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Not by might nor by power but
by my spirit, saith the Lord. ZECCHARIAH 4:6

Conventions Meet in Other States

California Adopts \$125,000 Budget

Sacramento, Calif.—(BP)—A 1949 budget of \$125,000 was adopted by the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. After deduction of operating funds for the State secretary's office and the State paper, division will be made 30 per cent to Golden Gate Seminary, 45 per cent to State missions, and 25 per cent to the Southern Baptist Co-operative Program.

Dr. S. G. Posey of Berkeley was elected president.

South Carolina Goes 50-50

Columbia, S. C.—(BP)—The South Carolina Baptist State Convention adopted a Co-operative Program goal of \$1,600,000 for 1949, and voted to divide all distributable funds on a 50-50 basis between State and South-wide causes.

The Convention adopted the proposed constitution of the South Carolina Baptist Foundation and referred to its executive board the matter of working out details and the employment of a full-time executive secretary for the Foundation.

The new \$425,000 building of the Baptist Hospital was dedicated during the Convention meeting. It is named the Whiteside Building in honor of W. M. Whiteside, for many years superintendent and treasurer of the hospital.

Record Budget For Arizona Convention

Chandler, Ariz.—(BP)—Southern Baptists in Arizona—63 churches with a membership of 10,198—have adopted a \$157,000 budget for 1949 and voted to open Grand Canyon Baptist College at Prescott next fall.

The annual convention of the denomination heard reports that the churches baptized more than 1,000 persons during the past year. Frank W. Sutton, pastor of the Eastside Baptist Church, Phoenix, was elected president.

New Mexico Budget Increased 50 Per Cent

Clovis, N. M.—(BP)—The General Convention of New Mexico Baptists, holding their annual meeting here, adopted a 1949 budget of \$286,420, an increase of \$96,000 over the 1948 program. Thirty per cent of the new budget is to go to the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists.

Fifteen hundred messengers and visitors were in attendance. They elected S. M. Morgan, pastor of the First Church, Artesia, president.

Texas Baptists Set \$10,000,000 Budget; Evangelism Goal of 100,000 Souls

Houston, Tex.—(BP)—Texas Baptists, meeting here in their centennial session, enthusiastically adopted a 1949 budget of \$10,000,000, of which \$6,000,000 will go to schools and hospitals, \$1,100,000 to State causes, and \$2,900,000 to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

The huge financial goal was set with the understanding no institution will stage a campaign for funds outside the overall correlated effort.

A survey committee, making its report, recommended that major emphasis in 1949 be placed on evangelism with a goal of 100,000 souls to be won.

Immediate efforts will be made to increase

circulation of the Baptist Standard, state paper, to 250,000, with 300,000 viewed as an ultimate goal.

Maryland Goes 50-50

Baltimore, Md.—(BP)—Total receipts of \$147,889 for the year were reported by the State Mission Board of Maryland Baptists at the annual meeting of the Maryland Baptist Union Association. Of this amount, \$107,904 was for the Co-operative Program.

Churches reported a total membership of 28,585, an increase of 1,218 over the previous year.

A goal of \$125,000 for the Co-operative Program was adopted for 1949, with gifts divided 50 per cent to State causes and 50 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Virginia Goes 50-50

Norfolk, Va.—(BP)—Virginia Baptists, in their annual State association meeting, voted 50-50 division of their Co-operative Program dollar in 1949. Fifty per cent of receipts in the State office will go to State causes and 50 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

The vote is in accord with, and a year ahead of, a Southern Baptist campaign using the slogan "Fifty-Fifty by 1950."

Alabama Baptists Given Two Birmingham Hospitals

Birmingham, Ala.—(BP)—The Alabama Baptist Convention, meeting in its annual session here, accepted as a gift two hospitals previously operated by Birmingham Baptist Association.

Dr. A. H. Reid, state secretary, reported that gifts reaching the State office during the past year included \$800,028.84 for the Co-operative Program and \$500,398.19 for designated objects. Miscellaneous gifts boosted the total to \$1,393,572.92. A Co-operative Program goal of \$900,000 was set for 1949.

Gifts of \$200,000 from J. A. Fields of Montgomery and \$50,000 from Columbus Roberts of Columbus, Georgia, were announced by the Baptist Foundation of Alabama.

Georgia Goes 50-50

Atlanta, Ga.—(BP)—The Georgia Baptist Convention will divide its Co-operative Program receipts with the Southern Baptist Convention next year on a 50-50 basis.

The Convention, in its one hundred twenty-seventh annual session, adopted a budget of \$1,022,400 for 1949 and increased its distribution from the old basis of 45 per cent to world-wide causes. The 1949 budget represents an increase of about \$135,000.

D. C. Baptists Baptized 1,242 Last Year

Washington, D. C.—(BP)—District of Columbia Baptists—35 churches with a membership of 27,971—have adopted a 1949 budget of \$265,000. With the exception of \$41,500 to be applied to debt reduction, the remainder of the budget will be divided 50-50, half being retained for Baptist work in the District and the remainder being divided equally between Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions.

Dr. M. Chandler Stith, executive secretary, reported that the 35 churches received into their membership during the year 2,797 new members, 1,242 coming by baptism. A grand total of \$1,100,000 was given for all purposes during the year, of which 80 per cent was used in the local churches.

Freedom Through Christ

A Devotion by the Editor

"If the Son therefore shall make you ye shall be free indeed."

American freedom is unique in world history; it is one of our greatest possessions most treasured traditions. The founders of American Republic undertook to free American people from the tyrannies of old world and guarantee to future generations the free exercise of all the rights inherent in life. This freedom has given opportunity the inventive genius of the American people which surpasses any other people of the world.

But this freedom of which we boast has produced another result which is just the opposite in its expression and effects. Although we are the freest nation in the world and most inventive nation in the world, yet we are the most lawless people in the world. The grave danger that the profligate use of freedom may lead to a bondage more stifling and disastrous than anything from which our fathers sought to escape. To use freedom the unrestrained exercise of all the wild, errant passions of life is to submit to a slavery which slays the higher and nobler capabilities of life.

The Jewish nation in the days of Jesus came to just such a state of being. They boasted to Jesus that they were Abraham's children, and therefore heirs of the promise of God; that they were free men and in bondage to nobody. And yet, at that very time they bore the yoke of Rome. And back through the years they were forced to bow successive to Babylon, Assyria, and Greece.

But more devastating still was the bondage which they had brought upon themselves—the bondage of selfishness, immoralities, untruths by which they lived. By this imposed bondage they had stifled the voice of prophecy, they had darkened the horizon of life; they had lost their initiative, their hopeful expectancy, and all those qualities of which in the past had produced great prophets and great kings; their great psalms and great music were now hidden beneath a life of meaningless tradition or dissipated life of self-indulgence.

Jesus comes to such a people and declares that they will find freedom in truth and truth proclaims that He is the king of truth.

"If the Son therefore shall make you ye shall be free indeed.

"I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

"I speak that which I have seen with my father: and ye do that which ye have heard with your father" (John 8:36-38).

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From The Editor's Desk

Denominational Machinery And Spiritual Power

Southern Baptists have perhaps the most comprehensive denominational machinery to be found among evangelical denominations in the South. The major departments are: Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood.

All Groups Included

These organizations embrace every age group, from infancy to old age; their programs of activity extend from the personal service of the individual to the world-wide program of the denomination; their program of teaching covers every field of Christian instruction; their methods and techniques are both scriptural and scientific; their watchword is "Advance."

Other Forms

Southern Baptist organization takes another form. There is the local church which is the norm of all Baptist organization, an autonomous body which acknowledges no overlord, except the Lord Jesus Christ. Next in line is the District Association, which is composed of messengers chosen by the local churches to represent them in the sessions of the Association. The State Convention follows, which is also made up of messengers from local churches. And last is the Southern Baptist Convention. It, too, is composed of messengers from the local churches.

