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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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—H. Armstrong Roberts

*"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day."*—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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# Southern Baptists and Social Security

By WALTER R. ALEXANDER, Executive Secretary  
Relief and Annuity Board

Number One in a Series of Articles.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, December 14, 1950, passed a resolution expressing it as their opinion that participation by groups, within our Southern Baptist life, in Federal Security as amended, did not seem to be in violation of the cherished principle of separation of Church and State.

That resolution also stated: "It is the opinion of the Executive Committee that participation in this plan on the part of our Baptist agencies and institutions makes its benefits available to all of their employees, particularly those in the lower income brackets not hitherto covered by retirement plans, without conflict or competition with our own Relief and Annuity Board plans of retirement."

"We respectfully urge all institutions and agencies that may participate in the Social Security Plan to continue their participation in the Relief and Annuity Board's retirement plans."

Recent correspondence indicates many of our Baptist people have misunderstood the intent or purport of this statement. It appears, also, that many have read into the statement far more than its originators said. Certainly, some of the articles recently appearing in denominational papers show the necessity of further clarification of the entire situation. In the interest, therefore, of a better understanding of all that is involved in this matter, the Executive Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board is publishing in all the denominational papers a series of five short articles, this being the first. His one purpose is that of clarification: that quotations made may be accurate, interpretations correct, actions taken intelligently made, and such conclusions reached as will further the work of our Savior.

## What the Executive Committee Did Not Say

Difficulties have arisen, and are increasing with each passing day, due not to the statement made by the Executive Committee in itself so much, as they are due to a misreading and misinterpretation of the statement, with erroneous conclusions reached.

For instance, the Committee did not say that Social Security is more desirable than anything offered by our denominational Board. They did not deal in comparisons at all.

The Committee did not say they were commending Social Security to any and to all, particularly to local churches. They neither commended nor condemned.

The Committee did not even imply that churches should now look to the welfare of their workers as promptly as possible, urgent that it be done through Federal Social Security. Their statement was not promotional in its purport or intent.

The Committee did not say they saw no unpleasant complications out in the future. They dealt only with the present in the statement they made.

The Committee did not say they saw no objectionable features to Social Security as it now stands. They were expressing no opinion as to the desirability of Social Security, or otherwise.

## What the Executive Committee Did Say

They said two things in their statement:

(1). Participation being on a voluntary basis now, rather than mandatory (as the Bill was originally drawn), it was their opinion such participation might be enjoyed either by an individual or a group within our denominational life, without violating our cherished principle of the separation of Church and State.

(2). They urged that, wherever an individual or a group should elect to participate in Social Security, such participation should be supplemental to participation in the plans of the Relief and Annuity Board, rather than as a substitute for such plans.

For the consideration given the Relief and Annuity Board in the Committee's statement, Paragraph (2), the Board is deeply grateful. There are most excellent reasons why such participation in the plans of the denominational Board should be continued . . . reasons that are advantageous, both to the individual and to the Board. Evidently, these were apparent to the Executive Committee, although not stated, and they will be dealt with by this writer in articles that are to follow.

What the Committee did say under Paragraph (1), many of our Baptist people approve. We recognize the fact that the situation presented now is a new one, calling for clear thinking, and that there are many differences of opinion and many shades of thought among us on this subject. Certainly, a large number of our denominational leaders have reached the conclusion stated in the resolution: namely, that participation does not violate principle of separation of Church and State. It must be borne in mind, however, that many others do not find themselves in accord with it. This matter also will be discussed in an early article.

One thing is very clear: that is, decisions with regard to participation in Federal Social Security should be made after a full study of the many issues involved.

(To Be Continued)

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## "Goodbye God"

By HARRIET GRANT HALL

"Jimbo" was a bright-eyed boy—such big brown eyes and a look of innocence that only a three-year-old child can possess. As he came out of church on this particular Sunday he turned at the door and with childish seriousness said, "Goodbye, God. See you next Sunday."

The thought that occurred to me was that too many adults were leaving with the same philosophy.

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## IF YOU WILL

If God can make of any ugly seed,  
With a bit of earth and air,  
And dew and rain, sunshine and shade  
A flower so wondrous fair;  
What can He make—of a soul like you,  
With the Bible and faith and prayer,  
And the Holy Spirit—if you do His will,  
And trust His love and care!

—A. D. Burkett

## The Christian Cross

Christ's And Ours

A Devotion by the Editor

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

The Christian Cross is not made of wood. Although the cross of Calvary was made of wood and was the instrument of death upon which Jesus gave His life, that wooden cross was the symbol of something infinitely greater than two beams nailed together, one across the other. If it were no more than that it would have been forgotten long ago. The real cross, symbolized by the cross of wood, was present long before the nails were driven through the hands of Jesus. It was that cross which made Calvary's cross inevitable, and has endowed it with a virtue and glory that does not fade.

Someone has described that cross as the junction of God's love and man's sin. Where the love of God crossed the path of man's sin, there the cross was set up. That junction occurred in the life of Jesus. For the infinite and divine love of God was distilled into the life and person of Jesus. The love of God in Jesus did cross the path of sin, and sin smote Him, and reviled Him, and betrayed Him, and nailed Him to the cross. The Devil tried to tempt Him away from the cross, the disciples tried to dissuade Him from the cross, the world tried to entice Him from the cross, but He carried the real cross in His soul, His own self-sacrifice for the sins of the world; and therefore, the cross of Calvary was inevitable.

The Christian's cross is not different from the cross of Christ. This could not be true except for the fact that the wooden cross is symbolic of the cross in the life of Jesus: self-sacrificing love for the sins of the world. If this were not true, then each one of us must be crucified in order to become a Christian.

The Christian cross must be made of the same material out of which the cross of Christ was constructed—the love of God giving itself through us for the sins of men. We cannot cheapen that cross, we cannot build it out of composition material, we can use no substitutes; it must be love that suffers for sinners.

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Silver Wedding Anniversary

Members of the First Church, Fayetteville, honored their pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary, January 22, with a reception given in the new education building, and by presenting them with a beautiful silver service.

Dr. Johnson was in the editor's office several days ago and mentioned this occasion and the generous and appropriate gift of the members of his church. It was difficult for this pastor to control his emotions when speaking of the love and loyalty of his people as expressed on the occasion of his and Mrs. Johnson's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Tears welled up in his eyes as he said, "I don't know how they knew it was our Silver Wedding Anniversary."

#### Strengthens Pastoral Bonds

We mention this thoughtfulness on the part of the members of the Fayetteville Church and their expression of appreciation to their pastor and his wife in order to point a moral by asking a question addressed to every other Baptist church in Arkansas: Have you shown your appreciation of your pastor and his family recently by some token that would carry to them a message of your love and your loyalty? Of course it couldn't be a Silver Wedding Anniversary for every pastor in the state, but you do not have to wait for that occasion. Maybe that anniversary has already passed in the case of your pastor. The fact is that you do not need any special occasion to honor your pastor and express your appreciation in some tangible form. If there is no special event which suggests that you honor your pastor in some particular way, you should be resourceful enough to make

the occasion.

It is such occasions and expressions of a love and appreciation that bind people and pastor closer together and heighten the appreciation of each for the other. You should by no means take your pastor and his family for granted, never considering that you owe them a special debt of gratitude, and love, and appreciation. Warm up to your pastor and it will surprise you how he will warm up to you. It is very difficult for the pastor to keep a warm and overflowing heart when he is surrounded by the cold storage hearts of the members of his church.

#### Your Pastor's Pastor?

Your pastor is continuously ministering to you in your needs, in your problems, in your sorrows, in your difficulties. He is encouraging you in your highest hopes and aspirations. He is praying for you when you least expect it. He is striving, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to lead out and develop in you your spiritual talents. His ministry is not confined to the pulpit. He is on call twenty-four hours out of each day and doubtless you do not hesitate to call on him and he responds to your call with sympathy and understanding. Your pastor is not a hired man, he is God's man, commissioned as a minister of the gospel, a shepherd of the flock, a pastor of the people of his church.

But did you know that your pastor does not have a pastor? There is no one to serve him as he serves you. He is often lonely, sometimes discouraged, and all the time solicitous and prayerful for your spiritual benefit and growth in grace and love. He needs your sympathetic understanding. He needs the warmth of your love and some tangible

token of your love and appreciation will cheer and warm his heart. Such tangible tokens may be given individually or as an expression of a group or the entire church. The occasion may be private or public. But whatever the expression and whatever the occasion, it will heighten your own appreciation of your pastor if you have some part in it. It will also draw the church and pastor closer together in the bonds of the pastoral relationship.

#### Try It, Won't You?

When was the last time you did something real nice for your pastor? Has it been too long already? Then why don't you start something right now? One church gave the pastor a new automobile. Another church gave its pastor a suit of clothes. Oh yes, there are many churches in Arkansas who love their pastor and who are always showing him by tangible expressions their appreciation and love. Won't you follow the example of these other churches and do something real nice and generous for your pastor? You'll love him more and he can serve you better if you do.

The best news we could have in the office of the editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* within the next month or six weeks would be a flood of letters telling us that you had given your pastor a reception and presented him and his family with a gift as a token of your love and appreciation or that you had done something else nice for him. Maybe it would be a suit of clothes, maybe it would be a new automobile, maybe it would be a new radio, maybe it would be something for the home. We wouldn't know what to suggest, but we would suggest that you do something and do it now. Don't wait!

It may be that you should raise your pastor's salary and, if you haven't raised his salary in the past two years, you certainly should. Give him a break, won't you and just see what a thrill you get out of it as well as your pastor.

### Government Agency Invades Religious Territory

The National Labor Relations Board stepped out of its constitutional limits and invaded the field of a religious institution by ordering the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to hold a union election within 30 days under N.L.R.B. auspices to determine if the employees want union representatives. If a government agency can constitutionally order a religious institution to do one thing, then it can order the same religious institution to do other things. If one government agency can get by with this sort of high handed bureaucratic dictatorship, then other government agencies can get by with other bureaucratic decrees.

The fact that the employees of the Sunday School Board voted overwhelmingly against unionization does not in any wise affect the issue involved in the order issued by the N.L.R.B.

However, the ruling of the N. L. R. B. was not unanimous. Chairman Paul M. Herzog and another member of the Board, Mr. James J. Reynolds Jr., took issue with the other

three members of the Board. Mr. Herzog and Mr. Reynolds state that the majority decision of the Board overrules the exemption which had, up till that time, been accorded religious institutions and organizations. They also stated as their opinion that the ruling violates the intent of Congress.

