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# "Quench Not The Spirit... Prove All Things"

By THERON D. PRICE, Assistant Professor  
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*"Quench not the Spirit; despise not prophesyings; prove all things;  
"Quench not the Spirit; despise not prophesyings; prove all things;*

Violence is now and again done to truth when some affirmations, which ought ever to be kept apart, are unnaturally conjoined. This happens in the work of those who construct piecemeal theologies on a proof-text basis. A possibly more serious violence is done to Christian living, as surely as to theology, when some exhortations, which ought ever to be conjoined, are unnaturally separated.

A happily balanced exhortation is Paul's to the Thessalonians, in the words of the text: "Quench not the Spirit—Prove all things." These things are as significant and fruitful together as they are fruitless and disastrous apart.

Some of us are prone to heed only the first word: "Quench not the Spirit." We believe in the free and unattached ministry of the Holy Spirit, who moves where He listeth. We believe in inspiration of the Scripture and of the heart, by the Holy Spirit. We sometimes say in evangelistic appeals, "Let the Spirit have His way in our hearts." But we are a bit skittish about "proving all things," or fear an element of sacrilege in "testing the spirits." Consequently, we come to major on devotional piety. And what a wonderful thing is devotional piety! It can create within us a holy dissatisfaction with our sin—with our ill-focused interests and divided loyalties—with our deplorable coldness toward God and His burning truth.

## Devotional Piety Can Be Mere Self-Deception

But what a fearful thing is mere devotional piety. It frequently awakens a worshiper to no truth deeper than his own perverse imagination. It can lead one to give centrality to a private pattern of emotional responses at the expense of objective truth. It may as equally well confirm him in pathological hypocrisy as bring him to genuine conversion of life. Mere devotional piety has been the means for many a man of self-deception—of the sanctioning of irrational superstitions—of blowing an aura of religiosity around a situation which remains secular or demonic at the core—of discovering the highest meaning of God to consist in his service-ability to man. And so in the name of God we engage in sacrilege. We minister with a faith loud-spoken, because its authenticity is obvious: we minted it ourselves! But we cease in the last analysis, to be heralds of the Good News of what God has done and is doing through Jesus Christ. We are in position to mouthe any number of sweet, safe, witty—but finally harmless—phrases, but not to witness by the Holy Spirit to the Word of God. We have quenched the Spirit by holding one-sidedly to the exhortation, "Quench not the Spirit." We have faith, of a sort, but not the freedom of knowledge.

Then, some of us are prone to heed only the second word: "Prove (test) all things." We believe in the competence and reliability of the rational process when carried on under normal conditions. We find it difficult to get excited over spiritual generalities—having much greater confidence in the things that are seen. We give no due reverence to the spiritual overtones of the Scripture or theology which are to be investigated, and are

sometimes even unmindful that the Spirit is there to be quenched.

## Literary Chemists Or Bible Prophets?

So, we come to major on source-study and critical history. We become competent analysts. We begin to look a little more like literary chemists than Biblical prophets. We can speak accurately of the Gnostic affirmations which the First Epistle of John seeks to refute, but not demonstrate faithfully the love for one another which was the most urgent thing in the author's mind. We can trace a word through its Jewish or Hellenistic history, or tell how many times it is used in the New Testament, and yet not be gripped by its imperative Christian content. We can outline the course of the Christian movement in chronological sequence, but not be able to interpret the salvation-event or discern the signs of the times. We learn to discriminate but not according to the Spirit, which has been quenched.

Our intellectual industry and honesty may provide us with tools with which to work, but not give us incentive to pursue the work through the heat of noontide. The critical mind by itself may have prepared us for interpreting spiritual realities to which we are no longer even sensitive. We may have shed our superstitions, and be in better mental health than the pathological hypocrite whose piety is more felt than applied, but we may also have a name that we live and be dead. And so we come to minister with a faith softspoken because its authenticity is dubious: we might be able to subvert it ourselves with more time for reflection! And so we cease, in the last analysis, to be heralds of the Good News of what God has done and is doing through Jesus Christ. We are in a position to mouthe any number of astute or brilliant, ponderous and learned—but finally harmless—phrases, but not to witness by the Holy Spirit to the Word of God. We have failed in the proving of all things by holding one-sidedly to the exhortation, "Prove all things," and by losing the Spirit who Himself tests us by the deep things of God. We have some freedom in knowledge, but not the wholesome integration of that knowledge which great faith alone affords.

## The Goal?—Prove the Good Then Hold It Fast

But this is not the conclusion of the matter. The two, equally important, exhortations may be kept together in happy Biblical balance and pointed toward a goal. By all means let the ways of the Spirit be tested by cautious minds in critical earnestness; and let that proving mind recognize the freedom and authority of the true and unquenched Spirit, in order that we may "hold fast to that which is good."

Religious truth is defined not so much by the subjective sway of the Spirit nor by the objective criticism of the mind, so much as by the existential, ethical application of the truth by a whole life in which piety and intellect are harmonious and inseparable companions. We can surely take our stand on what the two sanction as good.

# A Temple Scene

A Devotion by the Editor

"Two men went up into the Temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican."

In the teachings of Jesus, the Pharisee is the symbol of a cold, unsympathetic correctness which was completely void of goodness, a virtue that was so "cankered with pride that it was almost rotten." Though holding himself aloof, he loved to display his virtues not for the encouragement and inspiration of others, but for the attention he might attract and the admiration he might win.

The publican, on the other hand, symbolized the opposite type, those who had lost their self-respect, their standing in society, and their religion. They knew that they were sinners, they made no pretense of self-righteousness.

Strangely enough, these two extreme types found their satisfactions in the present gratifications of selfish desires: the Pharisee in his desire for superiority, the publican in his desire for carnal delights. Neither had any hope beyond these satisfactions, because the Pharisee recognized nothing outside himself that was better than he, and the publican saw nothing better that he might attain.

The Pharisee prayed, and in his prayer he measured himself by three dimensions. He first measured himself by "others." Of course he selected those others who were low in the scale of morality. Again he measured himself by a list of sins of which he was not guilty. And finally, he measured himself by two religious practices—fasting and tithing.

The publican measured himself not by any artificial or arbitrary standards of his own choosing, but by the standards of God. So he discovered thereby his sins, his shortcomings, and his needs.

The Pharisee is no different than when he entered. This was the tragedy of his life, it made no change in his life to come to the holy place of God.

The publican "went down to his house," and his heart is warmed, cleansed, happy, and rejoicing. The sins he took with him to the sanctuary have been forgiven, in their stead he carries away the abundant mercy of God.

He is "justified rather than the other." He is changed in character, he has a new standing before God, and a new hope in life.

"I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 18:14.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Phenomenal Growth in Circulation

The past eleven years have witnessed a phenomenal growth in the circulation of the **Arkansas Baptist**. It is believed also that the ministry of the paper has had a corresponding growth and that its influence among the Baptists of the state has helped in no small measure to promote our denominational program as well as the local church program and individual Christian consecration.

The figures we give below, indicating the growth in the circulation of the paper, were taken from the reports of the **Arkansas Baptist** to the annual state Convention meetings.

Beginning with 1939, the paper reported a circulation of 3,700. Each year since 1939 has witnessed a substantial increase in circulation: 1940—7,000; 1941—8,600; 1942—13,000; 1943—16,000; 1944—19,700; 1945—26,500; 1946—28,300; 1947—30,000; 1948—32,300; 1949—35,214; 1950—35,698.

There has been an increase in circulation since the meeting of the Convention in November 1950, and we hope that there will be a steady increase throughout 1951.

#### Co-Operation Requested

We solicit the co-operation of our associational missionaries, our pastors and church leaders in promoting the circulation of the **Arkansas Baptist**. We hope that our churches which have the paper in the church budget will add the names of new families which come into the church membership to their budget subscription and report them promptly to our office. We would also encourage churches which do not have the paper in the church budget to consider seriously and prayerfully the advantages of sending the **Arkansas Baptist** to every family in the resident church membership. It has been proven again and again that when a church places the **Arkansas Baptist** in the church budget and sends it to every family in the resident church membership it is an investment rather than an expense because the **Arkansas Baptist** will stimulate the interest of the members of the church not only in the church program but

in the whole denominational program. And as their interest increases their contributions will increase. The **Arkansas Baptist** is a vital agent in the enlistment of tithers and it will help the pastor and the church leaders in their enlistment program.

We still offer a two months free trial budget subscription to any church, which does not have the paper in the church budget, on the condition that the church will send us the complete list of the resident church membership by families with complete addresses. This acceptance of our offer should be an official act of the church. In the past we have had to decline to accept a few budget lists that were sent to us because they were sent by some individual without the knowledge of the pastor or the church. We want the church to know about our offer and we want the church to authorize the acceptance of our offer.

#### Free Offer

We would like to introduce the **Arkansas Baptist** to every church in the state and we make this offer of a two months free church budget subscription to any church, which does not now have the paper in its budget, in order to acquaint the membership of the church with the **Arkansas Baptist** and its value to them in their Christian service and in their co-operation in the local church program and in denominational work.

The entire staff of the **Arkansas Baptist** is committed to the ideal of producing the very best denominational paper possible. We solicit the co-operation of all our friends not only in expanding the circulation of the paper but also in reporting to us the news of the churches. We want the news, and the other pastors and churches in the state want to know what you and your church are doing. So, don't hesitate to send us your news items. You will understand, of course, that it is our responsibility to edit the news items which you send in, in order to make them conform to the style of the paper and its standard of publication.

### Prince Goes To Mississippi

Irving M. Prince became pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on January 1. The Fifth Avenue Church is one of the three large churches in Hattiesburg and offers a challenging opportunity for a long and fruitful ministry.

Irving M. Prince held important pastorates in Arkansas and was active in denominational work. He made a worthy and constructive contribution to Baptist life and work within the state.

His last position in Arkansas was that of president of Central College. He labored faithfully and untiringly for two years in this position and under tremendous handicaps. We believe we speak for Arkansas Baptists in general when we express our appre-

ciation to Mr. Prince for his arduous labors and sacrificial spirit while president of Central College. We believe also that we speak for Arkansas Baptists in general when we wish for him and his family the Lord's blessings as he goes to this new field of service and judging from his past record we anticipate a fruitful ministry for the Princes' in Mississippi.