Network of Agencies

These various Baptist bodies in the finest spirit of voluntary co-operation, promote and maintain a network of agencies and institutions whose functions embrace evangelism and missions, Christian education and Christian literature, ministry to the sick and the homeless.

The organization of the local church itself has become a complex affair, and its program of activities is comprehensive. By means of the unified budget and the Co-operative Program each individual Baptist may share in the whole program of Southern Baptists, from the program of the local church to the World-wide program of foreign missions, and all the other programs between these two extremes. This extensive participation may be had by the individual through his Sunday by Sunday contribution to the budget of his church. This is the essence of simplicity in complexity.

Voluntary Co-operation

This whole vast network of organizations, programs, agencies, and institutions is founded upon voluntary co-operation. Of course, there are appeals, campaigns, drives, promo-

tion, and publicity. Every form of persuasion consistent with the Christian appeal is used to enlist our Baptist people in the whole program of the church and the denomination. But no form of compulsion is used or can be used, except the inner spiritual compulsion of a regenerated heart. Those who are able to resist that inner compulsion are also able to resist the outer appeals.

And there are many who do succeed in resisting whatever inner pressure they may experience and also the outer appeals which are addressed to them. Every local church has its quota of inactive members who take no part in the life and activities of the church. There are churches also which do not participate in the program of the denomination.

Great Progress

The fact that Baptist co-operation is on a purely voluntary basis may be a partial explanation of the further fact that Southern Baptists have made greater progress along many lines than many other evangelical denominations. For what people do voluntarily, they do with greater zeal, enthusiasm, and determination. It should be said in this connection, that the element of voluntariness is found among other denominations, but not in the same degree and to the same extent as found among Baptists.

Power Required

It becomes obvious that tremendous power is required for the successful operation of such a vast and complex mechanism as the program of Southern Baptists, including the programs of the local churches, the District Associations, the State Conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention. We recognize that mere human power is not sufficient to operate this machinery and attain the maximum production of which the machinery is capable. When production is slowed down anywhere along the line, it is evident that inadequate power is being used.

The application of inadequate power results in stalled machinery, slow progress, confusion, frustration, failure and defeat. It is like installing a Model T motor in a Cadillac chassis. When such a situation develops, one of two possible solutions must be adopted. Either the chassis must be reduced to the proportions of the motor, or a motor must be installed which is commensurate with the chassis.

We have found some Baptists during our time who wanted to reduce the machinery, restrict the program, draw in the lines, retreat to safe positions, and content themselves with a Model T motor to operate the

Dancing In Church

"Dancing is an easy way to get young people into the church. We always start with worship services and never let the dancing come first."

That is the comment of the president of the "Youth Group" in the Central Christian Church of Peoria, Illinois. It may be said with confidence that when any church or a group within any church must compete with the world in providing entertainment in order to attract people to the church, such a church or church group has lost its spiritual appeal.

Civic and commercial institutions can outdo the church any day in providing entertainment and amusements. The church alone can provide the spiritual dynamic which alone can satisfy the spiritual needs of human life.

Religion In Schools

It is reported that 5,000 students and professors meeting on the campuses of Western Reserve University and Case Institute of Technology, "agreed on need for religion."

It is to be hoped that there is an awakening of the religious consciousness in our institutions of higher learning. It seems a bit strange that the question of the need for religion should be raised at all. This very question indicates the very great distances which our educational institutions have moved away from the fundamental principles of education upon which the educational system of American schools was originally established.

Let us hope that the trend is moving back toward the basic fundamentals of education.

vast machinery of the Kingdom of God. Happily, not all Baptists are of that opinion. There is a vast host of Southern Baptists who would ever increase the power, and with every increase of power extend the program.

Our Source of Power

But we must make sure of the power. And there is but one source of power adequate to our denominational machinery and capable of making our vast program dynamic and effective: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." And when the Holy Ghost is come upon you, "ye shall witness unto me." This witness shall begin at home, but it must not remain at home. The witnesses of Jesus must not stop until they have reached the "uttermost part of the earth."

That program laid down by Jesus is the pattern which we have sought and are seeking to follow in the building of a World-wide program of evangelism, missions, and enrollment.

For the promotion of such a program must have power, divine power, almighty power, eternal power—the power of the Holy Spirit. Remember, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. It is useless, it is futile; it is sinful to try to carry on the work of the Kingdom of God without the power of the Holy Spirit.

Kingdom Progress

Outstanding Progress

By JOHN L. DODGE

We are profoundly grateful to God for His unmeasured blessings and for the obvious leadership of the Holy Spirit in the activities of the First Baptist Church, Hot Springs.

During the past associational year the Lord has added to the membership of the church an average of more than three members each Sunday. Attendance at all services has steadily increased.

According to statistics it required 23 Southern Baptists working 12 months to win one soul to Christ. The membership of the First Church won one soul for every 11.5 members. The average per capita gift of Southern Baptists according to the latest available figures was \$18.95. The per capita gifts of the members of the First Church was \$51.25.

The evangelistic goal for the current associational year is to win at least one person to Christ for every five members of the church. There are many obstacles to overcome, but the membership of the First Church will advance with Arkansas Baptists on their knees.

Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood secretary, recently held a Brotherhood revival at the First Church, Monticello, R. D. Washington, pastor. There were 37 additions, 30 coming on profession of faith and baptism.

Pastor W. W. Grafton and the First Church, Booneville, recently were assisted by Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood secretary, in a Brotherhood revival, resulting in 28 additions to the church by profession of faith and baptism.

Pastor Owen W. Moran and the First Church, North Little Rock, recently had the services of State Brotherhood Secretary Nelson Tull in a Brotherhood revival. There were 47 additions to the church membership, 43 by profession of faith and baptism.

Horace Marks, Ouachita College student, has accepted the pastorate of the mission of the Central Church, Hot Springs, the Central Baptist Chapel. He was formerly pastor of the Parkview Church, El Dorado. A revival was recently conducted by Mr. Marks at the Central Chapel, resulting in 12 additions by profession of faith and baptism.

Missionary Allen McCurry

What does an associational missionary do? Does time hang heavy on his hands? Does he have difficulty finding opportunities of service to occupy his time and engage all his talents? To these questions many find their answers in the annual report of Missionary Allen McCurry of the Delta Association.

Missionary McCurry preached 313 sermons during the year and was the evangelist in 12 revival meetings. He witnessed 163 conversions, 130 baptisms, and 369 re-dedications. Additions to the church by letter totaled 63.

Missionary McCurry led in the organization of one church, two Sunday Schools, and three Training Unions. He also taught seven study courses, assisted one church and two mission stations to build houses of worship.

What Missionary McCurry did with the rest of his time is left to the imagination of the reader. It may have been possible for him to get a few hours' sleep,

Pastor L. H. Davis and the Calvary Church, Fort Smith, had the services of Dr. C. Gordon Bayless, Dallas, Texas, and evangelistic singer Arthur Nelson, Mountain Home, Arkansas, in revival services October 3-17. There were 37 additions to the church by baptism, 17 by letter, and one by statement.

Pastor Davis says: "This, in my opinion, will prove to be the most far-reaching and the most successful meeting our church has ever had. The Calvary Church was never in better shape than at present."

Welcome Miley to Marianna

By J. W. BUCKNER

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to Arkansas Baptists one of the great men of the faith, Pastor Burton A. Miley who comes to the Marianna Church from the First Baptist Church of Arcadia, Louisiana.

Pastor Miley has long held places of responsibility among Baptists of Louisiana. For many years he served on the executive board of the Convention and on various other boards of Louisiana institutions. He is known as a splendid preacher, a wise leader, and warm friend. His sympathies always extend to the last corner of the earth and into every department and institution of Baptist activity. Louisiana will regret losing this fine preacher and Arkansas will joyfully welcome him.

Three new libraries were established in Baptist churches of Arkansas during the month of November. Village Baptist Church, J. E. Hargett, pastor, established a library beginning with \$100 worth of new books and three units of shelves; First Church, Mountain Home, Dewey Stark, pastor, started their library with 60 books; Park Place Church, Hot Springs, D. C. Bandy, pastor, began their library with 300 books and four units of shelves.

