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Louis C. Williams

Christ Church in Savannah, Ga., where First Sunday School in America was organized.

For the very latest and best in Sunday school administration and teaching, pastors, educational directors, and all Sunday school workers are urged to attend one of the six regional Sunday school conferences to be held in Arkansas during the week of October 8-13, 1956. For further details as to dates and places of meetings, see page twelve.

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This Business of Numbers

By BURTON A. MILEY, Pastor
First Church, Springdale

Numbers are a big game played by many people. Baptists emphasize and evaluate numbers because of what they represent. A number is symbolic. It represents a value. Numbers to any Christian with a compassionate missionary motive represent souls to be saved or developed. Sunday school enrolments are symbols of souls that are in prospect to be won or strengthened in the Christian way. Church rolls are important numerically for each number represents a child of God who either needs care while he develops or one who has developed to the point of service. Prospect lists are a challenge. Have you ever thought how the story of the Nine-and-nine would sound without mention of numbers? The Bible does not leave numbers out of its record.

Numbers Measure

Both the advance and conservation in kingdom can be measured by numbers. Kingdom results cannot be confined to numerical reports alone for spirit is beyond mathematics. However, the expression of spirit will demand some figures to cover its history. Pentecost is an example. "And the same day there were added about three thousand souls". Advance is measured in numbers. The Foreign Mission Board has passed the 1,000 mark in recent months in missionaries abroad. No revival effort is thoroughly evaluated by numbers but they are an indication of its outreach.

Numbers have the advantage to indicate actual work done in the day of keen competition. The church has to fight for its life, existence and attendance. Good things are competitive with the church. Evil things have always been competitive. In some cases a church may be even competitive with itself because of its complex program. Individual and church friendliness may be numerically measured by keeping count of the number with whom you shake hands next Sunday!

Numbers breathe both a dreadful and thrilling story in the field of conservation. One-third of more than eight million Southern Baptists are non-resident to the church field where their membership is. A large percentage of those who are resident are unenlisted in regular support and attendance. Numbers reveal a weakness in ministry and personal consecration. Direct contrast is the large group of faithful, hard working souls.

Numbers show the grasp of possibilities or potential on the field. Men live and breathe in the light of potentials along with accomplishments. The radiant fisherman vibrates in the face of potential. The hunter walks away from camp thrilled by anticipation from the potential. One man was asked how many lost people were in his church community. He said he could not think of over ten people who had not made a profession of faith. A religious census revealed that there were more than a hundred possibilities, many of whom were above thirty-five years of age. Numbers help one to grasp the possibilities and no possibility will be realized until it is recognized.

Then numbers show the evangelistic spirit of a people. Spirit is not easy to measure but it is very easy to observe and feel. A church that is striving for larger numbers is working for more souls and greater development. The Lord looked upon the multitudes and asked that his disciples pray that those multitudes have workers sent out to them. One cannot say in the light of the use of

word "multitude" or "multitudes" in the Bible that God has no interest in numbers.

A warning needs to be sounded. Numbers can become an end within themselves and thereby break the value of symbolism and spirit. Occasionally a Sunday school class or Training Union will despair of numbers upon its roll and resort to "dropping" the non-attending in order that grades may be higher. Such work is a subtle catering to fleshly pride which has gained ascendancy over Christian responsibility. Any soul is worth more than any grade. The symbol and the soul it represents are dropped together. Coveted "grades" are to be accepted for what they are — indications of efficiency in leadership. Don't cover poor leadership by "dropping" responsibility for souls!

Numbers Demand

Numbers demand three contributions. First, great praying. Praying should come ahead of preaching because praying is power generating. Preaching without power is like the devil dressing up in a friar's robe. The right external but the wrong inside.

But numbers do demand great preaching. Powerful preaching results in conversion and influence for God. Mediocre preaching does not produce this contribution.

The third responsibility is thorough purging from the individual life of that which keep him from being numbered with the faithful. Praying and purging are individual matters. Preaching, insofar as public proclamation of the gospel is concerned, may not be through individual effort. God has not called everyone to preach but He has called everyone to witness. Would Jesus say that the statement "Pay attention to numbers" is equivalent to His statement "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest"?

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The Pastor's Salary

By JACK L. GRITZ

Probably the most underpaid man in any community is the pastor of the Baptist church.

This is not an exaggeration. It is not a sob story. It is a simple statement of fact.

Considering his education, background, ability, experience and responsibility in the average community the Baptist pastor is receiving far less than he deserves. Of course, he is not in the ministry for the money he can make out of it. He is there because God called him to preach. And he is dependent upon the church he serves for his living.

Our churches ought to be fair about these things. He ought to have a good home and a good living. He should be thought of as a professional man. He must work with the doctor, lawyers, business men, school superintendents and others. He should be on a par with them economically.

Sometimes in a community a day laborer is paid more than the pastor. Many times a carpenter, bricklayer, plumber or electrician receives more pay.

You will undoubtedly be surprised if you investigate the situation in your own community. The cost of living is still rising.

