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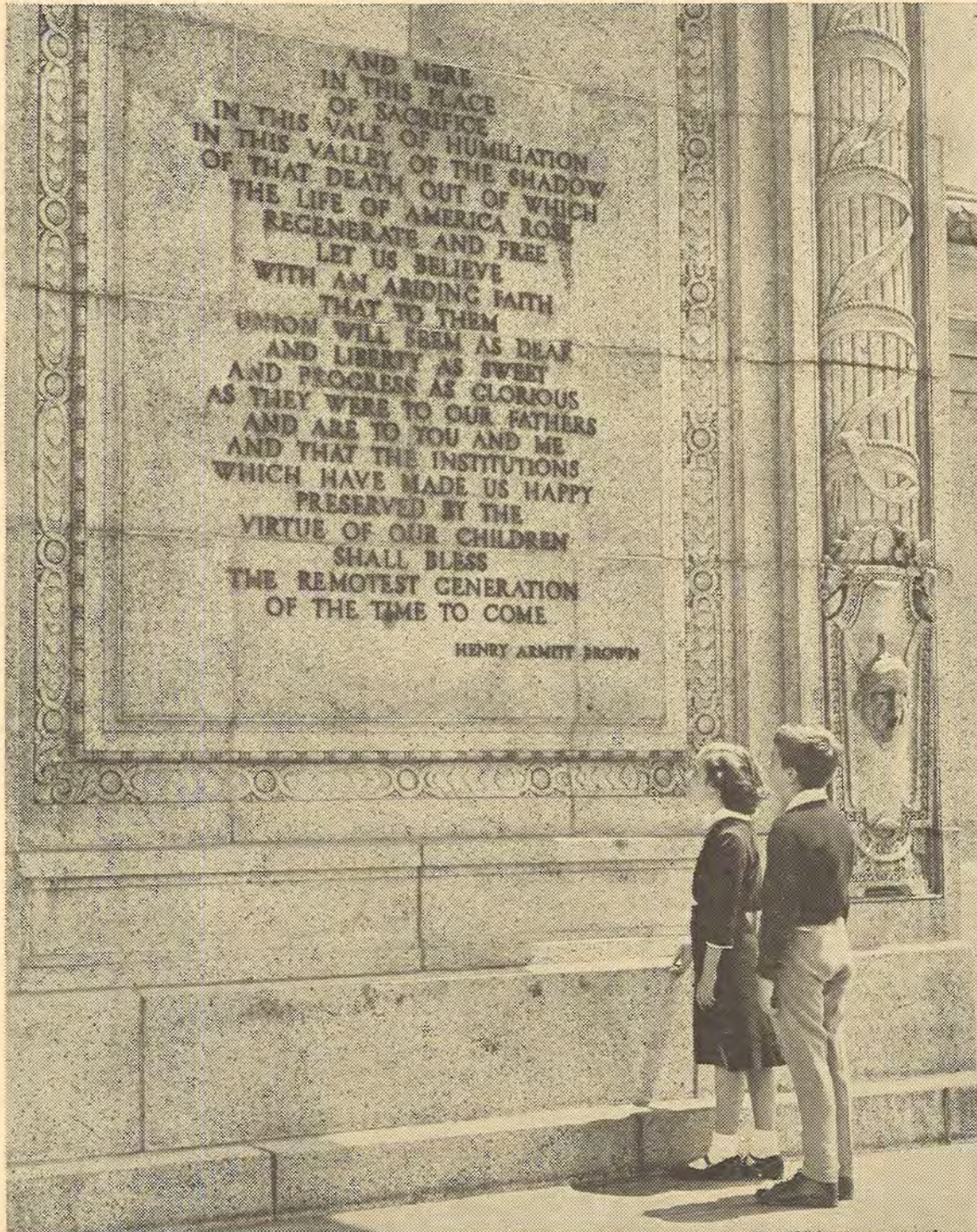
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—H. Armstrong Roberts.

VALLEY FORGE

*The greatest threat to our free Institutions Is
That they become Enmeshed in Bureaucratic Government*

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**NORTH LITTLE ROCK
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LIBRARY**

Statewide Evangelistic Conference

By the Editor

Theme: The Commissioned Church

All the streets surrounding Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, on the night of January 14, were lined on both sides with automobiles, so that late comers had to park several blocks from the church. Why such an assembly of automobiles around the Baring Cross Church? The opening session of the Statewide Evangelistic Conference was in progress, and the Baring Cross Church was packed to the galleries with Baptists from all over the state. It was a propitious opening with Dr. C. W. Caldwell, state superintendent of missions, who had arranged the program, presiding, with John Walker, minister of music of the First Church, Little Rock, directing the singing.

Howard Butt Jr., businessman of Corpus Christi, Texas, who was to appear on the program, was unable to make the schedule because he was grounded in Chicago by bad weather on his return trip from a speaking engagement in Canada. Doctor Caldwell switched the item "Laymen's Testimonies," which appeared on the printed program for Tuesday night, to this opening session on Monday night. Several laymen gave their Christian testimonies in positive and vigorous terms.

Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Dallas, Texas, delivered a message on the subject, "A Commissioned Church Faces Its Greatest Hour." Doctor Matthews was at his best in this message and the amen responses of the audience indicated the responsive chord which he touched in the hearts of those present.

Because of the necessities incident to getting out the next issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*, we were unable to attend all the sessions of the Evangelistic Conference. We had to trust some of our brethren who were on the program just like some of their members trust them on Sunday to do a good job so don't bother to attend church.

We arrived at the Baring Cross Church on Tuesday morning, however, in time to hear W. M. Pratt and his message on "The Holy Spirit as Our Guide in Evangelism." Pastor Pratt was at his best and delivered a stirring message which was true to the teachings of the Bible and to the experiences in our evangelistic efforts.

The closing message Tuesday morning was delivered by Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, New Orleans. Doctor Grey is a great preacher because he has a great message and a great soul. He is true to the Bible and to the fundamental teachings of Baptists. He is a great denominational man as evidenced by his election to the presidency of the Southern Convention.

Doctor Grey announced his subject, "A Country Preacher," and then read the story of John the Baptist preaching on the banks of the Jordan. His message stirred the hearts of all who were present.

Doctor Grey also delivered a message Tuesday afternoon and a third message Tuesday night. After hearing him in these three messages, no one can doubt that

Church-Centered and Christ-Centered Evangelism

Doctor C. E. Matthews, speaking to the Evangelistic Conference, declared that evangelism must be Christ-centered and church-centered. Without Christ there is no Christian evangelism; and there is no organization in the world that can promote Christian evangelism except the church. However praiseworthy may be the purposes, programs, and activities of other organizations, they are doomed to failure in the field of Christian evangelism for the reason that they have neither the power nor the program nor the message of Christian evangelism.

Quoting the words of Jesus, "... and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," Doctor Matthews declared that the church belongs to Jesus, that He claims it as His own and that His commission to evangelize the world was given to His church. The commission itself implies His ownership.

The commission of Jesus to His church further implies a program. It is necessary to have a program in order to carry out a commission, for without a program a commission is meaningless.

This fact of the relation between a commission and a program becomes obvious as we survey the organization of our Baptist churches. Those churches which are seriously addressing themselves to the commissions of Jesus in an effort to carry out those commissions are promoting a vigorous and comprehensive program. They are the most alert and active churches within our Baptist fellowship. The churches that do not have a well-planned and comprehensive program are doing little or nothing to carry out the commissions of Jesus. It is just as simple as that: A vigorous church program means the commissions of Jesus are accepted and are being carried out; no church program means that the commissions of Jesus are being ignored.

The same is true concerning the individual Christian and church member. Those members of the church who do not participate to any great extent in the church program are not committing themselves to the commissions of Jesus. Those who accept the commissions of Jesus as addressed to themselves and make an effort to obey those commissions are the ones who promote the church program and are responsible for the church's cooperation in the denominational program.

Therefore, let every church and every member of every church institute a self-examination in the light of the commissions of Jesus and the program necessary to obey His commissions.

he has come to the "kingdom for such a time as this." He is proving himself a capable president of the Southern Baptist Convention and his qualifications for this office are becoming more obvious as time passes. He is thoroughly conversant with Baptist polity and versed in Baptist history and committed to Baptist doctrine. His message on "The Place of Southern Baptists in World Evangelism" was a master-

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Growth Of The Kingdom

A Devotion by the Editor

"... and the seed should spring up and grow, he knoweth not how."

By proclamation and parable Jesus constantly held up the ideal of a kingdom before His followers. The kingdom which Jesus presented was not exclusively individualistic, nor was it exclusively social; it was "a divine commonwealth in which each personality is realized in seeking the welfare of all."

The kingdom is described by Jesus by paradoxical statements and in parables. In Luke 22:18 Jesus speaks of the kingdom of God as coming in the future, saying, "I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come." Yet in Luke 17:21 Jesus speaks of the kingdom of God as ever present, saying "The kingdom of God is within you." Again, the kingdom of God is possessed, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God." And yet the kingdom of God must be sought, "seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

I think we may understand that the kingdom of God is so rich that no single representation, nor any multiple representations, can exhaustively portray the immensity of its wealth. The kingdom is so vast and far-reaching that no description can fully define its boundless reach. The kingdom is so dynamic that no power known to man can adequately prefigure its operation in human life. The kingdom is so individualistic that no person is overlooked in its provision, it is so democratic that ample opportunity is provided for the full expression of all life powers; and it is so cosmopolitan as to make room for every type of human personality and all the tribes of the race of men.

This parable represents the spontaneous growth of the kingdom and the mystery of that growth. The mystery can no more be explained than the mystery of the germination, growth, and fruit of a grain of corn. But it can be experienced.

And further, we observe the inherent vitality resident in the kingdom of God—"God giveth the increase."

Once more, there is a mutual adaptation of seed and soil, of the kingdom of God and human life, until the whole process is climaxed in the harvest.

"So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed in the ground; . . . and the seed should spring and grow up . . . first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." Mark 4:26-29.

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From The Editor's Desk

Government By Bureaucratic Directives

The bureaucrat is the middle man in our governmental setup, and since he is indebted neither to the Congress nor to the voting public for his appointment, he feels far removed from both and responsible to neither.

The voters elect legislators who are the custodians of the interests of all the people. The legislators enact laws which are supposed to be in the interest of all the people, laws which favor no special class or faction or section of our population.

These laws are handed over to the executive branch of the government for their execution. The executive branch of the government is filled predominantly with appointees, only a few of the highest executives being elected by the people. So the executive branch passes the laws out to the appointees who hold their positions neither by the consent of the Congress nor by the vote of the people. Since these appointees are responsible neither to the Congress nor to the voters, each appointee brings his own personal and private philosophical ideas into play in the interpretation of the laws which are handed to him for their execution. It is by this method of private interpretation of the laws enacted by Congress that so many of the fundamental principles of the American democracy have been distorted and twisted all out of shape in recent years until they are scarcely recognizable now.