Practically every new church plant which is now under construction in the State provides for a library room.

Missionary H. W. Johnston recently resigned as missionary of the Current River-Gainesville Associations, after four years of effective service in this capacity. The joint board of the two associations on November 29 adopted resolutions expressing appreciation for the services of Missionary Johnston, and commending him to the State Board of Missouri Baptists, in whose employ he shall continue to serve.

Pastoral Changes

W. B. O'Neal from Brownsville Church, Little Red River Association to Pangburn Church, White County Association.

Amos Greer has accepted the pastorate of the Kensett Church. He was formerly pastor of the Walcott Church.

Sidney Oxendine has resigned the pastorate of the Watson Church to accept the pastorate of the First Church, Dardanelle.

R. E. Jones, formerly pastor of First Church, Dell, has assumed the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Bay.



Thomas Landers Jr.

Thomas Landers Jr., Ouachita College student, was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the Central Church, Hot Springs, November 24. Clyde Hart, pastor of the church, acted as moderator and preached the ordination sermon. Jesse L. Kidd served as clerk. J. L. Summers led the examination and W. J. F. ley prayed the ordination prayer. Dr. J. T. Blakeney, Ouachita College, presented Bible, and Dr. E. W. Eubanks, also of Ouachita College, delivered the charge.

Mr. Landers, whose home is in North Little Rock, was licensed to preach by the Central Church of that city. For the past year he served as music director and pastor's assistant of the Central Church, Hot Springs.

Dr. Selsus E. Tull, Pine Bluff, will be engaged in revival meetings with the White Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Park Place Church, formerly of Arkansas, beginning December 5.

From Arkansas To Virginia

By BRUCE H. PRICE

Two Arkansas pastors have recently accepted pastorates in Newport News, Virginia.

Pastor Loyal Prior of Norphlet assumed pastorate of the Hilton Church, Newport News, on December 1. This growing church in the most beautiful section of the city has a membership of more than 900. Sunday School attendance averages between 450 and 525. It is thought to have the most promising future of any church on the Virginia Peninsula.

The first of the year Pastor Harold B. man of First Church, Conway, will begin his duties as pastor of the Orcutt Avenue Baptist Church, Newport News, which has a membership of 2,000, and last year gave \$16,730 for missions. The Sunday School attendance of this influential congregation is usually between 700 to 900 and on special occasions draws 1,000. Pastor Tillman will succeed Dr. F. Stevens, who resigned the Orcutt Avenue pastorate after thirteen years of service to accept a position with Campbell College, North Carolina.

Loyal Prior, pastor of the Hilton Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia, and formerly pastor of First Church, Norphlet, Arkansas, did the preaching in a revival meeting at Hilton Church October 24-November 3. There were 43 additions to the church, 40 of which came by baptism.

Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention met in Little Rock, November 29, T. H. Jordan, chairman. W. R. Vestal was elected vice-chairman, and Blake Westmoreland was chosen as recording secretary.

Secretary Bridges read the financial report for the first ten months of 1948. This report showed an increase of \$60,000 in undesignated receipts over the same period in 1947.

Reports of Committees on the departments of the Executive Board and the agencies and institutions were encouraging and showed marked progress along all lines.

T. Clyde Hart reported that the establishment of a Negro hospital and nursing school was assured.

The Executive Board instructed the Administration and Finance Committee to appoint from its membership an auditing committee to receive the audits from the institutions of the Convention and in co-operation with the Board of Trustees examine the audits, determine their implications, and report their findings to the Executive Board. L. L. Hunnicutt, Magnolia, S. A. Whitlow, Hope, and T. K. Rucker, Malvern, were appointed on this committee.

The Executive Board went on record as favoring the establishment of a Western Assembly in Arkansas, as recommended by a special committee appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention. This special committee will recommend the Arkansas site for the Western Assembly to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in Nashville in December. The site to be recommended is located near Harrison.

Pastor Seibert Haley recently conducted a revival meeting at the First Church, Walnut Ridge. Norman Ferguson, music and educational director of the First Church, Ft. Smith, led the song services and personal work. There were 23 additions on profession of faith and baptism, and ten by transfer of letters. Pastor Haley and Mr. Ferguson also spoke at Chapel services at the Southern Baptist College during the revival.

Radio

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

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

KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
 KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
 KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
 KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
 KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.
 KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:45 p. m.
 KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.
 KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.
 KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.
 KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.
 KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.

Broadman Comments

Broadman Comments on the 1949 Sunday School lessons was released on December 1. Broadman Comments is an annual publication by the Broadman Press, designed to aid Sunday School teachers in preparing for Sunday School lessons.

The current volume was written by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Those desiring this book may secure it from the Baptist Book Store.

The Grannis Baptist Church recently had the services of D. C. McAtee, Second Church, Pine Bluff, in a revival meeting. Pastor Curtis E. Pennington reports that there were 35 additions to the church, 30 coming by baptism. Joseph Daniels conducted the music.

A Personal Word from Central's President

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention said "Yes" to Central College.

The Convention authorized us to go afield to solicit gifts from churches and individuals for our immediate needs in reconversion and expansion. We make this appeal to you, Pastor, Sunday School worker, Training Union worker, and members of Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood; also to the enlisted and unenlisted Christian.

Our First Request: Put us in your budget next year for a definite amount each month. This would mean much to us at this time of expansion. A small amount will help us to know that you are for us and will give courage to enlarge.

The Second Request: Share with us at least half of the undesignated funds in your church treasury at the end of each year after bills are paid. This will lighten your burden with special offerings and at the same time will enable us to meet our needs as we go on.

Our Third Request: Pray for Central College. Arkansas Baptists need this college at the heart of the State in the capital city with a population larger than the college and university centers of the State combined. We have 19 ministerial students this first semester, some serving full time churches in and near Little Rock, others going out to churches in the area.

Your plea is that you care enough to plan Central in your church budget; that you love enough to share with Central by dividing your surplus at the end of the year; that you have faith enough in us to bear our burdens and needs to the Lord on wings of prayer.

Remember gifts to Central College may be deducted from your income tax.

—Irving M. Prince, President
 Central College, North Little Rock

New Automobile Goes To Missionaries

Missionaries Ruth and Hugo Culpepper, Little Rock, who are serving as Southern Baptist missionaries in Santiago, Chile, will receive a new automobile as a Christmas present from the congregation of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Sunday morning, November 21, a dedication ceremony was held at the Immanuel Church. Those participating in the ceremony were W. F. Cochran, father of Mrs. Culpepper; J. H. Culpepper, father-in-law; General E. L. Compere; and O. Vaught Jr., pastor of the church. The parents of the missionary couple will drive the car to New Orleans, where it will be loaded aboard ship for transportation to Santiago.

"Morning Watch," a devotional service for junior high and high school students, is being held each school morning from 8:00 to 8:25 in the auditorium of the First Church, Smackover, Pastor Ralph H. Reaser reports. These services are under the direction of a student leader who is appointed by the pastor each week. The program each morning consists of a period of music, a devotion brought by the leader for the week, and a period of sentence prayers.

According to the pastor, the young people have expressed grateful appreciation for the services which help to "start the day with God."



The Intermediate Department of the Training Union of First Church, Paragould, reached the Standard of Excellence September 26. Three of the four unions which were standard the past quarter are: Joy Union, 14-year group, R. C. Johnson, leader, and Mrs. Ruth Faulkner, sponsor; Faithful Followers Union, 15-year group, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Carmon, leader and sponsor; Ideal Union, 16-year group, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Arrington, leader and sponsor. Mrs. Robert H. Rose is director of the department; Mrs. J. C. Edrington is associate director; and Mrs. Orpha Johnson, general secretary.

★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

"We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life."