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"When Sunday school workers become concerned about lost people, they will find maximum soul-winning opportunities. Every Sunday school lesson, every assembly program, every time we pray becomes a way to win the lost to the Savior."

—A. V. Washburn

## Universal Military Service

We publish elsewhere in this issue an announcement that January 18 was set as the opening date for hearings on the new military service plan which the department of defense is going to ask Congress to enact.

This new plan is far more drastic than the Universal Military Training plan which was formerly advocated. You will note from the news item that the plan "will require two and a half years of compulsory military service by all boys reaching the age of 18, commencing at the end of the present school year." It is obvious that the present world situation and the present rearmament program of our government has given impetus to the movement to militarize our country and has encouraged the advocates of such a movement to strike at this particular time so as to take advantage of the present crisis in world affairs.

It should be understood that this is not merely an emergency movement. It is not intended to be a temporary military expedient. This new Universal Military Service plan is intended to be permanent, war or no war.

If history proves anything at all, it proves that no militarized nation has ever been saved from destruction by its military power. The militarization of a nation produces a strange reversal in estimated values. Such a nation begins to lose its dependence upon character, virtue, and diplomacy, and places all its hope for survival in military power. It begins to assume a dominating attitude toward other nations instead of an attitude of give and take, and live and let live. Militarism results in regimentation of the natural resources of a country, in the productive capacity of a country, in the economy of a country, and in the people of a country.

It has become obvious that the United States has in the past neglected her defenses and allowed her defensive military strength to sink below the point of safety. But surely such neglect in the past does not now justify the other extreme to which Universal Military Service would carry our nation.

Fathers and mothers and all interested persons should write their senators and representatives about this question and let them know what the people back home are thinking.

### Saint Peter's Tomb?

So the Pope has officially announced the discovery of the tomb of the Apostle Peter under the great Basilica in Rome.

Like the announcement of the dogma of the Assumption of Mary, the mother of Jesus, this announcement of the discovery of the tomb of the Apostle Peter is pure presumption. No details are given concerning the evidence by which the tomb is identified as that of the Apostle Peter. In fact, all evidence points to the conclusion that the Apostle Peter was never in Rome.

It is worse than a travesty, it is a tragedy when a religious organization claiming to be Christian sets forth as facts and realities that which it presumes to be true without any facts to support the presumption.

# Kingdom Progress

## Arkansans at Southern Seminary, Louisville



First row: Jim Cravens, Scranton; Mrs. Jim Cravens, Mrs. Orville McGuire, Blytheville; Mrs. Lowell Ledford, Fort Smith; Mrs. Thurl Copeland, Gentry; Mrs. H. C. Goldsby, Little Rock; Miss Martha Hairston, Training School teacher, Warren; Mrs. Wayne Ward, and Wayne Ward, Piggott.

Second row: William Flint, Lonoke; Orville McGuire, Blytheville; Lowell Ledford, Fort Smith; Melvin Wasson, Sedalia; Austin Ingram, El Dorado; H. C. Goldsby, Little Rock; Marvin Tate, Washington; Robert Parker, North Little Rock.

Third row: Jack Guenther, Little Rock; Joe Hall, Pine Bluff; Willis Craft Roebuck Jr., Pine Bluff; Marvin Gennings, Batesville; Ellis Tiffany, Siloam Springs; Glendon Grober, Little Rock.

Fourth row: John McClanahan, Little Rock; James Pleitz, Jonesboro; Glynn McCalman, Bradley; Morris Ashcraft, Malvern; Alvis Carpenter, Elaine.

Not pictured: Garland Allen, Tuckerman; Wallace Denton, Manning; Thomas Haley, England; Andy Heskett, West Helena; and Trevis Otey, Little Rock.

### H. O. Malone Enters Southwestern Seminary

Pastor H. O. Malone recently resigned the pastorate of the Lake Village church to enter the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. He is doing post graduate study in the seminary, working toward the Th.D. degree.

Mr. Malone had been with the Lake Village church for three and a half years. During his pastorate there were more than 400 people received into the fellowship of the church, including the missions, with more than half of them received for baptism. He assisted in the organization of two new churches, and under his leadership the Lake Village Church sponsored four missions. Three young men were licensed to preach and three others ordained to the full gospel ministry.

During the ministry of Pastor Malone at Lake Village the mission contributions of the church have doubled. Also chimes and a Wurlitzer organ were added to the equipment of the church. The recent issue of the Quarterly Review listed the Lake Village Church as ninth in number of baptisms among Southern Baptist churches.

### Dr. Lord to Visit America

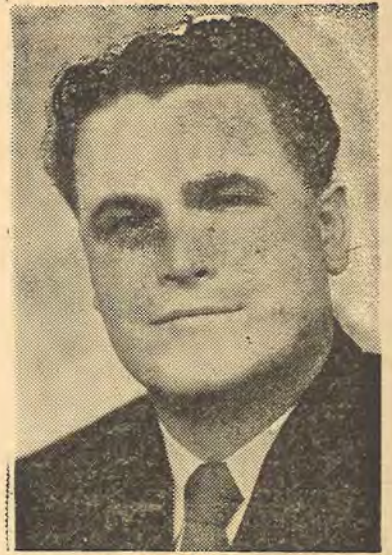
Dr. F. Townley Lord, London, England, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will visit America in the spring and will spend approximately three months in the United States.

Dr. Louis D. Newton announces Dr. Lord's itinerary in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention for the three months of April, May, and June. Dr. Lord will be at First Baptist Church, Memphis, on June 10, the nearest point of his itinerary to Arkansas. From Memphis he will go to the American Baptist Convention, thence to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Francisco on June 20. Following the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Dr. Lord will probably visit Canada before returning to London. Mrs. Lord will accompany him.

### Evangelist Available

W. E. Davis, formerly of Arkansas and more recently of Oklahoma, announces that he has resigned the pastorate to devote his full time to evangelistic work. He may be reached at Stonewall, Oklahoma, Box 231.

## Fort Smith Pastor



J. Harold Smith

Pastor J. Harold Smith began his duties as pastor of the First Church, Fort Smith, on December 17, 1950. He was pastor of the Woodland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, at the time he was called to the Fort Smith church. He served as pastor in Knoxville, Tennessee, and has also held pastorates in South Carolina.

He is widely known as pastor and evangelist, and is heard every morning and evening over one of the large Mexico radio stations. He is also on other radio stations in Tennessee, and is widely known throughout America.

He is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, and Southern Bible Institute at Knoxville, Tennessee. While with the church in Chattanooga, there were 631 additions in 18 months and the Sunday School average attendance increased from 600 to 1,150 per Sunday. Church offerings to all causes more than doubled in less than two years time.

Since coming to the church in Fort Smith, the average attendance in Sunday School, church, and prayer meeting, has exceeded anything in the previous history of the Fort Smith Church.

### First Church, Nashville Received 150 Additions

The First Church, Nashville, W. E. Perry, pastor, reports 150 additions to the church during 1950, 68 of these by baptism and 32 by letter.

The average Sunday School attendance in 1944 was 196, for 1950 the average attendance was 304. In 1944 the church gave approximately \$1,400 to missions, the past two years they have given approximately \$7,000 to missions.

Pastor Perry has been with the Nashville Church for the past seven years during which time there has been a total of 564 additions to the church.

### Request From Los Angeles

The Downtown Southern Baptist Church, 337 South Park View Street, Los Angeles, California, is anxious to contact all Southern Baptists who have moved to Los Angeles and are not affiliated with a Southern Baptist Church of that city.

The church requests that people in Arkansas who may know some person who has moved to Los Angeles, to write the Downtown Southern Baptist Church, at the above address and give the church the name and address of friends and acquaintances who have moved to the California city.

**Magnolia Pastor**

**Prayer and Faith Built This Temple**



*Loyd L. Hunnicutt*

By JOSEPHINE DEW

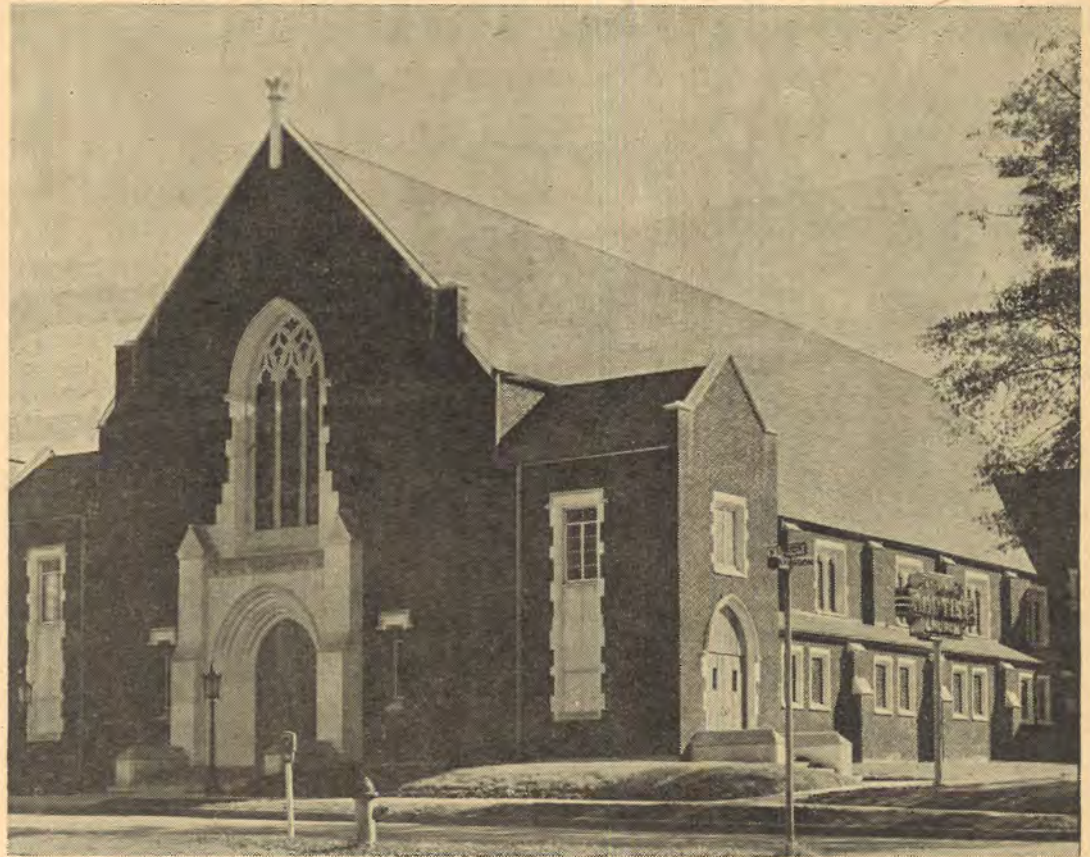
Central Church, Magnolia, recently completed a new \$200,000 brick and stone sanctuary. The house of worship, for which ground breaking ceremony was held October 9, 1949, was completed in 55 weeks and was open for its first service October 29. The structure is paid for, a small debt remaining on the fixtures only. With the exception of two special offerings, the contributions for this building have come through the regular tithes and offerings of the membership.