Bureaucratic Lobbies

Further than that, each bureau of the government has constituted itself into a powerful lobby, and the personnel of each bureau including the heads of the bureaus have become propaganda agents to pressure the Congress into enacting laws which they have concocted in their own wild, errant, and irresponsible imagination. It has been charged, and obviously rightly so, that the executive branch of the government is itself the most powerful lobby on Capitol Hill.

The charge has been made that the importance of a bureau or department of the government is measured by the amount of money it spends and the number of employees it engages. We can well believe that this is true. Therefore, the bureau and departments vie with each other in spending the taxpayers' money and in employing people who do nothing. Each bureau and department, it seems, must come up at the end of the year with a deficit in order to get more money the next year.

No Detailed Analysis of Budgets

It is frankly admitted by heads of departments and bureaus who ask huge appropriations from Congress that they have not analyzed the budget for which they are making request, and that they can-

not give the committee which is considering their request any adequate idea of how the money will be spent. Read your newspapers and your news magazines when budget requests are being made of the Congress, and you will find that this is true. At the same time, the Congress has not provided itself with adequate expert and technical personnel to make an independent investigation of the needs of the departments and bureaus, and, therefore, Congress appropriates money, huge astronomical sums, without the slightest idea of the detailed analysis of the budget for which the appropriations are made.

It would be to the interest of the American tax payers and add tremendously to the efficiency of government if the Congress would add to its own staff sufficient expert and technical personnel to act upon the appropriations to the bureaus and departments independent of the lobbying and propagandizing of the departments themselves. By such a method the Congress elected by the people could keep its hand upon the purse strings of the government and could make sure that the laws enacted by it would be carried out in the spirit and for the purpose for which Congress enacted them.

Only by some such method will the bureaucrat ever feel his responsibility either to the Congress or to the voters and taxpayers. Only by some such method can the bureaucrats be made to feel that they hold public office, even if it is an appointive office, as a public trust; and that they are not appointed to become propagandists, to organize a lobby, paid for out of tax money, and influence the legislative bodies to pass laws according to their private interpretation of what the country needs, and to appropriate the taxpayers' money to finance their wild ideas.

The executive branch of the government has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. It has almost gotten out of hand. Unless the executive branch can be brought back to a sense of its responsibility to the people, instead of its assumption that the people are responsible to it, we shall wake up one day and wonder where we lost our American democracy.

Bureaucracy At Work

Mr. J. C. Penney, of the Penney Stores, writes a monthly article in the *Christian Herald*. In the November, 1951, issue of that publication, Mr. Penney gives an illustration of bureaucracy at work as illustrated in a recent survey conducted in DeKalb County, Illinois.

It seems that the survey was started by asking 25 farmers how many Federal Farm Agency employees they thought the government had in the county. The average guess, it is stated, was 51, and 21 of the

Criminality Unsurpassed

The entire nation is shocked and outraged by the recent bombings, murder, and threats by the KKK in Florida. Such organizations as the KKK and their lawless practices have no place in the concept of American freedom and the right of self-determination.

There has been a series of attempted dynamite bombings of Roman Catholic and Jewish centers and Negro housing developments and homes in southeast Florida. One Negro was killed recently by a dynamite bombing.

A parcel was recently left at the rectory of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church of Fort Myers, Florida, with the request that it be delivered to the Reverend William J. Carroll, the church's pastor. When the package was opened, there was only a scrap of paper on the inside bearing the message: "KKK be gone before 12 tonight."

Such threats and other criminal acts should not be allowed to go unpunished. The perpetrators of these deeds should be hunted down and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

It would seem that the law enforcement and detective agencies of both state and federal governments should be able to apprehend these conspirators and bring them to trial and mete out to them adequate punishment for their dastardly deeds.

25 men who were interrogated went on to say that this was too many.

But instead of 51 it was revealed that there were 178 Federal Farm Agency employees in the county, who were paid from \$8 per day to \$5,380 per year, or a total for the year of \$86,065.

This startling revelation is made: "In this country, too, 70 federal employees—65 men and 5 girls—took a total of 560 days to sign up, check performance, figure results, and pay out \$31.01 each to the farmers of the county who co-operated in the production and marketing administration program—a matter of spreading limestone, spraying weeds, and plowing under clover, which 96 per cent of them said they would have done anyway."

That is an illustration of bureaucracy at work—the work being primarily the spending of the taxpayers' money.

Note: Since the above was written, it was reported in the *Arkansas Gazette* that Senator John L. McClellan of Arkansas plans an immediate drive to pass bill S.913, which calls for a joint committee of the House and Senate to be set up and adequately staffed with economic experts who will screen the billions of dollars which Congress appropriates each year.

Senator McClellan is reported as saying, "We're appropriating billions of dollars annually, and we can save money and cut out unnecessary items if we have the set-up to keep a running check on the needs and wastes of government."

Kingdom Progress

Ground Breaking Services, First Church, Smackover



Pictured above, left to right are G. A. Curry, Sunday School superintendent; J. E. Berry, chairman of the board of deacons; James Scott, associate director of Training Union; W. R. McHaney Sr., chairman of building committee; Mrs. W. H. White, president of the W.M.U.; E. C. Wisenhunt, chairman of the building solicitation committee; W. D. Terry, charter member; Pastor Dale F. Taylor, present pastor, and Otto Mathis, the former pastor.

Immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, December 16, First Church, Smackover, held a ground breaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction which will provide a new educational building and church auditorium at an approximate cost of \$160,000. It is anticipated that one year will be required for the completion of this building program.

A special guest on this occasion was former pastor Otto Mathis of El Dorado, the first pastor to serve the Smackover Church after its organization in 1923.

At the close of the morning worship service, J. E. Berry, chairman of the board of deacons, led in a prayer of dedication, dedicating the church to the work of this build-

ing project. Following this prayer of dedication, the church congregation assembled on the church lot where the new buildings are to be erected. Pastor Dale F. Taylor presented the former pastor, Otto Mathis, who read a scripture passage, and W. R. McHaney, chairman of the building committee, who led in a prayer of committal.

The picture shows those who participated in actually turning each a spade of earth.

The service was closed by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and a prayer of benediction by G. A. Curry.

The building committee is composed of W. R. McHaney, chairman, M. S. Lewis, C. A. Connell, A. J. Fambrough, Mrs. T. P. Thomas, Sr., Mrs. P. J. Spears, and Mrs. Harvey Jameson.

Mena Church Uses Texas Evangelist

Pastor Arlie McDaniel and First Church, Mena, had the services of Evangelist Clifton W. Brannon of Longview, Texas, in revival services January 6-13. There were 37 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, 11 other professions by persons who have not as yet united with the church, and 9 additions to the church by letter and statement. There were 231 persons who signed cards of rededication including the pledge to establish family altars and other pledges of Christian consecration.

Evangelist Brannon was accompanied and assisted by musician and chalk artist David Christiansen.

Evangelist Brannon was for many years a lay evangelist and was secretary for the Le Tourneau Foundation handling all legal matters for the institution.

Pastor McDaniel reports that the attendance on these services reached an all-time high in the history of the Mena Church.

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God has given us something to do in this world. Do we appreciate the honor?

Two Important Gifts To Ouachita Library

Two important gifts were recently made to the Ouachita College library, it was announced today by Miss Goldie Cooksey, OBC librarian. A set of World Books and a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica were given to Ouachita.

The new 19 volume edition of the World Book was given by Miss Laura Horne, Arkadelphia, a graduate of Ouachita College in 1899. The books were presented in memory of her parents, the Reverend and Mrs. H. J. P. Horne. Mr. Horne was a pioneer Baptist preacher in Arkansas.

A complete set of the Encyclopedia Britannica was given to the OBC library by Mrs. C. Riley Ward, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Mrs. Ward gave the set in memory of her husband who died in 1948. Mr. Ward was a graduate of Ouachita, class of 1907.

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A lot of kneeling keeps you in good standing with God.

"Nose: That part of the body that shines, snubs, snoops, and sneezes."

President At Ouachita



Dr. Harold A. Haswell

Dr. Harold A. Haswell, who has been serving as administrative dean of Ouachita College since the resignation of Doctor S. W. Eubanks last summer, was elected president of the college by the board of trustees on January 15.

Doctor Haswell joined the faculty of Ouachita College as dean two years ago.

Dr. Haswell is pushing toward the goal of regaining accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities. He is hoping to reach that goal by the spring of 1953.

A native of Missouri, Doctor Haswell, 40 years of age, holds the M. A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Missouri.

Other actions of the board include the approval of plans for a \$100,000 administration building to be known as J. R. Grant Hall in honor of the late Dr. J. R. Grant who was president of Ouachita for sixteen years.

Named on the building committee were J. E. Berry of Smackover, chairman, Dr. J. Harold Smith, Fort Smith, and W. P. Jones Jr., Arkadelphia.

Evangelistic Singer Available

Mr. Joe Trussell, evangelistic singer, 2302 Prospect, Houston 4, Texas, sang in 30 meetings in 1951 in which there were 1,803 additions to the churches. His first meeting in 1952 was with the First Baptist Church, Jacinto City, Texas, in which there were 67 additions to the church. Dr. James M. Bradford, was the visiting evangelist, and Dr. David Boston, pastor.

Dr. Haswell and Ouachita

By LLOYD A. SPARKMAN

Arkansas Baptists now have another Christian gentleman and distinguished educator, along with his illustrious predecessors, to lead Ouachita College and our educational program in further progress. Those who have gone before have builded well. Doctor Haswell has shown already, during his interim administration, that he has the vision, courage, and ability to lead in a great program. Let Arkansas Baptists, the Board of Ouachita College, and all our people support President Haswell. We must get back in the North Central Association and become the school all of us have dreamed about.

Minister Ordained



Tommy Plemons

Tommy Plemons was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Gravette Church, December 16, 1951.

Pastor C. S. Womack of the Gravette Church presented the Bible to Mr. Plemons, and Pastor Leonard Dove offered the ordination prayer. The charge was delivered by Pastor John Collier, and Pastor A. G. Scott delivered the ordination sermon.

Tommy is pastor of the Mill Creek Church in Southwest Missouri. He plans to enter college in the fall of this year to continue his training for the ministry.

Minister's Prayer Retreat

By R. WILBUR HERRING

The annual statewide Minister's Prayer Retreat will be held at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, February 3-5.

Speakers for the retreat will include Dr. K. Owen White, pastor of First Church, Little Rock; Pastor James Harris, Beach Street Church, Texarkana; and Pastor Jesse Boyd, First Church, DeWitt. Pastor Boyd will bring expositions on the book of Jude.

The sessions will start at noon Monday, February 3, and continue until noon Wednesday, February 5. In addition to Bible study, much time will be devoted to prayer.

Ministers attending the Retreat will make arrangement for their own room and board which will be available at the dormitories and college cafeteria, and in the town of Arkadelphia.