New York Church to Reach Southern Baptist: An attempt to get Southern Baptists who reside in New York City to attend worship services regularly at Calvary Baptist Church is being made by Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor. Calvary Baptist is affiliated with the Northern Baptist Convention. A survey is being made by Dr. Ayer, and he has called on Southern Baptist pastors, Bible school superintendents and church workers to send him the names and addresses of Southern Baptists living in the metropolitan area. When the survey is completed, Dr. Ayer will visit the Baptists and send them special invitations to a week of special "Southern" meetings to be held in his church beginning January 16. The Calvary pastor said that about 50,000 Southern Baptists reside in the New York area.

—Religious News Service.

Protestants Criticized On Exclusion of Religion From Schools: Criticism of American Protestant Churches for permitting religion to be excluded from the public schools, was voiced by Howard Lowry, president of Wooster, Ohio, College, speaking at the fourth national biennial assembly of the United Council of Church Women meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Dr. Lowry said "we are asking for a society that has religious values but we blindly believe we can go on excluding from our education the religious element that produces these values." The educator called for Christian social action to combat the secularism which he said "has diluted ethical standards, vulgarized whole areas of living, and witnessed the greatest destruction in history."

—Religious News Service.

Secularization of Sunday Assailed: According to a report by Religious News Service attempts to "discredit and circumvent laws designed to protect Sunday as a day of rest and worship" were assailed in a resolution adopted in Ottawa by the Canadian Council of Churches at its annual meeting. "You are all aware of the repeated attempts being made to secularize the Lord's Day," Canon W. W. Judd, of Toronto, chairman of the Council's department of Social relations, told the meeting. He also asserted that "Sunday evening is now completely secularized as far as radio is concerned."

The Council voted unanimously to refer the question of church service broadcasts on Sunday to its executive committee. It was announced that the National Religious Advisory Council has sent a request to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's board of governors asking it to reconsider its policy in regard to Sunday nights.

Facts of Interest: It is estimated that there are 10,000 gasoline stations where liquor is sold in the U. S., a gain of 20 per cent over last year. An effort is being made by the National Traffic Safety Committee to get state legislatures to pass legislation making it a felony to sell gasoline and liquor under the same roof.

The number of freshmen students in Negro

colleges has declined from 23,000 to 19,000 during the past year.

The increase of food production is not matching the gain of 55,000 population which is being made each day in the world.

—The Survey Bulletin.

In the World of Religion: A Paris, Texas, Negro has left \$150,000 in his will to maintain a day nursery for Negro children in Paris.

At the annual convention of the District of Columbia Baptists there were reported 1,241 coming for baptism into the 35 churches during the past year, with total gifts by members reaching \$1,100,000.

The Ministry of Foreign Relations and Worship of the Argentine Government has issued a decree ordering all members of the secular and regular clergy to carry special credentials to be issued by the government.

They Traveled on Sunday But They Took God With Them: Abilene, Texas—(BP)—Otis Jerden has been driving a bus for 11 years, and in that time he has seen a little of everything from fights to romances happen aboard his buses.

But he has just added another sort of experience—a church service.

It happened while he was driving a group of 28 Hardin-Simmons University students from the annual meeting of the Texas Baptist Student Union at Waco. Glancing back over his shoulder he saw his passengers in prayer.

The students conducted complete worship services on the bus at the regular Sunday evening preaching hour.

\$5,000 To Spend, But She Gave It Away— Bartlesville, Okla.—(BP) — What does a woman do when suddenly \$5,000 is dumped in her lap?

Many a woman—or man—could spend it on a new home, or new clothes, or maybe an automobile. But when Argye Briggs, a Baptist housewife and mother of three teenagers, got \$5,000 in a lump sum, the only thing she bought for herself was a typewriter.

The money came when Mrs. Briggs' often-rejected and now shelfworn novel won the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company's \$5,000 Christian fiction prize. The novel: "Root Out of Dry Ground," which already has an assured circulation of 175,000.

First thing Mrs. Briggs did with her money was to pay a tithe to First Baptist Church, Bartlesville. She believes in tithing, and that had to be done. Then Uncle Sam took his taxes, which left only about \$3,000. The rest she divided 50-50. Half went to her husband, who had encouraged her in her writing. The other half, \$1,500, was earmarked for Baptist missions in China, because she remembered hearing a missionary on furlough describe the need among the masses of the Orient.

Yes, Argye is broke again, but she's happy. She hadn't written the novel to sell as much as to release the convictions of her own soul. That was done, and all this other too.

A Smile or Two

Tommy had handed in his homework the teacher examined it closely.

"Tommy," she said, "this looks like father's writing. What do you have to say?"

"Well, teacher," said Tommy, after giving the matter some thought, "now I can think of it, I did use his fountain pen."

Little Marian, four years old, was ironing her dolly's new gown on the Sunday after Christmas. Her nurse remonstrated. "Don't you know it's a sin to begin any on the Sabbath?"

Marian looked up and calmly answered. "Now, don't you suppose the Good Lord knows that this little iron ain't hot?"

A young man and his wife, only recently married, had a love spat while driving on the country road. Neither spoke, until the mule brayed.

"One of your relatives?" he asked.

"Yes," snapped his wife, "by marriage."

Two girls were talking and one said, "I know he's rich, but isn't he too old to be considered eligible?"

The other replied, "My dear, he's too eligible to be considered old."

—Des Moines Register.

"The smallest of all packages is a wrapped up in himself."

"My wife has the worst memory I have ever heard of."

"Forgets everything, huh?"

"No, remembers everything."

"According to the Saturday Evening Post everything in the postwar house will be controlled by switches—except the children."

Teacher: "I would like to know why that whenever I leave the room for a short time and then return I find no one working?"

Jimmy: "It is because you wear rubber heels, ma'am."

The teacher had asked her class to write a short composition on the subject, "Water."

One scholar seemed to be having difficulty but finally he turned in his paper, and this is what he wrote:

"Water is a light-colored wet liquid which turns dark when you wash in it."

A teacher, trying to impress upon her pupils the importance of kindness to animals, took them for a walk in order to bring the lesson home to them. Hearing a scream from a dog, Johnny, she asked, "What's the matter with Johnny?"

"I've been sitting on a wasp," was the reply, "and I'm afraid I hurt the poor thing."

—Clipper.

Walter was going to have a party, and his mother insisted on his inviting, among others, a neighbor's boy with whom he had had a long argument. He finally promised he would do so, but on the day of the party the neighbor's boy failed to turn up. "Did you invite Charlie?" she asked.

"Of course I did, mother. I not only invited him to come, I dared him to."

—Edmonton Bulletin.

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Department of MISSIONS

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Gifts For Mission Work

Two good laymen have contributed \$300 each to the Mission Department for the purchase of a movie projector with all of the attachments which may be used by one of the Rural Evangelists in showing mission films as he travels over the State. These men have not only made a contribution to the mission program but will help to increase the offerings to the Co-operative Program by making it possible for people to see the work done in the State.

After the mission film was shown at the State Convention a layman was so impressed that he gave one of the missionaries \$300 on one building which was shown under construction and \$100 on another. When people can see what is actually being done they like to have a part in it.

The program for the State-wide Evangelistic Conference which will

be held in the First Church, Little Rock, January 24-26, is almost complete and will be mailed out soon. Among the out-of-state speakers will be Dr. W. A. Criswell, Texas, Dr. Thomas B. Lackey, Oklahoma, Fred McLellan, Louisiana, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Tennessee, and Judge Camille Kelley, Memphis, Tennessee.

This conference is for pastors, missionaries, evangelists, gospel singers, laymen, and women who are interested in kindling the fires of evangelism in Arkansas. Every church should see to it that the pastor attends.

The Mission Committee met recently to set up the allocations on associational missionaries salaries, supplementary aid on pastors salaries, and other allocations. The committee found it absolutely necessary to decrease some of the allocations. The State budget will give the Department of Missions \$60,000 provided the entire budget is raised. The committee feels that not more than \$25,000 should be spent on the salaries of associational missionaries. Nine of the associations, however, will not ask for any help. It can easily be seen that the \$25,000 divided among the other associations will be less than \$70 per month for each association. Of course, we do not give the same amount to every association as some are stronger than others, both in membership and financially.