Now is the time when church budgets are being planned. Plan to raise your pastor's salary. Surely he needs and deserves it.

—The Baptist Messenger

A Lukewarm Church

A Devotion By The Editor

"Thou art neither cold nor hot."

Among the teachings of the book of Revelation which are clear and vivid is the teaching that Jesus maintains a constant watchfulness over His churches. When He returned to glory He did not abandon His churches on earth, but continues to exercise a personal direction and oversight over groups of redeemed followers who constitute His churches. And, as illustrated by His messages through John to the churches of Asia, He still speaks to them authoritatively, now issuing a command, now administering a rebuke, now offering encouragement, now correcting a fault, now commending work well done.

Jesus appears in the second and third chapters of Revelation as the diagnostician in the spiritual clinic of the kingdom of God. As one church after another appears before Him, Jesus with more accurate knowledge and greater skill than the best of physicians notes the sound and healthy organs which are functioning properly, and unerringly puts His finger on the sore spots, pointing out the weakness and accurately naming the diseases that afflict the body; and in each case He prescribes a sure remedy.

One church had lost its love, another was suffering from great tribulations, still another was holding to false doctrines; there was one which was harboring a very wicked woman in its membership, still another was so dead that only a few names on the church roll showed any signs of life; there was one small church that had kept the Word of God and had not denied His name; concerning the last church named, nothing good can be said and yet no great sins are charged against it as against others — but Jesus said, "This is the church that makes me sick, it is neither cold nor hot, therefore I will spue it out of my mouth."

That which is hot is energizing, that which is cold is refreshing, but that which is lukewarm is nauseating. A flaming zeal and burning enthusiasm command our attention and engage our interests, cold opposition and stubborn denials challenge our loyalties and assertiveness; but a lukewarmness that neither admits nor denies, that is neither a glowing enthusiasm for nor an active opposition against, leaves one with the sense of futility and helplessness.

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Revelation 3:15-16.

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From The Editor's Desk

Ill Gotten Gain

We reproduce on page eight a sermon preached from the pulpit of the First Church, Hot Springs, February 26, 1944, exactly as it appeared in the *Arkansas Baptist* of March 15, 1944.

We reproduce this sermon because we feel that it is appropriate at this time when the Christian people of Arkansas are called upon to be Christian when they go to the voting booth in November and cast their ballot against the racing interests of Arkansas.

The gambling and liquor interests, to name only two of the evils of our state, thrive only on the depravities of human nature. The hope of their gain is in the spiritual depravities and sins of men and women.

Christian men and women, you have the opportunity to rid our fair state of the blight of pari-mutuel betting which has been the blight and responsible for the downfall of countless numbers of people in the state of Arkansas. Remember this, whether you recognize Him or not, God will be in the voting booth with you looking on and noting how you cast your vote on this moral issue.

Turn to page eight and read every word of that sermon reproduced there. Then

Thank You, My Friends

The phrase, "Thank you," seems entirely inadequate to express the gratitude which I feel in my heart for the kindness and helpfulness shown me, the expressions of solicitude, and the assurances of prayer from so many Christian people during my recent illness — pneumonia. It is indeed heart warming and encouraging to have these assurances from so many friends not only within the state of Arkansas but beyond its borders.

I am back at my editorial desk on a limited schedule and under strict orders from my doctor. My leukemic condition retarded my recovery from pneumonia. I feel that with proper care and precaution I will soon be able to carry on my work as before the pneumonia attack.

I solicit your prayers and assure each one of you my prayerful interest in your problems, sorrows, difficulties, and hope for you the best of health and well-being.

search your Christian conscience and then pray to God that He will give you the courage to vote pari-mutuel betting out of the state of Arkansas on dog and horse racing.

How Independent Can We Be?

By ROBERT L. SMITH, Pastor
First Church, Crossett

As never before, every southern Baptist must face the above question. Baptists through the centuries have "fought, bled and died" for the high principle of independence. It is indeed the key-stone of religious liberty, the cornerstone of our organization and the touch-stone of our Baptist program. To define "independent" as Baptists use the term would be as difficult as defining Regular, Missionary or Fundamental as Baptists use them! Just for the record here is a book-definition. "Independent: Not subordinate or subject to nor dependent upon another government, person or thing." The careful reader will find autonomy in that sentence. Let us consider the question, "How independent can we be?"

Mounting Pressures

More every day, Southern Baptists are feeling the pressures exerted by large ecclesiastical organizations and gilt-edged government policies which would do away with our basic principles of independence. The ecumenical movement, with all of its high purposes and brilliant leadership, is essentially opposed to real religious freedom. That group would unite all faiths into one body for the sake of adding striking power to its message. These promise to make us more than "a voice crying in the wilderness." But the fact remains that one voice crying the right message in the wilderness is far better than the wrong message being shouted by a multitude at the crossroads of the world! We can then, be independent enough to keep our message and conscience pure.

