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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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**The Covered Bridge - - A relic of the Past - -  
Has Gone The Way of Many Another Landmark**

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## Godless Indecision

By JOHN J. HURT JR., Editor

The Christian Index

Humble yourself, America, turn from your wicked ways and honor God for the time of your destruction may be near. You enter a New Year with fear unknown to your fathers.

You no longer are proud and mighty. Your prestige around the world is gone. Friendly nations, once legion, now are rare. Thievery and moral rot is taking its toll in high places at home. Your people lack conviction and courage to check their nation's suicide.

Doubt it? Then you have blinded your eyes to the headlines. You have stopped your ears to the radio. You have numbed your body against bullets and the slaps that come to your sons.

Doubt it? Your government pays homage to the Kremlin with ransom for release of four American fliers who fell into Hungarian hands. Stalin, like Caesar of old, sits on his throne and demands tribute. America pays.

Doubt it? Those murdering and plundering henchmen of Stalin marched into South Korea, a friendly nation you were sworn to protect. Now, after suffering a hundred thousand casualties and spending ten billions of dollars you sit around a conference table, taking their insults, and beg for peace.

Doubt it? Think of your American national, Southern Baptist missionary William W. Wallace, crying to God for mercy in that Chinese prison camp and finding release only in death. Think of Bill Oatis, an American newspaperman, behind another iron curtain in Europe and in prison.

Your loss of respect in the world is because you have lost respect for yourself. Twice before your nation's capital has been rocked by scandal but action then was quick toward cleanup and punishment.

Now, your nation's President talks and acts as if all is normal. It was he who described Korea as "police action" and has committed a half-million Americans to bat-

tle without declaration of war. He now protects his cronies in their sin.

Is this to be another year of indecision? Will Americans continue to die in the rice paddies of Korea without any real concern



at home? Must we pay ransom for our citizens seized by foreign nations or let them rot in prison? Will thievery be condoned in Washington, flashing the red light that we are hurdling down the road to suicide.

God won't bless a nation that ignores Him. God won't honor a nation that does not trust Him and make His commands the law of the land.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

There is the answer, more binding than treaties. There is the answer, proven by all history. There is the promise which, alone of all promises, is without revocation.

## Stop, Look, And Listen

"The new Federal tax bill arouses much speculation on how high taxes can safely go without destroying our free economy," writes Ralph T. Moore in the *Oregon Voter*. "Calculations by noted economists generally agree that when taxes take more than 25 per cent of income they generate dangerous inflation. If this be true, and it is partially proven by actual experience, then the U. S. had best stop, look, and listen for the new bill would result in 32 per cent of income being used for government."

We are certainly beginning to witness the dismaying fact that taxation and confiscation can become much the same thing. There are many reasons why taxes can destroy a free economy, and the most important is that, once they reach a high enough point, they undermine incentive. Why should a man take a chance on some venture or other when, if he succeeds, the government will gain most of the profit, while, if he fails, he must stand the entire loss? And why should anyone work hard in an attempt to get ahead when the rewards of success become constantly smaller?

No intelligent man can any longer say that the solution to the tax problem is to

soak the rich some more. The tax rates have gone the limit in the upper brackets—and if they were actually set at a cool 100 per cent the resultant revenue wouldn't make a dent in today's governmental spending. So the so-called "little man"—with an income in the \$5,000-and-under brackets—is the sole remaining source of substantial new tax revenues.

The irony lies in the fact that the government's drunken-sailor spending policy was started and has been carried on in the name of helping the "little man." Keep that in mind next time you open a tax-depleted pay envelope. Waste and prodigality can destroy a nation just as it can destroy a family.

—Industrial News Review.

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"In the American way of life we believe that the individual is of supreme worth. The group and the state receive their rights from the individuals which make them up. We do not believe that the end justifies the means. The end must be right, and the means to secure it must be right."

W. R. White in *The Teacher*.

## Conversing With God

A Devotion by the Editor

"And Moses said unto the Lord . . . And the Lord said unto Moses . . ."

God loves a good conversationalist as well as a "cheerful giver"—one who can talk sympathetically, understandingly, and intelligently with God.

In order to make it possible for His people to converse with Him in an intelligent manner, God has provided a vocabulary, a language, and appropriate themes for discussion. The result of this provision on the part of God is the Bible, the self-revelation of God to His people. In the Bible one will find the basis of conversation between oneself and his God.

There is the grave possibility that the usual conversation with God is entirely too restricted, limited to a few stock phrases and personal, often selfish, petitions. Is it possible that our prayers are too often reduced to a sort of repetitious monologue, or a cataloging of our personal desires and longings which bear little or no relation to God's cause in the world, or whimpering complaints as if we were charging God with responsibility for all the annoyances of life?

Suppose we try an experiment: Just sit down with God and carry on a conversation with Him. Would we feel ill-at-ease or embarrassed, would we know how to open a conversation with Him, could we find anything of mutual interest to talk about?

In order to feel at ease and become absorbed in a conversation with God, we must learn God's language, become familiar with and interested in His program in the world.

God is interested in sinners, and has a great message for them—the message of salvation. God loves His people, and has a great mission for them—the mission of world evangelism. God established His church, and committed to it His Kingdom enterprises—carrying out the commissions of Jesus. God has a purpose in the world—the purpose of redeeming grace.

Are we interested enough in sinners, and are we familiar enough with God's message to sinners to enable us to talk with Him about them? Are we able to talk with God about His people and how they fit into His purposes and plans in the world? And what about His church, have we studied the plans and purposes of His church so that we can talk with God about His church in His own language? Is His redeeming grace a familiar topic of conversation between us and God?

—Exodus 33:12-34:3.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### The Second Industrial Revolution:

# INCENTIVE MANAGEMENT

"Industrial progress up to the present, and even at the present time, is made largely by development of machines. In the new age to which we are coming, progress will be made mainly by development of man."

The above statement is taken from one of the most challenging books we have read in many a day: "Incentive Management: An American answer to the world's social and economic unrest. A philosophy of human relations in business and industry that has already started the Second Industrial Revolution!"

"Incentive Management" is written by James F. Lincoln, for thirty-eight years the executive head of the Lincoln Electric Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and is published by the Lincoln Electric Company, price \$1.

#### Primary Goal

The book deals with the relationship between management and labor and discusses not only the problems and difficulties which are inherent in this relationship but points the way out of the difficulties and gives the solution of the problems which have aggravated this relationship during the past of the present industrial age. The title is true to the content of the book, "Incentive Management." While Mr. Lincoln recognizes the responsibility of both management and labor for the progress of industry and its effect upon the national economy, he places the larger responsibility upon management. Management must lead the way.

"The primary goal," says Mr. Lincoln, "of any industry to be successful continuously must be to make a better and better product to be sold to more and more people at a lower and lower cost." Mr. Lincoln says that it is difficult to understand how any industrialist can still approve the price policy of "all the traffic will bear."

#### Elimination of Jobs

Mr. Lincoln makes a paradoxical statement to the effect "that industry is not for the purpose for creating jobs. As a matter of fact, the sole function of industry is to eliminate jobs." The reasoning behind this statement is quite simple. As machines are introduced into industry, fewer men are required to turn out the product and the cost is reduced. But as the cost is reduced the market is expanded since more people buy the product at the reduced price, therefore, as the market expands the industry expands which requires more workers. Therefore, by the elimination of jobs, new jobs and more jobs are actually created. "Jobs increase when low costs, the result of high efficiency of production, reduce costs and prices."

Mr. Lincoln also discusses government bureaucracy, the welfare state, and totalitari-

anism: "When all citizens depend on governmental support, it takes most of the earnings of most producers to produce a bare living for all."

Since free enterprise and fierce competition have produced our present industrial efficiency, it is axiomatic that price fixing and the elimination of competition either by the government or by industry which would guarantee a profit to the least efficient producer and paralyze the most efficient producer would be to stifle the progress of industry and even lower the standard of production which has been attained.

#### Incentive Management

James F. Lincoln . . . Price \$1  
**THE LINCOLN ELECTRIC CO.**  
 22801 St. Clair Ave.  
 Cleveland 17, Ohio

#### Punitive Tax Rate

Speaking of the present tax policies of our government, Mr. Lincoln says, "We give a measure of freedom to the individual. He can, therefore, develop his latent ability if he wants to. However, we take away the incentive to develop his skill or desire to progress by our plan of taxation. If he produces at a high rate because of his skill and earns more wages, he is taxed at a progressively punitive rate far above the less skilled. If he becomes a loafer and refuses to work at all, he is put on relief at the expense of the already tax-penalized producer, and rewarded with a livelihood without effort on his part."

#### Latent Abilities

The philosophy upon which Mr. Lincoln bases his discussion throughout his book is the development of the latent abilities of the individual. But when the development of these abilities is penalized by the government or by industry, development is halted, efficiency is reduced, and production progress is halted.

Turning to the industrial leader, Mr. Lincoln declares, "This whole problem of low cost and high wages gives the industrialist his job . . . it is the industrialist's job to pay these higher and higher wages and still give more and more to the customer for less and less. His success in doing that determines how good an industrialist he is." In order to achieve this goal the industrialist must give more attention to the development of men than to machines.

Mr. Lincoln compares the industrial organization to an amateur athletic team. The industrialist must not only himself be a member of the team but the leader of the team who inspires every member of his

### Calling All Christians

Every Christian in Arkansas should rally to the support of the Anti-Gambling League of Arkansas, which was organized in Little Rock, January 8. The purpose of this organization is to free our fair state of the blight of race track gambling, a blight which outrages every sensibility, of decent people.

Pastor B. K. Self of the First Baptist Church, Benton, was elected president of the league, Pastor G. T. Gotcher of the First Assembly of God Church, North Little Rock, vice president, and Pastor J. T. Sefcik of the Park Hill Presbyterian Church, North Little Rock, was elected secretary.

The organization of the Anti-Gambling League of Arkansas is a result of a resolution passed by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention last November. The Convention adopted a resolution pledging a fight to the finish against the proposed location of a new race track at West Memphis, and also adopted by unanimous vote a resolution offered by Dr. John L. Dodge of Hot Springs, opposing race track gambling anywhere in the state, with particular reference to an attempt to outlaw racing at Oaklawn in Hot Springs.

The fight is now on and a complete victory can be won if the Christian people of Arkansas will take their stand and support this league.

organization to do his best and even to do better than his best. The leader will justify his position on the team only as he wins the confidence of the members of his team and as his own contribution to the success of the team becomes obvious to its members. The incentives, the enthusiasm, and the efforts in amateur athletics, would completely revolutionize industry. And that is Mr. Lincoln's idea. In which case every man's job, from the boss to the last man in his organization, would become a thrilling adventure, and the latent abilities of the individuals would be developed, efficiency would increase, production would be enlarged, prices would be reduced, markets would be expanded, and the cycle would continue indefinitely.

