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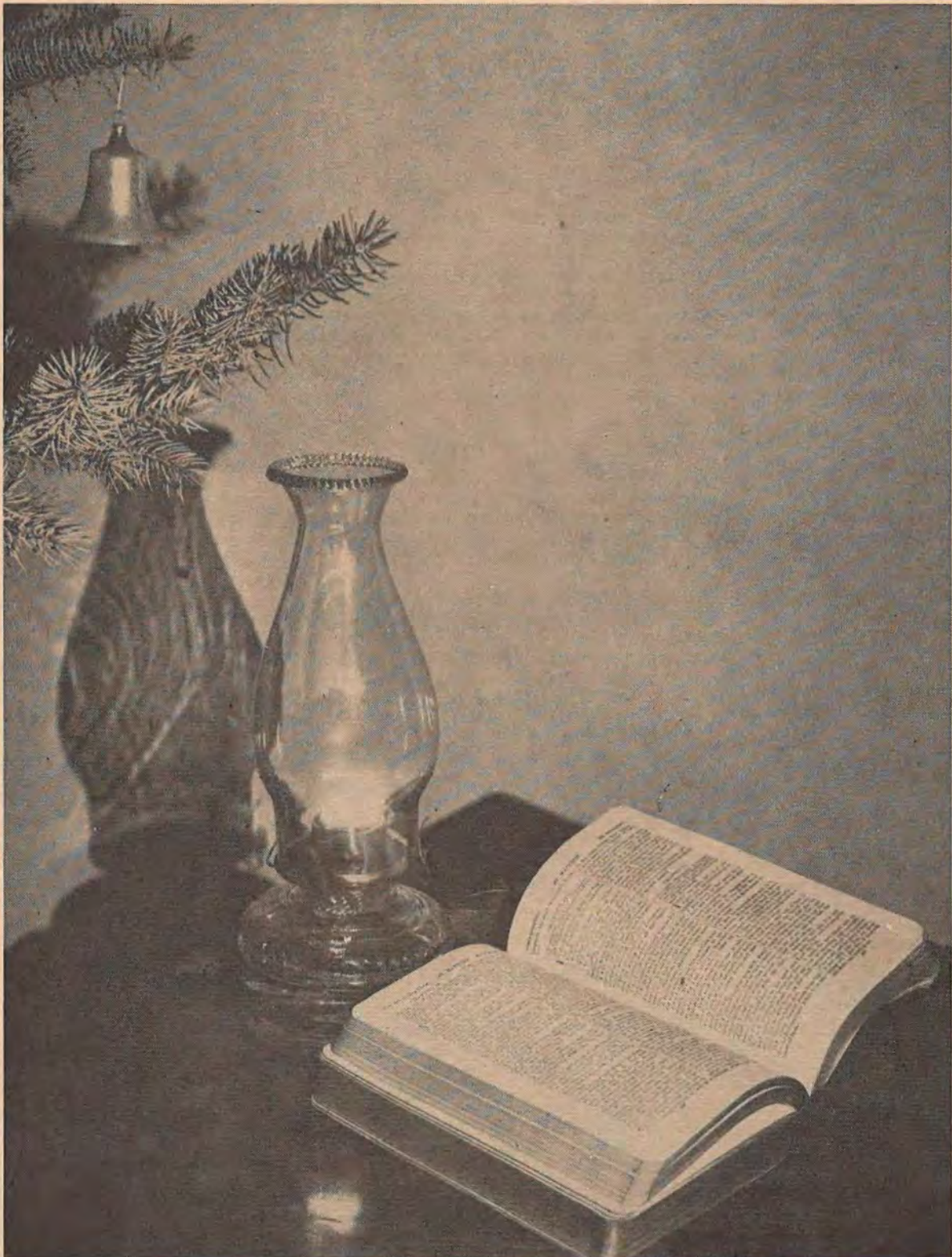
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—Eva Luoma.

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Christmas . . .

And The Dollar Mark

The following editorial appeared in the December 4 issue of the UNION SIGNAL.

Christmas was once the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Observed with simplicity, it was a time of gratitude for God's gift to the world. It was a day of rejoicing, a day when love prevailed.

The simplicity of that day is gone. The dollar mark has taken the place of the star above the manger, and the Christmas exchange mart has made a mockery of the sacrificial gifts of the Wise Men.

In this departure from the true meaning of Christmas, children are the tragic victims. Confused by an over-abundance of expensive presents from their earliest years, they cannot be satisfied with the simple gifts that would have thrilled youngsters of a past generation.

To the young child, Christmas means toys. Most toys of one year are supposed to last the child in the average family until Santa's next visit.

This year it looks as if the children will celebrate the mechanical ingenuity of the toy-maker who has developed the "facts of life" toy in various phases, to meet the demands of the 1948 Christmas season. In these doll and animal toys stark realism at its ugliest seems bent on robbing childhood play of beauty, imagination, and initiative.

Milk, fed into a trap in a cow's back, emerges from a rubber udder. An eating doll can be fed fragments of a real cookie which move through a passage ending in the back of the head where they are removed.

"Life" magazine of October 18 shows, among other pictures of these new toys, the expression of nausea on the face of a child-mother caring for a regurgitating doll. After seeing it, it is a relief to look at the picture of the doll blowing bubbles.

Inventive fertility reaches its climax in the Puppies Dog that gives birth to a litter of pups simply by the unzipping of a zipper.

We are strong believers in teaching children the facts of life, but we resent its being done by the casual, unreal, and mechanical method of caricature. And the juxtaposition of the mother dog and her zipper-born offspring with the beautiful story of the nativity of Christ, is not only execrable taste, but worse, it robs parent, teacher and church of an opportunity to impress upon the child some of the wonder and mystery surrounding birth.

We agree heartily with Mrs. Mary Y. Keville, in "Life," November 8, who wrote objecting to the new "realistic" type of toy. She said, in part, "The child is thrown only half a loaf. Is he told that the mother needs tenderness, skill, and care? And where is the dignity which surrounds any birth? A zipper is a worthy instrument in its place, but in such a circumstance, it creates an impression as vacuous as a toy statue of a surgeon performing a life-saving operation for a child who knows nothing of sickness or pain."

Why emphasize in play the ugliness of regurgitation? Why dwell in play on the things that we try to teach children not to discuss in public?

The money spent for such toys this Christmas might buy constructive playthings of real and lasting value or lovely books that would leave pleasant memories. And the mother will spend no more time reading stories or helping a child to build a house, than she will spend

cleaning up after the regurgitator, removing the cow's displaced milk from the best needle-point chair, or trying to keep track of a family of roving puppies far from their mother's zipper.

The best Christmas gifts are those that encourage children to do things for themselves. The best Christmas parents are those who lead children to think of others as well as themselves. The happiest families are those that use ingenuity instead of purses to fill their homes with Christmas cheer. Only by giving ourselves instead of things can we really celebrate the birth of Jesus.

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When the Sermon Hasn't a Chance

Sometimes the sermon hasn't a chance. It may have been wrought out of the preacher's deepest conviction, bathed in sweat of brow and brain, steeped in prayer and tears and delivered with holy unction, but with some folks in the congregation, it is a case of "pouring water on a duck." It doesn't penetrate.

No sermon has a chance with a closed mind. If prejudice has priority, or if a week of shady business activities has throttled the conscience the sermon is not likely to get beneath the surface. If a businessman mentally carries his ledger into the pew with him the sermon will have to stay out. Many a sermon is dissipated on encountering a person who comes to church merely as a social diversion. It cannot get into a heart that already is filled to overflowing with something else.

The good housewife who sits through a worship service wondering how the Sunday dinner is coming on is not giving the sermon its full chance and will go on her way when the benediction is pronounced little better for her coming. The hearer is a part of the sermon, and may enhance it or destroy it. If the sermon is to have its real chance there must be preparation for it.

The debris must be cleared from mind and heart and the sermon must be given a sympathetic response. Its need must be felt, and it must be received as God's message. The man in the pew, the man in the pulpit, "Speak, for thy servant heareth." It is the duty of the worshipper to give the sermon a chance.

—Religious Telescope.

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North Carolina Goes 50-50

Charlotte, N. C.—(BP)—North Carolina Baptists, holding their one hundred eighteenth annual session, heard reports that total gifts to the state's churches during the past year were approximately \$15,000,000. Of this, \$12,000,000 went for expenses of the local churches, and \$3,000,000 for missions and benevolences including state and Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Progress was reported in plans for moving Wake Forest College to Winston-Salem. The over-all cost of this move is estimated at \$18,000,000, of which several million has already been raised or is in sight.

The state divides Co-operative Program receipts 50-50 between state and Southern Baptist Convention objects.

A Vision Of Christ

A Devotion by the Editor

"Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad."

Abraham's vision lifted him out of the ruts, tore him away from his old habits practices. It gave him the courage to be away from his idolatrous companions, for the temples of greed and lust, and seek freedom which God had promised.

Too many people are bound by social toms, commercial practices, political politics and other environmental conditions. They are unable to break away from these conditions because they have no compelling vision of the Lord.

A compelling vision of the Lord is the best alarm clock to awake one on Sunday morning in time for Sunday School church. To anticipate the presence of the Lord and visualize the results of our labor Him will give us a definiteness of purpose, a confidence in our undertakings and a taint of results unknown in any other manner of life.

"Abraham rejoiced to see my day," Jesus. With glad anticipation he earnestly longed for the era which Christ ushered in. And he saw it. He actually lived by the eye of the future as if they were present actualities. He dipped into the centuries to come, brought back to his own the light of a new advance age, the higher morality of a future revelation, the strength and courage of a redemption which should be fully revealed to the future generation.

That is what Edison did, and flooded the night with light; that is what Fulton did, set the steam ships afloat upon the seven seas of the world; that is what Columbus did, brought the continents of the world together as close neighbors; that is what Abraham did and brought the day of Christ to the world more than a thousand years before He appeared in the flesh; that is what you may do, and bring His redeeming grace to benighted, broken, sin-bound souls of our generation.

The Christ who came just as Abraham anticipated Him, will become real to us too, if we have the vision to see Him. When we do become real to us, when we can see above everything else in life, when He completely fills our vision, when we can talk to Him and enter into His plans, we, too, bring the Christ to our day and thereby, the dullest, most hum-drum and toilsome day bright with His light and potent with His power.

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad" (John 8:56).

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From The Editor's Desk

The Light of Truth

We have just read an article under the heading: "When Does Heaven Begin?" The author of this article holds out the gloomy prospect that the dead are "completely unconscious" until the resurrection. "They do not sense the passing of time . . . those who die in Christ fall asleep "in Him" and know nothing more until they hear His glorious voice on the resurrection morning."

If that is true some have been asleep "in Him" a mighty long time. There are Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and hosts of others.

Mountain Top Scene

But wait a minute. Something is wrong somewhere. We see four men trudging laboriously up a mountainside. There is but little conversation among them on the way up and scarcely none after they reach the summit. It is not too difficult to identify them: Peter, James, John, and Jesus.

Having reached the top of the mountain, they are greeted with an unusual and never-to-be-forgotten phenomenon. Jesus "was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun; and his raiment was white as the light."

Out of nowhere two other men joined them, "Who appeared in glory and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem." These two men were glorified; they were conscious; they were in possession of all their mental and spiritual faculties. They remembered the past; they were conscious of the present; they knew the events which were immediately to take place. Obviously, these men were wide awake, or were they talking in their sleep?

Who were they anyway? The record says they were "Moses and Elias (Elijah)." But they had died centuries before and were supposed, according to the writer quoted above, to be unconscious until the resurrection. But here they are gloriously alive, and perfectly conscious. Strange, isn't it?

God of the Living

Jesus once said to His critics that "God is not the God of the dead, but the living." There is too much life in the redeemed soul to lie unconscious for centuries.

To the thief on the cross, Jesus said, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Is Paradise a place of unconsciousness? If so, Jesus was unconscious while His body lay in the grave. When He arose, did He leave the redeemed thief in an unconscious paradise? But we would hardly associate unconsciousness with Paradise. If it is a place or a state of unconsciousness, then we have missed its meaning entirely. The dictionary is all wrong, for that standard work defines paradise as "any place of happiness; a state of bliss; heaven."

Man-Made Theories

The author of the article referred to is a typical example of all those who select a few passages of Scripture which seem to prove their own preconceived ideas; while at the same time they ignore all other scripture passages which contradict their personal theories. It is pitiful, even tragic, that men will formulate theories of their own and then twist and distort the Scriptures in a vain effort to prove their pet theories true. Instead of accepting and living in the light of truth as revealed in God's Word, they becloud the light of truth with their own confused ideas and faulty reasoning.

Common Practice

This practice of using the Bible to prove what one wants to believe is not confined to writers on religious themes, theologians, and others prominent in the field of religious teaching. It is wide-spread among the laity. Instead of living in the full light of revealed truth, the tendency is to use a single passage or teaching, out of its context, which seems to suit one's pet idea or confirm one's favorite practice. It is like a person trying to read by the light of a single star instead of taking full advantage of the flood light of the noon-day sun.