The new church, constructed of dark brick with Austin cut-stone trim, is joined to the West side of the educational building by a triple arch-covered driveway.

The structure is semi-Gothic in design and has a seating capacity of 850, but can comfortably seat 1,000 by placing extra chairs in the wide aisles. Extensive use of white Austin cut-stone for exterior trim against a background of red brick and dark mortar, together with stained art and cathedral glass windows, makes the new building compare favorably in beauty with any in the land.

Self-rising opera chairs covered with tan plastic are used throughout the auditorium, balcony, and choir. Heavy burgundy carpet covers the floor of the vestibule, aisles, front of the sanctuary, and chancel. Indirect lighting is furnished by ten chandeliers, each six feet high and three feet in diameter at the bottom, hanging 20 feet above the floor, fastened to massive hammer-beam fir trusses which extend from the ridge of the arch ceiling to the floor.

In addition to the auditorium, there is provided a spacious vestibule, two large meeting rooms, church office, pastor's study, choir room, two dressing rooms for the baptistry, three rest rooms, a flower arrangement room, boiler room, and basement storage room. The building is air conditioned throughout.



*Central Church, Magnolia*

Loyd L. Hunnicutt is pastor, and the building committee included W. C. Blewster, chairman; Asa W. Gunnels, Dr. Joe F. Rushton, Charles A. Dillard, Dr. Roy M. Willis, Mrs. W. N. Reed, and Mrs. Gordon Roberts. Floyd E. Monzingo served as co-chairman until his death in April, 1949.

We, as a church, are thankful unto the Lord for our new building. In it all He used His people to bring this to pass—men, women and children who have given generously of their time, talents, and means. Before its erection we could not accommodate the people who came to our services. The building committee performed their task in a marvelous way with the whole congregation working together in unity to accomplish the task.

We have not erected this building for our glory or honor; but to honor and glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; to make room

for more people to assemble and worship Him; to impress upon a lost world the fact that we regard the Lord's work the most important in our community, and that we believe the Lord's house should be one of beauty and holiness.

Under the six year ministry of our pastor, Loyd L. Hunnicutt, the church membership has increased from 745 to 1,257; and offerings from \$15,882 to \$63,801. During 1949 there were 238 additions to the church, 84 of these coming for baptism. The Sunday School and Training Union are Standard. The W. M. U. is A-1, and the Brotherhood fully organized. Mark Short Jr. has recently been employed as director of music and education.

The church maintains one mission, the North Washington Mission, with W. S. Bowden as mission pastor. The Sunday School enrolment of this mission is 101 with an average attendance of 71. The recently organized Immanuel Church, Magnolia, grew from another mission of the church, and is now being supplemented to the amount of \$100 per month by the mother church.

**West Zone Hymn Sing**

On January 7, the Plainview Church was host to the regular West Zone Hymn-Sing, with 40 people in attendance, representing seven churches, two pastors, three music directors and three pianists. The association music director, M. O. Kelley, directed the singing, and was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Cecil Abbott. The theme of the Sing was "Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul." Two special numbers were presented, one a solo by W. C. Burnett of Tabernacle Church, and a duet from the Plainview Church.

The next Sing for this zone will be held at the Crystal Hill Church on February 4.


**Youth Revival**

The White River Association sponsored a Youth Revival recently in which Richard Brannon, a student in Southwestern Seminary, did the preaching and John Breland, a student in Baylor University, led the singing.

The revival was held in Cotter with 10 churches co-operating in the revival which closed December 31. Allen Emerson, pastor of Antioch Church, was the general director. Claude Crigler is the associational missionary in White River Association.

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"What kind of a church would my church be if all the members were just like me?"



*Listen to the*  
**BAPTIST HOUR**

Date: January 28

Speaker: Charles Wellborn

Subject: "Crossroads"

Arkansas Stations:

KXLR, Little Rock, 12:15 p. m.  
KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.  
KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

# ★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

*By Religious News Service*

## Bans Interstate Shipment Of Slot Machines

Crusading clergymen who launch anti-gambling drives have a powerful new weapon in a measure which President Truman has just signed into law.

The bill makes it a federal offense to transport a slot machine or other coin-operated gambling device across a state line. It provides up to two years in jail and fines up to \$5,000 for violation.

Prohibited is interstate shipment of any slot machine or other device which has a drum or reels bearing insignia and which operates on a basis of chance; any machine or mechanical device operated by coin or token on the basis of chance; any sub-assembly or part intended for use in such a machine.

## Clergymen Assail "Political Pressures" on Liquor Permits

The Atlanta Baptist Ministers' Conference has made a written demand upon city and county officials to take "appropriate steps" upon evidence cited by the retiring grand jury of "undetermined political pressures" on liquor license permits.

Copies of a resolution passed by the ministers were mailed to Mayor William B. Hartsfield and Fulton Commission Chairman J. H. Aldredge. The resolution was signed by the Reverend G. W. Southard, president of the Conference and the Reverend Cary C. Wood, secretary.

## Broadcast on Religion Draws Record Mail

America's Town Meeting of the Air received a record number of unsolicited letters following a broadcast on "Do We Need the Old Time Religion?"

An announcement by Town Hall, New York City, sponsor of the program, said 16,000 letters had been received. Speakers on the broadcast were Dr. Ralph Sockman of Christ Church (Methodist) New York City, and evangelist Billy Graham, Minneapolis.

A majority of the letters supported Dr. Graham's plea for a "re-birth" of religious consciousness throughout the nation—especially in big cities.

The second highest mail response in Town Meeting's 15-year history—11,745 letters—also stemmed from a broadcast on a religious subject. This was the December 7, 1948, program on the question "Is a United Protestant Church Possible Now?"

## 300,000 Heard Kagawa On U. S. Tour

About 300,000 people in 150 cities heard the noted Japanese Christian leader, Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, during his six months' tour of the United States and Canada, according to a report issued in New York by the Kagawa National Committee.

After filling final engagements in Los Angeles, Dr. Kagawa left by plane for Honolulu and Japan. While in the United States, he gave approximately 400 addresses, according to Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, executive secretary of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

## Lowell Thomas Heads Bible Seal Campaign

Lowell Thomas, news commentator, author, and world traveller, has been named to head the thirteenth annual Bible Seal Campaign of the American Bible Society, which was launched on January 10, it was announced at Society headquarters in New York City.

The Society released a statement from the commentator that "the Bible is of vital importance in teaching freedom."

"It is exciting news that, in most of the world, people are pleading for the Bible," Mr. Thomas said. "The Holy Scriptures in more than 150 languages are being supplied in large numbers in Korea, Greece, Japan, South America, China, Africa, Germany—even Bibles in Russian are in demand in Europe."

Theme of the 1951 appeal is "The Bible—Source of Freedom."

## Georgia Temperance League Maps Legislative Program

The Georgia Temperance League has the support of Governor Talmadge for tighter curbs on the "intolerable" liquor traffic in the state, League leader Dr. Louie D. Newton, said in Atlanta.

Dr. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, and president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, said the League will sponsor legislation to:

- (1) Make all advertising of alcoholic beverages illegal in the state of Georgia.
  - (2) Permit the holding of elections on beer. (The granting of beer licenses is now within the discretion of county commissioners.)
  - (3) Provide a mandatory program of real education on the evils of alcohol in public schools.
  - (4) Limit possession of a liquor, beer, or wine license to only one person in each family.
- Dr. Newton said he talked with Governor Talmadge personally. The governor assured him he is in favor of all four points in the plan and would sign the bills if they pass.

## Clergymen on Hand For Court Sessions

When an accused person appears before the Louisville Police Court bench, he tells his story not only to the judge, but to a clergyman as well.

Clergymen of different faiths are on hand four days each week, studying the court's procedures and problems and attempting to find ways of helping persons arraigned there. The program was suggested by the court itself.

Henry B. Mann, chairman of the Police Court Committee of the Louisville Council of Churches, described the program as "not only an opportunity for moral influence in public affairs" but "a challenge we cannot ignore."

He advised council members "not to try to tell the judge how to run Police Court in one easy lesson, or try to render judgments for him." Instead, clergymen will fill out questionnaires on their reactions, and meet periodically with court officials.

# A Smile or Two

Child Training Expert: "If your children become unmanageable, quickly switch their attention."

Puzzled Parent: "Switch their what?"

"Dear Mom,

"Your guess is as good as mine about where we're going. They gave me shots for yellow fever and a fur cap."

Smith stopped his car at a desolate crossroads and yelled to a farmer driving a load of hay: "Hey, Cornsilk, is this the way to Calgary?"

The farmer looked up in feigned astonishment. "By heck, stranger, how did you know my name is Cornsilk?" he asked.

"I guessed it," said motorist.

"Then by heck," said the farmer, as he drove on, "guess your way to Calgary."

