're likely to forget there's a big difference between just electric lights and lighting that means brighter spirits, higher grades for the youngsters, and easier work for yourself.

Best of all, you can start revising your own home lighting so economically—with special lighting for specific tasks such as reading, writing or sewing—and then follow a program that will eventually re-light your whole home.

Whatever the size or shape of the room, your electrical dealer has lamps and fixtures to fit right in. They'll fit your budget too, so see your dealer soon.

Arkansas

POWER & LIGHT

Company

HELPING BUILD ARKANSAS

Figures To Inspire

Sunday, February 3

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Fort Smith, First	1231	984	16
Including Missions	1452	1035	
Little Rock, Immanuel	1222	401	1
Including Missions	1365	495	
El Dorado, First	1036	338	10
Including Missions	1129	381	
Little Rock, First	907	395	6
No. Little Rock			
Baring Cross	757	286	
Including Mission	789	303	
Little Rock, Second	757	181	3
Hot Springs, Second	707	254	38
Pine Bluff, South-Side	643	251	1
Magnolia, Central	602	196	2
Including Mission	666		
Benton, First	593	130	
Including Mission	692	196	
Texarkana, Beech St.	588	228	1
El Dorado, Immanuel	570	290	1
Including Mission	626	342	
Camden, First	554	105	1
Including Missions	851	276	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	540	217	8
Fordeyce, First	505	187	3
Forrest City, First	504	205	2
Hot Springs, Central	495	211	1
El Dorado, Second	485	187	1
Paris, First	477	192	1
Warren, First	472	66	4
Paragould, First	467	232	14
Including Missions	639	366	
Hope, First	459	86	1
Little Rock, Tabernacle	453	173	5
Paris, First	443	192	
Including Mission	476		
Little Rock, Gaines St.	434	234	4
Hot Springs, Park Place	429	146	
Siloam Springs, First	429	338	3
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	425	170	
Van Buren, First	422	162	5
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	415	189	2
West Helena	409	147	
Cullendale, First	404	139	2
Stuttgart, First	399	212	2
Including Mission	435	231	
Osceola, First	389	184	4
Springdale, First	372	193	5
Including Mission	442		
Monticello, First	371	122	
Rogers, First	366	173	4
Including Mission	416	195	6
Little Rock, So. Highland	366	164	2
El Dorado, West Side	361	116	2
Searcy, First	353	118	1
Smackover, First	341	129	1
Mena, First	340	104	
Hot Springs, First	340	112	
Hamburg, First	305	121	2
Fort Smith, South Side	297	86	3
Bauxite, First	290	143	1
Norphlet, First	287	160	
Piggott, First	264	98	
Wynne	264	70	1
Greenwood, First	257	131	6
Hot Springs, Piney	247	165	1
Fort Smith, Immanuel	245	116	2
Pine Bluff, Second	245	100	
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	243	62	
Fort Smith, Temple	239	167	
Alma, First	234	115	1
Levy	233	125	1
No. Little Rock, First	224	88	
Bentonville, First	221	46	
Including Mission	239		
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	219	84	1
Fort Smith, Spradling	219	118	2
Rose City, Calvary	212	84	
Jacksonville	209	88	1
Little Rock, Calvary	207	57	1
Little Rock, Hebron	197	115	1
Gentry, First	195	141	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	193	109	1
Star City, First	193	57	
Lonoke, First	190	48	2
Crossett, Mt. Olive	184	108	1
Gurdon, Beech St.	180	86	
Charleston, First	179	79	2
No. Little Rock, Pike Ave.	172	83	
Marshall	171	68	
Fort Smith, Trinity	160	50	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	143	84	
Nettleton	143	95	
Little Rock, Ironton	139	119	1
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	125	73	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	105	62	
Little Rock, Grace	100	54	1
Warren, Immanuel	96	78	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	95	50	2
Little Rock, Woodlawn	94	30	
Little Rock, South Side	86	58	9
Little Rock, Biddle	72	61	2
Fort Smith, North Side	70	56	
No. Little Rock, Peoples	60	55	
Hot Springs, Emanuel	60	43	
Excelsior	58	38	3
Glendale	57	35	
Fort Smith, Rye Hill	54	58	
Fort Smith, Mixon	35	27	
No. Little Rock, Oak Wood	33	25	4
Little Rock, Harmony	25	30	

000

When you see wickedness flourishing like a green bay tree, just ask yourself, "Am I consenting to any of this?"

The Voice.