Let the Bible speak its message; let the whole Bible speak, and you will know the truth as it is in Christ.

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Preacher and Sermon

Editor Albert McClellan has a timely editorial in the November 25 issue of the Baptist Messenger, the Oklahoma Baptist paper. The editorial is addressed to the "Teachers of Preachers."

In the first paragraph Editor McClellan says: "What some of the men who teach preaching need is a shot in the arm, the kind that will expand their imagination. For without doubt imagination is what a lot of our otherwise good sermons need. The lack of it can be laid to the fact that our teachers of preaching have been too prosaic, too perfunctory or to put it plainly, too much in a homiletical rut."

Inspired Imagination

We would emphasize the need for inspired imagination in preaching. Imagination is one of our greatest and most valuable mental capacities. It is the ability to see images, to reconstruct scenes, to read between the lines, to fill in the gaps, to put flesh on the skeleton.

We are not speaking of fanciful and wild imaginings. We are speaking of the reconstruction of living scenes from the bare details of a particular situation. The wise use of inspired imagination will give vividness and life to the sermon which might otherwise

be only a logical and convincing discussion which would put the listeners to sleep.

Having gathered his material for the sermon, the preacher should sit in quiet and undisturbed meditation, thinking through the material, visualizing the various situations he has studied, reconstructing the scenes which enter into all phases of the subject involved. He should turn his imagination loose. He should become one of the company under consideration and try to see himself and imagine his own reactions in the same situation as set forth in the passage of scripture under consideration.

True Homiletics

The homiletics of the sermon should be true to the scripture text and to the purpose of the sermon. It is a serious fault to make the outline of the sermon fanciful merely to arouse curiosity on the part of the listeners. Artificial homiletics should never be superimposed on the scripture, but the outgrowth of the true message of the scripture.

The outline of the sermon is not the sermon; it is only the framework. The framework of a house, though a primary essential is not the house. Building a sermon is somewhat like building a house. The sermon must be covered and floored, walled and partitioned, provided with windows and doors, and appropriately decorated so as to be attractive and not repellent. The sermon should not leave the listeners with the sense of incompleteness or half-baked ideas. The gospel is complete; it is beautiful; it is attractive and the most appealing story ever told.

Skeletons Are Not Sermons

The figure may be changed and the framework of the sermon compared to a skeleton. Suppose we stand two horses side by side. One is a mere skeleton of skin and bones, so poor in flesh that every bone and joint stand out prominently. The other horse is sleek and fat, with no unsightly bones or joints protruding. Which is the more attractive?

People don't like skeletons in the pulpit any more than in the stall. There is as much difference between a skeleton sermon and one that is beautifully filled out as there is between a skeleton horse and one that is beautifully filled out. The preacher should put the meat on the skeleton of his sermon before he goes into the pulpit. If he does not, he is likely to leave many protruding bones and unsightly joints which will make his sermon unattractive, less appealing, and less convincing.

There are no substitutes for prayer and study in the preparation and delivery of sermons. The inspiration of the Holy Spirit will come by no other method. When the preacher has made diligent and thorough preparation by research and study; when he has laid out his sermon material before the Lord and talked with Him about it; when his mental faculties, his imagination, his soul, have been quickened by the Holy Spirit; when every word of the sermon, every phrase, every sentence, every punctuation mark, has become a prayer—when the sermon is filled with prayer, saturated by prayer, undergirded by prayer, canopied by prayer; when the sermon itself becomes a prayer, the consuming passion of the preacher's soul, he will go into the pulpit with confidence and the assurance of the presence and power of God.

Kingdom Progress

Little River Association Has Isaac Watts Hymn Festival

Little River Association met with the First Church, Lockesburg, on December 5, for a Hymn Festival commemorating the two hundredth anniversary of the death of Isaac Watts. There were 105 people present representing eleven churches in the association.

The Festival was under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Perry, Nashville, associational music director. Rev. Carroll Gibson of Dierks gave the invocation. Lawson Hatfield of Ashdown led in the congregational singing with Mrs. Perry accompanying. W. E. Perry, Nashville, gave a brief story of the life of Isaac Watts. Special numbers were given by choirs from Foreman, DeQueen, Horatio, Ashdown, Murfreesboro, Lockesburg, Wilton and Nashville. W. T. Byrum of Lockesburg led in the benediction.

Stanley Jordan, former pastor of the First Church, Hamburg, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Springdale. Pastor and Mrs. Jordan and daughter, Janet Lee, have resided in Hamburg for the past three and one-half years, and the church there has gone forward in every phase of its work.

News From a Standard Training Union

The average attendance of the Siloam Springs Training Union for October was 182, with an average grade of 74 per cent. On November 2, 82 people met for the monthly Officers' Council. Two projects were planned for the Training Union: one, giving a gift to the Baptist Orphanage; two, to put over the "Every Member Present" on November 28. The goals for that Sunday night will be 229, or the entire enrolment. During October seven unions were standard and three departments standard—Story Hour, Intermediate, and Adult.

Mrs. Ruth Tolleson is director of this Standard Training Union and B. N. Simmons is pastor.

Basil Goff has accepted the position as Pastor of Missions of the First Church, Paragould, which include South Side Chapel, Third Avenue Chapel, and North End Mission. D. C. Applegate is pastor of First Church. Mr. Goff comes from Philadelphia Church, Jonesboro, where he served as pastor for three years.

Biscoe Has First Music School

The State Director has just closed a School of Church Music at the Biscoe Baptist Church. There were 145 enrolled and an average daily attendance of 115. Eighty-five qualified for awards in "Practical Music Lessons."

Exceptional interest characterized the week's work as music for a complete Christmas service was planned and prepared. With the full co-operation of the pastor, Tom Dove, the music director and pianist, Fletcher Patterson and several workers in the church, 75 Juniors rehearsed for an hour and a half each afternoon on the carols and at night the large Youth Choir and Adults proceeded with the study of hymns, descants, and pageantry connected with the service.

Dr. D. Blake Westmoreland and the First Church, Warren, were assisted in revival services, November 21-28, by Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of the Second Church, Little Rock, who did the preaching and T. N. Shaddox, pastor of the First Church, Dumas, who directed the music. There were 30 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and 12 by letter.

Pastor Westmoreland says, "The biggest result, however, was the revived spiritual attitude of the church and the realization by the church of its opportunities and responsibilities."

Henry W. Wooten has resigned the pastorate of the Clear Lake Church, Blytheville, to accept the pastorate of the Calvary Church, Batesville. Mr. Wooten is a graduate of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, and is now attending Arkansas College, Batesville. Pastor and Mrs. Wooten are both natives of Kentucky.

Parkin Sponsors Second Music School

Recognizing the music needs of its entire membership, the Parkin Church has planned to make the School of Church Music an annual part of its educational program. The second such school was held during the week beginning November 7 and consisted of specialized training for the Youth Choir, Adult Choir and also a course in "Practical Music Lessons." There were 38 people enrolled in the school with an average attendance of 26. Fifteen awards were given.

Special Christmas music as well as the entire music service for the Sunday following the school was carefully prepared. W. L. Dunn is the director; Mrs. LeRoy Taylor, organist; Mrs. Reg Owen, pianist; and Mrs. Ray Langley, youth choir leader.

Pastoral Changes

R. C. Brinkley has accepted the pastorate of the Union Church, El Dorado. For the past 16 months he has been working under the Texas Baptist Convention.

T. S. Cowden has resigned the pastorate of the Hickory Grove Church, Yorktown, to assume the pastorate of the Oak Grove Church, Harmony Association, near Pine Bluff.

W. T. Coston has resigned as pastor of the First Church, Eureka Springs, and has accepted the call to a church in Pittsburg, Kansas.

J. T. Midkiff has accepted the pastorate of the Harris Chapel Baptist Church, Tri-County Association.

Thomas Simmons has accepted two half-time pastorates: Lexington Baptist Church, and Corinth Church, Holly Mountain.

Tom Richards has been called to full time service as pastor of the Pleasant Hill Church, Rogers.

Professor at Central Semina



Dr. J. B. Fellows

Dr. J. B. Fellows has recently become Associate Professor of Christian Education at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri.

An A.B. graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Dr. Fellows took his seminary training at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He was successively Minister of Education at the Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, and First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

Dr. Fellows is the author of "The Church at Play," "The Bible Reader's Oasis," "The Social Kit."

C. A. Maule Jr., Ouachita College Seminary, assumed his duties as pastor of the Eastview Church, Texarkana, November 14. Past Maule comes to Eastview from the First Church, Hampton, where he was pastor three years.

Ralph D. Dodd, pastor of the First Church, Stuttgart, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock. Mr. Dodd was pastor of the Stuttgart Church for three years. He received his education at Mercer University, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is a native of South Carolina.

Pastor Dawson King and the Hebrew Church, Little Rock, recently had the service of Charles E. Lawrence, pastor, Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, in a revival meeting. Pastor King reports, "The meeting resulted in great blessings to the church and nine additions, eight for baptism, and one by letter. All of these additions were adults."

W. F. Couch, Little Rock, was the visiting evangelist in a revival meeting with Pastor Theo James and the First Church, McGee Street, Little Rock, October 31-November 14. W. E. Ward, music and educational director of the Southview Church, Pine Bluff, conducted the singing which led the young people. There were 20 additions to the church, 16 for baptism and four by letter.

Sin short-changes every transaction of life.

Who Will Be Next?

The following churches have sent in new budget subscription lists for the Arkansas Baptist: Okolona; Bayou Mason; Lake Village; Memorial, Hot Springs; Plainview, Pine Bluff; and Sulphur City. Thank you and congratulations! Who will be next?

Tri-County Has Associational Hymn Sing

On November 7 a large number of people gathered at the Parkin Church for the Quarterly Hymn-sing. Special numbers were rendered by singers from Barton's Chapel and Parkin. Mrs. W. B. Ninger directed the congregational singing which emphasized hymns by Isaac Watts. Mrs. LeRoy Taylor presided at the organ and the devotional was led by Ray Y. Langley, pastor.

Negro Baptist Hospital

"We are well on our way" toward the establishment of the "National Baptist Hospital and School of Nursing" at Hot Springs, Arkansas, was the reply of Dr. C. C. Brandon Sr., secretary of the National Baptist Hospital Commission, Inc., to a question concerning the progress being made in the establishment of that institution.

Dr. Brandon explained that \$40,000 of the \$50,000 initial payment has been made and that a campaign is now under way to raise the remaining \$10,000. The building acquired from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and which will provide facilities for the hospital and School of Nursing "is easily worth \$1,000,000," said Dr. Brandon. He further stated that the United States Government had granted the hospital "hot water bath rights" and a charter has been granted by the Garland County Circuit Court.

Dr. Brandon thinks that the National Baptist Hospital and School of Nursing, located at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will be instrumental in greatly improving health conditions among the Negroes of the South. And better health conditions will contribute to a better economic status of both colored and white populations. A further influence exerted by the Hospital and School of Nursing, as visualized by Dr. Brandon, will be in improved race relations.

Perhaps one of the most important phases of the operation of this institution, as contemplated by the management, will be its extension work. The plan contemplates the establishment of health clinics at strategic points in areas where the Negro population is greatest. The Hospital and School of Nursing would sponsor these health clinics and provide the trained personnel to conduct them.

This program, it was explained, would require long range planning and considerable time for its development. Once in operation, however, it would rapidly gain momentum.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention have contributed a combined total of \$35,000 to this project.

North Carolina Baptist Students to Invite Negroes: The North Carolina Baptist Student Union at its nineteenth annual meeting at Gastonia, North Carolina, voted to invite Negro colleges in the State to send delegates to future meetings and to include a Negro on the State Baptist Union Council.

Thanks to Radio Program Director

At a meeting of the Arkansas Baptist Radio Commission held in the Baptist Building, November 29, a vote of thanks was extended to Dr. B. H. Duncan for the services he has given as Director of the Arkansas Baptist Radio Program. The programs and messages have been well received over the State. The Convention will not sponsor a radio program next year.

The radio program, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," will present the Christmas Story in two Christmas programs: "Unto You This Day," December 19; "Star of Peace," December 26.

The programs will be broadcast by the American Broadcasting Company. Time: 5:30 p. m. Central Standard Time.

Dr. Braxton B. Sawyer of the Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, is listing his deacons as "Associate Pastors."

"It is my purpose to try to develop the attitude that our deacons are to assume the role of helping to do the whole work of the church instead of the role of our executive board of directors," says Dr. Sawyer.

Church Vs. Bus

A preacher, whose congregation regularly spurned seats in the front row of the church, was surprised to see one man, a stranger, in the very first row. After the sermon, the pastor asked the man why he sat down in front. The man replied: "I'm a bus driver, sir, and I just wanted to see how you got people to move to the rear."

