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ARKANSAS

NOVEMBER 7, 1957

By Jay W. C. Moore

Concord News Notes

THE NEW associational officers are: Elva Adams, Temple Church, Fort Smith, moderator; A. D. Kent, Booneville, vice moderator; Herman Sandford, Greenwood, clerk; Al G. Escott, Fort Smith, treasurer; Jim Chatham, Fort Smith, Sunday School superintendent; Jack Hull, Training Union director; Jerry Howell, Fort Smith, Music director; Mrs. John Febro, WMU president; and Orville Haley, Fort Smith, VBS leader. Dr. S. W. Eubanks delivered the annual sermon. The next annual meeting will be at Towson Avenue Church, Fort Smith, October 9-10, 1958. Mason Bondurant, pastor of Trinity Church, Fort Smith, was elected to preach the annual sermon, with Lynwood Henderson, pastor of East Side Church, Fort Smith, as alternate. Herman Sandford will preach the doctrinal sermon with Murl Walker as alternate.

THE MISSIONARY'S wife, Mrs. Maxie Moore, recently installed 30 WMS officers for First Church, Fort Smith. Mrs. Dell Davis succeeds Mrs. Bill Gresham as president.

TIMOTHY HOWELL, the elevenmonth-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Howell, died recently in a Fort Smith hospital. Funeral services were conducted in the chapel of Grand Avenue Church by Jim Pleitz. Burial was at Godley, Tex. Mr. Howell is minister of music for Grand Avenue Church.

TRINITY CHURCH, Fort Smith, was host to the annual WMU meeting. Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Wasson, missionaries to Nigeria, were the principal speakers. Mason Bondurant, pastor of Trinity Church, installed the new associational officers: Mrs. John Febro, superintendent; Mrs. Jay W. C. Moore, asociate superintendent; Mrs. Dell Davis, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Murl Walker, mission study chairman; Mrs. John Woodhull, prayer chairman; Mrs. J. O. Kincannon, stewardship chairman; Mrs. Ray Looper, community missions; Mrs. F. C. Kirkpatrick, BWC advisor; Mrs. Turman Witcher, publicity chairman; Mrs. R. E. Snow, Girls Auxiliary and Mrs. Boyd Robertson, Sunbeam leader.

Missionary From Africa Speaks in Russellville

W. O. HARPER, missionary on furlough from Tanganyika, Africa, will be the featured speaker at a mass meeting of the Dardanelle-Russellville Association in the Russellville First Baptist Church, November 14, at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting will close a week of mission study on Africa in the churches, and will set the stage for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering season.

Pastor's Conference Program

THE ANNUAL SESSION of the Arkansas Baptist Pastor's Conference will be held in Immanuel Church, Little Rock, in the chapel, Monday afternoon, November 18, from 1:45 to 4:30 p.m., according to J. L. Hall, pastor of First Church, Clarksville, president of the conference.

Speakers will include Richard Perkins, Nashville, who will lead the opening devotional; Wilbur Herring, Jonesboro, whose topic will be "The Full-Time Evangelist"; John McClanahan, Hope, "The Student Pastor"; W. C. Halsell, Little Rock, "The Retired Minister";

Duke McCall, Louisville, Ky., "The Ordained Denominational Worker"; Frank Pitts, Blytheville, "The Chaplain";

Tom Hinson, Fayetteville, "The Associational Missionary"; Elson Herndon, Camden, "The Neighboring Pastor"; C. R. Pierce, Lake Village, "The Pastor of another Denomination"; and C. G. McCalman, Morrilton, "His Predecessor and Successor."

"The state will be represented from every corner on the program," President Hall writes. "Such a program should attract a big crowd."

J. D. Tolleson, El Dorado, is vice president of the group and Delbert Garrett is secretary.





















Top row, left to right: Mr. Perkins, Mr. Herring, Dr. McClanahan, Mr. Halsell.

Second row, left to right: Dr. McCall, Dr. Pitts, Mr. Hinson, Mr. Herndon.

Bottom row, left to right: Mr. Pierce and Mr. McCalman.

NEW OFFICERS for Pulaski County Asociation are: W. Harry Hunt, pastor of Levy Church, moderator; Carl Overton, pastor of Tyler Street Church, vice moderator; W. Dawson King, McKay Mission, treasurer; L. C. Tedford, Grace Church, clerk; Jim Cady, of Immanuel Church, Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. Ralph Bowen, Training Union director; Mrs. L. Y. Lewis, WMU president; Morris Jackson, Brotherhood president; Archie McMillan, music director; Juanita Straubie, BSU director and William V. Philliber, evangelism. O. C. Robinson, Jr., is the missionary.

dent at Ouachita College, is serving First Church, Little Rock, as Youth Director. A native of Shreveport, La., and former member of Queensboro Church, Mr. Maxwell is in his senior year at Ouachita. He is publicity chairman of the BSU, vice president of the Senior Class, editor of the yearbook, and president of the orchestra. He is an English major. Mr. Maxwell will be the speaker on the Religious Emphasis program at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, November 11-15.

Churches Include Arkansas Baptist

FIRST CHURCH, CAMDEN, Dr. Thomas L. Harris, pastor, has acceptour introductory offer on hurch Budget Plan.

THE CEDAR GROVE church, Rt. 3, Arkadelphia, of which John F. Heffley, Jr., is pastor, has accepted our special introductory offer and is sending the Arkansas Baptist to all its families.

PASTOR H. A. Nettles has sent in a new budget, for Lone Star Church, Faulkner County Association.

IONE CHURCH, Buckner Association, John E. Evans, pastor, has changed from club to the budget system.

HILLTOP CHURCH, Pulaski Association, Wendell Ross, pastor, has accepted the trial offer of one month.

HUNTSVILLE CHURCH, Washington-Madison Association, has changed from the club to the budget. Garland W. Morrison is the pastor.

RED OAK, Marked Tree, Trinity Association, has changed from club to budget. The list was sent in by J. M. McCrory, treasurer.

THE PRAIRIE GROVE church, Bartholomew Association, of which M. H. Howie is pastor, has accepted our introductory offer and is now receiving the Arkansas Baptist in all of their families.

BLACK ROCK, FIRST, Carl H. Johnson, pastor, has accepted the introductory offer.

CONCORD, FIRST, Little River Asciation, Noble Wiles, pastor, has included the Arkansas Baptist in their budget.

EAST SIDE, Paragould, Guy M. Whitney, pastor, has accepted the introductory offer and is sending Arkansas Baptist to every family.

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COVER STORY

Dinner-On-The-Ground At Newport

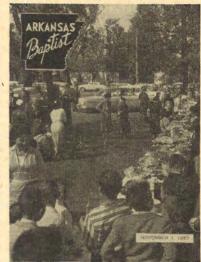
THIS WEEK'S cover shot of the dinner-on-the-ground served by Church, Newport, as the church dedicated its sanctuary on Sunday, October 13, is reminiscent of many a noon-day scene at the recent fall meetings of the Arkansas Baptist district associations.

No doubt it will bring back memories of days in the more distant past to many when dinner-on-the-ground was not only desirable from the fellowship standpoint but because you did not have time to travel by buggy or wagon somewhere else for lunch and be back in time for afternoon services.

Mama used to spend two or three days getting ready for one of those marvelous repasts and all the family had to tread lightly as the lightbread dough was rising for a special baking. And how could we ever forget the egg custards flavored with nutmeg that we helped to grate not to mention chicken fried, baked, and boiled in dumplings, and beef, pork, and other meats, with bushels of vegetables, fruits and salads, and almost innumerable sweets.

You do not have so many such dinners any more. A large part of our people were born 30 years too late to reap the full benefits. But Pastor Ed F. Mc-Donald, Jr., and First Church, Newport, liked their dinner-on-the-ground so well that they have voted officially to make it an annual affair on the anniversary of the founding of church.

Following the Newport dinner, the church dedicated its beautiful auditorium, valued at \$200,000 and built back in 1946 under the leadership of Pastor C. F. Wilkins, who has since retired and, with Mrs. Wilkins, makes his home in Little Rock.



