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—H. ARMSTRONG ROBERTS

*"He arose, He arose, Hallelujah, Christ arose!"*

# Publication Problems

By FRANK E. BURKHALTER

(Excerpts from lecture delivered February 13, at Biloxi meeting of Southern Baptist Press Association.)

The first question propounded for discussion was the matter of denominational subsidies; particularly, does the acceptance of subsidies from the denomination contravene that fundamental journalistic ethic of freedom of the press.

While I would be vigorously opposed to a government subsidy of either the secular or religious press, I do not see the same objection to it when the denomination provides a subsidy solely in order to make the existence of a healthy denominational organization possible.

## Increasing Subscriptions

The second general topic assigned me was how to secure subscribers, how to hold them after you get them, and how to increase the circulation list year after year. By all odds, the best means of securing subscribers, I think, is enlisting as many churches as possible in putting the paper in the church budget and seeing to it that one copy of the paper goes into every home represented in the church membership. The Baptist Standard of Texas demonstrated the effectiveness of that procedure, first, I believe through the efforts of the late Dr. F. M. McConnell, and then continued very effectively by his helpers and successors.

It is my impression that the club plan is the second most effective method of getting subscribers, and I am sure all you brethren are more familiar with that program than I am, so I shall not discuss it here.

## Holding Subscribers

There are two methods of holding these subscribers when you get them: The first, and I think the most important, is to give the readers such a good paper that they will want to keep it coming. The technique of improving your contents has already been discussed by the other journalism professors who have preceded me on the program. The second method of retaining your subscribers, more especially those obtained through putting the paper in the church budget, lies in keeping the pastor definitely interested in the paper himself and in getting it to his people. One of the most effective methods of keeping the pastor interested is to mention his name in your column occasionally. All human beings like to be recognized by seeing their name in print, and the overwhelming majority of the pastors I have known have been human beings.

A second method necessary in retaining your church budget subscribers is to have someone on your staff charged with the responsibility of keeping tab on all these lists and inducing the churches to renew the budget subscriptions several weeks before the subscriptions have expired.

## Circulation Manager

The most effective methods for enlarging your subscription lists are, first, to constantly improve the contents, the appearance, and the service of the papers themselves, and putting a strong, enthusiastic, capable, and tactful man on the field to travel over the state and enlist the non-budget churches in put-

ting your paper into their budgets. May I suggest that you do not choose for this field work a man who cannot get a job as pastor of anything else, or one who will rub the people's fur the wrong way. He should have a sense of news and be able to send in frequent news reports from the field, particularly from those churches that have had the paper in their budget for years, or those which have just adopted the budget plan. But news notes of building programs, revivals and the like will be good reading matter, no matter from what congregations they come.

## Increase Advertising

From a rather hurried examination of the papers published by the members of this association, I am convinced you are not carrying anything like as much advertising, either denominational or secular, as you should carry, or as you could get if adequate provisions were made for going after it.

But where will you get the additional space to carry a larger volume of advertising than you already have, since you can't increase the volume of your news print? I think I hear some of you asking. Of course, you need more pages, but since they are ruled out by present conditions, I would stick my own neck out by offering the following suggestions:

First, acquire the fine art of condensing or boiling down all copy that is essential, throwing away all material that isn't essential, and discontinue the service given you at present by Jacobs and similar agencies, and save that space.

Second, call a conference of the various departmental heads at your state Baptist headquarters, including the executive secretary, explain the necessity of conserving space, and then give them some neatly mimeographed copies of lessons in condensation. Ask as tactfully as you can for their co-operation, but if they persist in their wordiness, then provide yourself with a good blue pencil and proceed to boil the departmental matter down.

Third, set a limit on the length of sermons and contributed articles, as well as news stories of all sorts, and possibly your own editorial utterances.

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## Oklahoma Laymen Give Building to University

Shawnee, Oklahoma — (BP)—Oklahoma Baptist laymen have dedicated a half-million dollar dormitory on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University and declared this, their gift to the school, "just a beginning" rather than an end in itself.

"Even in this moment of triumph," declared Ex-Gov. Robert S. Kerr in dedicating the building, "we realize that only a beginning has been made."

He spoke for 1,000 laymen assembled for their annual midwinter state convention on the campus. And hardly before he was through speaking, another \$60,000 had been paid or pledged for further expansion.

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"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. Eph. 2:8,9.

# AN EARNEST SEEKER

A Devotion by the Editor

"And he sought to see Jesus who he was."

It is not so strange that a person should climb to some point of elevation to see a notable person who was being followed by a great throng of people.

We are familiar with such conduct on the part of boys, sometimes men and women, who climb to points of advantage to see a circus parade, to hear a political speech, or to see a ball game.

Some boys were discussing where on their bodies they would rather have a third eye, were a third eye possible to them. One lad said he would want that third eye in the end of his index finger so that he could stick his finger through a knot hole in the fence and see the ball game.

Zaccheus must seek some point of advantage, he must climb above his surroundings in order to see Jesus. Possibly his motives were mixed; we usually attribute his deed to curiosity, but judging from subsequent events, I believe there was something more genuine and worthy than mere curiosity.

We, too, must get above the crowd. Sometimes it is the people with whom we associate who obstruct our vision of Jesus, our companions may hinder us from seeing the Lord. Very often, there are people who feel in their hearts the urge to see and know the Lord but they have not the courage to break with their associates who would ridicule and deride them.

It is significant that Jesus halted the multitude to address Zaccheus and to invite him down out of the tree, and to invite him home with Zaccheus for dinner. And Jesus addresses the same invitation to us. Have we risen to a clear understanding of His invitation, do we see Him as the Saviour of the world, do we recognize Him as the Lord of life, the Lord of heaven and earth? He invites us to receive Him into our lives and homes.

What if Zaccheus had refused to come down? Jesus would have gone on by an address that Zaccheus would have missed his blessing. Yet, there are many today who go no further than to climb the tree. And when Jesus invites them down and asks that He may be their companion in life and the honor given in their homes, they refuse.

"And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was tall." (Luk 19:4-5).

"And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him Zaccheus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house" (Luk 19:4-5).

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# Across the Editor's Desk

## Our Risen Lord

A heavy and impenetrable gloom had settled upon the little group of Christ's disciples. The Man whom they had accepted as their Messiah had been slain. And with His death their hopes had died. A bright star had appeared in the firmament of their national life; its brilliance had dazzled them for a little while, awaking in them the slumbering hopes begotten in their hearts by the promises of God. But now that star had gone out, and was lying in the grave a lifeless corpse. And the darkness that had settled upon them was even more dense by reason of the brilliance of the light which He had brought.

All that was left for them to do was to complete the burial rites and mourn over the lifeless form of their Master.

But some exciting rumors were afloat and the little group, though still disbelieving, were restless. The empty grave had been discovered by some woman, and this had been confirmed by certain men. But more exciting still, the women claimed that they had seen a vision of angels who said that Jesus had risen from the dead, that He was now alive. The men discredited the story of the women, thinking it was due to their overwrought nerves and excitable temperament.

There were two disciples who had been to Jerusalem, no doubt to attend the last rites of the burial. But since the body was missing and these strange rumors were being circulated, they could do nothing more and so had made up their minds to return home to Emmaus.

Naturally, they were talking of all these happenings and rumors on the way, also of their disappointment of their highest hopes.

But the risen Lord joined these bewildered travelers. By His repeated appearances, Jesus finally convinced the hesitant disciples that He would join them on the highway of life. They were slow to believe, but finally they could comprehend the fact that Jesus would go with them all the way, even unto the end of the age.

The presence of the risen Lord is the secret of the persistence of Christianity through the ages; it is the explanation of the resiliency of Christian faith, courage, and hope. Our hopes cannot die, our faith cannot wane, our courage cannot lag, so long as we know that the risen Lord is walking by our side.

He promised, "I will come unto you." And being no longer limited by time and space, He makes His presence felt and known at all times and under any and all circumstances. He strikes into the conversation of distressed souls. He knows the language of the disappointed, hurting hearts of the race, and in their dark and troubled hours Jesus talks with them.

His conversation with the disappointed disciples was meant to lead them out of their

gloom and despondency into the light of God's day. He opened the scriptures to them that He might shift their thoughts from their depressing disappointments to the sure promises of God, and to show them that the very things over which they were mourning were the working out of God's richest blessings for them.

There is a word from God for every experience of life, if we but have the faith and spiritual perception to understand it. Jesus is seeking to build up a language between Himself and us so that we can talk with Him and He with us about all our experiences, our problems and disappointments, our hopes and aspirations.

He made it easy for them to open their hearts to Him. They were in a great difficulty, here was one who understood. They were glad to tell Him all.

He will make it easy for us today. We make a great mistake if we try to hide from Him our confusion of mind, if we try to bear our burdens alone, or keep our disappointments to ourselves. Even our sins He wants us to confess to Him. Do not be afraid or hesitant to talk with Jesus, the risen Lord, about your life and all that concerns your life. He will listen to you sympathetically and understandingly, and will help you out of your difficulty.

Jesus made as if He would pass by, but the disciples "constrained him. . . . And he went in to tarry with them," and was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

He will tarry with us, if we "constrain him." Do we need Him in our homes to break bread with us? Do we need Him in our business to inspire and sustain us? Do we need Him in our social life to keep us clean and pure? Do we need Him in our recreational life to keep us right? Do we need Him in our religious life to keep us spiritual and victorious over sin?

Then, we may detain Him, and He will tarry with us.

## What of Atheism In Our Schools?

The Supreme Court decision, banning religious teaching from the public schools of Champaign, Illinois, has been received with varied reactions throughout the country. Some have approved the decision, others have called it regrettable.

In many cases, where released time has been granted for religious instruction, there is a stand-by attitude on the part of boards of education, faculties, and interested groups in the communities.

