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—Eva Luoma Photo

*Amidst the deepening shadows of war clouds we still have the invitation of Jesus,
"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

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The Denomination of Undenominationalism

By A. C. PRIOR, Editor
The Australian Baptist

A most disturbing feature in the life of our Baptist Church in Australia, which has grieved many of us for some time, is the readiness and ease with which some Baptists, including a number of ministers, get themselves engrossed in "undenominational" or "non-denominational" activities.

There is a bland assumption abroad that there must be a special virtue in these non-denominational pursuits, and many, including not a few Baptists, fall for this unwarranted idea. Admittedly, these denominationless organizations do bring together relatively large groups of Christians on certain occasions and seeing these larger groups the gullible are thereby induced to believe that it is an evidence of a greater work than that represented by the usual life of the churches. Actually, what is happening is that these undenominational groups are drawing a percentage from all the churches; some because they are keen Christians and imagine that there is a larger sphere of service in the conglomerate group, others because they are disgruntled and out of fellowship with their own church group and still others whose Christianity is of the sort that must have the stimulus of the frothy type of experience sometimes found in the undenominational denomination.

Undenominational— Without Name or Principle

The character of undenominationalism usually goes with the name. Denominational means, of course, having a name or principles. It suggests that the people of that denomination are known as having a name and living according to certain beliefs. Undenominational means the opposite—without name or principles. It is a designation to be shunned. A slightly stronger word which might be used to describe the situation is nondescript—unclassified, hybrid, neither one thing nor the other.

What happens, of course, is that in order to meet on some common ground, the non-denominational, nameless people who have come together create something which is so impoverished of its Christian value that it almost loses its Christian character. The constituents who started off with positive beliefs lay them aside in order that they may not prove offensive to others in the new denomination, and eventually the non-denominational denomination is composed of the

left-overs that no one cares anything about anyhow. Indeed, the undenominational group often becomes the stepping stone over which Christians pass right out of the Church and out of Christian service.

Let no one misconstrue our words here to suggest that we are opposed to united action by the various Christian churches. That is a different matter entirely. Christians of all churches can and do unite to further some specific work, such as the Christian Endeavor movement with its wise insistence upon the duty of a Christian Endeavorer to put the work and worship of his own church first—so in this group—Christians neither forsake their own denomination nor create the non-denominational group.

Specific Loyalties Are Essential

Make no apologies for being a denominationalist. By asserting that you have a name you affirm that you have the principles that are suggested by that name. To be a staunch denominationalist is the evidence that one is a strong Christian and holds beliefs so dearly that they are expressed through the principles of his denomination.

Specific loyalties are essential, and never more so than today. There are more than enough unchurched people running the world to disaster without the addition of a sort of churchless Christianity, created by the misguided zeal of ill-informed Christians. Church loyalties are essential. A man cannot be loyal to Christ without being loyal to Christ's church. Christ and His church are one. Moreover, a Christian cannot be true to the conception of the church unless he is true to the church in its visible and practical organization. How can a Britisher be loyal and loving to the Empire unless he is a true and devoted citizen of some constituent portion of the Empire? Then no more can a believer be faithful to his Lord, except he gives allegiance to the church where he finds it.

To Baptists we say that it is time that all Baptists saw through the fallacy and falsity of undenominationalism. Resist the temptation to climb onto the band wagon of the nameless as it rolls by with its blast and blare. You may think it is going your way, but if you climb aboard you will find that you are going its way, and that instead of getting a ride where you want to go, you have been taken for a ride. Baptists ought to have more sense.

Speed Your Education — For National Emergency

By C. E. BRYANT

In these days of national emergency, young people are torn between desires to serve their country in a military capacity and to continue their peacetime plans for a college education. Both are worthy objectives.

It seems, however, that a general rule might apply: Until the Government calls a young man into active military service, he can best serve himself and the nation by pursuing his college education.

No one debates the point that a college education makes for better citizenship in peace and war. The Government encourages college attendance by granting draft deferments and other considerations to the industrious student. The educated man nurtures democracy in times of peace, and his college training is vital to the Government in times of war. Officers in the Armed Forces and

scientists behind the lines are predominantly college-trained men.

Pastors and parents will not err in pointing their young people toward immediate enrollment in a Christian college. Urge all now in college to stick by their books until they are called into service. Life in a Christian college will build for these young people a moral strength, as well as scientific knowledge, to cope with the temptations and opportunities facing them in possible later military service.

Most of our Baptist colleges are adjusting their curriculum to be of maximum service to both the individual student and the nation in these days of emergency. It is incumbent upon all of us to make every contribution possible in the preservation of the Christian traditions and the freedoms for which our nation stands.

Salvaging Human Souls

A Devotion by the Editor

"... while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Does not this bold statement intrigue you? As we contemplate the truth of it, as we receive the energizing power of it, as we view the glory of it, as we bask in its light and experience its warmth, we are enthralled into quiet and silent ecstasy. Because we see ourselves as the sinners for whom Christ died, the lost whom He rescued, the sick whom He healed, the dead for whom He gave life.

During World War II we were engaged in a nation-wide salvage campaign. It was brought to our attention, by the demands of war, that the things we were in the habit of throwing away had great value: old rubber, old iron and steel, old paper. We have lived in such a hurry that we have schooled ourselves to throw away the old and the slightly used and buy the new.

If God had followed that plan in dealing with the human race, He doubtless would have found it necessary every few generations to create a new race. Instead, God's plan of redemption is a salvage campaign, to rescue, save, and restore the bruised, broken, and deformed humanity which He first created.

For in this people, who are the creatures of His hand, are imbedded the gems of immortal worth. However much they may be defaced, however deep they may be buried beneath the wreckage of human failures and sins, there is in every human heart the spark of eternal fire, the gem of immortal personality, and the product of divine workmanship. God has set out to save the lost.

Paul says, "We have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin: As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one." But the "righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith: As it is written, the just shall live by faith." For "We know that whatsoever things the law sayeth, it sayeth to them that are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God—For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." But "We are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." And now the Apostle asks, "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law, of works? No, but by the law of faith."

"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8.

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From The Editor's Desk

The Cooperative Program Divinely Empowered

Unless the Cooperative Program is divinely inspired, divinely empowered, and divinely guided it must of necessity fall into the category of mere human institutions unrelated to the Kingdom of God.

If it is true that the Cooperative Program is people committed to the fulfilment of the commissions of Christ, it is also true that the Cooperative Program is Christ working through the people who are committed to the fulfilment of His commissions.

Designed by Jesus

The Cooperative Program is designed, so far as human understanding and efforts are able to formulate such a design, to embrace the whole work of the Kingdom of our Lord in the world to which Christian people are committed in a co-operative endeavor. This design is patterned after the last commission of Jesus addressed to His disciples just before His ascension and recorded in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Jesus here states the Cooperative Program of His kingdom work in the world.

Therefore the Cooperative Program as stated by Jesus includes the Triune God and is represented in the world by the Holy Spirit. It includes the disciples who are committed to the fulfilment of the commission of Jesus. And it includes the whole world to whom our Christian testimony is addressed.

Divisions of Territory

Notice the divisions of territory which Jesus himself outlines: "in Jerusalem," where you are in your local church and local community: this embraces the local church program for the community in which it is situated; "in all Judea"; this geographical division compares to the state, the surrounding territory; "in Samaria"; this includes adjacent areas comparable to our Southern Baptist

Convention territory and ministered to by the Southern Baptist Convention agencies and institutions within that area; "and unto the uttermost part of the earth"; with which our foreign mission work compares.

Therefore the Cooperative Program outlined by Jesus begins with the personal testimony of the individual Christians in their local communities and reaches out into the surrounding territory and to the more remote though adjacent areas until it reaches the uttermost part of the earth.

Adequate Power

For carrying out of this program Jesus promised the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore if the Cooperative Program as designed and promoted by Southern Baptists is in any real sense identical with this Cooperative Program announced by Jesus, then we have the definite promise of the power of the Holy Spirit in carrying out that program.

We also have the promise from Jesus as found in what is known as the Great Commission reported by Matthew, "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." And Paul declares that we are "workers together" with Him. Therefore we are in a co-operative endeavor in which we are working not only with our fellow Christians but with our Lord and under the direction of and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Other details of this program are given in other commissions of Jesus which include teaching, preaching, making disciples, and baptizing. Still other ministries were taught by Jesus both by precept and example, such as the benevolent ministries.

This conception of our denominational program which includes both individual and corporate testimony and which reaches from the local church throughout every denominational organization, institution, and agency should enhance our appreciation of this program and should inspire us with the assurance that it is divinely inspired, divinely empowered, and divinely directed.

Unharnessed Power

The power produced by the explosion of a tank of gasoline is vitiated unless it is harnessed in such manner that it may be controlled and directed to useful purposes. If the explosion of that tank of gasoline is harnessed and controlled in the motor of an automobile the power produced is so harnessed as to operate the automobile.

We are thinking of those independent and denominational movements which are sponsored by individuals who work independent of denominational affiliation.

Undenominationalism

There has come into existence a type of undenominational evangelism with sole emphasis upon evangelistic meetings which are conducted independent of churches, though

their sponsors want the support and co-operation of church people. Denominational affiliation is usually disparaged if not openly denounced.

Since denominational ties and loyalties are weakened by such revival efforts and since those who are led to make a profession of faith in Christ are not encouraged to link up their lives with churches and denominations, the results in the main are vitiated except in so far as individual souls are born into the kingdom of God. But the point is that if these young Christians won in such revivals do not take their places in the churches and channel their spiritual energies and their Christian testimony through the programs of these churches and denominations, their witness to the Lord is necessarily confined to

a very limited area if not completely lost.

Denomination Enlarges Our Ministry

It seems tragic when a minister of dynamic energy and magnetic personality and outstanding ability feels that he must break away from his denomination and its channels of service in order to expand his ministry and provide full opportunities for his abilities, and it is doubly tragic when he leads a church or churches to follow him in his independent movement and so withhold their support and co-operation from a well planned and comprehensive program of Christian service at home and abroad.