The Family At Bethany

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Lesson based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Possibly the one place on earth where Jesus felt completely "at home" during His personal ministry, was in the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.

In Luke 10, we seem to have the account of the Lord's first visit in the home, early in His ministry, because Martha was "cumbered about much serving." Martha was a typical home maker. She desired everything to be spick and span. On this occasion she had a distinguished Guest. If it was His first visit in the home, all the more reason for her desire to have the food and service the best she could make it. We could not appreciate Martha if she had offered the Lord anything less than her best.

Yet, we find Martha afflicted with a weakness that many of us possess today—that of frustration. In preparing the meal for Jesus she became distracted, she was literally "going around in circles" as we sometimes find ourselves doing. In her frustration, she lost her patience with both the Lord and her sister Mary, because Mary was unconcerned about the house work, but chose rather to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen while He broke to her, "the bread of life."

KEEP CALM, ALWAYS

Martha intimated that Jesus was indifferent and unconcerned about her predicament and need of help; "Lord dost thou care—that my sister hath left me to serve alone?" Furthermore, the Lord should "bid her" to go help with the serving. But He did not. Some consider the Lord's statement to Martha a rebuke; or was He merely trying to put her at ease while also teaching her a much needed lesson: "Martha, Martha," He consoled, "thou art careful and troubled about many things." Have you ever heard a father speak to his child in tenderness and admonish one to "take it easy?" Martha was taking herself too seriously; whatever she was doing was not worth becoming upset about.

Something else was needed, dining and serving are not the only things in life, and "Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." We cannot believe Jesus scolded Martha for her careful service, but over and above service to the Master, something else was needful—that was to sit at the Master's feet and learn of Him. It is entirely too common in this fast age in which we live for

Sunday School Lesson for

February 17, 1952

Luke 10:38-42; John 11:5, 24-27

God's people to become so involved in activity they have no quiet hour with Him in devotion periods, nor do Christian people take the time to study God's word, the most important thing we can do. How can one render an intelligent service for Christ without a knowledge of His word, His will, and His way? And there is no other place on earth, no other way in which we can learn of Him except by a consecrated study of His word.

PRAY WHEN FRUSTRATED

People become frustrated by the obstacles of life because they are not steadied by the presence and leadership of his Spirit. And the Spirit of God never works independently of His word. The Spirit cannot lead people who are not informed by the Scriptures. Mary has become a symbol of devotion, an example of the student, one who could forget the cares of the world and sit at the feet of Jesus to listen and to learn of Him. And while the physical needs must be met, as typified by Martha, the soul must also be fed. We need daily sustenance that can only be gained alone with the word of God. It was just as necessary for Mary to hear, as it was for Martha to "do", and we should be able to profit from the experience of both; sit quietly and learn first, then get up and act.

In John's gospel we have another story of these sisters and their brother, wherein Lazarus was made famous by his resurrection from the dead. Love is the theme in all of John's writings, and in the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, we are shown the human side of Jesus as He wept with His friends and sympathized with them in their grief, knowing all the while He would restore Lazarus to life and back to his family.

When Lazarus became ill, the sisters sent word to Jesus that the one "whom he loved" was sick, hoping He would come at once and raise Lazarus from his illness. The Lord seemingly ignored the message, waiting till the brother was dead and buried ere He went to Bethany, for "This sickness was not unto death, but for the glory of God . . ."

Please notice the great faith of Martha, as she met the Lord and said unto Him: "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died. BUT I KNOW that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it

thee" John 11:21-22. Jesus told her that her brother would rise again, that all who believe in Him would never die, then Martha professed in no uncertain terms her faith in Christ as the Son of God, sent to the world as prophesied in the Old Testament scriptures.

Then Martha slipped away from Jesus to get her sister, and when she approached Mary, she uttered one of the most beautiful phrases in all the Bible: The Master is come and calleth for thee."

SAME LORD WATCHES OVER US

With this story of human interest before us, we should be able to draw some practical conclusions from it. If Jesus loved being a part of that home in Bethany, He also loved being a part of our homes today. If Jesus thought about Mary and Martha as their brother lay ill, He surely remembers His own today in their illness and afflictions. If Jesus wept with those who mourned while on the earth, He surely is sympathetic with us today in times of sorrow. As He consoled and comforted His own in that day, He is our main source of

comfort and consolation in times of trouble today. Friends can sympathize and help a great deal, but there is a presence of God's Spirit within the heart of His own in times of sorrow that no human being can fathom.