Without discussing the merits or demerits of this particular case, it does seem that the Supreme Court is quite inconsistent in upholding the New Jersey bus case, and now banning all religious teaching from public schools. You will recall that the New Jersey

bus case involved the transportation of pupils to Catholic schools at the expense of the public treasury. The Supreme Court said that it is alright to take public tax funds to transport children to Catholic schools. The same court says it is wrong to teach religion in the public schools.

Is it not reasonable to conclude that, if the teaching of religion in the public schools is a violation of the Constitution, the use of public tax funds for the benefit of pupils attending religious schools is also a violation of the Constitution.

However, there is another question involved in this situation. It is a serious question and one which is causing great concern among many people. It is the question of materialistic and other forms of atheism being taught in the public schools. While there is a growing movement to ban the Bible and all religious instructions from the public schools, there has long been a movement to increase atheistic teaching in the public schools.

The National Committee on a Christian Philosophy of Education, meeting at Wheaton College, recently declared: "If religious instruction on a voluntary basis violate the rights of the atheist who is free to absent himself from such instruction, none can deny that the teachings of naturalism and materialism, with their atheistic implications, given in classes Christians are required to attend, violate religious freedom and constitute governmental interference with matters of faith.

"By and large, the public schools reflect the standards and ideals of society. Christians too generally have been silent; this decision of the Supreme Court against religious instruction may well become the sounding board for Christian protest against atheistic instruction."

The Christian people of every state should concern themselves with the issues involved in the public school situation. Should atheism be taught the boys and girls of the nation with government sanction and support?

## The Most Popular Book

The Bible, though the most abused book in the world, is the most popular book in the world. More copies of the Bible are sold each year than of any other book published. Yet the demand for Bibles cannot be met.

The American Bible Society is hoping to enroll 500,000 new members who will contribute \$2,500,000 for the distribution of more than 7,000,000 scripture volumes during 1948. This project is supplementary to the Society's regular program.

This special appeal is being promoted by the annual Bible Seal appeal. More than a million persons have been mailed sheets of 100 colored seals issued by the Society. The seals carry the slogan, "The World Needs the Bible."

The Society reports that specific requests have been received for 7,856,000 copies of the Scriptures.

Not only does the world need the Bible, but the world wants the Bible. What shall be our response to the cry of the world for the Word of God?

# NOTES OF ADVANCE

The First Baptist Church of Benton places great emphasis upon the spiritual development and training of its young people. The success of the church's program for its young people is induced by the large number of young men and young women dedicating their lives to full time Christian service.

Among those who are already in active service or in training in colleges and seminaries are: James Birkhead, educational director and minister of music, First Church, Malvern; Arvine Bell, Southwestern Seminary, training to be director of youth work; Jean Story, Ouachita College, training to be church secretary; Jack Mullins, senior in Benton High School, will enter Ouachita in September to study for the ministry; La Verne Bradshaw, a public school teacher, wishes to work with underprivileged children; Lois Smithers, now serving as church secretary at Second Baptist Church, Little Rock.

Other young people of the Benton Church are planning religious careers, though definite fields of service have not yet been determined.

Pastor D. O. Stuckey goes to the pastorate of the Almyra Church from Alma, where he had been pastor since August, 1943.

During Brother Stuckey's pastorate at Alma, there were 116 baptisms and the church membership increased from 210 to 333. The organizations grew proportionately, the Sunday School enrolment increased from 156 to 311, the Training Union from 43 to 133.

The same growth was registered in the financial program of the church, the church budget increasing from \$2,445 to \$5,400. During the pastorate of Brother Stuckey, the church gave for all purposes \$22,719, of this amount \$3,649 went for missions.

An electric organ has recently been installed and the parsonage has been completely re-decorated.

At the age of 68, John F. Johnson, a Baptist minister and a native Arkansan, was claimed by death at his home in Amarillo, Texas, March 3.

Mr. Johnson was born in Booneville, Arkansas. He attended Ouachita College and held pastorates in Little Rock, Hartford, Morrilton, Huttig, and Fort Smith, where he organized the Grand Avenue Baptist Church.

He moved to Amarillo in 1926, where he was active in the pastorate and missionary work until failing health forced his retirement, three years ago, from the pastorate of the Turkey Baptist Church.

The congregation of the First Baptist Church, Clarksville, has voted to erect a \$50,000 church auditorium. Construction on the building will begin sometime in April, and a \$40,000 educational building will be erected at a later date. Rev. W. L. Yeldell is pastor of the Clarksville church.

Pastor Chester Parker in McCrory is leading the people in a strong progressive movement. They have increased their accommodations for housing their work. They are going out after the people. This fine young pastor is ably assisted by his young wife.

First Church, Carlisle, held a Youth Revival from March 7-14, pastor Guy D. Magee did the preaching, Lucien Coleman, Springdale, led the singing. The young people were in complete charge of every activity. There were 20 conversions, 13 additions by baptism, 4 by letter, 25 re-dedications, and two young women answered the call for service. All former Sunday School attendance records were broken on March 12.

Pastor Dell Hames, First Church, Augusta, writes: "God's blessings were poured out upon the people here in a ten day revival when Brother Lloyd Hunnicutt, Magnolia, preached and Frank Adams, Paragould, had charge of the music. There were 42 additions, 32 coming for baptism; there were 3 re-dedications.

"The spirit in which Frank Adams leads the music and the plain gospel messages Brother Hunnicutt brings make them a revival team well worth the effort to obtain. We heartily endorse them for revival work."

## Wants Term 'Protestant' Dropped

Dr. William E. McCormack, pastor of F. Congregational Church, Springfield, Ma feels the term "Protestant" should be dropped and the word "Evangelical" substituted.

"A great number of Christians," he says "are not protesting anything, but are affirming a faith that they most surely possess."

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College Hill Church, Texarkana, has received 105 new members since the coming of D. Davis to the pastorate of the church, several months ago. Also, the financial receipts have doubled.

On the second Sunday in March, an all day service was held, at which time special recognition was accorded the new members, and Hammond electric organ was dedicated.

Guest speakers for the day were: Dr. B. Bridges, General Secretary; and E. L. Hooper, pastor of the Highland Park Church, Texarkana, Texas.

First Baptist Church, Prescott, Rev. Fred White, pastor, has announced that Mrs. A. Bankston has accepted the position of part time Educational Secretary.

First Church, Hamburg, had a glorious experience in its services February 29, and March 1. Pastor Stanley Jordan had been preaching a series of sermons on "Salvation" and during regular church services there were 31 additions to the church, 29 coming on profession of faith.



Architect's drawing of the proposed church plant of the Second Baptist Church, Hot Springs

This is the architect's drawing of the proposed \$250,000 church plant of the Second Baptist Church, Hot Springs. Work has started on the first unit, which will provide facilities for one adult department and four junior departments. When completed, the building will provide for 2,000 in Sunday School, and an auditorium seating 1,800.

Pastor O. L. Bayless came to the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church the first of March, 1947. A review of the year's work makes interesting reading and comprises an impressive tabulation of results achieved.

With 105 baptisms, Second Church is one of nine churches in the state to baptize one hundred or more during the year. Addition by letter and otherwise were 94, making total of 199 additions for the year.

The church budget for 1948 is \$52,000, and 355 persons pledged to tithe.

The Sunday School is standard and eight of ten departments are standard, also. A. V. Washburn of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, reports that for the period October 1, 1947, to February 13, 1948, the Second Church ranks twelfth in the Southern Baptist Convention in number of training awards.

## Coffman Resigns Immanuel

On Wednesday evening, March 3, 1948, for Victor H. Coffman tendered his resignation as pastor of the Immanuel Church of Smith. The following quotation is taken from the bulletin of the Immanuel Church.

When Brother Coffman became pastor of the church in 1927, the church was known as the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, with a membership of 386. During the first year of his ministry here, he led the church in a large building program. Upon completion of the new building, the name was changed to Immanuel Baptist Church. During the pastorate of Brother Coffman, the membership has increased to approximately 1,000. The total number of additions to the church has been approximately 3,800. The church's indebtedness has been liquidated and some \$20,000 added to the building fund.

Brother Coffman, a native of Kentucky, attended William Jewell College, Ohio Valley College, Bethel College, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. During his student days in the seminary, he was pastor of two churches in Kentucky. At the close of his seminary work he served as pastor of two churches in Missouri, before entering the ministry as a chaplain during the first world war. At the close of the war he became pastor of the First Baptist Church, Republic, Missouri. Later, he became pastor of the First Baptist Church, Eureka Springs, Arkansas. During his three years ministry at Eureka Springs, two small churches were consolidated, the membership doubled, and a building lot on the church property was paid. From Eureka Springs, he was called to the pastorate of the Southside Baptist Church, Pine Bluff. This church had a membership of 100, and in the five years of his ministry, the membership increased to 850, and a \$6,000 church building was erected.

Brother Coffman has been active in various educational, civic, and fraternal organizations of the city and state. He is a member of the Arkansas Executive Board, the Board of Directors of Central College, the Aviation Army, a member of the Committee on Nursing Education of Sparks School of Nursing, a member of the Lions Club, and a Mason.

Brother Coffman has not announced his plans for the future. We pray that the Lord's richest blessings may be upon him in whatever field of service he is led to accept.

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Mrs. R. L. Lindsay and children, and Miss Eunice Fenderson, who are serving the Foreign Mission Board, cable that they are evacuating Palestine. They sail for the States this month.

Recent arrivals from the mission fields are: Miss Lois Hart from Chile, now at Brandenburg, Kentucky; Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Gillis from Argentina, now at Skidmore, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes from Brazil, now at Englewood, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Over from Brazil, now at 819 South Fifth Street, Temple, Texas.

Recent departures to foreign mission fields are: Miss Bertha Smith to China, by boat from San Francisco on February 14; Misses Bethel Guest and Elizabeth Truly to Nigeria, by plane from New York, February 21; Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Starmer to Italy, by boat from New York, February 25; Mr. and Mrs. J. Tharpe to Hawaii, by boat from Los Angeles, March 5.