—Tabernacle Tidings.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary, reports that Southern Baptists gave \$564,972.95 to the Co-operative program in November and \$71,618.19 in designated gifts—a grand total of \$636,591.14.

The total for the year through November Co-operative Program, \$5,486,261.08; designations, \$2,806,432.52; grand total, \$8,292,693. This is \$421,075.93 more than was received during the same period in 1947.

Dale Reaves and Donald Sharp were ordained as Deacons at the Central Church, Jonesboro, November 21. Reese S. Howard the pastor. Mr. Reaves is Sunday School superintendent and Mr. Sharp is Training Union director of Central Church.

First Church, Blytheville, has adopted a budget of \$87,760 for the year 1949. Of that amount, \$37,760 is for the local church program, missions and benevolences; and \$50,000 for the building fund.

Yes, I Tithe

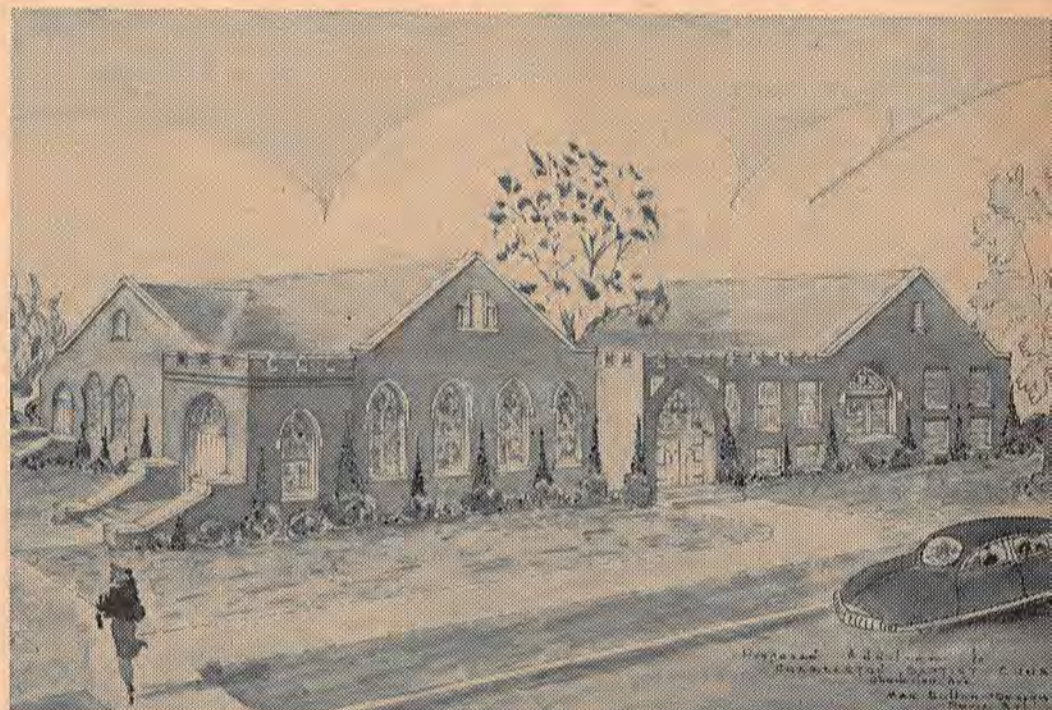
Yes, I tithe. I was brought up that way. To me it was the right way, it is the right way, and will remain the right way. The Lord has given me good health, a good home and a fair living. It all belongs to him. The Bible plan lets me keep nine-tenths of it. I try to use it unselfishly.

The tithe enables me to get more real happiness, satisfaction, contentment, and abundant living out of the nine-tenths.

My Lord gave his life for me. I want to live for him. Some day when I meet him face to face, the least that I can say will be "Yes, I tithed."

—J. R. Grant.

Architect's Drawing of First Church, Charleston



Pictured above is an architect's drawing of the First Church, Charleston, which when completed will be the first phase of a five year expansion program being undertaken by the church under the leadership of Pastor C. H. Jones. The proposed building includes the addition to the present property which will accommodate approximately 400 people in Sunday School.

According to the pastor, construction will

begin the latter part of March, 1949, and completion is scheduled for mid-summer. The proposed addition will include two floors and provide over 4,000 additional square feet of space.

Sunday, December 5, was designated "Church Loyalty Day," and a drive was launched for the subscription of \$12,000 for the congregation to be applied on the building fund.

★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

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

Cigarette Smoking Increases: Cigarette consumption will exceed 385,000,000,000 during the current fiscal year, according to a recent study. The study shows that consumption has increased 43 per cent during the past five years, with per capita consumption rising 34 per cent during the same period. The survey concludes: "The industry anticipates gains larger than population growth through development of the cigarette smoking habit in rural districts . . . where surveys indicate that promotional efforts have as yet had minor effects, especially among women."

Catholic Propaganda: A new series of advertisements designed to explain Roman Catholic teaching will be published in national magazines starting in January. The advertisements are to be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Baptist Highlights: The Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, has presented the premier showing of "Pay Day—Some Day" a sermon by Dr. Robert G. Lee, filmed in technicolor and sound.

During the first ten months of 1948 the Co-operative Program receipts through the Executive Committee were \$5,486,261.08. Total receipts for all mission causes through the Executive Committee for the first ten months amounted to \$8,292,693.60.

A layman, John W. McCall, Memphis, was elected president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Mrs. W. R. White, wife of Baylor University president, is seriously ill in a Houston, Texas, hospital.

Dr. Frederick S. Porter, pastor of the First Church, Columbus, Georgia, has announced plans to retire in February.

The "Association Baptists" of Mississippi have announced plans to establish a college, the "Southeastern Baptist College."

Bucker Orphans Home plans to develop a "Haven for the Aged," possibly at Houston, a welfare mission for girls at San Antonio, and a ranch-school for boys, somewhere in Central Texas. Four new units on the campus at Dallas will cost \$1,500,000 and will be started in 1949.

Record Number of Church Members: Results of a city-wide church survey in St. Petersburg, Florida, show that they have a record number of resident church members. According to the survey 92 per cent of the local residents are church members, the national average is 53 per cent.

Ben F. Wayland, executive secretary of United Churches, reports that 77 per cent of the population are members of Protestant churches.

Bible Society Adopts Record Budget: According to a recent announcement the American Bible Society has adopted a record budget of \$2,509,900 for 1949.

This budget includes \$1,229,000 for translation and distribution of the Scriptures in the U. S. and abroad, \$448,000 for the production of books sold at cost in this country, and \$779,000 for promotional and educational work and administration.

Protestants Plan United Evangelistic Campaign: Plans for a United Evangelistic Advance campaign of American Protestant groups during 1949 and 1950 were outlined at the fortieth anniversary convention of the Federal Council of Churches meeting in Cincinnati.

Ban Bible Distribution in Schools: Distribution of bibles in the public schools of Marshalltown, Iowa, has been banned by unanimous vote of the city school board.

In denying a request made by the Gideons to distribute New Testaments, the board declared that although it regarded religious literature as excellent for children, "it is not wise or desirable that the schools be used as an instrument of distributions, lest any minority group of people be discriminated against or offended in any way."

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A Church Takes Action

The First Baptist Church of Eureka Springs voted in special conference on Sunday evening, October 3, 1948, that the following letter should be sent to the Prosecuting Attorney of the Northwest District, to the Sheriff of Carroll County, to the Mayor of Eureka Springs, and to the Chief of Police of Eureka Springs. The Church voted also that the letter should be published immediately in all the newspapers of Carroll County.

To:

Hon. Ted Coxe, prosecuting attorney of the Northwest District of Arkansas;

Mr. Ami Howerton, sheriff of Carroll County;

Mr. A. J. Russell, mayor of Eureka Springs; Mr. Norman Flaukner, chief of police of Eureka Springs;

Gentlemen:

As a church of the Lord Jesus Christ, we deeply deplore the existence and the operation of slot machines, punch-boards, (and similar gambling devices) anywhere in our city and county. We heartily protest the existence of such gambling devices in the Basin Park Hotel of Eureka Springs; in the Crescent Hotel of Eureka Springs; also at Lake Lucerne; and anywhere else in Eureka Springs and Carroll County.

We respectfully call to your attention that the operation of such gambling devices is a violation of the law,—the law which you have sworn to uphold and defend.

Therefore, we hereby call upon you to confiscate and destroy all such devices immediately, and to see that their operation is totally stopped. This is within your power; and it is your sworn duty.

We earnestly desire a cleaner environment in which the boys and girls of our city and county may be reared. We stand ready to assist you in every right way to enable you to enforce the laws of our City, County and State.

Yours for a cleaner City and County,
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK.

W. T. Coston, Moderator,
Ulah Pitts, Church Clerk.

A Smile or Two

"Officer, I'm looking for a small man with one eye."

"Sure, now, Ma'am, if he's a very small man wouldn't it be better to use both of 'em?"

—Copied

Personnel Manager: "Why did you leave your last job?"

Applicant: "Illness."

Personnel Manager: "What was the trouble?"

Applicant: "The boss was sick of me."

—Exchange

Little Johnny's mother had just presented the family with twins, and the household was in a state of excitement.

Father said to Johnny, "If you'll tell your teacher all about it, I'm sure she will give you a day off."

That afternoon, Johnny came home radiant. "I don't have to go to school tomorrow," he announced proudly.

"Did you tell your teacher about the twins?" asked his father.

"No, I just told her I had a baby sister; saving the other for next week."

—Watchman-Examiner

His Wife: "Who was this Joan of Arc that served France?"

Mr. Nosital: "You got them characters mixed up. It was Noah of Ark. Jonah's the man that swallowed the whale."

—Watchman-Examiner

Experience is something you get when you are looking for something else.

—Baptist Student

"What are you doing with my raincoat over there?"

"Keeping your suit dry."

—Baptist Student

My Mistake

While visiting a country school, the inspector for the district became annoyed at noise being made in the next room. Angering him he opened the door, reached in among the loudest-speaking students, and grabbed the loudest talker by the coat collar. He dragged him into the other room and stood him in a corner. "Now," he said, "be silent and stay there."

A few minutes later a small boy stuck his head in the room. "Please, sir," he said, "may we have our teacher back now?"

—Boston Globe

Out of curiosity, a farmer had grown a yard of flax and had a tablecloth made out of it. Some time later he bragged about it to a woman guest at dinner.

"I grew this tablecloth myself," he said.

"Did you really?" she exclaimed. "How do you ever manage it?"

It was plain she had no idea of how tablecloths came into being, so he lowered his voice mysteriously as he replied, "If you promise not to give the secret away, I'll tell you."

The guest promised.

"Well," proceeded the farmer, "I plant napkin!"

—Lookout

"A girl no longer marries a man for better or worse."

"Indeed!"

"No; she marries him for more or less."

Observing Christmas

By JOHN L. HILL

*Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,
Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred for sin,
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right,
Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love for the light,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!*

—PHILLIPS BROOKS.



The birth of Jesus was acclaimed in heavenly music, sung by a great host, praising God, and voicing prophetically the glory that shall be God's and the peace and good will that shall obtain on earth. We can hardly restrain the tears as we think that this prophecy was sung nineteen centuries ago, and reflect upon the terrible condition of God's world today. It's a good time for you and me to resolve to do our utmost in our respective spheres to make the prophecy come true.

In imitation of the spirit of that first Christmas music. I am suggesting that we make much of the singing of songs especially appropriate and of other gospel songs—all of which derive their inspiration from the fact that Christ was born. Of course, music will feature the services in our churches, but I am urging that we use our own firesides for such fellowship in song. Maybe some of your homes preserve the honored custom of singing around the family fireside. Such is an excellent setting for appropriate music, and youthful voices blended with the more mature notes will make a worthy chorus.

Let's plan such a program in our homes, inviting friends to share it if it seems best. The important thing is to register our praises to God for the precious gift of his Son. I don't imagine the shepherds of the fields were trained vocalists, but they broke forth in efforts to glorify and praise God for what they had seen.

The record also suggests that worship is a proper form of celebration of Christ's birth. Just as soon as they knew about it Wise Men from the East came to Jerusalem in search of the new-born King. When they had found the place where Jesus was, they entered, fell down before the young child and worshiped him. That's beautiful—a group of earth's most

learned men, of course, we do not know the number in spite of some people's insistence that there were three, kneeling in reverent worship of the Christ child. I think we must make a central place for worship of Christ, if we would properly observe his birthday—worship in the home as well as in the church; private worship as well as public.

Again, we are told that as an expression of worship the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In support of the idea that there were just three Wise Men, I have heard good men say that one brought gold, another frankincense, and another myrrh, and that each gift stood for something specially significant. Of course, I don't believe a word of that. These articles were the most costly materials of that day and it is natural to suppose that each man brought just what he was able to bring. The point is they gave the best they had.

