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—H. Armstrong Roberts

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# Evangelicals Persecuted In Spain

By ELIUD RODRIGUEZ

Spain is the second largest country in Europe—about three-quarters the size of Texas. Its population, claimed to be mostly Roman Catholic, is about 28,000,000, living in some 97,000 cities, towns, and hamlets.

## A Fascist Dictatorship

Although I went to Spain as a minister of the Gospel, and not for any political purpose, I could not escape the evidence I saw everywhere in Spain of the Fascist dictatorship of General Franco and his Falange party which enforces it. In Tarrasa I saw a sign that read: "The Falange lies in ambush for . . .!" Everywhere the people dread the rule of the Falange. Everywhere signs proclaim the slogan: "We want Franco, not Communism."

. . . The entire country seems to be in an extreme state of unrest; even the police are panicky. Foreigners must report to them any change of address, even within the same city. My impression was that the masses of the Spanish people are seething again with a desire for violence against their oppressors, both in church and in state.

There is much hunger in Spain, the black market is the generally recognized way of transacting business. Graft is rampant. The honest people work, sweat, and go hungry, while a large percentage of the country's wealth is spent on pleasures and luxuries by the few. A factory girl told me that she had to work for not less than 40 hours to earn 75 pesetas (\$3.00). Skilled workers average about 200 pesetas (\$8.00) a week.

## Are Spaniards Willing to Receive The Gospel?

Spain is one of the oldest Christian countries. Among over 200 photographs I brought from Spain, there is one of a second century sarcophagus with carvings that prove that Paul or some of his contemporaries preached the good news of justification by faith there in the first century . . . Yet, the vast majority of the Spanish people are either haters of God or know nothing of any other religious teachings but the Church of Rome.

Yet I found everywhere an interest on the part of all kinds of people, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, in evangelical teachings. A rich merchant in Barcelona told me, "I would feel entirely at home in a Protestant meeting." A physician of another city told me, "I want to buy a Bible. I know you have the truth."

## Are Protestants Persecuted?

From my first-hand experiences my answer is an emphatic "yes." Protestant (evangelical) pastors are beaten and imprisoned. Their chapels are wrecked and closed, the believers arrested and released after being warned not to gather for worship again under penalty of fine and imprisonment. Eighteen other Protestants and I were brought to the police station of Villanuevay Geltru under guard of armed policemen. "Are we under arrest?" we asked. The answer was "No." Again we inquired, "Are we free?" And the sharp answer was "No, you are not free." After being questioned by the Chief of Police, our brethren were charged with "treason to Spain" by the Mayor and dismissed with a warning not to gather again for Protestant worship.

That same afternoon this group of Protestants went up a mountain to hold worship service there, using a crumbling wall as pews and a narrow mountain pathway as a meeting place. Later, three of them were cast into prison for nine hours and kept even without the traditional bread and water. When I asked

the Mayor concerning responsibility for the persecution of Protestants, he answered, "I am only obeying higher orders."

I have in my files photostats and originals of many receipts for fines, ranging from 50 to 5,000 pesetas, levied against Protestants who gathered to pray and study the Bible at home. (The author reproduced in his original article a picture of one of the documents demanding 50 pesetas fine against Enrique Agurell for allowing his son Benjamin to assist at a secret meeting for religious worship, also a picture of the receipt for the fine paid by the father.)

Protestant children are turned away from the schools if they refuse to attend mass and subject themselves to Roman Catholic teachings. Protestant couples are denied legal marriage if either of them was not baptized in infancy by a priest, unless they get married in a Roman Catholic Church. All Protestant publications are banned . . .

## How Many Protestant Churches In Spain?

Before Franco came to power, there were about 166 Protestant churches in Spain. Most of them are closed today. Our Spanish Mission has been able to organize six chapels since 1945. Our membership does not exceed 10,000. The law allows Protestants to worship only in private, and no sign can be placed on the outside of any chapel to indicate that it is a place of Protestant worship.

## How Strong is the Roman Catholic Church?

During my visit to Manresa I went to see the Cave of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit Order, and the priest in charge told us that, "Manresa is a heathen city with 50,000 inhabitants and only 5,000 attend mass regularly." He also admitted that Protestants were good people, and there was room for them even in Manresa. Alexander McLeish claims in his book, War Time Series No. 8, Part IV, page 49, that "not more than twenty per cent of the population of Spain can be called Roman Catholic." Cardinal Spellman of New York, in his book, "Action This Day," admits that "if the masses (of Spain) were not held back by force, they would rise up and wipe out overnight the churches and clergy of Spain." A few days before Easter in 1949, the walls of Madrid were plastered with posters containing quotations from the Pope's Encyclical on Labor. But the Spanish workers, after stopping a while to read them, tore them off the walls and threw them away in anger.

## What of the Future?

The future for the Gospel in Spain appears to me to be very hopeful. The people are starving for the true knowledge of the saving Gospel of Christ. Spain never received any of the benefits of the Reformation of the sixteenth century. But just as Spain in the past astounded the world with its political conquests, might tomorrow begin a spiritual revival that would again astound the world. All that is needed is the opportunity for missionaries of the gospel to gain access to the Spanish people. Franco and the religious regime of Spain stand in the way.

We must hope and pray that soon the doors of Spain will be opened wide to the gospel message and that its people, starved for centuries of the knowledge of the saving power of Christ, will open their hearts to receive it.

—Western Recorder.

# Unconditional Surrender

A Devotion by the Editor

" . . . except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

A "negotiated" peace with God is no peace at all. Judging, however, from the conversion and conduct of many people, and from their indifference toward their church membership and Christian obligations we are driven to the conclusion that these people are living on the false assumption that they have concluded a "negotiated" peace with God. They seem to think that they have entered into some sort of bargaining agreement with God by which they are to perform certain agreeable tasks when it is convenient, and leave off certain disagreeable practices, which they do not like anyway.

In return for all this agreeable sacrifice on their part, they claim indulgences in other practices which they enjoy regardless of the content of sin or the implications of evil involved. They are also quite sure that they can hold God to His part of the agreement to continue to bless them in this life, and save them to eternal life in the world to come.

When it seems to them that God has broken His part of the agreement by allowing them to experience loss or disappointment or sorrow, they don't fail to cry out against Him. They cry and complain and ask, "Why has God let this happen to me?" There ought to be, at least it seems so to them, some means by which they can hold God responsible for that part of the bargain which they have assigned to Him.

What we need to realize is that God cannot be pushed into a corner and made to sign a negotiated peace with us. He demands unconditional surrender on our part.

And it is amazing what a difference it will make in our lives, when we give up our contention for a negotiated peace with God and make an unconditional surrender to Him. By such a surrender all the tensions of life are relieved and all the noble responses of life are released. A peeved, irritable attitude gives way to a relaxed, trusting attitude; complaints give way to praises.

A negotiated peace with God will bring only disappointment, frustration, and failure. To those who are basing their hopes upon such a peace Jesus will say, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." To those who surrender unconditionally to Him, Jesus will say, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

"And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things. I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:2, 3.

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## From the Editor's Desk

# THE PROPORTIONS OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

High pressure money raising campaigns and frequent special collections are out of favor with many of our Baptist people. And there is very good reason for this disfavor. The people who have given both their tithes and their offering may not have anything left out of which they may give to a special offering.

However, there are others who object to these money raising campaigns and special offerings, and for a very different reason. They are the people who do not even give the tithe of their income, much less an offering. By refusing to give their tithe they have shown their opposition to God's plan of financing the ministry of His word and worship. Therefore, when their failure to tithe has created financial shortages in Kingdom work, and when such shortages have created emergencies which demand special financial efforts, and when these emergencies, created by their withholding their tithes, are presented to them these people become nettled, irritated, and peeved.

### A Principle and a Plan

The Apostle Paul did not like special collections, and he frankly said so. But instead of getting peeved about the question of special offerings and going off to himself murmuring and complaining, he undertook to do something about it. So he outlined a plan which would make special collections and high pressure campaigns unnecessary.

Turn to First Corinthians 16:1, 2, and read: "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings (collections) when I come."

Paul here lays down a principle and a plan by which the financial needs of the Christian movement, then in its very infancy, might be adequately met. True, in this case, it was the economic needs of the community of Christians in Jerusalem. But this principle and plan are adaptable to every financial need of the Kingdom of our Lord in the world.

If this principle were accepted by our Baptist hosts and if this plan were adopted by them, every charitable, benevolent, educational, and missionary need, as represented by our Baptist program, would be abundantly supplied, as would also all needs of our local church programs be adequately met.

But the trouble is that so few of our 6,500,000 Southern Baptists have accepted this principle announced by Paul and follow the plan which he outlined. Those who have accepted that principle and are following that plan are doing, it would be safe to say, ninety

per cent of the giving among Southern Baptists, and probably ninety per cent of the service. For giving and service go hand in hand.

### Proportionate Portion

Now look at that plan again. It is every "week," on the first day. Since you cannot give enough at one time to meet the needs, your weekly giving combined with the weekly giving of all the others will be adequate. Let not a week pass by, therefore, that you do not observe this instruction.

Notice again that it is "every one." No one is excused from this obligation and opportunity. And those who excuse themselves are the ones who do the complaining.

Once more, it is "lay by him in store." This obviously refers to budgeting one's income. Set aside a portion of your income for the Lord's work week by week and you will always have something to give, and it will be a joy to give it.

This portion which is set aside should be proportionate to one's income—not just any portion, but the portion which God requires. And when a Jew in the days of Paul was speaking of proportionate giving, he could mean but one thing, "tithes and offerings."

The purpose of the plan is to avoid last minute, hurried, and high pressure appeals for money—"That there be no gatherings when I come."

### The Point of View

The 1950 budget adopted by our State Convention looks large—\$1,016,666.67. It is large, if we look at it in the shadow of our unwillingness to give God the tithe which He requires of us. But it is small, if we look at it in the light of our willingness to give God the tithe which He requires of us. If the Baptists of Arkansas will only accept the principle announced by Paul as the basis of their giving and will follow the plan which he outlined as the method of their giving, the 1950 budget will be more than met, and there will be no need for special collections.

Let us, therefore, do away with special collections by doing away with the conditions which give rise to the need for such collections. The only way to do away with these conditions is to follow God's plan for financing the ministry of His word and worship—tithes and offerings.

But until we do accept that principle and follow that plan, special collections will be necessary to carry out the commission of Jesus. And those who complain most about special collections are the very ones who make special collections necessary by withholding their tithes.

Baptists of Arkansas, think on these things.