#### A Majority of One

They further state: "The Board (N.L.R.B.) has held for over a decade that non-profit organizations affect interstate commerce only with respect to their strictly commercial activities.

"We are convinced that, relying upon past Board practice, Congress did not intend to make activities with so clearly a religious purpose as these subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. For that reason, we would dismiss the petition (of the union)."

In this case a fundamental and far-reaching decision of a government agency was determined by a single vote or a majority of one. Upon the basis of a majority of one this

government agency issued an order to a religious institution.

#### Government Bureaus Threaten Free Institutions

All the threats and dangers to the free democratic institutions of the United States are not on the outside. Many of the most pernicious and insidious of these threats and dangers we are discovering to be within our own government itself.

The Congress passes a measure and turns it over to the executive branch of the government to administer. The executive branch of the government turns it over to a bureau presided over by a bureaucrat, or a board, and these appointees, instead of trying to carry out the intent of Congress, interpret the measure to carry out their own aims and purposes, however much they have to distort the original measure to do so. It now seems that if we preserve our free institutions the Congress will have to define its own measures and set limits beyond which the bureaus and agencies cannot go.

# Kingdom Progress

## Voluntary Baptist Hour Choir



Heard on 229 stations. Most outlets arranged at no cost to the Radio Commission.

### Missionary Volunteer Ordained to Ministry

Keith Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Parks, Danville, was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the Danville Church, December 27, 1950. Mr. Parks is a senior in the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, and is pastor of the Red Springs Church, Red Springs, Texas.

Examination of the candidate was conducted by Pastor F. E. Goodbar, who also presented Mr. Parks a Bible on behalf of the Danville Church. The ordination sermon was delivered by Charles Finch, Booneville, and the ordination prayer was led by J. D. Seymour, Russellville.

Deacons J. M. Foster and C. O. Thomas served with the ministers on the council.

Mr. Parks is a volunteer for Foreign Mission Service and expects to go to South America upon the completion of his seminary training.

### Resolutions of Appreciation

The Executive Board of the Current River Association, meeting on January 8, 1951, adopted resolutions expressing appreciation to Pastor W. Harry Hunt for his loyal cooperation and untiring Christian service in the association during his seven years ministry as pastor of the First Church, Pocahontas.

In addition to his responsibilities as pastor of the Pocahontas Church, Mr. Hunt served as moderator of the Current River Association for several years and participated in all phases of associational work. The Executive Board in its statement observed, "He has been a wise leader, a strong fellow-servant, a devoted pastor, and a congenial friend."

Pastor Hunt came to the Levy Church, North Little Rock, January 1, 1951.

### Thanks from Evangelist and Mrs. Wiles

Evangelist and Mrs. M. E. Wiles wish to take this method of expressing their thanks to the many friends throughout the state for their messages of solicitation and encouragement and for the prayers during the illness of Mrs. Wiles.

Mrs. Wiles was taken to Corning Hospital early in January. Her condition is improving although it will be necessary for her to remain in the hospital two or three weeks longer.

Missionary Wiles has not been idle during this period of Mrs. Wiles' illness. Although he has spent much time in the hospital during visiting hours, yet he has been busy in the Lord's service, preaching and conducting a Training Union revival. Two other meetings are scheduled for the time that he will be in Corning.

Evangelist and Mrs. Wiles solicit the prayers of Christian people throughout the state for her recovery and restoration to her accustomed service in the Lord's work in cooperation with her evangelist husband.

### David Moore Supply Pastor First Church, Arkadelphia

Dr. David Moore, head of the Bible department in Ouachita College, has been elected supply pastor by the First Church, Arkadelphia.

### Pastor Peppers in Hospital

W. L. Peppers, pastor of the Harvey's Chapel Church, Central Association, is in the St. Michael's Hospital in Texarkana as a result of a serious heart attack.

Mr. Peppers requests the prayers of all Arkansas Baptists for his recovery.

## Associational Missionary



Delbert Garrett

Lake Hamilton Church reports progress in all phases of the church activities under the leadership of Delbert Garrett, who served as pastor from October 1, 1948 to January 1, 1951.

The church debt was reduced more than 60 per cent during Pastor Garrett's ministry; the allocation for missions in the 1951 budget is 96 per cent more than was given in 1948. The church reported 89 additions in 1950, 59 of these being received for baptism. Also a convenient, modern, five room parsonage was built adjacent to the church building during these two years.

Mr. Garrett is now serving as associational missionary of Central Association.

### Two Revivals in Two Months

South Side Church, Fort Smith, has had two revivals within a two month period. The first was November 5-12, 1950, with Dr. Gordon Bayless as visiting evangelist. The second was January 7-14, 1951, with Angel Martinez as evangelist. Reporting these revivals, Pastor Coffman commends the two evangelists and also gives a statement concerning the growth of the South Side Church, the progress of the church in the construction of education facilities, and their hope for a sanctuary within the near future.

Pastor Coffman says: "Our revival, January 7-12 with Angel Martinez, was the most outstanding meeting we have ever had in this church. Just an eight-day meeting, yet there were 47 additions to the church and 19 other conversions. He is beyond a doubt America's outstanding young Baptist evangelist. There were 11 more additions the Sunday after the revival closed.

"Our church membership at present is 727. The Sunday School enrolment is 657, and Training Union enrolment 177. Our Sunday School and Training Union are both gradually increasing in a very satisfactory manner. Our whole church work is moving at a very favorable pace. We have within the last few months completed our second education building, which now gives us 15,400 square feet of operating space. We hope, by the providence of the Lord, to begin our new auditorium in the very near future."

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Anything that dims my vision of Christ,  
Or takes away my taste for Bible study,  
Or cramps my prayer life,  
Or makes Christian work difficult,  
Is wrong for me;  
And I must, as a Christian,  
Turn away from it.

—J. Wilbur Chapman.

## News In Brief

The city of Asheville, North Carolina, has banned religious revivals in all zones of the city except industrial ones. This ruling is the result of complaints of residents of areas in which lengthy tent revivals have been held.

Also in Chico, Colorado, superior Judge Dudley McGregor granted an injunction to the city of Chico which prohibits the First Baptist Church of that city from holding services in a building within the city residential area.

The general board of evangelism of the Methodist church is sponsoring an evangelistic mission throughout Cuba, February 1-8 in which 50 Methodist ministers from 16 states will participate. Working as two-man teams, the Methodist ministers will preach through interpreters in 70 churches and mission stations.

Baptists of North Carolina have contributed a total of \$386,000 toward a 150-bed addition to the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. A special campaign to raise money for this addition to the hospital was launched after the state convention rejected \$697,356 in government funds for the project.

—Religious News Service.

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### Anniversary Services

First Church, McGehee, observed the fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Theo T. James on Sunday, January 28.

Recounting some of the achievements for the past five years note was taken of the increase in membership. During the five year period 799 members were received into the church, 187 of these were during 1950.

The McGehee Church has approved plans for a new education building, A. N. McAninch, Little Rock, architect. The Sunday School enrolment now stands at 865 and the Training Union enrolment at 336. A Brotherhood was organized in 1950 with Cliff Oglesby as president.

The McGehee Church, under the leadership of Pastor James, conducts two revivals each year. The next revival to be held in co-operation with the simultaneous revival of the Delta Association is scheduled for February 18-28.

Pastor James is serving his fourth term as moderator of the Delta Association.

### Ralph Smith, New Pastor Lake Hamilton Church

The Lake Hamilton Church, Hot Springs, has called Ralph Smith as pastor. He has accepted and will continue his work as a student in Ouachita College.

### Pope Misinformed?

By Louie D. Newton

Pardon me for again mentioning the predicament of our Roman Catholic brethren, but one has to stop and look again when the president of the Rotary International, Mr. Arthur Lagueux, himself a Romanist, insists that the Pope's order that no priest can be a Rotarian, is a mistake, and when Indiana's Roman Bishop John F. Noll, himself a charter member of Rotary, declares that the Vatican is misinformed. How, one has to smilingly ask, could the infallible Pope be misinformed?

—The Christian Index.

## Number 600 At Seminary



Registrar Upton Reynolds watches as Mrs. B. G. Bouchillon of Alexander City, Alabama, becomes the first "Number 600" ever to register at the New Orleans Seminary. The total, now pushed to 609 by January enrolments, marks an increase from 394 during the 1948-49 session, to 543 last year, and past the goal of 600 set by President Roland Q. Leavell for 1950-51.

### R. Orin Cornett in Nashville Education Commission Secretary

Dr. R. Orin Cornett assumed his duties as executive Secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention on February 1. His office will be in the Sunday School Board Building in Nashville. All communications regarding the work of the Education Commission should be sent to the new office. Since the work of the Executive Secretary will include the editorial management of *The Educator*, all manuscripts should be mailed to the new office. All news releases from our seminaries, colleges and universities, junior colleges and academies should be directed to Dr. Cornett.

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Happiness is neither within us nor without us, it is the union of ourselves with God.  
—Pascal.

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BAPTIST HOUR**

Date: February 11

Speaker: Charles Wellborn

Subject: "Broken Dreams"

Arkansas Stations:

KTHS, Hot Springs, 2:30 p. m.

KENA, Mena

KXLR, Little Rock, 12:15 p. m.

KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.

KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

## Porter Routh Says . . .

Dr. Hight C. Moore celebrated his 80th birthday on Sunday, January 28, at Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Hal F. Buckner, for 10 years missionary to China and connected with the management of the Buckner Orphans Home, Dallas, since 1919 died on Tuesday, January 15.

North Carolina Baptists will open a home for the aged in Winston Salem on March 1 with James M. Haynes as superintendent.

The 1950 report of the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board will show 27,788 churches reporting through the Southern Baptist Convention, compared with 27,285 in 1949. Only 4,161 of these reported no baptisms, compared with 4,720 in 1949.

The American Red Cross reports that the Defense Establishments will need more than 1,000,000 pints of blood by July 1.

American advertisers spent \$5.5 billion in 1950, the New York Times reports.

Personal income reached an annual rate of \$231.9 billion in November, \$17.5 billion over the rate for May. Food costs hit their highest level in record.

Secretary of Defense George Marshall has sought to stop the stampede of enlistments by college students by announcing that college students could continue their studies for this year and still be able to volunteer in any of the three services. College officials were reporting an almost complete breakdown in morale on the part of men students.