For most of us Christmas has become a time of exchanging gifts rather than of giving. Of course, we can't bring gifts to Christ in person, but the Master himself has told us how we can bring gifts to him. All about us are the hungry, the thirsty, the strangers, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned. Jesus said ministry to such is ministry to him. Of course, such needy ones cannot give anything in exchange, but believe me when I say you cannot know the joys of Christmas without making an honest effort to cheer the heart of some lonely, forgotten soul to whom Christmas extravagance comes as a mockery. Plan now to call some shut-in, and catch a taste of the real blessing of the birth of Christ.

Perhaps it is not necessary to observe that these who celebrated the birth of Christ—heavenly host, shepherds, Wise Men—were sober. The excesses, carousals, and debauch-

eries of Christmastime must make the head of our Lord ache; they should make all decent people blush. "Christmas comes but once a year," says the empty-headed waster in defense of his heathenish practices. What challenge to all who love our Lord to redeem the season of his birth to proper observance.

With Christ enthroned in the heart, every believer will want to think of Christ first of the anniversary of his birth and will want to express his sentiments in praise, in worship and in material ministry to the needy.

Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "What Is the Meaning of Christmas?" 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—Silvaco Springs, 4:15 p. m.
- KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.

Missionary Tells of Difficulties

Missionary Joseph B. Underwood of Campina Grande, Paraiba, Brazil, in a recent letter, tells of difficulties experienced recently at Cajazeiras, a city of about 10,000 in the state of Paraiba. A lay-evangelist has labored there for 13 years. When he went to that city he was unable to buy milk or vegetables for his wife and children because the local priest would not permit his people to sell food to the Baptist worker.

In 1946 property was purchased at Cajazeiras upon which a church building was to be built. Missionary Underwood says, "The priests did everything possible to prohibit the sale of land to us. Failing in this, they swore that we would never build, an oath they earnestly endeavored to maintain when we applied for a building permit this year. But the city had to grant it, for there was no legal way to deny such a license . . . 'So we built the wall!'"

The new church building was to be inaugurated on May 28. During the previous night bulletins were pasted on doors all over the city. The missionary said, "About 5:00 a.m. our evangelist was awakened by someone knocking at the door and by the noise of a crowd in front. A woman, a fanatical Catholic, was raging because the 'Protestants' had dared paste one of their tracts on her house. . . . Imagine her embarrassment when a neighbor called to her to cease her clamor, for the bulletins were not distributed by the Protestants, but by the priest. She had read only the title."

A literal translation of that bulletin by Missionary Underwood will bear careful study by those who have felt that the Catholics have been criticized unjustly. That translation follows:

"To be a Protestant—

"1. Is to align yourself as a disciple of Luther, an apostate monk who abandoned the monastery to live scandalously.

"2. Is to revolt against the Catholic church, the only one founded by Jesus Christ, to live excommunicated—in heresy. The Protestant, interpreting the Bible as he wishes, denies the necessity of good works, the foundations of a religious life, reverting to the immorality of life, arriving at the absurd conclusion: it makes no difference whether a man is honest, fulfilling his duties, or degenerate, immoral, and without dignity or value.

"3. Is to be an enemy of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and of men, a blasphemer of her holy name, an intransigent adversary of Jesus Christ, for whoever hates Mary certainly slanders (or libels) the divine Son.

"4. Is not to accept the legitimate authority of the visible Head of the Church, the successor of Saint Peter—the Pope—denying the words of Christ, "On this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). To be a Protestant, consequently, is not to have a superior, a leader that directs and guides; it is to live in unrestrained license, reverting to licentiousness.

"5. Is to be a destroyer of the images of the saints, faithful servants of God that help us to elevate the soul to divine things.

"6. Is not to possess the sacrifice of the Mass, the renewal of the sacrifice of the Cross, nor the holy sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ for the sanctification of souls.

"7. Is to libel and slander the bishops and priests, legitimate representatives of Jesus Christ, who are dedicated to God and to the salvation of souls, and to have as false pas-

tors ignorant individuals who only seek their fat salary.

"8. Is to be an enemy of the Brazilian fatherland, born under the shadow of the Cross, evangelized by the ministers of the Catholic church who labored for its greatness. The Protestant, since the discovery, has appeared as an undesirable invader, a gangster pirate, continuing in his nefarious mission of causing discord in the bosom of the Brazilian family.

"9. Is to be sold by the money of the millionaires of North America who seek to transform the good citizen into mercenaries of a false doctrine.

"10. Is to despise the religion of our ancestors who were born, lived and died in it, and whose memory we so greatly venerate.

"Have you still the courage to say that it is the same to be either Catholic or Protestant? Friend, separate yourself from Protestantism, for it has only one thing to offer you—Hell."

—Baptist Standard.

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Home Mission Work

In its annual meeting, December 2-3, the Home Mission Board re-elected G. Frank Garrison, president, and Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer. Other general officers of the Board were re-elected.

An operating budget of \$1,370,000 was adopted. Appropriations were made for the Home Mission Board to begin work in Alaska and Kansas, new territory added by the Southern Baptist Convention in its Memphis session.

The city missions program of the Home Mission Board revived 50 dead churches, organized 168 new churches, and bought or built 240 new church buildings.

In direct missions there were 20 additional missionaries appointed and 14 new fields opened during the year, making our total home mission personnel 730.

The magazine, *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, reported a circulation of 116,000, and the education department reported 130,000 volumes of home mission books circulated during the year. There were 776,000 people enlisted in mission study through the schools of missions program.

In Cuba, "the work is marked by a rising tide of evangelism," reported Herbert Caudill, superintendent. Sunday school enlistment, he said, was greatly increased and the goal set to double Sunday School enrolment in Cuba by 1950. One Cuban church has eight mission Sunday Schools.

Evangelism, Jewish work, work among the Negroes, and all the phases of home mission work were reported, reviewed, and planned.

Dr. C. E. Matthews explained the program of evangelism which purports to conduct simultaneous revivals in all the churches west of the Mississippi River in 1950.

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REWARD

By BLANCHE SAVAGE MOORE

*He who serves must sometimes wait,
Reward will come—however late,
A deed well done may never show,
But he who serves will always know
A conscience clear, a life serene—
Virtues by others quite unseen.
And quiet though life's channels flow,
And pleasure's meager crumbs bestow
He who serves—and does it well,
Shall reap in joys no tongue can tell.*

Is There Possibility of A Catholic Army

By J. M. DAWSON,
Washington, D. C.

Under the head of a report from Committee on Domestic Situations, Dr. I. Pruden, chairman, called attention to a story carried by the *New York Times* on 17, 1948, which said an "officer candidate school" to train men in the fight against Communism would be established in Washington at the headquarters of the Catholic War Veterans. According to the *Times*, reports from the Army, Navy, and other Government Departments, would be supplied the organization and training of this "army."

Immediately we learned of letters from people of prominence to President Truman protesting that "whatever its stated purpose, such an army, once it had been allowed to form, might be turned to undeclared ends." One letter from a well known man in New York called attention to the fact that the "army" would be "under auspices of a group at least indirectly associated with a foreign power, the Vatican State, and that the political program of that foreign power rather than the welfare of the United States and America would be the objective of the project." Hence the correspondent urged President to "dissociate the armed forces of the United States and all Government Departments from any connection whatsoever with this possible subversive activity."

A letter to our office from a leading woman in Oklahoma City inclosed copy of a letter she had addressed to General Eisenhower in an appeal that he point out the meaning of this movement. She described it as an effort to set up "a sectarian military school."

Dr. Pruden, as reported in the press, declared that the "idea of a Catholic Army repugnant to all who cherish the ideal of religious freedom and civil liberties."

At once Anthony H. Forbes, National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans, replied in an Associated Press statement that the Catholics' fears were "absurd," and he sought to minimize the size and significance of the Catholic "army."

But the matter will not quiet down easily. Those well acquainted with conditions in other parts of the world understand under what pretext private armies organize and how dangerous liaisons between churches and governments may be in the area of politics. We warn that we have not heard the last of the Catholic War Veterans' ambitions have promoted applications for even closer authorizations from the Government.



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How Missionary Are You?

By MISS VIRGINIA NESBIT
San Antonio, Texas

In the language of the early church the words "missionary," "martyr," and "witness" were used interchangeably, but as our language has developed and new meanings have come into words as they have been translated into the language of the Western world, "missionary" has come to mean one who takes the message of Glad Tidings into a foreign land; "martyr" to mean one who gives their life in the cause of Christ and "witness" to mean one who gives a testimony in the place where they find themselves.

As "missionary" means one who brings Glad Tidings to a far country we see the greatest missionary journey of all was when Christ left His heavenly home to come to earth to bring the message of salvation, the greatest glad tidings of all time. He left behind Him the glories of heaven, the homage of the heavenly host, the lordship of Heaven, the beauties of Heavenly music, the freedom from the presence of sin . . . He left all of this to journey to a far country called earth to a people oppressed by sin and bowed down with affliction of all kinds in order that He might fulfill the plan of salvation and bring the earth dwellers the glad news of salvation.

In making this missionary journey God the Father and God the Son each fulfilled their responsibility toward mankind. God had created these creatures, given them the power of choice of right and wrong and now He had His responsibility toward them. Never once has he failed in those responsibilities. There never has a single human being walked the face of the earth who can say that God has failed him in a single responsibility.

But one of the characteristics of the day and time in which we live is our lack of responsibility in all walks of life. If our sense of civic responsibility were what it should be we would have clean cities to live in, law and order enforced, better traffic conditions. But because these responsibilities are neglected we have lack of civic righteousness. Our lack of responsibility toward our children makes our divorce rate staggering. Our lack of responsibility toward each other makes life a cold, harsh affair. Our lack of responsibility toward our business duties costs the business world huge sums and lowers efficiency.

But still, regardless of all this, God continues His responsibility toward us. So we ought to look toward our responsibility toward Him. Let us regard this responsibility in just one phase—the tithe. Certainly obedience to God's word is the very least we can do to express our appreciation for what He has done for us.

But "How Missionary are we?" There are in round numbers 6 million Southern Baptists. We support 600 missionaries in the foreign field. That is one missionary for every 6,000 members. Allowing for the fact that probably half of these 6 million are income-earners our foreign missionaries cost us \$1 per year per capita or \$2 per year for the income earners. For the price of two shows a year we could double our foreign missionary force. Next time you go to a show just think that over.

Suppose we were to fulfill our responsibility and all income-earners were to become tith-

ers? A very conservative estimate of the average income is \$100 per month — that would be an average tithe of \$120 per year per income-earner or a total revenue to the Convention of 360 million dollars. And if we sent only 10 per cent of that for foreign missions we would maintain 3,600 missionaries in the field instead of 600, or six times as many as we have today. If 600 are accomplishing what they are, could not 3,600 evangelize the whole world?

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An Imperative Challenge

By LLOYD A. SPARKMAN

Arkansas Baptists should complete the Ouachita College Campaign in 1949. The Convention voted unanimously to do it, and it should be done. Our future program waits on Christian Education. Had it not been for our Christian colleges our work would be 200 years behind. Our boys and girls who attend our Baptist Colleges have the right to expect as much from us as they can get in schools supported by taxation. The law of love is higher than tax laws. May we obey that higher law and do this imperative thing NOW.

With our great Convention united behind all of our work a new day has dawned for us as Baptists. In Christ's name let us finish this task in 1949 and by 1950 be ready for an all-inclusive budget which will enable us to have a Co-operative budget in the fullest sense.

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Central College Board Meets

Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, was named president of Central College Board of Trustees at a meeting of the Board last week. Lloyd A. Sparkman was elected vice president, and W. M. Pratt, Lonoke, secretary. It was voted to set up an Executive Committee to meet each month.

The Board of Trustees voted to establish a Department of Christian Training to serve Arkansas with a program that has possibilities of reaching every man already in the ministry and for others who would be willing to prepare themselves to do more fruitful service for Christ.

This department is to be an organic part of Central College. The men and women selected to teach will be those whose general education and training would qualify them to rate as members of the regular faculty in residence. Students who register in this department, if graduates of high school or pass the General Educational Development tests, will be given regular college credit. Those not interested in attaining a degree will be given a certificate of recognition for completing certain courses.

This is the first department of this nature set up by a Baptist college west of the Mississippi River. Howard College in Birmingham, Alabama, was the pioneer in this field as a denominational school. They now have 26 centers in the State of Alabama.

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The man who watches the clock usually remains one of the hands.

The Baptist Hospital and Neighborliness

By J. F. QUEEN

The parable of the "Good Samaritan" one of the best lessons on charity that have in the Bible. It is love on feet going where a person is deeply in need of help; it is love with hands to administer to his need; it is love with a heart to have compassion for his suffering; it is love with strength to carry him to a place for healing; and it is love with means to pay for his healing.