#### Good Reading

"Incentive Management" should be read by every industrialist, every worker, and every consumer. If that includes us all, well and good; because the philosophy of this book will revolutionize the American industrial system and save it from totalitarianism either by the government or industry.

The principles set forth in "Incentive Management" are not fine-spun theories, they are practical and capable of demonstration. In fact, they are demonstrated in Mr. Lincoln's own industrial organization as well as in other cases.

This book is good reading for preachers, not only to understand the problems involved in industry, but it should help the pastor in his administrative responsibilities, and in the enlistment of the members of his church in his church program where the highest and noblest of all incentives should prompt the people to give their very best in Christian service.

# Kingdom Progress

## Park Hill Pastor



R. L. SOUTH

R. L. South, formerly of Texas and New Mexico, assumed his duties as pastor of the Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, January 1. Pastor South comes to the Park Hill Church from the Fairview Church, Grand Prairie, Texas, where he had served since graduating from the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

Mr. South is an A.B. graduate from the Eastern New Mexico University. He holds the B.D. degree from Southwestern Seminary, and has completed his resident work for the Th.M. degree. While a student in the seminary, he was pastor for four years of the Baptist church in Yarrellton, Texas.

Pastor South is a native of Portales, New Mexico, and attended the public schools of that city. Mrs. South is the former Miss Verna Lois Roberts of Clovis, New Mexico. The Souths have two children, Gregory, five, and Sharon, two.

## Progress At Leslie

Pastor L. P. Thomas came to the pastorate of the First Church, Leslie, November 1, 1951, from the Hartford Church.

A reporter from the Leslie Church writes, "The First Baptist Church, Leslie, is now enjoying a spiritual awakening and additions to the church under the leadership of our pastor, L. P. Thomas."

## Relative or Friend In Flint, Michigan?

Pastor Chester R. Cole, 915 Crawford Street, Flint, Michigan, requests the names and addresses of any friends or relatives of the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist* who may be living in Flint, Michigan, in order that he may contact them for his church.

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Most of the shadows of this life are caused by our standing in our own sunshine.

—Emerson.

## Cowden Resigns Caney Creek

T. S. Cowden resigned the Caney Creek Church, Caroline Association, to become associational missionary of the Centennial Association, January 1.

During the twenty-two months that Mr. Cowden was pastor at Caney Creek, there were ninety-two additions to the church, seventy-one of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism. Sunday School attendance was doubled, and the Training Union and W. M. S. were organized during Mr. Cowden's pastorate, and five deacons were ordained. The annual church budget was increased by twenty-five per cent, and gifts to the Cooperative Program were increased by eighteen per cent. A building program was launched to provide additional Sunday School rooms to be financed by God's Acre Plan. It is expected, when financial receipts are in, that this plan will result in \$1,500 for the building fund for 1951.

## No Conflict With Prayer Meeting

By TOMMY TEDFORD

In arranging a statewide basketball schedule, the Ouachita College basketball team finds itself with three Wednesday night games. In keeping with the aims and purposes of Ouachita, the games will not be played until after prayer meeting services in the local churches. The college could not avoid the Wednesday night games, but they do plan full co-operation with local prayer meeting services.

## Brotherhood Commission In New Home

The Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has purchased a new home to house its offices. According to George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, the property is located at 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. Moving into the newly acquired property was completed during the first week in January.

In making the announcement of the new Brotherhood building, the executive secretary stated that the purchase was necessitated because of the rapid expansion of the Brotherhood movement and the need of additional space to house its offices and provide shipping and storage room. The old offices of the Commission were located in the Commerce Title Building in the downtown area of Memphis.

The new building, a beautiful residence, is ideally located on one of the major avenues in the city of Memphis. The lot, with 160 ft. frontage, is beautifully landscaped and is adjoined on the rear by a city park and playground area.

According to Secretary Schroeder, the building is perfectly adaptable for the use of the Brotherhood. It is ample in size, accessible by both bus and automobile, has plenty of parking space, and should prove to be adequate in taking care of any expansion needs of the Brotherhood for years to come.

## Ouachita Launches Extension Program



DR. LESLIE WILLIAMS

Ouachita College has announced the opening of a Little Rock Extension Center, offering courses in Bible to those of the Little Rock area who cannot attend classes on the college campus.

Dr. Leslie Williams, director of the program and head of the O. B. C. Bible Department, has announced that two courses will be taught during the opening semester of the program. Bible 101, The Harmony of the Gospels, will be taught by L. C. Tedford; Bible 111, the Pentateuch, will be taught by W. Harold Hicks. Full college credit will be given for completion of the courses.

First classes will be held Tuesday evening, January 22, in the educational building of First Baptist Church, Little Rock. Time for the class, 7:30 p. m. L. W. Williams has been appointed Registrar of the extension center.

The first course, The Harmony of the Gospels, will begin at 7:30, and the second course, The Pentateuch, will begin at 8:30 each Tuesday after January 22. Both classes meet the same night of each week, thus making possible the taking of both courses.

College officials added that classes are open to all who wish to take the work, regardless of age or academic background. Women as well as men may take the courses.

## Dedication Service

The First Church of Ward, Ernest Baker, pastor, has just completed five new Sunday School rooms, and dedicated these new rooms free of debt on January 10.

The dedication service included a fellowship supper, and an address by Pastor Baker. W. L. Walker was master of ceremonies, and the ladies of the church served the refreshments.

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The Bible can never be mastered by scribbly study. It must be studied systematically, consecutively, and conscientiously.

Every inducement for this life and for that to come urges one to study the Bible. "Some one has said there are enough good ideas lying around to bring in the millenium. But the trouble is they are lying around."

—T. D. Brown.

**Brazilian Post Office Releases Stamp  
Commemorating Bible Day**



A new stamp commemorating Bible Day was released in December by the Federal Post Office of Brazil. Hailed by Baptist leaders as a significant indication of rapidly growing evangelical influence in Brazil, the stamp is the first of its kind released by any government. It depicts the giving of the Bible to the Brazilian people, showing a map of the country toward which a Bible is being extended by two hands. Written on the stamp are the words "Dia da Biblia." The Postmaster General, Colonel Adacto Pereira de Melo, an Episcopalian, officially inaugurated the stamp on December 9.

Doctor John Soren, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro and former president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, said: "The inauguration of this stamp shows the degree at which the distribution of Bibles in Brazil has reached official notice. It means that the government realizes and is hereby emphasizing the importance of Bible reading."

Doctor Edgar Hallock, acting director of the Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro, pointed out that the stamp accentuates the importance of the step taken by Baptist missionaries in 1940, when they began printing the first Bibles ever produced in Brazil. He said the Baptist Publishing House has printed more than 250,000 Bibles and 90,000 New Testaments to date and expects to increase production to 50 or 75,000 a year in 1952.

—Atlas News Service.

**Tribute To Lawson H. Cooke**

In the current issue of the **Brotherhood Bulletin**, the new Brotherhood Secretary, George W. Schroeder, pays tribute to retiring secretary, Lawson H. Cooke, as follows:

"It is with a deep sense of gratitude and thankfulness to God that we dedicate this issue of the **Bulletin** to Lawson H. Cooke, retiring executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission.

"Truly, Lawson H. Cooke has been a man sent from God. The years that he has spent in serving Southern Baptists as their leader in Brotherhood work, 1936-1951, have proven to be the most fruitful in the history of the Brotherhood movement. A look at the record reveals how far the Brotherhood was advanced under his capable and consecrated leadership.

"In 1936 there were but a few hundred scattered church Brotherhoods in the Southern Baptist Convention; today there are over 5,700.

"In 1936 the number of men enrolled in the church Brotherhoods totaled only a few thousand; now over 18,000 are enrolled in the church organizations.

"In 1936 there were no more than 30 associational Brotherhoods; now more than 50 per cent of the 976 associations in the Convention are organized for Brotherhood work.

"In 1936 the number of tracts distributed from the offices of the southwide Brotherhood numbered in the few thousands for the entire year; in 1951 the total was near the 700,000 mark.

"In 1936 the total annual circulation of the **Brotherhood Journal** (called **Quarterly** then) was 19,500; in 1951 the total was

over 220,000.

"In 1936 the offices of the Brotherhood work were housed in one room and the only employee, in addition to Secretary Cooke, was a part-time stenographer. Today several rooms in the Commerce Title Building, Memphis, are proving to be inadequate office space and the total number of employees has been increased to seven.

"It is also to be noted that the Southern Baptist Convention has allocated \$45,000 in the Capital Needs section of its budget during the next few years to the Brotherhood to be used for the purchasing and equipping of an office building.

"In 1936 little or no office equipment was counted in the assets of the Brotherhood department of work. Now batteries of filing cabinets, mimeograph, adding and typewriting machines, along with many other necessary pieces of equipment needed to increase the efficiency of the office, are in daily use.

"In 1936—and on and on we could go.

"Which all adds up to one great truth—God has certainly used in a marvelous way the personality of Lawson H. Cooke. Under his capable leadership the Brotherhood has been firmly established in the life and work of Southern Baptists. Only eternity will reveal the extent of the reach of his ministry among Southern Baptists during the past fifteen years.

"Yes, Lawson H. Cooke has left heavy footprints along the trail that marks the history of Southern Baptists. He has wrought well and the people he served so efficiently and devotedly will not soon forget his contribution to the work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

**Senate Committee Heads Doubt Clark Confirmation**

*By Religious News Service*

Opposition to the nomination of General Mark W. Clark as ambassador to the Vatican was expressed in Washington by the chairmen of two Senate committees through which the nomination must pass before confirmation.

Senator Tom Connally (D.-Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said in a prepared statement:

"The President has stated that he will again submit the nomination of General Clark to be ambassador to the Vatican. I have already made clear my opposition to that appointment and we (the committee) shall meet that issue when it arises."

In response to questions from newsmen, Senator Connally added, "my best impressions are that the nomination will not be confirmed."

He declined to discuss the issue further.

At the same time, Sen. Richard Russell (D.-Ga.), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that he is opposed to the Vatican nomination. Like Senator Connally he expressed doubt that it will be confirmed.

President Truman has indicated he will ask that special legislation be passed by Congress to make General Clark eligible to serve in the civilian post of ambassador without losing his military rank or status. Such legislation would have to be approved by the armed services committees of both houses before it could reach a vote.

Opposition by the chairmen of both these key committees considerably diminishes the

chances for confirmation of General Clark's nomination at the present session of Congress.

(Note — Practically all the members of the Arkansas delegation in Washington have registered their opposition to the appointment of an ambassador from the United States to the Vatican in Rome. Senator John L. McClellan is very emphatic in his stand against such an appointment. So are Congressmen Wilbur D. Mills, Brooks Hays, Boyd Tackett, E. C. Gathings, Oren Harris, J. W. Trimble, W. F. Norrell and Senator Fulbright.