## "Master-Plan"

The effort to obliterate denominational boundary-lines is giving rise to a multiplicity of great interdenominational agencies with imposing names and ambitious programs. At the rate these agencies are springing up it will not be too long until they equal or surpass in number the present denominations which they are trying to merge into one great national protestant church. The youngest of these interdenominational agencies to make its appearance on the scene to join in the march of other great agencies, and in the attack on denominationalism is known as the "Joint commission on the Urban Church." This youngest member of the giants was given birth by the national Convocation on the city church which met recently in Columbus, Ohio. Thirty-two denominations were represented at the Convocation by more than four hundred delegates. Dr. Ross Sanderson of New York becomes the Executive Secretary of the new agency.

The new organization will be sponsored jointly by the Home Missions Council of North America, the Federal Council of Churches, and the International Council of Religious Education.

### Housing and Segregation

An ambitious "Master-plan" was formulated with the purpose of blue-printing every phase of city life. It seems that the master-program of this new organization is to be concerned with the housing problem, and is to work in close collaboration with both public and private housing agencies.

Another matter with which the convocation was concerned, and presumably will become the responsibility of the new agency, was the question of segregation. It was resolved by the delegates that housing projects, whether publicly or privately financed, should be non-segregated. This principle of non-segregation should also apply to churches and church institutions.

In the release which came to the Editor's desk, there was no word about the gospel, or the redeeming power of Jesus, or repentance from sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

It seems that the more zealous people become in their efforts to obliterate all denominational distinctions the more certain they are to substitute a purely social gospel for the gospel of redeeming grace. And this is inevitable, because denominations have risen out of profound convictions. Therefore, to merge all denominations requires the surrender of convictions which gave rise to the denominations. In such a merger the least common denominator must be found. That least common denominator is usually found to be a social uplift and general welfare program.

### Social Implications

We like what Charles Wells of New York said in his lecture at the recent Evangelistic Conference held in Little Rock. He said that he did not know anything about the social gospel, but that the gospel of Jesus Christ

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# Kingdom Progress

## Central College News

The deed for the school property was received January 27, by President Irving M. Prince from the U. S. Government. This property, which includes 365 acres of land and 75 buildings, is valued at approximately a half million dollars. It is situated seven miles from Little Rock.

The B. S. U. council, working with a committee of A. A. U. P., are going ahead with plans for a new Student Center. One of the buildings on the campus is to be utilized for this purpose. A playlet was presented in chapel Friday, February 3, setting forth some of the plans and ideas concerning the Center.

The enrolment for the second semester will be approximately 168 when completed. This will include those people taking extension courses in Little Rock and North Little Rock. Of this number thirty-one have student positions on the campus to help pay part of their school expenses.

The total enrolment for the 1949-50 session will be approximately 335 students.

Central College Choir, which is under the direction of Miss Marcella Johnson, will sing in the chorus in the presentation of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, March 14, at Robinson Auditorium, with Arkansas State Symphony Orchestra.

Members of the choir will form the nucleus for the choral work of the Opera "Il Trovatore," February 15, at Robinson Auditorium.

The choir was featured at the Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Hotel Marion, Friday, January 20. They sang an anthem "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," and two Negro spirituals, "Set Down Servant," and "Swing Low."

The program for the luncheon was built around Central College. Several members of the student body and faculty presented short talks on the aims and purposes of the school, and on its different professional departments and clubs.

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## Monthly Calendar

A monthly calendar of activities is prepared by Pastor E. E. Griever of First Church Harrison, and distributed to the congregation the last Sunday in the month for the month following. The calendar is attractively designed on a letter size memiograph sheet; it is laid out just as the one hanging on your wall with each day of the month numbered. The space allotted to each day is large enough to write in the announcements of meetings or any church activities which are to occur on that particular day of the month. By use of such a calendar the entire church membership knows in advance the exact date of each meeting that is scheduled for the month.

## Manila Church Is Busy

Howard Phillips and Dale Carter were recently ordained as deacons by First Church, Manila. These men were already active in church life; Mr. Phillips as superintendent of the Sunday School and Mr. Carter as teacher of the young men's Bible class. Pastor Guy D. Magee, of the Manila church, recently taught the book, Study in Acts, by Dr. Wm. J. Fallis. The attendance reached 85, and 48 persons qualified for awards.

## Youth Service Called Kingdom Seekers

Mathews Memorial, White Sulphur Springs, and Greenlee Baptist Churches, located southwest of Pine Bluff, have consolidated for Saturday night services for young people. They meet each Saturday evening for prayer, songs, games, and refreshments; they range in age from 13 to 23 years. The group is called "Kingdom Seekers."

The group is sponsored by their pastors: L. G. Whitehorn, U. S. Broach, and Pat Mehaffey. Officers are: Buck Hankins, president; Edith Spharler, secretary; Mary Lou Boggs, program chairman; and Margie Jacks, publicity chairman.

"The purpose of the 'Kingdom Seekers' is to bring the young people off the streets, out of honky-tonks, and into the House of God."

## Booneville Church Has Study Course

Jeral L. Hampton, Sunday School superintendent, First Church, Booneville, reports a most successful week of Sunday School training work, using the "Book of Acts" as the text. Out of about 100 workers in the Sunday School, over seventy completed this course.

## Carey Association Hymn-Sing

First Church, Fordyce, was host to the regular Quarterly Hymn-Sing for Carey Association, Sunday afternoon, January 29. One hundred-fifty people from eight churches joined in the singing of a Song Sermon entitled, "I Am Resolved." The theme was developed in three divisions: "To Grow," "To Go," "To Give."

Dorris Ellis, the associational music director, and J. T. Eliff, host pastor, presided over the meeting, extended greetings, and made announcement concerning the Youth Choir Festivals soon to be held. Mrs. E. W. Nininger, State Music Director, was the guest director for the program and presented a brief outline of the music education program available to every church, emphasizing the Summer Music Schools.

Special music numbers were given by First Church, Fordyce, Hampton, Prosperity, and First Church, Malvern, who were honor guests from Central Association.

The next Hymn-Sing for this group will be held April 30, at New Hope.

## Pastoral Changes

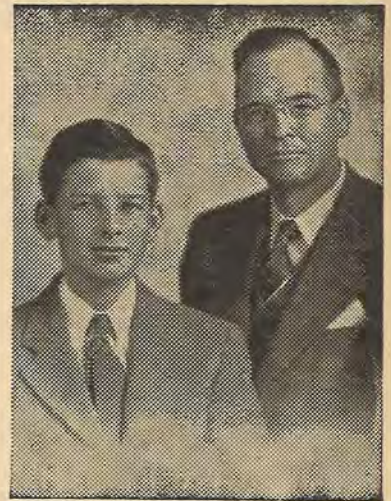
Eugene Webb, a senior at Arkansas College, Batesville, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church of Bay Arkansas.

Pastor L. P. Guthrey has resigned the pastorate of Graves Memorial Church, Pulaski County Association, because of ill health and upon the advice of his physician. Pastor Guthrey has announced no plans for the future except to rest and recuperate.

Pastor I. B. Hodges has accepted the pastorate of Flora and Enterprise Churches in Big Creek Association, and is now on the field. Pastor Hodges returns to his native Arkansas from California where he has spent the past several years. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and the Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth.

H. W. Wooten has resigned the pastorate of Calvary Church, Batesville, to become the pastor of Bethel Church, Detroit, Michigan. He took up his new duties on February 5.

## Father and Son



Dr. Merrill D. Moore and his son, Merrill D. Jr., recently made a father-and-son tour of South American mission fields. They touched thirteen countries in a 25,000 mile trip. Dr. Moore is secretary of promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

## Miss Aileen Storey With Home Mission Board

Miss Aileen Storey, of Heber Springs, Arkansas, a graduate of New Orleans Seminary, under appointment of the Home Mission Board, is serving in the Woman's Emergency Home in New Orleans. Miss Storey has endeared herself to the many young women who seek help at the Agency of the Home Mission Board.

The Woman's Emergency Home cares unmarried mothers. Since 1933 nearly a thousand girls have received its care. Through the ministry of this Home, many "prodigal girls do go home."

## Dardanelle Studies Book of Acts

Sidney Oxendine, Dardanelle, has the following to say, concerning a recent study course: "We studied the 'Book of Acts' last week with twenty-three enrolled, and sixteen average in attendance. We had 109 in Sunday School, Sunday, January 29; one baptized with another scheduled for baptism next Sunday."

## Western Rural Life Leadership Conference

A western conference in the interest of the total rural life of our western states is to be held at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, March 13-16, 1950. This conference is jointly promoted by the Seminary, the Home Mission Board and the five following western states: Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

This program is planned for all the general rural missionaries of each of the states, the associational missionaries, and rural pastors. Definite plans are being made for an attendance of at least 500 upon this western rural conference. Each individual state is setting a definite goal for attendance. The goal for Arkansas is fifty.

The plan for entertainment is for Seminary to provide room for all who attend; for the Home Mission Board to provide the program personnel and expense; for the State Mission Boards to provide all or as much of the travel expense for those from their state who attend as they deem wise and are able; that each man will pay for his own meals; that these meals will be served in the Seminary Cafeteria at a reasonable rate.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary

### 1950 Simultaneous Revival

It is gratifying to be assured that the leaders in our churches in the South believe in revivals. Ever and anon we hear somebody object to a revival. It may be that such objector has never been born again. Maybe he is not a Christian at all. He may be only a church member, if that. Or it may be that his objection arises out of the fear that a revival meeting will find him where he lives. A genuine Heaven-sent revival throws the light upon us. It becomes a time of heart-searching, and sometimes you find one who does not welcome a heart-searching incident. Almost everyone believes in revivals, but some people do not covet spiritual revivals. Maybe they would have to give up something they do not want to give up.

The Jews believe in revivals. Their "fire sales" and "anniversary sales" and "harvest sales," are efforts to revive trade. There are revivals in the commercial world. The United States Government believes in revivals; such as its bond sale drives publically conducted, and its Jackson Day dinners, are efforts to revive interest in politics and government. Farmers believe in revivals. Annual Stock Shows and Fairs are simply efforts to revive interest in better farming. Yes, everybody believes in revivals.

In the realm of Christianity all of us need a revival. The preacher needs it. The doctor needs it. The merchant needs it. The farmer needs it. The teacher needs it. The lawyer needs it. All of us need a revival. This year we have a concerted effort on the part of the Baptist churches in the South, and west of the Mississippi River, to bring a revival of the Grace of God in our hearts. From April 9 to April 23 will be a busy time among the Baptists in the Southwest. The effort calls for unceasing prayer and untiring labors and great preaching everywhere. Let's do our best.  
—B. L. Bridges.

### Three Questions Asked Deacons

By J. D. GREY

In an effort to give newly ordained deacons the right sort of introduction to the deaconship, Dr. J. D. Grey and the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana, ask three questions of those to be ordained. The questions are asked in the presence of the church congregation, and so are answered before the assembled church.

The questions are:

(1) "Do you believe in, and will you follow the Bible plan of Christian stewardship, the tithe as the minimum?"