All ministers are urged to attend this Baptist prayer retreat. It is opened to all licensed and ordained ministers and includes ministers of education, ministers of music, evangelists, educators, and denominational leaders. It affords an opportunity to withdraw from the heavy scheduled life in the modern-day ministry and to "give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

Due to the wonderful response of the retreat last year in Little Rock, the committee is expecting a large attendance this year. Pastor Russell Clubb, First Church, West Memphis, is chairman of the Retreat, and Evangelist R. Wilbur Herring, Little Rock, is secretary.

Billy Graham will speak on Saturday night of the Miami Convention on the Youth Night program.

Perfect Record



James Martin

James Martin, a member of First Church, Smackover, and of the young peoples' department of the Sunday School, was presented with a New Testament by Pastor Dale Taylor, December 16, 1951, as he completed four straight years of perfect attendance in Sunday School, with a perfect record every Sunday.

Progress at South Fork

Pastor Thomas D. Hill reports a year of progress experimented by the South Fork Church in 1951.

According to the associational minutes of the past year, the South Fork Church ranks first among rural churches of Red River Association. During Pastor Hill's ministry at South Fork, there have been 45 additions to the church membership; the church attendance has more than doubled during this period; the Sunday School attendance has reached an all-time high, and all organizations are moving forward with satisfactory progress.

The South Fork Church sends the **Arkansas Baptist** into every church home.

A butane heating system has been installed, and two extra Sunday School rooms have recently been completed. The church plans to purchase a bus for use in transporting people to Sunday School and Training Union from the surrounding community.

Pastor Hill is a senior in Ouachita College and expects to receive his B. A. degree from that institution in May.

A Church Was There

A church there was and it needed a preacher
So here's what it did—a ridiculous feature.
Each Sunday it tried out a different man;
Brought in from Beersheba or maybe from
Dan;

And we who observe this affair from afar,
Would think they were buying a second hand
car.

Much depends upon the age and freedom
from knocks;

Yes, we pick up our pastors as we shop for
used crocks.

To us has been given the Spirit to guide;
Then why run the chance that the church
may divide

Over John or Apollos or Cephas or Paul,
The Spirit is willing: why cheapen the call?

Evangelistic Conference

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piece, and should give to all those who heard the message a broader vision of the Southern Baptist program of evangelism and missions.

Another feature of the Tuesday program was an address on "A Commissioned Church and the American Home" by Doctor Joe W. Burton, editor of **Home Life**.

A second message by Doctor Burton on Wednesday morning emphasized the responsibility of the church in strengthening the homes with family altars. Worship in the home is the surest way of strengthening family ties and enriching the family relationships. Since the home is the basic institution of human society, its responsibility in religious emphasis and training is therefore basic in the life of the church, human society, and the nation.

The challenge to our churches to establish missions in neglected places was presented by Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Immanuel Church in recent years has led out in this type of work and has become known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention area as a leader in this field. Doctor Vaught presented pictures of churches which had grown out of the mission program of Immanuel and also pictures of mission stations where Immanuel Church is now promoting this work.

One of the most important phases of evangelism was presented by Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick. His message dealt with the conservation of evangelistic results. Evangelism itself or an evangelistic program is necessary to conserve the results of evangelism. An evangelism which is satisfied with the initial decision for Christ is only a half-evangelism. A well-rounded evangelistic program will follow through with the new converts until they are enlisted in active service in the church and denominational program.

The conference was closed on a high note in the message brought by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Church, Memphis. As the basis for his message, Doctor Caudill read Matthew 9:35-38. In this scripture Jesus looked upon the multitudes and was "moved with compassion on them." He instructed His disciples to "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Doctor Caudill pictured the compassionate heart of Jesus reaching out after people. He said that Jesus saw people; he saw their plight, he saw their possibilities. To emphasize the great need of evangelism Doctor Caudill told several stories of actual experience in reaching people for Christ.

Judging from the responses of the congregation in each session of the conference and from the comments of appreciation, the evangelistic conference made a powerful and lasting impression upon all present and doubtless will give a tremendous impetus to evangelism among the Baptist pastors and churches throughout the state.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell did a superb job in planning the conference and in the selection of and enlisting the personnel of the program.

HOME—The place where our stomachs get three square meals daily and our hearts 1,000.

The man who has a right to boast does not have to boast.



Christian Horizons ★ ★ ★

By Religious News Service

Nazarene Church Reports Gains

Gains in all phases of the international work of the Church of the Nazarene were reported to the denomination's General Board at a meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.

Church membership in 1951 reached 242,000, a gain of more than 4 per cent according to Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general Church secretary. He reported that there were 3,800 established churches in the United States, Canada, and the British Isles; 4,600 ordained ministers; 200 missionaries and 950 native workers on the denomination's 23 foreign mission fields.

The report also revealed record contributions by church members—a total of \$27 million, or \$111 per capita. This is \$7 more per capita than the giving of the previous year.

Dr. A. F. Harper, secretary of Sunday School work, reported 500,000 enrolled in the school, 20,000 more than in 1950.

Three thousand new members pushed the national youth organization to an all-time high of 78,000; and 2,700 recruits boosted the membership of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to 82,000.

Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, secretary of the mission board, reported that the board had authorized the appointment of 43 new missionaries. In addition, he said, it approved a \$330,000 building program to improve 84 missionary properties.

Southern Baptists Push Probe of Bogota Attacks

The Foreign Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has asked the State Department to follow and "back up" the request of U. S. Ambassador to Colombia Copus Waynick for an inquiry by the Colombian Government into the December 22 and 23 stonings of a Baptist church in Bogota.

Mission board headquarters said that no further word had been received from George Riddell, Baptist missionary in Bogota, since his message reporting the pre-Christmas weekend mob attack in which several people were injured. Board officials said they assumed, therefore, that the church had not been molested during Christmas and New Year's services.

Value of New Church Construction Sets Record

The dollar value of new church construction set a new record in 1951, despite strict government controls placed over starts of new buildings in the latter months of the year.

Value of church construction reached \$429,000,000, five per cent above the previous record, the Department of Commerce stated in a year-end report. The previous record, set in 1950, was \$409,000,000.

A strong possibility exists, however, that the larger expenditure in 1951 purchased less actual construction, due to the increase in building costs.

Will of Negro Pedler Aids All Churches

All of the community's 13 churches—10 of them white congregations and three Negro—were named beneficiaries in the will of William Sharp Steele, a crippled Negro pedler who died a few weeks ago at the age of 80, in Versailles, Kentucky.

Noted for having a "hard business head," Mr. Steele accumulated considerable property through the years selling fish and apples on the streets and operating a small antique business.

His will specified distribution equally among the community's churches of his residual estate. This proved, after payment of specific bequests, to amount to \$9,763, or \$751 for each of the churches.

Churches participating in the gift are: St. Leo's Roman Catholic, St. John's Episcopal, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Methodist, Christian, Seventh-day Adventist, Church of God, Assembly of God, Pentecostal, St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal, Colored Baptist and Simpson Methodist Episcopal.

Of Cars and Clergymen

When, for the second time in two months, his convertible was stolen from in front of St. James Episcopal Church, the Rev. Dr. Churchill J. Gibson composed the following bit of doggerel which the local afternoon newspaper published in a front page story:

The parson's car is swiped again

From right in front of the church,
His vestments, too, his cloak and book—

He's been left in the lurch.
Please—will you rescue him from this sad fate?

Phone if you see No. 7-0888.

"It's a convertible the congregation gave me two years ago," the clergyman added. "It's really too sporty a car for a parson. Boys just can't resist it."

The morning paper the following day reported to verse to tell the end of the story:

The parson's car was found last night,
His vestments, cloak and book intact;
'Twas hardly driven out of sight—

Its battery was out of whack.
When stealing parsons' worldly goods,
Thieves first should look beneath the hoods.

10,000 Attend Opening of Graham Washington Revival

An overflow crowd of 10,000 persons attended the opening of a two-week revival conducted by Evangelist Billy Graham in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Graham claimed 400 converts in his first day of effort.

"This is the acid test," he said. "If Washington, D. C., will receive a revival effectively, so will the rest of the nation. There are millions of Americans looking to Washington and the people are expecting a miracle and praying that we can lead them in this revival to peace."

A Smile or Two

Don: "Whatcha got there?"
John: "Letter from my girl."
Don: "A letter! But there's no writing on the paper."
John: "Of course not. We're not speaking to each other."
—*Christian Herald.*

Someone has figured out that the peak years of mental activity must be between the ages of four and eighteen.

At four we know all the questions.
At eighteen we know all the answers.
—*Christian Herald.*

A little lad paused at the window for a last look at the starry heavens before he said his goodnight prayer.

"Mummy, will I go to heaven sometime?"
"Yes, dear, if you love Jesus."
"And will you be there?" he again asked.
"I hope so, and Daddy'll be there too."
The little fellow shook his head emphatically. "My Daddy won't be there; he couldn't leave the store."

After dinner the young marrieds had engaged in their first argument, and for the rest of the evening neither had spoken. Unable to bear the silence any longer, the husband finally decided to give in.

"Please speak to me, dear," he said. "I'll admit that I was wrong and you were right."

"It won't do you any good," replied the bride tearfully. "I've changed my mind."

A Lancashire woman, wishing to lose weight, had been put on a diet by her doctor. One day a friend dropped in and was amazed to behold her tacking with great appetite a large potato-pie.

"I thought you were on a diet!" exclaimed the visitor.

"Aye, so I am," was the reply. "But I've had me diet, and now I'm havin' me dinner."
—*Quote.*

There is this difference between a cowboy and a politician. The cowboy gets up early in the morning, decides what he wants to do, then straddles his pony and gets to work. He does the best he can and spends as little money as possible.

The politician gets up late in the morning, straddles the fence, spends all the money he can get, gets all the votes lined up, and then decides what to do.
—*Joe M. Evans.*

Schoolteacher: "This makes the fifth time I have punished you this week. What have you to say?"

Youth: "I'm glad it's Friday."

"I never said I didn't like her," a woman defended herself. "I merely remarked that all the polish she had was on her fingernails."
—*Quote.*

The young bride placed the turkey carefully on the table for Christmas dinner.

"This, my dear," she exclaimed, "is my first roast turkey."

Her husband looked with admiration.

"Marvelous, darling," he said. "And how wonderfully you've stuffed it!"

"Stuffed it?" she asked. "Why dearest, this one wasn't hollow."

News From Baptist Press

Leaders Urge Action On U. M. T. Bill

Southern Baptists are being alerted to immediate action on another national crisis hanging only in the balances of congressional action as a survey of denominational leaders forecasts danger ahead in the Universal Military Training bill.

Urgency of the crisis—Congress must vote before February 20—was awakened recently by Dr. J. Ollie Edmunds, president of Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, when he dubbed the bill as "morally, politically and financially unwise" and warned that "the greatest danger is that the bill will pass before its viciousness has become known."

"The logical antithesis of all we must strive to achieve in the field of human relations" is Dr. R. Orin Cornett's definition of the UMT bill. "To admit that UMT is necessary would be to renounce, before the world, all hope of achieving a brotherhood of nations."