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The dedication came on the 65th "birthday" of the church. That age 65 does not mean "retirement" for this fine congregation is evinced by the fact there were 384 in Sunday School on the day of dedication, and the church has purchased a beautiful new home for Pastor McDonald and family at 402 Laurel and plans to convert the old parsonage into badly needed additional space for the church's expanding organizational program.—ELM



PARTICIPANTS IN THE recent dedication of the sanctuary of First Church, Newport, were, left to right: Pastor Ed F. McDonald, Jr., (in rear); Trustee Harrison Bennett; Former Pastor C. F. Wilkins (seated); Trustee B. W. Jones; Trustee O. I. Hubert; and Attorney Kaneaster Hodges. (For fuller report, see Cover Story.)

Hating Intelligently and Religiously

PEOPLE USUALLY take inventory at least once a year of their possessions. Perhaps it would be appropriate to take stock also of something which is not a possession, but which apparently possesses a lot of people these days—hate.

Whom or what do you hate?

Rather than run the risk of having someone accuse us of meddling in other people's affairs, the more searching question, Why do you hate? will not be asked here.

Surely, as intelligent beings, we will agree that whatever we do, we ought to try to do it intelligently. And, those of us who are Christians will also agree that we should not only be intelligent but Christian in our deeds and attitudes.

Since "hate" is a word that is used rather loosely, perhaps a study of the word itself would be a good beginning if we are going to hate intelligently and as Christians.

As a transitive verb—that is the one requiring an object—the dictionary says *hate* means: "1. To feel an intense aversion to; detest; abhor. 2. To dislike exceedingly." As an intransitive verb, *hate* means "To feel hate or hatred."

"Hate, detest, abhor, abominate, loathe mean to dislike extremely. Hate implies aversion often coupled with enmity or malice; detest, violent antipathy; abhor, profound, often shuddering, repugnance; abominate, strong detestation, as of something ill-omened or shameful; loathe, utter disgust and intolerance."

Oh, yes, and the antidote, pardon us, antonym for hate is love.

There are a lot of ways to hate. You can break your hating down into individuals or you can hate in the aggregate. You can show your hatred on your countenance, in outward actions or hostility, or you can hide it deep within yourself so that few besides you and God will know about it.

To help with the hate inventory suggested at the outset, a hate list is here provided. This is only a "starter." You will make use of whatever additional sheets you may need to list objects of hate not included here. Be sure not to leave out anything you hate, for if you are going to hate intelligently you must at least know what you hate.

Here is your flate Check List:	
	People of races other than your own.
	People of other religious faiths.
	Those who belong to political parties you cannot tolerate.
	People not in your own social or economic class, whether "above' or "beneath" you.
	People who, according to your own evaluation, are considerably dumber or smarter than you are.

People who don't see things the way you do.

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When you have carefully checked the things you hate—and be sure not to leave out a single object—get down on your knees and see if you can get the Lord to approve your list. If you cannot, you might want to revise your list, or, better still, ask the Lord to revise your heart. Here are suggestions from Paul:

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.—Galatians 5: 19-23.

Personally Speaking . . .

"Try The Spirits"

ONE OF London's (Pope County frequent attractions on Saturday afternoons back in World War I days



MR. McDONALD

was the old-time medicine show featuring "Doc" with his frocktail coat, black bow tie, and persuasive tongue.

"Doc" would park
his wagon or truck in
the most conspicious
available spot and
soon would be surrounded by a great
crowd of suckers —

pardon me, customers. There were lots of folks to draw, for people from miles around would come in to have "rounds" of corn ground at George Martin's grist mill; or, perhaps, to have mules shod or a plow sharpened at Si Ruble's blacksmith shop; and to stand around and visit together while sipping delicious, self-made fountain cokes at Shrigg Eggleston's, where every one shaved his own ice with a sweat-producing, manual ice shaver.

sweat-producing, manual ice shaver. It didn't take ole "Doc" and his ever-present, blacked-face handyman ("Sold out, Doc!") long to get their "free" vaudeville going. Every little while "Doc" would interrupt the show to make available at a dollar a bottl whatever he had had the most left of from previous sales. One time it might be healing oil "good for man or beast." Or it might be a "tonic" recommended for every condition from jaded appetites to advanced tuberculosis.

One of the really great marvels, it seemed to me at the time, was Dr. Somebody's "Corn Remedy." You didn't even have to pull off your shoe — just drop a few drops on your shoe over a throbbing corn and you would feel immediate relief.

The medicine man has graduated into big-time advertising. Today we are exposed to him constantly on radio and TV and in newspapers and magazines. He still tries to make us feel he has a miraculous product, whether it is tooth paste, shampoo, shaving cream, lipstick or something else he is paid to hawk.

But today the medicine man is not always selling products. Frequently he has turned "statesman" or "preacher" and is telling us what is right and what is wrong and how we are to live and vote and use our influence.

Many are asking, "Who or what can we believe when there are so many claims — so many charges and countercharges?"

The words of 1 John 4:1 seem peculiarly appropriate:

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

-Erwin L. McDonald

Arkansas Convention President Has Wide and Interesting Career

JONAH was not the first and he certainly was not the last man to run from the Lord, as many of us could



testify and as President Rel Gray of the Arkansas Baptist Convention confesses.

The Joppa for the

man who will be completing his second term as president of the Arkansas Convention at the annual meetings here in a few days

DR. GRAY here in a few days was a business career coupled with active church service as a layman.

By the time Gray had graduated from Warren High School, he had a very definite feeling that the Lord was leading him into some special field of Christian work. But he also yearned to try himself in business.

After two years at Ouachita College, he dropped out to work for the State of Arkansas in the Purchasing Department, with headquarters in Little Rock, for two years. Following this, he opened his own business, a service station-gaage, where he worked for 18 months.

As a business man, Gray was an active member of First Church, Little Rock, where he was director of the Training Union under Pastors Arden Blaylock and Joe Henry Hankins. The untimely death of the beloved Blaylock made a deep and lasting impression on the future preacher and denominational leader. As he looks back from his present position as pastor of First Church, Helena, he feels that this had something to do with the compulsion he came to feel that he must give up a business career and enter the ministry.

The experience he had in the business field has stood Rel Gray in good stead. But, the greatest aspect of his business career was meeting and falling in love with Mary Alice Webster, who, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Webster, were active in the First Church. In 1934, Miss Webster allowed her name to be changed to Gray. Today, there are three little Grays — two of them teenagers — Rel, who is not a "junior" but who is used to being so designated, now 16; Daniel Webster (Danny), 13; and Carol Jean, 7.

Returning to Ouachita to pick up his iberal education where he had left off, Mr. Gray accepted the position of associate on the staff of Dr. J. F. Queen, then pastor of Park Place Church, Hot Springs. Dr. Queen is still singing his

praises for the outstanding achievements at Park Place in "laying a lasting foundation, especially in the Sunday School department."

Gray would spend the week at Ouachita except for Wednesday night, when he would be at Park Place for the midweek prayer meeting, and would be joined in Hot Springs by Mrs. Gray, then secretary to Sunday School Superintendent Edgar Williamson in Little Rock, as a member of the Park Place team on week-ends.

The fine relationship between the Grays and Park Place is seen in the fact that, after Rel was through with his student days at Ouachita and was a seminarian at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and upon his call to become pastor of Keo Church, he arranged to be ordained by the Hot Springs church, where he had been licensed.

Following his graduation from seminary, Gray went to Sparkman for an 18-months pastorate. In May, 1944, he accepted a call to First Church, Rogers, where he continued till called to his present work in January, 1955.

Active in denominational affairs, he served as state Training Union Convention president for two years and as president of the Arkansas Baptist Executive Board for two years prior to his present position as president of the State Convention.

A dynamic preacher who presses for decisions, President Gray admits that it was probably best that a certain segment of his preaching congregation did not heed his appeal on a recent Sunday morning.

With his radio listeners in mind, he made a special appeal in the closing moments of the service for "those of you who are out in your cars on the highways" to "close your eyes with us now for prayer."

Because he feels the need to get out into the open spaces for necessary recreation and exercise, Preacher Gray has taken up golf. But he is never happier, except while preaching, than to be cuddled up with his Bible or a biography of a great personality. Prominent on his reading list are the lives of Lincoln, Lee, Truett, Scarbrough, and Spurgeon.

At the annual commencement exercises of Ouachita College last spring, Gray received the doctor-of-divinity degree.

Dr. Gray's life motto throws much light upon his Christian career:

"Stay humble, keep sweet, and work hard."—Erwin L. McDonald

THE BOOKSHELF

Ten Commandments for Writing Letters That Get Results, by John P. Riebel and Donald R. Roberts, Printers' Ink Books, Pleasantville, N. Y., 1957, \$6.