And since we are admonished to follow in His steps as nearly as possible, Christian people should seek every opportunity to minister to the sick, the dying, and the distressed as He did. Nobody, at any time, appreciates a personal visit and a sincere prayer so much as one who is ill. And death has opened the opportunity for many to be reached with salvation. Many might never realize the seriousness of death until a loved one has been planted to await the resurrection. Then in cold, stark reality, we see death as the monster that it is. We realize then that in whatever state death finds one, so will the judgment, and so will the resurrection. The kindest thing anybody can do for another at a time like that is to point the lost to the Christ who died for our sins, who also is the resurrection and the life, and outside of whom there is no life.



Order your revival material early!

Billboard Poster

A magnificent poster, strikingly colored in soft purple, blue, and red against yellow background. Size, 20 feet x 9 feet, made up of 24 sheets. (*) Complete, \$6.00 each.

Car Bumper Card

Size 19 1/2 x 6 3/4 inches. "Baptist Revivals" in white letters against blue. Clamp to bumpers by metal strips furnished with cards. Churches will order liberally for car owners. (*) Package of twenty-five, \$2.00; hundred, \$7.00.

No. E-51—Window Poster Card

Prepared especially for simultaneous revival meetings. Size, 14 x 22 inches. Attractively colored in dark green, blue, and yellow. Space provided for local church to print name, date, place, etc. (*) Each, 11 cents; fifty, \$5.25; hundred, \$10.00.

No. E-4—Windshield Sticker

Gummed, "Christ Is the Answer" across top, "Seek Him at Baptist

Revivals" across center, and open space at bottom for date of local revival. (*) Hundred, 50 cents; five hundred, \$2.25; thousand, \$4.00.

Lapel Button

Metal, red background, with slogan, "Christ Is the Answer" in white. (*) Hundred, 75 cents; five hundred, \$3.25; thousand, \$6.00.

No. E-3—Sunday School Attendance Chain

Black printing on gummed yellow strip, banded in lots of 500. (*) Five hundred, 80 cents; thousand, \$1.50.

No. E-2—Revival Postcard

Bible design to be overprinted locally with details of the revival. (*) Hundred, 50 cents; five hundred, 2.25; thousand, \$4.00.

No. E-1—Prospect Card for Visitation Evangelism

Size, 3 x 5 inches, printed on both sides. (*) Hundred, 40 cents; five hundred, \$1.75; thousand, \$3.25.

Order all material from the **BAPTIST BOOK STORE** serving your State, District, or Association



Executive Board - STATE CONVENTION



B. L. Bridges, General Secretary, 200 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark.

Working Together For Christ

Seventy-five workers representing every phase of Baptist life in Arkansas and Southern Baptist Convention causes are in the field this week in twenty DENOMINATIONAL ASSOCIATION RALLIES. Next week a like number will be going into another twenty associations. The theme for these rallies, — "Working Together for Christ," has, indeed, been the heart beat of every pastor, local worker and denominational employee since the movement began several weeks ago.

Our hearts have been made to rejoice as we have followed the promotion of these meetings. Reports from the department and institutional heads of our convention are, that not one refusal have they had from those invited to participate in the programs. The five team leaders say they have had 100 per cent co-operation in the matter of working out transportation arrangements. What a fine spirit! This is a gigantic undertaking but Baptists can always be counted

upon to be found in their places when a task is to be done.

Another gratifying note is found in the wonderful spirit in which the forty host churches for these rallies have agreed to entertain the rallies and visiting workers. They are serving noon lunch to all who attend and are providing bed and breakfast for the team members who remain over-night. Words fail us as we try to thank these churches and their pastors.

Most of the rallies scheduled for this week will have already been held when these lines reach our readers, but, we want to urge every person who possibly can do so to attend the rally to be held in their association next week. These will be at Arkadelphia, Pine Bluff, Helena, Jasper and Fordyce on the 19th; Texarkana, Conway, Earle, Harrison and Heber Springs on the 20th; Ashdown, Morrilton, Tyrone, Mountain Home and Batesville on the 21st; and, Hot Springs, Clinton, Osceola, Melbourne and Little Rock on the 22nd.

Pruden Leads Out

Wesley Pruden is pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Little Rock. Grace church, under the leadership of Pastor Pruden, came into the fellowship of the Pulaski County Association and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention last fall.

The first contribution for the Cooperative Program from this young church was received recently. The church has voted to send a monthly contribution for this purpose. This is commendable of both pastor and church. We confidently expect great things from these fine people. Their spirit is expressed in the following excerpt from a letter also received recently from Brother Pruden. "In the near future we are going to raise our giving to the co-operative work . . . and keep raising it as we can. My goal, under God, is to bring Grace Church to become a component part of the convention work."