A hospital is like the inn to which the bruised man was carried. The good Samaritan did not request the inn-keeper to take care of the afflicted man out of the money received from the patrons who lodged there. If the inn-keeper were a good business man he charged enough to operate the inn without an indebtedness and to make such repairs and additions as were needed for the accommodation of his guests.

A fine beginning was made last Mother's Day by our Baptist churches over the State to be neighbors to the sick and injured who are unable to pay for hospitalization. That spirit increases the Baptists of Arkansas can truly say "We are neighbors." If Baptist neighbors could have taken care of the more than \$50,000 of free service and charity that the Baptist Hospital gave the past fiscal year, that amount could have been set aside for a sinking fund to erect a new building for the School of Nursing. The present building is not adequate to meet the present future needs of the School of Nursing. Many people had rather be good neighbors than help construct buildings.

A brief statement was placed in the Arkansas Gazette during our Baptist State Convention to the effect that the hospital had more than 11,000 bed patients and received a profit of \$60,000 for the fiscal year. Two remarks should be made about that statement. First, only \$31,000 of that sum was in cash at the end of the fiscal year, but the hospital administrator had good reasons to believe that balance could be collected and did not list it as bad debts. Second, it takes \$2,500 per day to operate the Baptist Hospital. If the \$60,000 is collected, it would operate the hospital only 24 days.

If a farm or a business enterprise should make only enough profit during a whole year to operate only 24 days, the farm or business would be called a failure.

We need more neighbors for the sick and injured.

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The Tithe

Ah, when I look up at the cross
Where God's great steward suffered loss
Of life, and shed His blood for me,
Of trifling things it seems to be,
To pay a tithe, dear Lord to Thee,
Of time or talent, wealth, or store—
Full well I know I owe Thee more!
But that is just the reason why
I lift my heart to God on high
And pledge Thee by this portion small
My life, my love, my all in all.
I know as gold, must seem but dross,
But in my heart, Lord, Thou dost see
How it was pledged my all to Thee,
That I a steward true may be.

—Ralph S. Cushman.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

W. M. U. President Presents New Executive Secretary

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I introduce to the members of Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas and to Arkansas Baptists Miss Nancy Cooper, the newly elected Executive Secretary of W. M. U. Miss Cooper was the unanimous choice of the W. M. U. Executive Board at its called meeting on November 30. She is expected to begin her duties on January 1.

To a large portion of Arkansas Baptists Miss Cooper needs no introduction. She is one of Arkansas' own daughters. She was born at DeValls Bluff but at an early age moved with her family to Little Rock where she has since lived most of the time. After attending Ouachita College and Business School she entered the business world for some years. During that period her love for missions characterized her service that found its expression as a leader both in Y. W. A. and B. W. C. and finally led to a decision to answer the call to definite Christian work. She entered W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1940. In her senior year she was elected to serve as Student Chairman, the highest honor that can be bestowed by the student body. For four years after her graduation, she served as Pastor's Secretary and then as Educational Secretary at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. The past two years she has been a Field Representative for the Home Mission Board.

Those who had a part in the selection of Miss Cooper had the conviction that she was peculiarly trained for this important place of service. Each step in her pre-



Miss Nancy Cooper

paration that began in a consecrated Baptist home and reached its consummation in her two years with the Home Mission Board as she traveled over the Southland, visiting mission fields and challenging the churches and W. M. U. organizations with her messages of the spiritual needs of the homeland, gives her unusual qualifications to lead the W. M. U. of Arkansas.

As we face the sixty-first year of our history and begin a new century for Christ in Arkansas, I am sure it is the desire of every member of W. M. U. to pledge loyal support to our new Secretary as she leads us into the glorious task of realizing the purpose of W. M. U. "that of bringing ourselves and others to a higher conception of the duty and privilege of giving the Gospel to all the people of the earth."

—Mrs. F. E. Goodbar.

MISSIONARY FAMILY ALBUM

It is the finest Missionary Album we have ever had, the most comprehensive and best arranged. It contains pictures and short biographical sketches of all living missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board, both active and emeritus. Most of the pictures are recent ones.

The size of the book is convenient and with its stiff binding the album will fit into your library

shelf with mission books and other religious volumes. A missionary society will find an imperative need for a Missionary Album when planning programs, when observing the Season of Prayer and the Prayer Calendar, and when remembering a missionary's birthday.

Make a note to order your copy of the Missionary Family Album now from the Foreign Mission Board, price \$2.00.

Good News Concerning the Dixie Jackson Offering

The amount of \$16,085.34 received for the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions to date, December 7, is good news. Please glean for this offering and remit any balance you may have on hand before December 31, if possible. Funds received later will be credited for this cause for the year 1949.

Our Missionaries In China

By MISS ALMA HUNT

I have just had a telephone conversation with Dr. Theron Rankin of the Foreign Mission Board concerning recent developments in China. He says that Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Secretary of the Orient for the Board, is in Shanghai and is in constant consultation with representatives of other mission boards, business organizations, and government officials. At present he is operating on the general policy of withdrawing missionaries from areas overrun by Communists, but he has been authorized by the Board to take any action that may seem wise in the light of such consultations.

Dr. Rankin went on to say: "Even though a number of our missionaries may be brought out of China, the Foreign Board will continue its financial support to Chinese Baptists. In addition, we shall have to provide large amounts of emergency funds for the transferring and evacuation of missionaries. This will mean that instead of our expenditures being decreased by the present situation in China, they will be greatly increased."

As I see it, this places a greater responsibility upon us to encourage our women and young people to give liberally to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I believe that if our members are brought to a full realization of the crucial need, they will respond with their gifts. Perhaps

one of the best ways to present this is through our State Baptist papers.

I am confident that we united in prayer for the people of China, for our missionaries there and for Dr. Cauthen in these difficult days when he sees heart-hungry millions awaiting the message and yet must make decisions protecting the lives of our missionaries.

District Budget News

Checking on the District Budget receipts for the year shows that some organizations have not remitted their full apportionment for the year. Please see that apportionments for your society and all auxiliaries are sent before December 31.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Many splendid reports of the observance of the Foreign Mission Season of Prayer have been received, also, funds for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are being received daily. We urge every W. M. U. organization to see that the offering for this cause is remitted to the State W. M. U. Treasurer before December 31, if possible. We are anxious for a large per cent of the offering to be credited on gifts for this year. Of course, gifts received after January 1 will go for the same purpose but will have to be counted as gifts for 1949.

Coronation Service at Hope



An impressive coronation service for the Girls' Auxiliaries of the First Church, Hope, was conducted September 22. Mrs. Frances Silver Reynerson was the leader of the service, and Mrs. S. A. Whitlow crowned the queens. Those reaching the rank of Queens-with-Scepter are Viva Edd Thrash and Jo Anne Burroughs. Those reaching the rank of Queen are Jan Moses, Helen Hall, Mary Beth Routon, Wanzell Nix, Betty Burroughs, Betty Owen, and Barbara Taylor. Four Y. W.

A. girls served as ushers, and Royal Ambassadors served crown bearers and pages to queens.

Mrs. S. A. Whitlow is the Y. People's director; Mary Perkins, Y. W. A. president; Sue Andres and Roxie Jane ton, Intermediate G. A. counselors; Mrs. Frances Silver Reynerson and Mrs. Hugh Hall, J. G. A. counselors; Melvin Th Royal Ambassador counselor; Mrs. Henry Haynes, leader of Sunbeam band.

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Figures to Inspire

December 5, 1948

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad
Little Rock, Immanuel	1176	430	
Including Missions	1483	648	
Ft. Smith, First	1139	588	
Little Rock, First	831	361	
El Dorado, First	773	260	
Hot Springs, Second	695	190	
Little Rock, Second	683	146	
N. Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	654	266	
Including Missions	699	298	
Pine Bluff, First	633	263	
Fayetteville, First	600	242	
Including Missions	638	268	
Camden, First	544	150	
Including Missions	753	242	
Benton, First	539	208	
Hope, First	524	109	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	521	156	
Arkadelphia, First	517	223	
Hot Springs, Central	428	130	
Including Missions	488		
Little Rock, Gaines St.	425	300	
Including Mission	508		
N. Little Rock, First	425	118	
Including Mission	508		
Russellville, First	418	123	
Including Mission	459	148	
Malvern, First	416	73	
Including Mission	442		
Little Rock, Pulaski			
Heights	399	103	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	397	145	
El Dorado, Immanuel	382	239	
Including Missions	429	271	
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	382	88	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	380	72	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	379	133	
Springdale, First	371	228	
Including Mission	517		
Forrest City	371	194	
Hot Springs, Park			
Place	362	128	
McGehee, First	347	152	
Including Missions	414		
Paris, First	344	98	
Paragould, First	344	212	
Including Missions	454	273	
Hot Springs, First	334	75	
Siloam Springs, First	324	190	
Conway, First	318	52	
Cullendale	302	156	
West Helena	292	122	
Smackover, First	283	144	
Little Rock, South			
Highland	276	139	
Stuttgart, First	267	124	
Including Missions	302	142	
Harrison, First	261	115	
Including Missions	361	140	
Lake City	260	133	
Greenwood, First	245	92	
Mena, First	343	77	
Including Mission	306	108	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	241	89	
Norphlet	237	125	
El Dorado, West Side	236	107	
Hamburg, First	235	142	
N. Little Rock, Park			
Hill	234	80	
Pine Bluff, Second	232	95	
Ft. Smith, South Side	229	65	
Dumas, First	219	86	
Including Mission	257		
Monticello, First	218	115	
Little Rock, Calvary	215	108	
Stamps, First	215	94	
Jacksonville, First	210	110	
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	194	82	
N. Little Rock, Pike			
Avenue	175	111	
Little Rock, Hebron	160	111	
Bentonville, First	155	49	
Mt. Ida, First	143	107	
Judsonia, First	132	65	
Monticello, Second	125	102	
Pine Bluff, Matthews			
Memorial	117	84	
Little Rock, Capitol			
Hill	115	43	
El Dorado, Joyce City	113	84	
Camden, Elliott	108	108	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	105	50	
Douglassville, First	103		
Texarkana, South			
Texarkana	101	63	
Melbourne	100	85	
Grannis	98	57	
Warren, Immanuel	97	73	
Hot Springs, Lake			
Hamilton	96	55	
El Dorado, Parkview	96	48	
Walnut Valley	83	60	
Ft. Smith, Bethlehem	74	45	
Little Rock, Plainview	72	54	
Little Rock, West Side	65	55	
Sweet Home, Pine			
Grove	58	42	
Little Rock, Tyler			
Street	57	32	
Monte Ne	56	57	
Little Rock, Bellevue	56		
Douglassville, Second	55	26	
Conway, Brumley			
Chapel	53	54	
Little Rock, Crystal			
Valley	40	21	
Natural Steps	36	35	

To Preside at State Student Planning Meeting



Paul Johnson

State Baptist Student Union President, Paul Johnson, a Junior at the University of Arkansas will preside at the annual State Baptist Student Union Planning Meeting to be held at the Central Baptist Church, North Little Rock, December 17-18.

State B. S. U. Officers, College center pastors, faculty advisors,

student secretaries, and local B. S. U. presidents will participate. The program for the meeting, which opens with a supper conference on Friday night, December 17, calls for intensive planning for the State Student Spring Retreat, the State Baptist Student Union Convention, and Volunteer Summer Service.

Other State Officers assisting in this meeting are: first vice president, Bill Towery, Arkansas State; second vice president, Miss Johnnie Adams, College of the Ozarks; third vice president, Miss Dorothy Ladd, Arkansas State Teachers'; secretary, Carroll Blewster, University of Arkansas; reporter, Helen Higginbotham, Baptist Hospital; Ridgecrest chairman, John McClanahan, Ouachita; stewardship chairman, Ruth Dowell, Central; music chairman, Tom Landers Jr.; Ouachita. Earl Herrington will be host pastor. Dr. Edgar Williamson, director of the Department of Religious Education and W. O. Vaught Jr. pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, will bring messages. T. D. McCulloch, State Student Secretary will be in charge.

Student Night at Christmas

The Christmas season offers a happy occasion for observing Student Night at Christmas, a service which has come into increasing favor in the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. This program usually re-echoes the message and the power of seventeen State Baptist Student Union Conventions to the churches at college centers and at home. The emphasis and the message of the program reaches out to include high school students, parents, and other leaders in the home churches.

Copies of the program are sent out well in advance to schools and colleges planning demonstrations in order that students will be prepared to reproduce the service at home. Pastors will want to correspond with their students about the home church program, and plan ahead for this event.

Caroline Association Has First Quarterly Hymn Sing

Although the weather was very unfavorable a large number of people came together at the Biscoe Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, November 28 for the first Quarterly Hymn-Sing of Caroline Association. The affair was in charge of Fletcher Patterson, associational music director. Delegations from Carlisle and DeValls Bluff attended. Special numbers were rendered by the Youth Choir of the Biscoe Church.