A preacher may, either in a local church as its pastor or as an undenominational evangelist, create a great commotion locally and win many adherents to himself and his personal program. But the power resulting from such a commotion is largely wasted like the power resulting from the explosion of a tank of gasoline, whereas if that power were channeled through the comprehensive denominational program it would be conserved for the greatest usefulness in kingdom service.

Therefore those individuals, ministers, evangelists, churches, who may feel that strict denominational co-operation and loyalty limit their usefulness and the expression of their Christian ministry, need to think again, because just the opposite is true. The more we put into our denominational program the more do we expand our own personal ministry and witness.

God has provided that we work in co-operation in the promotion of His cause in the world. It is axiomatic that to restrict and limit our co-operation we restrict and limit our service, but to expand our co-operation we automatically expand our ministry and our service to our Lord.

Preventive War?

According to the *Washington Religious Review* ("Father Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., vice president of Georgetown University") seems to advocate in an article published in the *Washington Sunday Star* on the day before Christmas 1950, a "preventive war" with Soviet Russia, claiming that such a war would be "morally justifiable."

According to the *Washington Religious Review* the priest advocacy of "preventive war" seems to be linked up with the speech of Secretary of the Navy Francis Matthews in which the Secretary advocated "preventive war."

We quote the following paragraph from the *Review*:

"The statement by the Jesuit divine also makes it evident that Secretary of the Navy Francis Matthews, who has been decorated by His Holiness and formerly held high office in the Knights of Columbus, was not deviating too far from a large body of Roman Catholic thinking in this country when he advocated use of the atomic bomb in a 'preventive' war. Father Walsh, apparently, has endorsed the idea of a 'preventive' war in his statement, although not in explicit terms."

Is it to be understood that the Catholic church originated the idea of a "preventive war" with Russia and is becoming bolder in promoting the idea?

Kingdom Progress

Calling All Pastors

A Pastor's Retreat for all Baptist pastors and staff members will be held in First Church, Little Rock, starting at noon February 5 and continuing until noon February 7.

The principal speakers and their subjects are: Dr. K. Owen White, First Church, Little Rock, who will bring six messages on Christian Living. Pastor Jesse Boyd, First Church, DeWitt, will bring six Bible expositions. Pastor Harvey Elledge, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, will bring two messages on the Gospel of Redemption.

The Pastor's Retreat originated with the pastors themselves and is a pastor's project. It is not being sponsored by any department or agency. The pastors feel a need for withdrawing from their heavy pastoral duties and spending a season in prayer and study of the Bible. At the retreat no administrative matter will be discussed. The entire time shall be devoted to study and prayer. Its only purpose is for the spiritual edification of the pastors, educational directors, and other staff members who serve in our Baptist churches.

Pastor Russell J. Clubb, First Church, West Memphis, has been asked to serve as tentative chairman of the Program Committee and to preside over the first retreat.

Pastors and other staff workers will be provided rooms in the homes of members of the Little Rock churches during the retreat. All pastors throughout the state are invited and urged to attend the Pastor's Retreat.

Ordination Services

Orville Haley was recently ordained to the full gospel ministry by First Church, Van Buren, Dr. T. H. Jordan, pastor. Mr. Haley is pastor of the Baptist Church at Hatton.

The Van Buren Church also ordained as deacons Gene Hobbs, C. J. Franklin, Euell Wofford, Elmer Riddle, Earl Robinson, and Zed Gant.

Hospital Auxiliary Elects Officers

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Arkansas Baptist Hospital elected the following officers at its December meeting, who will direct the work of the Auxiliary during the next year:

President, Mrs. J. M. Flenniken; first vice-president, Mrs. J. D. Simpson; second vice-president, Mrs. R. B. Cash; third vice-president, Mrs. W. I. Moody; recording and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Calvin P. Jones; assistant secretary, Mrs. Jane Long; treasurer, Miss Ursula Herring.

Ouachita Choir Available For Hymn-Sings

The state music director takes pleasure in announcing that through the generosity of Director Fred Becker, the Ouachita Choir will be available for a limited number of engagements in Association Hymn-sings. First come, first served! In addition to furnishing the special numbers on the program, which always majors on congregational singing, the choir under Mr. Becker's direction will give a demonstration rehearsal. This has been a most interesting feature in the places where the choir has already appeared. Association music directors are urged to write Mr. Becker at Ouachita at once to invite the choir for your next scheduled Quarterly Hymn-sing.

James Stewart of Scotland With First, North Little Rock

Pastor Owen W. Moran, First Church, North Little Rock, announces that James A. Stewart, founder and general director of the European Evangelistic Crusade, will begin a series of meetings at the First Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday, January 14. There will be two services daily, a morning service and a 7:30 evening service.

Mr. Stewart is a native of Scotland and began preaching at the age of 14 and was known throughout the British Isles as the "boy preacher." Mrs. Stewart was the former Miss Ruth Mayhan, who went to Hungary as a Southern Baptist missionary in 1937. Before going to Hungary she worked for two years with the Associational W.M.U. of Pulaski County. She is a graduate of the W.M.U. Training School at Louisville, Kentucky.



Time Is Passing

Important Training Union events will take place in Arkansas during the first few months in 1951. Arkansas Church Development Week will be observed January 29-February 2, with six big central leadership schools in six cities of Arkansas. Over 3,000 people are expected to attend the Training Union schools.

Churches and associations will be having their elimination tournaments for the Junior Memory Drill, Sword Drill, and Speakers' Tournament, during January and February or early in March.

The State Training Union Convention will meet with First Baptist Church, El Dorado, March 16-17. In connection with the Convention the State Sword Drill, Junior Memory Drill, and Young People's Speakers' Tournaments will be conducted. Over 150 people will appear on the program, including eight workers from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Dr. John L. Hill and Charles Wellborn.

Caddo River Association Hymn-Sing

On December 31, at the Mt. Ida Church, the regular quarterly Hymn-sing for Caddo River Association was held with Miss Odessa Holt in charge. The theme of the program was, "The Morning Light Is Breaking." Appropriate scriptures were read to introduce the theme.

The congregation joined in singing many fine hymns bearing on the theme, as well as some of the Christmas music. The Mt. Ida Choir sang "O, Holy Night," by Adam. The benediction was by Pastor W. O. Miller, Glenwood. Mrs. Joe Demby was the pianist for the afternoon.

Enters Evangelistic Field



Earl Herrington

Pastor Earl Herrington has resigned the pastorate of the Central Church, North Little Rock, and announces that he is entering the Independent Evangelistic field.

Pastor Herrington has been with the Central Church for three and one-half years. During this period the church has been engaged in an extensive building program with the construction of an education building and a pastor's home. All departments of the local church program have been expanded.

Pastor Herrington, in addition to his pastoral experience, has served as state evangelist and missionary and has held 200 revivals during his ministry.

He will move to Forth Worth, Texas on February 1. His address will be 3029 Aster Street of that city. Until February he may be reached at 1612 Maple, North Little Rock.

Benton County Association Hymn-Sing

On December 31, the regular Quarterly Hymn-sing for Benton County Association was held in the church at Gentry. There were over 100 people present, representing five churches. The first part of the program was devoted to the singing of Christmas carols. S. O. Reynolds, Rogers, who is the associational music director, sang "Comfort Ye" from "The Messiah." The concluding part of the program was devoted to hymns on prayer and a season of prayer was held during the Sing.

The next Hymn-sing for this association will be held with First Baptist Church, Decatur.

Reports From "M" Night

In addition to the "M" Night reports published in the December 21 issue of the Arkansas Baptist reports have come from the following associations:

Association	Attendance	Churches Represented	Pastors Present
Carey	88	9	7
Benton County	518	11	10

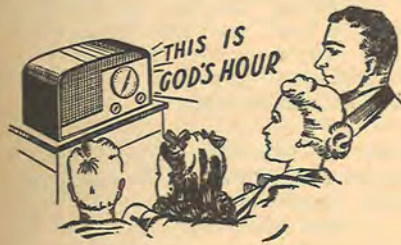
This makes a total of 24 associations reporting meetings with 5,536 in attendance, 252 churches represented and 118 pastors present.

New Baptist Hour In 1951

. . Using Your Baptist Hour . .

Here are some illustrations from our fan mail showing how the Baptist Hour is being used—

A pastor visited an unsaved couple at Baptist Hour time. They listened. At the close of the broadcast the pastor pressed the claims of Christ. At the evening service that husband and wife united with the church on the profession of their faith in Christ.



Another pastor held a meeting of his Junior department for the Baptist Hour. In response to a simple proposition at the close of the broadcast thirty-two of them professed faith in Christ. By the close of the evening service on the following Sunday all of them had united with the church.

Use the Baptist Hour in YOUR community. Lead the lost, the indifferent, and the discouraged to listen. Through this vitally spiritual program strengthen and lengthen all that your church seeks to achieve

through Christ and for Christ.

Start a telephone chain in your church. Lead every one to telephone at least five people every week, inviting them to listen.

Your Baptist Hour is a Southern Baptist program. Through these broadcasts lead your people to feel that they are a part of our great Southern Baptist family.

Increasing Coverage of Baptist Hour

On January 7 the Baptist Hour returned to the air on a limited number of stations. This is our guarantee against debt. This spiritual ministry is financed by contributions mailed in. As funds are available we shall increase the number of stations. So the matter of extending the coverage of the Baptist Hour is in the hands of its friends, and we have confidence that its coverage can and will be increased month by month.

Remember that radio offers the quickest, the most immediate and least expensive medium of preaching the Gospel to the most people. Every dollar you contribute will carry one of Charles Wellborn's messages, together with the whole program, to more than 500 listeners.

Open Letter from Charles Wellborn

Dear Baptist Hour Friends:

I have never felt a responsibility more deeply than I do now as we approach the new series of Baptist Hour programs. I know that God uses the Baptist Hour in the salvation of souls and the consecration of lives. I know the opportunities are unlimited. Most of all, I know my own inability to do the job without the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The radio ministry must be "God's half-hour" or it will be wasted effort.

I am praying that the Lord will bless and empower each of us who has a part in the Baptist Hour. Will you join us in daily prayer to that end?

Your Local Station Can Have The Baptist Hour

Because the Baptist Hour will be delivered currently by transcription during 1951, these spiritual programs will be available without cost for broadcast over your local station. Indeed more than a hundred such stations have already scheduled the programs for 1951, and others are being added to this list constantly.