A NEW AND effective approach to business letter writing is found in this book by two authorities in the business letter field. Mr. Riebel is the author of How to Write Successful Business Letters in 15 Days and 6 Steps Toward More Successful Job Applications. Mr. Roberts has had opportunity through years of business and teaching to gain an understanding of onthe-job training methods and techniques.

The ten commandments, forming chapter heads, are: "Be Clear," "Be Correct," "Be Complete," "Be Concise," "Be Courteous," "Be Considerate," "Be Cheerful," "Be Convincing," "Be Conversational," "Be Clever."

We recommend this book for all who sell or promote by mail.

Did Man Just Happen? by W. A. Criswell, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1957, \$2.

THE PASTOR of Dallas' historic First Baptist Church and his publishers make available here an interesting and informative series of sermons on the Christian and Biblical view of the theory of evolution.

In his opening chapter, "The Creation of Man — God or Gorilla," Dr. Criswell writes:

"There is an observable fact that anyone can see anywhere, anytime, and that phenomenon is this: In every way and in all ways, a man is distinct from a beast; God said so. True science says so. In bone, in blood, in flesh, in cells, in mind, in soul, in spirit, a man is distinct from an animal.

"... a man walks erect ... differs from a beast in his countenance ... in his osteological framework ... in his reason and in his inventive genius. ."

Other books received:

The Douglass Sunday School Lessons, 1958, by Earl L. Douglass, The Mac-Millan Company, 1957, \$2.95.

Points for Emphasis, by Clifton J. Allen, Broadman Press, 1957.

A Verse a Day, by W. H. Little, Vantage Press, Inc., 1957, \$3.75.

1,000 New Illustrations, by Al Bryant, Zondervan Publishing House, 1957, \$3.95.

Some Golden Daybreak, by Lee Roberson, Zondervan Publishing House, 1957,

CLAUDE M. ALMAND, dean of the music department, Stetson University, De Land, Florida, for several years, and H. Hansford Dicken, minister of music, Avondale Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, were killed in an automobile accident recently. Almand, widely known as a music educator and composer, served on the faculty of Peabody College, Nashville, before going to Stetson.

Miss Perry Decorated By Queen Elizabeth

Miss May Perry, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, was one of 27 American citizens and British subjects decorated by Queen Elizabeth II on her visit to the United States in the first investiture ever held by a British sovereign on American soil. The brief but colorful ceremony was held at the British Embassy in Washington, D. C., on the morning of October 19.



Wide World Photo

Miss Perry was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire last June, an honor given to persons who have served with distinction in the British Empire. Miss Perry was recognized for educational service in Nigeria.

Since she arrived in Nigeria in 1921, Miss Perry has spent much of her time serving through Idi-Aba, the Baptist girls' school in Abeokuta. She was principal of the school from 1928 until 1952, when she requested that another missionary assume that position. She has continued to teach at the school and to be principal of the secondary division.

Idi-Aba specializes in the training of elementary teachers and maintains its own elementary school for practice purposes. It has done much to change the nature of womanhood in the area around Abeokuta and its influence has been felt throughout Nigeria.

Miss Perry, a native of Tate, Ga., grew up in Talking Rock, Ga. She graduated from Georgia State College for Women, Milledgeville, and taught in public schools in Georgia for six years before entering Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now Carver School of Missions and Social Work), Louisville, Ky.

Upon her graduation from the Training School in 1920, she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board for service in Nigeria.

Miss Perry is now in the States on furlough. Her address is Canton, Ga.

JERUSALEM — Israel's government has granted permission to a corporation headed by three Minneapolis conservative Protestant churchmen to start a graduate school of Biblical studies in Jerusalem. Students who attend the school will be able to do "unlimited digging" at ancient Biblical sites.

To Welcome 1958 In Prayer Services

NEW YORK - A watchnight prayer service in some 75,000 churches in North America on New Year's Eve, 1958, will open the six-year Baptist Jubilee Advance program.

The Jubilee Advance Committee meeting here said seven major Baptist bodies in the U.S. and Canada, representing some 18,000,000 Baptists, will participate in the evangelism effort.

The final year of the advance, 1964, will mark the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America. This started in 1914 at Philadelphia with the formation of the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Missions.

In May, 1964, a gigantic rally will be held in Atlantic City, N. J. The committee expects that 100,000 Baptists will attend this event.

The committee meeting was addressed by Rep. Brooks Hays, (D.-Ark.); president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He said that the Advance "needs to recapture for all North American Baptists the first century Christian dedication involving as it did suffering, sacrifice and the passionate sense of responsibility for the world to whom its Gospel was declared."

"The hope of the world is in the Christian tie which binds man to man and nation to nation in love and concern," he said. "The Baptist Jubilee Advance seeks to interpret the purpose of the Baptist place in the complexity of our modern world."

Rep. Hays declared that conditions in this country "confront both Church and State with a serious challenge to apply the basic principles of our democracy, principles with spiritual foundations but with practical implications for every serious statesman of today."

Louisville Man Gives \$250,000 for College

LOUISVILLE (BP) - V. V. Cooke, a Louisville automobile dealer and Baptist layman, has given \$250,000 toward the construction of a junior college here.

The college would be an arm of Georgetown College, four-year school operated by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Opening of school is anticipated in 1960.

OBU Adding Space To Men's Dormitory

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP) - Oklahoma Baptist University is constructing a \$700,000 addition to its Brotherhood Memorial men's dormitory. The addition will more than double the present capacity of the dormitory; 205 students now live in the building.

Broadman Publishes More Iuveniles

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BPN) - Wi the publication of two new books in its "Little Treasure" series, More Bible Friends to Know, by Jane Williams, and When Jesus Was Here by Sadie Holcomb Davis, Broadman Press now has twelve titles in this series.

Miss Williams is Primary worker in the Training Union Department of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. She has been a regular contributor to various Training Union periodicals and a writer of program materials on the Primary level for the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board for a number of years.

Like Bible Friends to Know in the "Little Treasure" series, the six stories in More Bible Friends to Know span the Old and New Testaments.

Sadie Holcombe Davis, superintendent of a Beginner Sunday school department in Columbia, South Carolina, has long been a writer of Beginner Sunday school curriculum materials.

19 Decisions at Church Exhibit

A SPIRITUAL survey, sponsored by the radio ministry of the North Syracuse Baptist Church, was conducted through a "Christ At Noon" exhibit in the Horticultural Building at the New York State Fair. The motif of th booth was a huge question mark with vari-colored lights and the printed question, "Do You Have the Answer?" This outreach was under the direction of Mayre Gelsomini, assistant to the pastor. Over 1800 participated in the survey and thousands of pamphlets, Life's Most Important Questions, were distributed. Nineteen persons recorded a personal decision to accept Christ as their Saviour.

Teachers Organize Pastoral Care Group

NASHVILLE (BP) - The Southern Baptist Association for Clinical Pastoral Education has been organized here. It brings together seminary professors, institutional chaplains, and others teaching courses in the field of pastoral care.

The association plans to meet annually, at the same time as the annual Conference on Counselling and Guidance sponsored by several Southern Baptist agencies.

J. M. Price, Jr., director of the school of religious education at the New Orleans Seminary, is president of the association. C. W. Brister, assistant professor, department of pastoral ministry at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, is secretary.

DR. J. P. McBETH will assist First Church, Waldron, in a revival, November 10-17, according to Pastor J. M. James.



Non-Public School Attendance Continues 14-Year Growth

ACCORDING TO A recent survey, the number of pupils enrolled in non-public elementary and high schools has more than doubled over the past 14 years — a much greater percentage rise than in the public schools. Statistics gathered by the United States Office of Education showed that there are now 5,408,000 pupils in the non-public schools as compared with 2,546,000 in 1943-44. About 90 per cent of these schools are under Roman Catholic auspices. (A number of schools are sponsored by evangelical church-related groups, but accurate statistics are not readily available.)

A PROPOSAL THAT weekly church services be held on Thursdays instead of Sundays was advanced in Cleveland by two Protestant ministers. The departure from tradition was suggested at a panel session on the church of the future held in connection with the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ).

The idea was broached by the Rev. Dr. Myron E. Neal, pastor of the Chapel Hill Christian church in Tulsa, Okla. It was seconded by the Rev. Dr. W. A. Welsh, minister of the East Dallas, Texas, Christian church. Dr. Welch's church is one of the largest in the denomination, with a membership of nearly 4,000.