"If we must have military training, let us have it as it is forced upon us by the greed of others and by our own mistakes, not as a cowardly surrender to the idea of perpetual conflict among nations," the educator said. Dr. Cornett is executive secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"No military camp can take the place of a Christian college," asserts Dr. Harold W. Tribble, president of Wake Forest College, North Carolina. "UMT is not in harmony with the American tradition and spirit," he continued. "To take eighteen-year-old boys from their homes and schools for a prolonged period of military training is unwise from the standpoint of moral and spiritual development, and unsound procedure in the business of training leaders for our country."

Re-emphasizing the educational harm of the plan, Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, pointed out that "such training as proposed would not prepare a man for combat and would take away his opportunity to secure needed orientation found in college environment. Military life is no substitute for college life in educating young Americans in the ways and traditions of our country."

"We well may fear and fight against the disastrous financial, moral, educational and national results which are inevitable if the proposed UMT bill is adopted as it is now written," says Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Both Dr. Tribble and Dr. Hershel H. Hobbs turned to history in warning against such peace-time mobilization. "History is eloquent in warning against imposing upon our nation the pattern of military control," Dr. Tribble said.

"The present and the future can be properly evaluated only in the light of the past," Dr. Hobbs, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, declared. "By this standard UMT stands condemned before the tribunal of the ages. History reveals that every nation in the past which became a military state, eventually—and many times, soon—fell amid the debris of its own economic, political, military, moral and spiritual collapse."

"I shall stand as straight and tall and strong as I can against Universal Military Training (UMT)," asserts Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president of Southeastern Baptist

Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Big Churches, Big Budgets In SBC Churches This Year

In the current trend of large churches in the United States with mounting memberships and overwhelming budgets, Southern Baptists have their share when sixteen of the largest churches—all with a membership of over 5,000—have subscribed combined 1952 budgets of \$4,167,577.

Nearly half of the sixteen churches, all but two of which finance their church budgets through the Sunday School, over-pledged their budgets for the new year in a one-day campaign during November or December.

First Church, Dallas, Texas, whose 9,200 members make it probably the world's largest Baptist Church, will operate on a \$459,500 budget this year with more than half (\$233,000) going for missions. The budget was over-subscribed in one day by \$107,000, reports Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor.

Oklahoma City's First Church, with more than 7,000 members, over-subscribed a \$375,000 budget in one day. More than 1,100 tithers help to explain the successful pledging of the second largest church budget in the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Dr. Hershel H. Hobbs, pastor.

Other churches with a budget of over \$300,000 for 1952 include: First, San Antonio, Texas, Dr. Perry F. Webb, pastor, second largest church in the Convention with 8,500 members, \$313,189; Bellevue, Memphis, Tennessee, whose 8,300 members will support a \$327,844 budget, Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor; and Third, St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor, with over 6,300 members and a \$330,000 budget.

The \$298,555 budget of First, Amarillo, Texas, Dr. Carl E. Bates, pastor, was over-subscribed in one day by nearly \$78,000. The membership of over 5,500 included 1,697 tithers signing the first day.

A hundred more tithers than non-tithers was the report of First, Lubbock, Texas, at the close of its one-day campaign when a \$214,000 budget was over-pledged by \$41,000. Dr. J. Ralph Grant reported 1,489 tithers among the 2,878 signing pledges. The Lubbock church, with 6,500 members, is the seventh largest in the Convention.

Other large churches and their budgets for 1952 include: Cliff Temple, Dallas, Texas, Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor, \$250,000; Travis Avenue, Ft. Worth, Texas, Dr. E. L. Carnett, pastor, \$119,000; First, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Dr. J. Norris Palmer, pastor, \$220,775; First, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor, \$19,280; First, Houston, Texas, Dr. W. Boyd Hunt, pastor, \$218,434.

Others above the \$200 mark in their budgets include: First, Beaumont, Texas, Dr. T. A. Patterson, pastor, \$218,000; First, Wichita Falls, Texas, Dr. J. H. Landes, pastor, \$227,100; Walnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor, \$225,000; and First, Charlotte, North Carolina, Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor, \$201,420.

Representing the larger churches east of the Mississippi are: Dauphin Way, Mobile, Alabama, Dr. Harold W. Seever, pastor, \$170,000; First, Jackson, Mississippi, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, \$165,000; First, Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. J. W. Middleton, pastor, \$164,000; Southside, Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. John H. Buchanan, pastor,

\$171,998; First, Richmond, Virginia, Dr. T. F. Adams, pastor, \$177,000; and First, Tallahassee, Florida, Dr. Harold G. Sanders, pastor, \$150,000.

English Youth Secretary To Visit South in July

The young people's secretary of England's Baptist Missionary Society, Rev. Godfrey C. Robinson, writes that he will visit the United States this summer and has set aside June 29 through July 20 to visit Baptists in the South.

Recommended as a good youth leader and "a very good preacher" by both Dr. F. Townley Lord, London, Baptist World Alliance president, and Dr. Donald F. Ackland, Nashville, editorial associate of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Mr. Robinson would like to visit Southern Baptist churches and will appreciate invitations for engagements during that time.

He has been engaged for several dates already, Dr. Ackland says. Anyone interested in engaging Mr. Robinson may inquire through Dr. Ackland, 161 Eighth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee.

Seminary Receives First Gift For Endowment

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, has received its first gift for the school's endowment fund, announces Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's newest theological institution.

Dr. Charles B. Althoff of Tallahassee, Florida, a retired Baptist minister, started the fund recently with a gift of \$500 and a pledge for an additional \$500.

The former pastor of the Ortega Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, has also contributed more than 100 volumes of his personal library to the seminary library, Dr. Stealey said.

Dr. Althoff's gift was accompanied by a letter expressing hope that the need for endowment of the seminary would be seen by others and the fund increased rapidly.

Seminary President Ill In Fort Worth Hospital

Dr. E. D. Head, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, is reported in serious condition in a Ft. Worth hospital where he was taken following a heart attack earlier in January.

December Financial Report From S. B. C.

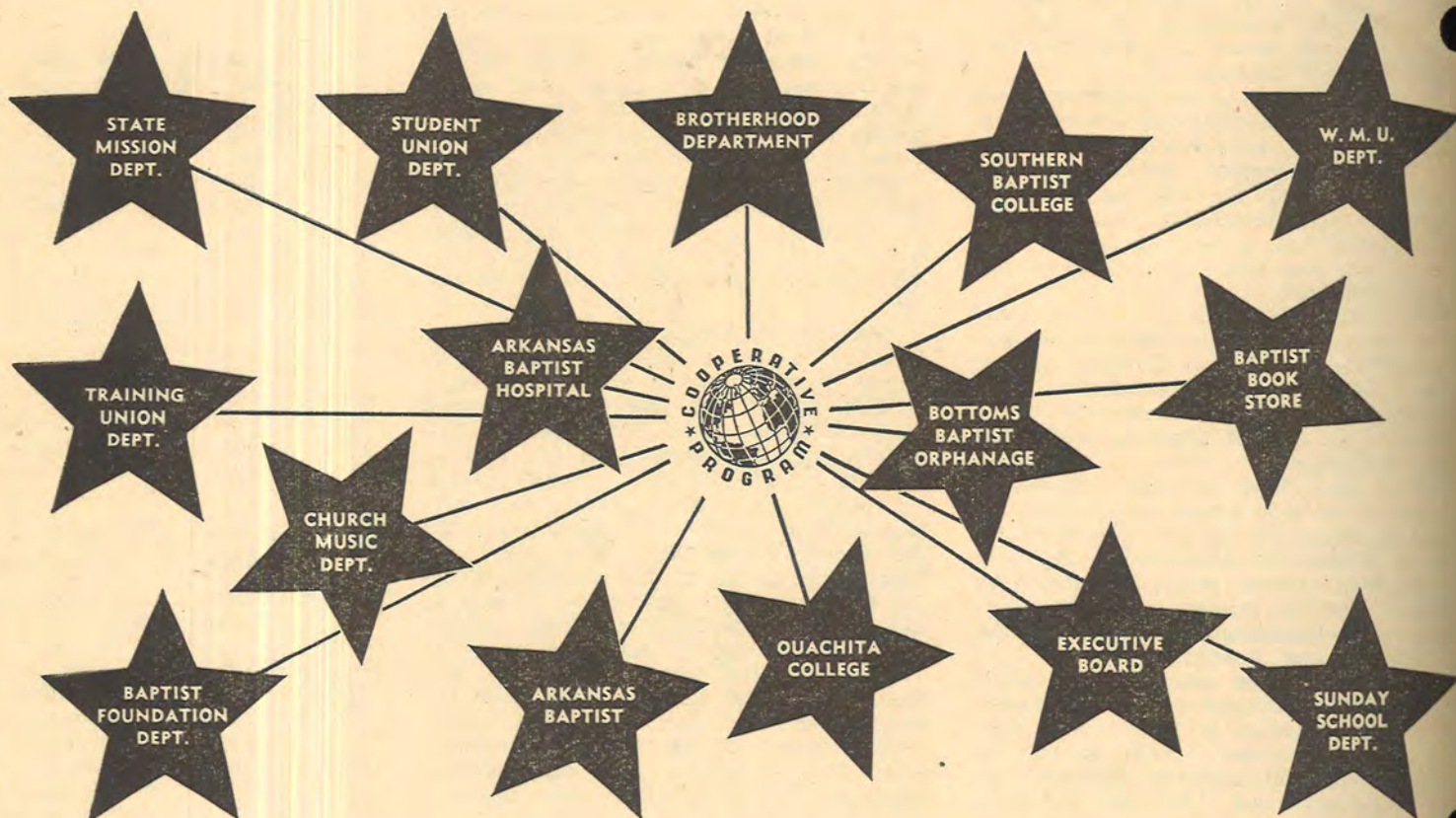
A report from the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville for December reveals total receipts for the month in the amount of \$831,671.86. Of this amount \$741,347.67 was given through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts amounted to \$90,324.19.

Total receipts in 1951 reached an all-time high of \$12,151,636.09. This amount is divided between Cooperative Program receipts and designated gifts as follows: \$8,101,421.63 to the Cooperative Program \$4,050,314.46 in designated gifts.

Total receipts in 1951 represent an increase of \$1,536,916.94 over total receipts for 1950. The increase in designated gifts in 1951 over 1950 amounted to \$783,039.69. The increase in Cooperative Program gifts in 1951 over 1950 amounted to \$753,877.25.