Since the Baptist Hour is recognized as one of the best programs on the air, many stations are scheduling it without cost. In some instances the stations make a small charge which is taken care of locally.

Obviously the Radio Commission cannot purchase time on the 1200 stations in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. But we are happy to make recordings of the programs available without cost for broadcast over your local station.

Wellborn to Speak First Six Months



Charles Wellborn

Charles Wellborn is the speaker on the Baptist Hour. "This Is God's Hour" is the theme he has selected for his messages for the twelve Sundays of January, February, and March. The program will be broadcast over more than 150 stations in 20 states, and we expect more stations to be added until above 200 will be broadcasting the Baptist Hour every Sunday.

Mr. Wellborn is teaching Old and New Testament in the Department of Christianity at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. The University has agreed to give him a leave of absence during March, April, May, and June for him to give full time to the Baptist Hour during that period. He has cancelled all other engagements for January and February, and will be available for Baptist Hour Rallies, for week-end Youth Revivals, and for some speaking engagements in Evangelistic Conferences.

Several new features will characterize the Baptist Hour beginning with 1951: First, with his warm-hearted approach and friendly radio personality, Mr. Wellborn will preside over the broadcasts, serving as master of ceremonies down through his message.

Second: The Choir will be larger than heretofore, with John D. Hoffman as director and Frank Willingham as organist. A male quartet will be used in many of the programs, and the grand old familiar gospel songs will be used as always.

Third: Last year nearly one half of the stations broadcast the programs by transcription one week later, but in this new series all the stations will broadcast the same program on a given date. This will add much to the attractiveness of the series.

S. F. Lowe



Date: January 14

Speaker: Charles Wellborn

Subject: "The Next Voice You Hear"

Arkansas Stations:

KXLR, Little Rock, 12:15 p. m.

KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.

KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

Fan Mail Speaks

An elderly friend in Texas writes: "Time is running out on me, but as dollars grow weaker they should grow wiser. I will teach mine to help the Baptist Hour till it becomes timeless."

A woman in Missouri writes: "An elderly man, 75 years old and almost blind, was led to Christ by our pastor just after listening to the Baptist Hour."

A student at the University of North Carolina writes: "Recently I have decided to go

all the way for the Lord. Your messages have led me to take this step. God bless you for it."

A businessman in Virginia writes: "These spirit-filled messages were very inspirational and contained 'Meat' which Christians need during this day when world conditions definitely appear to be getting worse. The Southern Baptist Convention is to be congratulated upon its foresight in having messages containing such outstanding truths from God's Word brought before the public."

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By Religious News Service

East German Pastors Ask Anti-Communist Front

Eleven pastors of Evangelical parishes in the Soviet Zone have sent an open letter "to the Evangelical Church People in Western Germany" urging the creation of a "united national defense front against Communism."

"We don't preach a crusade against Stalin," the pastors' declaration said, "but we must not commit national suicide."

It urged West German churchmen "never to let us down in our fight against dictatorship," adding that lack of willingness for self-defense in the West only "encourages Soviet dictatorship to strengthen its depotism and to turn Germany into the theater of its next aggression."

Pointing to concentration camps, atheist education of youth and other phases of the Communist system in Eastern Germany, the letter said that "we Evangelical Christians in the Soviet Zone appeal to our brothers in faith in Western Germany."

"Even the strongest objections against rearmament of Western Germany must not seduce you to abandon our home country to the Communist terror without resistance," the pastors said. "Even the heaviest complaints about injustices and errors which the Western Occupation Powers may have committed must not close your eyes to the fact that the strength of the West is today our best, if not our only, hope to ward off the atheist Soviet imperialism."

Report Soldiers Responding To Religious Program

Response to the Army's religious program by young men who have been called to service in recent months has been "unusually good," the Department of the Army reports on the basis of a spot check of installations where new recruits are getting their initial training.

Additional chapel services are being scheduled, attendance has increased at such services, and interest in chapel activities, such as choirs, Sunday Schools, and Bible classes, is high, Chaplain Roy H. Parker, Army Chief of Chaplains, said.

Many chaplains who responded to the survey stressed the high moral character of the men entering the Army, Chaplain Parker said.

Chaplain Claude R. Ingram, 45th division chaplain, Camp Polk, Louisiana, reported:

"During my twenty years experience I have never had church attendance as large or as enthusiastic as I find it here."

Chaplain Leonard A. Ellis, 30th anti-aircraft automatic weapons battalion, Camp Custer, Michigan, said, "It is estimated that 94 per cent of the soldiers attended services regularly each Sunday during their stay here."

4 Out of 5 High School Students Church Members

Four out of five juniors and seniors in Indianapolis high schools say they belong to churches or synagogues.

Dr. Herman L. Shibley, superintendent of Indianapolis schools, said that out of 4,192 pupils who answered a questionnaire prepared by his office, 3,343 said they belonged to a church or synagogue.

Baptists Recall Missionary For Pro-Communist Letter

Officials of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society have recalled Dr. Dryden L. Phelps, a missionary in China since 1921, because of a letter published under his name in the November issue of the magazine *Soviet Russia Today*.

In the purported letter Dr. Phelps, who is stationed at West China Union University, Chengtu, paid high praise to the present Chinese Communist regime. He called it "the most comprehensive renaissance the human spirit has ever experienced," and "the most dynamic change in human history."

An announcement issued by the Society said:

"This letter, if it is from Dr. Phelps, reveals that he has taken a position which is not in accord with the policies laid down by the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society governing the attitude and work of its missionaries.

"Accordingly, immediate and unanimous action was taken by the officers' council, asking Dr. and Mrs. Phelps to come home immediately for a conference with a board committee."

Alaska Liquor Advertising Hit by Missions Council

Liquor advertising on Alaskan radio stations has been condemned by the Home Missions Council of North America, which expressed the hope that the stations would not renew such contracts.

A Council resolution said that the Alaska Broadcasting Company "advertised hard liquor over seven stations in the larger communities of Alaska in September and that a five-a-week, fifteen minute sports program for twenty-six weeks has been sold" to a large liquor corporation.

"This type of advertising is not in keeping with good taste," the Council said, "and can only help to demoralize further a people who are sadly afflicted by widespread drinking."

Religion in State Universities

Can religion be taught objectively at state colleges and universities?

Some 40 educators and religious leaders who pondered this and other questions at a three-day institute at the University of Minnesota agreed that it can if it involves the giving of information about religion rather than indoctrinating in religious belief.

A workshop reporting on the question emphasized the need for a proper understanding of the distinction between theology and religion.

Theology is in the intellectual sphere whereas religion is in the moral sphere, it was pointed out.

Religion technically is a moral virtue belonging to the virtue of justice and is a voluntary activity rather than an intellectual pursuit, he explained. Consequently, religion cannot be taught; it can be cultivated and a person can be trained in religion.

Theology, on the other hand, he said, is an intellectual pursuit and is concerned with truth and consequently can be taught objectively.

A Smile or Two

The boy's mother found him bawling in the basement.

"Willy, darling, what's the matter?"

"The hammer fell on Daddy's foot," sobbed Willy.

"Why, honey, that's nothing to cry about."

"I didn't cry," whimpered Willy, laughed!"

An officer approached a drunk who was trying to get the key into his car door lock. "Look here," he said, "you don't mean to tell me that you intend to drive that car."

"Sure," replied the drunk. "Can't you see I'm in no condition to walk?"

A five-year-old boy who witnessed his first football game that afternoon was overheard praying this prayer that night:

God bless ma.

God bless pa.

God bless me.

Rah! Rah! Rah!"

The instructor was teaching the cute, young thing how to drive a car.

"This," said he, "is the hand brake. You put it on quickly in case of an emergency."

"Oh, I see," the cute thing explained. "It's something like a kimono."

Farmer Hawkes: "Ephraim, does your mule ever kick you?"

Ephraim: "Well, boss, he ain't nebbber kicked me, but he kicks quite frequent in de place where Ah's jest been."

"My dear," said the champion borrower, "when I returned Mr. Storm's mower with the blade broken he swore at me!" His wife sniffed.

"We don't want that sort of thing to happen again, dear," she replied. "You'd better borrow from the minister next time."

Librarian: "I trust you found the novel interesting?"

Reader: "Not very—but the letter someone left in it sure was a lulu!"

"Are they very strict at your college?"

"Strict?" You remember Jonesey? Well, he died in class, and they propped him up until the lecture ended."

The diner was a chronic complainant, and the waiter was at the end of his rope because of her unreasonable demands. "Why is it," the customer barked, "that I never get what I ask for here?"

"Perhaps, madam," the waiter replied, "it's because we are too polite."

"Some people speak from experience. Others, from experience, don't speak."

"What became of your secretary?"

"I married her and now she's my treasurer."

A small-town newspaper carried a quarter-

page of white space, in the center of which was set in six-point type: "This space belongs to John Smith, who went fishing with the copy in his pocket."

A well-known French professor came to teach in an American university. When he plugged in the portable radio he had brought with him, his little girl, Charmaine, listened with amazement.

"Father," she cried, "listen how quickly the radio has learned to speak English."

Baptist Board Ordered To Hold Union Election

By Religious News Service

The National Labor Relations Board has ruled that the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, must hold a union election for its typographic and reproduction employees.

The board split three-to-two in making the decision, with Chairman Paul M. Herzog and board member James J. Reynolds Jr., asserting that the decision overthrows the exemption hitherto accorded religious institutions and organizations, and violates the intent of Congress.

However, board members John M. Houston, Abe Murdock, and Paul L. Styles, in the majority opinion, said the decision sets no precedent, but follows the line of the Christian Board of Publications decision in which the board accepted jurisdiction of a labor dispute in a non-profit religious house.

The International Printing Pressmen's and Assistant's Union of North America, A. F. of L., is seeking a unit composed of all employees in the reproduction, typographic, warehousing, and shipping departments of the Baptist board.

As a result of the decision, an election will be held within 30 days under N.L.R.B. auspices to determine if the employees want union representatives.