Enrolment in public schools in the U. S. is reported at 25,666,337, with 960,395 teachers employed. It is reported that 61,275 additional teachers are needed for elementary schools with 12,749 additional teachers needed for secondary schools.

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### Foreign Mission Notes

Cable from Brazil: "On its fiftieth anniversary the Baptist Publishing House, Brazil, expressed profound gratitude to Board and Southern Baptists for generous unflinching co-operation. Signed: Avelino de Souza, T. B. Stover, J. J. Cowser."

Eight Catholic carpenters have been excommunicated by their church for assisting in the construction of a Baptist church building in Costa Rica.

The China Baptist Seminary in Shanghai has seventy students and is conducting its work without interference.

In the five seminaries in Bible schools conducted by Chinese Baptists there are more than 250 young people preparing for Christian leadership.

"Christ is in China to stay," writes Baker James Cauthen, "regardless of what Communists may do."

The deadline for issuing visas to D.P.'s is June 30, 1951. Assurances should be sent to Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office in New Orleans by February 15 to be sure of meeting the deadline.

# ★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

By Religious News Service

## Sees Chinese Communism Changing—Or Dying

A Chinese Christian pastor, who gave three addresses to the Minnesota State Pastors' Conference in St. Paul, expressed the view that Communism in China will have to change or else it will die out.

"Everything that goes to China, changes," observed Dr. Peter Y. F. Shih, Boston, pastor of the Chinese Christian church of New England. He has been executive secretary of the Chungking YMCA and dean of the West China Theological seminary in Chengtu. Last year he spent four months visiting China.

"Communism is totally against our Chinese culture," Dr. Shih told the pastors. "We Chinese are all individualists. We believe in personal freedom. China is a family-centered nation. We do not believe that the 'state' is above everything."

Dr. Shih believes that Communism will be unable to "destroy the inner light" of the Chinese people and that "the final victory belongs to God in time and eternity."

## Protestants United Chapter Formed in Pittsburgh

Formation of a Pittsburgh chapter of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State took place at a mass-meeting attended by 3,000 persons.

Speakers told the audience that "all Americans who are devoted to the principles of Madison and Jefferson must stand together in this grave hour to defend the religious liberty guarantee of the First Amendment—for it is today being undermined in numerous ways."

Dr. Glenn Archer, Washington, D. C., executive director of the national organization, sounded the keynote.

He criticized the "hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church in Rome and the United States" for what he said were their efforts to obtain public funds for educational purposes.

## Protestants-United Make Research Grants

Three grants have been made by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State to college students who propose to do research in the field of Church-State relations.

They will go to a graduate student at American University, a Methodist institution in Washington, D. C., and to two students at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Donald W. Osten, who is studying toward a Ph.D. at American University, received a grant for a study of the history of American diplomatic relationships with the Vatican.

Robert L. Wood and William T. Hyde, Adventist graduate students, received a joint grant for papers on tax exemption of ecclesiastical property and the effects of Church-State separation on the growth of religious sects.

Further grants will be made from the POAU educational aid fund as meritorious students are recommended, Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive secretary, said.

## Clergyman Tells Of Gambling Bribe Offer

A Jefferson Parish clergyman testified before the Senate Crime Investigating Committee that New Orleans gamblers tried to bribe him by the offer of an \$80,000 new Sunday School building.

Dana Dawson, 33, pastor of the Memorial Methodist church in Metairie, told the committee that gamblers offered him the building if he would withdraw from a series of "padlock" suits filed in state courts against openly flourishing gambling casinos.

Mr. Dawson said he turned down the offer and the congregation erected its own building.

## Rabbi Maimon Outlines Israeli Religious Policy

Full respect for all religions prevails in the new State of Israel, Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Minister of Religions, declared.

The 75-year-old Israeli official is in the United States for a nation-wide speaking tour under the auspices of the Mizrahi Organization of America. The purpose of his trip is to help clarify religious questions in Israel and strengthen the religious bonds which link American Jewry with the Holy Land.

"As Minister of Religions," Rabbi Maimon told Religious News Service in an interview, "I am primarily interested in the preservation of the religious rights of all the citizens of Israel. I can give full assurance that nothing is being done that in any way infringes upon the religious life and liberties of any citizen of Israel."

The Minister made it clear, however, that he was opposed to efforts by missionary groups to convert Jews to Christianity.

"I feel," he said, "that Christian groups have ample work to do in educating young Christians to a proper evaluation of their religion and encouraging them to adhere more closely to it without making inroads on Jewish life. I do not imagine that if a new Christian State was set up anywhere, it would very much relish the idea of Jewish groups coming in to convert the people to the Jewish religion."

## Georgia Senate Passes Anti-Klan Bill

A measure outlawing the white hoods and cross-burning of the Ku Klux Klan was approved unanimously by the state Senate and sent to Governor Herman Talmage for signature.

The Georgia House passed the bill a few days earlier, with only one dissenting vote. It was a substitute measure offered by administration leaders to replace another bill which would merely have required police registration of persons wearing masks in public.

The change was made after the Georgia Council of Church Women wrote to all members of the General Assembly urging the defeat of the earlier measure and "the passage of a bill which will completely outlaw the wearing of masks in public."

Meanwhile, an anti-mask bill was introduced in the South Carolina legislature. It would prohibit the wearing of masks in public places or on another's property for the purpose of threatening or intimidating.

# A Smile or Two

The motorist was lost. Suddenly, he saw an old man approaching.

"Hi!" he shouted, "do you know the way to Widdlecombe?"

The old man shook his head. "No, I don't," he said.

The motorist drove on slowly, and when he had gone about half-a mile he heard shouts behind him. He stopped and looked around. The old man had been joined by another and they were waving him back. Slowly and painfully he backed his car down the narrow road.

"Well?" he said.

"This is my mate, George," said the old man. "He don't know either."

A furniture-removing firm advertising for business sent out the following:

"During the past few weeks we have moved sixty clergymen to the entire satisfaction of all concerned."

An extremely talkative woman visited a busy doctor's office. She talked tirelessly and tiresomely about her complaint.

Finally, the irritated doctor barked, "Put out your tongue, madam." The lady complied. "Now keep it there till I've done talking."

A young man visited an insane asylum not very long ago. As he started to leave he glanced at a clock and was afraid he had missed his bus.

"Is that clock right?" he asked a patient. "Do you think they would have it in here if it were right?"

"Hey, you! Pull over!" shouted the traffic cop. The lady complied, and the judge next day fined her \$25. She went home in great anxiety lest her husband, who always examined her check book, should learn of the incident. Then inspiration struck, and she marked the check-stub, "One pull-over, \$25."

Husband: "I can't eat this stuff."

Wife: "Never mind, dear. I have some lovely recipes for making up leftovers."

Husband: "I'll eat it now."

Lawyer, reading client's last will and testament to a circle of expectant relatives: "And so, being of sound mind, I spent every cent I had before I died."

Suitor: "I am seeking your daughter's hand, sir. Have you any objection?"

Man: "None at all. Take the one that's always in my pocket."

"Aren't you late in getting home from Sunday school, Bobby?"

"Well, I guess! There was a man there who made an all-day speech and I thought we would never get out."

"Who was he?"

"Aw, I forgot his name; but he was an escaped missionary."

"This is a great country, Pat."

"And how's that?"

"Sure, the paper sez yez can buy a 'foive' dollar money order for three cents."

Husband: "Well, my dear, I have carried you safely over all the rough places of life, haven't I?"

Wife: "Yes, and I don't think you have missed any of them."

## News From Baptist Press

### Survey of Negro Education Shows 150 B.D.'s Per Year

There is not a single accredited theological school especially for Negroes in the United States. This was the announcement made by Dr. Reid, Haverford College professor of sociology, in his preliminary report on a survey he is directing to determine the status of Negro theological education in America. He also said that in all the schools of America there were only 150 Negroes with B.D. degrees available per year, an extremely low figure for a denomination with 30,000 churches. In twelve Negro colleges there are only 353 undergraduates who say they will enter the Baptist ministry and only 100 of these are expected to finish.

Dr. Reid was reporting to the Joint Conference Committee on Theological Education for Negroes set up by the Southern, American, and National Inc. Baptist conventions.

### Sunday School Board To Produce Films

The Visual Aid Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board has entered the field of production, according to Earl Waldrup, director of the Service. All types of filmstrips, filmstrips and motion pictures will be produced in co-operation with other Baptist agencies.

Ralph Rogers, Waco, Texas, who has had considerable experience as motion picture technician has joined the department as cameraman. Bryce Finch who has been with the Board several years will produce still photographs.

Production will include facilities for the handling and writing of scripts, manuals and study guides. It will also include a complete photography, laboratory and recording services. The films will be distributed under the trade-name of Broadman Films.

"Additional personnel," Waldrup said, "will be added to assist in promotion."

### Better Hurry Fast!

All seminary, college, and other groups who require special dining halls at San Francisco should make reservations at once. Some of the hotels are holding space for Southern Baptist use that will be cancelled within a few weeks unless reserved. For dining room reservations write directly to the hotels Sir Francis Drake, Whitcomb, Palace, Drake-Wiltshire, and the Chancellor are especially equipped for this type of meetings.

### Missions Gets More Than Half

The First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky, gave more than half of its undesignated offerings to missions last year. Out of the total \$101,271.10 raised through the envelopes, \$52,241.14 went to missions. The Co-operative Program received \$42,341.14 of this amount. Total money received for the year, including all designations, was \$123,142.20. The church has a membership of 1,972 and the pastor is Robert E. Humphreys.

### California Baptists To Buy Office Building

Southern Baptists in California recently approved a \$135,000 state mission budget, according to Floyd Looney, editor, California Southern Baptist. The board also elected H. H. Stagg as director of evangelism and A. C. Turner as director of promotion. Plans were approved for a mission program calling for 12 general missionaries and for the purchase of a new headquarters building.

### One-Man Campaign Against Beer Advertisements

A one-man campaign in Owensboro, Kentucky, has led to the cancelling of one series of beer advertisements in the local newspaper and is threatening another. The man is H. B. Kuhnle, pastor of the Third Baptist Church. His technique is the same as the brewers: newspaper advertisements.