Since the above was written, a White House announcement states that President Truman will not re-submit the name of General Mark Clark to be United States Ambassador to the Vatican. The withdrawal of General Clark's name was at the General's request. However, the White House announcement states that the President will select someone else.—Editor)

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"Ideas are mightier than armies. Iron curtains may delay them, but they cannot stop them. They filter through and penetrate all material defenses. Bad ideas can be defeated by good ideas provided those who proclaim the sound ideas are intelligent, persistent, and aggressive. Sane ideas have reality on their side."



Listen to The

**BAPTIST HOUR**

DATE: January 20

SPEAKER:  
Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT:  
"Total Loss"

**ARKANSAS STATIONS**

- KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
- KENA, Mena, 1:30 p. m.
- KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.
- KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.
- KOSE, Osceola
- KVRC, Arkadelphia, 2:15 p. m.
- KVGH, Little Rock

Consult local paper for time



## Christian Horizons ★ ★ ★

### Baptist Church Attacked By Catholic Mob

The Central Baptist Church, Bogota, Colombia, was attacked twice by priest led mobs on Saturday evening, December 22, and Sunday afternoon, December 23, according to a cable received by officials of the Foreign Mission Board.

Details of the incident were forwarded to Richmond by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, U.S.A., New York, which had received a report of the occurrence from Rev. Robert W. Lazear Jr., executive secretary of its Colombian Mission.

Dedication services for the renovated church structure were in progress at the time of the first assault Saturday evening. A mob of approximately fifty people was incited to violence by a priest who harangued them over a public address system. The priest ascended the steps of the Baptist church and spoke against all evangelicals.

The building was badly damaged, 104 windows were broken, and several people were slightly wounded when the building was stoned. All five of the Board's missionaries in Bogota were reported safe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riddell, Brownwood, Texas, and Sandersville, Mississippi; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dailey, Lexington, Kentucky; and Miss Darline Elliott, Corpus Christi, Texas, are the Board's representatives in Bogota.

The United States ambassador and the second secretary of the American legation, informed of the attack, appeared at the church, and the ambassador deplored the incident from the platform, according to the Presbyterian report.

Tirades against all Protestants and the new church are said to have been delivered in Bogota's Catholic churches Sunday morning, and a second outbreak followed that afternoon.

Announcements were made over two radio stations calling for a great Catholic "concentration" in front of the new church at 3 o'clock that afternoon. The announcements said that the archbishop of Bogota was authorizing the "concentration."

The second secretary of the embassy was again present to protest a second outbreak of violence. His efforts to secure help and protection were disregarded. Local police were on the scene, but they made no attempt to intervene until after the damage had been done. The Presbyterian observer reports that the crowd shouted: "Long live the National Catholic Police."

The priest, that afternoon, is quoted as saying to the mob, "We don't want to oppose Protestants, but the heretics have come down here from the north with their millions of dollars to corrupt our people. While our brave Colombian soldiers are fighting for liberty in Korea, these people are here corrupting Colombians and are ruling our Catholic democracy."

Missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board began work in Colombia in 1940. They engage in evangelistic, church building, educational, and medical ministries through fifteen Baptist churches, twelve elementary schools, and a newly established clinic in Barranquilla.

The Central Baptist Church, Bogota, was organized November 13, 1949. A Colombian national is its pastor. "Perhaps the church's most interesting feature is the number of young people in its membership—most of them either students or business people," says Dr. Everett Gill Jr., secretary for Latin America. "To meet their needs an extensive activity program is maintained—a well-organized and directed Training Union, a chorus, retreats, and camps. Each week there is a young people's activity night which includes Bible study, inspirational lectures, concerts, forum discussions of youth problems, instructive films, and games."

—Foreign Mission Board

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### K. of C. Hit Paper for Publishing Report on Blanshard Speech

The Anamosa (Iowa) Council of the Knights of Columbus protested the action of the Cedar Rapids Gazette in publishing a one and one-fourth column report of a speech delivered in Cedar Rapids by Paul Blanshard.

In a resolution of nearly 1,000 words, the Roman Catholic laymen's group declared that Mr. Blanshard's speech "was violently sectarian propaganda and its publication was a gross violation of journalistic canons."

"The article was not published for the sake of giving the public any real news," the resolution stated, "as it omitted several of the fundamental and most revealing elements regarding the speech, i. e. (1) the place it was given—the First Christian Church, (2) the name of the sponsoring organization, (3) the fact that it was supposedly a political speech given in a Protestant church, and (4) that the Cedar Rapids Ministerial Association refused to sponsor Blanshard's appearance in Cedar Rapids—but was published to give free advertising and vent to the age-old, moth-eaten canards against the Catholic religion."

"Publication of such anti-Catholic statements in a newspaper of general circulation cloaked with a quasi-public responsibility is distasteful, uncharitable and inflammatory," the Knights declared.

(Note — This is an example of censorship of the press by a religious denomination. In many instances the public press is intimidated by Catholic censorship. It is easy to understand that if the Roman Catholic Church in America had the power, it would censor all news, and allow the people to read only what it desired them to read. — Editor)

### Kraft Turns Birthday Fund Over to National Council

An 80-foot string of checks totaling more than \$4,000 was turned over to the National Council of Churches in Chicago by James L. Kraft, founder of the Kraft Foods Co.

The checks had been presented to Mr. Kraft on his seventy-seventh birthday by 240 of his associates in the company.

Mr. Kraft, a Baptist, was 28 years treasurer of the former International Council of Religious Education and now is associate treasurer of the National Council.

"I have had a lot of birthdays," he said, "but I never had a present that gave me as much pleasure as this one."

—Religious News Service

## A Smile or Two

The surgeon stood by the bedside of the dying man. "I cannot hide from you that you are very ill, is there anyone you would like to see?"

"Yes, sir," said the patient faintly, "another doctor."

In San Jose, California, a Model-A Ford ran into a 70-car freight train at a grade crossing. The Ford suffered slight damage to the bumper, fender, and radiator. The Southern Pacific Railway had to send five freight cars to the shops for repairs.

—Quote

A home economist was giving a cooking demonstration before a group of farm women. "Take an egg," she explained, "and carefully perforate the basal end. Duplicate the process in the apex. Then applying the lips to one of the apertures, by forcibly exhaling the breath discharge the shell of its contents."

Aunt Cassie, age 85, turned to a neighbor. "Beats all how different these new-fangled ways is," she said. "When I was a girl, we just poked a hole in each end and blowed."

—Quote

"Sedentary work," said the lecturer, "tends to lessen the endurance."

"In other words," butted in the smart student, "the more one sits, the less one can stand."

"Exactly," retorted the lecturer. "And if one lies a great deal, one's standing is completely."

—Quote

Being a husband is like any other job—it makes it a lot easier if you learn to like your boss.

If you growl all day it's only natural to feel dog-tired at night.

—Relaxative

A worried mother complained to TV's "Juvenile Jury" that each time her young son was sent on an errand, he always got lost. "What can I do?" she asked.

"Let him get lost," said the one little panelist. "Look what happened to Christopher Columbus when he got lost!"

First Shopper: "Why, hello, you seem to be busy."

Second Shopper: "Yes, I'm trying to get something for my husband."

First Shopper: "Have you had any offers yet?"

The teacher called on young Johnny Peters. "Johnny," she said, "I want you to give me a definition of the word widow."

"Yes'm," said Johnny, "a widow is a woman who lived so long with her husband that he died."

Wide-eyed the nine children of a Virginia mountaineer watched Salesman Sam perform his morning ablutions. (Sam had parked his car and trailer near their shack the previous night).

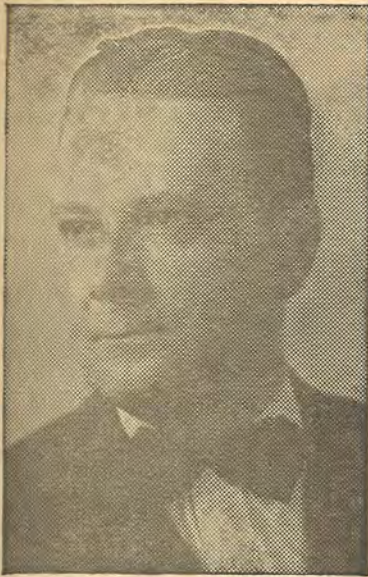
He washed, shaved, filed his nails, combed his hair, brushed his clothes . . .

"Gee, Mister," exclaimed a leggy boy, "you sure are a lot of trouble to yourself, ain't you?"

—Quote

# News From Baptist Press

## Williams Will Direct Music For Miami Convention in May



Dr. Loren R. Williams, minister of music of the First Church, Tulsa, has been named to be the director of music for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami, Florida, next May 14-18.

Serving the Tulsa church as his third congregation since entering the music ministry, Dr. Williams was for fifteen years director of music in the public schools of Neosho, Missouri.

Under his direction, a fully-graded choir program at the Tulsa church includes around 400 participants, in both choral and individual activities.

Having studied in several colleges and conservatories in Missouri, he holds the bachelor of science degree in music education, the master of music, and the doctor of education. He attended both Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Missouri, and William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri.

Dr. Williams is now a part-time instructor in the church music field at the University of Tulsa and is a frequent contributor to music periodicals.

The Convention music director was named by Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans, Louisiana, president of the Convention.

Correspondence with Dr. Williams should be addressed to the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## Jacksonville Baptists Complete Goal for Hospital Funds

Construction on another \$1,000,000 Baptist hospital in Florida is to begin as soon as material allotments are secured, according to Dr. Homer G. Lindsey, a hospital trustee and former director of the campaign.

The \$1,000,000 in cash and pledges for the hospital was raised recently after nearly three years of campaigning. The hospital will be located on a \$200,000 site on the John's River in downtown Jacksonville.

"Much pressure was brought to get us to go after federal money which we could, no doubt, have secured long ago," Dr. Lindsey said. "But we wanted this to be a Southern Baptist hospital, as voted by our convention, and to that end we stuck to our original goal."

Since the goal has been reached, the Wolfson Foundation has pledged an additional \$250,000 for a Child's Clinic. The hos-

pital was approved by the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1947.

## Florida Baptists May Get Baptist Bible Institute

Florida Baptists may take over the Baptist Bible Institute at Lakeland. A committee of ten has been appointed to look into the relationship of the institute to the state convention.

Chairman of the committee is Dr. Doak S. Campbell, president of the Florida State University, Tallahassee.

According to Dr. John Maguire, state executive secretary, there is very little likelihood of the state convention taking over the institute until a very thorough discussion is entered into at the next convention in November.

## Baptist Colleges Rank Above National Accreditation Average

Sixty-five per cent of all Southern Baptist colleges are accredited by their respective regional associations, as compared with the national accreditation average of 64.3 per cent, reports Dr. R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Education Commission.

Many of the schools not registered with the regional associations are fully approved by state accrediting agencies, he said.