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Theme: "WORKING TOGETHER for CHRIST"

Tentative Program

MORNING

- 10:00 Song, Scripture and Prayer
- 10:10 Presenting Our United Front..... Team Leader
- 10:20 We Are a Part of the Baptist Family..... Orphanage Speaker
- 10:40 A Teaching and Healing Institution..... Hospital Speaker
- 11:00 The Pastor's Assistant..... Arkansas Baptist Paper Speaker
- 11:20 Recognitions and Announcements
- 11:25 Special Music
- 11:30 Magnifying Missions for the Master..... Missions Department Speaker
- 12:00 Recess for Lunch (Lunch Served by Host Church)

AFTERNOON

- 1:15 Song and Prayer
- 1:20 For All the Church..... Baptist Book Store Representative
- 1:35 A Fortress for Missions..... W. M. U. Speaker
- 1:55 Special Music
- 2:00 A Building Rock..... Baptist Foundation Speaker
- 2:20 Ouachita on the March!..... Ouachita College Speaker
- 2:40 The Campus of Christian Purpose..... Southern Baptist College Speaker

AFTERNOON—Continued

- 3:00 Our Sunday Schools Working for Christ..... Sunday School Speaker
- 3:20 A Trained Church and a Tremendous Challenge..... Training Union Speaker
- 3:40 Song
- 3:45 Stewardship Sermon..... Representative of Executive Board
- 4:15 Recess for Recreation and Evening Meal

NIGHT

- 7:00 Song, Scripture and Prayer
- 7:10 Christ Lives on the College Campus Through the B. S. U..... B. S. U. Speaker
- 7:30 Recognitions and Announcements
- 7:40 Utilizing God's Men—That's Brotherhood..... Brotherhood Speaker
- 8:00 Make the Most of Music..... Music Department Speaker
- 8:20 The Youth Choir Sings
- 8:25 Working Together for Christ..... A Sermon on the Cooperative Program
- 9:00 Adjourn

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ANNUAL ASSOCIATION RALLY

February 12-22, 1952

Team Schedules For Denominational Association Rallies

DATE	ASSOCIATION	TEAM No. 1—Dale Cowling, <i>Leader</i>	PLACE OF MEETING
February 12	DELTA		First Baptist Church, McGehee
February 13	BARTHOLOMEW		First Baptist Church, Monticello
February 14	ASHLEY COUNTY		First Baptist Church, Hamburg
February 15	LIBERTY		Immanuel Baptist Church, El Dorado
February 19	RED RIVER		First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia
February 20	HOPE		Beech Street Baptist Church, Texarkana
February 21	LITTLE RIVER		First Baptist Church, Ashdown
February 22	CENTRAL AND BUCKVILLE		Second Baptist Church, Hot Springs

TEAM No. 2—Edgar Williamson, *Leader*

February 12	DARDANELLE-RUSSELLVILLE		First Baptist Church, Russellville
February 13	CLEAR CREEK		First Baptist Church, Van Buren
February 14	WASHINGTON-MADISON		First Baptist Church, Springdale
February 15	BENTON COUNTY		First Baptist Church, Rogers
February 19	HARMONY		Southside Baptist Church, Pine Bluff
February 20	FAULKNER COUNTY		First Baptist Church, Conway
February 21	CONWAY-PERRY COUNTY		First Baptist Church, Morrilton
February 22	STONE-VAN BUREN-SEARCY		First Baptist Church, Clinton

TEAM No. 3—C. W. Caldwell, *Leader*

February 12	WHITE COUNTY		First Baptist Church, Searcy
February 13	WOODRUFF COUNTY		First Baptist Church, Augusta
February 14	CENTENNIAL		First Baptist Church, Stuttgart
February 15	CAROLINE		First Baptist Church, Carlisle
February 19	ARKANSAS VALLEY		First Baptist Church, Helena
February 20	TRI-COUNTY		First Baptist Church, Earle
February 21	TRINITY		First Baptist Church, Tyronza
February 22	MISSISSIPPI COUNTY		First Baptist Church, Osceola

TEAM No. 4—Ralph W. Davis, *Leader*

February 12	BLACK RIVER		Southern Baptist College
February 13	CURRENT RIVER AND GAINESVILLE		First Baptist Church, Corning
February 14	GREENE COUNTY		First Baptist Church, Paragould
February 15	MT. ZION		First Baptist Church, Jonesboro
February 19	NEWTON COUNTY		First Baptist Church, Jasper
February 20	BOONE AND CARROLL COUNTY		First Baptist Church, Harrison
February 21	WHITE RIVER		First Baptist Church, Mountain Home
February 22	PULASKI COUNTY		Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock

TEAM No. 5—L. E. Coleman, *Leader*

February 12	CADDO RIVER		First Baptist Church, Mt. Ida
February 13	OUACHITA		First Baptist Church, Mena
February 14	BUCKNER		First Baptist Church, Waldron
February 15	CONCORD		First Baptist Church, Fort Smith
February 19	CAREY		First Baptist Church, Fordyce
February 20	LITTLE RED RIVER		First Baptist Church, Heber Springs
February 21	INDEPENDENCE COUNTY		First Baptist Church, Batesville
February 22	ROCKY BAYOU AND BIG CREEK		First Baptist Church, Melbourne

Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, *Secretary*

Inspirational Messages To Feature State Training Union Convention

"Christ Speaks" will be the theme of the State Training Union Convention, which will be held at First Church, Little Rock, beginning at 10 o'clock Friday morning, March 14, and closing at noon Saturday, March 15. Great inspirational messages will be heard at this convention and 3,000 people are expected to fill the Robinson Memorial Auditorium at the Friday night session.

"The When and Where and How of Christ's Voice" will be the subject of Dr. Robert G. Lee's message at the opening session. Dr. Lee is pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis.

On Friday night and Saturday morning the inspirational messages will be brought by the popular youth speaker, Howard Butt, Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. Butt has preached in city-wide evangelistic campaigns in such cities as Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio, Chattanooga, New Orleans, Birmingham and Atlanta. He spoke at youth rallies at the Southern Baptist Convention in 1949 and 1950.

Dr. J. E. Lambdin, secretary and editor of the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, and the one man most responsible for leading Training Unions in the Southern Baptist Convention to increase their Training Union enrollment to over a million and one-half, will bring the keynote message on Friday morning, using as his subject "Christ Speaks to His



J. E. Lambdin

Churches." The State Training Union Secretary, Ralph W. Davis will speak Friday afternoon on the subject, "What's Right With the Training Union."

J. T. Elliff, pastor of First Church, Fordyce, serving for the second year as convention president, will preside over the sessions of the convention. The Friday morning, Friday afternoon and Saturday morning sessions will be held at First Church, Little Rock. Other convention officers are: Secretary, Mrs. Howard Samuels, Fordyce; First Vice President, Lawson Hatfield, Little Rock; District Vice Presidents, Mrs. Ruth Tolleson, Siloam Springs; Miss Ruth Wilson, Granis; W. F. Montgomery, Heber Springs; Miss Mary Alice Crawford, Jonesboro; Carl Overton, Star City; Dale McCoy, Gurdon; James Fitzgerald, Hot Springs; Mr. Currey E. Coker, Harrisburg.

Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, *Secretary*

Assembly Reservations Now Being Accepted

Assembly dates—July 1-9.
 Registration Fee (per person) \$ 2.
Cot and Mattress in Dormitory and all meals:
 Individuals in Assembly-owned dormitories 16
 Children, 5 to 10 years inclusive 13
Cot and Mattress in Dormitory Room and all meals:
 (For married couples and families only)
 Individuals 17
 Children, 5 to 10 years inclusive 15

Cot and Mattress in Cabin and all Meals:
 (For married couples and families only)
 Individuals 17
 Children 5 to 10 years inclusive 15

Cot and Mattress in Cabin or Dormitory Room
 (without meals) 6

NOTE: All individuals staying in assembly or church-owned cabins and dormitories, and NOT eating meals in Assembly dining hall, will pay an Assembly maintenance fee of \$4.00 in addition to above rates.

Important

1. Arkansas Baptist Assembly reservations should be made now. Reservations will be accepted only for those who send in name or names with a \$2 reservation fee for each individual. If accepted (receipt issued), no reservation fee will be returned.

2. Reservation fees will be credited to the account of those for whom reservation is made.
 3. All reservations will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis, and will be held only until 9 p. m. Tuesday, July 1, unless otherwise arranged. All reservations unclaimed at this time, will be reassigned.
 4. Requests for reservations, accompanied by reservation fees should be sent to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 215 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Coming Events

January 31-February 1—State Vacation Bible School Clinic, Little Rock.
 March 30—Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School.
 April—Sunday School Training Courses (use books on teaching).
 June—Vacation Bible Schools.
 July 1-9—Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs.
 September 2—Association Sunday School Leadership Conference.
 September 16—"B" Night in the Associations.
 October 13-14 — State Sunday School Convention.

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 Trouble and perplexity drive me to prayer, and prayer drives away perplexity and trouble.
 —Melancton.

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 Worship is the bathing of the soul in the fountains of God's grace.

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, *Secretary*

News From Afar

Chester R. Cole, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan, writes that the Motor Cities Association of which his church is affiliated, is made up of eight churches, three of which have church Brotherhoods. Mr. Cole is the newly elected president of the Motor Cities Associational Brotherhood. He writes for literature and information concerning associational Brotherhood work.

Now every Arkansas Baptist ought to know that the Motor Cities Baptist Association is affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. So our Convention is made up of 44 associations within the borders of our state, and of one association in the state of Michigan.

We are happy to add to our Brotherhood files the names of the following churches in Michi-

- gan:
1. Mt. Pleasant, Flint.
 2. First Southern Baptist Church, Pontiac.
 3. Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville.

We trust that every Brotherhood man in Arkansas will pray earnestly with these our brethren for the prosperity of their churches, and for the advancement of all the causes of Christ in these areas in the state of Michigan.

Evangelistic Conference

We are grateful for the State-wide Evangelistic Conference held last week at Baring Cross Church, and sponsored by the State Mission Department, of which Dr. C. W. Caldwell is superintendent. The program was exceedingly

well-planned, and everything about it was of the highest order.

Associational Denominational Rallies

The Associational Denominational Rallies, scheduled for February 12-22, will present the work of every agency, department, and institution of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, to every association in our state.

Everything made possible by the Cooperative Program of Arkansas Baptists will be adequately presented in a series of meetings which will possibly add up to the greatest co-operative effort ever made by Arkansas Baptists to take their whole program of work to all the people, where they live!

These rallies will be informational, inspirational, and challenging.

Every church in Arkansas ought to bend its energies toward getting its members to the meeting in its association. People will come away with enlarged concepts of their sacred tasks.

Remember the Regional Brotherhood Meetings

As previously announced, the first series of Regional Brotherhood meetings for 1952, will be held during the period, January 28-February 1. The schedule is as follows:

1. January 28; First Baptist Church, Osceola; for Mississippi County and Trinity Associations.
2. January 29: First Baptist Church, Paragould; for Mt. Zion, Greene County, Gainesville, Current River Association, and a part of Black River Association.
3. January 31: First Baptist Church, Hamburg; for Ashley County, Bartholomew, and Delta Associations.
4. February 1: First Baptist Church, West Memphis; for Tri-County, Arkansas Valley, and Woodruff County Associations.

E. N. Delzell, Brotherhood Secretary of Tennessee, will assist in the above meetings.

If you live in one of the above areas, come to YOUR meeting.

Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

M. THERON RANKIN, *Executive Secretary*

100 Missionaries Will Be Appointed in 1952

The Foreign Mission Board received \$901,421.63 from Cooperative Program receipts over and above the total Convention budget for 1951. In the budget for 1952, which the Board adopted last October, \$584,715.47 of this money was anticipated. That amount will, therefore, be absorbed in the regular current appropriations which have already been set up for 1952.

At the January meeting of the Board, the balance of \$316,706.16 was earmarked for the appointment of new missionaries. On the basis of this money, the goal for missionary appointments in 1952 was raised to 100. In 1951 it was necessary to lower the goal to 75. It was the opinion of the Board that the additional money from the Cooperative Program in 1951, together with the increased income which the Board will receive from the Convention's operating budget in 1952, fully warrants the raising of the goal back to 100.

Recommendations will be made to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami to raise the 1952 Convention budget from \$7,000,000, plus Executive Committee and Convention expenses, up to \$8,000,000, plus the additional expenses. In this new budget, the Foreign Mission Board will receive \$250,000 a year additional operating expenses and \$300,000 additional capital funds.

The raising of the Convention's budget by \$1,000,000 will greatly reduce the chances of the Foreign Mission Board's receiving additional money from Cooperative Program receipts over the Convention's budget. At the same time, the increase of income amounting to \$550,000 within the budget provision strengthens the Board's financial position with reference to recurring commitments such as the appointment of missionaries.

It is our opinion that Southern Baptists who contributed the funds which made the additional \$900,000 available for the Foreign Mission Board would rather that we invest the extra funds, over our current budget needs, in the appointment of missionaries than in any other way.

Preservation of Freedom

By EVERETT GILL JR.

We have been deeply concerned over the unwarranted attack on the Central Baptist Church of Bogota, Colombia, December 22 and 23, 1951, in which a mob incited and led by a Roman Catholic priest twice attacked the church during dedication cere-

monies. The front windows were smashed and a number of people were slightly wounded as they entered the church under a hail of falling stones. We highly commend the prompt action of the American Ambassador, Copus Waynick, who rushed to the scene with his second secretary, entered the building, and saw to it that the service proceeded. A strong protest was lodged by the Ambassador with the Colombian government.

This is a continuation of periodic outbreaks since 1950 in which many evangelical churches have been dynamited, members of congregations beaten, and in some instances murdered. On January 9, in company with Dr. W. S. Rycroft of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and Bishop Bentley of the Episcopal Church, I conferred with the Assistant Secretary of State, Edward G. Miller Jr., in Washington, who received us graciously and assured us of his own interest and that of his department in the preservation of religious liberty abroad. We expressed appreciation for the prompt action of the Ambassador in Bogota, and I also took opportunity to express similar gratitude for the services rendered by Ambassador Stanton Griffis, in Spain, who has indicated a genuine interest in the preservation of freedom there.

A report from Missionary Gerald Riddell, of Bogota, said that the incident, and the lack of police action stirred up the Colombian press, which for days afterward commented on the affair. The report said, "Services planned for the week went forward without hesitation. Several police were present each night, and in five night services, led by Dr. H. W. Schweinsberg, of Cali, fifty people made professions of faith.

"In all fairness, one must say that this barbarous action does not represent the people of Bogota or Colombia. With all the publicity given the affair, only about forty people responded to the call of the priest. Since the incident, literally hundreds of people by telephone, written message, and word of mouth, have expressed deep regret that in this ancient, cultured, and cosmopolitan city, the Athens of South America, such a thing could happen. The incident does show how low class people aroused by the priests of Rome can be intolerant and destructive to those who do not believe as they do."

Dr. Schweinsberg wrote on January 4, 1952: "I have returned from Bogota. I imagine Missionary Riddell has written of the

Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, *Superintendent*

The Importance of Mission Work

New churches are being organized in Arkansas almost every week. We give below the full account of the organization of Spradling Church, Ft. Smith, written by C. C. Roberts, Associational Missionary in Concord Association:

"I served last Sunday as moderator to organize the Spradling Mission of Ft. Smith into an independent church. It was a glorious service. There were 266 charter members. The church called Tom McClain, a young man who just finished Ouachita College last year, as the pastor; also, six deacons were ordained.

"They voted to co-operate with the Southern Convention, State Convention, and Concord Association.

"They have a \$15,000 dollar budget and will give regularly to the Cooperative Program.

"This has been a marvelous work on the part of First Church, Ft. Smith, to sponsor this mission.

"Thanks to all who had any part in bringing this to pass. Much credit is to be given to Dr. Ferguson, former pastor, who started this work, and also to Dr. J. Harold Smith, the present pastor, who has supported the work wholeheartedly.

first demonstration against Baptists in all the years we have been there. A few pesos of glass was lost but the publicity was worth thousands. We had one of the best revival meetings I have seen in Colombia. Our work is growing as I have never seen it before. Our services are packed and there are conversions continually. If opposition produces this kind of a reaction, I think that we should not want it to be otherwise."

New Appointees

At the January meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, Miss Vella Jane Burch, catalog librarian and associate professor, School of Religious Education, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, was named librarian for the Baptist Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland. She was appointed for two years on a contractual basis and has been granted a leave of absence by Southwestern Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Elbert Spencer Jr., of Kansas City, Kansas, were appointed for service in Japan.

"Space prohibits mention of all who have contributed to the success of this work."

C. C. Roberts,

The account of the organization of this new church reminds us of many others which were organized during 1951. The Third Avenue Church, Paragould, was organized from a mission of First Church. Immanuel Church, Magnolia, grew out of a mission sponsored by Central Church. Also, Trinity Church, El Dorado, which has had a tremendous growth and was led into an organization through the work of Missionary Carl Clark. Bono Church was organized through the untiring efforts of Missionary Carl Bunch and Rural Evangelist M. E. Wiles.

In Pulaski County, Alexander Church was organized from a mission of Immanuel Church; Amboy was a mission of Baring Cross Church; Gravel Ridge was a mission of First Church, Little Rock; Markham Street was started as a mission of Woodlawn Church. All of these are now full time churches.

We recall, also, the organization of Saddle Baptist Church, Big Creek Association. This work was started by Missionary H. M. Dugger and sponsored a short while by Mammoth Spring Church. These and many other churches organized during 1951 remind us of the importance of mission work, both by a local church and our State Mission Department.

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The work of the Holy Spirit is not to drive but to guide. To see the truth and fail to follow it is to forfeit His leadership.

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Important Days For G. A.'s

April 18-20 are the dates set aside for the annual Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Houseparty to be held at Hardison Hall, Petit Jean. Special and detailed information will be sent every auxiliary, but in the meantime plans to attend should be made.

ANOTHER ATTAINED

It was not known at the time the list of A-1 auxiliaries was compiled for printing that the Junior Girls' Auxiliary of North Crossett had reached all the requirements on the Standard of Excellence for the year 1950-51. They were omitted from the original list, but we recognize them now as having done most acceptable work in their organization.

"WORKING TOGETHER WITH CHRIST"

February 12-22 are important days for Arkansas Baptists for it is during that period that denominational rallies will be held in every association in the state. (In a few instances two associations will meet together, but every association will be touched, at any rate.) The challenging theme chosen is "Working Together With Christ." That's what we are doing! All phases and departments of our denominational work will be presented, and every loyal Arkansas Baptist should attend the meeting held in his association. Check the schedule that appeared on the back page of the January 17 issue of the Arkansas Baptist.

PREPARE NOW FOR MARCH 3-7

Well laid plans made now will assure a victorious observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 3-7. If the world is to be Christianized by America, America must first be Christian. May we prayerfully "take a look

at ourselves" in consideration of Home Mission activities.

1. Clear the dates on your church calendar for the observance.

2. Study the new graded series of books preceding the observance as part of the preparation.

3. Advertise through local paper, church bulletin, announcements in Sunday School departments.

4. Distribute offering envelopes well in advance of the observance with a brief comment concerning the cause for which the offering will be taken. (Order whatever quantity of envelopes you will need to place one in the hands of every member of your W.M.U. These are furnished by the State W.M.U., 209 Baptist Building.)

5. Cite needs. Encourage preparation of heart and purse.

6. OBSERVE the FULL WEEK.

7. Enlist attendance and anticipation of every member of the W. M. U.

8. Glean for the offering and remit to State W.M.U. Treasurer, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

THEIR'S WAS VICTORIOUS!

May we quote from a letter received from Mrs. Joe Williams of the Oak Grove Church, Van Buren: If you have not planned for the full observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, claim the joy that always comes from that experience!

"I think I was just about the happiest W. M. U. president in the Southern Baptist Convention when our 'Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions' was observed. At our district meeting in Fort Smith, when you stressed the value of an entire week's observance, I resolved to stress that in our W.M.S. at Oak Grove and work toward that entire week's observance.

"And so we did have five days of prayer — meeting each afternoon and climaxing our program on Friday with an all day meeting.

"Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was more than five times larger than our last year's offering—at which time we observed only one day. We, here at Oak Grove, know that it's best to observe the entire week —when we are having a 'week of prayer'."

Southern Baptists On TV-NBC January 27, February 3

The Southern Baptist Radio Commission has been invited by the National Broadcasting Company to televise a program on "Frontiers of Faith" January 27. This is a thirty-minute broadcast, and is a regular weekly feature of the NBC television network.

Charles Wellborn, Baptist Hour radio speaker, will give the message, "Design for Living." Music will be supplied by the choir of the Calvary Baptist Church in New York City, under the direction of Charles Ennis. Dr. John S. Wimbish, pastor of the church, will give the opening prayer. Frank Boggs, Baptist Hour soloist, will also be featured. The program will originate in New York.

The live broadcast of this program will be on the NBC television network January 27. Most of the stations will carry it at that time, but a few will carry it later by kinescope film. Contact your nearest NBC station for their exact time of broadcast.

This will be the first network telecast produced by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Commission, has expressed the hope that this broadcast will mark the beginning of active participation in the television field by Southern Baptists.

NBC Stations Carrying Southern Baptist Broadcasts

The following stations are now carrying Frontiers of Faith on a live basis: These stations will carry the program at 1:00 p. m., EST, January 27.

WNBT—New York.
WKTU—Utica.
WSYR-TV—Syracuse.
WJAR-TV—Providence.
WDEL-TV—Wilmington.
WTVR—Richmond.
WTAR-TV—Norfolk.
WBRC-TV—Birmingham.
WSPD—Toledo.
WJAC-TV—Johnstown.
WNBK—Cleveland.
WLW-TV—Cincinnati.
WHAM-TV—Rochester.
WAVE-TV—Louisville.
WNBQ—Chicago.
KSD-TV—St. Louis.
WMCT—Memphis.
WOC-TV—Davenport.
KSTP-TV—St. Paul.
WBTW—Charlotte.
WJIM-TV—Lansing.
WOI—Ames.
WSAZ—Huntington.
WLW-C—Columbus.
WLW-D—Dayton.
WTTV—Bloomington.
WNBW—Washington.
WSM-TV—Nashville.