(2) "Unless providentially hindered, will you attend one of the morning worship services, the Sunday night service each Lord's day, and the Wednesday evening Prayer Meetings?"

(3) "Will you co-operate with the pastor, your fellow deacons, and the entire church in supporting the whole church program?" For the wives, the question was added, "Will you work in the Woman's Missionary Union?"

The deacons elected, together with their wives, have previously been instructed in the qualifications and duties of a deacon and also informed of the three questions they will be



Some months ago Pastor L. D. Summers of Hot Springs and Mrs. Summers re-enacted their marriage in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Re-enacting the wedding scene Brother Summers and Mrs. Summers rode in a horse-drawn carriage, in much the same fashion as they did when they married fifty years ago, to the front gate of their home in Hot Springs where Dr. B. L. Bridges waited to extend a blessing and to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their many happy years together. Mrs. Summers was surprised when Brother Summers slipped a diamond ring on her finger. Fifty years ago it took a lot of money to purchase a diamond ring. The engagement was made and the wedding took place without one. On this Fiftieth Anniversary Brother Summers found that he had

saved enough money to purchase the ring, and so he placed it upon her finger in this celebration.

It was a tender and beautiful service. Many relatives and friends even from distant towns were present to extend their congratulations and prayers.

Brother Summers is one of our greatest preachers, and has served his generation by the will of God. He is not taking an annuity now. He is the pastor of Emmanuel Church in Hot Springs. Standing near them in the picture is a sister and grandson of Mrs. Summers.

This incident occurred several months ago. The delay in publishing it in this paper has been our fault and we want to apologize to Brother and Mrs. Summers.

—B. L. Bridges.

### Father-Son Banquet In Hot Springs

The Brotherhood of First Church, Hot Springs, F. P. Hill, president, sponsored a Father-Son Banquet Friday evening, January 27. There were 65 men and boys present. John Mack Dodge, son of Pastor John L.

expected to answer before the whole church congregation. Only after such instruction, and only after both the man and his wife have given their consent for his name to be nominated to the church, does the committee make its nominations.

The wives sit with their husbands during the ordination service, and the questions are addressed to both the husband and the wife.

A little more than a year ago, after exhaustive study of its advisability and thorough discussion with the deacons and church, the system of rotation for the deacons was adopted.

Dr. Grey comments: "The entire church seems to be convinced that the plan is practical and will result in a more progressive service by these ordained servants of the Lord."

Dodge, delivered a "Toast to Dads"; and L. A. Westmoreland, a deacon, responded. Pastor Ralph Dodd of the Tabernacle Church, Little Rock, was the featured speaker for the occasion and the subject of his message was, "Christian Obedience."



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CHARLES WELLBORN, Preacher

February 12—Subject:

"A Future for Failures"

Stations in Arkansas:

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

## \*\*\* Christian Horizons \*\*\*

**Dr. Sockman Named Professor at Union Seminary:** Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, Methodist, in New York City, has been named associate professor of practical theology at New York's Union Theological Seminary, it was announced by Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of the Seminary.

Dr. Sockman's appointment will be effective July 1, upon the retirement of Dr. Walter Russell Bowie, professor of practical theology and dean of students. He will continue as minister of Christ Church, a pastorate which he has held for over 30 years.

**Churches of Christ Ministers Ask Religious Freedom:** Churches of Christ ministers voted in Dallas to wage a public opinion campaign insisting that the Italian government allow full religious freedom for its missionaries in Italy.

About forty ministers agreed to sponsor full-page ads in local newspapers to review "mistreatment" of their missionaries and to ask the State Department to see that such action is not repeated.

The ministers, from Dallas and nearby churches, went on record as favoring "religious freedom for all, Catholics included."

Thirteen of the Church's evangelists in Italy, all but two from Texas, have charged they were recently stoned out of Castel Gandolfo and three other towns near Rome.

**Churchmen Demand Mississippi Keep Prohibition Law:** A large number of ministers told the temperance committee of the state legislature that Mississippi's prohibition law must stand.

Chief spokesman for the churchmen was Henry Edmonds, executive secretary of the newly-organized United Drys of Mississippi, formed at the time of the introduction in the legislature of a bill to legalize liquor. Besides Oklahoma, Mississippi is the only state with an absolute ban on intoxicants.

Edmonds, a Baptist, urged that the legislature enact laws to prohibit whisky advertisements being sent into Mississippi by out-of-state papers or magazines.

**Religious Freedom Recognized When India Becomes Republic:** India's new constitution, which bars discrimination against citizens on the grounds of religion or race, became effective on January 26, when the country was officially proclaimed a republic.

The constitution specifies that, "subject to public order, morality and health": All persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practice, and propagate religion.

Every religious denomination has the right to establish and maintain institutions for religious and charitable purposes, to manage its own affairs in religion, to own and acquire property and to administer such property.

No person is compelled to pay any taxes, the proceeds of which are specifically used to promote or maintain any particular religion or religious denomination.

**Methodists Oppose Federal Aid to Church Schools:** Opposition to Federal aid to church schools was expressed here by the Dallas Methodist District Conference, which represents some 40,000 Methodists in the city's thirty-nine churches.

About 500 laymen and ministers at the group's annual meeting asserted that such

aid would be a wedge leading to a breakdown of the nation's traditional separation of Church and State.

**Baptists Get Title to New Mexico Assembly Grounds:** Title to 1,000 acres near Glorieta, New Mexico, between Santa Fe and Las Vegas, was transferred here by the New Mexico Baptist Convention to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention plans to improve the acreage as a "Western Assembly" for Baptists. When completed the assembly will represent a \$2,000,000 outlay and is expected to attract 100,000 Baptists a year. It will serve Baptists in twenty-one Southern and Western states.

**Proposes Revival of Sanhedrin:** Revival of the Sanhedrin, supreme judicial body of the ancient Jewish State, was urged by Israeli Minister of Religion, Judah L. Maimon, at a meeting of rabbis in Tiberias, northern Israel. Rabbi Maimon proposed that the revived Sanhedrin include seventy-one members—twenty-three from Jerusalem and the rest from other parts of Israel.

He said that the new Sanhedrin might be empowered to deal with proposed changes in Jewish law and also exercise other types of authority.

**Clergy Ask Congress Outlaw Interstate Liquor Ads:** Clergymen appearing before a Senate committee urged Congress to outlaw the interstate transmission of alcoholic beverage advertising by enacting the Langer bill.

The legislation, sponsored by Senator William Langer, Republican, North Dakota is similar to a bill sponsored in the eightieth Congress by Senator Arthur Capper.

Dry leaders from nearly every state jammed into the large caucus room of the Senate office building for the hearing. Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, of the Methodist Board of Temperance in Washington, acted as unofficial spokesman for supporters of the measure.

"My profound conviction is that this country, as a measure of safety and defense," he declared, "must do something definite and drastic dealing with the dangers involved in all such glamorous advertising."

**Distribute Record Number of Braille Scriptures:** A record-breaking total of 18,811 Braille volumes of the Scriptures were distributed to blind persons in 1949 by the American Bible Society, it was announced here. The figure represents an increase of 2,629 volumes over the previous year.

The books were furnished in thirty-four languages and reading systems. Scriptures have been supplied to the blind by the American Bible Society since 1835.

**Protestant Group Asks Religious Freedom Enforcement:** A resolution drawn up by Italian Protestant leaders at Naples called upon American Protestants to press for enforcement of the religious freedom clause of the Italian peace treaty. The leaders met at the Evangelical Biblical Institute, which comprises representatives of several Protestant Churches in Italy.

The resolution also urged the Italian people "to see to it that the rights and duties of citizens as provided by the constitution of the Italian Republic" are respected.

## A Smile or Two

The absent minded professor went to church and returned home to lunch, triumphantly waving an umbrella at his wife.

"Well, my dear," he said, "you see I didn't leave it behind in the pew today."

"I see you haven't dear," replied his wife, "the only trouble is that you didn't take an umbrella with you to church this morning!"

—Church and Home News.

"How did you sleep?" asked the hostess sweetly. "Was that couch all right?"

"It wasn't bad, said her son's college friend, amiably. "I got up from time to time and rested."

—Relaxatives.

A man who had lost one of his lower limbs came to a priest who claimed the gift of healing in answer to prayer. The priest was requested to pray for the unfortunate man that his leg might be restored.

This was quite a big order for the "healer." Taking the man aside, he said, "Now my dear man, you know the Lord will restore your leg in answer to my prayers, but you should consider the consequences. You would be all right for this world, but when you get to heaven you would be burdened throughout eternity with three legs."

—Quoted.

A sincere and earnest layman had an unfortunate habit of bellowing, especially when he prayed in public. After one of his loud prayers during which the rafters were almost put into vibration, a little girl who was present whispered to her father: "Father, don't you think if he lived nearer to God he would not have to talk so loud?"

—Exchange.

A flea and an elephant walked side by side over a little bridge. Said the flea to the elephant after they were on the other side: "Boy, we sure did shake that bridge."

—Borrowed.

A college freshman was swinging down Main Street in a mid-western college town when he chanced upon a journeying hobo.

"Hey, buddy," said the hobo. "Do you have the price of a cup of java?"

"Not quite," replied the freshman. "But I'll get along all right."

—The Baptist Student.

"Oh, well," the husband remarked philosophically, "when all is said and done . . ."

"When all is said and done—what?" asked his wife.

"When all is said and done, there's been a lot more said than done."

—Sanatorium Sun.

Pa, what's a necessary evil?  
One we like so much we don't care about abolishing it, my son.

—Exchange.

"With a single stroke of a brush," said the school teacher, taking his class around the National Gallery, "Joshua Reynolds could change a smiling face to a frowning one."

"So can my mother," said a small boy.

—Western Recorder.

Two small boys were puzzling their brains to invent a new game. At last one of them said eagerly: "I know, Billy, let's see who can make the ugliest face."

"Aw, go on!" was the reply. "Look what a start you got!"

—Borrowed.

## Interesting Items

### China's Bamboo Curtain

What is the difference in Russia's Iron Curtain and China's bamboo curtain? Rex Ray, Southern Baptist missionary in China, thinks that the Bamboo curtain has a few holes for escape. At least that is his experience, according to a letter to friends in Bonham, Texas.

Ray tells of his flight with his wife from Toi Shan to Cheung Chow, an island in British territory near Hong Kong. Toi Shan was in Red China. Ray was in Canton at a Baptist convention and made his way back to Toi Shan by train, afoot and by taxi, paying exorbitant prices for a train ticket and to the taxi driver.

At Toi Shan, the Reds liberated all prisoners, and called in the bandits to patrol the town, robbed the girls' school of \$30,000 and fired the superintendent, replacing her with an 18-year-old boy who hadn't finished high school.

He had to obtain official papers twice before the Reds allowed him to leave Toi Shan for Macao from where he and Mrs. Ray went to Cheung Chow.