## Spreading The Good News

A presentation of the foreign missionary advance by the boards of foreign missions of the various evangelical denominations in the United States and Canada will be made at a meeting of 3,500 representatives at Columbus, Ohio, October 6-8, sponsored by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. This conference is designed to be simply consultative and inspirational. In any proposed advance, so essential in this era of unprecedented need and opportunity, each denominational missionary group will direct its own program as heretofore. Southern Baptists have been assigned a quota of 800 missionary minded leaders for attendance at that meeting. Invitations are being issued under the names of the various foreign mission boards represented. Secretary M. Theron Rankin, in his report at the March meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, expressed the hope that all would "feel the great impact of this simultaneous confronting of opposing forces of the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Secretary for the Orient, whose return to the States has been delayed because of the emergency in the Interior China Mission, cabled that he expected to leave China March 18, arriving in Richmond March 21. He is scheduled to be back in Shanghai by June 1.

In a report sent to the board Dr. Cauthen wrote: "Conditions in the Interior Mission area have been calm throughout February. The railroad is connected from Shanghai to Kweiteh, but from Kweiteh to Kaifeng there has been no transportation for a long time. The railroad is connected from Kaifeng to Chengchow. Air lines are maintaining their regular schedules. A number of missionaries have already come away from the Interior Mission." Many of those who have moved out of the danger zones, Dr. Cauthen writes, expect to make visits back to their stations in the Interior "as long as the way is open. In such manner they will be able to keep in contact with the work and encourage the Chinese leaders. . . . In the light of reports coming from people who have fallen into the hands of the Communists, we do not think it would be wise for any missionary to seek to carry on his work under Communist occupation."

An enthusiastic letter from Missionary John E. Mills tells of a visit to the Ijebu land in Nigeria. This is the district whose king begged Dr. Maddy for a missionary long ago. Mr. Mills writes: "Mr. Patterson, Mr. Adair, Mrs. Mills, and I left Ibadan early Saturday morning to visit the churches, meet some of the leaders, and to definitely pick out the spot for the mission house to be built during the next dry season. . . . Never, in all my life, have I received such a welcome. It was the sort of thing that young idealists dream of. Even though it was Saturday and no services were scheduled, there was a good crowd of people to meet us at every church. When Mr. Patterson told one group that we were the missionaries assigned to that district they broke into applause. Some of them told us that they had given up hope of Dr. Maddy's promise of a missionary being fulfilled. In the afternoon we visited the king at Ife. He is not the same one to whom Dr. Maddy

gave the promise of a missionary couple; he did not live to see his request granted. This king, however, is evidently of the same mind about wanting a missionary. The site is a lovely place. It is on a hill overlooking a clear little stream that runs even in the dry season. Tall palms cover the place. It is only a mile or so from Ife. . . . We only wished that some of you from the Southland could have been with us as we made our first trip to Ijebu."

A medical clinic has been established in Asuncion, Paraguay, directed by Dr. Franklin Fowler and Miss Miriam Willis. Miss Willis writes: "We, of Paraguay, are happy over our Christmas present in the form of Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Fowler, together with little Tim, who have come to join us as medical missionaries. We, also, give thanks to the Lord that Dr. Fowler has been given permission to practice in 'Chacarita' (in the river bottom) and also operate in the General Hospital. The public health department has cooperated with us. . . . During the past year we have given 2,808 treatments which include injections, visits to sick people, treatments at the clinic, and vaccinations against smallpox." She continues that they have distributed clothing to the needy, served meals to children during the recent revolution, served milk to children since the revolution, and given milk to undernourished babies.

Nine new missionaries were appointed at the March meeting of the Foreign Mission Board: Mr. and Mrs. William Joel Ferguson to Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. George Howard Hays to Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Carter Morgan to Hawaii; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Spence to Japan; and Miss Frances Hudgins to China.

Rev. Rex Ray, one of our own Foreign Missionaries in South China writes, "The Lord has blessed us greatly this year. Much rehabilitation of wartorn lives and Mission property has been done. Through prayer, dogged-persistence and many word-battles with UNRRA and CNRRA officials, I have succeeded in getting several tons of drugs and medical supplies for our Baptist Hospital, and some food, clothing, and medical supplies for the poor of our Baptist Churches throughout Kwong Sai Province.

On November 15th UNRRA closed their work. They were to have turned over 1,000 tons of relief supplies to the International Relief Committee to distribute among the poor. Only about 14 or 16 tons were actually handed over to the IRC committee. Chinese thieves of the CNRRA stole the 1,585 tons of relief supplies. Probably they would have gotten it all but for the fact that some 15 tons were caught in transit the night UNRRA were closed. The Medical Committee of CNRRA received 8,000 new woolen blankets from U. S. A. for the hospitals of Kwong Sai Province. When the warehouse was opened 3,000 of the blankets had already been stolen by inside thieves. Some baby blankets were left behind. Of these, exactly 24 each were graciously given to our two Baptist hospitals in this province. My very decided belief is that relief work should be done only through Christian organizations and not through governments."

# CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

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

**Prayer for Christian Unity:** For the first time in French history, Protestants and Roman Catholics of Metz came together in a joint ceremony, known as the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." Protestant and Catholic choirs sang in unison, and the whole assembly joined together in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and in the singing of *Adeste Fidelis*.

**Prisoners Help:** The inmates of San Quentin prison, in California, have donated 6,000 pounds of clothing for overseas relief. The announcement was made by Church World Service, which will distribute the clothing. The convicts, after hearing that employees of the prison planned to collect clothing for relief, started a movement to donate the garments they wore when first committed to the prison.

**Religious Journalism Clinic:** The first annual Religious Journalism clinic at Oklahoma Baptist University will be held April 2 and 3, according to a recent announcement by William F. Tanner, head of the Department of Religious Journalism.

Out of town speakers include Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; Miss Lelia M. Funston, Church Editor, Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, Arkansas; and Albert McClellan, Editor of the Baptist Messenger, official paper of Oklahoma Baptists.

Anyone interested in Religious Journalism may attend.

**Strong Church Support for Civil Rights:** Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, predicted that "churches of all denominations will take up the civil rights issue.

"The civil rights issue is a brotherhood issue and one in which the churches can, and will, have a part. Works of Christian forces do not have to be confined to quoting the Bible, but should embrace all matters which affect the brotherhood of man," Dr. Johnson explained.

**Rigid Movie Censorship Urged:** The motion picture committee of the Norfolk, Virginia Ministerial Association urges more rapid censorship of movies, aimed at keeping "objectionable" movies off the screen. An immediate film cleanup campaign is planned.

Rev. C. H. Gibboney heads the committee, which was organized after the judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court addressed the association, attacking "objectionable" films and movie advertising.

**Seamen's Home in San Francisco:** Baptist missionary organizations of Scandinavia will open a seamen's home in San Francisco, according to an announcement by leaders from Sweden, Denmark, and Norway, following a recent meeting in Oslo. The home will be in charge of Rev. Thorbjorn Olsen, Norway.

**Quakers Schedule Summer Projects:** Nearly 800 American college students will participate in more than 50 summer projects planned by the American Friends Service Committee.

The projects include; rebuilding of a fire-devastated Maine community, construction of a hotel for Indians in Arizona, erection of community centers in towns of southeast Missouri and the Southern highlands, repairing of school facilities in two small colleges, the development of recreation programs in Detroit, Chicago, and Howland, Maine.

Students serving as members of the Quaker International Voluntary Service teams will help reconstruct homes and community buildings in Austria, Hungary, Italy, Poland, and the American Zone of Germany. Volunteers for work in Mexico will take part in clinical and educational programs in six communities.

The Foreign Mission Board has purchased ideal property in Cali, Colombia, on which will be located a Baptist seminary to serve Colombia, Venezuela, and other adjacent republics.

Treasurer E. P. Buxton reports \$230,012.99 from Co-operative Program receipts during February 1948, as compared with \$182,575.16 during February last year. The total received to date through the 1947 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$1,419,938.67.

## Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "Personal Adventures With Jesus" by B. H. Duncan.

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

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

### HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

March 28, 1948

**Speaker:** Dr. Duke K. McCall,  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Subject:** "The First Day of the Week."

The Baptist Hour may be heard in Arkansas at 7:30 Sunday mornings over radio stations KVOA, Siloam Springs, and WFAA, Dallas. Also over WREC, Memphis, at 9:30 Sunday mornings.

## "A Guide to Confident Living"

By NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, D. D.

Prentice-Hall, Inc.; Price \$2.75

Order from the Baptist Book Store

"The best book I have read in five years said one minister when he had finished reading *A Guide To Confident Living*. To beg to read this book means that you will not content until you have finished it, and then you will keep going back and dipping deep for the truth which Dr. Peale so masterful presents.

I first read *A Guide To Confident Living* on a five-hundred mile train trip. As I recall those hours now, I believe I can properly evaluate them in the light of what they did to my mind and thought. This book is more than a report of a city minister who is successfully using the technique of psychiatry in meeting the deepest religious needs of life. It is more than a prescription for dealing with frustration and inferiority. This message is a brilliant and practical diagnosis of one of our deepest spiritual needs.

The original plan for this book was that be called *Don't Keep Your Troubles To Yourself*, which is a title of one chapter, but upon longer deliberation, the publishers settled on a more dignified title. When you have read this chapter you will realize that here is a solution to much of the worry and frustration of the world.

To live relaxed, free from worry, calm, and secure in the midst of the crazy, dashing whirl of today is a problem for all of us. This book is the best answer to that problem that I know of. When you have read it for yourself, you will probably do as I did, rush to the store and buy several copies for your friends. They tell me that this book has done the same thing for them that it has done for me.

The deepest contribution this book made me is still more important. Through the inspiration of this practical guide for living, I came into closer touch with God, prayer became more real, and I was filled with a new realization of victory. Christ is in the message of this book, and through these pages Christ came to be more real to me. Yes, this is the best book I have read in five years.

W. O. Vaught, Jr., Little Rock, Arkansas.

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## Christian Home Service

By JOE W. BURTON

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has agreed to bring the principal address in the Christian home service on Saturday night of the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis.