Thank you Brother Pruden and brethren of Grace Church. We are glad to know that you are now a part of us and our united work in the Kingdom of our Lord.

Whitlow and Gentry

C. Eugene Whitlow and the saints of First Church, Gentry, are really "digging in" in support of the Cooperative Program. The church recently adopted a budget which will increase its co-operative giving from around \$1,100 to approximately \$2,300. This indicates an increase of about 110 per cent in their contributions to the Co-operative Program. Their overall budget has been increased from \$210 per week in 1951 to \$300 per week for 1952.

Thank you Pastor Whitlow and your fine church. Your zeal and loyalty to our Lord's work is heartwarming and inspiring to all of us.

First Church, Coy, recently held a stewardship revival.

Commending Gray Evans

The following resolution comes to our desk from the brethren of Carroll County Association. We would join in every good word said.

To Our Brethren in Christ:

The Executive Board of the Carroll County Association wishes to take this opportunity to commend Brother Gray Evans, our fellow-Pastor, for his devotion to Christ and for his leadership in Kingdom service. His clear vision and sound judgment has been the foundation of the success of our Association.

We commend him with God's blessing for future success in Kingdom service.

By action of the Executive Board, January 8, 1952, this is

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis James, Missionary

Carl V. Willis, Moderator

O. L. Smith, Secretary of Board.

Hunnicut and Central Baptist, Magnolia

The 1952 budget of Central Church, Magnolia, is approximately \$7,500 more than the 1951 budget. Eighteen hundred dollars of this increase has been allocated to the Cooperative Program. They will give \$9,000 this year to the Cooperative Program.

Lloyd L. Hunnicutt is the able and aggressive pastor. We rejoice with pastor and church in their accomplishments of recent years. With their new building facilities and stepped up program, we predict a great future for this great church.

—000—

Manager Stokmann of the Louisville Baptist Book Store received this inquiry: "I would like prices on coin platters for ushers." Yes, they quoted on collection plates.

—000—

Conscience is the still small voice that makes you feel still smaller.

Vacation Bible Schools And the Cooperative Program

We rejoiced this week when presented with the "recap" of last year's receipts for the Cooperative Program through the Vacation Bible Schools held in 1952. For comparison, the following figures are cited from the bulletin of the Department of Vacation Bible School Work of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee:

1950 IN ARKANSAS

Sch'ls	Cause to Which Given	Amt.	Ave.
122	Cooperative Program	\$2,451	\$20.09
111	Designated Causes	2,044	18.41
11	Cause not given	248	22.54
244		\$4,743	\$19.43

1951 IN ARKANSAS

Sch'ls	Cause to Which Given	Amt.	Ave.
226	Cooperative Program	\$4,066	\$17.99
66	Designated causes	1,274	19.30
12	Cause not given	182	15.17

We see from this information that the program of Training Our Youth to support the Cooperative Program is not only a means of indoctrinating our youth in the Cooperative Program of Arkansas and Southern Baptists but is profitable as well. We would urge every church to hold a Vacation Bible School in 1952 to give their mission offerings to the World-wide Commission of our Lord through the Cooperative Program which is the plan of "Evangelical Baptist giving to all causes, institutions and objects sponsored by all Southern Baptists."

John H. Byars

One of the outstanding leaders in western Arkansas is Brother John H. Byars. He now lives in Mansfield, I believe.

Brother Byars is a retired preacher. His life's ministry has been given to western Arkansas, and it is a synonym for progressive righteousness and for a sacrificial ministry. Brother Byars elected to remain in his native territory and to give his life's work for the up-building of the faith and for the conversion of sinners in the territory where the people knew him and where he loved the people. He was most active in the early days of Dr. Otto Whittington who also grew up in that territory around Waldron. He was very helpful to Dr. Whittington in his young ministry. Brother Byars still does some preaching. A short time ago we were traveling through that territory and we stopped in the home of a man who has never made a public profession of faith. Although he told us that he believed he was converted when he was in his teens, but he has lived a pretty hard life, but is doing good now. He needs to come out and make a public profession of faith and be baptized. We think a lot of him and when we stopped to shake his hand a few weeks ago he referred to Brother Byars as the man who always brings conviction to his soul as soon as he stands up to preach.

N 22-A-B
MRS T A SPENCER JR
429 W 3RD
LITTLE ROCK ARK