GENERAL MOTORS is encouraging its more than half a million employees to go to church. It has published and placed on its information racks over the country a pamphlet by Dean Sanderson entitled, "Your Church Can Help You."

The pamphlet states: "When you want a car fixed, you take it to a garage. When we're ill, we go to a doctor. When we need legal advice, we seek out a lawyer. But what do we do when we have human problems, emotional problems? Who is the specialist we turn to then? There is one trained man constantly available to all of us in every community: our minister, priest, or rabbi. And his services are free."

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Government reports that church construction started in September set a new record for a single month. It amounted to \$81,000,000 which was a million dollars more than in August and eight million above the September 1956 figure. The total for 1957 is 16 per cent above the same period last year. Private hospital and institutional building also continued an upward trend. Construction by private schools and colleges fell off slightly.

Malone, Nation's Newest College, Opens in Canton

MALONE COLLEGE, the nation's newest privately controlled, church related institution of higher learning, opened its doors last September on a 54-acre campus at Canton, Ohio, but not without a struggle.

Formerly the Cleveland Bible College, it was renamed last year after the trustees had decided to convert it into a liberal arts institution. Meanwhile, the Cleveland campus, which was feeling the squeeze of business expansion, was sold and plans were made for the move to Canton, 60 miles to the south, where there was neither a college nor a junior college.

APPROXIMATELY 2,500 persons helped Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, celebrate its 80th anniversary at a rally in Conrad Hilton Hotel on October 13. The Mission, two blocks away from the Michigan Avenue hotel in a Skid Row district of the Windy City, is the nation's second oldest, the McAuley Water Street Mission, New York City, being older by five years.

THERE ARE 2,445 students enrolled in the colleges and Bible colleges operated by the Assemblies of God, about 60 per cent of whom are young men. A survey was conducted by the denomination's Education Department to determine the aims of 806 freshmen enrolled in these schools. The survey revealed that 65 per cent of the young people plan to enter the ministry as full-time pastors, evangelists, or missionaries.

German Architects Plan No More Gothic Churches

TODAY'S CHURCHES must apply modern design in new buildings, according to Prof. Otto Bartning, dean of German church builders. The president of the Federation of German architects opened the Evangelical Church Builders convention in Berlin attended by 800 architects. He said: "No congregation, no church building committee would want to build a Gothic church today. Nobody will question the fact that to build a church of today you must use the architectural lines of today. Modern design is a must."

JERUSALEM — Two new Greek Orthodox churches built with Israeli government aid will be dedicated in Galilee this fall. Altogether, ten Christian churches have been built in Israel since 1948.

In Germany, more than five million missing persons have been reunited with their families since the end of the war through the German Churches' Tracing Service, a joint agency of Lutherans and Catholics. Over 800,000 cases are still pending, chiefly refugees and repatriated prisoners of war from Russia.

THERE ARE 270 Baptist churches in Metropolitan London, England, with total membership of 45,029 and a Sunday school enrolment of 50,702.



SIX FOREIGN MISSIONARIES on the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary pose with Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, seminary president, during Missionary Day activities Thursday, October 24. Standing from left are Clyde Jowers, Philippines; Dr. Leavell, and Chester Cadwallader, Guatemala. Seated from left, Miss Mildred Lovegren, Hong Kong; Mrs. Malcolm Tolbert, Brazil; and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Hill, Thailand.

The Rev. James G. Stertz, assistant secretary for missionary personnel of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board was the principal speaker.

During the Missionary Day service fourteen students responded to the invitation to dedicate their lives to missions service. (Photo by Ralph Atkinson)

Who Leads Your Church?

PASTORS AND OTHER church leaders in churches which send the Baptist state paper to all their church families are sometimes disturbed because someone reports finding copies of the paper in the waste baskets down at the post office. In a few instances, frugal deacons and pastors have led their churches to discontinue sending the paper through the budget plan, for this reason.

But, consider a few points.

Is it for the best interest of the church to choose its leadership from members who have no desire to know about the progress of the church program?

"But these who throw their papers away are not leaders," you may say.

They may not be deacons or Sunday school teachers or active in the Brotherhood or the WMU, but if through their indifference they determine such an important matter as whether or not the church is to continue sending the Baptist state paper to its families, they are leaders. But they are leading in the wrong direction!

Would the church want to follow these same "leaders" in determining whether to go on having midweek prayer meeting, the Sunday night service, the Brotherhood, or WMU? Should the church refrain from starting a building program or inaugurating the Forward Program of Church Finance, because these "leaders" will not help?

Who is really qualified to lead a church? Surely not those who are so uninterested in the Lord's work they do not choose to keep themselves informed by reading their Baptist state paper.

ROCKY BAYOU Association elected the following officers for next year: Shaw Griffin, pastor of Belview Church, Melbourne, moderator; Hugh Cooper, Melbourne Church, vice moderator; Troy Smith, Calico Rock, clerk; Charles H. Duncan, pastor of Calico Rock Church, assistant clerk; Walter Smith, Melbourne, treasurer.

Max Hull, Guion, pastor of Sage and Sidney churches, is the Sunday School superintendent and chairman of evangelism; Paul Henry, Melbourne, Training Union director; Herman Dover, Melbourne, Music director; E. A. Duren, Evening Shade, Brotherhood president, and G. M. Roberts, Rosie, pastor of Guion and Mt. Pleasant churches, stewardship chairman. R. E. Fowler is the missionary.

Of the 15 churches in the association, nine include the ARKANSAS BAPTIST in their church budgets: Evening Shade, Finley Creek, Franklin, Sage, Melbourne, Calico Rock, Guion, Oxford and Wiseman.

Consultants Employed By Louisiana Board

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — Booz, Allen, and Hamilton, management consultants of Chicago, have begun a survey of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The survey will last about four months, the firm said. The firm will study the organization, administration, and programs of the Louisiana Convention and present recommendations concerning their future set-up. Louisiana is the first state Baptist convention to undertake a survey of its work.

- CADDO VALLEY Church, Arkadelphia, had a groundbreaking service recently to begin the construction of an educational building. Pastor Richard Lamborn gave a history of the church and led a devotional period. Houston Haltom, chairman of the finance committee, turned the first shovel of earth. Associational missionary Charles D. Conner delivered the message.
- REV. AND MRS. Alfred R. Major, missionaries to South Brazil who are in the States on emergency leave due to the illness of Mrs. Major, have moved from Little Rock to Cave Springs, where they may be addressed at Box 51. Mrs. Major is a native of Modoc, and she and Mr. Major make their permanent American home in Elaine.
- REV. IVAN R. Davis has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Hardy.



Dr. Preston
... BSU Speaker

Dr. William Hall Preston of the Student Department in Nashville will direct a Religious Focus Week at Southern Baptist College November 4-8. Every four years the Nashville Student Department sponsors such a week on Baptist college campuses.

Christianity's Test

Here is a three-way test someone has suggested for determining whether one is a Christian.

1. The test of love:

"For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.

He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. . .

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." I John 3:11-14, 18.

2. The test of righteousness:

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in his sight.

And this is His commandment, that we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment." I John 3:22-23.

3. The test of faith:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

- REV. AND MRS. Alex F. Garner, missionaries to Argentina, may now be addressed at Ayacucho 272, Santa Fe, Argentina. Both Mr. and Mrs. Garner are natives of Arkansas, he of Fort Smith and she of Pope County. They make their permanent American home in Fort Smith.
- A PUBLIC RELATIONS counselor visiting Winnipeg, Manitoba, urged clergymen to buy more advertising space in newspapers to combat antireligious propaganda. Earl Kulbeck of Toronto, who handles publicity for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, said clergymen should take a leaf from the Communists who have found the printed page of "immeasurable value" in spreading their domination in Asia. He spoke at a regional missionary convention attended by nearly 1,000 delegates from 67 Pentecostal churches.

Hong Kong-City of Destiny and Despair

By GAINES S. DOBBINS
Distinguished Professor of Church Administration
Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
Berkeley, California

Have you ever considered what it would mean to have no future — only a past?

Hong Kong harbors a multitude who look backward but have nothing to look forward to. When the communists took over China, an unknown number of nationalists lost their lives, a still greater number lost their jobs, their homes, their possessions. Thousands fled in an almost continuous stream across the border to Hong Kong, city of refuge. Hong Kong, with its twin city across the bay, Kowloon, mushroomed from a population of about a million to an estimated present population of 3,500,000 — how many more, nobody knows.