"The worst crop failure I ever saw was back in '98," said the old-timer. "The corn crop that year was almost nothing. One day Mother cooked some for dinner and Father ate 14 acres at one sitting."

The aviation instructor, having delivered a lecture on parachute work, concluded: "And if it doesn't open—well, gentlemen, that's what is known as 'jumping to a conclusion.'"

Foreman: "Hey, bud, how come you are sleeping on the job?"

Quick-thinking employee: "Goodness gracious, can't a man close his eyes for a minute of prayer?"

He: (preparing to propose) "Uh, there has been something on my lips for a couple of weeks and—"

She: "Yes, I know. Why don't you shave it off?"

Mrs. White: "My son's letters from overseas always send me to the map."

Mrs. Black: "You're lucky, my sons letters always send me to the bank."

"Just fancy that," exclaimed the proud mother. "They've promoted our Herbert for hitting the sergeant. They've made him a court martial."

A man rushed into a drug store and asked the pharmacist what to do to stop hiccups. His answer was a slap in the face.

Shocked and angry, the stranger demanded a reason for the action.

"Well," said the pharmacist, grinning, "you don't have any hiccups now, do you?"

"No," shouted the customer, "but my wife out in the car still does."

Bill had a bill board. Bill also had a board bill. The board bill bored Bill so much that he sold his bill board to pay his board bill. And after Bill sold his bill board to pay his board bill, the board bill no longer bored Bill.

Hotel Clerk (to arriving guest): Pardon me, sir, but will you tell me what that coil of rope is for?

Guest: That's my own individual fire escape. Since all these hotel fires I carry it along for protection.

Hotel Clerk: I'm sorry, sir, but all guests carrying their own fire escapes must pay in advance.

# News From Baptist Press

## Designated Gifts Decline in 1950

Designated gifts to Southern Baptist Convention causes actually declined in 1950, it was revealed in a study made by Dr. Duke K. McCall, convention treasurer and secretary of the Executive Committee. Designated gifts declined in spite of a million dollar gain in undesignated giving.

Dr. McCall said, "For the first time in my experience designated receipts of the SBC Executive Committee declined in 1950 from the 1949 receipts. The designated gifts are simply channeled through the Executive Committee to the agency specified by the donor. While no effort is ever made to counteract gifts, it is recognized that designations indicate that the donor fears that the Cooperative Program is not adequately taking care of the agency in which he is specifically interested. Thus it is that a decline in designations, coupled with the largest increase in Cooperative Program receipts ever experienced, can only mean that Southern Baptists believe that the Cooperative Program is actually making adequate, proportionate provision for each agency.

"In 1949 and before," McCall observed, "the state Conventions of Maryland and Virginia sent their designated gifts direct to the SBC agency. Not counting the 1950 designated receipts from these two states, the SBC Executive Committee handled in 1950 a total of \$3,138,675 as against 1949 designated receipts of \$3,140,806.

"The reduction of designated gifts between 1949 and 1950 is only \$2,131. But it is headed in the right direction when compared with the increase of Cooperative Program receipts during the same period in the amount of \$1,016,573."

## Baptist Sunday School Board Publishes 55 Million Pieces

The Baptist Sunday School Board published nearly 55 million pieces of literature in 1950, according to a report from Noble Van Ness, production manager of the Board. Included were 43,668,750 periodicals, 8,405,000 tracts, 498,670 new books, 1,808,919 reprints of old books and 603,418 record books, giving a grand total of 54,984,757.

## Gives \$15,500 to Lottie Moon

The W. M. U. of First Baptist Church, Houston, raised more than \$15,500 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and co-operated with the church in a missionary conference that brought before the congregation eight missionaries and three other mission leaders. The program was built around the W. M. U. week of prayer and embraced eight days, December 3-10. Mrs. J. J. Tinsley is president of the W. M. U. and Dr. W. Boyd Hunt the pastor.

## Texas to Build Million Dollar Headquarters Building

Construction of a new million dollar Baptist headquarters building is under way in Texas. Located in downtown Dallas, close to the First Baptist Church, it will provide offices for three Baptist agencies, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board, and the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

## Historical Materials To Be Moved Later

Southern Baptist historical materials will remain in the seminary library at Louisville until the historical library is completed in the Baptist Sunday School Board's new nine story addition to its Ninth Street property in Nashville, according to an announcement by Dr. W. O. Carver, president of the Society.

Dr. Carver also said that Dr. Norman W. Cox, the new executive secretary of the Society, will begin work February 15, with offices in Nashville.

Dr. H. I. Hester, Liberty, Missouri, is the secretary-treasurer of the Society and will serve at least until the annual meeting of the Board of Directors in August.

## Methodists Credit SBC Baptist Papers

The Methodists think Southern Baptist state papers have had much to do with the tremendous growth of the denomination. The editor of the *Alabama Christian Advocate* points out the Baptist's 67 per cent increase in membership since 1925 as compared with his denomination's 31 per cent and the Baptist's 319 per cent increase in giving as compared with the Methodist's 42 per cent.

He then writes: "We will not attempt to give all the answers, but we wonder if their church papers haven't 'a hand in the pie.' We do not know how their circulation stacks up all over the Southern Baptist Church, but in Alabama the circulation of the *Alabama Baptist* is notable. It is 48,000! That is nearly three times the present circulation of the *Alabama Christian Advocate*.

"We would not even suggest that the Baptist papers are wholly responsible for the remarkable growth in their membership and giving. Many things have entered into this growth. But, is it not reasonable to suppose that the tremendous circulation of the Baptist papers has had something to do with the tremendous growth of their membership and giving?"

## 611 Resident Pastors Reported in Oklahoma

Oklahoma now has 1,112 churches with 879 conducting full-time services and 611 having pastors on the field, according to information released by Porter Routh, secretary, Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Nine hundred forty two of the churches have pastors. There are only 156 half-time and 71 quarter-time churches in the state. Only four churches reported no services.

Total membership for 1950 stands at 340,660 or 5.2 per cent higher than the 323,839 figure of 1949. There were 20,051 baptisms in 1950 as compared with 17,517 in 1949, a gain of 14.4 per cent.

## Baptist Hour Fan Mail

A young girl in North Alabama writes: "I am only sixteen years old, but I am old enough to know in my heart that our Christ wants me to do mission work for Him. Today when I heard your message I realized that I must begin NOW to grow spiritually and to seek His will for me."

## Hearings Scheduled On New Universal Service Plan

Chairman Carl Vinson (D.-Ga.) of the House Armed Services Committee, set January 18 as the opening date for hearings on the drastic new Universal Military Service plan which the Department of Defense is going to ask Congress to enact.

The proposal, which is expected to draw opposition from religious leaders, will require 2½ years of compulsory military service by all boys reaching the age of 18, commencing at the end of the present school year. Assignment to industrial training of a nature vital to defense production will be required of all boys found unfit for combat duty with the armed forces.

—Religious News Service

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## A Subtle TV Program

By JOHN W. BRADBURY, Editor  
*The Watchman-Examiner*

We feel considerable sympathy with Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the WCTU, who criticizes Columbia University for "behind the scenes co-operation" with a brewery on a television program. The program is the Pulitzer Prize Playhouse, sponsored by the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, over the ABC-TV network. It features famous plays, mostly Pulitzer Prize winners. Columbia's Pulitzer School of Journalism makes the annual awards. Mrs. Colvin has urged the University to withdraw its co-operation with the brewing company in presenting the plays over the ABC-TV network, and to return a \$100,000 gift from the Milwaukee beer manufacturer. She called the Playhouse program "a scheme of education for alcoholism which uses American classics as springboards for beer promotion." A tie-up that allies a great university and the Pulitzer name with programs which are obviously put on by a brewer to promote drinking in the American home is a deception and should be exposed.

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## Church People Urged To Join Safety Campaign

The Arkansas Safety Council is urging the church going people of the state to join with them in waging a campaign against "winter hazards" on our streets and highways.

Winter, with its dark dreary days and long nights, coupled with the additional hazards of streets coated with sleet, snow and ice, sets the stage for hundreds of accidents which result in death and injury for large numbers of our people.

These facts have already been borne out this winter by newspaper accounts of scores of accidents directly chargeable to weather and road conditions.

To combat these dangers the Safety Council urges extreme care first of all. Drivers are asked to drive slowly when the roadway is wet or covered with ice or snow. Beforehand precautions include keeping brakes, windshield wipers and defrosters in good mechanical condition and getting all glass surfaces free of ice before beginning a journey.

Extra care during the winter months does not apply to the motorist alone but it is a season for pedestrians to be on the double alert too, safety workers point out. Pedestrians should always remember that their safety is not wholly the responsibility of the driver.

SAVE LIVES—YOURS AND OTHERS



## First Church, Cabot Has Ground Breaking



Mrs. Pauline Patton Bodie, with spade in hand; left, W. W. Bodie, her son and senior deacon; right, Pastor Wilson Deese.

The scene portrayed by the accompanying picture has a personal, spiritual significance for the membership of the Cabot Church beyond the significance of a ground breaking ceremony for a new educational building. While the new building is to serve the Junior and Intermediate departments of the Sunday School and the Training Union, it is to be erected as a monument to, and in memory of, Mrs. Dorothy Bodie Hamilton, who passed to her heavenly reward, December 15, 1950, and the building is to be named the Dorothy Memorial Building. Mrs. Hamilton was church organist, she also taught a class of Junior girls in the Sunday School, was treasurer of the W. M. S., and Community Missions chairman in her circle.

Pastor Wilson Deese says of Mrs. Hamilton, "She always manifested the genuine and gentle Christian spirit in church, in business, on the street, and in the home. Everyone called her Dorothy and everyone enjoyed the little lift that came with Dorothy's smile.

"Dorothy has an interesting family history as it is traditionally related to this church. She joined the Cabot Church in 1917 during a revival conducted by Dr. Otto Whittington. Pictured above is Dorothy's 81-year-old mother, Mrs. Pauline Patton Bodie (holding the spade).