The national survey showed church-related colleges to be higher in full accreditation with regional and other associations than public institutions.

Southern Baptists now have fifty-two senior and junior colleges in the twenty-two states of the Convention.

## No Evidence of Suicide in Death Of William Wallace

The Editor  
TIME MAGAZINE  
Time and Life Building  
9 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York 20, New York  
Dear Sir:

On the basis of opinions given to us by those who saw Dr. William Wallace's body following his death in the Communist prison in Wuchow, it is our definite opinion that he did not hang himself. We have had reports from individuals who were hurriedly called into Dr. Wallace's cell to witness his body suspended from a rafter.

One of these witnesses was a Catholic priest. It was his opinion that the body had been placed in this position by the Communists to support their claim that he committed suicide. We have also the opinion of Miss Everley Hayes, a nurse who served with Dr. Wallace and who examined the neck, face, and shoulders of his body after his death. She has stated that she did not see in his face any of the characteristics that usually follow strangulation nor did she notice any evidence about the neck of his having been hanged. On the basis of the opinions she was able to secure while in Wuchow it is her definite opinion that he did not hang himself.

Very sincerely yours,  
M. Theron Rankin

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"Freedom is a trust. Therefore, like any other trust, we must use it or lose it. It can be neglected; it can be squandered. Since freedom is a gift, it must be gratefully received. Since freedom is an achievement, it must be sought and sacrificially possessed."

—Clifton J. Allen in *The Teacher*

## NBC-TV to Feature Southern Baptists, January 27

The television network of the National Broadcasting Company will be used by Southern Baptists for the *Frontiers of Faith* program January 27, 1952. The announcement was made by Davidson Taylor of NBC at the opening session of the Religious Television Conference conducted by the Radio Commission in Washington November 27.

Speakers at the morning meeting were Mr. Taylor; Dr. George Crothers of CBS; James Caddigan of Dumont, and Dr. Percy Crawford, director of *Youth on the March*. The session was opened by Dr. S. F. Lowe, with a statement of objectives and words of introduction. Dr. M. C. Stith gave an official word of welcome on behalf of the Baptists of the District of Columbia, and Dr. Allen Graves responded. Fourteen states were represented as those present were recognized.

Davidson Taylor gave something of the background and development of *Frontiers of Faith*, the weekly thirty-minute religious telecast recently started by NBC. He outlined the policies of his network for religious television programming, and explained how this regular program would be rotated among various religious groups.

The program *Lamp Unto My Feet*, put on each week by the Columbia Broadcasting System, features drama and discussion rather than singing and preaching. It is a costly program to produce, but CBS tries to make it representative of all religious faiths, according to Dr. George Crothers of that network.

James Caddigan of Dumont said his was the first television network to recognize the need for regular religious programming. Dumont's *Morning Chapel* was started in 1948, and has been on every morning during the past three years.

*Youth on the March* was presented by Dr. Percy Crawford, who was very enthusiastic about the possibilities of religious television. He criticized NBC and CBS for refusing commercial religious broadcasts, saying, "We want a chance to buy along with the beer companies." He said that three Ms are essential for successful religious telecasting: money, music, and message. His choir rehearses 10 to 15 hours for 15 minutes of music, but the message is only seven minutes and is entirely spontaneous. He told of reports of as many as 500 actual conversions from one program, and declared: "TV is terrific!"

## British Theologian At New Orleans Seminary

New Orleans Seminary will have as speaker for the 1952 Layne Lectures, Dr. M. E. Aubrey, past president and executive secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. Dr. Aubrey is widely known throughout the various Baptist groups composing the Baptist World Alliance. He is a scholar, a Christian statesman, and a denominational leader.

Dr. Aubrey will give three lectures in the seminary chapel March 19, 20, on the general subject, "Our Baptist Witness in this Present Time."

He will be available to speak in churches in the seminary area March 21-26, when he will leave for an engagement in California.

Those desiring to use his services should write the seminary president, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, 1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans 13, La.



# The Church Identified

By ELMO JOHNSON

In his first epistle to Timothy Paul tells us that the church is the pillar and ground of the truth. He is not speaking about a universal, invisible church. He has written thus to the young preacher Timothy that he might know how to behave himself "in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." I Tim. 3:15.

Here the church is clearly and definitely identified. The church is the pillar and ground of the truth. What truth? The next verse reads: "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." The truth around which the church was established is the glorious Gospel of the revelation of godliness in Jesus Christ, attested by the Spirit, by angels, and by the faith of the world, though denied by some (I Tim. 3:16 and 4:1).

## The Glory of the Church

The Gospel, beloved, is the glory of the church. The Gospel is the purpose of the church. And the Gospel is the identification of the church. The church is not glorious because of its buildings, its music, nor its people—we are but sinners saved by grace, called from the weak and base of the world. The church is glorious because we preach the glorious Gospel of redemption in the Son of God. The church's purpose in this world is not to administer charity to the poor, educate the ignorant, nor heal the sick—not primarily. The church's fundamental purpose is to preach and teach the blessed Gospel of Christ; all other ministries are subservient thereto.

The word church means an assembly. The

word is so translated three times in Acts 19:32, 39, 41, and that is the true meaning of the word in Acts 7:38. Hebrews 2:12 is a quotation of Psalm 22:22. There the Old Testament word for congregation is translated by the New Testament word for church. The derivations of the words of the original tongues of the Bible might cast light upon the meaning of those words, but the etymology of a Greek or Hebrew word is not necessarily the exact meaning of that word. The word church in our New Testament is derived from two Greek words which mean to call out, but the word really means more than this. The church is an institution called out but also assembled together.

In this world there are many local congregations or churches. In heaven there is but one church or assembly (Hebrew 12:23). Every child of God is a potential member of the church in glory. But we shall not take our places in that congregation until the tasks of earth are done. The only church or congregation to which we can belong while here on earth is the local church.

It is concerning this institution I speak—how is it identified? There are many congregations about all of whom claim to be New Testament churches. Where shall we draw the line? The church is identified by the Gospel. If a congregation does not preach and teach the truth of the New Testament, it is not a New Testament church.

I hold then these truths to be self evident. May we be guided by them to the churches that are churches indeed.

## Must Not Contradict The Truth

Since the New Testament church is the pillar and ground of the truth, it cannot

preach and teach that which is contrary to the clear teachings of the New Testament. Salvation by works and all its corollaries (baptismal regeneration, falling from grace, and sinless perfection, et cetera) are contrary to the clear teachings of the New Testament. Ephesians 2:9 says that salvation is not of works. I Peter 3:21 says that baptism is not the putting away of the filth of the flesh but the answer of a good conscience toward God. Baptism saves in a figurative sense. Actually we are saved by the triumph of Jesus Christ over sin in our behalf. All this is clearly taught in I Peter 3:21-22. The New Testament does not teach sinless perfection but quite the contrary. See I John 1:8.

Since the New Testament church is the pillar and the ground of the truth it must set forth the plan of salvation as clearly and simply as the New Testament does: "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." I Cor. 15:1-4.

Since the New Testament church is the pillar and ground of the truth, it must practice the ordinances as they are described in the New Testament. In fact this last rule by itself may serve as a simple guide, because if an institution which claims to be a church is confused in its concept of the Gospel, invariably it is also confused in presentation of the ordinances, since the ordinances are but the Gospel in picture form.

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"A tree often transplanted cannot grow."  
—Dean Bill Smith.

## Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 3, 1952

To our Fellow Baptists  
Throughout the World—  
Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We earnestly and fraternally ask that in every Baptist church in all parts of the earth our annual day of testimony, praise and prayer, shall be observed on the first Sunday of February, 1952, and that wherever possible an opportunity be extended for a special offering for the varied ministries of the Baptist World Alliance.

### I

Never was our testimony more needed than today. As the beloved James Henry Rushbrooke so often declared, "Our testimony as Baptists is two-fold: We stand for the Gospel; and we stand for Religious Freedom." Does any reader doubt the necessity of emphasis upon our testimony in today's frightened, broken world?

### II

Only the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ can redeem the souls of men, and in the words of Sweden's great preacher, Dr. N. J. Nordstrom, speaking at the Atlanta Congress in 1939, "None but changed people can change the world." Since Christ is the

answer, let us renew our testimony throughout the earth on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, with every pulpit trumpeting forth the Gospel from the glorious text, "In None other is Salvation."

### III

Religious Freedom, rooted in the soul's competency to deal directly with God, needs emphasis in every church in every land if we are to effectively meet the challenge of totalitarian doctrine and propaganda, so fervently and cleverly proposed throughout the earth today. Baptists, from the days of Thomas Helwys and Roger Williams, have held this precious principle, often at the point of persecution, and we may be called upon in our own day to suffer as did our fathers in the faithful witness which we must ever give.

### IV

Despite the stern character of the times, there is much for which we may give thanks on Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Reports of heroism and courage on the part of our Baptist people behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains attest their allegiance to our blessed Lord, and of equal fortitude and loyalty is the witness which our people are giving in lands where ecclesiastical tyranny pre-

vails. In lands where war has left its devastation, our people are gathering renewed strength and revival breathes in their heartening reports.

### V

Heartening, indeed, is the steadily developing fellowship and service of our Baptist Women and Baptist Youth in all areas of the earth. New ties unite these groups in regional and continental plan and purpose.

### VI

The world-girdling ministry of the Relief Committee of the Alliance has brought us closer one to another, and we give thanks unto God for this fellowship in suffering.

### VII

Baptist World Alliance Sunday will bring added blessing as we link our hearts in prayer, one for another—prayer to God for peace, prayer to God for understanding among nations, prayer to God for the coming of His Kingdom in all the earth.

F. Townley Lord, President	C. Oscar Johnson Past-President
Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary	Louie D. Newton, Vice-President
Walter O. Lewis, Associate Secretary	Joel Sorenson, Youth Secretary

# How To Use Your Minister

By MILTON JAY PEDEN

"Wherefore wilt thou go to him today? It is neither new moon, nor Sabbath." 2 Kings 4:23.

When the man in the scripture lesson said the words used as a text, although they were spoken long before the Christian ministry developed, they sound strangely modern. "Wherefore wilt thou go to him today? It is neither new moon, nor Sabbath." Why do you want to see the pastor, it is neither Sunday, nor holy week! Unfortunately, too many of our parishioners have no conception of the service that their minister offers them. They suppose that what he can do is limited to the obvious—the Sunday services and preaching. They fail to use the services that he can render when it is neither new moon nor Sabbath.

One of the most frustrating things about the pastorate is to find yourself prepared to render certain services and then find no one using them. We sometimes feel like the young lawyer who hung out his shingle for the first time with the proud words *Attorney-at-Law* after his name expecting the world to beat a path to his door. It did not work out that way and no one engaged his professional services or sought his legal advice. Deeply discouraged, he was standing, blue and dejected, in front of his office. A hall-fellow-well-met approached and giving him a resounding slap on the back said, "Well, Frank what do you know about law?"