The majority opinion overruled the contention of the Baptist body that as a non-profit religious institution it should be exempt from the labor relations act. Said the majority:

"The interstate sale and shipment of the Employer's publications is clearly commerce. As this Board and the Courts have held, it is immaterial that the Employer may be a non-profit organization, or that its activities may be motivated by considerations other than those applicable to enterprises which are, in the generally accepted sense, commercial.

Chairman Herzog and Board Member Reynolds in their dissent accused the majority of violating the intent of Congress by extending coverage of the act to the Baptist publishing operations.

"The Board has held for over a decade that non-profit organizations affect interstate commerce only with respect to their strictly commercial activities," the minority said.

"We are convinced that, relying upon past Board practice, Congress did not intend to make activities with so clearly a religious purpose as these subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. For that reason, we would dismiss the petition (of the union)."

Spokesman Reaffirms Baptist Stand

A spokesman for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville reaffirmed the Board's position that it is a non-profit religious organization and therefore not subject to union organization.

Harold E. Ingraham, division head of the Board, made this statement after the National Labor Relations Board, by a 3-2 decision, ruled that the Southern Baptist agency must hold a union election for its plant employees.

"The Sunday School Board are not printers," Mr. Ingraham said. "They are not a commercial organization at all, but a religious non-profit institution, and as such should no more be subject to union organization than a given individual church would be."

He said that the Board is not opposed to general collective bargaining but, because of its religious constitution, should not have

a union organization among its workers. He added that the Board has made "fair and liberal provision for all employees."

Mr. Ingraham indicated that the Sunday School Board would not appeal the federal agency's decision.

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NLRB Directs Board To Conduct Election

By Baptist Press

An election to determine whether the shipping, maintenance and multigraph departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board will be unionized will be held in the chapel of the Board, January 8 at 3 p. m. One hundred twenty-five employees are affected.

The election is being held at the direction of the National Labor Relations Board as a result of a three to two decision of the NLRB that the law did not exempt religious institutions and that the Board was engaged in interstate commerce. The minority report pointed out that other similar laws did exempt religious institutions by name and that this was the spirit of the law here.

The movement to force unions into the BSSB was started last July by the International Printing and Pressmen and Assistants Union of North America, an affiliate of the A. F. of L.

Late in the fall the organizers were able to obtain enough signatures to bring the matter before the NLRB for review.

The efforts of the union to organize these departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board has been generally resisted in Nashville on the grounds that neither the NLRB or any other governmental agency has the constitutional right to direct affairs of a religious body. The feeling is that the order of the NLRB is a direct act against the separation of church and state, traditionally held to by the American people.

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35,000 Slaughtered in U. S. In Traffic Accidents, 1949

According to the latest detailed scrutiny of reports, traffic fatalities just reported by the Pennsylvania Automotive Association, an average of only 13 per cent of traffic fatalities can be charged to faulty equipment—the other 87 per cent is due to the unchecked human "element," says the American Business Men's Research Foundation in Chicago, in a study of reasons for the upwards of 35,000 traffic deaths in the United States in 1949 as reported by the National Safety Council. Everything, says the Foundation report, is being done to make all the mechanics, automotive, and traffic equipment accident proof, and, in this laudatory endeavor, the best brains of safety groups, civic organizations, highway engineers, automotive manufacturers are being marshalled and pooled.

But the facts show that mechanical defects represent altogether scarcely more than 10 per cent as a cause in the mounting massacre record.

According to the Pennsylvania Association's study just made public, "only 4 per cent of Pennsylvania Traffic Fatalities were attributable to faulty equipment in 1948, compared to an average of 13 per cent for that year throughout the nation."

The Pennsylvania record is the fruit of a twenty-two year continuous testing and checking of automobiles in that state, in which the great question which remains, says the Foundation, is an accurate diagnosis of

Binkley Reconsiders Declines Wake Forest

Dr. Olin T. Binkley yesterday turned down his appointment as president of the New Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

In a telegram to Dr. Casper C. Warren of Charlotte, chairman of the seminary board of trustees, Dr. Binkley said:

"I have reconsidered and declined the presidency of the Southeastern Baptist Seminary. Crucial factors in the final decision were a lack of physical fitness for the administrative task and a clarified conviction that I should continue my work as a teacher at Louisville."

Dr. Binkley, who is a faculty member at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, accepted the presidency December 7. He had been recommended for the post by a Southern Baptist Convention Committee.

Dr. Warren said he had referred Dr. Binkley's telegram to the Convention committee.

Cornett and Cox Move to Nashville

Two Southern Baptist commissions will be re-located in Nashville around February first.

The Historical Society will move from Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Norman W. Cox will be the executive secretary. He has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Meridian, Mississippi, effective February 15.

The Education Commission will move from Waco, Texas. Dr. Orin Cornett will serve as executive secretary. Dr. Cornett comes from Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he has been serving as executive vice-president of Oklahoma Baptist University. He will move around February first.

—Baptist Press

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Churches Ask Crime Programs Be Moved

A resolution requesting radio networks to move their crime and mystery stories to late evening hours was adopted by the Fresno Council of Churches. Council members want the stories scheduled after 8 p. m. to prevent children from listening to them.

"We recognize that the crime and mystery stories presented over the radio act as a definite menace to the formative thinking of youth," the resolution said.

"We also recognize that many people of adult years enjoy crime and mystery stories. We do not ask that these be taken off the networks, but moved to an hour when adults will listen to them."

The resolution also asked that early afternoon hours on Sunday be free from this type of program.

the human "element" causatively involved in the 87 per cent of accidents.

Stripped to its irreducible minimum, at least 28.7 per cent of the highway fatalities due to the human "element" are known to involve liquor, but there are many thousands of other cases in which human "element" is involved that are officially attributed to other causes, but may have indirectly involved the use of alcohol; among these are accidents attributed to "exceeding speed limits," "improper turning," "improper passing," "disregarding pass signals," "on wrong side of road," "did not have right of way," "following too closely," and "improper parking."

No one knows how many thousands of these cases, in which the human "element" is the casual factor, may not have been due to judgment slightly confused or nerves unsteady by ever so slight consumption of Alcoholic Beverages.

America Starving: Song Proves It

By DR. DUKE K. McCALL

The Communist propaganda in China says America is starving—therefore you might just as well starve in China.

To prove that there is not enough food the Communists play over and over, "If I knew you were coming I would have baked a cake." Think what they could have done with "Yes, We have No Bananas."

Propaganda always sounds silly when you know the truth. No American can understand the accumulated ignorance of people about our country. They measure us by the conditions and standards of their own land. It is easy for a Chinese to picture Americans as hungry people. Everybody he knows is hungry.

Conditions were rotten under the old Nationalist government of China. Anyone half awake could see that, including some of the brilliant foreign policy experts of the United States. Conditions are worse under the Communists. Apparently only a few businessmen and the missionaries had enough wisdom to predict that. Every Christian mission in China pled with the American government not to abandon China to the Communists. They were ignored.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Malik said to the United Nations Security Council, "We all know that missionaries have always been a weapon of aggression and that they have served to promote the conquests of the ruling circles and to enslave peoples who were a source of income."

Rich Become Poor Poor Become Poorer

Now missionaries are being squeezed out of China. Every boat from Shanghai brings more Christians of all faiths to British held Hong Kong. Only sixteen Southern Baptist missionaries are left in China. They are risking death to serve on as God has called them.

The new arrivals all give the same report. The rich Chinese have become poor under the Communists. The poor have become poorer. Only the government officials and the multitude of Russian technical advisors are well to do.

What happened to the promised land reforms? The rich owners have lost the land. It belongs to the people now. The poor people work the farms and pay all the new taxes and have less left for themselves than in the old days.

The Chinese cook of a missionary family saved his money and bought a farm. The Communists divided his little farm with a few others. The cook applied for his old job in the missionary home saying, "I cannot grow enough food for me and my family on what is left."

There would not be a Communist in the world except for the fallacy by which democracy at its worst is compared with the best promise of Communism.

In every nation of Asia I have been asked about the abuses suffered by Negroes in America. Communist propaganda has played

up newspaper stories of injustices suffered by Negroes. Every American, and surely every Christian, is ashamed of any form of injustice. We admit our democracy is not perfect.

I can report, however, that the lot of the poorest family I know in the United States would not be improved by changing places with the average Chinese in Communist Shanghai. In fact the poor of America would be counted well off by the standards of every country in Asia.

Religious Freedom a Farce

The Christian churches of China withstood the Japanese occupation. Now they face a severer test. That test is the Communists' version of religious freedom. Here are the terms under which the churches will be allowed to carry on their work:

Purge all imperialistic influences. Halt support from abroad. Educate followers against the evils of imperialism, feudalism, bureaucratic capitalism. All religious sects must be unified.

Based on experience in Russia this means that a tight religious organization embracing all denominations must be created. This will make governmental control easier. The new organization will be free to follow the Communist line just like other propaganda agencies. Some pious religious platitudes may be sandwiched in with the propaganda.

The government now controls the Christian mission schools, not by law but by mob agitation. Chinese church leaders have not been imprisoned or executed by the government. Communist gangs have lynched some who refused to become tools for Communist propaganda. Government officials smile and say, "So sorry."

The Good Life

For the first time since the American revolution, with the exception of the War Between the States, the people of our country are faced with a stark test of faith. The conflict with world communism now is not to save the world for democracy, but to repel an enemy who is determined to destroy in our own land the Christian ideal of human dignity and individual liberty and the political system which upholds that ideal. Our faith and our strength is this ideal.

As a nation, we came through World War II with little discomfort. Living standards have risen to record levels. So has the public debt which is exacting its toll in depreciating money. However it is evident that devalued dollars have not yet cramped our style. Last year, according to the Commerce Department, U. S. citizens spent a staggering \$178,832,000,000. The fabulous "American way" is well illustrated in a current joke which defines a pedestrian as a motorist who has found a place to park his car. The list of American "haves" could go on indefinitely. Already there are 8,000,000 television sets in our homes—homes which are equipped with tens of millions of deep freezers, refrigerators, electric stoves, radios, washing machines, ad infinitum.