One full-page ad purchased by Mr. Kuhnle, showed the picture of a sick old man who said that he was where he was because he had acquired the beer habit. His appeal was to the beer drinkers to quit drinking beer. He presented a four-point plan. (1) Let the people know the truth about beer drinking. Fight fire with fire by publication of full page ads showing what beer drinking leads to. (2) Launch a movement in our schools to sign up every boy and girl pledging themselves never to buy, drink, sell or serve beer or any other intoxicating beverage. (3) Keep before the public the facts as revealed by police court and welfare statistics. (4) Prevent the creation of new beer outlets in Owensboro.

Kuhnle says he represents no organization or individual except himself. Any contributions will be applied on more advertisements.

### Virginia Church Property Shows Seven Million Gain

Virginia Baptists owe only \$2,131,848 on new church buildings. Their property valuation, however, is \$40,768,120 or \$7,142,786 ahead of last year. The report was released here by Porter Routh, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

There are now 1,242 churches in Virginia, Routh said. These baptized 14,504 in 1950, a gain of 2,132 over 1949. Only 233 churches failed to report baptisms. Total church membership at the end of the year was 342,045.

The state reported total gifts of \$9,803,940 with \$2,039,788 going to missions and benevolences.

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### Church Treasurer Explains Unusual Gift

An item in the financial statement of the Fordyce, Arkansas, Methodist church, submitted by Roy Kilgore, treasurer, caused it to bounce back from the board of stewards.

The board wanted him to explain a \$1,000 contribution whose donor was identified only as "AAFA."

Mr. Kilgore told the stewards that when he was making out the statement he remarked that "the church will show a deficit unless . . ."

Just at that moment, he said, a woman appeared in his office with a check for \$1,000. She asked that the gift remain anonymous.

So he put it down: \$1,000; A(n) A(ngel) F(rom) A(bove).

## Brooks Hays on Committee of Foreign Affairs

Congressman Brooks Hays surrendered his seniority position on the Banking Committee of the Eighty-Second Congress to accept an appointment on the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Following is the statement issued by Congressman Hays in accepting the new committee assignment:

"My decision to transfer from the Banking and Currency Committee to the Committee on Foreign Affairs is based upon a conviction that the most important decisions of the crucial period in which we live will be assigned to that committee. The problem of preserving peace without sacrificing values that are more precious than peace is the first and foremost problem of all the legislative bodies under free governments. The work of all the committees of the Congress reduced in number by the Reorganization Act of 1946 is important, but in many cases legislation proposed by them will depend largely upon the success or failure of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

"The people of my district know, from the constant repetition I have given the opinion, that I do not believe war is inevitable. Our relations with Soviet Russia have deteriorated, however, to the point where it will be exceedingly difficult to maintain peace in the world without an enlarged armament program. At the same time we must strengthen our relationship with those who will be on our side if a war with a Communist dictatorship should come. My experience of eight years on the Banking and Currency Committee in the post war period has been helpful, even in the new activities with which I will deal on the Foreign Affairs Committee. Giving up a seniority position on the Banking Committee is inconsequential when I consider the larger responsibilities upon my new committee. The reverses in Korea, the defeatist tone of speeches by recent critics of our foreign policy, the knowledge on the part of our people that errors have been made in appraising the Communist threat and in preparing to stop aggression—these have added to our anxieties and our misgivings about the defense of the free world.

"This is only half the picture, however America has come through many previous crises and we have survived because of our faith in the resources of our nation—moral and material. The new Congress must work toward the kind of unity President Truman spoke of when he distinguished unity from unanimity. The present debate is wholesome, but every criticism must be constructive and every utterance of men in Congress must be with a sense of grave responsibility. I believe that we as a people have the cohesiveness and the firm resolution that are essential for these times."

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# This Shaken World

By DR. R. C. CAMPBELL

The world is being shaken to its foundations. National boundary lines are being obliterated. Wars are rending nations asunder. Hatred, bitterness and greed are digging ugly, ghastly graves. Events, cyclonic in scope and devastating in effect, flash in lightning-like rapidity dramatically before the eyes.

Material things are shaken. Nature is full of earthquakes, cyclones, tornadoes, and volcanoes. Nations once prosperous, powerful, and glorious are now but a shadow. The havoc of rumbling thunders resound around the world.

Governments are being shaken. See them as they reel, rock, and crash! Proud, prosperous, thriving cities are bombed into debris and burned into ashes.

Financial structures shake like a feather in the wind. Think of the financial crash of the nineteen thirties which swept away in one blow the savings, credit, and fortunes which had taken decades and centuries to build up. Long established business structures were shattered into atoms. They fell with the thud and thunder of destruction. Men with records of financial discernment, and economic ingenuity, stood bewildered, confused, and defeated.

## Human Efforts Futile

All man-made things are shakable. Men glory in the ingenuity of their inventions for progress and security, and then they are shocked by the futility of their efforts. It is aboriginal stupidity for men to build upon sandy foundations. Rock foundations are our hope. The most basic foundations men can build shake like an aspen leaf. How transitory they are!

The world now is in the throes of shaking convulsions. They are above, beneath, around the earth. The earth, the air, the seas reveal dark, wide circles of terror and desolation.

H. F. Lyte was right when he wrote, "Change and decay in all around I see: O thou who changest not, abide with me."

What I have attempted to say is strikingly expressed in Hebrews 12:27. "And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."

No wonder President Truman, in his recent message to the United States Congress, spoke of, "A safe haven from the storm." There is such a haven. However it is not found where most national leaders are looking for it. It is not to be found in man's finite plans; it will be found in God's infinite mercy and love.

There is undergirding security in the "things that cannot be shaken." In this frenzied, shaken, distorted, illusioned age, there are immovable, bed-rock foundations. If the leaders and peoples of the nations would turn to God they would find the solution to all the confusion, entanglements, and hatreds in which we are engulfed. In Him is the solution for our problems; the basis for peace, the hope for civilization. God, and God alone is our secure, unshaken foundation. Our confidence, though all things around us are being shaken, is found in the fact that there is a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Nothing can shake it. No war, strife, nor enemy can disturb its peace. No national power, no international relationship, no diplomatic maneuverings, no weakness, no decay can shake it. Nations may be dispossessed, thrones tumble, crowns crash, dictators rage, but the unshaken kingdom stands secure.

## God Is Our Anchor

In the shaking of the world now going on, the wood, hay, and stubble will be burned up, but the essence, the jewel, the gold and silver will be untouched. Much on which we count so fondly and in which we trust so reliantly are but withered leaves. "The more the marble is wasted, the more the statue grows."

The fact that there is a "haven from the storm," "a rock in a weary land," secure foundations on which we can stand amidst falling worlds, gives confidence, hope, a sense of security. Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead declares, "There is only one anchorage from which no tempest can drag you, one harbor from which no storm can drive you, and that is to possess and be possessed by him." In the thick of the storm, with its turbulent waves, howling winds, and dashing fury, the lighthouse stands stably, stately, unmoved. It guides the sailor through the wintry winds, raging tempest, and deepest darkness. It is the star of hope for his tempest-tossed ship. Its stability is not in, but under waves. Far below and high above the rolling, foaming, tumbling billows which shake the world, is God. The foundation of God is not a sand-bank; it is rock. It has survived all the storm and stress, cyclones and catastrophes, wars and famines, of all ages. Neither tune, tide, nor change can shake it. They but reveal how vital and stable it is. Anchored on this foundation we do not have to walk on man-made crutches; we are undergirded by the Everlasting Arm.

## Armaments Always Fail True Defense Is God

The world's supreme need is God. Our security is in him, not in armaments! But how little evidence there is that God, Christ, righteousness are given more than passing concern among the leaders of the nations. How many times has God even been mentioned in the councils and negotiations for the settlement of differences among the nations? Not only is His name seldom mentioned, it is flouted by many. Even masses of people are seeking to rule God out. This shows how frail human nature is, and how futile. Many have tried this through the ages. Tragedy marks their graves and infamy smears their names.

Atheistic communism defies God, seeks to obliterate churches, and destroy Christianity. Hitler tried this. Futility marks all such efforts. Once a national leader said to a peasant subject, "We are going to pull down your churches and your steeples—all that recalls the superstitions of the past ages, and all that brings to your mind the idea of God." The peasant replied, "You will have to pull down the stars also."

Our true defense and security do not rest in parliaments, tribunals, armies, navies, air power; our security rests in God. The Roman Empire was won to God, and won in a day when iniquity had reached the depths of corruption. In that day Christianity STOOD OUT in the world, because it STOOD UP in the world.

## Prince of Peace Ignored

At the close of the World War I, an artist drew a cartoon showing a group of men around a conference table for the purpose of organizing a new world order. There were the President, Secretary of State, Secretary of War, and the rest. Then there was a new strange figure at the council table. There sat

## Otto Whittington Stricken By Heart Attack



Dr. Otto Whittington, one of the best known Baptist ministers of Arkansas, died Friday, February 2, in a Dermott hospital.

Dr. Whittington was conducting revival services in the First Church of Dermott and was stricken with a heart attack in the pulpit. He never rallied from this attack.

Dr. Whittington spent his entire ministry in Arkansas with the exception of a brief period in Mississippi and revival meetings in other states. He was recognized as one of the outstanding preachers, pastors, and evangelists of the state. He was thoroughly committed to the denominational program and was honored by his denomination with positions of highest trust.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 5, at the Immanuel Church, Little Rock, where he was once pastor for 18 years. Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Church was in charge of the services, assisted by Dr. B. L. Bridges and Dr. W. J. Hinsley.

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## C. W. Daniel Passed Away In Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. C. W. Daniel died at his home in Atlanta on Sunday, February 4, as a result of a stroke which he suffered about three weeks ago.

Dr. Daniel was a native of Monticello, Arkansas, and was widely known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention area as an outstanding preacher, pastor, and denominational leader.

Among the most prominent pastorates held by Dr. Daniel were the First Church, Atlanta, Georgia; First Church, Richmond, Virginia; and the First Church, El Dorado.

Dr. Daniel retired from the pastorate of the First Church, El Dorado, and moved to Atlanta where he lived until his death.

Christ as Secretary of Human Relations, but His voice was ignored. His principles were scorned. If Christ's principles had been adopted at the close of that war, we would not have had World War II, nor would we be in the shaken condition we are now in. Then as now, such ideas and ideals were scoffed at. Woodrow Wilson was ridiculed with the statement, "He talks like Jesus Christ." Today we do not have one clarion voice, in these councils, to champion the principles of "The Prince of Peace." The more He is ignored, the worse conditions become.