The Cost in Dollars

Our rigid adherence to the doctrine of separation of church and state is costing us dearly in government dollars. Yet far too many have blindly accepted the prevalent "have-your-cake-and-eat-it-too" philosophy without intervention or control. The cry that "everyone else is doing it" is certainly no

recommendation for the practice of mixing the tax money of the people with the treasury of God! We can profitably pay this price for independence.

Danger of Extremes

Can we be too independent? Can this strength become a weakness? Can the blessing become a curse? Jesus gave an illustration of a son who carried his desire for independence to devastating proportions. When an individual declares his independence from God, he is too independent. When a member of a church ceases to be a "living part" of the body of believers, he is too independent. When a church withdraws its support and cooperation from the greater program of Christ through its many sister churches. . . that church is too independent! What person is there among us who can say without sinful boastfulness, "I'm independent of all men"? "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself" (Rom. 14:7). By the same token, churches . . . "being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another" (Rom. 12:5). Self-government is no justification of self-sufficiency and selfishness!

Further, when the privilege in question becomes a DIVISIVE force instead of a unifying one, then strength and wisdom have given way to weakness and folly. A great part of freedom is the right to work together in unity. Along with the privilege of autonomy is the responsibility to combine in effort and purpose for the benefit of all. The difference between a bullet and buckshot is the difference in a large group of small unrelated pellets, all going in the same general direction, compared with one large, united force striking with power in one direction and destination.

The Cost in Vigilance

Since the "price of Liberty" — even religious liberty — "is eternal vigilance," it is

Stand Up and Be Counted

By JOHN L. DODGE, Pastor
First Church, Hot Springs

The Christian people of the State of Arkansas, together with a great number of others who believe in right and righteousness have an opportunity in November at the General Election to STAND UP AND BE COUNTED. Every right thinking, morally and spiritually upright citizen of the State of Arkansas, we believe, detests the stigma which is upon our State because of the scourge of gambling. When we say "We have gone to the dogs," it is literally true. The only way by which our State will be rid of the scourge and stigma of gambling, whether it be pari-mutuel gambling on dog racing, horse racing, or any other racing, will be to go to the polls in November and cast your ballot for the Constitutional Amendment against pari-mutuel gambling. I understand it will be Number 49 on the ballot. Do not become confused with any other proposal. If pari-mutuel gambling on dog racing is wrong, it is also wrong on horse racing.

There is a move to retain horse racing in Hot Springs and Garland County. Those of us who live in Hot Springs and Garland County know what it means to our City, County as well as the State. The writer has watched the racing season for nine years. During this racing period scores of undesirable characters from Hell's-Elbow in New Orleans to the Bronx of New York and from every other point of the compass of our country converge on Hot Springs. During this period we would not think of leaving the secretary of our Church, which is in a down town location, alone. We have had too many experiences with these undesirable characters. Not only is this true, but people who cannot afford it take their money from the support and welfare of their families to bet on the horses.

The merchants of Hot Springs tell me that at least two months is required after the racing period before they can hope to collect on a great number of accounts. The sad experience of an otherwise well meaning person, employee of one of our local banks, in order to play the horses, she and her husband suffered the consequence of embezzling or appropriating personally a large sum of money. If there was no other reason for eliminating this scourge upon our State, those would be sufficient. Pari-mutuel betting, as everyone knows, is gambling and gambling is morally, spiritually, and economically wrong.

There is a movement to retain race horse gambling in Garland County and Hot Springs. If it is right to gamble on horse racing it is also right to gamble on dog racing in West Memphis. One has as much right as the other. **Both are wrong, they are ungodly, unchristian and spiritually demoralizing to the community and state.**

Let us rise up and vote for the anti-gambling amendment and rid our state of such scourge!!!

well for us to give ourselves in deepest devotion to the guarding of this, our cherished Baptist heritage. If we are moving insidiously toward the loss of one freedom, then let us arise as one man and refuse to rest until that freedom be restored. But let it be said that we must resist also those forces within and without which, in the name of freedom and independence, would destroy the basic unity and harmony which have made us great and which are the heart-beat and life of our future effectiveness in the Lord's work.

Kingdom Progress

Crowder Accepts Walnut Valley Church



P. J. CROWDER

P. J. Crowder resigned the pastorate of Oak Grove Church, near Van Buren, to accept the Walnut Valley Church of Hot Springs. He assumed his duties with the Walnut Valley Church, August 26.

Mr. Crowder was with the Oak Grove Church for two and one half years. During this time there were 73 additions to the church, 31 by letter and 42 by baptism. An educational building was constructed and the old building remodeled and redecorated at the approximate cost of \$20,000. The church, even though it was engaged in a building program, increased its gifts to missions more than 25 per cent.

Under the leadership of the new pastor, the Walnut Valley Church has planned a revival meeting to begin on the first Sunday of the new associational year. The pastor will do the preaching, and Mrs. Lee Graves, choir director, will have charge of the music. The church has also planned a campaign to increase attendance in Sunday school and Training Union; to promote a series of special offerings to pay off the debt of the church; to give 15 per cent of its regular offerings to missions during the next associational year.