### Preach in Market Places

Several Southern Baptist missionaries have been transferred from China to the Cantonese community.

Unable to secure a chapel, they have devoted their time to street preaching and making trips into near-by Chinese farming villages where they preach in the market places. Missionary Edward D. Galloway has organized a Bible study class of about thirty members who aid in the street preaching. In addition, the missionaries are continuing their study of Cantonese in order to be ready to resume work in China when they can re-enter.

### Simultaneous Revival Advantage

Associations who do not participate in simultaneous revivals baptize fewer people, according to Dr. C. E. Matthews, Southern Baptist Superintendent of Evangelism, and leader of the 1950 simultaneous evangelistic crusade.

He cites the report of one state leader, "Our state had a splendid increase in baptisms in 1949 over 1948. The only associations that dropped off in baptisms were those that had no simultaneous campaign."

One association in Texas had a simultaneous crusade in 1948 but did not in 1949. This association had 400 fewer baptisms in 1949 than in 1948. The Southern Baptist program of evangelism recommends that all churches have at least two revivals each year, one of these to be a part of a simultaneous effort.

### Lawyers Work Free

Of interest to all fund-raisers is the action of all the lawyers in a middle Tennessee town, Lebanon, where Cumberland University, a Baptist school is located.

They are going to work free—under certain conditions.

They have decided to draft wills without charge, provided the client will include as much as \$1,000 to the University. The move is a part of Cumberland's Second Century Campaign to get the school written into wills and insurance policies.

Every lawyer in Lebanon is an alumnus of the Cumberland University Law School according to Harry Phillips, assistant attorney general of Tennessee, who is executive chairman of Cumberland's Second Century Program, and himself a member of the Lebanon bar.

### Protestant-Catholic Marriages

Missouri Baptists are considering a program of advertising to educate people in what is involved in the marriage of Protestants to Roman Catholics, according to Dr. T. W. Medearis, general superintendent. They will print posters to be distributed to every church and Baptist home in the state. The posters will be planned around the promise Protestants must make to the Catholic Church when marrying Catholics.

### S. B. C. Already Received Million for Missions

More than a million dollars for Southwide and world-wide mission causes reached the offices of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention during the first sixteen days of 1950. The exact total, announced by Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, was \$1,019,843.30. This compares with \$1,210,626.91 for the entire month of January last year.

### Committee on Location of New Seminary in East Has Meeting

A Southern Baptist Convention committee on location of a new theological seminary somewhere in the southeastern states met last week to receive proposals from Charlotte and Asheville, North Carolina; Washington, D. C.; Greenville and Spartanburg, South Carolina; and Columbus and Atlanta, Georgia.

Members of the committee present at the meeting were Doctors Claud Bowen, Greensboro, North Carolina; J. W. Storer, Tulsa, Oklahoma; J. H. Buchanan, Birmingham, Alabama; Wade Bryant, Roanoke, Virginia; Vernon Richardson, Baltimore, Maryland; A. E. Tibbs, Greenville, South Carolina; Duke K. McCall, Nashville, Tenn.; and Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Georgia.

The committee announced to the competing cities that its next meeting will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, February 21, at which time final qualifying under terms of minimum requirements will be considered. The committee will make its recommendation to the 1950 session of the Convention in Chicago in May.

### Orphanage Executives Meet In Dallas

H. Truman Maxey, Oklahoma City, was re-elected president of the S. B. C. orphanage executives in the Association's annual meeting at Dallas. Wade B. East, Oklahoma City, was elected secretary-treasurer.

New regional vice-presidents elected are Tom M. Smith, South Carolina; W. C. Creasman, Tennessee; T. M. Johns, Florida; D. C. Black, Louisiana. Twenty-six executives attended from thirteen homes.

### Revised Old Testament

Completion of the first draft of the Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament was announced in New York by Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean-emeritus of Yale University Divinity School.

A group of America's foremost Biblical scholars and religious educators have spent twelve years working on the manuscript. It will now be distributed to individual members of the group for final revision. Publication date has been set for September, 1952.

The revised version of the Old Testament will be a companion to the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament, completed by the same group in 1945 and published the following year.

## Book Review

"The Hill Called Moon" is a delightful little book detailing the personal experiences of a missionary in Nigeria, Africa. The author is Mrs. Elizabeth Routh Pool, daughter of Dr. E. C. Routh, who until recently was editor of The Commission, the foreign mission magazine published by the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Pool says, "My purpose in writing this story of our life, on 'The Hill Called Moon,' has been to depict that small part of Africa known most intimately to me and not to give an exhaustive study of every phase of our mission work."

Chapter titles are: "Intrusted with the Gospel," "Here in Nigeria," "What God Hath Joined Together," "Go . . . Teach," "The Preachers' House of Books."

"The Hill Called Moon" is published by the Oklahoma Baptist University Press, and sells for seventy-five cents.

### Broadman Books

The Broadman Press is alert to the reading needs of Southern Baptists and is fully committed to supplying those needs, so far as is possible. A constant stream of books is coming from the Broadman Press for the inspiration and edification of Southern Baptist readers. The reader takes no chances with cheap, unworthy literature when he secures a Broadman book. You can purchase a Broadman book with full confidence that it is a worthy publication and worth your time to read it. You can recommend it to your friends; you can let the children of your home read Broadman books with perfect safety. Listed below are recent publications of the Broadman Press.

THE LITTLE WORLD OF HOME, by Wilfred and Frances Tyler, \$1.50  
AT THE GATES, by F. Catharine Bryan, \$3.75  
USING VISUAL AIDS IN A CHURCH, by Earl Waldrup, \$ .65  
THE BEGGAR AND THE STAR, by Vivian Laramore Rader, \$ .65  
PROGRESS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, by Austin Crouch, \$ .75  
THE SOCIAL KIT NO. 2, by Jack B. and Edith Fellows, \$2.25  
THE GOSPEL PREACHER AND HIS PREACHING, by Jerome O. Williams, \$1.00

### From Here and There

It is estimated that one-third of the American families in the United States spent more than their incomes in 1949.

Possibility that a vaccine might be developed for cancer was announced at the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science with the report by Dr. Irene Corey Diller that fungi had been found in every type of human and mouse cancer examined by her in her research.

It is estimated that about three out of each 100 employed persons drink enough to be considered alcoholic. The average alcoholic loses 22 days each year from his job or 28,000,000 work days annually lost. The U. S. pays an estimated \$188,000,000 annually for crime committed under the influence of liquor, \$35,000,000 for hospital care for alcoholism, and \$25,000,000 for maintenance of drunkards in local jails. An estimated \$432,000,000 is lost in wages by alcoholics. These facts were brought out in a New York Times survey.

Home Life, published by the Sunday School Board, has now reached a circulation of 338,693.



*Who owns the honky-tonks that provide opportunity for "Juvenile Delinquency?"*

*Make a survey of the situation in . . .*

## Parental Delinquency

By IVY BOGGS, Layman  
Dallas, Texas

The newspapers, magazines, and current books are full of the term—"Juvenile Delinquency." Many causes and many cures are given for this growing tendency of young people in their teens. Some blame the social drink, some the automobile, some the modern dress—or undress. Some prescribe better education as a cure. Others, better civic projects for recreation and directed leisure. Some prescribe psychology.

One of the great weaknesses of human nature is to blame someone else for our failures. We blame school teachers, schools, society, general conditions—everything and everybody, except themselves.

### Why Do We Have Delinquency Problems?

To blame all of the delinquency of our country upon our children, by concerning ourselves only with juvenile delinquency, is a cowardly trick. There are areas of delinquency other than those among our young people. Who brings our average per capita



expenditure for liquor to \$60 per year? The mothers and fathers of America. Who is responsible for the big increase in cigarette sales? The mothers of America, largely. Who stays home on Sunday to mow the lawn, work on the automobile, go fishing, or play golf? It is Daddy. Who juggles deeds to property so an old pension may be available? Not our juveniles, but parents and grandparents. Who owns the dives, saloons, and honky tonks, the bookie joints, gambling dens—juveniles or grown-ups?

It is easy to see where the violation of duty is found in the questions asked above. Parents who desecrate the Sabbath or take the Lord's name in vain are often given to slovenliness and discourtesy. They absent themselves from the church, and show utter disregard for God's laws. They should not be surprised if their children get into trouble. It is difficult, under these conditions, to blame a boy or girl for the fact or consequences of their wrong doing. We should put the blame where it belongs.

## What Sort?

By ROBERT G. LEE, D. D.

"Revive Thy work in the midst of the years."—Hab. 3:2

Just as all of us know that fire burns, that ice is cold, that yesterday cannot become today, so it is common knowledge to every Baptist, and to all true Christians everywhere that the hope of our present civilization is a world-wide spiritual awakening. Sober, almost terrifying, are the words spoken by General Dwight Eisenhower, who said: "Without a moral regeneration throughout the world there is no hope for us as we are going to disappear one day in the dust of an atomic explosion." And H. G. Wells was not talking foolishly when he said: "The end of everything we call life is close at hand." Nor General Groves when he warned us that these United States was in danger of complete annihilation.

As to the need for a mighty spiritual awakening, I ask **WHAT SORT?**

### What Sort of a World?

What sort of a world is this—in which we need a great moral regeneration and spiritual awakening? It is a world in which multitudes in every walk of life are struggling blindly through the maze of circumstances, or, giving up, are allowing themselves to drift downward with the current.

### What Sort of People?

By this we mean what sort of Christians are we going to be? There must be consecrated lives. Consecrated lives—alive to God. Consecrated lives—dead to the world. Consecrated lives—fearing God too much to fear anything human. Consecrated lives—ready to live soberly. Consecrated lives—courageous to live righteously. Consecrated lives—failing not to live godly in this present world. Consecrated lives—having and holding the old-fashioned recognition of God enthroned in human lives, giving an eager desire to do His will and keep His commandments. Consecrated lives—an absolutely frank endeavor to live like Jesus in this materialistic money-minded, mechanized, self-confident, ego-centered generation.

### What Sort of Preaching?

Yes, what sort of preaching must be done—in village church, country church, city church, tabernacle, tent, brush arbor, or in the open air? There must be preaching that covets no phraseology that lends respectability to sin—preaching that boldly denounces sin and fearlessly portrays its awful consequences. That sort. Preaching which, with rebuke for those who hold and put forth views that tend to lessen convictions of the enormity of sin, pictures the terrors of a lost condition. That sort. Preaching which, fearless of any ridicule from all dissenters, gives the Biblical portrait of hell. That sort. Preaching that puts no question marks after God's word. That sort.

### What Sort of Results?

Yes—what results can we expect? Since sin is the same, and God the same, and the Gospel the same, we can expect results that will cause us to hear the cries of penitents and see the tears of those who call on God for mercy.

been in the past.