No Time for Confusion

In retrospect, after nearly two centuries of freedom and the boundless progress that only freedom could have achieved, it would be a wonder if we were not confused when suddenly confronted with the prospect of a fight for actual survival. But the time when, we can afford confusion has nearly run out. These words of Lenin, uttered thirty years ago, ring with new significance: "As long as

capitalism and socialism remain we cannot live in peace. In the end, one or the other will triumph—a funeral requiem will be sung either over the Soviet Republic or over world capitalism . . . We have to use any ruse, dodges, tricks, cunning, unlawful methods, concealment and veiling of the truth."

This is the ruthless concept, backed by vast military force, which is confronting America and the world. To meet it we will need more than arms and men. We will have to lay our sights on primary objectives and keep them there. We must forget the adolescent notion that material security is an unqualified "right." The "rights" embodied in the American ideal are few and elemental. They include equality of opportunity, freedom of speech and religion, and the protection of private property. They are the tools with which the individual may achieve "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

America and Freedom Are Synonyms

In a word, it is time we again understood what this country really stands for. John Dos Passos, the distinguished American author, has said, "this country was not founded to furnish glamorous offices for politicians, or to produce goods and services, or handouts of easy money. This country was founded to make men free." In the wealth of material comfort we have enjoyed so long, we have tended to forget that great truth. Now we must return to the simple fundamental—"This country was founded to make men free."

We face a two-faceted task. We must fight with all we have against our enemies outside. And, while we are undergoing all the

sacrifices and trials that may involve, we must keep our people free. One of the greatest dangers is that we may grant so much unlimited authority to the government that the system of checks and balances which stands between us and tyranny will be permanently destroyed. The problem of economic controls is a perfect example here. They should be imposed only if they are clearly necessary to implement the war effort. Otherwise, we will have control for control's sake—which is the essence of dictatorship. Then our productive capacity will be crippled and, far more important, we will no longer be a free people—we will have lost the battle.

Must Hold That Line

We Americans have come to a climactic phase in the history of the good life. It is our duty to hold together for future generations the framework of freedom which made that good life possible.

—Industrial News Service

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A New Year's Prayer

Oh God, forgive my selfishness,
And take away my sin.
Create in me a heart that's clean,
And give me peace within.
Oh! give me strength and courage, Lord;
Help me to start anew
To live my life for Jesus
Each day, the whole year through.

BY MRS. J. F. JESSER
FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

"Do Not Be Afraid Anymore"

By ALBERT McCLELLAN, Director of Publications
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This crazy world of ours seems headed downward to its doom. The restless hordes of Asia, numbering 1,428 million, or nine times the population of the United States, threaten to wreck Western civilization. These hordes remind us of another hoard that did wreck the Hellenic or Greco-Roman civilization.

The knock-out blow came in the fifth century when the proud invincible Roman Empire was ground into dust. Hordes of Vandals from Northern Europe pushed into the Roman provinces to bring miserable and shameful death to the 800-year-old empire.

The Vandals were an earthy nomadic people who carried their families with them to war. They were like great herds of human cattle driven by shepherd masters.

Mysterious Awe!

When finally the Vandals swept into Rome two things happened: (1) They sacked the city and took its citizens into slavery. (2) They developed a mysterious awe for the churches.

As if by miracle, the churches were preserved from the torch. Moreover, as if by another miracle, the churches were set aside as islands of security. Any Roman seeking refuge in a church would not be killed or taken captive. It was not uncommon to see the rough Vandal soldiers leading Romans to the churches to keep from taking them into slavery.

Even so, Rome fell, the empire disintegrated, and the once supreme Hellenic civilization vanished. Doom had come. Art and culture lay in ruins. By the seventh century the ever proud Latin language was heard no more. A pall of gloom settled over the earth.

But through the gloom there shone many mountain peaks of glory, two of them quite noteworthy.

Two Peaks of Glory

One of the peaks: Christianity did not fall with the Hellenic civilization. It emerged stronger than ever. The age that produced the Vandals also produced the greatest religious figure from Paul to John Calvin. He was Augustine Hippo, whose system of theology, much the same as that of Paul's, created the vocabulary that stands at the heart of the interpretation of Christianity today.

Augustine wrote a book called *The City of God* to show the Christians of his day that the kingdom of Christ is greater than any earthly kingdom. In a fiery sweep of God-inspired rhetoric he made Christians see that in losing their property and citizenship they had lost nothing. Keeping Christ they had

kept all. He finished *The City of God* while the Vandals were storming the gates of Hippo. He met his own martyrdom with the same hilarious and extravagant faith he had written into his book.

Another mountain peak of glory that shone through the gloom was the astonishing preservation and subsequent use of the Bible. The uneducated Vandals destroyed the great libraries. Books were burned or thrown to the winds. The old classics vanished. Teachers were murdered or enslaved. Human knowledge sank to a new low.

The Vandals had done the most thorough job of wholesale destruction of culture in human history. They had destroyed everything except the one book more powerful than all the others combined. Tenney Frank says in his book, *History of Rome*, "The Bible alone remained to carry on the tremendous task of re-education." God's book became the primer of the Western civilization that still stands, the one today that is being threatened by the new Vandals.

Indestructible Civilization

These two peaks of glory should assure our quaking hearts of one undying truth. This is it: God has a civilization of his own. It transcends earthly civilization. Its capital city is the New Jerusalem. Its ruler is the King of kings. God's civilization continues from generation to generation. It cuts across national lines. It strikes down the barriers of speech differences. God's civilization will rise above and capture whoever presumes to capture it. God's civilization can have no permanent enemies. God's civilization knows only one authority, the authority of love. It knows only one power, the power of the Gospel. Citizenship in god's kingdom is free to all who will accept. It is already paid for with a price. And what a price!

John the Apostle faced doom in his day. His world was crumbling. He was banished to a rocky island to die. He was afraid. When terror and trembling seized him and horror folded him round, he caught a vision. What he wrote about that vision comforted Augustine in his day and it can comfort us in ours.

John saw One like the Son of Man . . . long garment . . . golden girdle . . . hair white as snow . . . eyes as a flame of fire . . . feet like fine brass . . . countenance as the sun . . .

John was stunned. The glory was too much for him. He fainted. The Son of Man then laid his right hand on John and said to him, "Do not be afraid any more. I am the First and the Last; yea, the ever-living One. I once was dead, but now I live forever and ever. I carry the keys of death and the underworld." (Rev. 1:18CBW).

Assumption Dogma

The world has been amazed at the action of Pope Pius in proclaiming as a dogma the assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to heaven, at a solemn ceremony in St. Peter's. This act of assumption, without the slightest Biblical warrant and with no basis in the Christian religion, appalls the intelligent Christian world. What is this queer doctrine? It is that, by the proclamation of the pope *ex cathedra*, Mary's corporeal body is now declared to be in heaven and, in that position, she occupies the post of intercessor between the sinner on earth and the Lord Christ in heaven. According to Catholic doctrine, a dogma is divine truth proposed by the church for the belief of the faithful. As such, it must be accepted unquestioningly by Catholics as a part of Christian revelation. The pope makes the declaration by virtue of his supreme apostolic authority. In this he has power to define what he considers a doctrine concerning faith and morals to be observed by all members of the church. When he speaks *ex cathedra* as a leader and teacher of all the faithful, the pope is regarded as infallible, according to Catholic dogma proclaimed in 1870. This declaration of the pope raises a theological question which must be handled by all Christian believers the world around. Is there such a thing as an intermediary between the soul of man and our Lord Jesus Christ? Where in the Scriptures or in Christian revelation and experience has there ever been revealed that there is such an intermediary? The Scriptures plainly teach that there is only "one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." Our Lord Jesus Christ is our High Priest. He is seated at the right hand of God, there ready to make intercession for us (Romans 8:34). No Christian needs Mary, the mother of Jesus. Maryolatry is an invention so foreign to the Scripture as to make an intelligent person wonder why the Roman Catholic Church should think of it.

—The Watchman Examiner

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Alarming Death Rate On Highways

"Death is taking an increasingly high toll of Arkansas citizens, with tentative traffic death figures from State Police records at the unprecedented total of 52 for November," said H. D. Booth, Arkansas Safety Council Director.

He pointed out that this toll exceeds for the second month in succession the entire toll from the polio epidemic of 1949. "This careless and reckless use of the streets and highways is letting 'death take the holiday' of a lot of people," Booth said, adding that from 35 to 40 personal injury accidents may be reckoned for each traffic fatality.

The Council called for increased co-operation on the part of State and local enforcement officials in the face of this alarming increase. The December record is no better, Booth pointed out, as 14 deaths have been reported for the first 10 days, with several seriously injured—some of whom are not expected to live.

Citizens are asked to give full co-operation in the drive to reduce these killings and to make real the slogan, "Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday." Farm organization people are asked by the Council to caution their members about carelessness in the matter of fires, a large number of deaths by burning also having been reported during November and early December.

With Apologies to Hamlet

To visit or not to visit; that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in an enlisted Baptist to endure

the slump of non-attendance on the part of its Sunday School members

Or to really visit every absentee every week And by thus visiting to enlist them?

To plan, to pray, to go: to ring door bells. Aye, there's the system.

For in that planned visitation will come results manifold

When we have visited in His name.

—Lawson Hatfield

THE MAIN MOTIVE OF TITHING

1. It is to teach men to put God and the church first.

2. It is to teach men to recognize and acknowledge God's ownership.

3. It is to teach men that a minimum ration of giving is the tenth.

4. It is to teach that tithing is an act of worship. The main purpose, therefore, is to secure, not the Tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not the money, but the man; not the possession, but the possessor.

—Copied

Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

Large Attendance Expected At Evangelistic Conference

The largest attendance in any State Wide Evangelistic Conference is expected in the one to be held in the South Side Church, January 15-17. Bed and breakfast will be provided free in the Baptist homes of the city. Hotel and tourist court reservations will be made on request. Send all requests for reservations to the South Side Church, Pine Bluff.

Every church should see that its pastor attends this important and inspiring meeting. It would be well if each church would pay the pastor's transportation to and from Pine Bluff. The inspiration he will receive will mean much to the church from the standpoint of evangelism and soul winning efforts. This Conference, however, is not for pastors only. Laymen, women, and young people should attend. People living within one hundred miles of Pine Bluff could drive over for at least one session if they are unable to attend the entire time. Let's make this a real mountain top experience spiritually.