## From Egypt Until Now

Sermon delivered at Second Church,  
Little Rock, January 21

By DR. M. RAY MCKAY, Pastor

The Scripture story (Exodus 32) which I have just read for you is a vivid story of national emergency. The children of Israel were near to the promised land. They had been able to look across and get glimpses of it. They had sent spies into the land, and they had reported that the opportunity and the resources were very great; but the spies also said the people were great and mighty. "We look like grasshoppers in the sight of giants like them." So the people hesitated until God pronounced doom upon them because of their disobedience and fearfulness. Then they wanted to return, and they said: "Whatever you say we will do. We do not want this danger of which you spoke to come upon us." So Moses and Joshua had climbed the mountain to commune with God. While they were there God gave them the Ten Commandments written by his own hand, and Moses and Joshua at the call of God were coming back down the mountainside when the noise of the revelry came to their ears. Joshua said, "There must be a battle. Someone must have attacked them." Moses with a keener understanding replied, "No. Listen. That is not the noise of a battle. It is not the shout of victory or the cry of wounded. It is people singing songs that are not worth singing and playing tunes that are not worth playing. Our people have forgotten their vows to God, for they have gathered together their resources and molded them into an image like the image of the surrounding people, like the people of Egypt worship."

### Ancient Israel No Different To Modern America

The people had said to Aaron, "We want you to take the gold and make us a god." When the god was made they said, "This god you have made is the one that led us up out of the land of Egypt." Is it not ridiculous how people will turn aside from reality? They said that the gold they had put together was the god that had led them out while only a moment before they had said, "We do not know what has happened to this Moses who led us out of Egypt."

God-forgetfulness is always irrational and unreasonable. Moses came down the mountain that day and broke the tables of stone as the people had already broken the Commandments of God. He called the people to warn them of the dangers to which they were exposed.

Now the story of ancient Israel is the story of modern America and of the individual people that walk our streets and sit in our seats,—some in the balcony and some down below. All the people are joined together in the sins of all the land. History is a dependable teacher because its truth is unchanging and always vital to life. From history as I have recounted it to you and as you may look over its pages for yourself, we read this sentence: "God is the biggest factor in every human situation." Not in calves made of gold, not in men's sins or repentance or folly or wisdom lies the most important element in human destiny, but in the fact of God. God has proved his character by the conduct of the past.

### Character of God Man's Only Hope

The character of God is the highest hope of man. Let me read for you again in a fur-

ther verse from a prayer of Moses. Moses prayed: "I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken. Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now." All the story of human history from the days of men's ancient bondage to the freedom of American life, the greatest factor that has entered any human situation has been the redeeming love of the Lord Jesus Christ. In your individual life, from your Egypt until now, your greatest hope lies in God. "According to thy great loving-kindness, for thy name's sake," Moses prayed. Man has no merit which he can use as security for the things that he needs. All his hope lies in God. The same thing is vitally and vigorously true of nations.

"God is at the organ;  
I can hear  
A mighty music echoing,  
Far and near.

God is at the organ  
And the keys  
Are storm-strewn billows,  
Moorlands, trees.

God is at the organ,  
I can hear  
A mighty music, echoing  
Far and near."

—Egbert Sandford.

### Sin Wrecks and Ruins

Then there is a second truth to be considered. Sin blights human life. All history proves it. One of the quick ways is to read the story of the children of Israel, and see victory and defeat as they succeed one another, according to the way the men of an ancient day sinned against God and repented for their sins. But not there only. Turn to the history of Rome, turn to the history of France, turn to the history of Germany. Turn to any nation you please, and you will find that sin is a reproach to any nation, but godliness lifts it up.

By every token of history and every word of God's Scripture America is today walking on the brink of hell. The "shall nots" of God are largely forgotten. The bodily desires of men are lifted up above the spiritual aspirations. More money is spent for motion picture houses than for churches. More money is spent for liquor than for education. When we come to national and international situations we recognize a danger in every newspaper we read, for America's hopes seem to be largely based on mobilization and armament. Now this is a fact of history: the best that mobilization and armament can do is to stem the tide of aggression and give us time to get back to a right way of living. The worst it can do is turn us into the same sort of people that are threatening world security today.

### When Spiritual Values Are Forgotten

What was wrong with Germany a generation ago? I will tell you quickly. Although the universities had developed the scientific skills of men to a high degree the mass of the people had forgotten the spiritual values,

and had put their trust in a system of universal military training until every boy was like a mechanical soldier ready to march at a moment's notice. Militarism had gripped the heart of the nation until its faith was in the might of a nation's products and manpower. Long before, the same thing had happened in history, and the Scripture said: "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."

### America Is Insecure Unless Spiritually Secure

Now the thing I am saying is that the armament and mobilization of men will not permanently make America secure, for America is already insecure because of her own way of life. Therefore, in time of emergency such as ours while other men plan the mobilization, and still other men direct the arming of the nation, we must pray. In time of national emergency Moses prayed. He prayed: "O, this people have sinned a great sin and have made them gods of gold. Yet now if thou wilt, forgive their sins: if not, blot my name out of thy book which thou hast written." The man of God identified himself with the sins of his nation, and yet Moses was less responsible for the worship of a golden calf than I am for the establishment of a liquor store on the corner. I never thought about asking God to forgive me for the liquor stores all over town; yet Moses so identified himself with the sin of the people that he said, "God, if you can't forgive them, then blot me out also."

Again Moses prayed, "Let the power of the Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken." This is what God said, "The Lord is slow to anger and rich in love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, although he does not leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation." God is mighty, God is loving, God is forgiving, but our sins blight us and blight the future of our children. We must pray.

Moses prayed. Finally, "O God, according to thy lovingkindness forgive the iniquity, according as thou hast forgiven thy people from Egypt until now." "From Egypt until now." I think that is a beautiful expression of American life from the time that the early fathers landed at Plymouth Rock on down until this good day. God has forgiven us and blessed us. We have had no cities bombed, no invading hosts destroying the lives of women and children, but as the prophet in the Scripture said, the sins of the people blight their own lives and the lives of their children until, though we have come a long way from Egypt, now is a time of emergency and national danger, and the people of God must pray.

### Prayer for Divine Guidance

Our Father, first as needy people, as guilty people, we acknowledge our sins before thee, and the sins of our nation. O God, forgive us for wasting so much substance in riotous living. O Holy Spirit, come back in power, we pray, upon thy people everywhere, and may there be manifestations of that power in our church and city and world around. O God, bless the individual men in this presence. Some of them have lived a long life, and yet they are realizing that at the end there is a lack. Human strength and wisdom is not enough, and the future looms before them all unknown. Then there are others whose battle with life has already brought them defeat, and habits have left them in chains. O God, bless these our friends and fellow-journeymen today. Help them to come to Jesus.

# "From House To House"

By DR. C. W. CALDWELL

Paul reminds the Ephesian elders that while in their city he not only taught them publicly, but "from house to house." Thus, his method of evangelism was public and personal. Who can improve on that method? It was both mass and personal evangelism. And that is what we need today. They should go hand in hand. There should be the proclamation of the Gospel to congregations, but there should also be "house to house" witnessing.

The "house to house" method is where Baptists are failing today. Even pastors do too little along this line, to say nothing about the majority of the church members. Due emphasis is given the public worship services, the sermon is prepared, the music has been rehearsed, announcements have been run in the papers, and many of the members attended; but too few houses have been visited and thus the response in the service is meager. Is it not true that most of those who do walk the isles following the sermon are those who have been dealt with personally in their homes? Oh, that there were more "house to house" witnessing!

Personal evangelism played a great part in the Pentecostal revival. Those 120 people didn't spend every hour of the ten days praying. Following Christ's ascension they "went forth and preached everywhere." Then at Pentecost, the people of Jerusalem and those gathered there were amazed "because every man heard THEM speak in his own language." In addition to much praying there was much witnessing. Then Peter's sermon led three thousand people to publicly take a stand for Christ and follow Him in baptism. Suppose those 120 had remained silent and only Peter had spoken, do you believe there would have been three thousand conversions? Personal witnessing and public preaching were both used of the Lord. He will bless both today.

In 1950 special emphasis was placed on every church being in the simultaneous crusade. This year let us stress every church member being a witness. This is already being done in many sections of our southland. A fine layman has challenged Texas Baptists to win 250,000 people to Christ this year. Over the entire state, pastors are calling on their members to "be a witness" and to agree to endeavor to win a certain number of people to Christ. May the Lord bless them in their effort.

But what will we do in Arkansas? No definite number has been set up as an objective, except to do more than ever before in every church and every association. This can be done if we con-

tinue to stress mass evangelism and then place personal evangelism in its rightful place. Paul's method of preaching and teaching publicly and from house to house should become our method.

This "house to house" program of evangelism is not merely an invitation to Sunday School or Training Union. Rather, it is going with the Word of God to talk to a lost soul about accepting Christ. Win him to the Lord and then it will be an easy matter to get him in Sunday School. A lost sinner is not interested in a Sunday School class, but a saved sinner will be glad to go. So, instead of a friendly invitation in the interest of some organization, go as Paul went, "weeping," to win a lost soul to Christ.

Brother Pastor, in addition to planning your revival meetings, why not set up a definite program of personal evangelism that will go from house to house? One pastor has already enlisted forty-six members in daily witnessing. Try it in your church. After your members have committed themselves, teach them how to present the plan of salvation to the unsaved. Furnish names of lost people to be visited. Magnify prayer in your soul winning effort.

Will your church win more people to Christ in 1951 than in any previous year?

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### A Prayer

Lord, make me kind!  
The world is full enough of need-  
less tears,  
And hungry hearts are full of  
nameless fears,  
To these no vision of Thy human-  
ness appears.

Lord, make me think!  
For thoughtlessness has caused so  
much of needless woe,  
That thoughtless word of mine  
may grow and grow  
Until, like torrents mad, nothing  
can stay its flow.  
Lord, make me think!

Lord, make me love!  
And place love's sign upon the  
face of me,  
That loveless man may pause and  
turn and see  
A little of that love that comes  
from Thee.  
Lord, make me love!

—Anonymous

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The fact that human history has been a tragic record of lust and violence does not disprove the deity of Jesus. It rather magnifies the necessity for One who is able to save unto the uttermost. Jesus is That One, and he shall not fail . . . till he have set judgment in the earth.'