Anyway, the Conference at Greenwich has served one definite purpose—it reveals what many have always suspected, that there is an organized body in this country which aims at the eventual organization of an all-inclusive Protestant Church of the United States. Southern Baptist leaders have suspected this all along; hence their refusal to be swept in. Now the issue is clearly joined.

## The Protestant Church — U. S. A.?

By H. H. MCGINTY

Since the beginning of the movement to co-ordinate the churches and denominations in this country there has been a difference of opinion as to what the ultimate goal may be. Some have maintained that the plan does not envision any organic union of the different groups but only a high-level correlation of effort, with each denomination preserving its separate identity and program. Others have contended that the initial purpose of this movement has always been the amalgamation of all denominations in one great super-church. These assert that this purpose has been slowly revealed because the very nature of it would have been fatally shocking had it been exposed earlier in the program.

Now since the meeting of the conference on Church Union at Greenwich, Connecticut, December 17, there should be no reason for debate on this subject. After a full discussion, this conference adopted a statement which said in part: "We believe that the time has now come for the churches of America to formulate a plan for organic union by which we may outwardly and concretely express that spiritual union which already exists among churches which acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

"We are not yet ready to draw any blueprints of a new church, but we are aware of the fact that we are being led in that direction."

This statement was not adopted without a difference of opinion. One contingent in the conference fought for a modified form of union which would leave a place for denominationalism. The opposition contended that denominationalism was the cause for the past failures of the movement and that this impediment must be removed. Evidently this viewpoint won the decision.

The seven church groups joining in this union are the Methodist Church, the Disciples of Christ, the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. (North), the Congregational Christian Church, the northern province of the Moravian Church, and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Delegates elected Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, president of the Methodist World Federation and of the Methodist Council of Bishops, as chairman of the Executive Committee.

As to the relationship between this movement and the World Council of Churches, it would probably be difficult to get a definite explanation. Significant, however, is a recent statement by Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches. In a gusty speech, at the annual meeting of the Friends of the World Council, held December 13, in New York City, he classified the "enemies of ecumenicity" (unionism) as "the nervous conservatives," the Moscow Patriarchate and those influenced by it, "the over-eager proponents of immediate merger," "the demagogic fundamentalists," and the "incurable denominationalists."

This self-appointed judge, therefore, classifies denominationalists with the Moscow group; he gives no consideration to those who sincerely believe that denominations have a place in a society which guarantees every individual freedom in the realm of religion.

This disposition on the part of the proponents of church union to look down their noses at those who sincerely disagree with them has been a most disturbing element in the realm of Christian fellowship through the years. And this cocksure strategy will be no more successful in the future than it has

## Pathfinder Throws Out Booze Ads

Recently the Pathfinder, America's oldest news weekly, published a whole-page beer advertisement. Immediately there went up such a protest from subscribers as was never before known in the history of that publication, objecting to such advertising. Editor Hurja of the Pathfinder tried to explain his position in the matter, but his explanation didn't jell, and the matter was put before a meeting of the stockholders. Then appeared this editorial in Pathfinder:

"Some weeks ago we essayed an experiment. We published an advertisement, institutional in nature, sponsored by the brewing industry. We received a number of letters from old-time, faithful subscribers of Pathfinder. We appreciate those letters; we appreciate the point of view. We ran a second advertisement, arrangements having been made before those letters of protest were received. And, at the same time, we commented upon the advertising, our reasons for running it, and made what we thought would be a commendably frank disclosure of the entire transaction. More letters have since come in, expressing protest against this type of advertising.

"So we held a stockholders' meeting and put the matter up to our owners. The vote was unanimous to exclude henceforth all beer, liquor, or institutional advertising of these industries from Pathfinder's columns.

"In closing, may we thank you subscribers of many years' standing who have written us. We shall go plowing in our field, sincerely and honestly, trying to produce an interesting, helpful, and informative weekly.

"We approach Pathfinder's golden anniversary next January hopeful that the same devotion, the same loyalty, the same love of our readers will continue to help us on the roadway—to friendliness and service."

This shows two things: (1) Newspapers with respect for the rights of decent people will not publish liquor advertising when the people tell them about it; (2) if Drys will keep on writing to newspaper publishers objecting to liquor ads, eventually such advertising will become less and less.

—The Natural Voice.

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## The Sales Are On

By HOMER M. ADKINS

All the newspapers are advertising sales. With the start of the New Year all of us should go shopping. What are we looking for?

"One of these days I must go shopping. I am completely out of self-respect. I want to exchange some self-righteousness I picked up the other day for some humility, which, they say is less expensive and wears better. I want to look at some tolerance which is being used for wraps this season. Someone showed me some pretty samples of peace; we are a little low on that . . . and one cannot have too much. By the way, I must try to match some patience that my neighbor wears. It is very becoming to her and I think it might look well on me. I might try that little garment of long-suffering they are showing. Also I must look around for some every day goodness and I ought not to forget to have my sense of appreciation mended. It is surprising how low one's stock gets at the end of a year."

Let us strive to do an honest day's work and try to practice the following: Patience—Humility—Tolerance—consideration for others, especially those with whom we work and serve.

Think upon the following as a safe guide: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His

## Broad and Capricious Powers

Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon has clarified his position on the proposed Columbia Valley Authority. He is 100 per cent opposed to it. In essence, this opposition is based on three distinct principles.

First, Senator Morse believes that the bill "places broad arbitrary and capricious administrative power over the economy of the Pacific Northwest in the hands of three presidential appointees whose decisions are not subject to immediate and effective check by the people who are affected by those decisions."

Second, he said, "I believe the pending CVA bill violates a basic principle of local self-government because it fails to give to the people of the Pacific Northwest a voting voice in the determination of CVA policies."

Third, he concluded, "I think there are better ways of accomplishing a sound program of co-ordination between and among the various agencies." In this regard, he said that he favors the major Hoover Commission recommendations dealing with overlapping government bureaus concerned with power, reclamation, and so on.

Senator Morse's first two points are the important ones. CVA—to an even greater degree than TVA—would mean the beginning of the end of local self-government, local authority, local independence. The issue thus raised is certainly not restricted to the Pacific Northwest or any single region. It is national through and through. One reason why CVA is being pushed so hard is that it is to be the pattern for identical government corporations which would interlock to enmesh the whole country. To take a current example, President Truman, in his State of the Nation address, urged that the power program be enlarged to include regions "where the benefits of large-scale public power development have not yet been experienced," and specifically mentioned New England.

All in all, nine authorities of the CVA type are planned, each to be controlled by a three-man board with the "broad arbitrary and capricious administrative powers" which Senator Morse spoke of. In other words, if this program should be adopted, twenty-seven men could control the basic resources of the United States. The twenty-seven men, with virtually unlimited amounts of tax money at their command, and operating tax-exempt public plants, would tell all of us what we could and could not do.

If this isn't a pattern of dictatorship, what is? When the authority of the people over their resources and taxing power goes, freedom goes with it.

—Industrial News Service.

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## 105,000 Attend Boston Revival Meetings

A total of 105,000 persons attended an 18-day revival campaign conducted in Boston by 31-year-old evangelist Dr. Billy Graham. It was announced by Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Park Street church which sponsored the meetings.

Dr. Ockenga said there were 3,000 conversions as a result of the campaign which had the support of 75 Boston area churches.

Arrangements have been made to resume the revival meetings the last week in March.

Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

Let us not forget that there is a Supreme Ruler of the Universe and that God rules in the hearts and lives of men. May each of us at the close of 1950 be able to say the world is a better place in which to live by reason of our having lived in it.

I challenge you to live your best.

## "MASTER-PLAN"

(Continued from page three)

had social implications. Those may not be the exact words of Mr. Wells, but we believe they convey his meaning. The Gospel of Jesus does not provide a program of social uplift and public welfare. It does provide a plan of redemption and salvation from sin. That is the basic teaching of the New Testament.

It follows inevitably that when people come to Jesus Christ for life and salvation, repenting of their sins and accepting Him as their Lord and Savior, the results will appear in all life's relationship. Christian people have always been interested in improving the human relationships of which our society is made up. Throughout the teachings of Jesus He emphasized right relationships among people, and He summed up the second part of the decalogue in the one statement, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." But His commissions are: "make disciples of all the nations," "preach the gospel to every creature," and other commissions of like nature.

Of course Christian people are interested in more adequate housing for the people of our cities, for more equal opportunities for all the people of our country, regardless of race or creed or color.

## Baptists Out Ahead

These interdenominational agencies, however, have not yet caught up with the Southern Baptist program. Southern Baptists have contributed to these projects in the normal, Christian, and Baptist way. Southern Baptists are also interested in the race question. Many local churches and pastors, as well as the Home Mission Board, have rendered important service to our Negro brethren throughout the South. And they are always willing to lend a helping hand and give encouragement, and also financial support when possible, and where it is most needed.

We have a deep conviction that this is the most practical and, certainly, the most scriptural method of doing the work which the new interdenominational organization was formulated to undertake.

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## Mr. and Mrs. Just B. Long

"The Just B. Longs are a rather large family. Several members can be found in each congregation. Do not expect them to be at the Bible school and you'll meet with one less disappointment in life.

The Just B. Longs never make good Bible teachers. They hardly ever attend the worship services and they give little or no money for the support of the church, yet they are insulted if the minister does not visit them and pamper them. They never sit up with the sick nor minister to the hungry, but when they become sick, they want the full fellowship of the church. Their minister's name is Brother Heavy Hearted.

If the whole church were composed of only the Just B. Longs, it would be known as "The Church of the Decline!" The church would have no Bible school, for lack of teachers and students. There would never be a Sunday night service, midweek service, or Training Union. Often there would be no Sunday morning service. Their preacher would starve to death. Orphans and widows would never have their afflictions relieved if there were but the Just B. Longs to do it. Are you one of the Just B. Longs?

## Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

MRS. F. E. GOODBAR  
President

MISS NANCY COOPER  
Executive Secretary and Treasurer

MISS DORIS DEVAULT  
Young People's Secretary

## You Are Invited!

Dear Fellow W. M. U.'ers:

As president of the hostess society to the State W. M. U. Annual meeting, which is to be held in First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, March 28-30, I extend to you a cordial invitation to attend. We have a well planned program and many wonderful speakers, and we are anxious to have every church in the state represented by as many W. M. U. members as possible. I think you will agree with me that our State meeting is inspiring to all of us and that much good comes by attending these meetings.

Assuring you that we will do everything possible to make your stay in Fort Smith a pleasant memory, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. F. C. Kirkpatrick, President,  
Woman's Missionary Union, First Church,  
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Note: Yes, truly there will be "many wonderful speakers," among whom will be Dr. Baker James Cauthon, Dr. Hugh Brimm, Dr. K. Owen White, Miss Irene Chambers, Miss Ladora Murphin, Mrs. Y. K. Chang, and as previously announced, Miss Kathleen Mallory. Plan now, come later!—Nancy Cooper.