Hong Kong is an island just 91 miles southeast of Canton. It is about ten miles long from east to west and nearly four miles in average breadth, its total area being about 32 square miles. On the other side of the island, reached by ferry, is Kowloon, about 30 miles from the barricated Red border. Its area is considerably larger than Hong Kong. The twin cities are a British colony under a long-term lease from the Chinese government made many years ago.

When the flood of refugees poured in, the two cities responded with magnifient generosity and have done much to provide livable conditions for them. Yet the overcrowding is almost beyond description. In the Wanchai district of Hong Kong, something like a million people are crowded into one of the worst slums in the world. We were told that in one tenement room there would exist (not live) as many as 40 persons. In some localities "squatters" have been permitted to put together makeshift shelters that a self-respecting farmer in the States would not use for his stock.

Many consequences follow from these conditions. Labor and life are almost unbelievably cheap. Morality is inevitably on a low level. The uprooted people not only have little to live on, but have even less to live for. They cling pathetically to their Buddhist and animistic religious forms and ceremonies but the emptiness of it all is pitifully apparent.

In contrast to this stark picture is the life of the wealthy and privileged. Hong Kong as a British possession maintains many of the traditions of the English people whose families have continued in large measure the traditions and customs of England. The casual tourist would perhaps not be impressed with the seamy side if he spent most of his time with this upper class. One must go with the missionaries to see the city at its worst and to be oppressed with the pall of despair that has settled over at least a million people.

We say here at home, "Christ is the answer." Is he in reality "the answer" to the desperate needs of such a city as Hong Kong? Is he in truth the answer to the almost overwhelming problems and needs of the Orient? Confronting such questions, Baptist missionaries and nationals came together July 26-September 2 for one of the most significant conferences in the history of Oriental missions. Secretary Winston Crawley gave guidance to the meetings, which met at 8:00 in the morning and continued until 10:00 at night. From each of the mission fields came representatives of the several types of service - administrative, educational, evangelistic, editorial and publication, and medical.

Around tables in Pui Ching school these groups met for intensive study, the sharing of ideas and experiences, the facing of problems, and the development of effective strategies for meeting the vast needs of the peoples of southeast Asia. I was privileged to serve as a "resource person" in several of the conferences and was deeply impressed with the spiritual power and the intellectual vigor manifested in the discussions and the planning. I heard no note of pessimism, no expression of defeatism. Christ the Answer, they reiterated, must be communicated to the sick world of the East by dynamic preaching, creative teaching and training, fruitful witnessing through all possible media, and sacrificial service to meet human need.

I preached at Stirling Road Baptist Church to a normal congregation of some 1,400 persons, then at Caine Road Baptist Church to another congregation about half the size. These great churches have strong Sunday schools, Training Unions, Woman's Missionary Unions, and Brotherhoods. Our Baptist high school, Pui Ching, with its 4,000 students, is the pride not only of Baptists but of Kowloon educators. In the midst of tragic want almost to despair, our Baptist churches and missions stand as the symbol of hope.

As we rode within sight of the Red border, my missionary guide expressed the confident expectation that within five years he would be crossing the barricade to preach the gospel. It may well be that Hong Kong-Kowloon will prove to be destiny-determining for the Orient and thus perhaps for the world, so that one day it may be written of these heroic Baptists, as Paul wrote of the Thessalonians: "For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you . . . but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere. ." As go Hong Kong-Kowloon and Macao, so well may go the East and the world!

Degree to Brooks Hays

On the vote of its Board of Trustees, Mercer University awarded the honorary doctor-of-laws degree to Representative Brooks Hays of Arkansas on Law Day at the University November 1.

Rep. Hays is one of the nation's outstanding Christian legislators and is currently President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He spoke at the afternoon session of Law Day at Mercer.

IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, the Czechoslovak Church, largest non-Roman body in the country, is buying wardamaged synagoguges from Jewish communities and converting them into Christian churches. Three former synagogues were dedicated for Christian worship last year and two more will be dedicated this fall.

LOCAL ACTION by church and civic groups is the surest way to put "smut salesmen" out of business and rid news-stands and drug stores of obscene publications, an agent of the FBI said in Washington recently.

"Law officers are convinced that the increasing flood of obscene magazines and pornographic materials is a major factor in the rapidly rising rate of sex crime," Special Agent Charles E. Moore, Jr., told members of the Woodside Methodist Men's Club in suburban Silver Spring, Maryland.



Making a Home For Baby

What happens when the first baby is brought home from the hospital—and a relative comes to help the new mother.

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MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Start That New Mission

WHAT ARE YOU doing toward beginning a new mission? Brother Pastor, are you going to take the lead in



this matter or wait until some layman takes the initiative with some pet project of his own: You say there is no need for a mission in your vicinity? Why not appoint a Missions Committee and let them decide, after a thorough survey

DR. CALDWELL whether or not the church should consider beginning a new mission? Of course, it is impossible for every church in Arkansas to sponsor a mission, but don't take it for granted that there is nothing to do until a committee's survey has revealed the facts.

Leslie Church, Don Jones, pastor, has three mission stations, one of which is 35 miles from Leslie. Those who work in the mission out of the Leslie church have to pass three good Baptist churches. So, it may be that your church can find a destitute area beyond your neighbor churches. If they can't fill the need, what about your church?

From the church bulletin of First Church, Mena, we quote a little message carried in it by Pastor Dillard Miller:

"It has been our joy to work with our Associational Missionary, Brother Lewis McClendon, in one of our mission points this week. This Midway Mission is a rural mission — about a mile from the Rolling Fork River bridge, 9 miles west of Gillham. The church house is one that is about 40 years old and has been used and unused throughout the year. I suppose we would say it is being temporarily re-used now.

"I have been in a lot of revivals in the last 10 years — but I have never seen the expectancy and prayerful interest in a group of people like there is at this church. I have not seen nor felt real friendliness, on the whole, in a long time as we have received here in this rural community. Every person, including the little boys and girls, greet us every service.

"The Lord has blessed greatly in the meeting. Up to this time there have been six additions to the church — four of these for baptism, two by letter."

"I report this to call your attention to our mission work in this Association. There is a great amount of work to be done and so few to do it.

"Pray for our Associational Mission."

The Mena Church has sponsored two missions in recent years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Edgar Williamson, Secretary

The Extension Department

IN ADDITION to the elderly and sick who cannot attend the church services, there is another great host of people whom we should reach — those who work on Sunday. They, too, should be enrolled in your Sunday School through your Extension department.

Few realize how many people work on Sunday. As you sit in church on Sunday morning, do you ever stop to think how many are working to make things comfortable and convenient for you?

As you worship, someone is busy at the power plant providing electricity for the lights, heat, fans, and the broadcasting equipment in the church. The telephone is nearby for you to use, and you may send a telegram if you wish.

Maybe you rode the bus or a taxi to church. If so, did you happen to think that the driver was not able to come in when he stopped in front of the church to let you out?

The fire department is on duty on Sunday as on every other day to protect your home and your church. The police force is also ready to help you on a moment's notice, Sunday or weekday. The paper boy brings your paper on Sunday; the milkman delivers your milk; the drugstore is open for you; and doctors, nurses, technicians, and others are at the hospital ready to minister to you or to anyone else who is injured or ill.

After the Sunday morning services are over, you may go to your favorite hotel or restaurant, if you wish, to have a good dinner which was prepared while you were attending the church service.

"Is the list of Sunday workers endless?" you ask. Well, there are probably more than you have realized. We have mentioned only a few. There are many more. It is the responsibility of the church to provide a spiritual ministry for them through an Extension department.

When we consider the vast multitudes of Sunday workers all around our churches, many of whose names are on our church rolls, we see the immensity of the task of ministering to them. When we stop to think about how they are often overlooked or forgotten, surely we feel moved to do something about it.