Mrs. Bodie joined the Cabot Church in 1880 and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Patton, were charter members of the Cabot Church, organized in 1875. Mrs. Patton organized the first W. M. S. in the Cabot Church, and Mrs. Bodie led the first Sunbeam band, of which Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence was a member.

"We are happy to erect this building to the memory of so great a Christian character as that of Mrs. Dorothy Bodie Hamilton. But it is our prayer that greater monuments will be erected to her memory in the souls added to the Kingdom through the use of the Dorothy Memorial Building."

## Youth Choir, First Church, Brinkley



First row, left to right: Lillie Mae McKnight, Johnnie Fay Putt, Lou Alice Mason, Dorla Medford, Archie Fray, director; Jeanne Hiley, organist; Betty Newby, Dorothy Redman, Rose Marie Alexander, Beverly Hutchins.

Second row: Carl Hampton, Celeste Stagg, Carolyn Edmonson, Florence Medford, Donna Beth Manes, Billy Jo Capalena.

Back row: Billy Houston, Don Fuller, Jerry Morgan, Jackie Pulliam, Bill Fowler, and L. F. Jacks.

H. L. Lipford is pastor of the church.

## Details of Dr. Wallace's Arrest In China



Dr. William Lindsey Wallace

Dr. William Lindsey Wallace, Southern Baptist missionary to China arrested by Communists, is still in custody, according to a letter Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has received from Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient. The letter was dated January 11.

Dr. Cauthen's information was brought to him by one of the Christians of Wuchow, where Dr. Wallace was serving as staff physician of Stout Memorial Hospital. The messenger said that at 3 a. m. on December 19, thirty or forty communist soldiers came to the entrance of the hospital saying they had a sick man who needed attention. When the door was opened they rushed into the grounds and surrounded Dr. Wallace's house.

They awakened Dr. Wallace, searched his

house, and ordered him to call the staff to the top floor of the hospital. About thirty minutes later when the entire staff was there together, the Communists asked that two of them go along to witness a careful searching of Dr. Wallace's room. One of the doctors and a pastor were selected, and Dr. Wallace and the servant who had worked with him for many years accompanied them.

"Upon searching the room they found an outboard motor which Dr. Wallace used with his boat," the letter continued. "This caused some comment but was quickly explained. Then they searched his bed and found a pistol under the mattress. Dr. Wallace told them that he had never had a gun in Wuchow. The servant said that he had made up the bed every day and he knew the gun was not Dr. Wallace's and had not been in the room before the Communists came." It was evident that the Communists had put the gun in Dr. Wallace's bed during the time the hospital staff was assembled on the top floor.

Dr. Wallace was taken away about 5 a. m. The pastor and doctor accompanied him to the prison, but they were released the next day. Dr. Wallace was kept in a private room for two or three days and then was kept with a number of prisoners.

The letter continued: "When he was taken away he was still wearing his pajamas, but the servant brought him shoes and an overcoat. Later more clothing and bedding were sent to him at the prison. The hospital has been sending food every day but people are not allowed to talk to him."

Miss Everley Hayes, Southern Baptist nurse, was not arrested. According to the report she has not been permitted to continue her daily routine in the hospital.

Dr. Cauthen concluded his message with a call to prayer: "I am sure all of you at the Board will join us in prayer for Bill. God is able to do more than we ask."

## Minister Ordained



Charles A. Thompson

Charles Thompson was ordained to the full gospel ministry by First Church, Jacksonville, on Sunday afternoon, January 14.

The examination of the candidate was conducted by Pastor L. G. Miller; the Bible was presented by Pastor R. L. Williams; the ordination sermon was delivered by Pastor H. W. Ryan, and the ordination prayer was led by Pastor Floyd Simmons. Pastor T. P. Gladden served as clerk of the presbytery.

In addition to the ministers serving on the council and conducting the service, the following deacons also served on the ordaining council: Q. W. Sanford, W. P. Bacon, T. P. White, M. M. Fuller Sr., B. M. Alberson, M. M. Fuller Jr.

## Youth Revival at Camden

By T. L. HARRIS

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" was the theme of the seven-day Youth-Led Revival, which closed at First Church, Camden, December 31. The Revival team was composed of Walter Hill, First Church, Stuttgart, preacher; Carroll Evans, Ouachita College, singer; the Ouachita College Male Quartet; and Dorothy Thomerson, Ouachita College, pianist and soloist. The Church's Youth Choir, orchestra, brass quartet, and other talent supplemented the music program.

Preparation for the meeting was led by the young people, who were organized into publicity, prayer, visitation, seminar, usher, entertainment, and fellowship committees. Each day included a full morning service, personal soul-winning in the afternoon, prayer meetings at 7, and the evening service which was followed by seminars on vital youth problems.

There were 31 decisions made during the meeting, twenty-one of which were professions of faith, and two of which were commitments to foreign service. Approximately half of the new Christians were led to the Lord in their homes by Intermediates and young people in the course of their personal witnessing.

God moved in a mighty way, using the Spirit-empowered preaching of Evangelist Hill and the devoted service of this consecrated team, to lead the whole church to a greater zeal for service and a more blessed fellowship with the Master.

## From Arkadelphia To South Carolina



J. G. Cothran

Pastor J. G. Cothran, whose resignation of the First Church, Arkadelphia, became effective January 1, has moved to 2241 Augusta Road, Greenville, South Carolina.

During the four and a half years of Mr. Cothran's pastorate in Arkadelphia, \$210,147.94 was given through the church for all purposes. A new Sunday School building was erected which will accommodate 750 people. This building will soon be ready for occupancy and will cost \$165,000 when completed. During 1950 approximately \$8,000 was spent on repairs of the old building. Members of the Arkadelphia Church gave \$50,000 to the Ouachita campaign, this contribution did not go through the church.

During Mr. Cothran's pastorate in Arkadelphia more than 1,400 people have united with the church. All organizations have been enlarged and the church program greatly expanded. The church has also maintained a radio ministry which has been widely and favorably received.

Pastor Cothran has been active in denominational work. He is president of the Ark-

ansas Baptist Foundation, a member of the Southern Hospital Board, New Orleans, and a member of the Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas.

The Cothrans have four children; one son, Joe, in Greenville, South Carolina, employed in the South Carolina National Bank of Greenville. Joe is a graduate of Ouachita College. Another son, Albert, is a junior in Baylor University; a daughter, Virginia, a senior in Ouachita; and John, a freshman in Ouachita.

Mr. Cothran plans to hold meetings, supply pulpits for the immediate present. He is also preparing a manuscript for a book on *The Christian Family*.

Closing his ministry at Arkadelphia, Pastor Cothran speaks out of his heart to the people to whom he has ministered as follows:

"The opportunity given in these days to minister to so many has warmed and inspired my heart. Only eternity can reveal the good that has been done.

"We cannot measure the growth of people in grace. We trust that many can say, 'We are better Christians because God brought us together.' We are grateful for those who have said this by letter, telephone, and by word of mouth.

"Give to the man called to be your pastor a full support. Pastors who get the most done for Christ are in churches where their leadership is trusted and where they are given the prayerful co-operation of the people in the pews. When God calls a pastor and places him in a church He calls the people to follow."

The Arkadelphia Church in regular conference on January 3, also adopted appropriate resolutions of appreciation for Mr. Cothran and his family, for the four and a half years of faithful service to the church. Pastor Cothran came to the Arkadelphia Church from Kentucky.

The resolutions passed by the church recognized the constructive ministry of Pastor Cothran, expresses regret at his leaving, and commends him and his family for the outstanding services rendered, and recommends him without reservation "to any field of service to which the Lord leads."

## Great Evangelistic Conference

By the Editor

Practically every phase of evangelism received major emphasis in the state wide Evangelistic Conference January 15-17 at the South Side Church in Pine Bluff. Many high hours were experienced, according to the testimony of all who attended this conference. In fact, every hour of the conference was a high hour.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions, is due the credit for planning a well balanced, challenging, inspirational, and dynamic program. Talent for the program was drawn liberally from the state with several outstanding speakers from outside the state. The personnel on the program consisted of both pastors and laymen and denominational workers from both state and south-side agencies.

The conference will undoubtedly give tremendous impetus to the evangelistic campaigns within the state whether they be individual and local revival meetings or simultaneous campaigns organized within the associations.

The churches were challenged to baptize

more persons than in any single year of their history. Each church in the state is also challenged to sponsor at least two mission revivals.

The conference was largely attended and those present came from all parts of the state. Present in attendance were pastors, lay leaders, Sunday School workers, W. M. U. representatives, and other interested soul winners. It was estimated that more than 500 people attended the conference, besides those of the city of Pine Bluff.

Pastor Lloyd A. Sparkman and the South Side Church entertained the conference in royal fashion. Their hospitality was boundless and their courtesy and cordiality made everyone feel the friendliness of the South Side Church and its pastor. The beautiful new auditorium of the church was an inspiration to all who attended.

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If you are not as close to God as you once were don't make a mistake about which one has moved.

—Copied.

# Foreign Mission Advance

M. THERON RANKIN, *Secretary*

## December Receipts Already At Work

The Foreign Mission Board in its January meeting began the channeling of the \$675,000 received from the Cooperative Program in December. The money represents Southern Baptist giving to the advance of foreign missions and was the amount over the Convention's 1950 budget of \$6,675,000 which was reached late in November. It is in addition to the Board's \$2,350,000 share in the basic budget.

"This money will make possible the appointment of 100 new missionaries in 1951," commented Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Board. "The appointment of these young people now preparing themselves for the foreign mission field would not have been possible except for this over and above gift."

The money will also enable the Board to meet large needs for capital expenditures which could not be included in its regular budget.

The \$675,000 will be distributed as follows:

\$275,000 will underwrite the appointment of 100 new missionaries in 1951

\$150,000 will be applied on buildings and equipment for the international Baptist seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina

\$125,000 will purchase additional land and buildings for the international Baptist seminary in Zurich, Switzerland.

\$75,000 will go toward completion of the Baptist Hospital in Barranquilla, Columbia

\$25,000 will be applied on the construction of a building for the College Baptist Church, Recife, North Brazil

\$25,000 will construct residences on the hospital compound in Transjordan.