"I know a blame sight more than there is any demand for!"

One of these week day services which your minister offers, and which he would like for you to take advantage of, is that of counseling. He desires the privilege of talking over with you your problems.

## He Understands Human Frailties

You may come to him with the assurance that no matter how serious the problem he will not be shocked. One of the amazing things in my experience has been the number of people who have said, "I don't suppose you ever had anything like this before." But your minister has had it presented before and he is shock-proof. You should have no more hesitation in talking over your most serious moral and religious problem than you would have in discussing your bodily sickness with your physician.

You can be frank with him for your secrets will remain secret and your confidence respected. Frankness is ordinarily a condition of real help.

For such confidences your minister is available. The habits of ministers vary and customs differ somewhat in various communities, but generally speaking, you will find most ministers in their study most mornings in the week. If he is out, or you want to see him at other times, a phone call will arrange it. He is as near as your telephone.

When would he like to talk with you? When you are troubled with moral problems of any kind; when your conscience troubles you in any matter; when you are perplexed over what is right and wrong in any given situation; when you find bad habits or vices getting the best of you. He would also like to talk about the important decisions you must make. Young people come to him when choosing a career or contemplating marriage. No, he cannot choose your life

work, nor tell you whom to marry, but he can help you to evaluate the spiritual elements in the situation.

Your minister would like to counsel with you about your family problems. Most of the ministers have had some special training in this field. Practically all have, through their experience as pastors, gained insight in these fields. Any pastor can help you to face these problems from the Christian standpoint.

## Call Him In Time of Need

One of the week-day services your minister offers is pastoral care through visiting. The value of pastoral visiting and the best way to visit are hotly debated subjects among the ministers themselves, and I have no desire to present the subject here. Let us pass by the controversy produced by changing way of life, and look at those phases of the subject which will help the layman to make the best use of his minister.

Now the minister, however sociable by nature, does not regard these as social calls. He regards them somewhat in the same way a physician regards a call upon his patients. Because he does, most ministers keep careful records of their visits. Perhaps the failure of the laymen to realize this explains some of the curious remarks about it they sometimes make.

A few years ago I heard a pastor speaking to a ministers' association tell this experience: "I called on this woman and the first thing she said was 'You are the first Methodist minister to ever come to my house.'"

Here all the ministers present burst into laughter for there is one such in every neighborhood, but he went on, "O, I know that she had said that to each of my predecessors. I also know that she would probably say it to each of my successors, so I thought I would impress it on her memory. I said, 'Now we are going to kneel down and pray. Kneel down.' Then jabbing my finger in her side, I yelled, 'You lead us.'"

Now the pastor is not omniscient. He does not know when you are sick or in trouble unless you let him know. "Many a person gets sick, gets well, and gets mad before the pastor knows about it."

Mrs. Huff is up the Miff Tree  
On a seat fixed good and firm;  
And she'd like to tell the pastor  
A few things and make him squirm.

Mrs. Huff was sick abed, sir,  
Yes, Sir, sick abed a week  
And the pastor didn't call, sir,  
Never took a peek.

Wasn't that enough, enough sir,  
To provoke a saint to wrath?  
And to make a Christian pilgrim  
Wander from the churchly path?

When I asked her if the doctor  
Called to see her, she said, "Sure,"  
And she looked as if she thought I  
Needed some good strong mind cure.

Then I asked her how the doctor  
Knew that sickness laid her low  
And she said that she had called him  
On the phone and told him so.

So the doctor called to see her,  
But the pastor didn't go,  
For the doctor knew that she was ill  
And the pastor didn't know.

—From *Methodist Advocate*.

So call your pastor when you need him. Call him, not the neighborhood busybodies. Let him know when you need him. If you simply say, "Come by to see me sometime," he may take it as a social invitation and pass on where he is needed more; but if you say, "I need to see you this afternoon," he will be there.

I have suggested that the minister would like to call when you are sick or in trouble. He would also like to share your joys. If congratulations are in order, ask him out. You may share it with him without embarrassment or being self-conscious.

## Seek His Counsel In Spiritual Matters

Your minister would also like for you to use him as a teacher. He is an expert in certain fields. Maybe his Sunday sermon didn't answer your question; ask him about it. You would not seek expert medical advice from the plumber; nor information on farming from the bricklayer. The minister is a specialist in certain fields. He will be glad to go over any problem within that field. Use his teaching ability.

I hope in asking that you use your minister, I have not suggested that you lay upon him all those community activities which you are too lazy to do. I am not speaking of tasks outside his proper sphere. He has no desire to do the work which you ought to do. A minister rushed down to the station every day to see the fast train go through. The members of the church thought it childish and undignified and asked him to give it up. "No," he replied very firmly, "I preach the sermons, teach the Sunday School, baptize, marry, and bury you. I also run the Boy Scouts, the Hi-Y, two of the service clubs, act as chairman of the United Charities and the Community Chest Drive, and of every drive it pleases you to run. I won't give up seeing that train. I love it. It is the only thing that goes through this town that I don't have to push."

While it is true that your minister has no desire to be overloaded with those affairs which interfere with his own proper tasks, he does like to be used. He offers you his services—not one day out of seven, but seven days in the week. Why not use them?

Today, although it is neither new moon or Sabbath, neither Sunday nor Easter, he waits to serve you. His glory is to be used.

—Mississippi *Methodist Advocate*.

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"History has proved that when freedom of religion has once been established society can and will rise to build a civilization of dynamic living and towering strength . . . The Christian leaders of today face a completely new situation from that which our forefathers faced. It is not a question of building a new civilization from a wilderness, but of preserving and strengthening our civilization against the evil days ahead."

—John Wesley Raley in *The Teacher*.

## Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

### What About The Boys Of Arkansas?

An analysis of the average congregation in the average Baptist church these days shows forth a glaring fact and raises a disturbing question.

The question is: **Where are the boys?**

The fact is: **The boys are not in church.**

If we make a study of community life we will realize that nearly every influence brought into the lives of boys nowadays is pulling them away from the house of God. This is true not only with boys who are not Christians, but also with boys who are.

Many of our schools, with their athletic programs, are running roughshod over community and home life. Our boys are caught in a maelstrom of games and athletic contests, which are giving them wrong concepts about true values. Some of our schools are scheduling athletic events on Wednesday night, a night given over for generations to the mid-week prayer-meeting service.

The boys are not to blame! They are being exploited by adult men, and made to fit into grooves plowed out by adult men, grooves which lead in many directions, but always away from God's house.

Think of the influences pulling upon your boy! And, as you think, know for a surety that any influence which would pull your boy away from church is a wrong influence, no matter how wholesome it may appear to be.

There are men in every community who will exploit boys, if they can. The liquor crowd is after the boys. Make no mistake about it. Those who have descended to the level where they are willing to sell liquor for profit are also willing to sell the souls of boys for profit. The liquor crowd is after your boy. They are determined to capture your boy, and lead him to pay tribute to them as long as your boy lives.

The tobacco crowd is after your boy. They want your boy to begin the paying of a life-long tribute to them. They want the cigarette habit to lay hold of your boy, for life; and for their profit.

The pool-room crowd, the picture-show crowd, the dance-hall crowd, the night-club crowd, are all after your boy. They want the money they can get out of your boy. They care nothing about his possibilities, or about the purposes for which God made him. They want his money.

The dope-peddlers would fasten upon your boy one of the most vicious habits the world knows anything about. And dope-peddlers are active in nearly every community in the land.

Only Christians can see boys in true perspective. Only Christians can truly help boys to be what God wants them to be. Yet many Christian men are ignoring their responsibilities toward the boys of their community. Many Christian men are in no position to help the boys, because they (the men) are themselves paying tribute to the devil and the devil's crowd.

Some one has said, "A good man dies when a boy goes wrong." Certainly a boy is on the wrong path when he is staying away from God's house and God's work. Boys who stay away from church grow into men who stay away from church.

May God wake up the Christian men of Arkansas, and help us to know that the boys of today are going to be the men of tomorrow; and that the kind of men they shall be is going to be determined by the paths they are travelling NOW!

May God help us to save our boys!

## Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
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Miss DORIS DEVAULT  
Young People's Secretary

### Every Age Group Studying Home Missions

That should be the objective of every Woman's Missionary Union! The 1952 series is available and teachers should be chosen, supplied with text and supplementary materials; and the best dates selected for classes. All books should be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock. Each is 50c.

#### For Adults—

**Crusade in Home Missions**, by Courts Redford

The Home Mission Board, crusader in opening new doors and alerting Baptists to spiritual dangers and missionary opportunities, here points to larger tasks and responsibilities. A challenging book of information and inspiration that both men and women will enjoy.

#### For Young People and Adults—

**Tangled Threads**, by Ralph Phelps Jr.

This book presents a missionary challenge to every Christian today—that of race prejudice, crime, communism, alcoholism, labor problems, juvenile delinquency. Tells what has been done by Southern Baptists and what yet can and should be done.

#### For Intermediates—

**I, Too, Can Be a Missionary**, by W. Barry Garrett

Intermediate boys and girls are shown in this book opportunities of being a missionary at home, day by day and of summer mission work under the Home Mission Board while a college student. Many illustrations from experiences of summer workers present various phases of Home Mission work.

#### For Juniors—

**Everywhere Preaching the Word**, by Josephine R. Medlin

True stories of the way home missionaries of the past and present use whatever means of transportation they have to carry out the Gospel message. Some walked, others traveled by boat, car, horse and buggy, street car, and train.

#### For Primaries—

There are several books for primaries; each book on a different group in the homeland. Choose the one you wish to study: **Anthony Becomes Eagle Heart; Carmita of Cuba; The Farmer**

**Twins; Katie of the Canyon; Little May and Dan; Precious in His Sight; Strawberry Road.**

#### For Teachers—

**Home Missions Meeting Spiritual Needs—Resource Book** Offers suggested teaching plans and supplementary books and material for Junior through Adult books. Prepared by Miss Mary Christian.

### Day of Prayer For Community Missions

January 28th

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### Concerning Convention Reservations

The headquarters hotel for the 1952 Annual Meeting of Southern Woman's Missionary Union will be the Biscayne Terrace Hotel, Miami, Florida. Already they are accepting reservations! If you plan to attend that great meeting, promptly write the hotel. No reservation fee is required, but a small deposit will make doubly sure the holding of your space. The dates for the W. M. U. meeting are May 11-13, for the Southern Baptist Convention, May 14-18.