Your Sunday School is not complete without an extension department. If you want to organize a department in your church, write to us for the "Free Offer" of supplies, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.—Mrs. Will S. McCraw Supt. of Extention Work, S. S. Dept., S. S. Bd.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM BROTHERHOOD NIGHT

Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock November 18, 1957

THEME: "CHRIST IS SUPREME"

- 6:50 Song Service _______ Dick Maple
 Layman, Educational and Music Director of Gaines Street Baptist
 Church, Little Rock.
- 7:00 Scripture and Prayer G. C. Hilto
 Layman, Industrialist of Fayetteville, Member of First Baptist
 Church, Springdale, and First Vice President of the Arkansas Baptist Brotherhood Convention.
- 7:15 Special Music
- 7:20 Royal Ambassador Period C. H. Seaton,
- Preacher, Little Rock, Associate State Brotherhood Secretary.
 7:35 Camp Period Nelson Tull,
- Layman, Little Rock, State Brotherhood Secretary.
- 7:50 Song:
- 7:55 Message: "The Lord of Missionary Endeavor" ______ Dr. Eual Lawson, Preacher, Associate in the Department of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, Dallas, Tex.
- 8:15 Prospect Monroe Drye,
 Layman, Businessman of Mena, Member of First Baptist Church,
- Layman, Businessman of Mena, Member of First Baptist Church, and Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Brotherhood Convention.
- 8:20 Song:
- 8:25 Special Music
- 8:30 Message: "The Sovereign of the Believer"______ Dr. R. Paul Caudill Preacher, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.
- 9:10 Benediction

The boys who attend the Annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper will be special guests on Brotherhood Night.

CHURCH MUSIC

LeRoy McClard, Director

FIRST STATEWIDE adult choir festival in Arkansas, will be held February 28, 1957, at Second Church, Little

Rock.



For years the Church Music Department has promoted Statewide Primary, Junior and Youth Choir Festivals. Many of our adult choristers who ivals in their youth have requested the Adult Festival.

William Jensen Reynolds, Editor of Church Music Materials, Nashville, has been chosen to direct the first adult festival. Notice the festival schedule, festival selections, and festival rules listed below.

ADULT FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

- 5:00 Adjudication of Sextets, Quartets, Trios, Duets, and Soloists
 6:30 Registration and Assignment ment of Choirs and Ensembles
- 6:55 Welcome to Festival
- 7:00 Rehearsal of Choirs
- 7:30 Parade of Choirs
- 8:30 Festival Program

ADULT FESTIVAL SELECTIONS:

Oct. No. 501 Go To Dark Gethsemane — Noble — H. W. Gray. Oct. No. TC13 Now It Is Christmas Time — Arr. by Pooler — Augsburg.

Oct. No. 7819 Twas On One Sunday Morning — Arr. by Work — J. Fischer. Oct. No. CM6752 My Eternal King —

Marshall - Carl Fischer.

Oct. No. 465 While The Earth Remaineth — Maunder — B. F. Wood. Oct. No. MF 240 Beloved, Of God So Loved Us — Barnby — Broadman.

MF 455 "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" arr. Bass, Church Musician — March, 1958.

MF 452 "I Saw The Cross of Jesus" arr. Work, February, 1957 Church Musician

MF 448 "Break Thou The Bread of Life," arr. Cain — January Church Musician, 1958.

FESTIVAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Festival selections that will be sung by the combined choirs need not be memorized, but should be rehearsed until each choir can sing it alone if requested to do so.
- 2. Each choir and ensemble will sing one selection for adjudication. All selections for adjudication should be memorized. Failure to do so will lower rating.
- Participation in all events will be against a Standard — not against each other.
- 4. Vestments or robes are not required, but neatness and uniformity of choral groups will add to appearance.

- 5. Soloists, Duets, Trios, Quartets, should sing one selection of own choosing for adjudication. Selection should be memorized. Bring your own accompanist. One representative from each event will be chosen to sing on the Festival Program.
- 6. There will be a registration fee of 25c for each chorister, soloist, duet, trio, quartet, sextet, and ensemble.
- 7. All choirs, ensembles, sextets, quartets, trios, duets, and soloists may participate in the state festivals.

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EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

Inclusiveness of Evangelism

- 1. Sin Is All Inclusive: "All have sinned" (Ro. 3:9; Ro. 3:22, 23). This includes the whole human race. By nature, every individual of the human race is totally deprayed. This constitutes the need for salvation.
- 2. God's Love Is All Inclusive: Total mankind from Adam, the first man, to the last person who shall ever be born are included in God's love. (John 3:16).
- 3. Christ's Atonement for Sin Is All Inclusive: Jesus Christ died to make atonement for the total human race. Atonement for sin is available for every person who has ever lived or will ever live. However, atonement for sin can be experienced by only those who receive Christ as Saviour by faith. (I Cor. 15:3).
- 4. Christ's Commission Is All Inclusive: The "Go Ye" of the commission includes all Christians, not just the preachers and missionaries. All "born-again" believers of all the ages are included in the commission. This obligation is personal. There can be no substitutes or proxys. The command to "witness to Christ," "Preach the Gospel to every creature," and to "make disciples of all the nations" is something every believer must be engaged in till Jesus comes.

This is why all Southern Baptist Churches are being asked to observe Sunday, January 5, as "Soul Winners Commitment Day."

It is an effort to enlist "Every Baptist To Become a Soul Winner."

SOUL-WINNING COMMITMENT DAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1958 "Every Baptist a Soul-Winner"



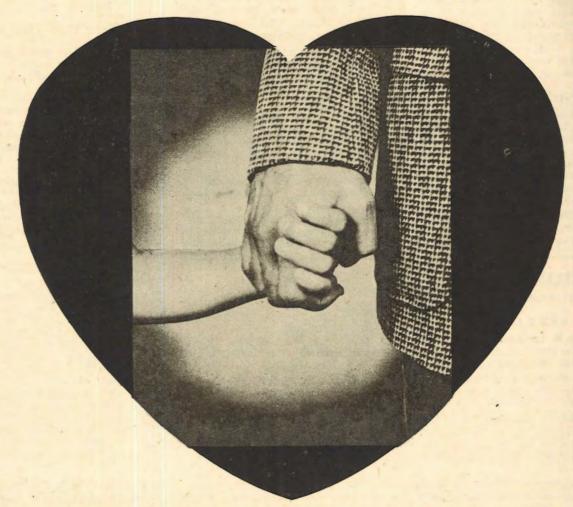
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WMU

"... Days of Preparation ..."

Nancy Cooper, Secretary

We must not only sing of "... days f preparation ..." but we must truly hake them. December 2-6 are the im-



portant days set apart for the observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, and diligent preparation is necessary to challenge hearts to pray and hands to give worthily.

All program material to be used by the organizations of

MISS COOPER Woman's Missionary Union will be published in the December issues of the organizational magazines. Suggestions for attractive presentation will be given in Tell and Sunbeam Activities, and special information sheets are being mailed each YWA and WMS. Business Woman's Circles and Circles for Mothers of Pre-School-Age Children will select such material as they may desire to use - either suggestions for a particular day, or a combination of programs. The challenging theme is "For God so Loved" and all suggestions for observance of the Week major anew on the importance of pryaer.

Supplementary materials, offering envelopes, posters, maps, etc., along with Report Book for the year, have een mailed from the State WMU Office to all organizations for which leaders have been reported for the current, 1957-58 year. Any WMS president or counselor of youth organization failing to receive such a package should report immediately to the State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Bldg., Little Rock.

"... days of preparation ... " must be, first of all, days of prayer. Meeting times and places must be determined and publicized. A worthy goal for the Lottie Moon Offering should be adopted. Encouragement for dedicated, sacrificial giving should be made at every meeting before the observance by presentation of previous accomplishments, challenge of world need today, "our" ability to meet it. Personal, prayerful preparation by each person who shall participate in any way will make the week the heart-warming experience it should be. Days of preparation now will determine accomplishments of the "tomorrows" around the world.

5th Baptist Youth World Conference

5th Baptist Youth World Conference
June 27-July 2, 1958, have been referred to as "... the opportunity of a
youth-time" for they are the dates of
the 5th Baptist Youth World Conference to be held in Toronto, Canada—
the first such meeting to be held on the
North American continent. Attendance
is anticipated to reach six thousand, and
a program of world magnitude is being prepared.

Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, State WMU Youth Secretary, is co-operating in promotion of a chartered bus.

FOUNDATION

B. L. Bridges, Secretary

Proving Faith By Works

THE BOARD members of the Baptist Foundation are asking our people to make contributions to the Baptist



DR. BRIDGES

Foundation, money to be used for the Baptist work in Arkansas and to the ends of earth. But this Board is not asking you to do something its members that will not do. These Board members are proving their faith by their works. This

is what the Bible enjoins us all to do in our Christian life. Our Board members (and their Executive Secretary) are each making a contribution in cash to the Foundation. Although this is a small group (nine Board members) we will pay at least \$1,000 into the fund to begin with. Some will make additional contributions later. Some have already done so.