Smith Goes to Miami Jewish Work

Howard Smith, Home Mission Board Jewish evangelism worker in New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 1, began work in Jewish evangelism in Miami, Florida.

Smith will work with the Home Mission Board and the Miami Baptist Association in this co-operative program to win the more than 60,000 Jewish people of Miami.

Smith, a Jewish convert, has been with the Board since 1953 in the field of Jewish evangelism. He is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Star City, First, Receives 11

Evangelist Joe Morone of New York City was with the First Church, Star City, in a revival meeting recently held in the County Livestock Building. The meeting resulted in 11 additions to the church, 8 on profession of faith and baptism and 3 by letter.

Gail Mac Campbell of Star City directed the choir; Evangelist Morone directed the congregational singing; and Pastor Arthur H. Hottell assisted at the piano.

Annual Meetings

By JAY W. C. MOORE

CLEAR CREEK

The eighty-fourth annual meeting of Clear Creek association was held September 13-14 in First Church, Mulberry. The following officers were elected for another year: Moderator, Kenneth R. Grant, Alma; Vice Moderator, Leland Hall, Clarksville; Clerk, S. A. Wiles, Ozark; Treasurer, Faber Tyler, Ozark. New pastors introduced were: Richard Shrieve, Coal Hill; Harold Bell, Shady Grove; Carl Nelson, Kibler; Floyd D. Painton, Hartman; Andy Haskett, Ozark and Allen Reeves, Spadra. The annual sermon was preached by Paul E. Wilhelm, Lamar. The twenty-eight churches reported 224 baptisms for the year.

BUCKNER

The eighty-sixth annual meeting of Buckner association was held with First Church, Hartford on September 13-14. Charles Whedbee, First Church, Huntington, was re-elected Moderator. L. L. Gilliam pastor of the Dayton Church was elected Vice Moderator. John E. Evans, pastor of the Ione Church was elected Clerk and Miss Mollie Center, Waldron, was re-elected Treasurer. New pastors to come into the association the past year were: Jimmy Manus, James Fork; D. D. Kelley, Fellowship church in Wicherville; and J. Richardson, Black Fork. The thirty-three churches reported 121 baptisms for the year.

FAULKNER ASSOCIATION

The twenty-ninth session of Faulkner Association was held September 20-21 in Second Church, Conway. The following officers were elected for another year: Moderator, James H. Street, First Church, Conway; Vice Moderator, Charles Day, a layman, Pickles Gap Church; Clerk and Treasurer, Sherl Blake, a layman, Cadron Ridge Church. E. W. Zimmerebner was the only new pastor. He is pastor of the Oak Bowery church. The churches reported 117 baptisms. There were eight of the twenty-five churches that did not report any baptisms. James H. Street preached the annual sermon.

WHITE COUNTY

The thirtieth session of White County Association was held in Central Church, Bald Knob, September 20-21. The following officers were re-elected: Moderator, Reese Howard, Beebe; Vice Moderator, J. R. Pruitt, Rocky Point and Antioch; Clerk, Bill Lewis, Bald Knob; Treasurer, Jeff Tackett, layman, Bald Knob. New pastors introduced were: Tommy Henson, Kensett; J. Wesley Hoover, Judsonia. E. E. Boone, formerly pastor of the Peoria church, Hillsboro, Texas, is the new Missionary. He succeeds O. W. Auten who resigned to accept the work at Pangburn. The thirty-three churches reported 248 baptisms.

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765 Enrol at Ouachita

Seventy-three transfer students enrolled at Ouachita Baptist College for the semester, Miss Frances Crawford, registrar, has announced. The latest enrolment figure shows 750 full time students and 15 special students.

The large number of transfers represent 24 colleges and universities in 10 states, in addition to Arkansas. Texas leads with 11 followed by Missouri with nine.

Overseas students include five from Hawaii, three from Korea, two from Israel, one from China, one from Cuba, one from Alaska and one from Guam.

Alumni Speaker



DR. HENLEE BARNETTE

Dr. Henlee Barnette, acting dean of the School of Theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will speak at the meeting of Southern Seminary Alumni during the state convention in Little Rock. The alumni meeting will be held at the Sam Peck Hotel, Little Rock, at 7 a. m. on November 14. Dr. Nolan P. Howington, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, is president of the group.

Majority of Pharmacists Oppose Drug Store Liquor Sales

A majority of the nation's pharmacists — 65 per cent — oppose the sale of packaged liquor in retail drug stores, according to recent nationwide spotcheck conducted *Drug Topics* magazine.

"The sale of packaged liquor in a drug store is not in keeping with the standing of a pharmacy as a public health institution," said the majority of the pharmacists. The pharmacists felt they shared "the opinion held by representative leaders of the profession.

"The drug store's professional standards are too high to stoop to the sale of liquor as a means of making a living. It seems to defeat the whole purpose of pharmacy's role in health care."

—Clipsheet.

Arkansans at So. Seminary

Seven alumni from Ouachita College have enrolled for graduate work in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. the public relations office of that school announced.