The following stations are carrying Frontiers of Faith on a kinescope basis: (These stations

will carry the program February 3).

WRGB—Schenectady.
WBZ-TV—Boston.
WPTZ-TV—Philadelphia.
WBAL-TV—Baltimore.
WSB-TV—Atlanta.
WWJ-TV—Detroit.
WDAF-TV—Kansas City.
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Your Stake in the Dollar

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Figures show that our population of 155,000,000 owns 200,000,000 life policies of seven major types. The aggregate value is \$234,000,000,000. This can only mean that the great bulk of the people have placed their faith in the security of the American dollar. And yet the government continues to devalue the dollar through uncontrolled spending. In the six years which ended with 1951, the Federal Government will have collected more taxes by \$8,400,000,000 than it collected in the entire previous history of the country. And the public debt has reached \$257,000,000,000.

Then, as if this strain were not enough on the stability of the dollar, the situation is made more perilous by the government's spending billions of dollars on socialistic ventures in direct opposition to highly taxed private industry. This socialization has gained such momentum in the United States that it is no longer considered an incidental expense of government. The cost, direct and indirect, is a substantial part of today's huge budgets.

The government cannot go on socializing taxable industry and business, and spending so excessively, without destroying private enterprise and the savings of the people.

—Industrial News Review.

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D. L. Moody said, Cling to the whole Bible, not a part of it. A man is not going to do much with a broken sword.

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Summer Term Begins June 10

Southern Baptist Korea News

By DR. JOHN A. ABERNATHY
Southern Baptist Missionary

The little country of Korea has been in the eyes of the world as has no other during the past year. It is one of our newest mission fields but God is working here in an unusual way. I doubt that there have been more visible results in any field for the same length of time than here.

EVANGELISTIC AND GENERAL MISSION WORK

For the past fifty years Baptists have carried on work in Korea. They not always use the name Baptist, but in faith and practice were real Baptists. They sent missionaries and established churches in Mongolia, Manchuria, and Siberia.

Before the outbreak of hostilities in 1950 there were reported to be over 150 Baptist churches in all Korea; most of which were in the North. If reports are true, all our churches north of the 38th parallel have been destroyed and congregations scattered. Most of the pastors and other leaders were killed. A few months ago one of the pastors from up near the Russian border whom we thought dead walked into my home in Pusan. Communists had caught and killed another whom they thought was he. After hiding in the mountains and keeping constantly on the move he was able to escape over the line into South Korea.

Since April 9, new churches have been organized and preaching places in many out of the way towns and villages have been opened. A general spirit of revival prevails all over the country. It seems the terrible suffering through which the people have passed has tended to soften and prepare their hearts for the reception of the gospel.

Over 600 baptisms have been reported the past summer and there are large numbers of inquirers in all our places. In the Baptist Church in Pusan several American soldiers and one sailor have been baptized.

Another phase of our work blessed by God has been preaching to wounded Chinese prisoners of war in a hospital camp near Pusan. Some are saved at nearly every service. Many New Testaments, gospel portions, and tracts have been given out and are being read eagerly. It is hard to supply the demands for Chinese Bibles and other literature for these men. From questions and testimonies I find that not many of these men are real communists. They were drafted and forced to come to Korea to fight.

RELIEF WORK

Nothing has been done to bind Korean and American Christians closer together than has the re-

lief given out during the past eight months. This relief has been given out, and is still being given at a time when the need is greatest. These people will forever be grateful to Southern Baptists for coming to their aid in their darkest hour and deepest need with both Spiritual and physical relief.



Nearly all Baptist and other churches in the war area were partially or wholly destroyed. After the local Christians have done all they could to repair or rebuild their churches we have come to their rescue with Baptist relief funds and helped them complete the job. Koreans love their churches dearly and gladly sacrifice time and as much money as they have to rebuild those damaged or destroyed. In Chilsan, when it seemed there was no way to build a new church, the women after prayer decided to take out a spoonful of rice from each meal until there was enough after selling it to pay for the land for the new church. The pastor sold a piece of his most prized rice field and used the money for the church. After he set the example many other members followed. When they had done their best, the building was not finished. We were happy to step in with Baptist relief and help them finish the job. They have a beautiful building in which God is honored at each service.

HELPING YOUTH TO FINISH SCHOOL

With Baptist relief funds we are helping over 200 boys and girls from Baptist homes to continue high school and college. It is to these young people we look for future leaders in the church.

A lovely girl had just graduated from high school in Seoul. Her home was not far from ours, though we did not know her then. One evening last year her mother urged her to go to a friend's house to spend the night. During the night there was a heavy air raid. Next morning when she returned all she found of her home and parents were only ashes. Heartbroken and

frightened she joined the ever lengthening throng of refugees wending their way southward away from the war zone. In Pusan she was saved and baptized into our church. She is happy all the time. Recently she said to Mrs. Ahn, "O, how I should like to be able to go to college and prepare myself for special service in His kingdom." After discussing this matter we felt it would be a good investment of relief money to help this worthy girl to go to college. She will soon enter university in Pusan.

30,000 PEOPLE RECEIVED RELIEF

Large numbers of homes have been completely destroyed in the war. Baptist relief funds have been used to help repair or rebuild fifty-five homes of Baptist families. More than 30,000 people have received general relief. Large numbers of orphans and homeless people have been helped. Medical relief has been given to many sick who were unable to call a doctor or go to the hospital. We feel many lives have been saved by this timely relief. Several months ago our Relief Committee felt it would be good if we could have our own Baptist hospital in connection with the relief program and sent an urgent request to the Foreign Mission Board to send doctors and nurses out to open this work. A few weeks ago Dr. N. A. Bryan arrived and almost immediately began seeing patients. As the days go by the number increases, and our people are very happy to have their own hospital and doctors to help them when they get sick.

While our people were still rejoicing over the coming of Doctor Bryan, the Reverend Rex Ray arrived by ship bringing much needed hospital equipment, a jeep, trailer, and other equipment to make our work easier and more efficient. We are all happy to have these able men to help in relief and general mission work in Pusan and southern Korea. Our opportunities for service are limited only by the limited number of workers we have. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He thrust forth more laborers into His vineyard."

Nothing cooks your goose quicker than a boiling temper.

Mission News

Miss Ruth Randall, missionary to Brazil, is now in the States on emergency sick leave. She may be addressed at P. O. Box 176, University Station, Fayetteville, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harrington, missionaries to Brazil who have been in the States on regular furlough, have returned to their permanent field of service. They may be addressed at Rua Ponte Nova 555, Belo Horizonte, Minas, Brazil. Mrs. Harrington is a native of Cauthron, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyce Neil Nelson announce the birth of David Allen son, missionaries to Japan, on December 21, in Tokyo. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are natives of Arkansas. She is the former Gladys Mosley.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Alsberry Solesbee, missionaries to the Philippine Islands, announce the birth of Carol Ruth on December 16. Mr. Solesbee is a native of Greenwood, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Bagby, missionaries to Brazil, announce the birth of Ronald Oliver on December 30, at Porto Alegre, Brazil. Mrs. Bagby, formerly Thelma Frith, is a native of North Little Rock.

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What's Happening to the Church?

By CHARLES A. WELLS

In our obsession with things political, economic and material, we are missing the most genuinely important news of our day. Because so many of us consider the church of almost minor importance, we have not discovered that the most revealing and significant evidence of the inevitable failure of communism is the triumph of the Church under Communist persecution. The Reds set out to destroy the Church, but the fires of persecution only burned away the dross of worldliness and pride, leaving the Church glowing with new spiritual power. Authentic reports continue to tell of the crowded sanctuaries, redoubled devotion where the flame of oppression has swept over. Let priest or pastor be imprisoned and a hundred rise to replace him.

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The Church Music Department has the services of several well-qualified associate workers for the three months of Summer Vacation. Their schedule is made up in this office. Any church, large or small, may have a Summer Music School by writing for a worker at once and giving

first, second, and third choice by dates. Schools are usually planned for two weeks. Daily classes are given in Music Fundamentals, Hymn Accompaniment, Song Leading, Choir Training, and Congregational Singing. Primaries, Juniors, and Intermediates receive their instruction in the two-hour morning class while the evening classes are designed for Young People and Adults. One or more of the books on the Church Music Training Course are used as text-books if credit is desired on a Church Music Diploma.

What Does It Cost?

Since the associate music workers receive no salary, the church using their services agrees to pay their travel expenses, entertain them while on the field, and give them a minimum honorarium of \$35 a week. This is a very small price for such a valuable service.

How Can My Church Get A Summer Music School?

Application blanks for Summer Music School Workers are available in the office of the Church Music Director. Write the director, Mrs. B. W. Nininger.

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If you are interested in knowing more about this meeting or in making reservations, please contact me at once at 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Pastor, Here is Your Chance

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Youth Speaks

"Most of my high school years, which could have been dedicated to the Lord and His work were wasted in the world's sin. I am ashamed to admit that I, even though young, did not realize in high school that there were many, many people, some of them my friends, who were lost.

"I realize now the truth and I wish that we, as Baptist students, could make young people of high school age and up to understand—that the sooner one gives his life to Christ and His service, the happier that person will be. I must admit, I sought popularity in my high school days rather than the favor of God and I gained that popularity. I held most every office possible during high school, I graduated valedictorian and thought that I had everything.

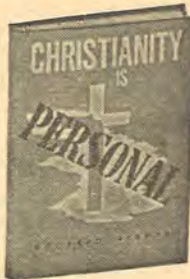
"But popularity failed me in times of trial. One of my dearest loved ones was taken to the State Hospital where she finally died. My mother left home with another man. My world came crashing down. I had nothing to lean on. But this summer I found a real living Lord, who, although I had been saved for several years, had never been so close to me. I found my life's work as a missionary and although I don't know where He wants me to go, I am willing and ready to follow where He leads."

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Nicodemus, A Hesitant Follower

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Lesson based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

In the scripture readings listed above we meet Nicodemus, the Pharisee, three times. Early in the ministry of Jesus, Nicodemus made his famous night visit to see Him; later when the Sanhedrin Court, of which Nicodemus was a member, sent deputies to arrest the Lord, the Pharisee meekly suggested that every man deserved a trial before he was judged or sentenced, whereupon he was accused of being a disciple of the Galilean, which he neither confirmed nor denied; and after the death of Jesus, Nicodemus quietly went to the authorities and secured His body, which he prepared for burial, we imagine in the most fashionable manner of his day. After the death of Jesus, Nicodemus was never mentioned again.

CONTRAST WITH PAUL

Contrast if you will, the life of Nicodemus with that of Saul of Tarsus. One is a shining example of a life lived for Christ, the other that of a coward. So far as talent or possibilities of success were concerned, both were great men of their day. Both were Pharisees, which meant they were ultra-orthodox, deeply religious. Possibly both were members of the supreme court in Israel, made up of 71 priests, scribes, and elders, and presided over by the high priest. All this meant they were men of high educational attainment, men of wealth, and prestige. They not only held high positions in the religious world, but in the political affairs of Israel, as well.