Pangburn Church

On a cold Wednesday night, in December, the Superintendent of Missions had the privilege of being a guest of the Pangburn Church and Pastor W. B. O'Neal. A splendid supper was served in the Legion Hut and the evening service conducted there.

This good church, under the leadership of Pastor O'Neal, is considering either building a new structure or remodeling their present building. A fine spirit seems to prevail among the membership and we know that progress is going to be made under the leadership of Pastor O'Neal.

Tilton Church Is Growing

Below is a letter from a good layman in the Tilton Church. This letter got immediate response from this servant and he visited the church for a morning service a few weeks ago. He found the people happy, although they were having to sit on planks placed on concrete blocks for pews. Read the letter and you will appreciate the progress made.

"This is a report of the little Baptist church at Tilton. As you know, we organized a church, with eight members, about eighteen months ago and were forced to have services under a tree. You gave us \$250 which we used to help build a humble but good one

room church with plans for addition. We have the house finished, but need seats and other fixtures as we have to sit on blocks and lumber. We owe less than \$100, and are striving to get that paid as soon as we can. We seldom have service without one or more additions to the church. The Lord is with us and we have just begun to grow in membership.

"We had our regular appointment and Christmas service together Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night; visiting us was a fine quartet from Southern Baptist College. A large crowd of friends and Christians were in the service. We enjoyed a wonderful message and had two conversions. We now have a membership of thirty-three. When we pay all our debts we hope to repay your gift with interest and help some other little church to get started. We want you to come by to see us again. We need the spiritual lift you can give us." Yours in Christ, Arthur Harris, church clerk.

Building and Organ Dedicated

Sunday, December 31, was a great day in the McCrory church, when they dedicated their education building and their new Hammond organ. A former pastor, Chester R. Parker, preached at the morning service. In the afternoon a splendid program was presented which included the burning of the note by the deacons and the dedication sermon by the Superintendent of the Mission Department.

R. D. Harris is their pastor and already has led the church in many achievements.

Griffithville Plans Building

Pastor Ernest Anderson invited the Superintendent of Missions to visit in his good church at Griffithville. This is another church that is planning to build a new house of worship. Much of the material is already on the ground.

We had the privilege of being with them for a Sunday evening service. Before the service, however, about twelve good laymen and their wives, together with the pastor and visitor, enjoyed a bountiful duck supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pates. We found some wonderful people in the Griffithville church and rejoice in the fine spirit which prevails and their enthusiastic plans to build a new church building.

"THE LORD TRIETH THE RIGHTEOUS"

Our Lord, in His infinite wisdom and superabundant love, sets so high a value upon his people's faith that He will not screen them from those trials by which faith is strengthened. You would never have possessed the precious faith which now supports you if the trial of your faith had not been like unto fire. You are a tree that never would have rooted so well if the wind had not rooked you to and fro, and made you take firm hold upon the precious truths of the covenant of grace.

Worldly ease is a great foe to faith; it loosens the joints of holy valor, and snaps the sinews of

sacred courage. The balloon never rises until the cords are cut; affliction doth this sharp service for believing souls. While the wheat sleeps comfortably in the husk it is useless to man; it must be threshed out of its resting place before its value can be known. Thus it is well that Jehovah trieth the righteousness for it causes them to grow rich toward God.

—Charles H. Spurgeon
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My Bible does not contain all that is in the Bible you read nor all that is in the Bible I read . . . My Bible is only so much of the Bible as I have myself appropriated and put into practical knowledge and use and support.

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Mrs. B. W. Nininger

Church Music

When the Sunday School Board set up a Department of Church Music with Dr. B. B. McKinney as the Secretary and announced that a program for better church music would be promoted through the Sunday School and Training Union Departments of the different states of the South, your Religious Education Department in Arkansas began immediately to co-operate with the Southwide Department.

Mrs. B. W. Nininger, then serving as the President of the Arkansas Baptist Church Musicians Association, was invited to become the State Music Director for Arkansas to promote better music in the churches in co-operation with the Religious Education Department and the Sunday School Board's Department of Church Music. She began her work in January of 1942. For about two years Mrs. Nininger served without salary. Then for about a year on partial salary. Then the Music work of the department was put on a full-time basis and Mrs. Nininger received full salary.

Several types of services are offered and promoted by the State Music Director:

School of Church Music

This event should be scheduled annually in every church, whether large or small. September has been selected as Southwide Church Music Emphasis Month. No better time could be had for presenting this subject to the entire church membership and providing specialized training for all music leaders and accompanists.

Services of the state music director are available without cost for such a school. Entertainment (room and meals) is furnished by the church served. Many associate workers are also available at moderate cost.

The school is planned for five nights, beginning with a Hymnsing or Song Sermon on Sunday night. Classes in Music Fundamentals, Hymnology, Accompaniment, and Directing, occupy the

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Education Department at Work

That the pastors and the workers in Sunday School, Training Union, and Music Organizations in the churches and the missionaries and leaders in the association may have a better understanding of the workers and work of the Religious Education Department, a series of informative articles will be offered in this and early issues of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST.

The Religious Education Department, working in close cooperation with the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, offers to the churches and associations a well-rounded, correlated and co-ordinated program of Religious Education that includes the promotion and use of the Sunday School, Training Union, Sacred Music, and the Baptist Student Union.

Dr. Edgar Williamson serves as

Director of the Department and as State Sunday School Superintendent; George H. Hink as Associate State Sunday School Superintendent; Ralph W. Davis as State Training Union Director; Mrs. B. W. Nininger as State Music Director; and Dale Cowling as State Student Union Secretary. The offices of the Religious Education Department are located at 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Awards

Beginning in January, 1951, a new system of awards is to be inaugurated. Upon the completion of the Church Manual (available soon) a **Certificate of Recognition** will be awarded. The certificate will contain spaces for seals on each of the remaining books in the Church Music Training Course. The holder of the certificate will contain spaces for seals on each of the remaining books in the Church Music Training Course. The holder of the certificate will keep his own record attaching the seal in its proper place at the completion of the required book. When the certificate is entirely filled with seals, it may be returned to the Sunday School Board for the issuance of a **Church Music Diploma**.

Choir Clinic

Churches with one or more ambitious choirs may secure the services of the State Music Director for a short-term choir clinic. This may be held on a weekend or scheduled for three consecutive nights. It is especially valuable preceding some large music service, as for example, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Church or Organ Dedication.

Summer Music Schools

Summer Music Schools are recommended for their wider scope of influence among all age-groups in the church constituency. It is a thorough-going program of two weeks duration, with morning classes for Primaries, Juniors, and Intermediates, and evening classes for Young People and

major portion of each subsequent night. Specialized work for Junior, Youth, and Adult Choirs is also offered. During the sessions of the school, potential music leaders are discovered and given individual instruction designed to fit them for better service. Following are textbooks used:

- I Music Fundamentals**
 1. *Church Music Manual—Hines Sims
 2. Practical Music Lessons—Luther A. Harrison and B. B. McKinney
 3. Gospel Song and Hymn Playing—Blanche Lee Riddle
 4. Technique of Conducting—E. L. Carnett
 5. Vocal Approach—Warren M. Angell

- II Music Appreciation**
 1. Music and the Scriptures—I. E. Reynolds
 2. *Practical Hymnology—B. B. McKinney

- III Music Ministry**
 1. Growing a Musical Church—Ruth Nininger
 2. Instrumental Music in the Church—W. Hines Sims
 3. Methods and Materials for Graded Choirs—Clifford A. Holcomb

- IV Integrating Courses**
 1. Building a Standard Sunday School—Arthur Flake
 2. The Baptist Training Union Manual—J. E. Lambdin
 3. What Baptists Believe—C. S. Wallace
 4. Every Christians Job—C. E. Matthews

* Available soon.

Services to the Association

1. **Conferences**—An occasional conference on church music might be helpful in the regular monthly workers' conference of the association. As more and more churches become conscious of music development, it is possible to expand the music education program throughout the entire association.

2. **Association music schools**—Such schools may be held annually with gratifying success.

3. **Quarterly Hymn-sings** are now conducted in 32 of the 43 associations. Not only has congregational singing been greatly improved as a direct result of this program but hundreds of fine choirs have been developed.

Youth Activities

Two major objectives stimulate the work of youth music education—The **Youth Choir Festival** and the **Hymn-playing Tournament**. Preparation for these two music highlights and participation in them can transform the attitudes of young people of any church which will offer these opportunities. Full details concerning both events are publicized in bulletin form and are available in the state Church Music office.

Free Literature

Numerous pieces of church music literature are available in the State Church Music Office for free distribution:

- The Church Choir — Organization — Choristers Pledge
 - Recommended Music Education Program for the Local Church
 - Organizing the Junior Choir—Graded Choir Program
 - The Church Music Training Course
 - Thirteen Song Sermons
 - Music for the Church Organist
 - 1951 Hymn-Playing Tournament Bulletin
 - Youth Choir Festival Bulletin
 - Choir Dedication—Organ Dedication — Church Dedication.
- For further information regarding any of the church music services write Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas

Adults

Eight qualified associate music workers serve as leaders of Summer Music Schools during June, July, and August. They come together for an intensive refresher course with Mrs. Nininger before going out to conduct the Summer Music Schools. They receive no salary from the Religious Education Department, hence must be taken care of by the churches they serve. Traveling expenses, entertainment while on the field, and a minimum honorarium of \$35 a week is the usual financial arrangement for each worker. All such schools are scheduled through the State Music Director and it is urged that churches set aside two weeks during one of the vacation months and write immediately for a worker to be assigned them.

Shall Protestantism Parallel Catholicism

By R. N. OWEN, Editor
Baptist and Reflector

Southern Baptists are not in the National Council of Churches whose constituting convention met in Cleveland, Ohio, November 28-December 1.

We would like for the sake of better understanding to set forth as we see it why Southern Baptists and Tennessee Baptists in particular are not joining this new corporate agency of 29 communions totaling 31 million members hailed by some as the answer to Jesus' prayer for oneness. We cannot interpret his prayer in John 17 as fulfilled by any organization.

There must of necessity be a certain amount of organization to effect co-operative action for Christ's mission. We would in no wise disparage the efforts in keeping with the genius of the gospel to achieve co-operation for an effective impact of Christians upon the non-Christian society.