They are Dalton Barnes, Mountain View, a 1955 graduate; John Daniel Atkins, Blytheville, a 1956 graduate; Hitoshi Matsuo, Paaulo, Hawaii, a 1956 graduate, J. Frank Spencer, Jr., Fort Smith, a 1949 graduate; Raymond A. Johnson, Piggott, a 1956 graduate; Merle A. Johnson, Jr., North Little Rock, a 1956 graduate and Carroll D. Caldwell, Little Rock, a 1955 graduate.

Ministerial Group, Ouachita, Elects Officers

Officers of the Ouachita College Ministerial Association were elected at the weekly meeting recently, it has been announced.

David Railey, senior from Fort Smith, was elected president, George Robinson, senior from Arkadelphia, was elected membership vice president, and Dixon Rial, senior from McGehee, was elected program vice president.

Joyce City Dedicates Buildings



A new building and parsonage have recently been constructed by the Joyce City Church, Liberty Association.

The building was dedicated debt free in special services September 9. Dr. T. L. Harris, pastor of First Church, Camden, delivered the dedicatory message.

The building has a seating capacity of 300. It contains 15 class-



rooms, church offices, and kitchen. It was constructed largely by donated labor. The approximate cost was \$40,000.

The parsonage contains three bedrooms, 2 baths, study, living room and kitchen. The approximate cost was \$12,000.

Pastor Tom Newton, who has been with the Joyce City Church for the past six years, reports that the church contributes 30 per cent of its overall gifts to the Cooperative Program.

Record Enrolment at Golden Gate

Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California, opened its 1956-57 session with an enrolment of 307 students, a 15 per cent increase over the highest previous record. One hundred and two are attending for the first time.

Analysis of Golden Gate's enrolment shows that there are 218 ministerial students, 75 in the field of religious education, 10 pursuing studies in sacred music, and four unclassified. Approximately 80 per cent of the students are married; of the remainder, there are three single men to each young woman.

The student body represents 31 states, Hawaii, and six foreign countries.

The term now beginning is the thirteenth for Southern Baptist's Seminary on the West Coast and the fifth year of leadership under President Graves. Under his administration, there has been a continuous growth in curriculum, faculty, a student body and library, as well as administrative services rendered and improved facilities and equipment provided.

Indiana Southern Baptists In Simultaneous Revivals

Approximately 50 Southern Baptist churches and missions in Indiana are conducting revivals at the same time, September 30-October 14. These churches comprise three associations of Southern Baptist churches in Indiana. The Lake Michigan Association in Northern Indiana, the Eastern Indiana Association in the Indianapolis area, and the Kentuckiana Association in the Evansville area have some sixty churches in their affiliation. This crusade is Indiana's first State-Wide Simultaneous Revival.

Eldred M. Taylor, Secretary of Evangelism and Missions for Kentucky Baptists and L. H. Moore, Secretary of Evangelism for Illinois Baptists, are directing the crusade jointly. Dr. C. E. Wilbanks of the Home Mission Board Department of Evangelism and E. Powell Lee of the same department is preaching and directing the music respectively in the First Southern Baptist church in Indianapolis.

Annual Conference Church Architecture-Equipment

The annual Conference on Church Architecture and Church Equipment Exhibit will be held in Price Hall on Southwestern Seminary campus October 30-31. Approximately twenty distributors of church furniture and equipment will provide displays for students and visitors. Mr. W. A. Harrell and his staff from the Department of Church Architecture of the Baptist Sunday School Board will be present for conferences with church building committees. Pastors and church building committees desiring conferences with Mr. Harrell and his staff should schedule the conference with Dr. J. D. Heacock, Box 6761, Fort Worth 15, Texas.

On Tuesday evening, October 30, there will be an open meeting, when representatives will briefly present their products. There will also be a discussion on church windows by a recognized authority in this field.

Record Enrolment Expected At New Orleans Seminary

A record 805 students have registered for the fall term at the New Orleans Seminary surpassing the old mark of 762 set for the fall session of 1955-56.

The total enrollment for the 1955-56 session was 972. Mid-term registration and summer school attendance are expected to boost the 805 figure to over 1000 for the first time in the history of the institution.

The new School of Training, designed for pastors without college degrees, boasts a student body of 158, second to the School of Theology where over half of the student body is seeking the bachelor of divinity degree. The Schools of Religious Education and Sacred Music also show increases in enrollment. The 1945-46 enrolment was 331.

Correction

The annual session of Current River Association will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 17 and 18, 1956, beginning on Wednesday evening at 7:15 p. m. However, the place is First Church Ravenden Springs instead of with the Hopewell Church.

Dr. Adams Reports Vital Baptist Work Over World

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, back in his pulpit after a 32,000-mile tour of 15 countries, said the trip impressed upon him the "vitality of Baptist life and work in all these countries even in the face of persecution and trouble."

Dr. Adams arrived in Madrid on the heels of an alliance protest to General Franco over alleged violations of religious liberty for Protestantism.