### Annual Meeting Arkansas W. M. U.

The sixty-third Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union will be held at First Church, El Dorado, April 1-3. Preparation is being made by the hostess church to entertain the delegation, and a fine group of missionary speakers has been committed. Mrs. William McMurry, the new Mission Study Chairman of Southern Woman's Missionary Union will represent the Southern Union. Among the others are Mrs. Carl Hunker from the Orient; Mrs. Hugh Culpepper from Chile; Mrs. Frank Belvin, missionary to the Indians; Dr. M. Ray McKay, state representative on the Foreign Mission Board and recently returned from a tour of the Orient and Holy Land; D. J. Blaylock, Narcotics Education consultant. Mrs. M. P. Matheny of El Dorado is program chairman.



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J. T. Elliff, Presiding

## CONVENTION PROGRAM

### FRIDAY MORNING

- 10:00 Worship  
Scripture Reading and Prayer  
Ouachita College Quartet
- 10:20 Meet Our Sunday School Board Workers  
-----State Secretary
- 10:30 Book Store
- 10:40 "Christ Speaks to His Churches"-----J. E. Lambdin
- 11:00 "We have Some Questions, Mrs. Monroe"  
-----K. O. White
- 11:10 Ouachita College Quartet
- 11:15 Message—Dr. Robert G. Lee

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Worship  
Scripture Reading and Prayer  
Ouachita College Quartet
- 2:20 "Where Are Our Young People, Mr. Rawls?"-----J. E. Lambdin
- 2:35 "What's Right With the Training Union?"-----Ralph W. Davis
- 3:00 Business Session
- 3:15 Sectional Meetings (Separate meetings for each department)
- 4:50 Adjourn

### FRIDAY NIGHT

(Robinson Memorial Auditorium)

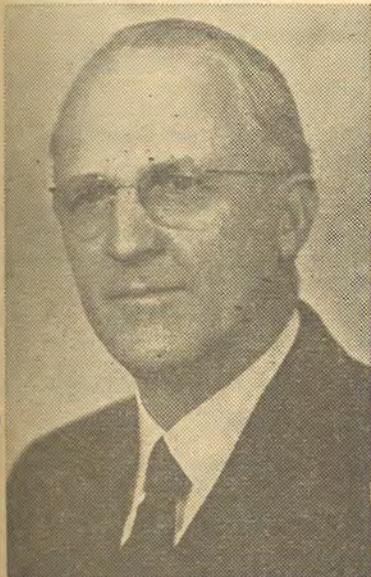
- 7:00 Worship  
Scripture Reading and Prayer  
Ouachita College Quartet
- 7:20 State Speakers' Tournament (Four selected from afternoon elimination tournament)
- 7:55 State Sword Drill (Eight selected from afternoon elimination drills)
- 8:20 Choir Festival -----Pulaski County Choral Club,  
Mrs. B. W. Nininger
- 8:40 Message -----Howard Butt
- 9:15 Adjourn

### SATURDAY MORNING

- 7:30 Breakfast at Lido Cafeteria for newly elected officers, former presidents, and their husbands and wives.
- 9:00 Worship  
Scripture Reading and Prayer  
Ouachita College Quartet
- 9:15 Junior Memory Drill
- 9:40 Sectional Meetings (Same as Friday afternoon)
- 11:20 Song and Announcements
- 11:25 "Christ Speaks Through the Denomination"  
-----Ben L. Bridges
- 11:40 Ouachita College Quartet
- 11:45 Message -----Howard Butt
- 12:20 Adjourn

### INFORMATION

- ★ Bed and breakfast furnished free by all churches of Greater Little Rock. All people within a radius of 50 miles of Little Rock are requested not to ask for entertainment unless absolutely necessary.
- ★ Registration fee—50 cents for all above Primary age, to be paid on arrival at the Convention.
- ★ Friday night service to be held at Robinson Memorial Auditorium, with seating capacity of 3,000.
- ★ Junior Memory Drill conducted Saturday morning at 9:15. All participants meet in choir room at 8:45 a. m.
- ★ Sword Drill elimination tournament and Speakers' elimination tournaments held in sectional meetings Friday afternoon. Finals, Friday night.
- ★ Nursery (Ages 3 and under) and Beginner Children (Ages 4-5) provided for at all sessions.
- ★ Choir Festival Friday night, by Pulaski County Choral Club, under direction of Mrs. B. W. Nininger.



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## New Missionary To Canal Zone

R. G. Van Royen, of Atlanta, field worker for the Home Mission Board, has been named pastor of the Cocoli Baptist Church on the Pacific side of the Isthmus of Panama in the Canal Zone. The Van Royens have already left for the field. Seven years ago they came to Atlanta from Corpus Christi, Texas, where Mr. Van Royen was superintendent of city missions.

W. Y. Pond has had a very fruitful ministry in the Cocoli Church for the past year. He has baptized forty-seven converts and the church has made splendid progress. The Ponds are moving to the new Atlantic Baptist Church on the other side of the Isthmus.

Dr. Courts Redford has just returned from a visit to the Canal Zone and the Panama missions. He reports challenging goals for 1952.

### Pastors' Conference And Program

Dr. Redford called a meeting of all the pastors and missionaries in Panama and the Canal Zone and presented the Five-Year Crusade in Home Missions. The program was enthusiastically endorsed and worthy goals were accepted for 1952, and plans were made for 1953.

The pastors organized a pastors' conference for the area. Brethren W. H. Beeby, Fred L. Jones, W. Y. Pond, Jr., Eugene Wolfe, Jose Pardo, F. H. Linton, Jose Gomez Diaz, V. T. Yearwood, Bert Archbold, and S. A. Scarlett—all pastors and missionaries—were present. Fred Jones was elected by the group as president of the pastor's conference and Eugene Wolfe, as secretary.

Goals adopted in the meeting included 601 baptisms for 1952 and a simultaneous evangelistic crusade for 1953. Brethren Yearwood, Pardo, and Beeby were designated as a committee to serve with President Jones and Secretary Wolfe



R. G. VAN ROYEN

in deciding on plans for the pastors' conference.

W. H. Beeby, pastor of the Balboa Heights Church, was elected by the Panamanian brethren as temporary chairman of evangelism.

Dr. Redford reports that the fellowship and spirit of the pastors and missionaries indicate co-operation and progressive service for the Isthmus.

The churches in the Canal Zone and Panama have leadership. They need chapels and buildings. The Balboa Heights Church is furnishing money and leadership for an advance program in missions. Southern Baptists must come to the rescue of the missions and churches and furnish them with adequate meetinghouses.

### Impressions on Panama City

By COURTS REDFORD

I had several very definite impressions as I rode through Panama City on Saturday night after Christmas.

First, the consciousness of multitudes—people in the heart of the city, a family in nearly every room; they congregate and play in the streets, alleys, and hallways; throngs of wandering people everywhere.

Second, poverty—adults, ill clad and poorly fed, children without clothing. I was told that people usually purchase rations by the day—a nickel's worth of bread or butter or meat.

Third, sin—beer parlors, cheap shows, dance halls, brawdy houses, corruption of every kind. We rent quarters for worship in Panama. It is a ground floor room across the street from the University of Panama. Another part of the same building is used as a house of prostitution. This certainly accentuates the need for our own building that might be a light-house in the midst of darkness.

Fourth, friendliness, Panamanians are as ready to offer a smile as any people I have ever seen. Children smile. Officers are friendly. Our Christian brethren are especially grateful for any consideration given.

Fifth, soul hunger. Most of the people are nominal Catholics. At this Christmas season there is a shrine of some kind in nearly every home. Everywhere there seems to be a blind seeking after God.

Sixth, fruitful field for Communism. There have been hand-to-hand battles with police. There is much political ferment and insecurity. I was informed that many newspapers are friendly to Communists and that there is Communism in the University.

Seventh, a place and a day of opportunity. Brother Wolfe tells me that he does not find the determined opposition of Romanism that he found in Mexico and in the Mexican fields in Texas. People receive the gospel message gladly.

I am grateful for a safe and helpful trip and now upon my return I am led to pray a little more fervently for our work and workers in Panama and the Canal Zone.

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### Must Go Deeper

By CHARLES A. WELLS

The moral failure of our day is more than skin deep. Men do not betray a public trust or make profit out of the death of a neighbor's son in uniform just because they like to stay out late nights and are careless about social amenities. These sins that are filling the soul of our nation with darkness and fear come from

### Living Constitution

During this year's legislative session, the state of California took a step which should be followed throughout the country. The California Legislature passed a law which requires that a course in the Constitution and in American history be a condition for graduation from high schools, junior colleges, state colleges, and the state university.

That requirement—coming at a time when enemies within and without the nation are bent on destroying the letter and spirit of the Constitution—is a matter of the utmost importance.

The Constitution is our first line of defense against tyranny and oppression. As Percy V. Long, a leading San Francisco attorney, and author of "The Story of the Constitution," has written, "Under the Constitution the only power to govern is under 'rule of law,' securing to the individual the right to go and to come and to stay; to enjoy the family relations; to pursue honest industry and innocent recreation; to exercise freedom of opinion, of worship, and of speech; and the rights of private property.

"To secure these rights governments are instituted among men," as stated in the Declaration of Independence. It was the message to the world, proclaiming the American philosophy of government."

That message was never more vital to our strength and our very survival than now. There can be no question that much of the teaching in our schools, and particularly colleges, along with many of the text books in current use, is inimical to the Constitution and to those liberties it guarantees. California has taken a splendid step. No young person should be allowed to graduate from school or college without a thorough understanding of those eternal, living principles upon which our nation was created.

—Industrial News Review.

deep spiritual failures that lie far beyond our feeling for right and wrong. Many have forgotten that advantage gained through deceit and injustice carry the seeds of destruction; that wealth gathered through selfish exploitation erodes the soul. A spiritual cleansing, a purging of heart must come to us if we are to be restored. Will we wait till our strength and youth are gone before we awake?

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## Fruits From Missions

By C. W. CALDWELL

Superintendent of Missions

The Shannon Church, which was organized about a year ago, has taken a forward step and purchased a nightclub building, located on Highway 67, near Pocahontas, and has already begun services there. The church has been worshipping in a little school house. As they anticipated their building needs, the nightclub property became for sale and it was purchased for six thousand dollars. The Department of Missions made a gift of one thousand dollars.

Dale Barnett is pastor of Shannon Church and has an apartment in the building. The church has full time preaching and is already winning many people to the Lord. The building will be dedicated Sunday afternoon, January 20, with the Superintendent of Missions preaching the sermon.

Altheimer Church, Harmony Association, is making great progress under the leadership of Pastor Russell K. Hunt. This church was organized in 1943. For many years their place of worship was in an old bank building on the main street of the town. Three years ago, while Evangelist W. J. Morris served as supply pastor, a movement was begun to build a new house of worship. The Department of Missions gave encouragement by offering a gift of \$250. A choice site was secured across the street from the High School. Today they have a beautiful tile brick building that is a credit to our Baptist people.

One year ago Russell K. Hunt became the pastor. The church purchased a pastor's home and he moved on the field for full time. The membership is now 203 and the offering averages \$150 per Sunday.