By arrangement of the Convention program committee, the entire Saturday evening session will be devoted to an emphasis on building Christian homes.

Theme for the Saturday evening program will be "Christ Answers Home Needs." Dr. Fuller's subject will be "Save Our Home or Else."

A two-hundred voice choir from Memphis churches will be directed by C. Lamar Alexander. Other features of the program will include an address by Justice Hamilton Burnett, of the Tennessee State Supreme Court and a brief illustrated lecture entitled, "Crusade for Christian Homes."

# Southern Baptist Grandchild

By DUKE K. McCALL

If the churches of the mission fields can be called the children of the Southern Baptist convention, then I visited a Southern Baptist grandchild in Barranquilla, Colombia. There are many such churches which are missions of mission churches, but the unusual thing about this particular church was the age of its parents. The oldest of the four parent churches had been established by Southern Baptist missionaries just five years ago.

This new mission church is not necessarily located exactly where Southern Baptist missionaries might have selected a site. The first work in that section of the city was begun by a maid in the home of Missionary H. W. Schweinberg. She began to invite people into her home to study the Bible. One after another they were converted. There was no one who wanted to argue about locating a church where the Holy Spirit obviously wanted work.

The four national churches which had been organized by Southern Baptist missionaries and whose buildings had been erected, for the most part, by the Jarman Foundation under the direction of Mr. Maxey Jarman of Nashville, Tennessee, decided to reproduce themselves without one peso from any other source. For their mission, they have built a beautiful pastor's home, an educational building, and an auditorium to seat about two hundred people. When I offered financial assistance for some items of equipment which are still needed, my offer was graciously refused. They said, "We want to build this church ourselves."

This new Southern Baptist grandchild already has one hundred fifty enrolled in Sunday School. The baptized converts, who worship there under the ministry of a native pastor, have requested that they be allowed to organize themselves into an independent Baptist church. The reply was, "As soon as you are self-supporting you can be constituted as a church, but until then you are a mission."

That will not be too long to wait, for Colombian Baptists believe in tithing as a standard of stewardship. That is the reason four mission churches, less than five years old, are able to build, equip, and maintain a mission. When it is remembered that Protestants, who have labored in Colombia for eighty years, thus far have not a single self-supporting church, this record of Baptist churches is all the more remarkable.

Southern Baptist missionaries have been true to the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. They have gone on to teach all that the Bible asks of a new convert in terms of the stewardship of time and talent and treasure. Did the Colombian Christians resent such a message? One of them, a former drunken bum, told me as he waved toward his neat home and new truck, "I claimed God's promise in Malachi 3:10, and look what He has done for me and my family."

I could wish that every state convention would send its executive secretary and the editor of its paper to visit such mission fields as this. They would come home with the same of interest in foreign missions fanned into a bonfire. This scriptural authority for the tithe as a minimum standard of Christian stewardship would be bolstered with personal experiences of the miracle-working power of God to turn the darkness of heathen land into the brightness of morning by the preaching

of Him who is the Light of the World. I went to South America on my own because of an invitation to preach in a revival at Balboa, in the Canal Zone. What I saw and heard brought a revival to my own heart. Such an experience would do the same thing for others.

Send the light, the blessed gospel light! Let it shine from shore to shore!

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## Win a Scholarship

Winning top honors in a nation-wide \$330,000 scholarship competition designed to aid American youth, three Arkansas high school seniors—Jack Compere Pipkin of Mena, Annette Wahlgreen of Little Rock, and William R. Rice of North Little Rock — today received word that they had been awarded scholarships in the fourth annual Pepsi-Cola scholarship contest.

Mena's winner, a 16-year-old Jack Pipkin, who will graduate from Mena High School in May, is the son of Lt. and Mrs. Allen C. Pipkin of 610 Tenth Street. Jack is president of the senior class and treasurer of the student council, and is also sports editor of the

school yearbook. The second winner, Annette Wahlgreen, is 17 and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Wahlgreen of 1106 Ringo Street in Little Rock. A student of Mt. St. Mary's Academy, Annette is particularly interested in journalism, and she serves on the staff of the school newspaper. Both these winners will be sent to college on Pepsi-Cola Four-Year College Scholarships which pay full tuition, traveling expenses, and a monthly allowance for four years.

The third winner, William Rice of North Little Rock Senior High School, will receive one of the Honorary Scholarships which are awarded to contestants who qualify for the Four-Year College Scholarships but who do not have financial need. The second highest ranking student in Arkansas, 17-year-old William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rice of 212 C Street in Park Hill. He is president of the National Honor Society, and stage manager of the high school dramatic group.

Announcement of these awards was made by John M. Stalnaker, director of the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board, who stated that the winners were chosen from among 461 Arkansas candidates representing 161 public, private, and parochial schools. A total of 46,112 students from 10,629 high schools in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico entered the competition, Stalnaker said.

## Youth Choir Festival



Boys and girls who participated in the Second Annual Youth Choir Festival, which took place on February 27, at Ouachita College.

The second annual Youth Choir Festival was held at Ouachita College on February 27, with a record attendance present.

Dr. Warren Angel, dean of the School of Fine Arts of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, was guest director of the Festival. Dr. Angel expressed gratification at the professional way in which the boys and girls sang the difficult numbers after only two rehearsals.

Participating in the Festival and shown in the picture above were groups from Helena, Texarkana, Smackover, Arkadelphia, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Russellville, Hope, Hot Springs, McGehee, Crossett, Little Rock, Warren, and Pine Bluff.

The Festival was planned by Mrs. B. W. Ninger, Church Music Director of the Religious Education Department, with the cooperation of the faculty and student body of Ouachita.



# An Easter Message

By C. O. JOHNSON  
President, Baptist World Alliance

The air will soon be filled with the glorious music of the Risen Lord, and in many tongues and lands, hearts will rejoice in the Living Christ.

The sweet strains of "Silent Night" have barely faded away until the hallelujahs of Easter arrive. How like our lives and our world! The dying echo of the last bomb, dropped in the late war, had scarcely faded from our weary ears before we heard the soft, sweet music of our Master's voice, saying: "Peace I leave with you, my peace give I unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Today, in many lands there are followers of Him who experienced having the whole order—material, moral, and spiritual—topple down on and around them. Many were suffocated by the debris. Others, weakened in body and faith, began a resurrection of hope, love, and forgiveness.

Today, in most of the world, we can see these groups who have been able to put under their feet hate, racialism, and nationalism, to stand beside an empty tomb and the grave clothes of yesterday and take orders from the Living Christ, start again to "go into all the world" with the message of life and hope, even in the midst of death.

Time such as this tends to strengthen the bonds of fellowship among Baptists around the world. We, who have been in the favored lands, have been raised to a real concern for our brethren who suffer, and that has resulted in wide dedications of both material and life. In turn, those climbing out of the rubbish of the world, seeing a brother standing there in the name of Christ to help, find their own faith strengthened; and new life begins to course through them and we find ourselves singing together, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand."

Reports from the Baptist World Alliance Sunday have been coming in since February 1, and they are heartening, indeed. In many places, an offering was given for the work of the Alliance and for the relief of suffering brethren.

News of the election of Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, of Oslo, as executive secretary, and his acceptance of the office to begin July 1, is rejoicing to all our hearts. The continuance of Dr. W. O. Lewis as secretary, giving special emphasis to work in Europe, also has brought joy. Dr. Lewis is now in Europe and will be rendering much needed service there.

Soon, the Administrative Committee will meet in our new headquarters, in Washington, to consider plans for continuing our relief work in the world, to give thought to plans for financing our program, and to take steps to decide where the next meeting of the Alliance will be held.

Remember to pray at "eight in '48," around the world. Let us establish this "Hour of Prayer" and remember each other daily at this time, also at other times.

Pray for freedom for the oppressed.  
Pray for the salvation of the lost through evangelism.

Pray for the distressed and suffering people.

Pray for our Baptist Alliance that we may not fall our great labor and Lord, now.

# Brotherhood Night To Open Convention

LAWSON H. COOKE

The Convention committee on Order of Business has complimented the Baptist Brotherhood of the South very highly by designating the opening night of the Southern Baptist Convention—Wednesday night, May nineteenth—as "Brotherhood Night" and by giving us full direction of the program. We are not unmindful of the heavy responsibility which this places upon us.

We are now preparing one of the most spectacular, at the same time highly spiritual, presentations ever witnessed by the convention. The theme for Brotherhood Night will be "The Romance of the Co-operative Program," and not fewer than five thousand laymen are expected to attend.

Watch your state paper for further announcements.

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# Many Southerners Never Darken Doors of Church

By ERWIN L. McDONALD

The percentage of Southerners who "never darken the door of anybody's church" is probably more than 80 per cent, now, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, recently estimated in an address at Missionary Day exercises at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

Changing social and economic conditions have cut off large sectors of our population from the church, the school, and the kind of home conditions conducive to the proper rearing of children, Dr. Lawrence declared, referring to deplorable living conditions found in many mining, lumber, trucking, and oil camps.

Dr. Lawrence pointed out that there is great need for a change of mission methods to minister to thirty millions of unchurched people in the South. "We must get out of the walls of our churches and carry the gospel to the people where they are," he declared. "We need large numbers of missionaries who will be willing to live in trailers in migrant camps over the land to be school teachers and ministers in these needy communities."

Turning to other focal points for missions in America, Dr. Lawrence described the modern city as "one of our most needy mission fields." Most Baptist churches in the city could not live without the steady flow of Baptists coming in from country churches. He also pointed to some alarming facts about rural Baptist churches of the South. Quoting statistics for the year 1946, the latest information available, he said that 6,000 rural Baptist churches in the South did not report a single conversion during the year; 4,000 churches made no financial contribution to missions; 3,000 churches were constantly without pastors; 1,800 churches owned no buildings; 10,000 churches worshipped in one-room, frame structures, most of which were in great need of repair and remodeling; and 5,000 churches reported fewer members than they had ten years previously.

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"They who do not read can have nothing to think, and little to say."

—Dr. Samuel Johnson.