The seminary in Buenos Aires will serve both men and women from five nations. Money from the December gift will partially pay for an administration building and two dormitories. The Baptist Theological Seminary in Zurich serves the continent of Europe. The Baptist hospital in Barraquilla is the first hospital in Colombia and the only Baptist hospital north of Paraguay. Recife, Brazil, is a city of about forty Baptist churches, but not one with a really adequate building. The College Baptist Church will not only serve the 1,000 students of the Baptist academy, but also the elementary and high school students of the mission compound. The hospital in Transjordan is in Ajloun, near Amman, the capital. It was an outright gift from a group of Anglicans who had become impressed

with the approach of Southern Baptists in the support of their institutions.

## Dr. Wallace Still in Custody

Dr. Cauthen reports that a letter from Miss Everley Hayes, nurse at the Stout Memorial Hospital at Wuchow, where Dr. W. L. Wallace, staff physician, was arrested in December, says:

"I do not feel I can make any decisions until I can consult with Bill which doesn't seem to be likely very soon, probably a matter of weeks. In the meanwhile we need your prayers that we may have wisdom in all our dealings. I have no regrets for being here at this time. I am sure God will work His will in all things. We have His promise that He is with us always."

People too often reserve their expressions of love and esteem until their friends or loved ones are dead.—Copied.

## Why Attend the Sunday Night Service?

The Lord's day begins at midnight Saturday and closes at midnight Sunday, twenty-four hours of it. It does not close when we leave the church on Sunday morning.

At the night service we worship the same God we worshipped at 11:00 a. m.

At the night service the same Bible is used.

At the night service the same pastor preaches.

At the night service we pray in the name of the same Christ.

At the night service we sing the same worshipful hymns.

At the night service we follow the leading of the same Holy Spirit.

Consider what your best friends attending the night service think of its value in their spiritual growth.

—Baptist Bulletin Service—

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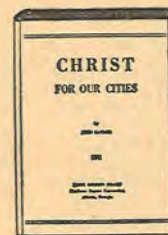


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## Religious Education Department

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### The Training Union At Work

*This is the third of a series of articles about the workers and work of the Religious Education Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.*

Since 1945 Mr. Ralph W. Davis has served in Arkansas as State Training Union Director. Mr. Davis came to this state well prepared. During fifteen years in the pastorate he magnified Training Union work. He also served for some time as state approved Adult Training Union Department worker and as Associational Training Union Director for Pulaski County Association. During the past five years Training Union enrolment has more than doubled.

In addition to the necessary office work, Director Davis spends a great deal of time on the field speaking in different meetings such as Associational Workers Conferences, Training Union Rallies and Church Meetings. He conducts a number of individual church and associational-wide Enlargement Campaigns and Training Schools throughout the year. Every effort is being made to have the associations organized for Training Union Work. The associations are encouraged to conduct either central or simultaneous training schools and enlargement campaigns. Workers in the larger churches are encouraged to help in the smaller churches.

Throughout the year Mr. Davis and those working with him in the different associations promote Training Union work by planning for and promoting various events. "M" Night, Training Union Mobilization night, is observed some time during the first part of December. This affords an excellent preparation for the Training Union work of the year. In March of each year the State Training Union Convention is held. Other helpful promotional projects include such events as pre-Convention Training Union Attendance Night, Join the Training Union Day, Youth Week, and Christian Home Week.

During the last week in January of this year every effort is being made to enlist Training Union leaders and members in six central leadership schools. These will be held in six of the larger cities in the state. It is called Arkansas Church Development Week. South-wide and State leaders, some sixty or more, have been enlisted to teach in these six leader-



Ralph W. Davis

ship schools under the direction of Mr. Davis.

Other splendid promotional features are the Junior Memory Drill the Intermediate Sword Drill, and the Young People's Speakers' Tournament with elimination tournaments in the churches during January and February, and in the association in February and March, with the State Tournament held at the State Training Union Convention in March. The State winners are sent to Ridgecrest each summer with all expenses paid.

For more than eleven years organized Summer Work has been conducted under the leadership of the State Training Union Director. Each year thirty-two or more college students are enlisted, trained, and sent into five or six of the associations in the state to conduct Union Enlargement Campaigns. Seventy-five or eighty rural and small-town churches are reached and helped each year.

Mr. Davis works in close cooperation with the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee, and with the Religious Education Department in Arkansas.

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The best prayer is one of thanksgiving. Most of us get all the blessings we deserve.

### 1950 Achievements

As reported in the different associational minutes in 1950, the Training Union enrolment rose to 65,325. This is a 93 per cent gain since 1945. There were 18,797 study course awards earned; 391 churches in 41 associations reported some study course work done. Twenty-five associations observed "M" Night with a total attendance of 5,599. More than 3,000 attended the State Training Union Convention, and 71 churches were served by the Summer Field Workers during July and August.

### Objectives for 1951

Every effort will be made to increase the Training Union enrolment to 70,000. This will be a gain this year of approximately 5,000. Associational Training Union leaders will seek to enlist 100 additional churches to have some kind of Training Union work in operation. Another objective will be to have every one of the 43 associational Training Union organizations functioning efficiently. The study course award objective is 20,000 with 500 churches reporting some kind of Training Union study course work done. An outstanding objective is to have at least 20 associations conducting central, group or simultaneous Training Schools or Enlargement Campaigns.

### Some Important 1951 Training Union Dates

January 29-February 2, Arkansas Church Development Week with six Training Union Leadership Schools held in six cities.

January-February, Church elimination tournament for Junior Memory Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill, and Young People's Speakers' Tournament.

February-March, Associational elimination tournaments.

March 16-17, State Training Union Convention, El Dorado, with the holding of the State Tournament.

April 8-15, Youth Week.

April 19, Join the Training Union Day.

May 6-13, Christian Home Week.

July 3-11, Arkansas Baptist State Assembly.

July 13-August 25, Organized Summer Field Work.

July 25 - August 1, Arkansas Training Union Week at Ridgecrest.

October 29, State Planning Meeting for Associational Training Union officers.

December 10, "M" Night (Mobilization Night).

For further information and free promotional literature write to Reverend Ralph W. Davis, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

### Attention

#### Training Union People

Last call for Arkansas Church Development Week, January 29-February 2, six simultaneous Training Union leadership schools will be conducted in the following six cities: First, Jonesboro; Immanuel, Little Rock; First, Pine Bluff; First, El Dorado; Second, Hot Springs; Calvary, Fort Smith.

Every Training Union worker and member is urged to attend the school nearest to him. Training Union work by departments will be taught throughout the week by trained workers. The first period will be from 7 to 7:45 each night, which will be a general conference conducted by a worker from the Baptist Sunday School Board. This conference will be followed by one teaching period of one hour and fifteen minutes. A goal of 3,000 has been set for these six schools.

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#### Missionary Melodies

A mother was desirous that her own three children love all the children of the world. So she decided to collect songs for a book. She hoped with her own songs and the songs of others to kindle the world-mindedness of children from the missionary point of view.

Louanah Riggs Holcomb is that mother. The song book she compiled is *Missionary Melodies*. The book is illustrated by Carol Critchfield. Fun songs, worship songs, and singing games to play are included. It is designed for boys and girls from three to nine years of age, and to be used by leaders and workers with children.

Mrs. Holcomb is the wife of Clifford A. Holcomb, secretary of Music and of the Baptist Brotherhood of Florida. She taught music in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and later continued her education at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. There she met Mr. Holcomb. After they were married, they worked together in education and music in several Louisiana churches. Their home is now in Jacksonville, Florida. The book is available at your Baptist Book Store.

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#### Can You?

If you can sit at set of sun  
 And count the deeds that you  
 have done  
 And counting find  
 One self-denying act, one word  
 That eased the heart of him that  
 heard—  
 One glance most kind,  
 Which fell like sunshine where he  
 went,  
 Then you may count that day well  
 spent.

—Robert Browning

## Woman's Missionary Union

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

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President

MISS NANCY COOPER  
Executive Secretary and Treasurer

MISS DORIS DEVAULT  
Young People's Secretary

## A Colorful Week for Young Woman's Auxiliary

These suggested "colorful activities" for observance of YWA Focus Week, February 4-10, "will harmonize into lives radiant for the Master Artist."

1. Plan an afternoon or evening of visitation for enlistment of new members in YWA! Do you need to visit any members who are "often inactive?"

2. This is an excellent time to study one of the new Home Mission books! The one written for young people is *Whisper Out of the Dust*. The price is 50 cents, secure from Baptist Book Store, 303 W. Capitol, Little Rock.

3. Present a program before your church. Enlist your pastor first of all in the making of plans . . . he will be of great assistance. On Sunday, February 4, ask him to recognize YWA's in a special way. Wednesday evening would be a fine time to lead the service.

4. Contact unsaved friends! Plan a cottage prayer meeting. Invite them to church. Seek to introduce them to their greatest friend, Jesus.

5. This is a fine time to organize your YWA Book Club. Write State WMU Office, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock, for the YWA Book Club list and leaflet. To date we do not have a club reported in Arkansas. Will you be first? You can!

6. Organize a new YWA. Are your members working on the YWA Citation? Your magazine refers to the Citation plans often . . . check on the five requirements and determine to work on them now.

7. Magazine campaign! Goal should be 100 per cent subscribing to *The Window of YWA*. Plan for YWA Camps: Ridgecrest, July 5-11, and State Camp, August 10-12.

8. Climax the week with a YWA banquet. Copy of a suggested program was sent each YWA counselor. Additional copies are available at State WMU Office.

### Concerning Displaced Persons

The following appeared in a recent copy of *The Survey Bulletin*: "Deadline for issuing visas to Displaced Persons is June 30, 1951. Anyone interested in the program should write to the Southern Baptist Displaced Person Office, 2940 Napoleon Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana, for information. There are still several thousand Baptist displaced persons in Europe who need sponsors."

Canvass your community for opportunities to place some of these Baptist friends who are homeless and who may enter our country when properly sponsored. Write for the rules governing their entry.