In setting up the supplement on pastors salaries it was impossible to grant the full amount of every request. There is no limit to the amount that could be spent to a good advantage in this type of work but the funds are limited. The committee feels that \$12,000 is the maximum that can be taken from the mission budget for this work. We hope that the brethren over the State will understand that the failure to meet their requests is not because of lack of interest but lack of funds.

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Royal Ambassador Work

Two hundred and one Royal Ambassadors and their counselors attended the annual State Fellowship Supper at the First Church, Little Rock, November 15. Delegates from churches as far away as Blytheville were in attendance. Decorations in blue and gold and an inspiring message by the South-wide Royal Ambassador Secretary, J. Ivyloy Bishop were features of the banquet. Following the supper, the group went to the Immanuel Church, where the Brotherhood night program was in progress. Mr. Bishop led in a Royal Ambassador Recognition Service as a part of this program featured as "The Brotherhood Honors Those Who Will Be Men." A large group of boys were recognized for their advancement in rank. One young man, Charles Ragland, First Church, El Dorado, was recognized for his attainment of the Counselor's Degree. Charles advanced to the highest rank, that of Ambassador Plenipotentiary at the last State Recognition Service and since that time has been working

on this advanced degree.

Picture is of Charles Ragland, First Church, El Dorado who



Charles Ragland

recognized for his attainment of the Counselor's Degree in Royal Ambassador work.

Laborers Together . . .

For Such a Time as This

Mrs. J. A. Abernathy, missionary to China, was the inspirational speaker for the eight W. M. U. District Conferences held recently. Her message gave much information about the situation in China today, information which should be very helpful in the study of the series of books on China preceding the observance of the Foreign Mission Season of Prayer.

Two Conferences were held at each meeting by Mrs. C. H. Ray on W. M. U. methods and Miss LaVerne Ashby on Young People's work. The expressions of appreciation by those in attendance gave evidence of the value of these method conferences. The attendance of 1,214 was the best for several years. The registered attendance and amounts of offering by District were as follows:

District	Attendance	Amount of Offering
Northwest	218	\$45.58
West Central	150	55.11
Southwest	90	23.15
Central	175	98.15
East Central	152	57.14
North East	122	45.31
North Central	89	16.50
Southeast	218	79.56
	1,214	\$420.50

The special offerings mentioned above are for redecorating and beautifying the Training School

building at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. The amount \$500 for this purpose had been apportioned to the Districts. You will note that the offerings at each District Conference and sent direct to the State W. M. U. Office are \$420.50 to date Nov. 29, 1934. Since we lack \$79.50, we are confident that before the close of the year this project will be completed. At each meeting the District President and Young People's Counselor gave a resume of progress of the work and urged completion of all objectives by December 31.

We express our deepest appreciation to the District President and the women of the churches for their untiring effort and help in advertising and promoting these meetings. We are also deeply grateful for the hospitality extended to the workers by the entertaining churches: First Church, Fayetteville; Immanuel, Fort Smith; Murfreesboro; Second Church, Little Rock; Wynne; Joiner; Heber Springs and Second Church, Pine Bluff.

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This is eternal life; a life everlasting love, showing itself in everlasting good works; and whoever lives that life, he lives the life of God, and hath eternal life.—Kingsley.

Religious Education

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Figures to Inspire

November 28, 1948

	S. S.	T. U.
Ft. Smith, First	850	418
Little Rock, Immanuel	840	315
Including Missions	1056	468
El Dorado, First	644	226
Pine Bluff, First	572	263
Benton, First	520	188
Hot Springs, Second	515	168
Little Rock, Second	504	112
N. Little Rock, Baring		
Cross	442	214
Including Mission	495	236
Camden, First	428	130
Including Missions	573	257
El Dorado, Second	426	158
Hope, First	412	122
Arkadelphia, First	408	172
Magnolia, Central	397	134
Including Mission	477	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	380	150
Siloam Springs, First	367	173
Hot Springs, Park Place	363	106
Fayetteville, First	354	154
Including Mission	398	183
Paragould, First	350	147
Including Missions	474	182
Forrest City, First	346	143
El Dorado, Immanuel	344	202
Including Missions	378	224
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	319	118
Ft. Smith, Calvary	302	95
Springdale, First	296	159
Including Missions	388	
Fordyce, First	293	156
Little Rock, Tabernacle	289	116
Malvern, First	281	83
Including Mission	314	
Russellville, First	278	122
Including Mission	300	146
Hot Springs, First	277	78
Hot Springs, Central	276	100
Including Mission	324	137
Ft. Smith, Grand Avenue	278	80
Cullendale	271	131
West Helena	267	84
Stuttgart, First	267	123
Including Mission	295	132
Pine Bluff, Second	255	103
Conway, First	248	27
Paris, First	243	117
Smackover, First	231	144
Monticello, First	218	110
Little Rock, South Highland	216	75
Greenwood, First	213	93
Dumas, First	200	82
Including Mission	222	
El Dorado, West Side	195	110
Ft. Smith, Balley Hill	191	80
Stamps, First	187	82
Ft. Smith, South Side	182	58
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	181	83
Little Rock, Hebron	145	89
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial	110	76
Monticello, Second	103	71
Grannis	90	71
Douglassville, First	83	27
El Dorado, Parkview	81	44
Hot Springs, Walnut Valley	75	52
Ft. Smith, Bethlehem	64	39
Melbourne	62	28
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	51	28
Monte Ne	50	44
Little Rock, West Side	48	28
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	42	33
Douglassville, Second	35	24
Little Rock, Bellevue	28	
N. Little Rock Worralls Memorial	27	23

Calendar of Activities

Religious Education Department

1949

January 3-7—January Bible Study Week	Sunday School
February 3-4—State-wide Vacation Bible School Clinic	Sunday School
March 13-20—Clinic and Enlargement Campaign, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock	Sunday School
March 18-19—State Training Union Convention, First Baptist Church, Little Rock	Training Union
April 3-10—Youth Week	Training Union
April —Training Union Study Course Month	Training Union
April 15—Youth Choir Festival, Ouachita College	Church Music
April 16—Junior Choir Festival, Ouachita College	Church Music
April 29-30—State Student Spring Retreat	Student Union
May 1—"Join the Training Union Day"	Training Union
May 1-8—Christian Home Week	Sunday School and Training Union
May 22—Southern Baptist Convention Day at College	Student Union
June 8-15—Student Week at Ridgecrest	Student Union
June 13-17—Music Leadership School, Central College	Church Music
July 5-13—Arkansas Baptist State Assembly.	
July 5-13—Hymn-Playing Tournament, Assembly	Church Music
September 25—Promotion Day	Sunday School and Training Union
September 18-23—Forty Associational Sunday School Rallies	Sunday School
October —Sunday School Study Course Month	Sunday School
October 14-16—State Baptist Student Union Convention	Student Union
October 17-18—State Sunday School Convention, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock	Sunday School
December 5-6—Forty Associational Training Union Rallies	Training Union

STATE POSTER CONTEST

The State Poster Contest will be held at the State Training Union Convention, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 18-19, 1949. There will be much more order and system in connection with this contest than at the last Convention. Plans are being made for a beautiful display of posters in the vestibule of the First Church, with T. D. McCulloch, State student secretary, in charge. Posters will be placed on large four by eight beaver boards according to divisions and department. A small uniform card will be filled out and clipped to each

poster, showing the name of the poster maker, church, association, department Junior, Intermediate, Young People or Adult, and the Division of the poster, whether division I, II or III.

DIVISION I

Competing posters must advertise the coming State Training Union Convention, giving the place and date of meeting, and must have been displayed in the local church at least three Sundays before the Convention.

DIVISION II

Posters that have been used to promote special occasions in the local Training Union, such as en-

largement campaigns, study courses, church and Training Union visitation, associational meetings, tithing, or any work in which the Training Union organization may participate at any time during the year. Posters must have been up in the church building at least three Sundays.