A representative of the Spanish Foreign Office was sent to confer with Dr. Adams about the violations.

The Baptist leader said the government official was very cooperative and cordial, but another incident occurred after this conference in which a group of 30 Baptist young people who had gathered for a meeting were ordered by the Spanish provincial governor to leave town within 24 hours.

The penalty for refusal to comply, said Dr. Adams, would have been closing of the Baptist church in the city where the meeting was to be held.

One of the highlights of his trip, he declared, was participating in the first Asian Baptist Youth Conference at Hong Kong, where 132 young people from 13 Asian countries met to worship and study together.

"Baptist work is increasing in each of the countries we visited," Dr. Adams said. "There's been a big upturn in Baptist work in Japan since World War II."

Membership in the Southern Baptist Mission in Japan has quadrupled since the war, he said, and now stands at 10,000.

—Religious News Service

First Church, England, Receives 18

Evangelist Reginald Wall of Decatur, Georgia did the preaching and Pastor Harold White led the singing in revival services at First Church, England, September 2-16. There were eighteen additions to the church, seven on profession of faith and eleven on transfer of membership.

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By Religious News Service

Church Official Hits Neglect of Aged

An American Baptist Convention official said in Boston the "cultural germ" that over-values youth and stigmatizes aging is "one of the great social diseases of our time."

Dr. Osgoode H. McDonald of New York, head of the denomination's Department of Homes and Hospitals, declared that "too many people look upon aging as an affliction rather than an attainment." He called for a profound change in American thinking regarding the whole process of "growing up and growing older."

Dr. McDonald said Americans should destroy misconceptions and correct prejudices regarding the aged.

"There must be a new awakening of concern for the senior citizen because Americans are living longer," he said. "Our society so glorifies youth that reaching middle age can mean economic and psychological disaster."

The Baptist official said Christians of America must step into the breach and do more for the aged.

"There are thousands shunted away to homes and mental institutions with no choice but to wait for time to pass and death to come," he said. "Many feeble aged are in hospitals and institutions, even in mental institutions, although they are not psychotic. All they need is someone to look after them. All they need is love and concern."

Medical Center Institute of Religion Graduates First Class

The Institute of Religion at the Texas Medical Center in Houston awarded certificates to its first graduates, a class of 11 including a hospital chaplain. The other 10 are seminary students.

The group spent 12 weeks at the medical center getting instruction on ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of hospital patients.

Clergy Plan Crusade Against Traffic Deaths

A month-long pulpit crusade against traffic deaths will be undertaken by clergymen in Greenwich, Conn. It will be based on the Fifth Commandment: "Thou Shalt Not Kill."

The campaign was originated by Sherburne Prescott, chairman of the board of the Greenwich Safety Council.

Outlining the plan to 22 clergymen meeting at his home, Mr. Prescott suggested they address "at least a word" to their congregations at every service "associating your faith with the Fifth Commandment and the tragic and unnecessary toll of death on our highways."

The 70-year-old broker suggested as the campaign slogan: "Drive As Though God Were Sitting Beside You."

Sunday Becomes Workday in Egypt

Sunday has become a workday for many Christians in Egypt.

In July, the government issued an edict ordering the National Bank of Egypt to close on Friday, the Moslem Sabbath, and remain open Sunday. Since then, foreign banks, oil companies, industrial and business concerns and some other institutions have been closed Friday and open Sunday.

Asks Better Alcohol Education for Youth

Increased drinking among teenagers is largely due to a lack of positive alcohol education in the school and home, a leader of the national Woman's Christian Temperance Union's youth organization charged in Atlanta.

Ethel Riddle of Evanston, Ill., general secretary of the Youth Temperance Council, urged school teachers and parents to help reduce drinking and delinquency among young people by teaching them about the effects of alcoholic beverages "in a more realistic way." The "inherent leanings" of youth toward temperance, Miss Riddle said, are often negated by failure of the home and school to combat community influences.

"More than 19,400 boys and girls under 20 years of age — including 1,225 of 16 or less — were arrested for drunkenness or drunken driving last year," she said. "This does not depict juvenile failure but a failure of the school and home in many cases."

Methodists to Survey Television Field

The Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission reviewed its first four years of operation and agreed that there are "many great possibilities" in the years ahead to "get across to the vast American public the Word of God."

Walter N. Vernon Jr. of Nashville, recording secretary, said television has become so important that a special committee will take a "new look" at the medium.

"It is a big field ahead of us and a great deal of consideration must be given as to how we can best utilize it," he said. "We must assess every aspect and decide what means of production will be the best."

Chinese Communists Press Anti-Religion Campaign

More and better propaganda urging the Chinese people to abandon religious beliefs and activities and embrace atheistic materialism was demanded by Hsueh Hsi, Communist Party ideological magazine published in Peiping.

"Newspapers should make this propaganda a regular task," it said. "In the past not enough has been done in this respect."

The magazine reported that during a four-month period this year "180 articles were released by 30 newspapers in 20 provinces to propagate materialism."