### Now Is the Time

The dates are already scheduled for your W. M. U. family to study the new series of books on Home Missions! But have sufficient quantities been ordered so that those attending the classes may have their own copies? Rush your order to the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, for your needs. Remember that Mission Study books cannot be returned for credit.

**Buried—Living** by John D. Freeman, For W. M. S., and Y. W. A. price 50c.

There is another book for W. M. S. and Y. W. A. entitled **The Prophet of Little Cane Creek** by Harold Dye, but because **Buried—Living** is a delightful study of rural mission work and because Arkansas is predominantly rural, I believe we will find it most beneficial.

**Heirs of the Soil** by Joshua and Dorothy Frijalva, for Intermediates, price 40c.

**The Greshams of Greenway** by Marel Brown, for Juniors, price 40c.  
**The Farmer Twins** by Anne Crittendon Martin, for Primaries, price 50c.

**Rural Resource Book** by Janice Singleton, for teachers of any one of the above books.

### Dates to Schedule

February 13-16 **Associational Methods Conference, East Central District**  
13—Arkansas Valley, Marianna  
14—Woodruff, Cotton Plant  
15—Tri County, Forrest City  
16—Trinity, Marked Tree

February 17-24 **Associational Methods Conference, Northeast District**  
17—Mississippi County, Osceola  
20—Mt Zion, Jonesboro  
21—Greene County, Paragould  
22—Gainesville, Piggott  
23—Current River  
24—Black River, Walnut Ridge

February 21-24 **Associational Methods Conferences, Northwest District**  
21—Washington-Madison, Springdale  
22—Benton County, Siloam Springs  
23—Boone-Carroll, Harrison  
24—Newton County, Jasper

February 27-March 3—Week of Prayer for Home Missions  
February 28—State W. M. U. Executive Board Meeting, Little Rock  
March 3-5—Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference, Central College, North Little Rock

March 28-30—**ANNUAL STATE W. M. U. MEETING**, First Baptist Church, Fort Smith

March 28—State Y. W. A. Banquet, Fort Smith  
March 29—State B. W. C. Federation Banquet, Fort Smith  
April 2-8—Week of Prayer and Personal Witnessing  
April 9-22—Simultaneous Revivals  
May 7-13—G. A. Focus Week  
May 8-9—Southern W. M. U. Annual Meeting, Chicago  
May 9-12—Southern Baptist Convention, Chicago

## Keep The Record Clear . . . Between Seminary and Bible Institute

By DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL, PRESIDENT  
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Recently a prominent speaker in a state-wide meeting made the statement, "Now since our three Seminaries have stopped doing Bible Institute work, the Southern Baptist Convention should build Bible Institutes rather than new Seminaries, etc." Let's get the record straight.

When the name Baptist Bible Institute was changed to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, not one single point in policy or curriculum was changed. Not one jot or one tittle was changed regarding admission of students without college or high school credits. There are actually more such students in our school today than ever before in our thirty-two years of history, even though both the number and the percentage of college trained students have gone up amazingly.

This session we have exactly 400 students with college credits working for degrees and 138 students without college credits working for certificates. Separate class-

es are given for the two groups although the same instructors teach both. An award of a certificate of graduation is given for two years of successful work in the "certificate classes." Our Seminary department for degree students maintains as high standards for entrance, curriculum, faculty, credits, and degrees as any Seminary in the nation. No academic or scholastic credits are demanded for entrance of certificate students.

In my inaugural address, October 1, 1946, I said: "So long as I am president I never expect to see the time when the non-college men shall not be welcomed into our institution. Yet the policy already established is both fair and wise, namely, that there shall be separate classes for college trained students only, giving certificates to those who have not had the privilege of higher training." That has not been, and will not be changed.

## Going To Chicago?

A specially prepared welcome packet has been provided as a free gift to all messengers and visitors who plan to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago, May 8-12, according to an announcement by Dr. Noel M. Taylor, Executive Secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association, Carbondale, Illinois.

The free packet will contain an official road map of the state of Illinois; letters of welcome from the governor of the state, mayor of Chicago, and Baptists of the state; a pocket size map of Chicago giving the location of the hotels and meeting places of the Convention printed for Southern Baptists; an identifying car sticker; a convention note book and a colored, printed brochure giving the history and information about Baptists in Illinois.

Messengers and visitors may secure a packet by making a request on a postal card to the Illinois Baptist State Association, Carbondale, Illinois. Give name and home address with name of hotel in Chicago. The free packets will be mailed as fast as they can be processed through the Baptist headquarters.

"A true church is composed of saved people. They range in age from the little child to the oldest adult. They come from all classes of society. At the foot of the cross this group of people we call a church is a classless society. The greatest need of every member is to grow in the image of Christ and to follow Him in faithful service."  
—J. E. Lambdin.

"Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God."

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#### Youth—

- Thy Church, O God.....(Thiman)
- Praise God in His Holiness  
 .....(Geoffrey Shaw)
- Onward, Ye Peoples.....(Sibelius)
- Sons and Daughters of a Land  
 Reborn .....(O'Hara)
- With a Voice of Singing .....(M. Shaw)  
 (G. Schirmer)

## Youth Choir Festival



- Sing We Noel..... No. 28
- Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones..... No. 35
- \* These from "Green Hill Junior Choir Book."

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Youth Choir—ages 13-24  
 Junior Choir—ages 8-12  
 Six or more will be counted as a choir.  
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 Rating for this number is based on intonation, accuracy, interpretation, diction and appearance.

All groups making "A" or "B" rating will be eligible to take part in the Convention-wide Music Festival at Ridgecrest the week of August 24-31.

Auditions commence promptly at 9:00 A. M.

Registration fee \$1.50 for each person attending. This includes two meals.

Make out **one check** payable to Religious Education Department to cover entire group

Bring check to registration desk

Festival badges will be issued to all paying registration fee

Entrance to dining hall will be by Festival Badge only

Each group is required to sing in the Festival program



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- Bless the Lord, O My Soul.....(Ivanof)  
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#### Junior—\*

- Angels O'er the Fields..... No. 3
- Awake Thou Wintry Earth..... No. 4
- Christ When a Child..... No. 7
- O Lord, Most Merciful..... No. 25



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Each group is required to hear all other groups sing

Each group must bring its own music stamped with name of church

Any group wishing dormitory accommodations over night should write **at once**, and **direct** to Dr. S. W. Eubanks, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia. It will be necessary to bring sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels.

**Notify Mrs. B. W. Nininger, without fail, not later than March 15,  
 HOW MANY WILL BE IN YOUR GROUP**

## Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, *State Secretary*

219 Baptist Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

### To Brotherhood Presidents

Below is some information which is vital to the success of a church Brotherhood. Your Brotherhood will be a better Brotherhood if you will follow through with these suggestions:

**I. Make your Brotherhood a Brotherhood of SERVICE.** (This is your task as Brotherhood president.) SEE that your Brotherhood is completely organized for work, with every office filled by a qualified man, and every committee staffed with two or more fit men. If your Brotherhood is too small for a complete arrangement of work committees, then the Brotherhood should function as a committee of the whole.

**II. Set up a worth-while ACTIVITIES PROGRAM.** LEAD your Executive Committee to decide upon the items of work which your Brotherhood shall undertake. CHARGE each of these items over to a particular work committee. (KEEP your Activities Vice President at work in this realm.) Reports of work done should be made at each Executive Committee meeting, and also at every Brotherhood meeting. (Write to the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas, 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock, for the free booklet of "Suggested Brotherhood Committee Activities.")

**III. Make your Brotherhood meetings spiritual, attractive, informational, inspirational, and worth-while.** (KEEP your Program Vice President at work at this task.) Your meetings should be such as will challenge your men to a deeper consecration of life, to a nobler stewardship, to a more consecrated study of the Bible, to a deeper prayer life, and to more active participation in all work of their church.

**IV. Hold regular meetings of the Brotherhood Executive Committee.** (This is of vital importance!) The Executive Committee is made up of the pastor and all of the Brotherhood officers and committee chairmen. The Executive Committee PLANS the work of the Brotherhood, DECIDES upon the various activities which shall be undertaken, and KEEPS the Brotherhood in line with the programs of the church and denomination.

**V. Keep before your men the great Brotherhood ideals of: Personal Consecration—Personal Stewardship—Personal Soul-Winning.** These ideals comprehend the whole Christian man, and add up to: Better men, giving all of themselves to the Lord, in the greatest work in all the world!

**VI. Make your Brotherhood function to undergird the whole church, in every phase of its life and work.** Remember that a Brotherhood exists to make a better church. Your Brotherhood should be felt for good in every area of your church life and work.

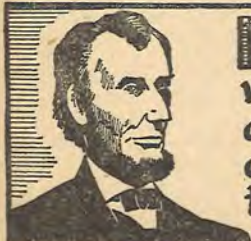
**VII. Lead your Brotherhood into active and continuing mission work.** Every Brotherhood will find opportunities in the church field for personal soul-winning and for cottage prayer-meetings. In addition, many Brotherhoods will find opportunities to engage in community mission projects, and also in institutional missions. Some Brotherhoods can sponsor mission work in industrial establishments. Street services will produce results for the Lord anywhere.

**MAKE YOUR BROTHERHOOD A BROTHERHOOD OF SERVICE!**

### Freedom To Criticize

Three expatriate dogs met in Switzerland and discussed their various reasons for not living in their native lands. The French dog said, "You have to be rich in France to enjoy life." The British dog said, "I got tired of British austerity." The Russian dog said, "Oh, we have everything, plenty to eat, plenty to drink, plenty to wear—but I do feel like barking sometimes, too."

—Between The Lines.



I shall try to correct errors where shown to be errors, and I shall adopt new views as fast as they shall appear to be true views. ABRAHAM LINCOLN

### Dr. Leavell Reads To New Americans



Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Seminary, is shown reading the Bible to the Gaikens family. Oskar Gaikens, right, a former displaced person, came to this country with his family four weeks ago to take up his duties as grounds keeper and gardener on the new campus of the seminary. Mrs. Gaikens, left, a music graduate with superior ability and wide experience in teaching piano, is happy now that she is a "new American" and hopes to teach music at the seminary when she learns English. Their six year old son, Oskars Jr., is shown as he sits on the floor listening to Dr. Leavell read. Many Baptist and Protestant displaced persons still need sponsors. For further information, write Charles R. Gage, Southern Baptist Relief Committee, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, Louisiana.

### The Natural Center

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Many parents, admitting that they deny their children the spiritual ministry of the church, do not realize that they also rob them of the most wholesome family environment the community affords. Clustered around man's spiritual needs are his longings for friendship, for the achievement of personal significance, for a place where his family may have neighborly fellowship. The darkened impersonal movie house, the bar or tavern or even the exclusive country club, are poor substi-

tutes for the wholesome and inspiring environment of the church at worship or play.