DIVISION III

Posters in this division must promote or call attention to some regular phase of the Training Union, Adult Union, Young People's Union, Intermediate Union, Junior Union, or Story Hour work.

OTHER INFORMATION

These posters must be brought

to the State Training Union Convention where they will be submitted according to age group that is, Junior, Intermediate, Young People, and Adults. They will be graded on originality, legibility, and appropriateness for occasion. Special recognition will be given at the business session of the individual of each age group that has submitted the best poster in each of the three divisions.

Anyone from any church may bring as many as three posters, one in each division, direct to the State Training Union Convention. There may be four winners, Junior, Intermediate, Young People, and Adults, in each of the three divisions. There will be no church or associational elimination tournament for the poster contest.

Centennial Convention Sermon . . .

Reaching Arkansas for Christ

By DR. B. V. FERGUSON, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Fort Smith

"And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as the Lord hath blessed me hitherto? And Joshua answered them, If you be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if Mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee" (Joshua 17:14, 15).

It is refreshing to hear someone say "my task is too small, give me a heavier responsibility." It is tragic to be content with a task that makes use of less than our maximum strength and ability. Those who have caught up with their ideals; who have accomplished all they ever attempted; who have no higher goal that challenges their strength, are through. There is a divine restlessness, born of the Spirit of God, which says "ye have dwelt long enough in this mountain. Behold I have set before you the land, go in and possess it."

Arkansas Baptists have achieved a marvelous record. With a small beginning and in the face of many difficulties we have become a great people in numbers, influence, and strength. Today we look back on a hundred years' history of Arkansas Baptists. With those of the long ago we say, "Behold what God hath wrought. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Causes of Growth

We review our success not to boast but to humbly thank God, and to lay claim to a larger task for the future. The hundred years that lie behind are marked with toll, struggle, tears, and victories.

At the beginning of the Baptist work in Arkansas, our brethren were few in numbers; they were without wealth, and without any particular favor except from God. Our beginnings everywhere in this land have been like that of the early Christians. They were without wealth, social influence, or the favor of any earthly power.

May we name some of the things that account for our phenomenal success:

First, we have followed divine orders. We have dared to believe God and to carry out His program. Any people who will do that will enjoy His protection and favor.

We have refused to be led into compromises. In all matters of faith and practice, we have consulted the Book. He who would build God's spiritual temple must follow the blue print of the divine architect. We can build with spiritual material only.

Therefore, Baptists have insisted on a regenerated church membership. We have refrained from

our spiritual ancestors fought for every inch of the ground on which we operate today. The road from Calvary's cross to this land of religious liberty is stained with the blood and christened with the tears of Christ's followers. Never will the debt be paid to Baptists for what they have achieved for all religious groups in leading to the establishment of religious lib-

am riding in an airplane I do not want some fool tinkering with the motor. When I am on a ship at sea I do not want some ignorant experimenter boring holes in the bottom of the ship. Baptists offer no apology for believing in following conscientiously the teaching of the Scriptures. The Bible is the map by which we travel; the compass by which we sail; our counsel while we are in the march; our peace when we are down to sleep; our comfort and hope when we come to die. It is the star of hope when all the lights of the sky are dark. It is light in the night; bread for the hungry; and water for the thirsty. It furnishes the only plan for a life that directs in all life's service; establishes all of life's relations; settles all of life's problems; furnishes all moral and spiritual standards.

In the fourth place, we believe Baptist success is rooted in evangelism and missions. We Baptists believe that our Christ and our gospel should be shared with the world. Our task is to evangelize and to keep on evangelizing. The great commission is in marching order. Obedience to marching order is the life blood of our great denomination. Joshua said, "If thou be a great people go up and possess the land."

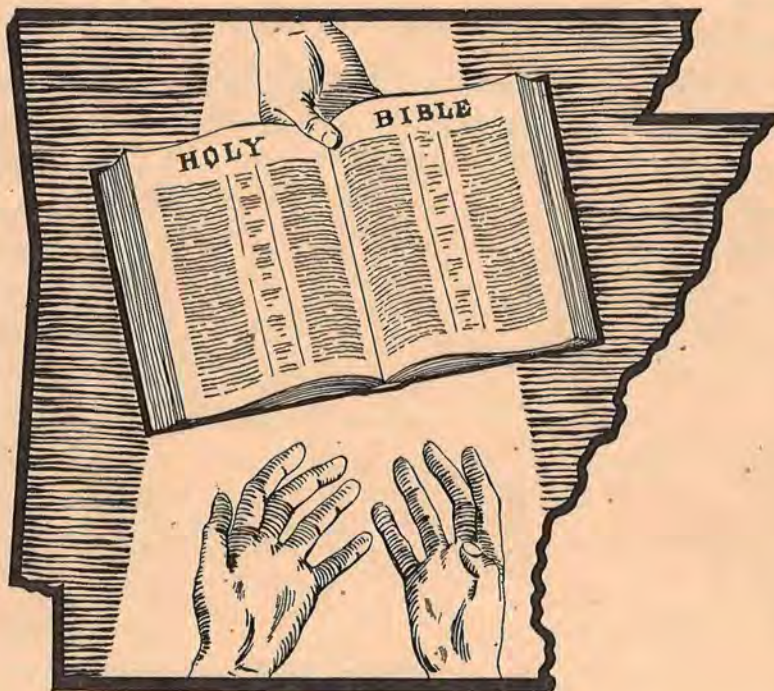
Marks of a Great People

What are the marks of a great people? The descendants of Joshua said, "We are a great people. They proved that they were great people by carving out for themselves a new and larger place. Said Joshua, "Get thee up to the forest and cut down and make use of it." "Go down in the plain and destroy their iron chariots."

If we Baptists are a great people, what are the marks of greatness? Would we say that greatness is in our name? No. The name Baptist does stand for something. We should wear it with dignity becoming those who have a great history and a reputation worthy of maintaining.

Would we say that our strength lies in our numbers? We are a great host of people. Number counts. But it is the quality of the people that spells greatness. Strength. God never takes great situations with little people though they be great in number.

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any form of proxy religion. We have not endeavored to build an imposing ecclesiastical order, but a spiritual body of New Testament believers. This is the New Testament type of whom Paul wrote, "we are more than conquerors through Christ that loved us." Here is a new type of spiritual being that the world had not seen before the crucifixion and Pentecost. The Baptists are here today because they are both conquerors and unconquerable.

In the second place, our progress has been due to our conception and practice of religious liberty. Our appeal has always been to the individual conscience and to a personal relationship to God. Our message is addressed to people who have the right to individual choice. Freedom of mind and freedom of soul and free access to the Word of God will always produce spiritual men and women after the New Testament type of Christian. We do well to remember that

erty in America.

Third, our success is due to our accepting the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice. Baptists did not produce the Bible. The Bible produced the Baptists. The New Testament sown in the good soil of freedom, without prejudice or human traditions, will produce Baptists or believers who hold the same doctrines taught by Baptists.

The Word of God is not to be trifled with. Every wrecking heresy has been set forth and defended by false interpretation of the Scriptures, or by rejecting the inspiration of the Scriptures, or by claiming some new revelation. Catholicism, Christian Science, Mormonism, and many others have followed one or all of these methods.

Baptists protest any tampering with the Scriptures. That is not bigotry; that is honesty, common sense, and consistency. When I

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

By E. A. INGRAM

The Lottie Moon offering worked a marvelous change in the life of the First Baptist Church of Victoria, Brazil, and in the entire mission field of that area. The story of this church may also illustrate the effects of the Lottie Moon offering on other mission fields.

The group of missionaries and other messengers, en route to the Brazilian National Convention to convene in Recife, stopped off for a visit with the church and school in Victoria. We had heard of the friendship of the "Presidente" (Governor) of the state of Victoria for Missionary Reno. It was no surprise to us to be met by the Governor's launch and to be escorted to the palace for a brief but elaborate reception.