Right now the main thing that the Foundation needs is cash. You see, the primary purpose of the Foundation is to gather funds for the Baptist work in its long-range program, large funds whose principal cannot be used for current wants, but whose interest accumulations may be applied to the needs as they arise. Other states are bolstering their work with large amounts in the Foundation treasury and the departments and institutions are becoming more and more secure. Our sister state, Oklahoma, has more than a million and a quarter dollars in the Foundation treasury.

Arkansas Baptists must awaken to the importance of making the Foundation a blessing to our causes. In order to arouse our people to the possibilities and needs and blessings of this movement we are now covering the state and making addresses. Beginning November 1 we shall be directly soliciting gifts.

TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

SOME DOS AND DON'TS in finding and keeping Training Union workers:

- 1-Do screen prospects carefully.
- 2—Do ask for the Lord's guidance.
- —Do make a talent survey.

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4—Do make an appointment (perhaps) to see him in his home.

5—Do take along a manual, free helps, and other materials.

6—Do ask him to pray about the job.

7—Do have an honor roll or give a certificate for five years or more of service.

MR. DAVIS or more of service.

8—Do have a leadership appreciation banquet.

9—Do have an annual class in Christian leadership.

10—Do have an on-the-job Training program. (The army pays men to train, big companies send men to school. Why not train our church leaders?)

11—Do have an installation service.

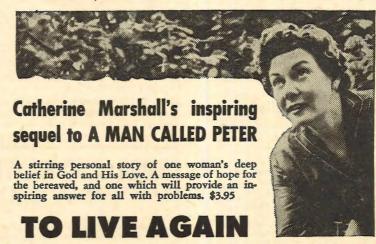
12—Do have a personal conference with all new workers.

13—Do maintain a worthy study course program.

14—Do send workers to Glorieta and Ridgecrest.

15—Do co-operate with your associational meetings, state meetings, and Union meetings.

- 1-Don't over work people.
- 2-Don't insist or argue.
- 3—Don't try to honor people by giving them jobs.
 - 4-Don't tell him it will be easy.
 - 5-Don't overlook talent.
 - 6—Don't enlist by phone.
 - 7-Don't ask for volunteers.
- 8—Don't give him a job just to get him to come.
 - 9-Don't be too eager to get leaders.
- 10—Don't consider one agency more important than another.
- 11—Don't elect workers without their
- 12—Don't elect any one under 21 and preferably 25.



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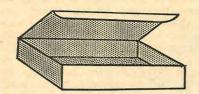
By MARY ELLA ADAMS

How would you like to make a trunk or chest for your doll's clothes? You'll find it fun to make. All you need is an empty one-pound cracker box, some colored pictures from magazines, paste, and clear shellac.

You will want a box that looks like the one in the picture, with a lid that opens at the side. Remove the outside paper from the box. Take out the lining and empty any cracker crumbs from the box.

From magazines cut out some pretty colored pictures. You may want to choose pictures of children, dolls, or babies since they are to be used on a doll's chest. Paste the pictures over the outside of the cracker box. Be sure that you paste them securely so that there are no loose ends.

After you have pasted the pictures over the box and lid, cover them with



a coat of shellac. Use a paintbrush to spread the shellac over the entire outside of the box. This will make the box sturdier so that it will last longer. It will help to make the pictures look prettier, and also you will be able to clean the box with a damp cloth.

Now you are ready to put the doll clothes in the chest. Why not make another chest for a friend? It will make a nice gift for a friend who has no place to keep her doll clothes.

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A Smile or Two

Seize an Opportunity

A CERTAIN OIL company has five floors in its main offices. To reach any one of the floors, a push-buttor elevator has been installed. One particular day, a handsome young company salesman just in the field was making himself useful by asking the passengers their floors and pushing the buttons. At the second floor a pretty young stenographer got on but didn't indicate what floor she wanted. So he said, "Are you getting off at five."

She flashed a big smile. "No, but I'll be through at 5:30."

Seeing is Believing

COP — "Hey, lady, you can't park by the hydrant."

LADY — "Why not? The sign says 'Fine for Parking.'"

A CITY MAN crawled over a fence, only to find himself in a pasture with a vicious-looking bull.

"Hey, there!" he called to a farmer.

"Is this bull safe?"

"He sure is," answered the farmer.
"A lot safer than you are."

A SECOND GRADE teacher recently discovered one of her pupils singing with all seriousness: "My country 'tis' of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died; lands of the pills inside. . . ."

HAL: Where's the stationery, please?
CLERK: Are you a guest of this ho-

HAL: Certainly not. I'm paying ten dollars a day.

A MAN who gives in when he's wrong is wise; a man who gives in when he's right — is married.

"MAMMA, I'VE got a stomach ache," said Jennie, six years old.

"That's because your stomach is empty. You didn't eat your lunch. You'd feel better if you had something in it."

That afternoon the minister called and in the course of his conversation complained of a bad headache.

"That's because it's empty," said Jennie. "You'd feel better if you had something in it."

THE TEACHER wrote on the blackboard: "I didn't have no fun at the seashore." She asked a pupil, "How should I correct that?"

The youngster replied, "Get a boy friend."

YOUNG MAN: "And now, doctor, that I've told you I am going to marry Alice, there's one thing I want to get off my chest."

DOCTOR: "You just go right ahead and tell me about it, my boy."

YOUNG MAN: "A tattooed heart with the name Mable on it."

Accidents - Everywhere

By THELMA C. CARTER

Accidents have occurred since the world's beginning.

Cave men built fires in the doorways of their homes for protection from wild animals and enemies. Sometimes these fires spread accidentally into disastrous forest fires. Indians and early pioneer families were fearful of lightning setting their homes ablaze and destroying their forests, with the animals and birds.

The word "accident" usually reminds us of unforeseen injuries to people. But accidents also occur in our natural world

Nowhere can we find greater expressions of protective love and watch care than that which is shown by animal and bird parents for their young. But, strangely, many of Nature's beautiful possessions are deadly hazards to animals and birds.

Still pools of water are hazards to baby birds and animals that cannot swim. Fog and dust storms blind cattle and sheep, causing them to fall from cliffs and rocky hillsides.

Birds not only are lost and injured in hurricane winds and rainfall, but our modern, shining, glass and steel buildings and airplanes are blinding hazards to birds.

Perhaps the most tragic hazard to all living things is fire? Its terrible destruction is never fully known, especially in our natural world.

Warnings and safety instructions from safety experts are given to us by radio, television, and books. Daily we are reminded of the danger of matches, knives, electrical wires, open windows, and deep water, and of numerous accidents that may happen in one's own home.

The inner need for safety is deep within us. That is why Psalm 46:1 is precious to Christians everywhere: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

DEVELOPMENTS IN medicine and public health, together with a higher standard of living, have cut the communicable disease death rate in the United States by 90 per cent since 1900.



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Spiritual Gifts Are for the Benefit of All

By FRITZ E. GOODBAR

November 10, 1957 I CORINTHIANS 12-14

THE GROWTH of the holiness movement in our nation a few decades ago called attention to the matter of spir-



itual gifts and made 115 examine more closely the teaching of the Scriptures regarding this doctrine. Errors were preached and taught and excesses were indulged Thus in. Christian history was repeating itself. for our lesson for today reveals that a

church early in the Christian era needed to be instructed carefully in the matter. Therefore Paul begins this section of his letter to the church at Corinth by telling them that he does not want them to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. Surely this same desire is shared by everyone charged with the responsibility of preaching the Word of God to the churches and by all those who want to know the truth.

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Paul then begins to inform this Corinthian church about these gifts:

First — How to distinguish spiritual gifts.

Second — To enumerate the variety of spiritual gifts and to declare that they are imparted by the Holy Spirit.

Third — That they were not conferred for personal or selfish uses but for the common good of the whole church and that they are needed for the efficient working of the church.

Fourth — That all should covet the best gifts.

Let us consider this lesson under these divisions.