"However, much yet remains to be done," it added.

Plan Permanent Asian Baptist Youth Organization

Formation of a permanent Asian Baptist Youth Fellowship was voted by the First Asian Baptist Youth Conference in Hong Kong.

The 120 young men and women from 12 nations also voted to send a delegation to the 1958 World Baptist Youth Conference in Toronto, Canada.

In another action, they resolved to convene the Asian Youth Conference every five years.

A Smile or Two

Three-year-old viewing new baby brother: "But I didn't want to name him Clifford, I wanted to call him Donald Duck."

"If you don't want your children to hear what you're saying, pretend you're talking them."

Some fellows always reach for the stool when there is a piano to be moved.

Girl, coming late to baseball game: What's the score?

Her Escort: Nothing to nothing.

Girl: Oh, goody! We haven't missed a thing!

The no-account husband had joined some of the other loafers sitting on the curb of the courthouse square. He announced that he was leaving town. He said he just couldn't live in it any longer.

"What's the matter?" asked one.

"Oh, the town's all right," he replied, "but it just ain't no place where a woman can find work!"

—United Mine Workers Journal.

A very talkative woman button-holed an angler who was minding his own business and said: "Aren't you ashamed of yourself? A big fellow like you might be better occupied than in cruelly catching poor little fish."

"Maybe you're right," said the angler, "but if this fish had had the sense to keep his mouth shut he wouldn't be here."

—Tit-Bits, London.

A hillbilly at an observatory paused to watch a man peering through a large telescope. Just then a star fell.

"Man alive," he exclaimed, "you're a fine shot!"

—Journeyman Barber.

Sign outside a Conn. antique shop: "You Think it's Junk? Come In and Price It!"

—American Weekly.

What keeps many husbands broke is not the wolf at the door but the silver fox in the window.

—Tit-Bits, London.

Behind every successful man can usually be found three people; his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

—Town Journal.

The cowhand had not been feeling well. The first chance he had, he went to town for a physical checkup. After it was over, the doctor said, "You have a little lung trouble. Could you arrange to sleep outdoors?"

"Wa'l," drawled the cowpuncher, "I been sleepin' under the chuck wagon all summer, but I reckon I could kick a couple of spokes outa the wheels."

—Capper's Weekly.

"How is your wife?" the man asked an old friend he hadn't seen for years.

"She's in heaven," replied the friend.

"Oh, I'm sorry." Then he realized that was not the thing to say, so he added, "I mean, I'm glad." And that was even worse. He finally came out with, "Well, I'm surprised!"

Tired Wife (to fussy husband): "Really, John, I'd rather have all the children sick than you."

John: "So would I."

News From Baptist Press

Test Campaigns Set For Church Finance

The church finance program of Southern Baptists is undergoing its first test campaigns in Phoenix, Ariz., and in Jackson, Miss., this fall under direction of the staff of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Executive Committee, Nashville, and his assistant, R. J. Hastings, participated in campaigns at First Southern Baptist Church and Eastside Baptist Church in Phoenix.

Following the Phoenix campaigns, they were to be joined in Jackson, Miss., by Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, and Albert McClellan, its director of publications.

Nine churches in Jackson are participating, four being led by Executive Committee staff, one by staff of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and four by the Jackson churches themselves.

In both Phoenix and Jackson, other Southern Baptist churches not taking part in the test campaigns will be holding one-week stewardship revivals.

Clinics in church finance will be conducted in both cities for all local pastors and out-of-town pastors conducting revivals or visiting in the city.

Test campaigns in 35 more churches in 12 other states will be conducted this fall also, being directed by state executive secretaries who attended a church finance clinic in Nashville in June.

"The church finance program of Southern Baptists will result in greatly increased contributions in every church where it is followed," Moore declared.

"Numerous churches which have used the basic elements of the program have doubled their budget receipts as the results of a single campaign," he added.

"Increased contributions will mean increased support for missions, education, and benevolences at home and throughout the world through the Cooperative Program.

"The beginning of World Missions Year (to be observed by Southern Baptists in 1957) will make churches more aware of their world missions responsibilities," according to Moore. "The churches will therefore be more anxious to take part in the church finance program in 1957 when it will be available to all churches desiring it."

'Tremendous' Problems Facing Church Members

Despite their numerical growth and their new buildings, America's religious groups are falling to cope with the "tremendous" everyday problems their members face.

This was the declaration of J. M. Price, former Southern Baptist educator, at a two-state Sunday school teachers and workers meeting in El Paso, Texas.

Price, who was director of school of religious education at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, said Southern Baptists also are falling short at that point.

As evidence to support his statement, Price cited the wide difference in money contributed for Christian missions and that spent for movies, cosmetics, pleasure, and alcohol.

The world's general moral hope, Price added, lies in the three million Sunday school teachers and workers.

Board Plans for New Louisiana Building

The executive board of Louisiana Baptist Convention has approved plans for new con-

Group Studies Ways to Organize New Churches

Ways in which Southern Baptists can establish 30,000 new churches and missions were discussed at a special committee meeting recently.