We were thrilled by the beauty of the palace with its marble halls and spacious grounds, marvelously landscaped. From the magnificence of the palace we were then taken to the First Baptist Church, which presented a violent contrast by its dingy, dungeon-like appearance. The church, lighted only by candles, and with a box for a pulpit, had no pews and was infested with small varmints which pestered the life out of us during our brief visit. The school was likewise crudely and meagerly equipped.

Some years later, on a visit to Victoria with some American Methodist friends, our steamer put in for a few hours on a Sunday afternoon at Victoria. These friends wanted to see the Baptist Church. You can imagine our embarrassment as we thought of passing the Governor's beautiful palace on our way to the First Baptist Church as we remembered it from our former visit. But to our indescribable joy, just across the street from the Governor's palace port there was a magnificent colonial structure with emblazoned letters, "Primeira Igreja Baptista." It was Training Union time and the crowds were coming from every direction. What a deep sense of pride we felt in showing off our Baptist Church to those American friends.

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offering. The Victoria Church received only a part of the \$5,000; three other churches shared in the gift which enabled them to erect beautiful church buildings. A similar gift had changed the school into a well-equipped institution where the Governor's children attended school.

We left Victoria on that visit a thousand-fold more thankful for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions.

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Former Baptist Pastor Dies

C. W. Edwards of Little Rock, a member of the Second Church, died suddenly the night of November 30. Mr. Edwards, a Baptist minister and former pastor of the First Church, Forrest City, retired from the active ministry some years ago on account of failing health. He had recently been engaged in the real estate business.

Mrs. Edwards, who survives him, was for a number of years bookkeeper for the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. She has also been active in W. M. U. work and for a number of years served as recording secretary of the State W. M. U. Board.

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bership in the Society. The Baptist pastors of Greater Little Rock have recently accepted an objective of 8,500 Bibles as their part in this effort. The pastors of churches of Ft. Smith have agreed to provide a like number. It takes 1,500 memberships to supply these Scriptures. An application for membership is provided below. Fill in the form for the class membership desired and send it to the local office of the American Bible Society, 509 Scott Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated. Edgar M. Brown, Secretary, American Bible Society.

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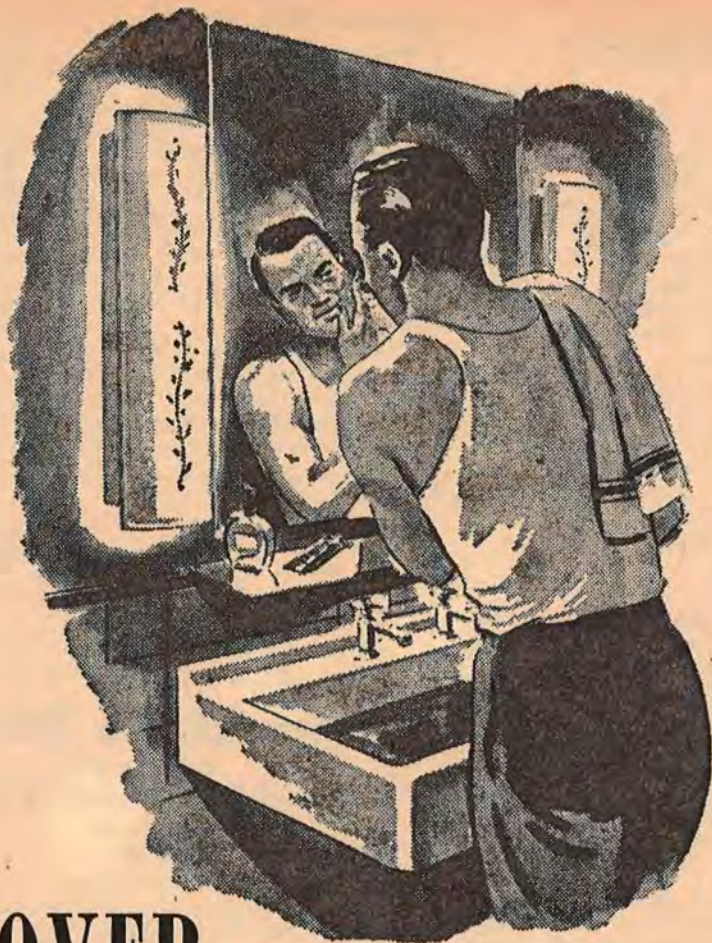
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May it not be said of us that we are many, but not much.

Would we say that our strength lies in our material resources? Our Baptist people are coming to possession of great wealth. We cannot be very proud of record at present. The fact that more than a third of our 6,000 Baptists never have any part in our great work is evidence that something is woefully wrong. We are just beginning to train men to stir the consciences of our people as to their money relation to the kingdom of God.

Great Experience

A great people must have a great experience with God. A shallow experience means dimness of vision, looseness of purpose, weakness of witness.

The Christian witness must be proved if we are able to stand before the tides of evil. The value of the Christian witness is what he believes and has experienced. When the apostles were threatened and commanded not to testify or preach in the name of Jesus, they replied, "We cannot speak the things which we have not seen and heard."

Out of a great experience with God come devotion and loyalty to Christ and his world-wide program. Out of a great experience is born the courage to do battle for the King of Kings.

If we claim to be a great people, let us accept the challenge and guard ourselves for world conquest.

Claim the Future

Baptists have a great history. We are trustees of a sacred heritage. Our hearts swell with pride when we review our history.

We shall not forget that we are giants to be slain. There are many chariots of multiplied evil to be destroyed. Let us not despise the past nor disappoint the future. To piddle at the task is to disgrace ourselves in our eyes. When the cowards on the spy committee came back and made their report, they said, "We saw giants, sons of Anak, which came of the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so were in their sight" (Numbers 13:33). Joshua and Caleb made the heartening report. We need the spirit of Caleb.

"And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said these forty and five years, ever since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness, and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is

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Letters in the Bible

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

We have considered biography, law, history, philosophy, drama, prophecy, poetry, and parables in the Word of God. There remain two forms of literature yet to be studied. The first of these remaining two is the epistolary form.

The Epistles of letters of the Bible are, for the most part, informal, informative, instructive, and inspiring. They are personal letters, written to an individual or a church. They reveal the character of the author, yet they were inspired of God, given for a divine purpose for the special time or incident, while containing the message of His will for Christians of any generation. Each epistle was written to meet a need or to express the thoughts, wishes, or feelings of the one who wrote it. There are 27 books in the New Testament; 21 of these are epistles. Paul wrote 13 of these, not including Hebrews, which some scholars believe he also wrote.

Today we study Paul's letter to the Philippians. He was expressing his feelings, for the time was the arrival of Epaphroditus with a most welcome and needed contribution to his aid from his beloved friends in Philippi. Dr. Hight C. Moore calls this epistle the least dogmatic, the easiest to understand, and the friendliest of all Paul's writings.

Bonds of Christian Experience

How tender and true are the relationships between brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Oftentimes it has been said that stronger bonds exist between Christian friends and co-workers than between blood kin. The pastor and his people have experiences growing out of the very depth of spiritual bonds which knit them together, developing love, understanding, sympathy, confidence, and helpfulness. This was the case with Paul and his converts at Philippi, even though he had stayed with them through the years and much had happened to him and to them.

Let us go back to Paul's first contact with anyone in that city. By God's direction he went to preach the Word of the Lord in Macedonia (Acts 16); he stopped momentarily in Neapolis, and pushed on to Philippi, which most likely was the first European city where Christ was preached.

Outside the city Paul and his companion found a group of women praying, and there Paul preached Jesus. The first convert was Lydia; directly thereafter her household was saved and all were baptized. In this city on this initial trip Paul was imprisoned and God intervened. Paul sang praises to God, though in chains, and the Philippian jailer, with his household, received the Gospel.