Griffithville Baptists have a new building under construction. It is to be rock-veneer. The auditorium will probably accommodate three times as many as the old one room building. Pastor Ernest Anderson is happy over the response and spirit of the people. Some help has been given the church from Mission funds.

The church has an annual duck supper January 1. Your Superintendent of Missions has had the privilege of being with them for two such occasions. The men know how to duck hunt and they also know how to be good church members.

A new church will be born in Little Rock this month. The Pulaski County Association purchased the property of the High Street Church, which was left vacant by the church's move to Broadway, for the sum of \$15,000. The Department of Missions gave \$1,000 of the amount and advanced

an additional \$4,000 in order to secure the property.

The first service was held, under the sponsorship of the association, December 30. There were 63 in attendance for the first service and the offering for the day was near \$100. The next Sunday the attendance was about 100 and over 30 people indicated a desire to organize a Baptist Church and become charter members. So, plans are now under way to organize Sunday, January 20. We predict rapid growth in this new church.

As soon as this church is well on its way to success the Association and State Mission Department will endeavor to organize another church in the Cammack-Kingwood area of Little Rock.

The Gillett Church, organized in 1950, has called Missionary Don Williams as pastor for full time. A pastor's home has been purchased. Both pastor and church are happy over the past results and future prospects. The church purchased a large two-story dwelling for their place of worship. The lower floor has been converted into an auditorium and upstairs into Sunday School rooms.

The Department of Missions is asked for \$50 per month supplement for one year only.

Perhaps the most thrilling accomplishment in our mission program is the progress of Pleasant Plains Church. One year ago last November, we went to the church with Missionary Coy Sims. He was supply pastor. The building was out in the country, next to the grave yard, and the church was all but dead. We dared to make an appeal for the church to secure a location in town and build a modern building.

After the service Missionary Sims and I looked at some possible sites for a new building. As we were looking, a man came out and stated that he would give the land needed on a very fine location. One month later the church voted to move. The building got under way and the Department of Missions gave \$500 on the new building. In July, with walls and roof up, a revival was held which resulted in 26 professions of faith and baptism. Eleven joined by letter.

Sunday, December 30, the building was dedicated. It was a great day for the church. A large crowd attended from every section of the association. Coy Sims, who is now in Michigan, was back and preached the sermon. This writer almost wept for joy over the accomplishment which came about, largely through our Mission program.

## Book Review

The Church Book

Broadman Press

By Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins

Price \$3.00

Reviewed by Dr. Andrew W. Blackwood

Professor of Homiletics, Princeton Seminary

Professor Dobbins has again placed us all in his debt through a volume full of lofty Christian ideals, sound biblical theology, and much practical wisdom. **The Churchbook, A Treasury of Materials and Methods for Pastoral Leadership in Church Life**, by Gaines S. Dobbins, A. M. Th. D., D. D., LL. D., Professor of Church Administration, Southern Baptist Seminary, has grown out of long experience in teaching, and now appears in response to repeated demands from hosts of his former students. The work richly deserves its name, especially in the sub-title. "A Treasury!" The "materials" bulk larger than in any other work of the sort. The check lists are many and probably the best of their kind. The "methods" proposed are equally admirable. They have come out of sound thinking and long experience, with wide observation. No arm-chair theories here!

The vast scope of the volume appear in the "Classified Bibliography," which covers eight large pages. It consists of twenty divisions, such as Administration, Children and Young People, Evangelism, Marriage and the Family, Missions, Pastoral Care and Counseling, Stewardship and Finance, Teaching and Training, and Worship, with ten other divisions equally practical and timely. In view of this wide scope the clarity and the human interest seem to be amazing. The work throughout is informative, and in the best sense inspirational. It makes the reviewer feel a sense of nostalgia, because of past joys.

Doctor Dobbins writes first of all for Baptists, but his book will help seminary students and pastors in every branch of the Church. I wish that I had been able to use such a treasure house when I taught Church Leadership, a subject that I found full of difficulty. I am grateful for this new book, also, because it helps me to understand more fully the power and the influence of the Southern Baptist Church, due in no small measure to the ideas and teachings of the Southern Baptist Seminary, with such leaders as

Broadus, Boyce, Mullins, Robertson, Sampey, and those upon whom their mantles have fallen. What a powerhouse!

Ever since I moved to South Carolina in 1914 I have admired the work of the Southern Baptist Church. I think of it as second to none in zeal for evangelism, home missions, religious education, and loyalty to the faith of the fathers, with equal concern about the faith of the children. As for the secret, I find much of it in this book, and the emphasis upon the local church, with its pastor. Would that many of us in other denominations might catch this same spirit of lofty Christian idealism and of practical Christian wisdom.

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### Studying About Missions

It is difficult for Americans, accustomed to seeing Baptist churches within easy reach of everybody, to visualize a whole country of 150,000 square miles, with a European population of 113,000 and an African population of 1,687,000, having a total of only four Baptist churches, and these with a combined membership of only 330. This is Southern Rhodesia, where Southern Baptists began work in 1950.

During January, many churches of the Southern Baptist Convention will co-operate with other Baptist churches in their community to sponsor and participate in a church school of missions. They will learn of mission needs the world over as they seek a better understanding of the needs of lost people.

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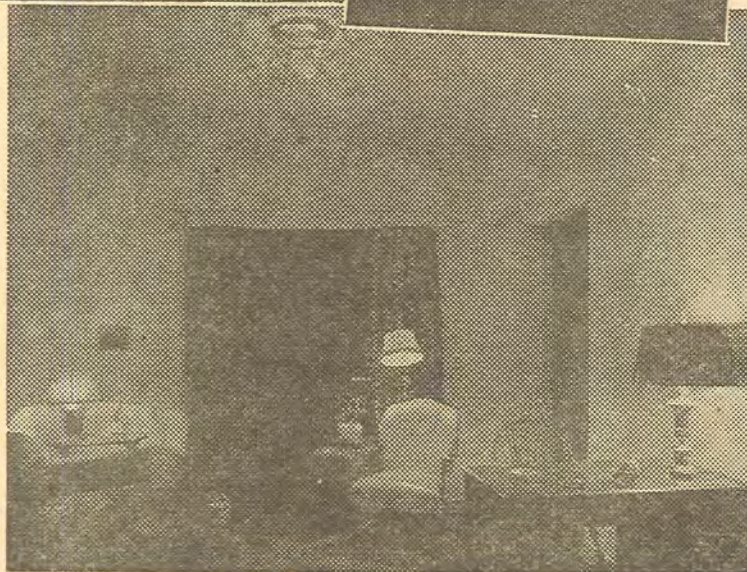
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	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1311	398	2
Including Missions	1470	487	3
Fort Smith, First	1294	642	7
Including Missions	1472	685	
Little Rock, First	1042	422	6
El Dorado, First	1008	273	1
Including Missions	1103	309	
North Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	879	302	
Including Missions	928	324	
Little Rock, Second	865	181	6
Fayetteville, First	735	277	7
Pine Bluff, South Side	695	266	4
Texarkana, Beech Street	627	264	2
El Dorado, Immanuel	622	300	5
Including Mission	676	361	
Forrest City, First	594	254	
Including Mission	665	303	
Camden, First	589	154	5
Including Missions	372	311	
Benton, First	585	319	
Including Mission	654	367	
Magnolia, Central	580	201	4
Including Mission	641		
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	572	244	2
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	560	174	4
Hope, First	526	132	
Paragould, First	521	250	4
Including Missions	690	364	
Little Rock, Gaines St.	518	272	6
Hot Springs, Central	503	225	2
Little Rock, Tabernacle	501	197	6
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	496	228	6
El Dorado, Second	487	193	
Siloam Springs, First	484	338	10
Fordyce, First	483	201	1
Warren, First	462	84	3
Paris, First	459	166	7
Booneville, First	449	62	
Hot Springs, Park Place	443	165	6
Conway, First	441		3
Cullendale, First	426	193	2
Springdale, First	432	216	
Including Mission	534		
Little Rock, So. Highland	422	197	5
Fort Smith, Calvary	410	170	2
Hot Springs, First	393	120	
Smackover, First	388	149	2
Stuttgart, First	385	229	3
Including Mission	420	252	
Van Buren, First	384	153	1
El Dorado, West Side	379	137	3
Fort Smith, South Side	352	139	10
Osceola	351	183	4
Monticello, First	350	120	
North Little Rock,			
Park Hill	350	69	4
Rogers, First	344	157	
Including Mission	424	200	
Bauxite, First	342	170	5
Mena, First	335	120	4
Hamburg, First	310	146	
Hot Springs, Piney	295	107	4
Fort Smith, Spradling	286	130	9
Wynne	282	72	
Norphlet, First	280	202	
Pine Bluff, Second	273	90	1
Levy	273	114	
Gentry, First	267	178	1
Fort Smith, Immanuel	267	128	3
Greenwood, First	261	113	1
Fort Smith, Trinity	254	103	
North Little Rock, First	245	93	
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	242	101	5
Alma, First	238	96	2
Little Rock, Calvary	231	75	3
Carlisle, First	226	108	1
Lonoke, First	222	63	2
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	218	151	
Star City, First	217	84	
Bentoville, First	211	63	3
Including Mission	223		
North Little Rock, 47th St.	209	112	
Rt. Crossett,			
Mt. Olive No. 2	191	133	
Little Rock, Hebron	186	125	
Lavaca	186	102	
Marshall	178	67	
Charleston, First	175	72	3
Almyra	171	128	1
Jacksonville, Friendship	170	104	2
Augusta, First	165	83	1
Including Mission	209		
Van Buren, Oak Grove	164	90	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	155	85	
Nettleton, First	147	102	
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	128	82	2
Warren, Immanuel	111	107	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	110	60	
Little Rock, South Side	109	53	
Hot Springs, Lk. Hamilton	103	80	1
Little Rock, Woodlawn	102	60	
Fort Smith, North Side	96	52	2
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	94	52	8
Magazine	92	46	
Little Rock, Grace	78	31	1
Hot Springs, Emanuel	74	39	
Little Rock, Biddle	71	73	7
El Paso	68	45	1
No. Little Rock, People's	67	41	3
Douglasville, Second	62	42	
Fort Smith, Rye Hill	61	60	4
No. Little Rock,			
Graves Memorial	57	48	2
Hatfield, First	52	36	2
Mixon	45	28	
Rt. Booneville, Glendale	44	28	
Vimy Ridge, Immanuel	19	25	

# Matthew Becomes A Follower

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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## Sunday School Lesson for

January 20, 1952

Luke 5:27-39

### Introduction

Tax collectors in the days of Jesus were called publicans. Rome was the world power of that day, and Israel was a subject of Rome. The Israelites hated the Romans for many reasons. They considered Rome to be a tyrant; they levied heavy tax burdens upon them; Israel desired to regain their national freedom and prestige which they had enjoyed during the days of King David.