During the congregational singing emphasis was placed on the hymns of Isaac Watts and a short biography of his life was given by Mrs. Nininger. Rev. H. S. Coleman, associational missionary is assisting in promoting the Quarterly Hymn Sing.

December—Extension Department Month

The Extension Department is the arm of the Sunday School which reaches out to serve those who because of age, health, or Sunday work are unable to attend the regular program of Bible teaching on Sunday. It is estimated that there are some 3,000,000 adults in our Southern Baptist territory who for the reasons stated, cannot attend Sunday School.

May we suggest, and urge pastors and superintendents, First, if you do not have an Extension Department then organize this department NOW to meet the need of those who cannot attend. Second, if your school has an Extension Department, then check up to see if it can be strengthened in any way and Third, set a goal to enroll at least ten people during the next month.

NOTE: Any Sunday School organizing a new Extension Department will be furnished free of charge sufficient literature for use during the first quarter the department is in operation. Write to the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville 3, Tennessee giving them the name and address of your pastor, general Sunday School superintendent, and Extension Department superintendent. A generous supply of this material will be sent to you direct.

Free materials to help you in organizing your Extension Department will be sent from this office upon request.

We need to clothe and feed the people of the world to whom we wish to preach the gospel simply because it is futile to preach to people who are dead.

—C. Oscar Johnson.

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Grand Avenue	Concord	Guy Branscum	75.03
DeGray	Red River	Ralph Reasor	35.52
Smackover	Liberty	W. H. Hunt	372.00
Pocahontas, First	Current River	Dale Taylor	22.85
Tillar	Delta	T. T. James	41.00
McGehee	Delta		16.00
Hamburg	Bartholomew		6.00
Joiner	Mississippi County		12.00
Waldron, First	Buckner	Vernon Yarbrough	109.53
Hickory Grove	Harmony	T. S. Cowden	33.19
Crossett, First	Bartholomew	J. W. Buckner	5.00
El Dorado, Second	Liberty	Jesse Reed	5.00
Hamburg, First	Bartholomew		123.45
J. C. Leeper	Little River		50.00
Union Hill	Bartholomew	R. R. Shreve	8.50
Piney	Central	Edward Anderson	18.00
Hampton, First	Carey	Charles A. Maule	5.50
Central	Pulaski County	Earl Herrington	10.00
South Side	Harmony	L. A. Sparkman	8.44
Lexa	Arkansas Valley	James High	34.46
Harrison, First	Boone-Carroll	E. E. Griever	220.90
Hopewell	Current River	C. F. Gwinup	67.34
Madison, First	Tri-County	J. M. Hitt	35.00
New Liberty	Mississippi County	Russell Duffer	67.31
Earle	Tri-County	Joe Sullivan	13.60
Pleasant Grove No. 3	Buckner	Harmon Allen	6.00
Smyrna	White County		45.00
Russellville	Dardanelle-Russellville	W. E. Speed	1.00
Carlisle	Caroline	Guy D. Magee	87.23
Malvern, Third	Central	William Kersh	5.00
Kibler	Clear Creek	H. G. Milam	18.54
Urbana	Liberty	Marsh Whittington	10.00
Charleston	Concord	C. H. Jones	29.84
Star City	Harmony	Luther Dorsey	217.75
Arkansas City	Delta	H. J. Atkins	2.00
Marmaduke	Greene County	C. E. Robertson	32.70
Witts Chapel	Current River	H. W. Johnston	13.46
Berryville	Boone-Carroll	Gray Evans	3.00
Booneville	Concord	W. W. Grafton	16.00
Bay	Mt. Zion	Daniel Hughes	82.50
Lavaca	Concord	O. M. Stallings	52.55
Lepanto	Trinity	Leslie Riherd	128.39
Shloh	Buckner	John Stags	8.00
Pickles Gap	Faulkner	T. W. Hays	25.00
Marsden	Bartholomew	F. E. Canady	20.25
Columbia-Jarrett	Current River	Carl Huddleston	2.00
Pleasant Hill	White River		15.00
Halley	Delta		10.00
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	Concord	B. B. Sawyer	6.00
Strong	Liberty	R. O. Ekrut	39.00
White Sulphur Springs	Harmony	Claude Bumpus	21.00
Austin Station	Caroline	Van Griffin	14.96
Trinity	Red River		25.00
Jonesboro, First	Mt. Zion	C. Z. Holland	82.00
Shady Grove	Boone-Carroll	A. J. Duncan	5.00
Cole Ridge	Mississippi	W. O. Steward	37.00
Mt. Zion	Big Creek	J. W. Shields	2.00
Tabernacle	Pulaski County	Ralph D. Dodd	5.00
East Side	Greene-County	Jeff Rousseau	2.00
Graves Memorial	Pulaski County	L. P. Guthrey	7.78
New Hope	Carey	Roy Hilton	20.00
Nashville	Little River	W. E. Perry	25.00
Norman	Caddo River	C. P. Cowart	41.00
Beech Street	Hope	James G. Harris	11.00
Nettleton	Mt. Zion	G. W. Boyd	62.50
Ozark	Clear Creek	Don Hook	41.18
Ione	Buckner	Thelmer Amos	13.00
Manila	Mississippi County	J. L. Ford	44.00
Fountain Hill	Bartholomew	Rolo Nixon	25.00
Pine Bluff, First	Harmony	A. B. Pierce	179.07
Rowe Chapel	Mt. Zion	Carl Bunch	27.00
Calvary	Concord	L. H. Davis	6.00
South Ft. Smith	Concord	W. A. Crow	42.00
Little Rock First	Pulaski County	R. C. Campbell	281.30
Success	Current River	J. F. Bow	70.00
Fayetteville, First	Washington-Madison	Walter Johnson	12.00
El Dorado, First	Liberty	Sam Reeves	477.34
Sidney	Rocky Bayou	Hal Gallop	15.53
Pleasant Grove	Faulkner County	P. E. Turner	50.00
Althelmer	Harmony		9.00
Magnolia, Central	Hope	L. L. Hunnicutt	50.00
Shirley	Stone-Van Buren	Jerry Davis	1.00
Twelve Corners	Benton County	W. R. Reeves	10.00
Hunter	Woodruff County	L. Y. Lewis	11.82
Magnolia	Bartholomew	T. H. Berry	42.50
Oak Grove	Harmony		1.00
Fort Smith, First	Concord	B. V. Ferguson	40.00
El Dorado, Second	Liberty	Jesse Reed	2.00
Beck Spur	Tri-County	Glen Giles	17.20
Immanuel	Bartholomew	Keith Babbs	38.33
Mt. Home	White River	D. W. Stark	58.10
Norfork	White River		10.00
Life Line	Pulaski County	Lawrence Kendrick	4.00
Black Oak	Mt. Zion		23.21
Immanuel	Pulaski County	W. O. Vaught	403.66
Stanford	Greene County	J. O. Miles	10.00
Paragould, First	Greene County	D. C. Applegate	329.98
Philadelphia	Mt. Zion	Basil Goff	23.71
Brinkley	Arkansas Valley	H. L. Lipford	188.15
Canfield	Hope		9.43
Mt. Olive	Bartholomew	S. E. Powell	39.84
Joyce City	Liberty	Charles Nash	54.25
Gum Springs	Benton		10.00
Trumann	Trinity	J. M. Basinger	6.00
Holly Springs	Bartholomew	W. L. Leach	3.00
St. Francis	Gainesville	Charles Holland	37.80
Black Rock	Black River	Charles D. Tibbels	10.00
Grubbs, First	Black River	Walter Phillips	18.50
Acorn	Ouachita	Mark Fite	25.00
Shloh	Current River	C. L. Davis	5.00
Union	Liberty	R. C. Brinkley	47.00
McRae	White County	E. P. Simmons	10.00
Walnut Ridge, First	Black River	Selbert Haley	6.00
Magazine	Concord	L. A. Thompson	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Edwards	Greene County		25.00
Rocky Point	White County	O. B. Smythe	10.00
Grubb Springs	Boone-Carroll	Guy Hopper	12.00
Burlington	Boone-Carroll	Loy Moody	10.50
Bogy Chapel	Harmony	J. T. Morgan	7.06
Conway, Second	Faulkner	Chester Ware	79.70
Matthews Memorial	Harmony	L. G. Whitehorn	31.78

Men For the Master

By C. E. BRYANT

I sat in a meeting of business men today and heard them talk about lost souls. They rejoiced in opportunities met and wept over opportunities lost.

It was a unique group because each man present represented a state of the Southern Baptist territory extending from Maryland to California. Each is an expert in the world of making money. Some are executives, some merchants, some lawyers, two are ranchers. Their chiefest thing in common is Jesus Christ the Lord.

The men had come to Memphis by plane and train at the call of Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary, and his associates, Hugh F. Latimer and George W. Schroeder, of Baptist Brotherhood of the South. It was the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention's committee on this mighty movement of men for the Master.

For two days these men sought God's will for their lives and for the lives of their fellowmen. They prayed and talked, and prayed and talked some more, that the Lord would use the Baptist Brotherhood for the advancement of His Kingdom. They did not seek revolutionary methods: only the enlistment of men in active participation in the regular work of Baptist churches.

A four point emphasis for 1949 was discussed and adopted. The aims:

Evangelism. "We believe," they agreed, "that the chief task of every Christian and of every Christian church is to win souls to Christ. We mean active, personal soul winning—man to man."

The Man and Boy Movement. A man is to find a boy and take him to Sunday School on four consecutive Sundays. "Boys are running wild on the streets and in the alleys of every community. Many have never seen the inside of a church building. We, as Christian laymen, must do something about it."

The Co-operative Program. "The Baptist Brotherhood of the South reaffirms our conviction that the Co-operative Program must continue as the over-all plan of financing our denominational work. It is safe, sound, and equitable, and there is no other way to finance the world-mission program of Southern Baptists."

Church Advertising. "There are many areas in which the church

can advertise, but we suggest during 1949 we concentrate efforts on two: identification of church buildings with attractive signs, and effective news stories on church activities in the press.

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Northern Baptists Ask "Gifts For Christmas"

New York.—Churches of the Northern Baptist Convention will make special offerings for their national missions on the annual "Sunday of Sacrifice" observed on December 5.

Marking a departure from emergency appeal, stressed during the war and postwar years, the year's observance will focus attention upon "Gifts for Christmas."

Each of the 7,000 churches of the Convention is being asked to take an extra offering in the interest of the total home and foreign mission enterprise.

Slogan for this year's observance is "Put Christ First on Your Christmas List."

The total missionary budget of the denomination is \$7,500,000, which, it is hoped, will be raised before April 30, 1949.

—Religious News Service

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It Doesn't Make Sense

By COLEMAN CRAIG

In the face of hunger and starvation throughout the world and the face of the fact that people in this country are at wits ends to buy food at the increasing high prices, it does not make sense to learn, that in the state, Virginia, the state production and marketing administration committee buys up 2,358,249 bushels of potatoes from farmers at 15¢ per cwt., and resells the potatoes at 25¢ per cwt., to distillers for conversion into alcohol.

In the first place, this is not artificially creating prosperity by government buying of products at high prices is just another phase of new deal philosophy, made only by other acts such as keeping off brood sows and destroying planted crops. The old law of supply and demand is good enough for us. But when a surplus of products created by government buying is used to enrich the tillers we think the time has come for honest men to give serious study to the economic fallacy that honeycombs the national structure.

—The Baptist Review

CHURCH	ASSOCIATION	PASTOR	AMOUNT
Forester	Buckner	J. E. Evans	
New Hope	White River	Carl Huddleston	
Immanuel	Harmony	Paul Fox	
Elliott	Liberty		
Arkadelphia, First	Red River	J. G. Cothran	
Mason Valley	Benton County	C. C. Roberts	
England, First	Caroline	W. B. Pittard	
Clarendon, First	Arkansas Valley	John Holston	
Gaines Street	Pulaski County	C. E. Lawrence	
Calvary	Independence		
Pleasant Ridge	Little Red River	Leonard Bunch	
College Hill	Hope	C. G. Davis	
Enon	Bartholomew	Edd Cloud	
Jacksonville	Pulaski County	H. W. Ryan	

Contributions For The Honor Debt

We started some weeks ago to publish the contributions that were made on State Mission Day for the Honor Debt. Scores of offerings reached our office later. We are continuing to publish these offerings.