In the first of Paul's letter to the Philippians, he spoke of him-

Sunday School Lesson For December 12, 1948 Philippians 1:1-11; 4:8-9

self on the same level with his young follower, Timothy, and classed both of them as "servants" of the Lord. He wished for these Christian friends in Philippi the two blessed gifts from God—"grace and peace." Their bond of friendship was so strong that Paul always prayed for them, remembering them before the Throne of Grace with joy and the warmth of memory because of their service with him in the trying days of his early witnessing in Philippi. He had great confidence in them, heightened now by this renewed bond as they had given of their means for him. There was no jealously, criticism, envy, or strife among these Christians, but true love and warm-hearted fellowship. That is as God would have it.

Challenge of Christian Fellowship

Paul loved the Philippian Christians; he had great regard for them and confidence in them. This letter does not contain rebukes of existing evils or warnings against unsound doctrines and unrighteous practices. It is a letter of deep joy and sweet fellowship. Yet there was a concern in the heart of the Apostle for the Philippians, that they not be swayed or misled, that they keep the love of God in its first place in their hearts and that they continue to grow and glow as Christians.

Paul was mindful of the fact that these "saints" were not perfect men and women but holders of this title of honor by virtue of their believing faith in Christ Jesus. He wanted them to hold what they had and possess more. Observe this "prison prayer" inspired by the Holy Spirit which Paul prayed for these fellow believers.

He prayed that their love might grow, increase or "abound yet more." They loved Christ; they loved Paul; they loved one another; and they loved the things which he loved. He specifically challenged them to greater love "in the Lord. He specifically challenged them to greater love "in knowledge"; that is, in the decisions which come as a result of spiritual knowledge. How Christians today need to love the Bible more, and walk the way which the Bible makes known to all who read it.

Then Paul prayed that they might be able to discern the excellent things of life. We believe he meant not to be satisfied with the good, but demand to know and become the best. He prayed that these believers might "be sincere and void of offence unto the day of Christ." How essential is sin-

cerity! There is absolutely no substitute for it. Fellow Christians and those unbelievers of the world alike are quick to detect hypocrisy or sham. We offend if our walk in Christ Jesus is a pretense, if there is insincerity and compromise.

The climax of Paul's prayer is that this church might win the lost and glorify Christ through Christians, so loving and living as to be filled "with the fruits of righteousness."

In the latter part of his letter Paul challenged the Philippians to think on the things that are good, that led to Christ-like living. "Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report" were to be that upon which they would meditate and go out into everyday living to practice. Paul, not boasting, but in leading, pointed to his example and was well able to say, through his own experience, "the God of peace shall be with you." God stays with us when we live and walk according to His Word and Divine Will.

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strength now, for war, both to out, and to come in."

Blessed is the man who keeps his vision and thereby keeps his faith. The future challenges men and women of faith and courage. Goliath struts before us and defies the army of the living God. Every generation is beset with evil, but never before has any generation been beset with such a subtle combination of evil forces.

These forces have sought to put the robe of mockery on Christ and His church. They have sought to add forgeries to the word of God and blasphemed the Holy Spirit. Men wrapped in robes of sin and righteousness go forth proclaiming their deeds of achievement in a world that they have brought to the precipice of utter ruin. Nothing but the best will do now. Now we consecrate ourselves anew to our Christ and His Holy cause.

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Bookkeeper Resigns

The Executive Board has lost its bookkeeper, Miss Ruth DeWoody, who has occupied this position for more than thirty-one years, resigned her position some two months ago. Her health is somewhat impaired, and she is resting at her home at 411 West Roosevelt Road, Little Rock.

It is seldom that anyone in public life serves so long in one position, and no one ever gave more complete satisfaction. She has been one of the most efficient that we know anything about. No task was ever too difficult, and no day too long for her. She was not interested simply in holding the position; she was more profoundly interested in doing the work and doing it well.

Much of the time in recent years she has been overworked. Her determination to do the work accurately, and to keep at it until the last figure was completed has driven her to her desk early, and has kept her there late. Her unflinching devotion to the task, and to the work she loved, has been too great a strain for her human frame. We pray that she may regain her strength, and enjoy a much needed and well earned rest.

We miss her in the office. However, she had given instructions to Miss Betty Garton, who succeeds her. The hundreds of Baptists who send their contributions, and who visit our

offices will greatly miss this fine woman, and we all are under lasting obligations to her for her loyal, faithful, and efficient service.



Miss Ruth DeWoody

1949 To Be Great Year For Arkansas Baptists

The co-operative work of Arkansas Baptists is being launched for the new century. The year 1949 will witness a new day for our program of Missions, Christian Education, and Benevolences.

At least one additional man will be employed to do promotional work throughout the State. We also hope to have our work promoted by moving pictures in order to acquaint our people with the vastness, beauty, glory, effectiveness, and blessedness of our enlarged program of activities. When our people fully understand the scope and influence of our work they will be thrilled, and almost without exception give their earnest prayers and liberal financial support.

It is proposed that we set up the "Baptist Foundation," and begin to procure liberal gifts for the endowment and for the capital needs of our institutions and work. Our people will be entreated to remember the religious work when they make their wills.

We expect to raise more than a million dollars in 1949 for the support of our enlarged program of activities. We expect this program to yield much fruit in the field of soul winning and enlistment.

We plan to work out a duplex unified budget to be presented to our Convention next year. One section of the budget will be used for the support of current work, and the other

funds will be used to satisfy the long-range plans and capital needs of our institutions.

Many meetings will be held during the year to execute these plans and to put into operation the enlarged program. We hope the Convention will meet in Little Rock November 15, 1949.

The Executive Board had a significant and harmonious meeting last week. The various departments of the work of the Board made reports that showed improvement in all our work.

Corrections

In our Quarterly Report we notice that the name of the pastor of Capitol Hill Church in Pulaski County was omitted. Pastor W. C. Rowe has been with the church since it was organized, and is doing a splendid piece of work there. This is really why this new church has started off so well in giving to missions.

Also, W. E. Bland is pastor of the church in Monte Ne. We are glad to make mention of these pastors.

Did You Get the Card?

Brethren, the card we sent out several days ago was from the Relief and Annuity Board. It was sent out from our office because it was presumed that our mailing list is more accurate than that of the Relief and Annuity Board. These cards were sent to all members of the Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan whether they are delinquent or not. It is purely an effort to keep our brethren informed about some of the rules that govern the Plan.

Beech Street and Harris

Pastor Harris of the Beech Street Church, Texarkana, tells us that this great church has voted \$10,000 for the Co-operative Program in its 1949 budget. This is wonderful. Harris has recently come to us from Alabama. He is the son of J. G. Harris, who for a long time served so well in the ministry in Arkansas before going to Louisiana. We congratulate the saints in Texarkana, and thank Harris and the church for this great forward step in the support of missions.

Rucker and Malvern

Dear Dr. Bridges:

In reply to your letter of October 5, in regard to our Association coming through with its quota of the State Budget, I wish to say that we discussed this matter in our Board meeting. On the basis of the pledge for the new year from the churches and the prospect of some churches increasing their contribution, it looks as if we will be able to carry through on the suggested amount.

Sincerely,
T. K. Rucker.

Holland and Jonesboro

That wide-awake pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, is a real missionary. The church is increasing its gifts to the Co-operative Program \$100 per month. Through the years this has been one of the great churches, and Holland is a worthy leader.

Ford and Manila

Pastor Ford of the Manila Church is blessed with the support of a good treasurer. C. Chapin sends one dollar per member, and then some. This good church gave \$511 on State Mission Day for the Honor Day. This is glorious. If all our churches would take a definite interest, this old debt would be cleared off in thirty days. Here is a worthy example to follow brethren.

The Last Month

This is the last month for you to get your Co-operative Program contributions to us for the 1948 budget. A few of our churches have not made contributions during the last quarter, and some have not made any contributions for the Co-operative Program for the entire year. You will want to do this, Brethren, and you should do it at once. If your church has not made undesignated offerings, won't you please do that next Sunday, and send it to us immediately. We are running behind on contributions for the State budget. You can come to our rescue at this time if you find it in your heart to do so. We thank you in advance.