When Saul of Tarsus was saved, he was saved all over; when he said, "What wilt thou have me to do, Lord?" he surrendered all. He went forth a flaming evangel over the world of his day, trying to make amends for the damage the Pharisees in general, and he in particular, had done to God's kingdom on earth. But each time we meet Nicodemus, we see a subtle, evasive disciple.

His first approach to Jesus at night time has made Nicodemus a distinguished character. His sincerity must have arrested the attention of Jesus, as is indicated by His patience with the man. Jesus did not usually waste much time on a self righteous Pharisee. The very fact that Nicodemus waited till dark to visit Jesus is proof enough that he did not wish to be seen by

Sunday School Lesson for
January 27, 1952

Jno. 3:1-10; 7:45-52; 19:38-40

his colleagues. He immediately confessed his faith in Jesus, that only a God sent man could do the mighty works that He was doing in Israel. Jesus changed the subject; He directed the conversation back to the need of His visitor. Nicodemus had come to talk about the kingdom of God, so Jesus set out at once to inform him how he could see the kingdom: "Except a man be born again, (born from above-Moffatt) he cannot see the kingdom of God."

TWO BIRTHS A MYSTERY

The unregenerated Jew expressed great astonishment at the Lord's statement. He had never heard of two births. In verses 5, 6, and 8, Jesus used the plainest language He could employ to describe the two births to Nicodemus, the natural and the spiritual, the fleshly birth and the spiritual birth. That one's birth into the human family is one thing, and the birth into God's family is quite another. The two are as separate and distinctive as day is from night; that which is born of the flesh is flesh, because flesh can only beget flesh. But that which is born of the spirit is spiritual, and the spiritual birth is the heavenly birth, begotten by a heavenly Father, the birth from above.

All the astonished Nicodemus could utter was: "How can these things be?" Then in amazement, Jesus asked Nicodemus, "Art thou a master (teacher, ruler, leader) in Israel, and knoweth not these things?" There is just one answer to the story related above. Israel had become so steeped in laws, rules, and rituals, they had completely overlooked the spiritual significance of it all. They should have recognized God in every law; they should have seen Christ crucified in every sacrifice offered upon the brazen altars. They knew religion to the last letter of the law; but they knew absolutely nothing about spiritual salvation, as is proved by the conversation with Nicodemus.

SPIRITUAL BIRTH IS NOT BAPTISM

Look about you today; we still have religious faiths that demand works for salvation, and use this very scripture, John 3:5, for a proof text: "Except a man be born of the water and the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." The Catholic Church and the Church of Christ

people (possibly others) use this scripture to prove that one must be baptized, born of the water they say, in order to enter the kingdom of God. And they place more emphasis upon the water than upon the blood of Jesus Christ. But notice carefully the facts of the case: in John 3:1-10, Jesus had a visitor; the visitor needed help; Jesus taught him a lesson; the subject of that lesson was "The Two Births," the NATURAL and the SPIRITUAL. Change the subject, and you lose sight of the truth of the lesson.

Just as Nicodemus could not understand the truth Jesus taught him, neither can many of our generation understand that the spiritual birth is a gift of God, that it is an unseen act as the wind that blows, but just as real as the wind that blows.

WITH WRONG CROWD—

As time went on, the Pharisees' hatred for Jesus grew to the point of murder. In the end it was members of the Sanhedrin Court who hired Judas to betray the Master. It was the Sanhedrin Court that met during the hours of darkness and pronounced the penalty of death upon the Son of God. It was that same group who beat Him; placed the royal robes upon Him in mockery, so they could remove them, disrobe the King of Israel; crowned

Him with the crown of thorns; who desired Barrabas to be delivered from death but cried out concerning the Lord, "Crucify him, crucify him!" And all the while Nicodemus was a member of that crowd. His life was buried; his feeble influence only brought him rebuke. His name has lived through the ages as one who feared the crowd, as one who could not give up the passing honors of his day to be identified with the Lord of glory. He has received due reward for the little good that he did, but it is a meager reward because of the meager service he rendered. He was convinced, he said, that Jesus was a man of God. He asked that Jesus receive a just trial, because that is due any man. He ministered to the Lord in His death, but he was not willing to take a stand in His life.

We would not sit in judgment on weak brethren; for "there is none that doeth good, no not one," but Christendom is divided into two groups as typified by Paul and Nicodemus; one group goes all out for Christ, the other is like the Pharisee, their testimony is puny, their light is almost too weak to be seen.

Surely, if the Christian life is worth living at all, it is worth giving all. The hesitant follower has no influence nor testimony to render for Christ.

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Dr. H. A. Haswell, New Ouachita President

Dr. Harold A. Haswell, who has served as Dean of Ouachita College for the past two years and as Administrative Officer of the college since the resignation of Dr. S. W. Eubanks as president last year, has been elected president of the college by unanimous action of the College Board of Trustees at a meeting of the Board, January 15.

We congratulate both Dr. Haswell and the Board for this new arrangement and we feel that the Arkansas Baptists generally have and will accept the announcement with much enthusiasm and appreciation.

Dr. Haswell has served exceptionally well as Administrative Dean of the college which service, no doubt, was one of the principal things considered by the Board in his election. From our contacts out over the state, we feel that Dr. Haswell has the complete confidence of all our people and that they will support him and his administration in every possible manner. We pledge to him our continued interest and prayers concerning Ouachita College and its work. We predict a great future for the college under Dr. Haswell's guidance.

Dr. Haswell is well prepared for the work upon which he is now entering. He is a Christian statesman with about 20 years experience in the public and church school field. He is a native of Missouri and holds his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Missouri.

McMillan and Judsonia

The following letter received from Bob McMillan, pastor of First Church, Judsonia.

Dear Dr. Bridges:

I received your letter today and rejoice with you in the fine report of the financial condition of our program. I know it is an inspiration to you and your co-workers in the various departments.

It does seem too bad that we could not have seen a better way to divide the overage received by your office. I'm sure that the Executive Board did not fully realize the way things were. I'm wondering if it is too late to make a change in the division of the \$34,808.92. I firmly believe that your office should have received enough to make up for the reduced amount which you accepted. If there is any way that the matter could be reviewed, I would be in favor of reconsidering it.

I'm happy to report that the budget of our church for this year will include a \$350 increase to the Cooperative Program. This brings our total yearly gifts to the Cooperative Program to \$1,250. This amount is a little over double what it was three years ago when I accepted the church as pastor. I trust that there will be a steady increase in the years ahead.

Bob McMillan.

We appreciate Brother McMillan's interest in the affairs of our convention work, and congratulate him and his great church for its forward moving strides.

The Unusual Happened

A beloved fellow-laborer came into our office last week and left a package on our desk. He made some remarks somewhat as follows: "I said to one our pastors, I wonder if anybody ever remembers a denominational worker. Our church people remember their pastors with gifts and little kindnesses here and there, but does anybody ever remember the General Secretary? I am going to take him a rare dish and remember him in this kind of a token." It was Brother Fred Westner of Dumas. Brother Westner has been pastor of some smaller churches in Desha County and is a sincere worker for his Lord. We want to thank you Brother Westner for your thoughtfulness more than we do for the fish. It was a big fish indeed. One of the biggest bass I ever saw and it certainly was tasty and good. Thank you again and again.

Simmons and McRae

Have you seen the beautiful church building in McRae? It is a monument to persistency in loyalty and determination and sacrifice. Pastor E. F. Simmons is happy and the membership of the church is rejoicing over the victories that God has given them. Through a period of years they have struggled and given and worked. They have seen the victory come as the fruit of their labors and sacrifice. Early in December this fine congregation and faithful pastor rejoiced in the dedication of their new church building. It was the privilege of this writer to be with the congregation on the day of dedication and to participate in the services. We heard some very fine speeches made by Mrs. Gay and by the treasurer, Brother D. J. Sparkman, by Mrs. Herring and by others. It was a day to be remembered. Pastor Simmons loves his people and they follow his leadership and he is leading and developing them into a great church. They are doing more and more for the Cooperative Program. In fact they took a special collection on the day of the dedication and turned it over to the writer before he left the church. The church has adopted a new budget for 1952, and has increased its allocation for missions. The McRae church will never be quite the same any more.

Sallee and Batesville First Church

C. D. Sallee Jr. recently became pastor of First Church, Batesville, succeeding Joe Shaver who resigned there last fall.

We rejoice in Brother Sallee's recent letter wherein he advises that the church has voted to raise its Cooperative Program gift to \$6,600 for 1952. Brother Sallee says that it is the church's plan to increase its gifts to the Cooperative Program substantially each year. The Tithers Enlistment Visitation Program will be the means of reaching a proposed goal next year of \$7,500. Their Lottie Moon Christmas offering this year almost doubled the amount given any previous year.

We congratulate Brother Sallee and his great church.

Theo T. James and McGehee

We are impressed with the progress that has been made in First Church, McGehee, under the leadership of Pastor Theo T. James. This church has grown in the last five years by leaps and bounds. They have a splendid congregation, and they are going forward in every phase of the work. Their contributions for missions are on the increase. Pastor James is one of our very great preachers. He is wise also in his leadership. He is a fine leader among the young people as well as among the adults. His ministry in McGehee is blessed and fruitful.

Hunt and Altheimer

Russell K. Hunt, former pastor at Thornton and a graduate of Ouachita College last year, is the pastor of First Church, Altheimer. The following letter was received from Pastor Hunt this week which will warm your heart as it did ours:

Dear Brother Bridges:

I know you will be glad to know the following facts in the mission growth of our church:

Last year the church only gave \$120 which was a little more than two per cent of the budget. This year you suggested that we give \$250. I am thankful to be able to say that the church voted to give ten per cent of its income which, according to the budget as it now stands, will be \$635.40.

We pray that our receipts will be much more and regardless of what the amount will be we will pay ten per cent of it into the Cooperative Program.

Sincerely yours,

Russell K. Hunt.

Gustavus Moves to Glenwood

Louis Gustavus recently resigned his church field of Ola and Plainview to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Glenwood. Brother Gustavus is one of our best preachers and is a good organizer and promoter.

During his two and one-half years as pastor at Ola and Plainview there were 143 additions to the churches, 102 of which were by baptism. Ola had 67 additions, 41 by baptism, and Plainview 79 additions, 61 by baptism. Offerings of both churches increased substantially. Ola increased its mission gifts by 400 per cent and Plainview by three-hundred per cent. The Ola church improved its auditorium with hardwood floors, new pews and a cooling system. Plainview started a fund for the erection of a new building.

The Glenwood saints will love and appreciate Brother Gustavus and his fine family.

A personal letter to Porter Routh from a German Leader, Jacob Meister, tells of the ground-breaking for a new chapel at Newkolln, the most populated district of Berlin. An added word says, "The church is progressing under great sacrifice."

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