—Clifton J. Allen

# Where is our Greatest Danger?

By DON HOOK, Pastor, First Church, Paris

Almost daily, by radio, press, and pulpit, we have had the statement "Communism is the greatest threat to our freedom" driven into our minds until most of our people believe it. It is true that Communism comprises a threat, and a very great one, to our freedom. But all the perils and dangers which threaten the nations today are by no means to be found only within the borders of Communism.

There is a basic fact which intensifies the danger in Communism which, when existing in other systems of government, in religion, or in individual lives, make them just as dangerous as Communism to real freedom and human welfare. That basic fact is: Communism is deadly because it is Godless. And all godlessness is not confined to Communism. Godlessness is our greatest danger. A godless capitalism, a godless socialism, a godless democracy, or a godless religion poses just as great a threat to human welfare as godless Communism.

Godlessness is our greatest enemy because it will not, and can not, be confined to any one particular geographical, political, or religious realm. Nor can it be controlled or regulated by legislation, conferences, or wars. The greatest enemy of American democracy is not godlessness in Russia but godlessness in America. Our greatest danger does not lie in the threat of a foreign power to impose its reign upon us, it lies in our rebellion against the reign of God in our own hearts.

Godlessness is our greatest enemy because of the logical and inevitable cycle which it completes. Godlessness leads to prayerlessness, prayerlessness leads to weakness, and weakness leads al-

ways to defeat.

There can never be an enduring political peace or any sort of spiritual peace until godliness replaces godlessness on the throne of human hearts. Righteousness and reverence, peace and prosperity, goodness and justice, integrity and initiative, have always been the predominant characteristics of the reign of the blessed Trinity. But when King Alcohol and Queen Sensuality usurp the throne, make Mr. Materialism secretary of state, and name Mr. Indolence and Mr. Subsidy as ambassadors at large, nothing but decadence can result.

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Shreveport, Louisiana

Dean Angell, known and beloved by hundreds of young singers in Arkansas, will direct the Youth Choir Festival on Friday, March 30.

Dr. Angell enjoys an enviable reputation as a music educator and choral consultant. His services are in demand throughout the country. The Bison Glee Club from Oklahoma Baptist University is widely acclaimed as one of the greatest singing organizations on tour. Dr. Angell has trained and directed this group for many years.

Dr. Angell is on the faculty for Music Week at Ridgercrest.

Martha Moore Clancy, who is recognized as an authority on the training of young singers and who has had outstanding success in the field, will direct the Junior Choir Festival on Saturday, March 31. She served for one year on the faculty at the Southwestern Seminary, teaching classes in the development of Youth Choirs. In her own church in Shreveport she maintains a fully graded choir program.

Possessed of charm and unusual ability, Martha Moore Clancy is making a significant record in the field of church music. We welcome her heartily to Arkansas.

### Important Information

1. Register your group at once. Send no money. List approximate number expected.
2. Registration fee of \$1.50 for each person in the Youth group includes two meals and \$1 for each person in the Junior group includes one meal. Make **ONE** check for entire group, payable to Religious Education Department, to be presented upon arrival.
3. Memory not required - Robes not required.
4. Sleeping accommodations will be provided in the dormitories of Ouachita College for groups traveling a great distance, if advance request is made in writing to Dr. S. W. Eubanks, president. In asking for this service, please state the number of boys and girls in your party and keep in mind that linens must be brought by the individual.

Groups will assemble at 8 o'clock in the morning for registration and drawing for places.

Individual auditions will begin promptly at 9 o'clock.

Competent judges will give ratings to each group and a certificate will be awarded bearing this rating.

Directors are urged to prepare not only one individual number for adjudication but also the required selections which will be sung by the entire group. This will make for more effective ensemble singing on the Festival Program.

The Youth Choir Festival takes place at 7:30, Friday evening, March 30.

Junior Choir Festival at 3 p. m. Saturday afternoon, March 31.

All those living within driving distance of Arkadelphia are invited to drive over and attend these two musical highlights.

## Religious Education Department

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### The Training Union Convention

**MEETING PLACE** — First Church, El Dorado.

**DATE**—Friday, March 16, 10:30 a. m. till Saturday, March 17, noon.

**REGISTRATION**—Straight registration fee of 50 cents for every body nine years of age and above.

**ENTERTAINMENT**—Bed and breakfast furnished free by churches of El Dorado and Liberty Association. No limit. People within a radius of 50 miles of El Dorado are urged not to ask for entertainment unless it is necessary. A limited number coming at least 200 miles may receive entertainment Thursday night as well as Friday night, provided they write to Reverend Clyde Freed, First Baptist Church, El Dorado, and make reservations not later than March 10.

**PROGRAM**—An extra good program and extra good speakers! You just cannot afford to miss a State Training Union Convention.

### Quarterly Hymn-Sing Liberty Association

The regular Quarterly Hymn-sing for Liberty Association was held at the Union Church, five miles east of El Dorado, with 345 people in attendance, representing nineteen churches. There were seventeen pastors present. The following churches brought special numbers: West Side of El Dorado, church and carol choirs; Norphlet, male quartet; Village and Second Churches of El Dorado, solos; Smackover, church choir, and Junction City, carol choir. Other churches represented were: First, Trinity, Immanuel, Marable Hill Mission, all of El Dorado; Calion, Elliott, Galilee, Joyce City, Lawson, Liberty, Union, Urbana, and Village.

The theme of the Sing was "God in Three Persons." Hymns about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit developed the theme. Jesse S. Reed, pastor of Second Church, El Dorado, read a compilation of scripture on the persons in the Trinity.

Mrs. Carl A. Clark, director, announced the next Hymn-Sing for April 15, at the Norphlet Church

Rev. Charles Lowry, director of music and education at the Second Church of El Dorado was presented as the director of youth choirs for the Association. He announced an associational Youth Choir Festival to follow the State Festival sometime in April.

5. All groups must agree to attend both of the rehearsals, to listen to every other group sing and to participate in the final Festival.

### Record Training School

Hebron Baptist, Little Rock, reports a record week of Sunday School training during the week of January 22-26. A total of 64 awards were earned, 62 of these by those attending the classes each evening, and two by individuals, Robert Napier and Mrs. Fred Wooten who were unable to attend the class sessions.

Eight members completed the requirements for the Diploma, making a total of 35 members who hold the Diploma in the Training Course for Sunday School workers. To be a Standard Sunday School, it is necessary that 50 per cent of officers and teachers hold the award for the book, Building a Standard Sunday School; ninety-five per cent of the officers and teachers in this school hold the award for this book. Eleven deacons and their wives are included in this number meriting credit in this training course. W. Dawson King is the pastor, and Paul Anderson is Sunday School superintendent.

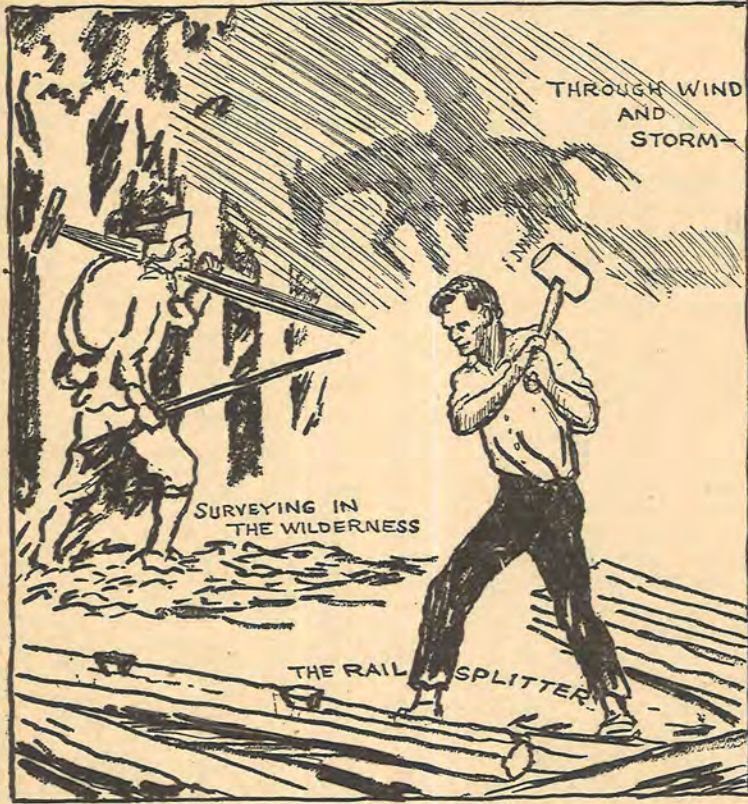
### Central Association Music Festival

More than 300 people attended the regular Quarterly Music Festival of Central Association in First Church, Malvern, Thursday evening, January 25. Ray W. McClung, Associational Music Director, presided and introduced R. M. Chambers of Central Church, Hot Springs, who directed the congregational singing. Bill G. Kersh, pastor, Third Church, Malvern, conducted the devotional. Mrs. R. M. Chambers accompanied the singing. Delbert Garrett, missionary, made an announcement concerning Church Development Week, Mrs. B. W. Ninger announced final plans for the Youth Choir Festival and spoke briefly in the interest of Summer Music Schools.

Special choir numbers were given by Second, Hot Springs, Ray McClung, directing; Antioch of Royal, Clarence Shackelford, directing; First, Malvern, Miss Nettie Lou Crowder, directing and Central, Hot Springs, R. M. Chambers, directing. Miss Joy Galloway played an organ solo, and Mrs. R. M. Chambers a piano solo.

The next Quarterly Music Festival for Central Association will be held on Thursday evening, April 9, at First Church, Benton, at which time a song sermon entitled, "Wonderful Jesus" will be featured. The next Hymn-Sing for the West Zone will take place on Sunday, February 4, at Antioch and the East Zone Hymn-Sing, Sunday, March 4, at Mt. View.

## Struggle - The Creator Of Greatness



Greatness does not come out of ease. The influences that produced a Lincoln, a George Washington, and other great Americans were, for the most part, the stern demands of necessity. They had to struggle to survive. Education and learning came only through great effort; they walked and rode through storms that few would brave today. It was a common practice to trudge a half dozen miles or more to school or to a place of employment. Have we not been losing something in America's leadership because as a people we have shunned so long the tasks that are difficult? We have sought ease rather than character, cleverness rather than rugged rightness. Civilization for many of us has been a way to find an easier life, but in that concept are the seeds of death. The Christian interpretation of civilization is that its advantages should provide a chance for greater service. There are hard days ahead for America but if we are spiritually alive, such days can restore our greatness.