But it is the temptation of Christians to substitute organization for organism, structure for

life, and to lose sight of ends in concern with means. Overemphasis upon ecclesiastical machinery comes perilously near obscuring the essential elements which gave the first churches their energy and endurance.

Ecclesiastical Dreams Insufficient

The world's redemption is not waiting upon further ecclesiasticism as the ecumenical proponents fondly dream. Salvation is nothing so simple as that. Evil is not conquered by outward merger and expanding organization. The way of salvation remains inward and spiritual. The vital elements in Christianity have to do with spiritual life through the personal experience in Jesus Christ transfiguring life.

One of the reasons for the Council as stated by its proponents is that through it, "Protestant Christians can speak more effectively with a common voice

through the press, radio, and other mass media." Now it is evident that political leaders are inclined to give recognition to organizations in proportion to the votes they can control. We have to some extent "government by pressure groups" whose blocks of votes are "voiced" by spokesmen. Men in government do not lightly ignore these "voices" and bosses. We must accept these facts realistically.

But we must also realize the grave danger in the desire to assume the role of "speaking for" so many millions of church members. It can lead straight down the road to a power-hungry Protestantism which parallels Roman Catholicism in its worldly techniques for the control of men, body and soul.

We are opposed to any trend toward centralization of authority and regimentation of faith. We are committed to the principles of absolute Lordship of Jesus Christ, the final authority of the Bible in all matters of faith and practice, the separation of church and state, the competency of the individual soul under God, the priesthood of the believer, and all the subsidiary tenets which issue from the first one named above.

The Proper Basis For Unity

Southern Baptists feel that since the Christian religion is personal its difference in expression is therefore not wrong so long as spiritual unity is adhered to in love and loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ. He, in the bond of the Spirit, is the reality of unity rather than membership in some council of churches.

Diversity does not necessarily mean a denial of unity. In fact dynamic diversity rather than static conformity is in keeping with God's plan. "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same

Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." (I Cor. 12:4-6) Diversity may be essential to express the Spirit which men cannot monopolize in any organization nor coerce for their own ends. Southern Baptists differ from those who make up the National Council of Churches on many points and they feel that the things for which they stand might be obscured, if not forfeited, on joining such a council which is but a way station to the organic union eventually to be reached.

Southern Baptists will not sacrifice the truth as God gives them to see it for an outward show of unity, nor will they deny God's Spirit the right to diversity of expression as He may choose. The National Council of Churches may lead to comity agreements parceling out parishes and areas as the exclusive lot of this or that church. Such would deny individuals in that area freedom of choice in church and worship.

Ecumenicity Cannot Solve World Problems

The problems which confront Christians are not solved by stepping into the ecumenical groups. To combine protestant denominations in America into a central ecclesiastical setup, and the Protestant churches of the world into a super-church is to toy with the subtle temptation to put blind faith in ecclesiasticism and in mass action to effect spiritual ends. It is to mistakenly suppose God's kingdom to be coming in proportion to the impression we make on the world with a "show of power."

Jesus refused the temptation to take the world's kingdoms by wrong means. Jesus' followers must also refuse the temptation to be duped as to how the world can be taken for Jesus.

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Bentonville, First	236	88	1
Norphlet, First	290	223	
Monticello, First	271	93	
Pine Bluff, Second	266	108	
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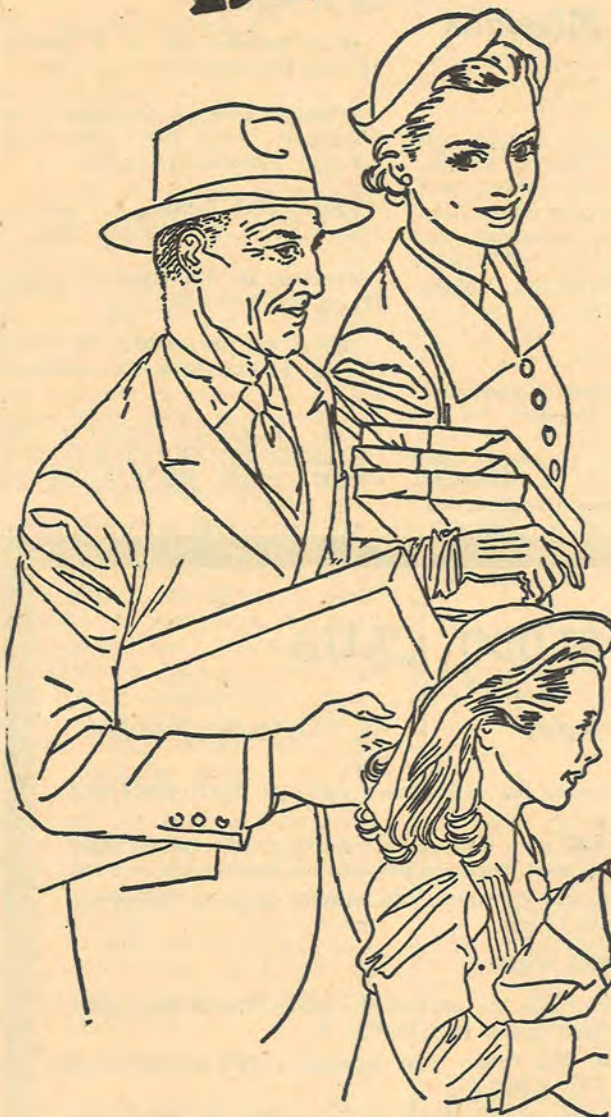
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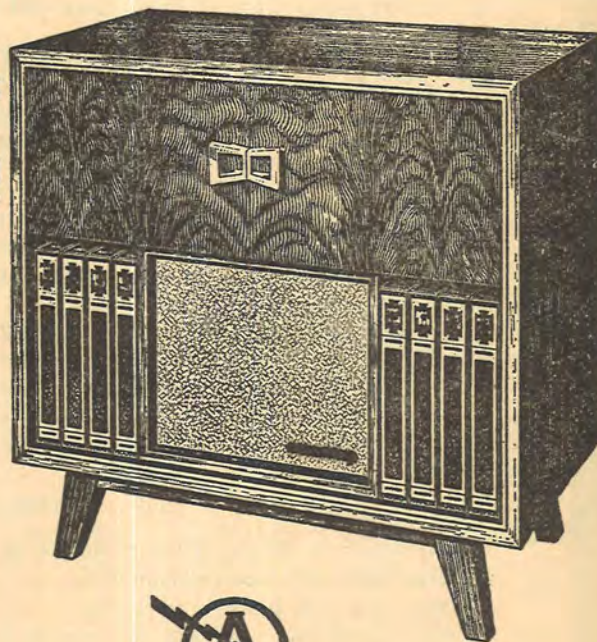
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Day of Prayer For Community Missions January 29, 1951

Suggestions for the observance of a day of Prayer for Community Missions have been mailed to the more than two thousand missionary organizations in Arkansas. The suggested date is January 29. During 1951 the W. M. U. watchword is "Ye shall be my witness—" (Acts 1:8b), and during the first month of the year emphasis is laid upon local communities—surveying them, planning to meet spiritual needs discovered, reaching out in a systematic way with renewed zeal and compassion for the lost.

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Gratifying Reports on 1950 Lottie Moon Offering

According to reports and receipts on the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions, Arkansas' 1950 goal of \$50,000 will be generously met. Daily remittances are being received at the State WMU Headquarters, and in most instances the amounts surpass those of former years. Dr. Rankin's revealing statement that advance in our foreign mission work has caught up with us, should bring Southern Baptists to realization of a tremendous, pressing responsibility of stewardship of possessions. Glean well and remit to Miss Nancy Cooper, State WMU Treasurer, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Our gifts are needed. Read what two Arkansas missionaries say:

"... When we arrived there was nothing in the way of Baptist work — no place to meet, no preacher, and as far as we knew no Christians... The only thing that impelled us to hold on was the fact that God led us here and the 160,000 plus Chinese here most of whom were without Christ... I was told this week that 90 per cent of all business in the Philippines is in the hands of Chinese. Certainly in Manila it is true. In Chinese circles there are many millionaires... We have to pay our Chinese co-workers a higher salary than we get..."

"... Letters and telegrams have come from Korea. Ours and the home of the David Ahns were burned; the Baptist church was spared. Reverend Mr. Lee, chairman of the Korean Baptist Convention, was martyred... We were urged to return as soon as possible... Pray for us as we try to know His will in all these matters. Also for the work in Manila and in Korea." John A. Abernathy, 55 San Juan St., Pasay City (Manila), P. I.

"The Buddhist temples and shrines are tremendously impressive, both from the standpoint of their elaborate and somewhat weird construction and the religious significance of the various details. As we looked at the great brass Buddhas and heard the priests' explanation of their supposed functions, I felt it almost unbelievable that people living in the twentieth century could be so misled as to worship such idols. And as I walked down the beautiful tree-lined avenue with the curiously ominous sound of the temple bell dinning in my ears I felt like shouting to the crowds passing by, 'You are going the wrong way! Buddha is false! He cannot save!' Yet there are few here who can teach Christ and millions who will never hear of Him unless more who know Him come to live among us." Mary Limbert, Tokyo, Japan.

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A Day of Activity

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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Sunday School Lesson for
January 14, 1951
Mark 1:21-45

A brief review of last lesson on the preliminaries of Jesus' ministry would be well. He was manifested to Israel by His baptism by John the Baptist; His Father's approval upon His ministry was manifested at the baptism; after His temptation He went forth preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and called forth special workers to be with Him. He did not remain in Judea but soon made His way into Galilee, to His home town of Nazareth (Luke 4:16-30). He was driven out of Nazareth, so Mark omitted that and took up His ministry with the entrance into Capernaum, where He was successful in reaching the people.

The Master-Teacher

Having failed in His own home town, Jesus went to Capernaum. When the Sabbath came they all went down to the synagogue for services. The one Temple was located in Jerusalem, but synagogues had been built in every town where the people met for religious services especially, and perhaps for any other meeting of general interest to the public. Here they studied the Old Testament and the law (Acts 15:21), and visitors or dignitaries were always invited to speak. Thus Jesus had a wonderful opportunity to contact the people.