# Alcohol In Beverages

That beer, wine and whiskey are each a alcoholic beverages and are intoxicating, is discussed in an analysis of these three drinks made public by the American Business Men's Research Foundation.

The Foundation asks this question: "Is there a difference between the friendly glass of beer or two and the three or four glass of the drunken driver testifies—he had just before he crashed into a car killing four?" The answer, according to the Foundation, "None—The beer is the same. Only the quantity and conditions vary."

The Foundation study finds that average whiskey contains 43 per cent of alcohol by volume, while most beer contains but 5 per cent of alcohol, but it stated "the intoxicating effects of 8 ounces of X brand beer, compared with 8 ounces of Y brand whiskey can definitely be established." A ten-ounce glass of beer contains 5 per cent of alcohol by volume, or one-half ounce of alcohol. A cocktail or a highball contains the same amount one-half ounce of alcohol . . .

"Perhaps the most unfortunate factor in the use of alcohol," continues the Foundation statement, "is the progressive inability of the occasional, and often of the steady drinker, to tell how a given amount of drink will affect him."

"The only certain fact to be borne in mind in this situation," says the Foundation, "is that there will be progressive lack of mental and muscular co-ordination and self-control. In the case of the motorist, for example, the National Safety Council concludes in its latest official statistical survey, 'a driver under the influence of alcohol is 55 times as prone to have an accident as a sober driver.'"

American Business Men's Research Foundation, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill.

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# Chicago Bishop Assails Restrictive Covenants

By RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

CHICAGO — The Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, senior auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Chicago, assailed racial and religious restrictive covenants in an address to the Decalogue Society here.

The society, composed of Chicago lawyers of the Jewish faith, presented Bishop Sheil with its annual award for outstanding effort on behalf of civil rights at a dinner attended by more than 1,500 people.

"It is difficult to understand the type of mind which is willing to confine millions of our people in legalistic concentration camps for a few miserable dollars," the Catholic prelate said.

He praised the report of President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights as being "a sign that we have not forgotten that the things of the spirit are the things by which we shall live and shall be great." He said, however, that "we are still a long way from realizing our ideals."

"It cannot be denied," he continued, "that some real progress has been made in the granting of full civil rights, yet it is disheartening to think that most of us are still slaves to fear, ignorance, and prejudice where our neighbor is concerned."

# Recognizing A Threat To Freedom

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By THOMAS D. TOLER JR.  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,  
Louisville, Kentucky

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Baptists and all Protestant bodies are objecting to the Supreme Court's ruling permitting the state of New Jersey to use public money for school bus transportation of parochial school pupils. It is well that we do so, for under our basic principles we cannot agree to be taxed for the benefit of any religious sect.

But while we voice our objections, let us not lose sight of other things happening in the field of public aid to religious educations.

## Bills Introduced Proposing Aid

Several bills have been introduced in Congress proposing federal aid for education. Catholics are campaigning strongly for inclusion of their schools as recipients of part of this money. Failing in this, they will attempt to defeat federal aid for schools.

Not all Catholics agree with this attitude of their leaders. Many of them honestly believe in freedom of religion. Many of them foresee a threat to the independence of Catholic schools if federal funds are accepted. But anyone who understands the Catholic system knows that the opinions of the rank and file of people and priests do not influence the policy of the hierarchy.

William E. McManus, assistant director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference's department of education, in an article in the Catholic weekly *America* dismisses Catholics who hold such opinions as dissenters and says that the administrators of Catholic schools "think that there is a sound and prudent judgment behind their policy of a vigorous and relentless endeavor to secure a fair share of Federal money for non-public schools. This policy is aimed as a counter-attack against the relentless efforts of persons and groups opposing any so-called 'division' of public funds to schools not under public control. Clearly the heart of the controversy is not a sum of a few million dollars, but a principle of educational administration on which the parties radically disagree."

The NCWC official goes on to explain that the theory of those opposing apportionment of funds to Catholic schools is based on Protestant theology which is derived from "the idea that no single church shall be established as the official authoritative intermediary between an individual person and God . . . Catholic toleration of a discriminatory Federal-aid bill would be the equivalent of approving and sanctioning the Protestant theory of separation of church and state.

## Separation of Church and State Not Catholic Doctrine

Perhaps we have been thinking that Catholics in this country have no intention of upsetting our religious freedom by imposition of a state church. They have accepted separation of church and state in the United States because they have been in a minority. It has been a policy of expediency, not of conviction. American Catholics have made relatively few statements such as the one quoted above. They have been too shrewd to publicize such views. They are not losing that shrewdness now. They are becoming so confident of their position that the need for caution is deminishing. They see the time coming when they can press for the establishment of the Catholic church in America.

But they fight for one thing at a time. Public money is now used to provide lunches for pupils in parochial schools and for school bus transportation. Their next objective is federal aid for parochial schools.

## Objective Explained

McManus explains the objective thus: "The responsibilities of Catholic education go far beyond the confines of the Catholic school; they embrace an apostolate to bring Christ's teaching to the community and to the nation. The apostolate implies that Catholic schools be recognized by the American public as an indispensable cultural force in American life. Without the official approval of the government, particularly the Federal Government, reinforced by a grant of public funds, Catholic schools simply will not receive this recognition but will go into an eclipse as the secularized public schools. But, with the full and exclusive blessing of government, will be able to gain the ascendancy in American education and American life."

Would you like to help finance the Catholic apostolate? Would you like to contribute toward the recognition of Catholic schools as an indispensable cultural force in American life? Would you like to pay Catholic school teachers for slandering your religion? Then sit idly by and let the Catholics put such legislation through Congress.

This is not an article on whether or not we should have federal aid for education. That is another subject and there is more to it than dollars and cents. Whether educational funds come from state or federal appropriations, they should not be apportioned to a group of schools that have as their ultimate aim, more or less openly avowed, to undermine our American liberties, our Constitution, our freedom of conscience and freedom of religion. Catholics seek destruction of our Bill of Rights and the principle which they try to disparage as "the Protestant theory of separation of Church and State."

This is not an anti-Catholic charge bred of prejudice and hatred, but a simple, honest recognition of the fact that Catholic doctrine can tolerate religious freedom only until the Catholic system can be enforced. William E. McManus is not a spokesman for the Ku Klux Klan, but for an influential Catholic organization which seeks the realization of the aims and desires of the hierarchy. We must recognize the threat to our freedom.

## Support Constitutional Amendment

We must vigorously oppose all attempts to use tax money for sectarian purposes. We should actively support a constitutional amendment proposed by Congressman Joseph R. Bryson of South Carolina (H.J.R. 187) forbidding the use of federal and state funds for institutions wholly or in part under sectarian control.

We are in the position of a baseball team in the field. The umpire has declared the runner safe at second base and we disagree. While we argue with the umpire—time cannot be called in this game—the runner starts to steal third. Will we stand and argue with the umpire, or will we throw the runner out at third?

# Episcopalians Denounce Bingo

By RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

Bingo and other gambling devices for the support of religious and charitable purposes were denounced by the executive council of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan in a resolution published by the Rev. Richard S. Emrich, Bishop Coadjutor-elect of Michigan.

Copies were sent to Gov. Sigler, the Wayne County prosecutor, Judge Gerald W. Groatt, who is conducting an investigation of alleged charity rackets, and Police Commissioner Harry S. Toy.

The resolution adopted by the executive council was:

"That the executive council of the Diocese of Michigan disapproves of bingo and other gambling devices for the support of religious and charitable purposes, and expresses the hope that the public authorities will impartially enforce the laws against them."

The executive council is a body of clergy-

men and laymen elected by the annual convention of the diocese to represent the convention between sessions. Its president is the Rev. Frank W. Creighton, Bishop of Michigan.

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## Suggests Week of Hate

Springfield, Mass.—A local rabbi has recommended observance of an official "week of hate" instead of the seven-day period dedicated to brotherhood.

Speaking at a Brotherhood Week program, Rabbi Samuel Price said, "It would be much better to have the one week in 52 dedicated to hate, a week when we would all be able to get the hate out of our systems, treat one another as badly as we know how, and then observe the remaining 51 weeks as Brotherhood Weeks."

# Southwide Conference Theological Students

The third annual Southwide Conference of Baptist Theological Students will be held April 1 and 2 on the campus of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., Joseph M. Conley, student at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, and executive secretary-treasurer of the Conference, has announced.

W. Joel Ferguson, a graduate student at Southwestern Seminary, will preside as general Conference chairman.

The program for the opening day will include: a forum, "Co-operation of Baptist Ministers in Urban Areas," led by Dr. T. B. Maston, of the Southwestern Seminary, and Dr. Joseph J. Rhodes, president of Bishop College, Marshall, Tex.; and the annual banquet, followed by an address by Dr. Clarence L. Jordan, of Koinonia Farm, Americus, Ga.

A forum, "Co-operation of Baptist Ministers in Rural Areas," led

by Professor V. A. Edwards, director of rural work for the National Baptist Convention, Inc., Nashville, and Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, of the faculty of Southern Baptist Seminary, will be the principal feature of the program April 2.

The Conference was organized at the Southern Baptist Seminary in 1946, by students and representatives from five colleges and seminaries. Composed of Negro and white Baptist theological students of the South, it has for its purpose the promotion of Christian fellowship, the study of mutual problems relative to the work of the Kingdom, and the planning of co-operative efforts of all Baptists for the extension of the gospel.

The famous "World Book Encyclopedia" is an excellent tool for preachers.—Otto Mathis, El Dorado, Ark. Adv.

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## Entertainment At W.M.U. G. A. Conference Annual Meeting

If you desire to stay in a hotel while attending the State W. M. U. Annual meeting at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, write to the hotel of your choice for room reservation today! If you want to stay in a home write directly to Mrs. J. D. Yerby, 1107½ West Fourth St., Little Rock, you may secure bed and breakfast for \$1.50 per night. Write Mrs. Yerby at the earliest moment possible. It would be unfair to come at the last minute expecting a home. We are anxious to have a large delegation for this meeting and want to assure you every accommodation possible.