-Charles A. Wells.

One of the greatest avenues of Christian service is that of teaching. Christ presents an aurgent call to teaching and a claim upon the finest abilities one possesses. The teacher follows in the foot-

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### Intermediate Girls Auxiliary Conference

The annual conference promoted by Women's Missionary Union of Arkansas for members of Intermediate Girls' Auxiliaries will be held at Hardison Hall, Petit Jean Mountain, March 2-4, 1951. Registration will begin at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon and the first official convocation will be at supper on that evening. The conference will close with the noon meal on Sunday.

Each G. A. may send four representatives, unless there is a Queen, Queen with Scepter or Queen Regent in the group in which case these three ranks will not be included in the four representatives. It is urged that a counselor come with each group. However, if one cannot come, notify Miss DeVault at 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock, and arrangements will be made for the group. All girls must be thirteen years of age or above. (If more than four girls from an auxiliary desire to attend, contact State WMU Office after February 24. If there is available space, they may come.)

A registration fee of \$1 per person should be sent to State WMU

Headquarters by February 24. The total cost is \$6.50 and the \$1 registration fee will apply against the total, leaving a balance of \$5.50 to be paid upon arrival.

Groups traveling by car will go directly to Hardison Hall, Petit Jean. Those traveling by bus or train should notify Miss DeVault in order that arrangements may be made for someone to meet the group in Morrilton and transport them to Petit Jean.

Each person will need to bring sheet, a heavy cover or two, towels, and personal effects.

Scheduled on the program is a banquet Saturday evening (dress-as-you-please); a coronation service where recognition will be given those who have advanced one step since they were last recognized; many missionary messages, methods conferences, talent parade.

Home and foreign missionaries, nationals and state leaders will be guest speakers.

All reservations should be sent immediately to State WMU Headquarters, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Encourage your intermediate age girls to attend!

### 'Cuba For Christ' Depends On Annie Armstrong Offering

Miss Mildred Matthews writing from Havana, Cuba, tells of one of the most interesting meetings ever held by Baptists in that city.

"All the Baptist churches of Havana Province held an evangelistic service in Central Park in Havana. It has been estimated that two thousand people were present and the attendance was perfect. The municipal band was on the platform and played the accompaniment for the congregation to sing "Cuba for Christ." The Havana choir sang three numbers directed by Miss O'Dell. Dr. Luis Manual Gonzales was the speaker. He began by saying that we had come a long way from the night when four people were baptized at night in the sea by the Malecon for fear of persecution. Now we were privileged to meet in Central Park with the municipal band playing our hymns. It was a great experience for all of us and we are thanking God for such a wonderful service. There is a fine spirit of evangelism in our churches in Cuba."

The Lord has greatly blessed the work in Cuba during the past

year. The new school for religious workers was opened September 18, in the city of Havana.

The new student center near the University of Havana is going forward in a splendid way under the direction of our missionary, A. C. Queen, with the Baptist Student Union there. There are now 129 Southern Baptist missionaries in Cuba and they receive the largest portion of their support from funds given through the Annie Armstrong Offering. The goal for 1951 will provide \$92,000 for work in this area.

Plans for full observance of WEEK of PRAYER for HOME MISSIONS, March 5-9, with a worthy Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

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Don't put in so much time preparing for a rainy day that you have no time to be thankful for the sunny ones.

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Some people think prayer has failed because God has not accepted their judgment of the case.

## Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, *State Secretary*

219 Baptist Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

### Second Series of Regional Meetings

The Second Series of Regional Brotherhood meetings will be held next week, February 12 through 16. These meetings have been well publicized through the mail, and through city and county newspapers in the general areas where the meetings will be held. We are looking for a large and representative attendance at each one of the meetings.

See that your church is well represented!

This Second Regional Tour is being sponsored by the Brotherhood Department not only to promote Brotherhood work throughout the areas concerned, but also to set forward every thing our churches (and our denomination) are endeavoring to do.

Assisting the Brotherhood Secretary on the Tour are the following men:

A. S. Newman, Brotherhood Secretary, Louisiana Baptist State Convention; Harold Anderson, Acting President, Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas; and Ralph D. Dodd, pastor, Tabernacle Church, Little Rock.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday Evening, February 12, Second Church, El Dorado, Jesse

Reed, host pastor; for Liberty and Carey Associations..

Tuesday Evening, February 13, First Church, Helena, Ralph Douglas, host pastor; for Arkansas Valley and Centennial Associations.

Thursday Evening, February 15, First Church, Harrison, E. E. Griever, host pastor; for Boone, Carroll, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, Newton County, and White River Associations.

Friday Evening, February 16, First Church, Eudora, Dillard S. Miller, host pastor; for Delta Association, a special meeting dedicated to the Simultaneous Crusade beginning in this association on February 18. The men of Ashley County churches are cordially invited to this meeting.

If you are a pastor of a church in any of the areas involved in the Second Series of Brotherhood Regional meetings, let us urge you to get a strong group of your men to your meeting.

If you are a lay member of a church in one of the above regions, co-operate with your pastor in working to get a large group of the men of your church to your meeting.

A visit to the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, is quite an experience. The travel folders proclaim it as such, so I did not expect much. I have seen enough broken down palaces not to get excited about a tomb.

Shah Jahan built the Taj as a tomb for his favorite wife. His father is reported to have had three thousand wives (Shades of King Solomon!). That makes the love of Shah Jahan for Mumtazi-Mahall all the more amazing. This is not a land where affection, much less fidelity, is expected between a husband and his wife. If a man killed one of the thousands of sacred cows which clutter the streets, he would cause a riot. If he killed his wife, that would be

slightly unfortunate. It is not uncommon to see thirteen- and fourteen-year-old mothers carrying their babies down the street.

Shah Jahan used all the resources of wealthy India to build a tomb which would express his love for his wife. He died on his palace porch looking at the reflection of the Taj in a jewel imbedded in the wall.

By the side of the Taj flows the Jumna River. Other men show great consideration for a dead wife by placing the body on a raft and letting it float away. That, explained Haidar Ali, is why the big turtles took such interest in us when we walked down to the edge of the water.

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## Religion and A Day of Rest

DUKE K. MCCALL

There are no weeks in India—just days following days. In some other lands we have joked about the banks and government offices which observe Friday holidays with the Moslems, Saturday with the Jews, and Sunday with the Christians. That does not leave much time for work.

In India it is different. There are no holy days in the week for a Hindu. That does not mean he works all of the time. He just works a little each day unless he belongs to the lower classes. Then he works as much as undernourishment will permit every day.

Today is Sunday. At least I preached in a free church this morning; so I suppose it is. I hopped on the way from the hotel to watch some eight- and ten-year-old boys working in a dark little room. It was a hinge factory. Nineteen boys are employed because the shop is subject to regulation if twenty children work in it.

Somehow human nature is cheapened by the prospect of a

lifetime of drudgery without a single day set aside for rest. From age eight until death those boys will make hinges. Their religion does not demand for them even one day a week for worship.

The old Sunday blue laws are about gone in the U. S. A. You cannot make a man reverence a particular day by law.

I confess I have regretted the changing of Sunday from a holy day into a holiday. Now I find that even as a holiday it still marks a conception of human value above that found in India, for example.

The Eternal God knew the nature of the man he had made when he set aside one day in seven and released man from bondage to his task on that day. Our modern version which keeps the machines going seven days a week but works the men in shifts is no improvement. It is a step in the direction of making America a land without a week. When we get it, we will long for the good old Sunday of long ago.

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Little Rock, Immanuel	1106	320	6
Including Missions	1281	447	
Ft. Smith, First	1023	644	19
Including Missions	1227	734	
Little Rock, First	942	349	3
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	883	304	1
Including Missions	946	370	
El Dorado, First	861	199	9
Including Missions	925	240	
Hot Springs, Second	710	166	2
Little Rock, Second	702	125	3
Pine Bluff, Southside	598	217	4
Including Missions	619	244	
Fayetteville, First	589	189	
Magnolia, Central	558	220	2
Including Missions	630		
Pine Bluff, First	558	128	4
Camden, First	535	170	3
Including Missions	818	243	
El Dorado, Second	528	228	4
El Dorado, Immanuel	520	223	5
Including Missions	564	262	
Benton, First	498	96	2
Including Missions	503	117	
Texarkana, Beech Street	467	216	5
Little Rock, Gaines Street	458	226	1
Paragould, First	446	184	4
Including Missions	642	317	
Fordyce, First	443	153	
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	431	138	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	425	201	
Hot Springs, Central	415	150	2
Hot Springs, Park Place	401	159	6
Smackover, First	400	125	
Paris, First	393	129	1
Including Missions	414		
Ft. Smith, Calvary	381	155	2
Ft. Smith, South Side	273	112	2
Ft. Smith, Temple	211	137	2
Hope, First	388	172	1
Forrest City, First	376	172	3
Including Missions	439	214	
Cullendale, First	374	138	
Jonesboro, Walnut Ridge	373	118	4
Crossett, First	371	254	1
Rogers, First	346	115	
Little Rock, South Highland	346	106	4
Norphlet, First	345	184	
Conway, First	343	88	
Springdale, First	342	190	
Including Mission	424		
El Dorado, West Side	336	99	6
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	334	105	
Hot Springs, First	323	94	3
Siloam Springs, First	312	248	5
Searcy, First	302	84	
Monticello, First	266	93	
Mena, First	254	103	4
Texarkana, Calvary	253	96	
North Little Rock, First	250		
Hamburg, First	238	115	
Hot Springs, Piney	230	114	
Levy	217	77	
Little Rock, Hebron	200	94	
Bentonville, First	196	70	3
Gentry, First	186	115	1
North Little Rock, Forty-seventh St.	171	115	1
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	155	135	5
Gurdon, Beech Street	146	65	
Warren, Immanuel	133	89	
Stuttgart, First	349	244	
Including Missions	387	268	
Friendship	120	103	6
Strong, First	116	53	2
Magnolia, Immanuel	91	60	1
Hot Springs, Grand Avenue	87	46	1
Little Rock, West Side	86	60	
Monte Ne, First	74	54	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	57	29	
No. Little Rock, Cedar Hts.	45	34	1

### South East Zone Liberty Association

The Lawson Church of Liberty Association was host to the South East Zone Hymn-Sing on January 14. There were seventy-five people in attendance, representing the following churches: Philadelphia, Liberty, Knowles, and Lawson.