For a Jew to be a publican meant that he was disloyal to his own nation; a publican was considered a traitor to his country; a hireling to the conquerors, the despised Roman rulers. The tax collectors were authorized by Rome to collect taxes that were already heavy, but the publicans were widely known for the practice of collecting much more than was authorized. Thus the publicans were usually wealthy people, but rich with ill gotten gain.

### A Peculiar Choice

Jesus was passing the custom's office one day and invited Matthew, known also as Levi, to "Follow me." In His day, Jesus called people unto salvation, and even into full time Christian work, who were better known for their sins and weakness than otherwise. He was known for His peculiar choices; peculiar according to the standards of men. Think of the four fishermen, Peter, Andrew, James, and John, who were known for their lack of formal education. Now we have Matthew the publican, the sinner. Another was Thomas, the doubter. Several of the apostles we know very little about, but Nathanael was outspoken; he always said just what he thought; and Saul was a killer.

Jesus knew when He called Matthew to service that it would bring severe criticism upon Him. The Jews could not see beyond one's outward appearance. Knowing nothing of regeneration or the spiritual birth, they thought one had to be a strict keeper of Moses' law, and an adherent to the traditions of the fathers, in order to get into the fold of God at all. All they could see in Matthew was his sinful past, but Jesus could see his future. They looked on the external, God looks upon the heart. Jesus said they were careful to keep the "outside of the platter clean," but God is interested in the regenerated heart of mankind.

Surely the most wonderful invitation that can come to a person is that which Matthew received, "Follow me." And the Bible tells us, "He left all, rose up, and followed him."

Like Andrew and Peter, Matthew was almost certain to have been saved and baptized before this call to the ministry; how do we know? One of the first qualifications for being an apostle was John's baptism, Acts 1:22. If Matthew was a saved man, he must have been dissatisfied already with his old life and sinful associates. All he needed to leave it all was the invitation from Jesus, for he arose immediately and followed the Master. He certainly would not have left his lucrative position unless he had been converted. Nothing short of a change of heart would induce one to leave a high salaried job for Christ's sake.

### A Happy Response

Matthew was so delighted with his new life, he gave a banquet in honor of Jesus; he invited all his friends, and who could they be but sinners like himself? He must have had many friends among the publicans and politicians of his day. When the scribes and Pharisees saw Jesus associating with publicans and sinners they complained about it. Jesus reminded them that only sick people need a physician, and only sinners need a Savior. The only people Jesus can help are the sick and sinful.

Throughout the Bible, Christians are taught to live separated lives; to avoid sin, but contact every sinner possible. Jesus showed the Jews that He could be just as pure and holy in the presence of sinners as He could alone with God in prayer. His motive in associating with sinners was holy, His manner of associating with them was correct, so they were helped by His presence, and He was not defiled thereby. If one's Christianity cannot stand a little exposure to sinners, if one is so weak he cannot live right in the presence of the unsaved, he is weak indeed.

We see in Matthew's behavior, the first proof of a Christian. He did what every young Christian should do, and probably wishes to do: he was anxious for his friends to know the Master, his Savior. He did what all Christians should do, he arranged for his friends to meet the Master, face to face.

### Christianity— A Full Time Job

Matthew became a full time follower of Christ. Every Christian cannot "forsake all and follow" the Lord, but all can follow Him day by day; and that is perhaps the crying need of the hour—more full time Christians in every walk of life. Jesus only called twelve preachers in His day, out of all the disciples He had. Lazarus was a good friend of Jesus, the Lord visited frequently in his home, but he was not a preacher. There were others, such as Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, and Zacchaeus. In the days of Paul, laymen and women were most helpful to him in establishing churches and maintaining them. Many men of the world would listen to fellow business or professional men, who would refuse an audience to a minister, because they feel that the minister is merely following his own profession when he seeks to reach others for Christ. And the worldling cares not whether the minister is successful in reaching others or not.

Then again, many men of the world feel that religion is for women and children; but that it would be too effeminate for them to condescend to; but if they knew other business men who were successful in the world, who were considered "he-men," yet who were strong, consecrated Christians, as some of our fine

laymen are, an influence would be wielded there for Christ that a preacher could never attain.

### Each Called To "Walk Worthy"

As Matthew followed Christ in full time Christian service, so have others down through the ages, and the call still goes out to those whom God can use. Baptists believe that full time workers have a peculiar calling from the Lord, that self appointed ministers and workers are doomed to failure. But we know too that every Christian is called to full time Christianity, that the Christian walk of life is not a happy life unless one is dedicated and consecrated to the Lord daily, whether at home, at work, or at church.

The Lord has a pattern for each life; if He has a pattern for each life, He has a place for each person. People are saved individually, and used according to their own willingness to be used. Individuals should be so yielded to Christ that He will have no difficulty in working out His will in their lives.

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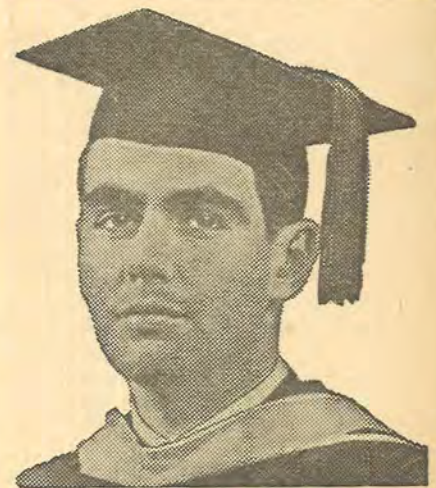
"Sympathy, when expressed in words, soothes the troubled heart; but sympathy, when expressed in action, takes the trouble away from that heart."

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Truth is as old as time but often as refreshing as the new day.

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# CALLING ALL BAPTISTS

Attend the Denominational Rally in Your Association

Date	Association	Place of Meeting
<b>TEAM NO. 1 — Dale Cowling, Leader</b>		
February 12	Delta	First Church, McGehee
13	Bartholomew	First Church, Monticello
14	Ashley County	First Church, Hamburg
15	Liberty	Immanuel Church, El Dorado
19	Red River	First Church, Arkadelphia
20	Hope	Beech Street Church, Texarkana
21	Little River	First Church, Ashdown
22	Central and Buckville	Second Church, Hot Springs
<b>TEAM NO. 2 — Edgar Williamson, Leader</b>		
February 12	Dardanelle-Russellville	First Church, Russellville
13	Clear Creek	First Church, Van Buren
14	Washington-Madison	First Church, Springdale
15	Benton County	First Church, Rogers
19	Harmony	South Side Church, Pine Bluff
20	Faulkner County	First Church, Conway
21	Conway-Perry County	First Church, Morrilton
22	Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	First Church, Clinton
<b>TEAM NO. 3 — C. W. Caldwell, Leader</b>		
February 12	White County	First Church, Searcy
13	Woodruff County	First Church, Augusta
14	Centennial	First Church, Stuttgart
15	Caroline	First Church, Carlisle
19	Arkansas Valley	First Church, Helena
20	Tri-County	First Church, Earle
21	Trinity	First Church, Tyrone
22	Mississippi County	First Church, Osceola
<b>TEAM NO. 4 — Ralph W. Davis, Leader</b>		
February 12	Black River	Southern Baptist College
13	Current River & Gainsville	First Church, Corning
14	Greene County	First Church, Paragould
15	Mt. Zion	First Church, Jonesboro
19	Newton County	First Church, Jasper
20	Boone and Carroll County	First Church, Harrison
21	White River	First Church, Mountain Home
22	Pulaski County	Immanuel Church, Little Rock
<b>TEAM NO. 5 — L. E. Coleman, Leader</b>		
February 12	Caddo River	First Church, Mt. Ida
13	Ouachita	First Church, Mena
14	Buckner	First Church, Waldron
15	Concord	First Church, Fort Smith
19	Carey	First Church, Fordyce
20	Little Red River	First Church, Heber Springs
21	Independence County	First Church, Batesville
22	Rocky Bayou and Big Creek	First Church, Melbourne

## Program Theme:

### "Working Together With Christ"



### W. J. Morris

W. J. Morris, whose address is 1415 West 16th Street, Pine Bluff, is available for supply work. If you need a man to supply your pulpit next Sunday, or any Sunday, W. J. Morris would bring you some messages that are excellent indeed. Brother Morris is a good preacher, and he rejoices in the opportunity to deliver a message for his God. Morris can do most anything in religious work. He is an excellent singer. For a long time he gave his life to the ministry of Gospel Music and was in demand here and there when revivals were planned. He knows music well, and is a good director for choir or congregation. But in more recent years Brother Morris has been pastor and evangelist. He is preaching whenever opportunity opens up. Morris is well prepared for his work. The first preparation that he got was in the University of Hard-knocks. He learned his "stuff" the hard way. There was no easy chair for the Morris family as he grew up. He had worthy ambitions and high aspirations and he moved out into a period of preparation that finally fitted him for a splendid ministry in the Baptist cause. He is spiritually minded, enthusiastic and affable. He is a true Baptist and always brings a message that is "clear cut" and edifying. You will appreciate his sermons.

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The advancing Christian does all for love of Christ and nothing for reward.

### More Than We Asked

Brethren, in 1951 we asked you for \$743,441.67 in undesignated receipts. You gave us \$778,250.59 which was \$34,808.92 more than we asked. This overage will be divided according to the vote of the Convention, 50 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention Causes, 25 per cent for Ouachita College and 25 per cent for Southern Baptist College. You have the thanks of all your denominational workers and we trust that you have had as much joy in giving it as we have had in asking you to give it. We have spared no labor or sacrifice during the year to reach this victory, and the Lord has rewarded us. God bless you and prosper you.

### Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, And Pastor Kolb

The new pastor in Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, is exercising a fine leadership with his people. It was our privilege to be in this church on a Sunday morning recently, and the Sunday School was large and the congregation filled the auditorium. The church is increasing its contributions to the Cooperative Program. Kolb has a missionary spirit. He has a great people and they are following his leadership.

### Education Directors And Retirement Plans

We do not have names and addresses of all the Educational Directors in different churches in Arkansas, hence we cannot contact them personally, but we are giving this public information to them. An Educational Director is entitled to become a member of the Ministers Retirement Plan, or a member of the Laymans Retirement Plan. Educational Directors may contact us for detailed information on either one of these plans.

### Mullins and Sylvan Hills

Sylvan Hills Church is making progress under their fine young pastor, Brother Mullins. The church is now giving \$25 per month through the Cooperative Program. Lee Morgan, Sr. is the treasurer, and the checks are coming regularly. The church is making progress along spiritual lines. There are additions to the church all along, and Mullins is doing some fine preaching. We congratulate the Sylvan Hills Church on having this brilliant young man to lead them. Sylvan Hills is a suburb of North Little Rock.

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It takes more grace to withstand the temptations of prosperity than it does to endure the hardships of poverty.

—W. R. White in *The Teacher*.

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