When Jesus spoke to the people in Capernaum He caused a sensation. They were astonished at His doctrine and His authority; they were accustomed to hearing the scribes speak, who could only quote someone else, but here was a man who knew what He was talking about, personally. Here was One who could teach them things they had never heard before. On another occasion the civil authorities sent some deputies out to arrest Jesus; they returned, without Him of course, awestricken and amazed, they said to their superiors, "Never man spake like this." Who could arrest a man with such powers? Instead they were arrested by His great personality.

What a privilege the disciples had to sit under the voice and guidance of the Great Teacher for a period of three years while receiving their education for the ministry. No wonder Mary was satisfied to leave the household chores to Sister Martha while she sat at the feet of the Master and drank in the wonderful words of wisdom and knowledge that fell from His lips.

The Great Physician

The people of Capernaum were astonished early in the service with the teaching powers of Jesus, but they were "amazed" before the service closed. There was a man in the service who was possessed with an unclean spirit. In our every day life we would look upon him as insane. The evil spirit disturbed the morning service. That sort of thing was very common in Palestine, but Jesus rebuked the evil spirit and healed the poor sick man, to the complete amazement of the people. They really wanted to know then what this new doctrine was; and immediately Jesus became famous throughout Galilee.

Jesus not only had power over demons and devil He not only had power to heal the mind of the afflicted, but He was to soon manifest His power over the physical body. The worship service having ended, He went home with Peter and Andrew for lunch. Peter's mother-in-law was sick of a fever. Jesus walked into the house, took the woman by the hand lifting her up, and immediately the fever left her; she arose and helped to serve the lunch. By evening time the entire city had gathered at the door of Peter's home, and the Lord healed many who were sick, and cast out many devils. No doubt He labored many hours after darkness fell over the city.

A Man of Power

And while others slept, Jesus slipped away a great while before day the next morning to a solitary place for prayer. Many questions and suggestions have been offered as to the why and wherefore of the prayer life of our Lord. We do find that when popularity flooded His pathway He always sought the quiet place of prayer; when they would have crowned Him king on one occasion, He slipped away and when discovered again, He was alone in prayer. When His great heart ached for the "sheep without a shepherd" He went away to pray. When the end came and He was nearing Golgotha's brow, we find Him in such earnest prayer that He sweated great drops of blood.

But arrogant and presumptuous humanity doesn't have time to pray. Christians are too busy to pray; when we get into trouble, or sorrow comes to our door, we pray a little and implore others to pray a lot — for us. The Wednesday

night prayer meeting has been turned into a song and dance affair by many city churches, we hope no Baptist church is guilty of such, but the average prayer meeting crowd in Baptist churches is so small it is a disgrace to the Name and to the cause of our Master.

And with the world in the condition it is, we do not find people in droves who are willing to go on their knees and pray for peace. Whatever happens to this world and to our religious liberties Christianity can look God in the face and confess that we brought our troubles upon ourselves.

His Real Purpose on Earth

When the disciples had found the Lord in His secret place of prayer, they desired Him to return to the city for, "All men seek thee." And now we reach the high point of the lesson: Jesus said, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may PREACH there also: for THEREFORE came I forth."

Jesus had a teaching ministry which was very important. He had a healing ministry which was the means to an end — not an end in itself. Some emphasize the healing He did as though that was His

primary purpose on the earth, but that is not so. His power to do things that others could not do, His healing power was God's witness, God's confirmation, that Jesus was His Son. And that the Son was living in the will of God, and was doing the work of God. He came to preach the gospel of salvation to lost humanity. He came to show men that He was the truth, the way, and the life. All His good works and humanitarian deeds would have been of no avail unless He taught the people who He was and why He was here.

And the greatest lesson we can get over to people today is the fact that salvation is not in good deeds, commendable though they are; that salvation is not in following the good examples of Jesus, though we should strive to "follow in His steps." But salvation is in the work and person of another: In Him who taught with authority, in Him who had power over all nature, good and evil. He is the One who has power over LIFE and death. He can give life; He only can save from eternal death.

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A Great Year

We have already stated in previous issues that 1950 was being a great year with the Arkansas Baptists. We have come to the close of this year now. The bookkeeper is closing our books today. We had hoped that in this issue of the paper we could give a complete report of our financial operations for the entire year. It appears now, however, that it will take another day or two to balance the books and give an accurate report. We have delayed the copy for the paper two days in order to give you as early a report as possible. We can only give you figures on the under-designed contributions for 1950. The designated contributions and the miscellaneous receipts will be given next week.

During 1950 we received \$674,155.63. This is \$122,511.04 less than we needed in order to make the ends meet on the 1950 budget, but it is \$76,119.44 more than we received in 1949. So, we are making progress on Cooperative Program contributions. We have not handled as much money, for all purposes, as we did in 1949, because we had no special campaign on and designations were far below the figures for designations in 1949.

Because we did not contribute enough in 1950 to make up the budget the deficit in our institutions became greater. They have suffered. The Departments of the Baptist Headquarters observed diligence and did not create any deficit. We had all saved up a little backlog and did not have to go into the red figures. These fund balances have been greatly diminished however, and we could not go through another year with as large a deficit as we had in 1950. We believe we will not have to do that. We believe that the churches will pay every dollar of the budget in 1951. We should remember also that the agencies around Baptist Headquarters voluntarily took a six per cent cut of the needed funds in the 1951 budget in order to favor our institutions with more money. We should say in this connection also that this cannot be repeated without tragic results.

Let us take this occasion to thank the churches for what they did in 1950, and for what they are about to do in 1951.

A Fine Spirit

Harold R. Hartley, pastor of Twelve Corners Church in Benton County Association sent us a nice check for the Orphanage as a special offering and among other things said:

"As you probably know Twelve Corners Church is one of the small rural churches of Benton County Association. We are interested in the work of the whole Baptist program . . . Our church is now setting aside 10 per cent of our total budget to the Cooperative Program. The special offerings that are sent in are in addition to the amount already set apart."

Thank you Pastor Hartley. Such spirit is indeed that of co-operative giving and bears out our oft' repeated statement that designated gifts are not Cooperative Program gifts."

Telling The Story!

The story of world-wide missions through the Cooperative Program is one that never grows old to us. It is our business! We look for every opportunity that affords us the pleasure of telling this story. We accept every invitation we receive to tell it when it is at all possible for us to go.

Our hearts are thrilled as we look back through history at the beginning of the Cooperative Program in 1925 and see how it has grown as a plan of mission finance for Southern Baptists and Arkansas Baptists in particular.

Thank God for its emphasis on evangelism as its primary work; then missions—Foreign, Home and State; for its place of service in Christian Education, Hospitals, Orphanages and Old age assistance to retired preachers and their wives. We say again, some folks try to find fault with the Cooperative Program but never have they offered anything to take its place. We think those who are thus inclined would change their attitude and their minds if they would learn the facts and pray and go to work with us through the Cooperative Program in the glory of the Lord.

Some one said recently that, "the Cooperative Program is to his church a 'Baptist Family Budget'—all of us giving through and each cause sponsored and loved by Baptists sharing in it." We like that statement because the Cooperative Program is in reality a "Baptist Family Budget." It gives every Baptist an opportunity of supporting every part of our work—beginning right here at home.

A Southwide Picture

Figures recently released by the Promotion Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee show that Southern Baptists have 542 churches with annual budgets of over \$50,000. This is indeed a tribute to the successful work many of our pastors are doing in stewardship promotion in the larger churches, several of which are in Arkansas.

However, in view of other figures released by the Committee, we cannot permit ourselves to forget that most of our churches are small. The figures released say that we have 7,883 town and city churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, 19,402 village and open country churches. In comparison with the 542 churches with budgets over \$50,000 there are 9,400 with budgets of less than one-thousand dollars!

We have not had time to analyze our 1950 reports as yet in order to determine our own budget set-up over the state, however, we will do so at the earliest opportunity. We are sure the findings will be most interesting. Suffice to say that the major task of Southern Baptists is to reach the small churches with their program of missions and to keep on presenting the fundamental things which make us a great Christian power-house for the Lord.

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If you don't like the burdens that are yours, with whom would you exchange?

NOTICE

The State Convention authorized the Executive Board to set the date for its next annual meeting. This request has been complied with and the date is November 20-22, 1951. The Convention will be held at First Baptist Church, Little Rock.

We Begin a New Year

The duties of your servants in this office are manifold and as we look out upon our fields of responsibilities for the new year of 1951, we do so, deeply conscious of the help and inspiration coming almost daily from our co-laborers throughout the state. We are grateful for your prayers, your suggestions and constructive criticisms in the year just closed. We humbly solicit a continuation of such interest from all of you.

We shall be trying to promote during 1951 three main things. These are (1) the Every Member Canvass, (2) the Cooperative Program and (3) Tithing and Tithing Enlistment Visitation. Our basic tasks of promotion will be to (1) urge our churches to teach stewardship, (2) make a budget, (3) inform the people and (4) enlist the people.

Our Leadership Conference planned from February 27 through March 9 will help us explore our possibilities in all of these fields. We will make an announcement soon as to speakers and places of meeting.

Yes, we begin a New Year. Let us continue to walk together in brotherly love, mutual interest in each other, in missions, in prayer, and in service. Call on us brethren — the "latch string is always on the outside."

"By Their Fruits . . ."

We received a check from First Church, Hope, today in the sum of \$420.13 for the Cooperative Program! So what? Every month during 1950 we received their check for \$675. But, you see, this \$420.13 was out of the church surplus for 1950, and given in spite of a church building program which will be climaxed January 7, when the first services will be held in their beautiful and new worship sanctuary.

This proves that a church can give liberally to mission causes while building at home and exemplifies the leadership of pastor S. A. (Jack) Whitlow which places him high in the esteem of the brotherhood over the state generally. We think, too, that men like Dr. G. E. Cannon, and church treasurer, Henry Haynes, and others, are sources of strength and inspiration to the pastor through their far-sighted vision of world needs and the possibilities of their church. We have known them both intimately and well for many years and we know of no more deeply consecrated men than they.

The example of this church is one that should be remembered by all of our churches. Undoubtedly, they practice what they preach — "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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