### Helping Others To Become Christians

That is the heart of Community Missions! **HELPING OTHERS TO BECOME CHRISTIANS!** January 29 is the date suggested for real concentration on "our own community and consecration to the task of making it Christian. January 29 is the day set apart in Arkansas as the Day of Prayer for Community Missions. Suggestions for the observance were mailed to all presidents and young people's directors.

The results of this day should be vital in the life of your organization, your church, your community. It is designed to promote evangelism by encouraging all Christians to become evangelists. And what is the incentive for this personal witnessing? We give the outline used in one chapter of the book entitled *Helping Others to Become Christians* by Dr. Roland Leavell:

- I. Evangelism By Every Christian is Scripturally Authorized
- II. Evangelism By Every Christian is Historically Justified
- III. Evangelism By Every Christian is Spiritually Effective
- IV. Evangelism By Every Christian is Personally Satisfying
- V. Evangelism is Universally Needed.

Is it not enough that we are authorized, that we are divinely commissioned, that we are committed to the task? January 29 is not just one day in which we are to consider the best ways to witness, the needs of the community, and answering the needs. It should be a day that will re-call us to the task committed to Christians, the task that is ever present, the task that is a daily responsibility.

### Have You Planned—?

Are the dates set for a full-graded study of Home Missions preceding the observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 5-9? Select GOOD teachers. Get the texts into their hands now. Secure copies for individual members. Order all books from the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock.

## Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, State Secretary

219 Baptist Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

## Brotherhood Printed Helps

The Brotherhood Department carries on hand a large variety of Brotherhood helps. Many of these are available to you free of cost. All others are sold at approximate cost. Some of these items are:

1. **Organizational and promotional literature.** Send for a free packet, which includes a full spray of Brotherhood organizational tracts and also a copy of the little booklet, "Organizing and Operating a Church Brotherhood."

2. The booklet, "Organizing and Operating a Church Brotherhood," is available in quantity at five cents per copy, postpaid.

3. Another booklet, "Organizing and Operating an Associational Brotherhood," is available in quantity at five cents per copy, postpaid.

4. Dr. R. J. West's little book, "Brotherhood in Action," may be purchased for thirty cents per copy.

5. The "Brotherhood Guide-Book," recently published by the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, is available in paper binding at 75 cents per copy, and in cloth binding at \$1.25 per copy. Order from the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock, or from the Brotherhood Office, 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

6. The "Brotherhood Journal", quarterly publication of the Brotherhood Commission, may be ordered from The Brotherhood Commission, Commerce Title Building, Memphis 3, Tennessee; or your order will be forwarded from the Brotherhood Office in Little Rock. Send the names and addresses of the men who are to receive the Journal, and the Journal will be mailed (postpaid) to each man at his home address. The cost is 10 cents per copy. Your church will be billed quarterly.

7. The "Brotherhood Record Book", indispensable for the Brotherhood Secretary, may be purchased for one dollar, postpaid.

8. "The Brotherhood Bulletin", bi-monthly publication of the Brotherhood Commission, is free. Send your name and address to the Memphis office.

Other materials are also available. A complete list of these may be found on the back (outside) cover of any copy of the Brother-

hood Journal.

And in addition to the above printed helps you may purchase **Brotherhood buttons** (oxidized silver) at thirty cents each. This is a quality product, with the familiar Brotherhood "B". This button in solid gold may be ordered from The Brotherhood Commission. The price is \$6 each.

The State Brotherhood Office also has available in quantity two other items which are having wide circulation. One of these is an evangelistic tract, "Essential Steps in Personal Soul-Winning." This tract sets forth a METHOD in soul-winning, and is being distributed by thousands all over the Southern Baptist Convention. The tract is available at cost, which is 65 cents per 100, postpaid; (or \$6.50 per 1,000, postpaid.)

The other item is a **family-group survey (census) card**, which is designed for use either in preparation for an evangelistic campaign in a local church, or for any type of organizational enlargement campaign. The card is large enough to contain information without crowding (7 x 4 3/8 inches), and has spaces for processing members at each end. The family card has several distinct advantages over the individual card, in that the family name and address is written only once, and in that the whole family group can be seen in perspective. This is ideal for preparation for a revival, and a great help at all other times. And it is an extremely simple matter to use the card also for a source for Sunday School prospects, Training Union prospects; and prospects for Brotherhood or for Woman's Missionary Union.

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SAN CARLOS	811 Geary	3.00		4.00	
SENATE	467 Turk	3.00-	4.00	4.00-	6.00
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SHELDON	629 Post	3.00-	4.00	4.50-	7.00
SOMERTON	440 Geary	3.50		4.50-	5.00
SPALDING	240 O'Farrell	3.00-	4.00	4.00-	6.00
STEWART	353 Geary	3.50-	5.00	5.00-	8.00
STRATFORD	242 Powell	3.00-	4.00	3.50-	6.00
SUTTER	191 Sutter	3.00-	6.00	4.00-	9.00
TERMINAL	60 Market	3.00		5.00-	6.00
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### Home

A Meal to plan, a bed to make  
A baby's bath at ten;  
Snow white clothes upon the line,  
The neighbors dropping in!

A window Box so bright and gay  
With flowers that peep inside;  
A mother's song, a father's prayer,  
A little child to guide!

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Including Missions	1135	441	
Little Rock, Immanuel	845	328	5
Including Missions	985	469	
Little Rock, First	793	373	8
El Dorado, First	781	260	3
Including Missions	842	312	
Hot Springs, Second	614	210	3
Fayetteville, First	598	191	3
Little Rock, Second	576	125	
Magnolia, Central	520	201	
Including Missions	584		
Pine Bluff, South Side	519	192	2
Including Mission	539	230	
El Dorado, Immanuel	506	232	5
Including Missions	549	267	
El Dorado, Second	486	256	1
Camden, First	483	187	5
Including Missions	703	371	
Crossett, First	453	303	2
Fort Smith, South Side	445	130	39
Hope, First	428	126	2
Benton, First	421	94	3
Paris, First	407	112	
Including Mission	427		
Forrest City, First	393	157	4
Springdale, First	393	229	4
Including Missions	494		
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	388	149	1
Smackover, First	371	137	1
Fordyce, First	362	160	3
Siloam Springs, First	361	244	6
Russellville, First	352	130	5
Including Mission	398	149	
El Dorado, West Side	351	131	2
Hot Springs, Park Place	349	153	4
Hot Springs, Central	342	140	4
Stuttgart, First	333	372	
Including Mission	366	403	
Rogers, First	332	118	2
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	324	172	2
Hamburg, First	315	141	
Norphlet, First	312	245	
Cullendale, First	310	170	
Conway, First	304	99	
Little Rock, So. Highland	290	105	3
Mena, First	261	105	1
Hot Springs, First	261	91	1
Monticello, First	242	110	
Bentonville, First	231	93	
Jacksonville, First	225	129	
Searcy, First	225	111	
Fort Smith, Temple	214	143	4
Gentry, First	213	146	2
Pine Bluff, Second	210	86	2
No. Little Rock, First	207	83	
Hot Springs, Piney	202	115	
Gurdon, Beach St.	173	86	
Strong, First	113	51	
Magnolia, Immanuel	101	69	2
Warren, Immanuel	85	82	1
Fort Smith, North Side	80	66	3
Watson, Kelso Baptist	76	50	
Monte Ne, First	63	61	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	59	44	

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### Summer Work

When school closes for the summer the B. S. U. does not close with it. Students go back to their home churches to serve the Lord. Many of them give their entire summer to the services of needy churches in Arkansas. Summer field workers have been in every corner of the state. Countless churches have a Training Union or a Sunday School today because of this work. Some glorious examples could be given of full time churches today which were inactive until the summer field workers came. Scores of souls in Arkansas are saved today because of the efforts of these young people.

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## Sunday School Lesson for

January 28, 1951

Mark 3:13-4:34

Text: Mark 4:1-2; 26-34

Be sure to read the setting for the lesson, beginning with Mark 3:13.

The multitudes were thronging Jesus to hear His messages and to be healed of many kinds of diseases. Had the time arrived when He felt the need for helpers in the work? Or perhaps the Lord was thinking of the future when He would have to leave the kingdom work in the hands of others? At any rate, in the midst of heavy activities, we find Jesus spending an entire night in prayer, then on the morrow He called His disciples unto Him and out of His disciples He chose twelve men and ordained them apostles. These were specially called out men for full time service; these were to receive special training and were to be invested with great power similar to that of the Lord Himself; they would go out preaching the gospel of salvation, and would be able to confirm the word they preached with miraculous deeds.

### Unwarranted Criticism

Having chosen His helpers, we next find the multitudes swarming the house where Jesus was staying until He and His apostles were not able to find time for their meals (Mark 3:20). So great were His miracles, so sensational the results of His work, He soon found Himself being criticized by friend, foe, and family.

His friends accused Him of being "beside Himself," or out of his mind; so they proceeded to lay hold on Him, perhaps with the idea of confinement to protect Him from Himself.

The Scribes and Pharisees came all the way from Jerusalem to obstruct His ministry, and they came proclaiming Him a prince of devils. They accused Him of casting out devils by the power of the Devil; or by Beelzebub, the the prince of devils. How very ridiculous and inconsistent. Jesus asked them how could Satan's house stand if it were so divided against itself. Why should He fight evil and cast out the powers of darkness if He were a consort of Satan?

But saddest of all His experiences perhaps was to learn that even His mother and her other sons would call Him out of service and escort Him home, for they too must have thought Him to be out of His head.

It is easier somehow to endure criticism from others than it is

from one's own family. We have no reason to believe that the household of Mary were true believers in Jesus as the Christ until after His resurrection from the dead.

### Teaching by Parables

Jesus refused to be hindered in His service by anybody. His family could no more sway Him from His goal than could the multitudes or the enemies. So we next find Him (Mark 4:1) teaching by the sea-side, and the crowd pressed Him so greatly He entered a ship and preached from it. At this time He began to teach by parable or illustration, because of the presence of enemies who would endeavor to entangle Him with accusations and foolish questions. The leaders of Israel were too dense to understand His parables, and what His disciples did not understand from His public teachings, He explained to them privately.