The ministry of worship, of spiritual regeneration and guidance, is by all means the first task of the church. But Jesus not only touched men's souls, he also fed them, straightened their crippled limbs, opened their blind eyes, restored their blighted minds. Hence the social and recreational ministry of the church is very much a part of the "gospel task," bringing men into closer relationship with each other and to God. Are you robbing your family of these benefits?

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# Get Your Hotel Reservation For Convention In Chicago

More than eight thousand reservations for hotel rooms already have been received for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention May 9-12, 1950 in Chicago, according to a statement under date of February 1, by Dr. Noel M. Taylor, Chairman of the Illinois Baptist State Association's general committee on arrangements for entertaining the convention.

Space in many of the larger hotels already is entirely exhausted for the Convention. The following hotels will not be able to receive any further reservations: the Atlantic, the Roosevelt, the Dearborn, the Harrison, the LaSalle, the Dalton, the Midland, the Sherman, the Stevens, the Palmer House and the Morrison.

Other hotels within a five-minute streetcar ride from the meeting place of the Convention still have rooms available for reservation, but they are rapidly filling up. Those who have not already secured hotel reservations for the convention should write soon to one of the following hotels for reservations:

HOTEL	Blocks Size Rooms	Blocks from Col.	Blocks W.M.U. Conv'n	Rates	
				Single	Double
Strand, 6323 Cottage Grove Ave.	138			\$1.75 up	\$3.25 up
Burton, 1429 N. Clark	200	26	6	2.00 up	4.00 up
Union Park, 210 S. Ashland Blvd.	105			2.00 up	4.00 up
Wacker, 111 W. Huron		20	2	2.50	4.50
Cass, 640 N. Wabash	145	20	2	2.50 up	4.00 up
Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn Plaza, 1553 N. Clark	200	14	10	2.50 up	3.50 up
Berkshire, 15 East Ohio	40	21	1	3.00 up	3.00 up
Devonshire, 19 East Ohio	250	21	1	3.00 up	4.50 up
Alexandria, 542 Rush St.	240	18	3	3.00 up	4.00 up
Planters, 19 North Clark	130	12	10	3.50	6.50
Bismarck, 171 West Randolph	450	16	8	3.50 up	5.75 up
Sheridan Plaza, 4605 Sheridan Rd.	135			3.50 up	5.00 up
Chicagoan, 67 W. Madison	450	13	9	3.75 up	5.50 up
Croydon, 616 N. Rush		19	2	4.00	4.40
Maryland, 900 Rush	175	22	2	4.00	7.00
Parkway, 2100 Lincoln Park	95			4.00	6.00
St. Clair, 162 East Ohio	189	21	1	4.00 up	6.00 up
Windermere, 1642 E. 36th	65	55	76	4.00 up	6.00 up
Eastgate, 162 E. Ontario	100	21	1	4.00 up	6.00 up
Brevoort, 120 W. Madison		13	9	4.00 up	5.00 up
Sheraton, 505 N. Michigan	449	21	1	4.50 up	7.00 up
Shoreland, 5464 S. Shore Drive	150	40	63	6.00 up	8.00 up

In your letter to the hotel be sure to indicate the price and type of room desired and that you will be attending the Southern Baptist Convention. In case the hotel of your choice is full, your request will be forwarded to another hotel with like accommodations.

## The Lordship of Christ

By W. E. SPEED

The Lordship of Christ has been called the taproot from which all other doctrines spring. It is the vital core of all our thinking and the center of all our activities. If you take away this truth, then our activities would be scattered, our thinking would be in vain and our faith would have nothing to hold on to.

Christ is our authority for all the the doctrines which we hold and propagate. Our leading doctrines are personal experience of salvation, the baptism of believers, the freedom of the conscience, religious toleration, the evangelization of the world, the independence of the local church, and the communion of the Lord's Supper. Some of these are explicit in our Lord's teaching, and others are implicit.

We are sometimes questioned regarding the ordinance of baptism, both as to the mode and the subject, but Christian scholarship and history have supported us in our contention that we have the authority of Christ for our prac-

tice. Some have objected to the rite, suggesting uncomliness in display and inconvenience of administration. These criticisms are set aside in deference to the authority of Jesus Christ. When reverently and properly fulfilled, I fail to see anything uncomely in the ordinance; there is much uncomeliness in the thing, the removal of which the rite symbolizes. Sin is ugly, but baptism is beautiful since it symbolizes the abandonment of the old life and the beginning of a new life of Christ.

The authority of Christ implies the equality of all believers. We do not recognize the official dignity of superiors, and therefore believe that each congregation should settle its own procedure and that each member has a right to participate in the church's business. No Baptist union or convention can exercise any authority over a local Baptist Church. We hold that the congregational policy is the legitimate way of expressing the idea of the church which we hold. We believe that the church is a society of believers founded by Christ and indwelt by His Spirit. We are a Christian democracy.



## Department of MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

### Facts and Figures For You to Remember

Below are some facts about churches affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. File this page for future reference. These figures are for the associational year of 1949.

Churches going to full-time preaching during year	69
Churches increasing to half-time preaching	31
Present number of full-time churches	528
Present number of half-time churches	335
Present number of four-time churches	131
Present number of inactive churches	52
Total number of churches	1,046
Number of new churches organized	24
Landmark churches joining the Convention	9
New church houses built during the year	56
Churches repaired or Sunday School rooms added	125
New pastors' homes built	27
New mission stations opened	60
Number of pastorless churches	164
Churches reporting no baptisms	143
Total baptisms for the year	14,700
Total membership of all churches	218,000

### Problem No. 1 In Simultaneous Crusades

By C. E. MATTHEWS

There are problems to face in all Christian efforts which are worthwhile. This fact is borne out in every movement undertaken by the people of God as far back as history can take us.

**Problem No. I** with Israel's rescue from Egyptian bondage was obtaining Pharaoh's consent to release them.

**Problem No. I** in the revival at Nineveh was getting Jonah to agree to preach to the people of that city.

**Problem No I** at Jerusalem before Pentecost came was to obtain power from on high.

**Problem No. I** in the simultaneous revival crusade in Southern Baptist churches West of the Mississippi River is to get our pastors and churches to participate one hundred per cent. We believe that God is in this movement just as He was in the other movements mentioned above. The thing for which He is waiting is the entering of all churches into the crusade. They can if they will to get in. Where there is a will, there is a way. God will bless if we try. Preachers for a revival are plentiful. The following are available: pastors doing their own preaching, all general evangelists, pastors from East of the River, ministerial students in colleges and seminaries, faculty members who are ministers from all institutions, mis-

### Does Your Church Want a Revival?

- If all the Sleeping folk will WAKE UP
- And all the Dishonest folk will CONFESS UP
- And all the Lukewarm folk will FIRE UP
- And all the Disgruntled folk will SWEETEN UP
- And all the Discouraged folk will CHEER UP
- And all the Depressed folk will LOOK UP
- And all the Estranged folk will MAKE UP
- And all the Gossipers will SHUT UP
- And all the Dry Bones will SHAKE UP
- And all the True Soldiers will STAND UP
- And all the Church Members will PRAY UP
- Then You Can Have a Revival.

The man who complains that he is not getting enough, usually is not giving enough.

"Surrender your life to God. He can do more with it than you can."  
—Dwight L. Moody.

sionaries—foreign, home, district, and associational—chaplains, retired ministers, and lay preachers from everywhere. Concern for lost souls plus determination to participate will solve Problem No. I and will bring one hundred per cent of our churches into participation.

Figures To Inspire

Sunday, January 29, 1950

	SS	TU	Ad.
Fort Smith, First	1,265	456	5
Little Rock, Immanuel	1,157	396	3
Including Missions	1,418	638	4
El Dorado, First	959	226	
Little Rock, First	924	408	8
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	894	300	3
Including Missions	1,035	383	
Hot Springs, Second	779	213	8
Little Rock, Second	773	118	5
Fayetteville, First	757	207	1
Including Mission	819	247	
Pine Bluff, First	750	217	
Pine Bluff, South Side	632	238	
Including Mission	693	287	
El Dorado, Second	613	247	
Camden, First	612	220	6
Including Missions	857	365	
Magnolia, Central	557	170	2
Including Missions	717	202	
Crossett, First	555	218	3
McGehee, First	547	220	
Including Missions	677	280	
Arkadelphia, First	517	200	2
Including Mission	539		
Firrest City, First	514	200	8
Texarkana, Beech Street	513	173	4
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	498	122	1
El Dorado, Immanuel	490	252	
Including Mission	536	299	
Warren, First	490	109	3
Little Rock, Tabernacle	480	178	
Paragould, First	469	216	
Including Missions	606	274	
Hope, First	462	123	3
Fordyce, First	461	147	3
Little Rock, Gaines St.	460	281	7
Including Mission	561	333	
Hot Springs, Central	456	169	
Stuttgart, First	453	225	1
Including Missions	509	234	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	437	163	
Hot Springs, Park Place	432	147	2
Paris, First	429	184	2
Including Mission	485		
Russellville, First	422	145	
Including Mission	501	289	
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	406	192	21
West Helena,	400	126	3
Ft. Smith, Calvary	398	126	
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	397	129	5
Cullendale, First	383	191	2
Smackover, First	381	145	4
Little Rock, S. Highland	380	175	4
Searcy, First	350	88	
Bauxite, First	341	89	
Monticello, First	337	143	
No. Little Rock, First	332	124	4
Including Mission	368		
Conway, First	334	61	
Rogers, First	321	103	
Hot Springs, First	318	108	6
El Dorado, West Side	314	107	3
Norphet, First	307	237	
Salem Springs, First	303	182	
Jacksonville, First	300	125	2
Springdale, First	299	235	3
Including Missions	496		
Pine Bluff, Second	297	134	2
Mena, First	269	106	3
Harrison, First	242	113	
Gurdon, Beech Street	229	74	
Gentry, First	226	123	
Ft. Smith, Trinity	226	84	
Little Rock, Reynolds Memorial	216	65	3
Bentonville, First	182	55	2
Hot Springs, Piney	181	133	
Little Rock, Hebron	179	103	2
No. Little Rock, Bethany	165	85	4
Warren, Immanuel	156	123	
Strong, first	150	70	
Hoxie, First	150	67	
El Dorado, Joyce City	141	76	2
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	136	112	
Douglaville, First	128	105	7
Grannis,	128	60	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	118	52	3
Kelso,	112	115	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	110	61	2
N. Little Rock, Highway	109	53	
Dardanelle, First	109		1
Helbourne, First	105	60	
Ft. Smith, North Side	89	63	1
Little Rock, West Side	87	78	2
Douglaville, Second	80	53	4
Hot Springs, Immanuel	72	45	1
Capitol Hill	68	43	
Monte Ne	67	60	
North Point	43		

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North Zone Hymn-Sing

Friendship church was the scene of the regular monthly Hymn-Sing for the North Zone of Pulaski County association Sunday afternoon, January 15. Eighty people came to the Sing from four churches. Special numbers were brought by the Friendship church, and the Stanfill church.