Mrs. T. T. Walker directed the Sing. Liberty Church, with James Lerch as pastor, received the attendance banner, with 34 present.

# Jesus Meets Human Needs

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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The needs of the human family are many and varied. Think of all the mental, moral and social problems of the race; the physical and spiritual needs of the individual. The world would turn to the realm of education to solve its intellectual problems; to the church to heal its moral troubles; and the trend seems to be toward the government to cure the social ills; to the physician for physical ailments; and would only consult God if and when they felt a spiritual need or fear.

To the Christian, Jesus is the first answer to all our problems. He is the proven source of all our help, fundamentally. And this is not to disparage the place of education, of the church, or the government, or the doctor of medicine, in the plans and purposes of God. But these things should be used within the will of God, and not separately and apart, as though God did not exist.

## Savior Only If Completely Saves

Jesus is the Savior — and a Savior is one who saves. He is also the all-sustaining Savior; He not only has the power to save, but the power to keep, and the power to provide, else He would not really be a Savior.

In His completed ministry, Jesus proved His ability to fill all human needs. During His life time He supplied the mental, physical, and spiritual needs of all who would receive His help. Are we to suppose that He has less power today than He had then? No, indeed.

Secondly, In His death He paid the penalty for the sin of Adam and for the sins of the human race, and thereby took care of the moral needs of His creation.

Thirdly, In His resurrection He conquered death for us; He came forth the victor over hell and the grave; and He brought with Him the keys of death and hell, which means He is the Master of the situation. A key indicates ownership, possession. Death nor hell has any power over the child of God; that monster was slain by the Lord Jesus Christ, the all-sufficient Savior. So whatever the need of His disciple may be, He is able to fill it.

These great truths are being brought out step by step in this series of lessons on the life and ministry of our Lord according to Mark. In Mark 6:31, we find the pressure of service and the people thronging Jesus so constantly that He and His disciples had no time even for their meals, and they become exhausted. The Lord sug-

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February 11, 1951  
Mark 6:30-7:23  
Text: Mark 6:30-44

gested a certain desert spot across the lake where they might find solitude, but when He reached the place, the multitudes had run ahead and were awaiting His arrival by boat. And, (verse 34) He was moved with compassion, with pity, as He observed their plight; they seemed to Him as a flock of stray sheep without the guiding presence, the loving care and protection of a shepherd. Mark emphasizes His teaching ministry by saying that He taught them many things; Luke added that He healed their sick, also.

## Material Needs Also Important

Instead of the contemplated day of rest, Jesus spent the hours administering food to the hungry souls, and health to their afflicted bodies. By and by they realized the day was almost gone, and now the need of the hour is expressed thus: "They have not to eat."

Jesus had filled the intellectual needs of the hour; He had healed the sick thus supplying the physical need of those about Him; but it never occurred to His apostles that He could take care of their material needs as well. So they approached the Master and suggested that He had better send the people away, night was coming on and it was some distance into the village round about, the only chance they saw for the multitude to purchase a meal.

Jesus astounded the disciples with the statement, "You feed them." ("Give ye them to eat.") But where could they go to buy so much bread, and where would they get the money, they reasoned. And there was only one person, a lad, who had brought a lunch, it only consisted of five pieces of bread and two small fishes. It certainly looked like a hopeless situation.

The Lord commanded the apostles to organize the people; placing them in groups of fifty and groups of a hundred each. He blessed the small amount of food available, and "they did all eat, and were filled." The Lord never did a half-way job of anything. There were five thousand men present besides the women and children; All of them ate and all had plenty to eat. The record tells us "they were all filled" but it goes further than that: twelve baskets of food was left over, which is a double surety that there was an abundance of food.

## Precious Promises

Do we sometimes feel that God has forgotten us, knowing as we do our own insignificance? The Psalmist said that He thinks of us

so many times they cannot be numbered, (40:5).

Does the way before us look dark and foreboding, do we fear the future? "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye," (Psalms 32:8).

Do we sometimes feel resentment in our hearts that others have more than we, while we try so hard to serve the Master and others are indifferent? "A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked," (Psalms 37:13). May we submit three sources of encouragement to the bewildered and anxious Christian: First, Look up. In prayer we find power to be willing to be submissive to His divine will. Secondly, Look around. You can always find others who are poorer and sicker than you. Thirdly, Look to the scriptures. There we find the definite promise of God "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." How then, can one who is living right make a serious mistake? And if a son make a mistake, "The Lord will not leave him in his hand (hand of the wicked) nor condemn him when he is judged," (Psalms 37:16,

33). The world condemns the wayward Christian, but God seeks to save him and overrule his mistakes for good.

Do we fear the time when we may be in trouble, when enemies might seek our lives, or our well-being? The Lord's promise is to deliver us from both if we will spend our time helping others. The best tonic on earth, the best cure-all for our ailments, is to keep busy for the Master, (Psalms 41:1-3).

## Faith Not Fear Honors God

Jesus pronounced His personal benediction upon His own just prior to His departure with the promise: "Lo, I am with thee always, even unto the end of the world." And the writer of Hebrews (13:5-6) echoes back the statement: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." "So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

Fear is a disgrace. The first step in honoring God in our lives is by faith. Trust Him to supply our every need. He can do it, and He is the only One who can.



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## A Great Church and Pastor



Bellaire Church is located a few miles Southeast of McGehee on Highway 65. It is one of the greatest churches we know about. They are moving forward in a great church program of development and soul winning. If you knew their young aggressive spirit-filled pastor, Quincy D. Mathis, you would understand one of the secrets of their progress. Mathis is a Ouachita College and Southern Seminary man. He has plenty of vitality and spiritual power. He is a real leader and is not afraid to call on his people to follow in a great church program, and yet he is so prayerful and democratic and spiritual in it all. It was our privilege recently to assist in the dedication of one of the greatest rural church buildings we have ever seen. The auditorium is 50 by 60 feet and has 21 Sunday School rooms on two floors. The building is not only large, but it is built to the specifications and plans of an architect. The work was done by the church members, but it was superintended

by Mr. G. W. Roberts of Dermott, and when you look at it you would think that every piece of timber was cut and fitted by an experienced mechanic. We are giving a picture of the building here, but the most beautiful part is the interior. The materials cost nearly \$16,000. Five good men on the building committee worked with their fine young pastor in the service of dedication. These men were J. B. Griswood, D. T. Duncan, Hollis Bailey, D. P. Morgan, and Roy Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lamb were the two charter members in the dedication. Mayor W. J. Irvin, Dermott, and Deacon John Baxter and W. C. Palmer attended the dedication services and made splendid speeches. We congratulate the people of Bellaire. The pastor announces that they will now embark upon a great spiritual and missionary program in that community. Pastor Dillard Miller, Eudora, and Pastor Ed McDonald, Dermott, and Missionary Allen McCurry and the Halley church also participated in the dedication service.

## Honor Fund

We have received another \$100 offering to be applied on our old debts. This is the third \$100 gift on this worthy undertaking that we have received in the last few months. We want you to read what Brother Hall says about paying these old debts. Here is his letter:

Houston, Texas  
January 22, 1951

Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
200 Baptist Building  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Att. Dr. B. L. Bridges:

Enclosed is my personal check for \$100. I want this money to apply to the Baptist Honor Fund. If you remember, I sent this same amount on May 5, 1949, to make good a promise I made to the Seventy-five Million campaign many years ago.

It gives me unspeakable joy to make good on that promise I really intended to make good many years ago. God has done something wonderful within my soul, and I want to show my appreciation for saving my soul from hell. I know where I'm going, and there is no stop over in **PURGATORY** for me. And I go prepared. Jesus paid it all on the cross when he died for the sins of every person in the world. I'm living on borrowed time today. I am past 72.

I am a native of Arkansas. I was born at Bellefonte in Boone County. I can't find words to express how deeply I feel towards the Baptists of Arkansas for redeeming that old debt, dollar for dollar. I am proud to have once lived where Baptists place such a high value on honesty. May God richly bless each one that takes part in helping to pay off this debt.

Sincerely yours,  
William J. Hall.

## Facts of Interest

**Religious News Service Reports** That President Truman has abandoned plans to name an ambassador to the Vatican. It reports he probably will name another personal representative.

The W. C. T. U. has warned church groups that the **Temperance and Tolerance Association of America**, Lincoln, Nebraska, is a "wet organization."

the mathematics department. He was the greatest math teacher I ever knew. If the best member in the class "hubbed a stump" on any problem, if they would read or state the problem to "Professor Mac" he would begin extemporaneously and dictate to the one at the blackboard the various steps in the solution of the problem. We saw him prove by mathematical processes that 1 plus 1 equal 1. We often say that figures do not lie, but "Professor McAllister" could find fallacies in mathematics. In his work with the National Guard, General McAllister has given valuable service. He is an example of Christian manhood along with his ability to render service. We have been very glad that a man of his sterling worth and Christian character has been head of the National Guard, and we couldn't help lamenting it somewhat when he severed his connection with the organization.

## Pastor, You Cannot Afford To Miss It

The caption of this article refers to the Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan. Preachers cannot afford to fail to make provision for their wives in case of the death of the preacher. If you have not joined the Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan, you should do so at once. **THERE IS ONLY ONE TIME OF THE YEAR THAT YOU CAN JOIN THIS PLAN. IT IS NOW. JANUARY IS THE ONLY MONTH.** If you join, however, and send in your dues anytime during the month of February, we can date your entrance as of January 1, 1951. Please read elsewhere in this issue of the paper the Relief and Annuity Board's statement about this wonderful advantage offered to preachers in behalf of their wives.

## General McAllister

Brigadier General H. L. McAllister has resigned his position as head of the National Guard. He has removed to his home at Conway and is assuming other duties.

General McAllister is a Baptist and throughout his life has been a very useful man. He is not an old man and is not taking himself out of service and employment. It is difficult for the writer to call him General, because our personal relationship was that of a teacher and a pupil. I do not know much mathematics, but "Professor McAllister, and Mr. Will Fish of Star City, taught me all the mathematics I know. If I had majored in mathematics, I probably would have learned a good deal, because both of these men are masters in the science. General McAllister was Dean of Ouachita College for a number of years, and at the same time was head of

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