CHURCH	ASSOCIATION	PASTOR	AMOUNT
Brown's Chapel, Bay	Greene County	Tommie Henson	51.50
Belrne	Mt. Zion	Dantel Hughes	17.50
Camden, First	Red River	Marvin Gennings	23.65
Mt. Ida	Liberty	T. L. Harris	307.50
Childress Chapel	Caddo River	D. B. Bledsoe	30.00
Boxley, Walnut Grove	Greene County	J. O. Miles	11.00
Van Buren, First	Newton County	Carl Mitcham	23.00
Springdale, First	Clear Creek	T. H. Jordan	57.80
Shuler	Washington-Madison	Stanley Jordan	207.81
	Liberty	J. B. Ritchie	56.00
	Black River		50.00
Bates	Buckner	E. M. Greenfield	5.00
W. M. S. England, First	Caroline	W. B. Pittard	7.00
New Hope	Caroline	C. H. Dunaway	7.00
Piggott, First	Gainesville	J. O. Young	52.50
Petty's Chapel	Arkansas Valley	R. S. Wilson	5.50
Mt. Vernon	Faulkner	Warren Nutt	33.15
Trinity	Hope	N. E. Lerch	5.25
Marlon	Tri-County		15.00
Conway, First	Faulkner		14.00
Hope, First	Hope	S. A. Whitlow	357.35
Alma	Clear Creek	L. E. Cunningham	150.00
Lunsford	Mt. Zion	Jack Laffler	4.00
Stuttgart, First	Centennial		111.70
Humphrey	Centennial	R. D. Harris	5.00
Bethany	White County	S. W. Holcomb	15.00
New Hope	Mt. Zion		11.40
Hartford	Buckner	L. P. Thomas	38.00
Trumann, First	Trinity	John Basinger	100.00
Walcott	Greene County		5.00
Pleasant Grove	Woodruff County		35.00
Galilee	Liberty	L. W. Williams	30.00
Nimons	Gainesville	E. W. Gray	45.00
Louann	Liberty	G. Paul Starnes	165.00
Little Rock, Second	Pulaski County	M. Ray McKay	443.83
Clark's Chapel	Buckner		3.41
Sage	Rocky Bayou	Hal Gallop	23.50
Hughes	Arkansas Valley	W. D. Wallace	155.40
Cotter	White River		56.00
Barber	Concord	Frank Cleveland	10.00
Judsonia	White County	Robert McMillan	88.50
Rector	Gainesville	E. C. Polk	225.00
Helena, First	Arkansas Valley	Ralph Douglas	1.00
Joyce City, W. M. S.	Liberty	Charles Nash	1.00
Sardis	Little River	A. O. Zachrey	9.53
Murfreesboro	Little River	R. E. Baucum	175.00
Marked Tree	Trinity	W. F. Carlton	40.00
Joyce City	Liberty	Charles Nash	3.00
Leonard	Gainesville	Fred Lewis	55.83
Trumann, W. M. S.	Trinity	John Basinger	11.00
Calvary	Harmony	E. W. Johnson	1.00
Columbus	Little River	Floyd Taylor	12.99
Immanuel, W. M. S.	Benton County	Frank Pitts	20.49
Rison	Harmony	T. T. Newton	14.00
Brickeys	Arkansas Valley	B. F. McDonald	9.55
Osceola, W. M. S., First	Mississippi County	Russell Clubb	4.00
Mineral Springs, Central	Little River		4.73
Monticello First	Bartholomew	R. D. Washington	201.46
Bearden, W. M. S.	Carey	Edgar Griffin	6.00
Pleasant Hill	Greene County		3.00
Bentonville	Benton County	James Overton	5.00
Clinton	Stone-Van Buren	Claude Jenkins	24.65
Centerion	Benton County	Melvin Coffelt	20.60
Park Hill	Pulaski County	Taylor Stanfill	3.00
Mansfield-	Buckner	Karl McClendon	69.54
Black Springs	Caddo River	Ray Barnett	5.00
Pollard	Gainesville	Fred Lewis	3.00
Gregory	Woodruff County		28.00
Ashdown	Little River	Lawson Hatfield	14.00
Baring Cross	Pulaski County	H. A. Elledge	1.00
Osceola	Mississippi County	Russell Clubb	161.66
Number Nine	Mississippi County	H. S. Richardson	6.66
Cabot, W. M. S.	Caroline	Dale McCoy	3.00
Searcy, First	White County	W. R. Vestal	4.00
Prescott, First	Red River	Fred White	72.88
Leachville	Mississippi County	B. W. Pierce	55.00
Yorktown	Harmony		25.00
Stamps, First	Hope	Walf Hamilton	10.00
Pine Grove	Pulaski County	Harold Presley	17.83
Gaines Street	Pulaski County	C. E. Lawrence	16.67
W. M. S. Beech Street	Hope	James Harris	10.00
Augusta, First	Woodruff County	Dell Hames	12.00
Des Arc	Caroline	Ernest Baker	1.05
Plumberville	Dardanelle-Russellville	L. L. Jordan	2.00
Wilmot	Delta	Dillard S. Miller	162.43
Mt. Zion	Big Creek	J. W. Shields	2.00
Pine Bluff, First	Harmony	A. B. Pierce	34.00
Waldron, First	Buckner	V. E. Yarbrough	15.00
Moro	Arkansas Valley	G. F. Smothers	28.00
New Liberty	Mississippi County	Russell Duffer	7.89
Smackover	Liberty	Ralph Reaser	3.00
Immanuel	Concord	B. B. Sawyer	3.00
Paris, First	Concord		25.00
South Side	Harmony	L. A. Sparkman	7.40
Bellevue	Pulaski County	W. T. King	12.18
Douglasville, First	Pulaski County	W. C. Halsell	20.00
Ironton	Pulaski County	V. M. Ballue	12.50
Osceola, First	Mississippi County	Russell Clubb	412.00
Shady Grove	Pulaski County		4.76
Flippin	White River		16.00
Pleasant Hill	Central	Mack Gates	70.01
Finley Creek	Rocky Bayou	Hal Gallop	12.50
West Helena	Arkansas Valley	Lehman Webb	5.00
Board Camp	Ouachita		10.00
Pleasant Hill	Greene County	Tommie Henson	80.00
Jacksonport	Black River	F. F. Weaver	8.00
Black Springs	Caddo River	Ray Barnett	5.00
Happy Hollow	Faulkner	T. W. Hayes	10.00

CHURCH	ASSOCIATION	PASTOR	AMOUNT
Fellowship	Buckner	Ray Rhyme	40.00
Tuckerman	Black River	George Roberts	136.7
Sulphur Rock	Independence	Edward Persons	16.2
Eagle Lake	Bartholomew	Lawson Hatfield	5.0
Ashdown	Little River		38.5
Bethel	Red River		8.3
Pleasant Grove	Faulkner County	P. E. Turner	10.0
Biggers	Current River	Alvin Allison	15.0
New Hope	Boone-Carroll	E. F. Cox	24.2
Hampton	Carey	Charles A. Maule	18.0
Monticello, First	Bartholomew	R. D. Washington	43.2
Pleasant Hill	Benton County	C. C. Roberts	20.0
El Dorado, Second	Liberty	Jesse Reed	104.3
Childress Chapel	Greene County	J. O. Miles	112.6
W. M. U.	Trinity		6.0
Boydell	Delta	T. J. Barnes	23.6
Yellville	Ouachita		40.0
Hatton	Delta	Mark Roberts	20.6
Central Lake Village	White River	Andrew Heskett	5.0
Rye Hill	Concord	L. L. Gilliam	23.0
Reyno	Current River		27.0
Palestine	Tri-County	J. M. Hitt	17.0
Parthenon	Newton County		8.1
Buckville	Buckville		5.0
Liberty	Liberty	Walter Parks	10.0
Chambers	Caroline		8.0
Baring Cross	Pulaski County	H. A. Elledge	1.0
Elaine	Arkansas Valley	Bennie Pearson	25.0
Manila	Mississippi County	J. L. Ford	511.7
Pike Avenue	Pulaski County	Byron King	3.0
Des Arc	Caroline	Ernest Baker	1.0
Jonesboro, Central	Mt. Zion	Reese S. Howard	75.0
Brookland	Mt. Zion	S. J. Meador	22.3
New Providence	Mississippi County	R. F. Liddell	64.4
Denton	Buckner		6.0
Poteau	Buckner		15.0
Mt. Zion, Banner	Little Red River		20.3
Pleasant Hill	Little Red River		13.6
Moark	Current River		100.0
Luxora	Mississippi County	A. B. Hill	50.0
Mt. Sidon	White County	H. M. Dugger	30.0
Haw Creek	Buckner		22.0
Cross Roads	Liberty		21.0
Philadelphia	Liberty	Jesse Kidd	15.0
Mt. Hebron	White County	Otis Reedy	16.5
Number Nine	Mississippi County	H. S. Richardson	1.0
Cominto	Bartholomew	Edd Cloud	5.0
Hopewell	Boone-Carroll	Loy Moody	10.0
Calvary	Harmony	E. W. Johnson	70.3
Walcott	Greene County	Amos Greer	77.0
South Side	Harmony	L. A. Sparkman	154.7
Harris Chapel	Tri-County		2.0
Memorial	Central	Joe Melton	24.0
Augusta	Woodruff County	Dell Hanes	52.0
Decatur	Benton County	John V. Terry	45.0
Gaines Street	Pulaski County	C. E. Lawrence	16.0
Malvern, First	Central	T. K. Rucker	158.5
Rison	Harmony	T. T. Newton	63.0
Mt. Olive	Little Red River	W. B. O'Neal	8.0
Center Hill	Greene County	Carroll Gibson	6.0
Brownstown	Little River	James Hampton	5.0
Stamps, First	Hope	Walf Hamilton	10.0
Saline	Bartholomew	Richard Johnson	22.0
Walls Chapel	Greene County	Arnon Woods	19.0
Monticello, First	Bartholomew	R. D. Washington	7.0
Rescue	White County	Sidney W. Holcomb	15.0
Twelve Corner	Benton County		6.0
Siloam Springs, First	Benton County	B. N. Simmons	109.0
Oak Grove	Clear Creek	A. D. Kent	20.0
Union Hill	Faulkner County	Leonard Dove	25.0
Friendship	Buckner		7.0
South Fork	Red River	Dan Berry	5.0
Lead Hill	Boone-Carroll	E. C. King	21.0
Lunsford	Mt. Zion	Jack Laffler	61.0
Stamps, First	Hope	Walf Hamilton	6.0
Plummerville	Dardanelle-Russellville	L. L. Jordan	79.0
Eight Mile	Greene County	A. O. Collier	7.0
Reynolds Memorial	Pulaski County	G. S. Wilson	51.0
Perry	Perry County		30.0
Jasper	Newton County		6.0
Searcy, First	White County	W. R. Vestal	76.0
Mansfield	Buckville	Karl McClendon	5.0
Pine Bluff, Second	Harmony	D. C. McAtee	57.0
New Hope	Mt. Zion		77.0
Bentonville	Benton County	James Overton	21.0
Baring Cross	Pulaski County	H. A. Elledge	25.0
Rehobeth	Independence	W. E. Davis	16.0
Webb City	Clear Creek	Irving Crossland	15.0
Roland	Pulaski County		8.0
Bellaire	Delta	Glen Wright	105.0
Almyra	Centennial	D. O. Stuckey	67.0
Foreman, First	Little River	Boy Fowler	10.0
Lake Hamilton	Central	Delbert Garrett	36.0
Plant	Stone-Van Buren	T. D. Reeves	5.0
Rock Springs	Benton County	Dan Champlin	12.0
Mt. Zion	Red River	Glen Wright	30.0
Hazen, First	Caroline	C. R. McCollum	15.0
Huttig	Liberty	D. B. Beasley	22.0
Sulphur Springs	Caddo River	John Liles	10.0
Walnut Valley	Central	Ed Vallowe	30.0
Mt. Pine	Central		1.0
Gum Springs	Benton County	Forrest Maddox	14.0
Dumas, First	Harmony	T. N. Shaddox	84.0
Almyra	Centennial	D. O. Stuckey	6.0
Hebron	Pulaski County	W. Dawson King	50.0
Batesville First	Independence	E. P. J. Garratt	91.2
Pulaski Heights	Pulaski County	W. H. Hicks	27.0
Plummerville	Dardanelle-Russellville	L. L. Jordan	10.0
Helena, First	Arkansas Valley	Ralph Douglas	1.0
Doddridge	Hope	A. L. Taylor	17.0
West Hartford	Buckner	J. E. Evans	50.0
Paris	Concord		25.0
West Side	Liberty	Lonnie Lasater	1.0
Knoxville	Dardanelle-Russellville		26.0
Shady Grove	Carey	John Causey	31.0
New Hope	Black River	A. A. Teale	66.0

Fouke Church and Mission

Fouke church, Hope Association, has a live, wide-awake pastor in the person of Howard Wilson. With the help of some of the laymen in his church he held a revival meeting about two miles from his town on the site where a Baptist church house once stood. It has been approximately thirty years since any services were held in the original church. As a result of the revival, a mission was established and a building constructed. A few weeks ago a church was organized and is now ready to stand alone as they carry on their own program.