He had been preaching the gospel of the kingdom heretofore, and now the parables were concerning the kingdom and its phenomenal growth on the earth. He described the farmer who went forth sowing seed into the earth. He mentioned four conditions for growth. Some seeds, He said, are sown by the wayside and are trodden down by the busy traffic or the fowls of the air pick them up, hence they do not bring forth fruit.

Other seeds are sown among the rocks, hence they could not take root, there was no moisture to sprout the seeds; of course, those seeds brought forth no fruit.

Other seeds fell among thorns and were choked out by the things of the world. But some seed fell on good ground, well prepared soil, where conditions were just right for growth, and these sprang up and bare fruit up to a hundred fold.

### Few Hearers Will Heed

The same truths hold in nature and in the spiritual realm. Many seeds were wasted by the wayside, among the rocks and thorns and in the unprepared soil. But some brought forth fruit. Many of the truths Jesus taught were wasted—on deaf ears. The same thing is true of Christian workers today. So, if Jesus could not win everybody with His great power

and personality, we should not be discouraged today if visible results sometimes seem unduly small. The lesson is that we should be faithful in our efforts to win the lost; our business is to earnestly sow the seed pertaining to the knowledge of the Kingdom of God, and leave the results to Him.

Jesus said that after the seeds are sown, the farmer goes to bed and sleeps. Day and night rotate just the same, time goes by, and presently his seeds have grown up—and he understands not how it happened. All he could do in the first place was to plant the seed and wait for nature to take its course. Paul said that one sows the seed, another waters or helps in the cultivation of it, but God giveth the increase. Only God can convict and save the lost.

Again (verse 30) He compared the Kingdom to a grain of mustard, said to be the smallest seed in the vegetable kingdom; but when that tiny seed was full grown, it made a tree large enough for the fowls of the air to build their nests in. It outgrew all the other herbs. So it was with the kingdom Jesus began; it started from one man. Later that man called out twelve uneducated men to work with Him. And when they stood by and watched their leader die on a cruel cross they gave up hope of accomplishing the kingdom they had set out to establish. Yet, from that humble beginning has developed the greatest institution on earth. All the born again believers, from the hundreds of religious denominations, can trace their salvation back to that humble beginning of

the Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus

### Complacent Christiandom Causes Limitations

We get another lesson from verse 33, where Jesus was limited in His teaching ministry because the people were not able to grasp a great deal that He taught them or wanted to teach them. A great many godly, conscientious pastors and Christian leaders are hindered in their service today because of the indifference of church members. Oftentime able teachers are restricted in their services, and in their desires to share their Bible knowledge with others, because so few are interested in really learning the Bible.

Mark said that Jesus was able to speak to those people in a limited manner, just as they were "able to hear," they were not antagonistic, they were just dull of hearing. Progress of the local church today is seldom, if ever, hindered by "outsiders"; the world is not the real obstruction in the pathway of the cause of Christ, the trouble lieth at our own doorstep. If Christians were on fire for the Lord, the world would be turned up-side-down for Him, and the blind confusion that has beset us would not be present. It seems vain, and tends toward open mockery, to ask God for peace and more blessings until we are willing to repent of our sins and complacency and use the blessings He has already bestowed upon us for His glory, and to spread the everlasting gospel around the inhabited earth.

## Annie Armstrong Offering at Work in Panama

Canal Zone Dependent On Annie Armstrong Offering



Eugene Wolfe and family had been in Chorrera, Panama, a little more than two months when he wrote:

"Our hearts are touched continually by thousands of unreached people here. We are planning to go from house to house with the gospel.

"This month one of the leading drugstore owners made a profession of faith. He seems to be truly interested in the work of the Kingdom.

"We are starting a class tomorrow for baptismal candidates. Five or six are ready for baptism."

Mr. Wolfe is one of our four missionaries serving among approximately 600,000 Panamanians.

When Dr. Courts Redford, the assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, was helping in the dedication of the first building owned by Southern Baptists in this area, a snake came in the back door and the crowd was much excited. But at the close two young men gave their hearts to the Lord and since that time one of these has dedicated his life for special Christian service.

The work in Panama and the Canal Zone is supported almost entirely by the gifts from the Annie Armstrong Offering. Of the goal of \$800,000 for 1951, \$20,000 is already designated for this very important work,



## Our Meeting with Moderators and Clerks

Tuesday, January 9, was a day of real inspiration, fellowship, and information when seventy-five associational officers from thirty-seven associations met with the General Secretary and his assistant at First Baptist Church, Little Rock.

Many problems and phases of associational work were discussed and some plans made to off-set some of these difficulties. For instance, one of the things discussed was that of the probability of the various associations arranging their annual meetings on consecutive dates in order that the General Secretary and other state workers might be afforded the opportunity of visiting in all associational meetings. Under the present system of meetings, this has been impossible due to the fact that on one day as many as six annual meetings were in progress, and on those days where there are not so many different meetings, those that are in progress are usually so widely separated that it is almost humanly impossible to cover all of the meetings, and this we want to do. Of course, such an arrangement could not be worked out in 1951 but we can make some progress along that line for 1952. A committee, composed of A. P. Elliff, L. H. Roseman, and T. T. Newton, was appointed to make a study and investigation of such plan and this committee will make its report to all

associational moderators in the near future. Other studies of the day included the style and length of "suggested" reports from the General Secretary's office and how they could best be presented and the contents preserved in the annual minutes of the association.

Co-operation between this office and the associational officers was stressed, and promotional objectives for the year were presented to the officers which included (1) The Every Member Canvass, (2) The Cooperative Program, (3) Tithers Enlistment Visitation, (4) Training for Co-operation through the Vacation Bible Schools, and (5) Conserving and Utilizing our Church Memberships.

The open discussion period under each subject presented an opportunity for every one present to give us the benefit of his or her experience in associational work along some particular line, and one of the gratifying features of the meeting to the General Secretary was the fine way in which practically every body took part in these discussions. We feel that much good will come from this meeting and we are already planning and thinking about another such meeting in 1952.

We deeply appreciate all of the associational officers and their good work in carrying on the Lord's business in their respective associations and in helping us try to co-ordinate all of our work.

## Resolution

WHEREAS, It is with much regret that the employees of the various departments of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention have learned of the resignation of their friend and co-laborer, Dr. John Freeman, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, and

WHEREAS, the said employees would express to Dr. Freeman their regret in losing him as a friend, counsellor, and co-laborer; they would also express to him their profound wishes for health, happiness, and prosperity wherever the Lord may lead him in service;

### Therefore Be It Resolved

That the employes of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, assembled on this sixteenth day of January, 1951, for their regular weekly period of prayer and devotion, take this method and opportunity of expressing to Dr. John D. Freeman their profound regret and disappointment at the news of his resignation as Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, because in him we have been blessed, individually and as a group, by his presence in our community life as co-laborers in the Kingdom work of our Lord; by his wise counsel; and, by his devotion to his work and the cause of Christ generally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Dr. Freeman and his family an assurance of our continued brotherly love and an interest in our prayers that the Lord will bless and lead them in whatever field of work they may be led to of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nelson F. Tull*

*W. Dawson King*

*L. E. Coleman*

A Committee for the Employees of the various departments of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

## South Side, Pine Bluff In Glorious Advance

We have just received a financial report from South Side Church, Pine Bluff, for the year 1950. We think some of the achievements of this great church are worthy of comment. For instance in 1946 the total receipts for the general budget were \$27,779.32. In 1950 they were \$64,299.74. Each year shows a steady increase. The increase in receipts for the general church budget has resulted also in a steady increase in Mission gifts from the church. In 1950 the church gave \$7,688.67 to the Cooperative Program. They will give \$9,000 in 1951.

Lloyd A. Sparkman is the pastor of this growing, soul-winning church. With one of the most beautiful and spacious auditoriums in the state completed less than a year ago, South Side is another church which has not "tightened" its purse strings against giving to Missions but on the other hand has increased them. We thank the Lord for this great church and its sympathetic, co-operative, and prayerful pastor.

The light which shines furthest is the light which shines brightest at its source.

## The Greatest Year!

1950 was the greatest year in the history of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention from many viewpoints. One of these was in the number of churches giving to the Baptist Mission cause through the Cooperative Program. Our books show that 928 churches gave through the Cooperative Program in 1950 with 28 others who did not give through the Cooperative Program giving to other causes.

We thank the Lord for this record. The Cooperative Program is Missions, brethren. Let us join hands and hearts as we strive to make 1951 even a greater year for the glory of the Lord.

## The Honor Fund

We are on the next to the last lap of our journey in the race for victory in paying our old debts. We started out to pay several hundred thousand dollars. We have cut it down to a figure which is less than \$100,000. We need a little more than \$90,000 now to finish up the task. What a glorious day it will be for Arkansas Baptists when it is done, (then let us see to it that we keep on a cash basis. Let our institutions beware!) We have just received another \$100 contribution for the Honor Fund. Mr. Clyde Spiller, Charleston, is the donor. Recently Dr. Tibbles of Black Rock did the same thing. If you have some money over and above your regular church contribution why not put some in on this fund. Thank you Brother Spiller and Dr. Tibbles.

## Hold Your Dates Open For Denominational Leadership Conferences!

Hope, February 27  
Camden, March 1  
McGehee, March 1  
Fort Smith, March 6  
Batesville, March 8  
Jonesboro, March 9

Due to the necessity of changing some of our places of meeting and their dates, we would ask that you disregard or change your copy of the calendar of activities to coincide with the above mentioned schedule. Each church and pastor in the state will receive our personal letter advising names of speakers and other pertinent details of the conferences.

## All That We Asked

Piney Grove Church in Hope Association is going forward under the leadership of Pastor Billy Joe Walsh. They have some fine men and women in their membership. U. N. Landes is the treasurer. He says that the church has voted to answer our prayers about the Cooperative Program. It has voted to give all that we asked it to give for 1951. Thank you Brother Landes and Brother Walsh. We hope some day to visit you.

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In the manner that a man handles his troubles during the day, he goes to bed at night a general, a captain, or a private.—

—Ed Howe

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