First: How to Distinguish Spiritual Gifts

The Apostle John tells us: "Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone into the world. Hereby we know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God . . ." (I John 4:1-3)

Paul in our lesson today is declaring that no one in the Holy Spirit calls Jesus accursed. Even though Jesus did die on the cross and though the Scriptures read: "He that is hanged is accursed of God;" the Holy Spirit would

never lead one to say that Jesus was accursed of God; rather that Jesus hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made curse for us. (Galatians 3:13) On the other hand, Paul declares that flesh and blood cannot say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Spirit. Paul is here following the teaching of Jesus himself when at Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "But whom say ye that I am?" And when Peter replied. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus answered and said unto him, "Blessed art thou Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

So the spirit then that does not glorify the Lord Jesus Christ is not the Holy Spirit.

Second: The Variety of Spiritual Gifts Are Enumerated

We marvel at the variety of gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows, and yet recognize how needful is every one. The simularities of human beings are marvelous and yet how different is every man from another. The book of beginnings tell us that Jabal was the father of herdsmen (Gen. 4:20) and Jubal was the father of all who handle the harp and organ and Tubal-cain was an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron (Gen. 4:21-22). From the beginning God endowed men with a variety of talents and the world has been blessed thereby. Those of us who do not farm or raise stock are grateful that there are those who do, and who at the same time rejoice in their work. Those of us who are not musicians are so very glad that there are those who like Jubal can bring forth melodies from harp and organ, and thrill us with the concord of sweet sounds. No one denies the obligations we owe the artificers in brass and iron; the mechanic, the architects, the painter, the scientist, the builder and others who are making life better and

Likewise the Holy Spirit endows whom He pleases with spiritual gifts. Paul mentions: (1) Wisdom—Intelligence; (2) Knowledge; (3) Faith (for action); (4) Gifts of healing; (5) Working of miracles; (6) Prophecy; (7) Discerning of spirits; (8) Kinds of Tongues; (9) Interpretation of tongues; and in Romans 12, he adds others, viz: Ministry, Teaching, Exhortation, Giving, and Ruling.

The world has been and is being blessed and made better by these spiritual gifts. How we are made to thank God for men and women of wisdom, faith, knowledge, gifts of healing, prophecy, teaching, giving and ruling well. Eternal values are in them and he who rightly uses them will transmute them into heavenly treasure.

Third: Paul Points out that the Gifts By the Holy Spirit upon whom He Chooses was not for Personal Aggrandizement but for the Benefit of The Church and of all who Make up The Church.

This truth is illustrated by the human body. He points out the work of the several members and how each part is dependent upon the others and thus the independence and yet the interdependence is revealed.

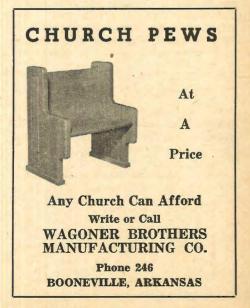
It is apparent that the church at Corinth had not recognized this truth and as a result confusion and discord had arisen. Selfishness was appropriating the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the stewardship of these gifts had not been recognized or put into common use. When men today, like Simon the sorcerer, put a money value upon spiritual gifts, they pervert God's purposes and are worthy of the reprimand given by Peter to the sorcerer (Acts 8:20-24).

Fourth: Paul Admonishes this Early Church to Covet Spiritual Gifts that Thereby the Church Might be Edified and the World Blessed.

Remember how he said: "Covet earnestly the best gifts." Not that we might use them for our personal profit but that through us the world may be blessed. And then he points out the eternal values of faith, hope, and love and declares that the greatest of these is love; love in action. His treatise on love in action has been the dismay of any who would attempt to surpass it.

There is an over-all lesson brought to us in the words of our golden text: "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

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Temptation-A Surprise Audit

BUSINESS FIRMS are familiar with a procedure called "surprise cash audit." A member of the auditing firm.



which audits the books, goes into the office, unannounced and unexpected, to count the cash on hand.

Many auditing Companies have vowed that there can be a vast difference between book entries and cash in the till.

DR. DOUGLAS cash in the till.

We are persuaded that the same thing can happen in individual lives.

There are many experiences which come like a surprise cash audit.

Temptation has been defined as an incitement to sin by the presentation of motives, which are alluring or plausible. This is presented with remarkable clarity and vigor in the Garden of Eden. The sight of the forbidden fruit was a stimulus, because it was good food and delightsome to the eyes. It was also presented as a means of acquiring knowledge. Therefore, the decision to eat was to satisfy a combination of desires: physical gratification, aesthetic enjoyment and superior knowledge. All of these motives seemed plausible and certainly harmless.

But Adam and Eve were tempted, and they did not have enough spiritual reserve to exercise restraint. Therefore, they sinned.

There are still many types of temptation today, and the major ones appeal to self-gratification, like knowledge, fame, wealth, power, pleasure and appetite.

Temptation does not always come in vicious, malicious, premeditated schemes. A good friend or loved one can become a tempter through shortsightedness. This is really what happened when the Apostle Peter sought to dissuade Jesus from subjecting himself to suffering, criticism and an ignominious death on the cross. Jesus rebuked him saying, "Get thee behind me Satan." We do not believe that Peter planned to get Jesus to abandon his heavenly ideals. Peter the man, wanted Jesus whom he loved, to become the powerful, earthly individual of his own limited human conception. Therefore, Peter became a tempter.

Peter had made many book entries. Peter said unto Jesus, "Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee." Jesus said unto him, "Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice" (Matt. 26). Then when Peter was asked if he had been with Jesus, he denied him with an oath, saying, "I do not know the man" (Matt. 26: 72). When the surprise cash audit came, Peter did not have enough reserve spiritual stamina to balance his life.

Book Entries

Life is not much concerned about the creeds and the type of religion one professes. It is not "what is your position:" or "What are your sentiments?" but "What reserves do you have on hand on which you can rely and fortify your life when the spiritual audit begins?"

Many people boast of their goodness, brag about their important friends, cite their philanthropy and flaunt their higher learning. But when the surprise spiritual audit comes, they, like old Mother Hubbard, find the cupboard bare. Far too many do not have enough spiritual cash on hand to carry on the business of Christian living. Then without fail they find that they have only been making book entries.

The Shortage Shows Up

When there is a shortage of spiritual working capital, "surprise audits" invariably show up in different forms. Surprise spiritual audits can reveal the true nature of a church member. If such a one has been "posing" as a Christian, a surprise audit will prove the true nature of the poseur. A "pose" is an affectation and not a true transcript of character. Of course, the world knows political poseurs and social poseurs, but alas, others know religious poseurs. The best that these people can do is to live a secondhand religion. Then, these individuals become crabbed, turn tart and make remarks that burn their way into the heart and core of our churches. These people go in big for littleness and bitterness, criticism and "don't-care-ism." Many times these bankrupt church members blame everyone else with being "stupid beyond stupidity" and idiots gone "madder" than mad. If anyone listened to this group for a moment he would be willing to do a good job of quitting and then nail a sign on the church door saying, "God has abdicated."

Safe Deposits

If one is to have spiritual resources,

Final Report on Booneville

THE FIRST Forward Program of Church Finance Campaign conduct ed in Arkansas was a success. A report of the Campaign has already been given, but we thought that a final word would be helpful to those who are now conducting campaigns.

The weekly offerings have increased from around \$500 per Sunday to more than \$1,300 per Sunday. We quote from a letter from the pastor, Brother D. B. Bledsoe: "Our crowds at preaching services are still growing, our officers' and teachers' meetings have taken on new life and interest, and the auditorium is 'comfortably' filled on Wednesday for prayer service. The prayer meeting attendance is 150 to 200; truly the Lord is blessing our church in a great way and the people are so responsive to His leadership!"

The members who signed to tithe are giving \$1.90 per capita per Sunday. The members who signed a pledge, but did not promise to tithe, are giving .88 per capita, per Sunday. The members who did not sign a commitment card are giving an average of .14 per capita per Sunday.

This Campaign proves again that a church can solve the stewardship problem, for our all-out effort has helped the people to see the need of every Christian being in service. Too, it proves again that there is a right approach to one of the greatest problems facing Southern Baptists: Revival of Stewardship. Then, this campaign proves again that the non-pledgers in our churches are giving very little, if anything to promote the causes of Christ.

We hope to give the reports of other campaigns, now being conducted, just as soon as the final results are known.

—Ralph Douglas

when the surprise audits of life come unexpected and unannounced, treasures must be stored up as reserves. Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matt. 6:19-20).—Ralph Douglas