The people have gone back to "Bethel." The same thing has happened in many places over the state during the recent years. It should be taking place in many other communities. And one of the best ways to re-establish a church is for some aggressive town church to do it.

Washington-Madison Workers' Conference

It was the privilege of the Superintendent of Missions to be with the Washington-Madison Workers' Conference in their monthly meeting, December 2. The attendance was excellent for such a rainy day. Lucien Coleman is the moderator and A. L. Leake associational missionary. This association carries on an excellent program. The Associational Board helps to supplement the pastors' salaries in some of the weak churches. Missionary Leake has planned a progressive program for the year. He and his good wife are making a lasting impression in that association.

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Harmony Associational Board Meeting

Down in Harmony Association the churches really go in for a strong Mission program. The board has a Mission Committee which works with the missionary in setting up a program of work and in carrying it to completion. A regular mission budget is adopted each year and the church gives to it liberally. The entire salary of the missionary will be provided by the association and many churches will receive supplementary aid. Pastoral fields are formed, new houses of worship are built, and missions are established under the direction of the missionary and the Mission Committee.

S. D. Davis is the associational missionary. The brethren in that association think that he is the best in the state. It was a joy to be present in their recent board meeting, to hear their discussions, and to observe their progress. Missionary Davis and his good wife did an unusual thing in having the entire board in their home for a turkey dinner. No wonder the brethren think that Brother Davis and his wife are tops.

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Groundbreaking Ceremony, First Church, Earle



Architect's drawing of the new church which is now under construction at Earle.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held by the First Church, Earle, on October 24, for their new \$144,000 church and educational building.

Participating in the service were: Joe B. Sullivan, pastor, who was in charge of the program; Mrs. W. M. Hudgens, oldest member of the church, who lifted the first spadeful of earth; Dr. L. T. Wallace of Ouachita College, who read the Scripture; and Dr. B. L. Bridges, executive

secretary, who delivered the address. Charles Blauz Jr. and L. Rogers, chairmen of the financial and building committees respectively were recognized, also Charles Huddleston of the Construction Company, superintendent of the proposed church building. The new building, when completed, will provide for 500 in Sunday School and the auditorium will have a seating capacity of 500.

January and John

By ROBERT G. LEE, President
Southern Baptist Convention

January, the first month of the year, will possess Scriptural riches for those who take time and give thought to the Gospel written by John, one of the first called to be an apostle. John, his name meaning "one whom Jehovah loves," in love leaving his nets to be a fisher of men, in love standing at the cross, in love outrunning Peter to see the empty tomb that resurrection morn, in love recognizing Jesus after the resurrection, in love building churches in Asia Minor, in love wrote the Gospel that bears his name — the book that has been a best seller, called "the loveliest and most popular life of Jesus Christ."

I have thought much of how our individual lives will be en-

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riched and our churches strengthened if pastors and teachers prepare themselves to teach many make ready to study marvelous truths in John's Gospel — as they are found in what John wrote about Christ's incarnation, the miracle at Cana, new birth as Christ spoke of to Nicodemus, Jesus' message on Water of Life, the Bethesda of the Bread of Life, the Feast of Tabernacles, the significance of freedom by truth, Christ as Light of the world and the Good Shepherd, the Lazarus chapter of the Bethany chapter, the Last Supper, the Comforter, the Holy Spirit and its Branches, the Spirit of truth and peace, the Lord's prayer, the trial and crucifixion of Jesus, the resurrection of Christ and the questioning of Peter and Jesus.

More pearls could never be found in any sea nor more fishers in any field than are the treasures of truth which are our searching in the glorious Gospel of John. Let us now be diligent in our preparations for the study and teaching of this great book in the Bible — the book above and beyond all books as a river is beyond all rills in reach, as the sun is beyond a tallow dip in brightness.

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Good News In The Bible

By Mrs. ROLAND LEATH

Sunday School Lesson

For December 19, 1948

Luke 2:1 - 14

the line of David, to which they belonged, to register.

So, the all important journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem was made, even though Mary was great with child. It was made at exactly the right time; God's hand was moving upon events to make His perfect will uppermost. "Only a legal necessity would have made them willing to take such a journey at such a time, but thus it appears that the emperor of the world was concerned unconsciously in the fulfillment of divine prophecy concerning the Savior of the world." (Erdman)

An Important Birth

The coming into the world of a new life is always news. Great care, utmost sanitation, much value, is placed upon the birth of a baby in our nation today. But the most welcome babe, the one born into the richest home or the most perfect specimen of health, pales into insignificance when compared to this one born in the "fulness of time" in the little town of Bethlehem at the close of a day's journey. When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, the rustic hillside city was teeming with people who had come for the same purpose. There was no room for them in the inn, the only "hotel" of that place; immediate need drove them to a stable and there "she brought forth her first-born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger."

There was no sterile bassinet for this new born babe; no layette of clothes with which to clothe his body; no hospital or home, even, in which the birth could take place. What a lowly, lonely picture! The mother, alone except for her betrothed husband, away from home, loved ones or even friends, wrapped him in the few soft, clean clothes she had brought with her on the long journey and cradled his head in the straw of the manger. Yet that humble, meaningful birth is the most important ever to occur. The Son of God, in human form, the "first-born of Creation" was born that night!

An Important Announcement

Ordinary, rough, plain out-of-doors shepherds were the first ones chosen to receive the glorious news of which the prophets had spoken and for which people had long waited and prayed. Again

we note the simplicity and humility of His birth. These men were undoubtedly God-fearing, faithful men, for they carefully followed instructions as a result of this announcement.

We see the announcement in three distinct parts: first, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." It was decidedly news of joy and assurance; Heaven sent comfort to earth with the Savior's birth. In tender and reverent tones, the angel of the Lord spoke to the shepherds of good news of great joy for all people. It is the same today—news of joy to all who will believe.

The second part of the announcement: "For a Savior, who is the Anointed Christ, is born to you this day in the city of David." Without mistake it was declared that the Messiah had come, the long awaited One of Israel, born right at their feet in the city just down the way from the hillside of sheep.

The last part of the announcement contains specific instructions: "This is the sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Not the way the Messiah was expected by many, but here again is the sign of His lowly birth. He was not in a palace but in a manger; He does not want pomp and show and glamor today; He does want the simple faith and humble adoration that the shepherds gave Him.

The multitude of Heavenly Host sang the triumphant song of glory and peace which must have

Central Associational Hymn Festival

Something new has been added to the Quarterly Associations Hymn-Sing and credit for this fine contribution goes to Central Association and to its progressive music committee under the leadership of Ray McClung.

The Hymn-Sing is preceded by a Church Music Conference. The supper meeting is attended by all the pastors and music directors. Following a talk on some vital music topic previously assigned to particular speaker, everyone enters into a panel discussion covering the subject.

On Thursday night, November 11, the fifth such Music Conference was held at Second Church, Hot Springs. R. A. Butler, pastor at the Bauxite Church, gave a report on the Summer Music School as it was carried on at his church the past Summer. He urged every pastor to schedule a similar school annually in the interest of music training for the entire church membership, and particularly for the youth groups.

More than 450 people gathered in the auditorium for the Festival which emphasized the hymns of Isaac Watts, whose biography was told by Ray McClung. In addition to much congregational singing special numbers were rendered.

echoed in the hearts of the shepherds as they went with haste and found the Babe.

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Make This a Great Co-operative Program Month

Brethren, we are not supporting the Co-operative Program adequately. Won't you come to our rescue on the last stretch of the race? Send us a large contribution at once. Maybe your church has not given anything undesignated during the last quarter—maybe not for the whole year. Make the offering large, now.

Will You Help?

We are still in the red on Convention expenses. We thank the brethren and the churches for sending us the \$10 checks and other amounts. The contributions in these collections amounted to \$2,175.68. This will not be printed in our Quarterly Report of receipts and disbursements, because so much of it came in currency, the source of which we do not know. We are reporting it here.

It has been an expensive Centennial Year. Our last Board meeting cost more than \$500, and we have many more committee meetings than a porcupine has quills. Everything is expensive. Our badges cost \$173. The Annual Reports cost \$323. Programs cost \$388. The pageant cost over \$1800. But all in all it has been a worthwhile investment. It has caused us all to lift our spiritual eyes, and catch a greater vision of what Christ wants us to do, and of what we are capable of doing through Him.

Fordyce, You Astound and Inspire Us

The First Church, Fordyce, J. T. Elliff pastor, votes to give \$13,050 for the Co-operative Program next year. This is forty-three per cent of its budget. The church will give fifty per cent of its contributions for outside causes, but the fifty per cent embraces some other items. The pastor gives God the glory and praise. He writes one of the best letters we have ever read. It inspires us immeasurably along spiritual lines. As soon as space is available we want to quote some of this letter.

Thank you Fordyce.

Associational Clerks

We need the financial tables that are in the hands of the Clerks of the Associations. We notice that last year one Association was entirely left out of our Convention Annual. The reason was we received neither the minutes nor the financial table from that Association. Brethren, if you cannot get your Minutes to us this month then be sure to send us the financial tables.

Eldridge and Tyronza

Pastor Eldridge has led the Tyronza Church to increase its percentage for the Co-operative Program more than 50 per cent. Next year they propose to give sixteen and two-thirds per cent of their budget. This wide-awake young preacher of the Gospel is leading the church to greater things.

Pastor R. C. Campbell and First Baptist Church of Little Rock

Under the leadership of that valiant Baptist statesman, Dr. R. C. Campbell, the First Church, Little Rock, is making history and is setting a new example in following Christ to the mission fields. The church proposes to give \$30,000 in 1949 for the Co-operative Program. That action far surpasses anything that has ever been done for missions in Arkansas. The dynamic leadership of Pastor Campbell will lead this great church on to greater contributions and achievements in the broad expense of the Lord's vineyard. From time to time you will see this great pastor and church out on the frontier in the greater things of the kingdom of God.

Correction

Through an error in the Quarterly Report the name of the First Baptist Church, North Little Rock, was omitted. We are glad to make mention of it here. This good church with Pastor O. W. Moran leading gave during the quarter: undesignated \$1,017.51.

We Need the Names of Preachers

Soon Brother Stanfill will hand to the printer the material from which our Annual is made. This material includes a list of ordained preachers in the State. If we do not have your name and address it will not appear in the Annual. Brethren, be sure that we have your name and address. If you are not sure of it put it on a post card and mail it to us at once. Do not blame Brother Stanfill or this office for omission of your name in the Annual until you have been diligent to report it.

More Contributions For the Honor Debt

In promoting the State Mission offering for the Honor Debt we published some significant and early contributions. Later on the contributions came in in large numbers, and we have not had space to publish all of them. More will be published in the weeks that follow.

Reese Howard and Jonesboro, Central

The Central Baptist Church, Jonesboro, under the leadership of Pastor Reese Howard is increasing its contributions for the Co-operative Program. It proposes to give more than \$1,300 next year for the Co-operative Program. Pastor Howard is one of our greatest preachers, and is loyal to the cause that he loves.

50-50 By 1950

Pastor George DeLaughter and the Sh Church, Hope Association, voted to increase Co-operative Program contributions from per month to \$30 per month. They say plan to be 50-50 by 1950." Wonder how many of our churches will really go to "50-50 1950." Thank you Brother DeLaughter.

Nethercutt and Plainview

Pastor G. E. Nethercutt and the Plainview Baptist Church at the Pine Bluff Arse have voted to double their contributions to the Co-operative Program. This church is making splendid progress under the leadership of Pastor Nethercutt. Recently they purchased the ground on which the church building is located. You remember that when war started the State Board leased the ground and built a house of worship. The church was soon organized, and splendid progress has been made. They have been supporting our work all along.

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Associational Missionary Claude Crig makes the following report from White River Association:

Pilgrim's Rest Church has voted to give per cent of all its receipts to the Co-operative Program and Associational Missions. D. Stark is pastor.

Bruno Church has increased its offering to the Co-operative Program, and has increased its prayer meeting attendance from zero more than 50, since Spurgeon W. Wilker became pastor September 1.

Flippin Church, D. M. Kreis, pastor, has increased its gifts to the Co-operative Program 200 per cent for next year. Pastor Kreis baptized more converts last year than all other in White River Association.

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Don't Cut His Salary

By A. L. GOODRICH

Your church is cutting the pastor's salary unless you pay him more this year than did last.

There is no denying the fact that prices have risen. It is also a fact that many churches have not raised pastor's salaries in comparison with the increase in prices. Today pastors cannot buy as much with their present salaries as they could with salaries of a few years ago. In other words, if you have not added to the pastor's salary you have in effect cut it.

We also believe that every church should include in its budget an item for the expense of the pastor's automobile. Business concerns either furnish their employees an automobile or pay for the use of one on a mileage basis. Many miles are traveled by the pastor every month.

With continuing high prices the pastor do one of two things: first, receive more salary; second, lower his standard of living which means buying less or buying things of lower quality.

—The Baptist Standard