## Make B. W. C. Banquet Reservations Now

Announcement concerning the Second Statewide B. W. C. Banquet has been mailed to all B. W. C. Chairmen with the request that the list of names of all business women who plan to attend be sent in as soon as possible. We have already received reservations for 15 who plan to attend from the First Church, Conway. Please do not send the price of your ticket, which will be \$1.00, you will purchase this upon your arrival. We will need to know the number coming, in order to make adequate preparations. It will be necessary to limit the number to 250, send in your reservation early.

## A Silent Circle

Did you ever hear of a silent circle in a missionary society? The W. M. S. of the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, has a circle for women deprived of the privilege of speaking audibly. The circle was organized by Mrs. J. D. Yerby with 19 charter members, there are 25 enrolled now. Mrs. Oscar Mathis is the chairman, and their work is going forward in a splendid way. They have observed the seasons of prayer for both Foreign and Home Missions, and have made an offering of \$10.00 for each. It is marvelous to be able to serve Christ in spite of physical handicaps. The work of these fine Christian women should inspire all of us to greater missionary endeavor.

Representatives from thirty churches in Arkansas attended the 24th Annual Girls' Auxiliary Conference, March 12-14. There were 119 girls and leaders in attendance full time and more than 50 who attended part of the sessions.

Forty-five girls participated in the Coronation Service on Saturday evening. Mrs. J. C. Fuller, vice-president of Arkansas W. M. U., crowned the following girls as queens of Girls' Auxiliary: Dorothy Ringo, Gould; Pat Perry, England; Dorothy Freeman, West Memphis; Nell Jones, Stephens; Janet Scrimshire, Malvern, First Church, Marlene McKeehan, First Church, Fayetteville, was awarded her scepter in recognition of her advancement to that step in Girls' Auxiliary. The one candidate for recognition as Queen Regent, Vernelle Neimeyer, of Bentonville, was prevented from attending the Conference by the weather conditions in that part of the state. She will receive her cape, the emblem of advancement, at a later meeting.

Representatives from two A-1 Girls' Auxiliaries participated in the Missionary Reading Contest. The silver cup was awarded to Harriett Sue Williams of First Church, Malvern, for her presentation of a missionary story.

Girls and counselors enjoyed the group discussion periods. Speakers for the Conference were as follows: Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, former missionary to China; Miss Nina Belle Holaday, missionary of our Home Mission Board to the French-speaking people in Louisiana; and Mrs. Ladd Davies of Little Rock, former resident of Lima, Peru.

The Conference, usually held at Central College, Conway, met this year at Pine Lake Camp, which is owned and operated by the Le Tourneau Foundation.

## Annie Armstrong Offering For Home Missions

The Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions is being received daily. We urge each W. M. U. organization to glean for this offering and remit same to the State W. M. U. Treasurer in the near future.

# Religious Education

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## Figures To Inspire

March 14, 1948

	S.S.	T.C.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1080	339	4
Including Missions	1588	599	7
Ft. Smith, First	1036	363	6
El Dorado, First	915	254	4
Little Rock, First	862	428	
Pine Bluff, First	731	196	3
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	698	257	48
Including Mission	741	275	50
Hot Springs, Second	664	210	6
Camden, First	612	157	
Including Mission	678	199	
Paragould, First	606	269	2
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	565	103	10
Benton, First	548	143	1
Including Mission	582		
N. Little Rock, First	548	129	
Arkadelphia, First	544	259	2
Fayetteville, First	530	210	1
Including Mission	591	265	
Hope, First	526	79	
McGehee, First	519	162	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	518	127	
El Dorado, Second	481	102	6
Little Rock, Gaines Street	465	296	1
Magnolia, Central	456	148	6
Springdale, First	419	233	3
Including Mission	546		
Hot Springs, Central	402	122	
Conway, First	400	78	10
Malvern, First	393	81	2
Bauxite, First	388	110	
Hamburg, First	375	167	
Hot Springs, First	368	74	
Hot Springs, Park Place	368	105	
Paris, First	365	152	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	361	85	
Stuttgart, First	354	-64	4
Including Missions	379		
Siloam Springs, First	338	222	2
Rogers, First	325	103	2
Lake City	320	144	
Harrison, First	313	186	
Including Missions	425	225	
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	311	92	1
Monticello, First	304	127	2
Cullendale, First	304	109	
Little Rock, South Highland	283	67	
Smackover, First	274	102	5
Norphlet, First	241	137	2
Batesville, W. Bat'ville	241	83	11
Carlisle, First	240	58	13
Jacksonville, First	237	137	1
Stamps, First	228	102	
Gentry, First	226	101	2
Little Rock, Calvary	222	97	5
Pine Bluff, Second	210	59	
El Dorado, W. Side	209	73	
Texarkana, Calvary	208	91	2
N. L. Rock, Central	203	102	
N. L. Rock, Pike Ave.	200	100	1
Prescott, First	187	82	
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	183	84	4
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	179	111	
Elaine, First	170	116	3
L. Rock, Woodlawn	151	74	1
El Dorado, Joyce City	148	89	
So. Ft. Smith	145	61	
Levy, First	137	38	
Including Mission	238	93	2
Monticello, Second	120	74	
Eureka Springs, First	108	39	
N. L. Rock, Grace	107	25	2
Douglasville, First	104	47	
Warren, Immanuel	93	76	1
So. Texarkana	89	45	5
L. R. Westside	75	40	2
Texarkana, Trinity	67	36	
L. Rock, Trinity	66	56	
Douglasville, Second	54	44	4
Bellevue	52	12	

## Demonstration Bible Teaching Clinic

The Place — Central Baptist Church, Hot Springs

The Date—April 18-23.

The Program—It's different! It's new! Not a study course—not an enlargement campaign. It's a demonstration Bible teaching clinic—an opportunity to observe outstanding teachers prepare and present next quarter's Sunday School lessons.

Entertainment—Bed and all meals will be furnished in the homes of Hot Springs, without charge. Therefore, registrations must be limited in order that adequate preparations may be made for entertainment of those attending it is most important that reservations be made NOW. Enrolment blanks have been mailed to pastors and other church leaders.



Miss Annie Ward Byrd  
Editorial Department  
Baptist Sunday School Board

Ask for yours, fill it out, and mail to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

## Free Literature On Vacation Bible School

Free literature is available at the Department of Religious Education for those planning Vacation Bible Schools in the churches. Please send your request to Robert O. Barker, State Sunday School Superintendent.

Arkansas' church which is included in this list is the Second Baptist Church of Hot Springs with a total of 207 awards. O. L. Bayless is pastor, and W. R. Kimball is Sunday School superintendent.

## Singers - Take Notice

Mr. Hines Sims, who will direct the music for the second period of the Assembly, July 15-22, has already selected the material for the Music Festival. This concert has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon and will be a worship service which will include two beautiful, well-known anthems and many fine hymns.

Since rehearsal time is limited before the date of the concert, it is suggested that choirs procure copies of these two numbers and learn them now. Both can add much to your regular service of music. In this way every singer who comes to the Assembly is already acquainted with the program and can contribute greatly to the final rehearsals.

The two anthems are:  
"O Savior of the World"—Goss  
"Open our Eyes"—Macfarlane  
Order from The Baptist Book Store.

## Thank You! Junior Workers

The State Music Director wishes to express her appreciation to all Junior Workers who sent in lists of hymns for Juniors. The prompt response to this request has made it possible to compile the list for consideration by the proper committee to be included in a Junior Hymnal.

For a long time a great need has been felt for an adequate Junior Hymnal. The Sunday School Board has promised such a publication, and hopes to have it ready within the year. Each State Music Director has been asked for a comprehensive list of suitable music to be included in his hymnal.

## Arkansas Church In Top List for Awards

A recent report from the Baptist Sunday School Board indicates that a total of 23 churches reported 100 or more awards issued from October 1, 1947, to February 15, 1948. Fourteen of this number reported a total of 200 or more awards.

## Join Training Union Day

May 2, 1948

Goal: 10% increase in Training Union enrolment in Arkansas in one day

### April—Preparation Month

- During the first half of APRIL, prepare prospect lists for each individual Union, using church roll and Sunday School roll.
- During the first half of APRIL:
  - Assign each Union its goal for new members.
  - Each Union make definite plans to visit all prospects and urge them to enroll in the Training Union.
- During APRIL, publicize the "Join the Training Union Day" in Assembly meetings, Union meetings, from the pulpit, in Sunday School, in bulletins, by letter, by telephone, and most of all by visiting.
- During APRIL, organize any new Unions that are needed.
- During APRIL, visit all prospects several times.

### May 2—The Big Day

- Sunday morning, announcements in all Sunday School classes and departments, and from the pulpit.
- Sunday afternoon, May 2, all-out visitation of all prospects and absentees.
- Properly enroll all new members Sunday night using classification slips. Be sure that every new member goes to the right Union.
- Prepare interesting and worthwhile programs for Sunday night, May 2.
- Report increase in enrollment, during April and first Sunday in May, to your State Training Union Director, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, using the postal card that will be sent to each Training Union Director.
- Many Training Unions should increase their enrolment 20 per cent during April.

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## In Memory of Luther Harrison,

State Director of Church Music for Mississippi, whose tragic and untimely death removed from Southern Baptists a great Christian and a valued leader in the cause of Church Music. Our loss has added another fine tenor voice to the heavenly choir.

—Ruth Nininger

## Arkansas Club Officers



Reading left to right: Doyle Lumpkin, Earnest Lee Holloway, Bob Wells, Miss Dullie Haggard, Miss Arvine Bell, and Stanley Williamson.

Arkansas Students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary have elected the following officers for the Arkansas Club: President, Ernest L. Holloway, Corning, now Educational and Music Director at Southside Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas; Doyle Lumpkin, vice-president, pastor at Ferris, Texas; Miss Dullie Haggard, secretary, former

Educational Secretary at Baring Cross Baptist Church, North Little Rock; Miss Arvine Bell, chairman of the social committee, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock; Bob Wells, treasurer, First Baptist Church, Ft. Smith; Stanley Williamson, reporter, Ouachita graduate and Religious Education major at the Seminary.