# The Gospel Moves Westward

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Sunday School Lesson for  
February 12, 1950  
Acts 13:4-14:28

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

"So they (Paul and Barnabas) being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, departed unto Selucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus." Thus the first missionary journey of Paul is launched, being directed by the Holy Spirit Himself. It was an adventure; an adventure is a daring feat; an extraordinary experience; something attempted amidst danger and risks. Those things were true of these missionaries as they went forth preaching the gospel; they were driven from many of the cities; they were beaten; they were imprisoned; and Paul was stoned at Lystra, in Asia Minor, and left for dead.

The New Testament is an amazing panorama of the gospel story; beginning with the life and works of Jesus in Jerusalem, His sacrificial death, burial, and resurrection, all in favor of the sinner; His commission to the church ere He ascended back to the Father's right hand where He has been acting as our High Priest these two millenniums, we leave the four gospels, and in the Book of Acts we see unfolding before our eyes the many missionary endeavors of the enthusiastic Christians of the early Church.

Christianity soon spreads throughout the little country of Palestine. After the establishment of the church at Antioch, the gospel trend moved westward under the work of Paul and others, till Asia Minor was evangelized and the gospel was spread into Europe. That westward trend moved slowly but surely around the world. Every human being has not heard the gospel, but no doubt every nation has, and reaching individuals is now our task.

### Amazing Success

Paul and Barnabas had amazing success on their missionary tours in spite of the bitter opposition they encountered. Their first stop was on the Isle of Cyprus, of which Barnabas was a native. The governor of the island, Sergius Paulus, was among the converts, and when they had preached throughout the island they crossed over to Asia Minor.

Paul had a definite pattern of procedure in his work. He always went to the Jewish synagogue for his first gospel message, perhaps for several reasons. He preached Christ "to the Jew first, and also to the Gentiles." Jesus was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel first, but not exclusively. Peter told the Jews in Acts 3:24-25: "Unto you first God . . . sent Him, (Jesus) to bless you . . ." So Paul gave the Jews the first opportunity to hear the gospel, and when they rejected it, he al-

ways turned to the Gentiles.

The Jews knew the Old Testament prophecies concerning Christ, and should have been more susceptible to the gospel, and indeed, many of them were saved. When Paul preached to the Jews he always used that approach; he showed them how all the prophets gave witness unto the Son of God. But when he preached to the Gentiles he had to use another method; in dealing with the Athenians on Mars Hill, he appealed to them through God as He is revealed in nature; the Creator and Sustainer of all human-beings. Those students of the heathen philosophers knew nothing of the God of the Hebrews, nor cared nothing for their writings.

Then too, there was always a crowd at the synagogues; there he had opportunity to preach; there he could speak to both Jew and Gentile. Only Jews were allowed in the Temple at Jerusalem, but the synagogue was more like a community hall. So the synagogue always afforded the opportunity the preacher must have, that is a congregation.

### Paul's Message

Paul had one message for the unsaved, whether Jew or Greek. The approach was different but the message in its final analysis was the same: Repentance toward God and faith in Jesus the Christ, Acts 20:21. He had a much broader message for the churches; he declared unto them the whole counsel of God; Paul, in his epistles, enlarges upon the doctrines of Jesus giving us a fuller interpretation of divine things. We do not learn how to conduct a New Testament Church in the four gospels, but rather in the Acts, and the later epistles. Jesus organized His church, ordained preachers, sent out missionaries, selected a church-treasurer, and taught the apostles many things concerning church truth. But the Holy Spirit led in the working out of the details after the Lord's ascension.

The response to the message was always two-fold: some believed, and were saved; some rejected the truth. Some tried to worship the ministers, Acts 14:11; 13; others stoned them, Acts 14:19. Thus we have the re-action of the heathen to the gospel in the early days of its history.

But I submit to you that there is more idolatry and heathenism in the world today than ever before, in spite of the blessings of civilization. The Constitution of the United States guarantees our religious freedom, which is not true of all the world; but mo-

violence is not the only mark of heathenism. Heathenism has merely put on a modern dress; heathen America is not ignorant of God—they are worse, they simply ignore Him. And the person who ignores God and rejects Him is as much a heathen as the poor benighted soul in Africa who never heard of Jesus Christ.

The story is told of a South American who came to the United States in recent years for a Christian education. He was so touched with conditions in our "civilized" land, he desired to go home and send missionaries back here to preach Christ to heathen America.

Teeming thousands of Americans refuse to attend church; never send their children to the church school; many are antagonistic toward the church, and others are coldly indifferent. How much better off is the American who passes a church house on every other corner, day in and day out, and continues to ignore God, than the heathen who never

heard of God?

I said there are more idolators today than ever before: Mohammedism, Buddhism, Catholicism number their idolators by the millions, to say nothing of the men-worshippers, and modern goddesses who have set up their own churches in this age, whose fanatical followers go all out for their propaganda, and completely ignore the Word of God.

And, there is still another class of idolators. Many there are who would not bow the knee to an idol made with hands; nor pray to Mary, whose affection is consumed in worshiping wealth, luxury, sports, earthly happiness, or worldly pleasures.

God is not interested merely in what we bow our knees to, but where our hearts are, as well. He has said, "Son, give me thine heart." And when our hearts are really right with Him, all these other things will take care of themselves.

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## You Can't Improve Upon It

The headline of this article has reference to the regular traditional practice of Orthodox Baptist Churches—a practice and tradition and procedure based upon the New Testament. In our day ever and anon some preacher seems to think it is smart to lead a Baptist Church of which he is a pastor to depart from the traditional practice of Southern Baptist Churches in some of their activities. We do not know whether they do it as a matter of faith and conviction or whether in some instances they may feel that it is an indication of superior insight and thinking. It could not be that they think it a mark of originality for there have been minor illustrations of it throughout the years. Surely such incidents are not evidence of a desire to court the love and friendship of people in other denominations, because we notice an occasional case where the leader has no patience with the doctrines and practices that we find in many other denominations which are contrary to Baptist belief.

It is true that Baptists have no creed other than the New Testament, but there is almost without exception an interpretation of the New Testament which is more or less common to all Southern Baptists. The confessions of faith that are usually endorsed and accepted by Southern Baptist Churches have the New Testament as a baseline in New Testament interpretations that relate to church organization and church policy. Throughout the years the Baptist Churches in Arkansas have had a common ground in doctrine and practice which has been almost universal throughout the state. Whenever a church has let down on these accepted practices it has lost ground. One such church went over to the Campbellites a number of years ago, and it was in Little Rock.

We do not hesitate to say that a Baptist Church cannot improve upon the regular Baptist way of doing things. If a church is organized it ought to be organized in Baptist fashion and according to Baptist faith and procedure. You cannot improve upon doing it that way. If preachers are to be ordained they should be examined by a Presbytery or a council selected by the church of which the preacher is a member, and he should be duly examined, and it should be determined whether his faith is consistent with the New Testament and Baptist principles. A church and ordaining council should remember that they are sending out a man to minister to the people and the churches of the entire denomination. The ordination should not be a light and loose affair. Likewise when deacons are selected they should be ordained in the usual Baptist way for they, too, move to other churches and claim recognition, and expect to serve in the office of a deacon in other Baptist churches. They should be carefully examined and duly approved. If you intensify the work of your church by putting on a revival this also ought to be done by using

Baptist ministers that will preach the necessity of the New Birth and immersion for baptism. And so, on and on. **We do not believe that you can improve upon the Baptist way of doing things by trying to be different or to be like some other denomination.**

### The Sunday School Lesson

In addition to the regular Sunday School Quarterly there are additional comments in books and papers on the Sunday School Lesson. Our own Arkansas Baptist gives a review of the lesson which has proved to be helpful to a number of its readers. Miss Lelia Maude Funston, Religious Editor of the Arkansas Democrat, gives a very clear and helpful review of the Sunday School Lesson every Saturday. Of course, the comments by Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, Tennessee, and published in a volume put out by the Sunday School Board, is outstanding and helpful.

One of the very best reviews of the International Sunday School Lesson that we have ever used is not a new one. "Points For Emphasis" by Dr. Hight C. Moore of Nashville, Tennessee, is a booklet that is published annually by the Sunday School Board. Dr. Moore is an excellent scriptorian. He is a good analyst. He not only understands the scriptures, but he has unusual technique in organizing the thoughts in a given passage of scripture and presenting them in a clear outline. Anyone with original teaching ability can take the outline given in "Points For Emphasis" and present effectively the message of the Bible contained therein. We always look forward to getting a copy of "Points For Emphasis."

### Music Collection Presented College

A fifty-two year old bachelor cowpuncher on a 92,000 acre ranch has given one of the nation's most complete collections of records of classical music to Grand Canyon College. Although a monetary value cannot be placed on many of these records, because of their rarity, the collection is estimated to be worth \$20,000.

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## March 19 Christian Education Day

The offering will go to central college this year. Before the days of the Cooperative Program the last Sunday in June each year was Christian education Day in the churches. On that day the churches made their offerings in support of Christian Education. That day has been perpetuated as "Christian Education Day" and the offerings have been given to supplement whatever amount the Cooperative Program yielded for Christian Education. This year it is agreed that Central College may have all the money that the churches give for Christian Education on that day. By request of Central College we are asking the churches to observe March 19 as Christian Education Day this year.

### "The Unlimited Giver"

"He giveth more grace when the burden grow greater.

He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;

To added affliction He addeth His mercy,  
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

"When we have exhausted our store of endurance,

When our strength has failed ere the day is half done;

When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,

Our Father's full giving is only begun.

"His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,

His power no boundary known unto men;  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus

He giveth and giveth and giveth again."

—ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT.

### Correction

In publishing the Quarterly Receipts in this paper by error S. M. Cooper was listed as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia and Pastor Cothran's name was omitted. J. G. Cothran is pastor of the First Baptist Church, and S. M. Cooper is pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Arkadelphia.

An offering for the Cooperative Program was made by the Salado Church, Independence Association last December 29, in the amount of \$4; by mistake it was credited to the Union Grove Baptist Church, Independence Association.

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"God must become real! This does not carry the implication that God Himself has been unreal. Most definitely is it true, however, that the God of many may be unreal. If life is a matter of abuse, overwork, and burden; if all your days are hemmed in, cluttered, misdirected; if life is a matter of boredom, indifference, and purposelessness, your God is not real. God must be real to each person!"

—Carlyle Murray, *The Teacher*.

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