## Letters to The Department of Missions

Letters which come to the desk of the Superintendent of Missions are interesting indeed. Some letters inspire you with their glowing reports. Others depress you with their information of spiritual destitution. Many write in regard to their individual problems; others write in regard to the needs of the churches.

We give below a few excerpts from letters recently received:

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Just finished reading Arkansas Baptist for this week. I was very much impressed with Brother Allen McCurry's report of a revival in the State Penitentiary. I wonder if it wouldn't be mission money well spent for Arkansas Baptists to employ a full time chaplain to work with the prisoners in the state's two major penal institutions. It seems to me that this is a ripe field of opportunity for us in this hour.

Signed.

Dear Brother Caldwell:

I read your article in our Baptist paper about the pastorless churches and churchless pastors. Really, it has impressed me to the extent of this confession: For the past four years I have been engaged in school teaching and pastoral work combined. Of course, my school demands a priority on my time which is almost all of it. Now, I am willing to give all of my time to any church where the Spirit leads me.

Signed.

Dear Sir:

I have been wanting to write or contact you ever since I saw the mission film at the First Church here last fall. I want to tell you of my predicament and of my longing to serve my Lord in some way, and I feel that I could do mission work—preferably local. I am alone and could work full time if needed and surely God has work for me, somewhere.

Signed

Dear Brother Caldwell:

We are still working toward the goal of starting a full time mission and it looks as though we need your help, again. We are ready to do something, but want to be sure that we adopt the right policy of operation.

Signed.

Dear Brother in Christ:

Seeing what is said of you and your work in Arkansas, I take this privilege to write you. I saw this in the week of prayer program under the "Rural Sections." It states: "He has undertaken one of the most difficult tasks in our convention." Now, Brother, here is my wish—I have been with rural churches all my life, have given my entire efforts to this work,

### Department of

# MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

realizing how important this is to our great work as Southern Baptists. If you can use us, or if there is any place you know of for us, please let me hear from you at once.

From a pastor in Missouri.

Dear Dr. Caldwell:

With much regret, I'm calling attention to the fact that we are about out of pastors in our association. Out of 23 churches we have eight churches with pastors and some of those are fourth and half time pastorates.

Signed.

Dear Brother Caldwell:

I learned of you and your work through the Arkansas Baptist. I am a Baptist minister with quite a long experience in various kinds of church activities. I would like to learn more about the situation there. If it is hard to find younger men to take up the work, I thought, perhaps I might be able to come and labor among your people.

From a pastor in Kentucky.

Dear Dr. Caldwell:

I am writing to you about a church between here and Montrose organized by Brother Elliff before he left Lake Village as pastor. This is the only active Baptist church on Highway 82, between here and Montrose, which is a distance of 14 miles. The "Isms" and the Devil are taking this entire section. We have this one group of lone witnesses, and they are very weak. I wish that it were possible for the Mission Department to give them about \$250.00 at this time, and then, assist them in paying for a full time pastor's service until the church could be completed.

Signed.

Dear Brother Caldwell:

I try to major in helping pastorless churches, and God has blessed us to the extent that we have only one pastorless church in our association, now. I will investigate and see what their plans are, if any, and contact you if the situation needs, and permits your help. We know that you will help us in any way that you can, we will call on you.

A Missionary.

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## Men Are Leading Out

The Brotherhood of the Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, has worked effectively to lead the whole church through the deep spiritual experience of a genuine revival. Under the leadership of M. O. Kelley, Brotherhood president, the church recently made excellent preparation for a Brotherhood Revival campaign. The people of the church responded nobly to the call to prayer and work; God blessed the revival in a way that warmed the hearts of all who had any part in this effort to win people to Christ and to His church; and God added to the church fifty people, 31 coming by baptism.

Brother Harvey Elledge is pastor of the Baring Cross Church and Brother George Stuart is Educational Director. Both of these fine men put themselves wholly into the Brotherhood Revival. Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary, was the revival speaker, and Brother Lawson Hatfield, pastor of First Church, Ashdown, led the singing and worked efficiently with Juniors and Intermediates.

The Baring Cross Brotherhood Revival was another Preaching! Praying! Going! campaign to present the claims of Christ to a whole community.

When Christian men lead out in the work of their church, the whole community takes notice!

### Let's Go To Siloam Springs

There will be two assemblies at Siloam Springs next July. The Christian Leadership Assembly will be held July 6-13, and the Christian Training Assembly July 15-22.

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209 Baptist Bldg.,  
Little Rock  
NELSON F. TULL  
Secretary

The Christian Leadership Assembly is sponsored by the Sunday School Department, the Women's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Department; the Christian Training Assembly by the Training Union Department and the Student Union Department. These two assemblies will set forth our whole denominational program in all its phases. Many of our people will want to attend both assemblies. Many others are planning to attend the assembly which will help them most in their particular service to their Lord.

The Brotherhood—Department will feature the whole program of Brotherhood activities at the Christian Leadership Assembly. A Brotherhood Conference will be held each day. There will be good speakers, good singing, fine fellowship, worthwhile activities.

Why not use your Vacation for Education and Recreation?

Why not plan now to go to Siloam Springs this summer?

### Why Not Pay Their Expenses?

The services of the Brotherhood Department are entirely free to every church and association in the state, but what of the expenses

of laymen and others whom you invite to speak to your church and associational Brotherhood meetings? Surely, every church will want to cover the expense that these men incur in traveling to and from your meeting.

They are not asking that this be done. The request has its source entirely within the Brotherhood Department. The men want no pay for their time or their services. However, the Brotherhood Department believes that it should not cost them money to serve you.

Men, take notice!

### Church Recommends Organization

Brother Loyal Prior, pastor of First Church, Norphlet, writes: "Just a word to tell you that, at our Deacons meeting Monday, it was unanimously voted to recommend to the church the organization of a Brotherhood, and in a business meeting the church voted unanimously to accept that recommendation, and a nominating committee was appointed."

That is the way it should be done. Since a Brotherhood is an organization of Baptist men, it is

fitting that the Deacons recommend to the church that it authorize the setting up of the Brotherhood; since the Brotherhood is a church organization, it is necessary that the church take action to authorize its organization.

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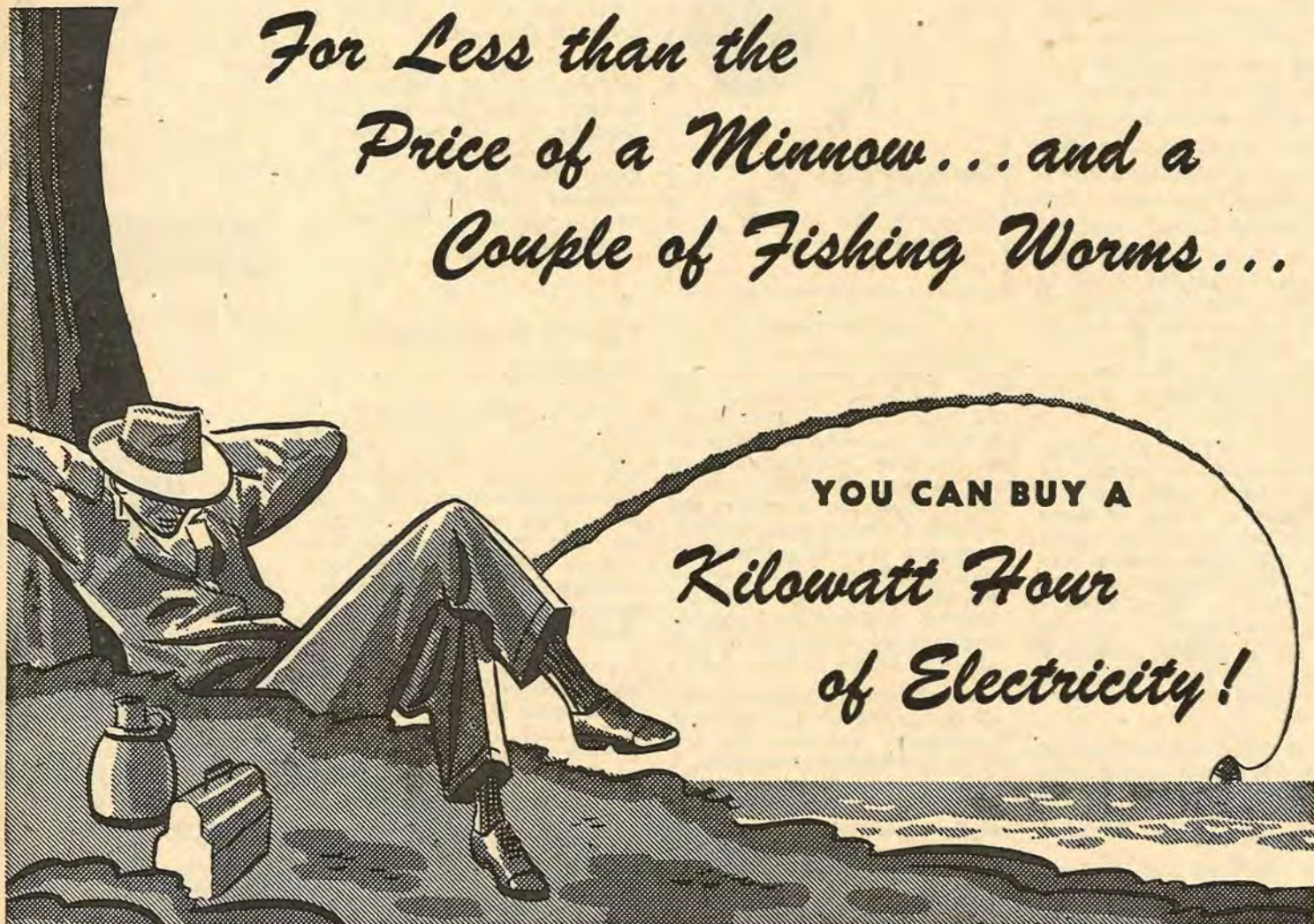
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# ETERNAL LIFE

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

## Sunday School Lesson For March 28, 1948

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4; 12-17  
I John 3:1-2; 5:11-13; 19-21

sons, walking in "newness of life."

As sons of God, "it doth not yet appear what we shall be . . . when he shall appear, we shall be like him," for certainly now we "see through a glass darkly" as Paul expressed it. So many things we do not understand; as happy and joyous as is the Christian life, we cannot fully realize our blessings because of the limitations of the flesh. Then, our bodies shall be resurrected, even as the One who makes eternal life possible is glorified. He is coming again some day; when He comes, He shall call those who are sons of God out of the world, out of mortal limitations as we shall be like Him. The hope of the gospel has no equal.

### The Believer is Risen With Christ

We turn again to Colossians and from this epistle we gain the knowledge, as from John, that before the time comes when Jesus returns for His own, the believer walks the resurrected way. We are perfectly identified with our Lord since we, too, are risen with Him. The believer, according to scripture, is identified with Christ as being "crucified with Christ" (Gal. 2:20), "buried with Him" (Rom. 6:4), "quickenened with Christ" (Eph. 2:5), and certainly be joint-heir with the Son (Rom. 8:17), and shall be glorified with Him and shall some day reign with Him (II Tim. 2:12, Rev. 5:9, 10).

The resurrection of Jesus assures new life for the believer for "old things are passed away." Sins of the life of darkness are not for one who through faith is united with Christ, both in His death and in His resurrection.

The meaning of Col. 3:1, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above," seems to be "inasmuch" or "since" you are risen with Him, you have a new life, a new standard, new

hopes, ambitions, and desires. Paul, you recall, was dealing with heresy in Colosse and it is difficult to understand his message in this respect to the believers at that place. "Since you have accepted Christ, died with Him, to be risen with Him," Paul could have stated, "you certainly need not follow ceremonies or ordinances of the law." To us the message is virtually the same: we are not to cling to the sins of the past or worldly things but seek those things which are spiritual and which set us apart as believers. "Your life is hid with Christ in God" tells us that even as Christ is now hidden in God so those who belong to Him are hidden from the knowledge and understanding of unregenerate people. This Christ is seen only in the walk of the risen believer who some day shall definitely share His glory (verse 4). Now, we shall briefly consider our walk while we represent Him on this earth.

### The Walk of the Risen Believer

Following the four verses we have just touched upon, Paul, in verses 5-11, tells us of some things the risen believer should not do; from verses 12-17 he lists some things we shall do, saying, "Put on therefore . . ." These things are characteristic of our risen Lord: a heart of compassion, kindness of heart, humility of spirit, meekness and longsuffering, forbearance and forgiveness. Over all these, around, and underneath them is love.

Then, we find that which is so essential to the believer, peace ruling in our hearts and lives, and knowledge of His Word. You cannot be very close to a person you do not know and understand. This comes to a Christian, as applied to his relationship to the Lord, as he studies of Him and learns so much of him that he feels compelled to share it with others—" . . . teaching and admonishing one another." This

## Words Of Appreciation For Baptist Hospital

Twice I have been a patient in our Baptist Hospital. I have had adequate opportunity to appraise our hospital from the patient's point of view and I wish to give my word of testimony to all what this great institution and its management means to our Baptist denomination.

Especially do I wish to express my appreciation for the service rendered by the kind and considerate nurses, Mrs. Farmer, Supervisor, Misses Campbell, Compere, Lyon, Bridges, Fox, Tiner, Price, Slape, Hodges, Tomlinson, and Rife. They are efficient and devoted to their profession. The nurses aids were most helpful. The food was of the very best and at all times well prepared.

Chaplain Queen, with his frequent visitations and prayers, was a means of strengthening one's faith and deepening one's courage.

We say, "Thank you," to all Baptists, patronize your own hospital.

--Ed Staples, Little Rock, Ark.

walk will be happy and joyous, putting a song of praise to the Lord in the heart. All of this should be "in the name of the Lord Jesus." This is done with gratitude and appreciation "to God the Father through Him."

Someone calls this walk with its virtues "the clothing of the renewed soul"; another names it the believer's "spiritual wardrobe."

So, at this Easter season may we consider our secure life in Christ, our position and walk in His name, and look with hope, as we commemorate His Resurrection, to the glories that shall be ours when He comes again.

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## Centennial Year Objective

One of the objectives of this Centennial Year is paying the balance on our Honor Debts. We need about \$225,000 to finish the task. Twenty thousand members of the Honor Club will do it. Will you be one of the 200,000 Baptists in Arkansas to join the Honor Club? Secretary Tull, of the Brotherhood Department, is sending out new literature this week. Ask your pastor, Brotherhood Secretary, W. M. U. President, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent, or Church Treasurer about the plan. Let's join the Honor Club.

Rev. Ben L. Bridges  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Bro. Bridges:

Does the Honor Debt cover anything except the balance of the old debt that we tried to beat folks out of?

I notice on the last page of the Arkansas Baptist where Mrs. M. S. Barton is acknowledging receipt of \$32.50 from you, for the Hospital on the Honor Debt. What does that mean? . . .

I certainly would like to see this debt wiped out, because going back and paying it has put the Baptist people up several notches in the estimation of the world. I thank you for your stand on these matters. May the Lord direct you, always.

Sincerely,  
G. S. Cannon.

Dear Dr. Bridges:

I am not unaware of the responsibility resting upon our state secretary and his staff. I became acquainted with the conditions of the work in Arkansas through meeting you at a Pastor's Conference in Oklahoma some years ago, and through some dear pastor friends of mine in Oklahoma, who are Arkansas men. I remember you stating that it was your resolve that Arkansas Baptists would not default, no matter what settlement you would have to make at that time.

Dr. Bridges, to find that resolve still in force, and that you have led Arkansas Baptists to grasp the spirit of that resolve is encouraging, indeed. I am giving my full confidence to you and am happy to be of any possible service in helping with the payment of the debt.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Fred Wesner

Dear Dr. Bridges:

I believe it was in 1943 when the Arkansas Baptist State Convention met at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, that we voted to pay

off our old debts. It pleased me very much to do that. I came home and reported to our church. The church, too, believed it was the honorable thing to do. We were very happy to enter into the plan. We decided that on the basis of campaigns, our part on the amount would be \$2,000. We voted to accept that amount. At once we began paying \$50 per month on it. We continued the \$50 per month until a drive was made. We accepted our quota and raised it. Six hundred dollars of that amount raised went to the Baptist Honor Debt. We continued the \$50 for a few months, then skipped a few months, later we finished out the \$2,000. We would like for you to check and see if this is correct. Please let me know how much, if any, we are behind, and we will send it in.

Yours,  
J. P. Riley.

## Church Libraries Emphasized

Does your church have a library? We are giving emphasis to this part of our work April 4-11. Miss Russelleen Baldrige, who is directing the church library work in the state, is holding conferences to stimulate interest in church libraries. If your church does not have a library, why not start one? Perhaps your pastor would like to mention it in his sermon on April 4th, or April 11th. We have so many church activities these days, that a church needs a good library.

## Stanfill and Park Hill

An outstanding illustration of kingdom progress is the development of the Baptist situation in Park Hill, adjoining Little Rock. Brother Taylor Stanfill, former pastor of Barling Cross Church, North Little Rock, and more recently, city missionary, has given up the latter position to give his full time to the development of the church in Park Hill.

Less than a year ago, Brother Stanfill led the saints in Park Hill to establish a Baptist church and they called him as pastor. Under his leadership, the church has accumulated a substantial fund which is to be used in erecting a church building. We understand that a contract has been let for the first unit of the building.

Brother Stanfill is an aggressive leader and splendid preacher. He is especially good in developing a church along the lines of stewardship and tithing, also, in an evangelistic manner. The church will grow under the leadership of this strong preacher. It will become one of our great churches in a few years.

## Welcome Back to Arkansas Brother Stallings

We congratulate the saints in Lavaca. They are getting O. M. Stallings from Oklahoma to be their pastor, and we share their joy as this great preacher comes back to his native state. Stallings has been pastor in Arkansas, and has also served as state missionary. He has been pastor at Batesville, Mena, and in other places. He is one of the most powerful preachers among us. He is a great evangelist. He has been serving the Baptist Church in Spiro, Oklahoma, efficiently, and the church there regrets to lose him. Their loss is our gain. Brother Stallings, your dynamic ministry will be a blessing to all of us. We welcome you.

## Hunnicut and Magnolia

It was the writer's privilege to spend a day in Magnolia, recently. I spoke in the pulpit of the Central Baptist Church where one of our greatest leaders ministers every Sunday. Pastor L. L. Hunnicutt is making signal gains in the work in Magnolia. He is a great preacher. He is an earnest and prayerful soul, and a wise leader.

He is enjoying the unlimited confidence and trust of the people of the church. The auditorium and annex are packed with congregations to hear him preach. They are being forced to erect a new and large auditorium to accommodate the crowds. They are ready to start work on the building.

The two bankers of the town are members of Central Baptist Church. They are fine, loyal leaders, and useful men, indeed, in the town and in the church. Brother Lee, one of the bankers, is treasurer of the church, and Brother W. C. Blewster is not only a good leader in the church, but has been president of the board of our Baptist State Hospital and has served the denomination well.

Few churches are gaining ground more rapidly than Central Baptist Church, in Magnolia, under the leadership of Pastor Hunnicutt.

## Fordyce and Elliff

It is, indeed, gratifying to get such checks for the Co-operative Program as are coming in from the First Baptist Church, Fordyce. The first check this year was for more than \$480, and the second for more than \$400.

The Fordyce Church has come to be one of our strong churches. Its entire program of activities and services is moteworthy. That aggressive, wide-awake, young preacher, J. T. Elliff, is making them a great pastor. They are happy people, and they receive more blessings from giving than they do from receiving.