The "30,000 Committee," as it is known, met on call of C. C. Warren, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and general chairman of the special committee.

In addition to work at Convention level, the committee will work through state Baptist organizations, associations of churches, and individual churches.

It hopes that every Southern Baptist Church will have a mission church or preaching point under its guidance. It would like to see more simultaneous programs of church establishment similar to the one in California in July.

At that time, California Southern Baptists organized 110 mission churches in a single Sunday. Other states have announced plans for such programs.

Printed material will include tracts on how the state organizations, associations, and churches each can function in the effort to establish 30,000 churches and missions.

The special program will be related to the Baptist Jubilee Advance also. In the Baptist Jubilee Advance, Southern Baptists and other Baptist conventions in North America are cooperating in a program to win more Americans to Christ.

The Jubilee Advance will climax in 1964, the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America. Each participating convention is working its own program of evangelism and growth for the Jubilee period.

The 30,000 goal will include establishment of 10,000 churches. Other units to be organized will include mission churches, branch Sunday schools preaching stations, and chapels.

Wade Bryant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., proposed that the committee set a goal of \$500 million to be raised outside present Convention financial channels. He would embody some of the features of the old Baptist Hundred Thousand Club in which members contributed a certain amount over and above their regular offerings.

M. A. Huggins, executive secretary of North Carolina Baptists, suggested an overall goal of \$500 million for the Cooperative Program including a final-year goal of \$100 million for 1964. Regular 1964 offerings would be supplemented by a special offering for the Cooperative Program.

These proposals should be brought to the attention of the Southern Baptist committee on Baptist Jubilee Advance for their consideration, Chairman Warren declared.

struction and a record 1957 budget for state denominational work.

The record budget figure of \$1,900,000 is \$170,000 greater than the 1956 one. It is subject to approval by messengers to the annual state convention meeting later on.

The board approved the buying of about four acres in Alexandria for a new Baptist building. The building would cost about \$500,000, according to estimates made. Some of the land needed is already owned by the denomination; the rest must be secured.

The Louisiana board also approved a recommendation that the convention provide a building for a home for the aged. Operating expenses of the home would be met by a monthly charge to those living in it.

Slogan for Jubilee Advance Is Chosen

Baptist groups joining together for a "Baptist Jubilee Advance: 1959-1964" have adopted as their slogan "Every Baptist Witnessing for Christ."

The slogan was among plans approved at the meeting of representatives of the seven Baptist groups recently.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance climaxes in 1964, the year of third jubilee, or 150th anniversary, of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America.

The group set up a budget to be provided for by the participants. The Southern Baptist Convention, largest Baptist group, will provide \$1,000. The others are to give proportionate amounts based on their memberships. The budget is expected to be about \$2,500, to be spent mostly on literature.

Possible sites for the meeting of the third jubilee fellowship are Miami, New York City, and Atlantic City, N. J. This meeting would probably be held in May, 1964. All participating Baptist bodies would send representatives.

C. C. Warren, president of the Southern Convention and chairman of the joint committee planning the Jubilee Advance, will name three committees — a steering committee, publicity committee and third jubilee committee.

A sub-committee of the steering committee will be on evangelism. It will have as its members the secretaries of evangelism of all the represented Baptist groups.

Purpose of the Advance is three-fold: 1. to work cooperatively; 2. to witness effectively, and 3. to celebrate worthily.

Annual goals and emphases are 1959, evangelism through cooperative witness; 1960, evangelism through teaching and training; 1961, evangelism through stewardship and enlistment; 1962, evangelism through church extension; 1963, evangelism through world missions, and 1964, third jubilee.

Participating groups are the Baptist Federation of Canada, North American Baptist General Conference, American Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention, Inc., Baptist General Conference of America, National Baptist Convention, Unnc., and Southern Baptists.

All of these groups have approved the general program for the period of Advance.

Berry Heads Capital Needs Survey Group

Kendall Berry, of Blytheville, Ark., has succeeded James W. Merritt, of Gainesville, Ga., as chairman of the capital needs survey committee of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Appointment of a new chairman was announced by Federal Judge Frank Hooper, chairman of the Executive Committee.

Merritt, who asked to be relieved of responsibility with the committee, will have his place taken by A. Barnum Hawkes, of Waycross, Ga.

1956 SBC Annuals

Southern Baptist Convention Annuals for 1956 are being mailed to about 25,000 pastors and denominational workers. The Annual lists the proceedings of the Kansas City Convention, reports of agencies, memberships of boards and committees, and contains a director of pastors.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Too many of us stand at the foot of democracy's tree plucking its ripened fruit, while too few of us cultivate its soil and nurture its roots." —Survey Bulletin.

Greed Leads to Corruption . . .

III Gotten Gain

By B. H. DUNCAN, *Pastor*
First Church, Hot Springs

Spa Pastor Denounces Legalized Sin and Points to Christ

"The hope of their gain was gone"
 —ACTS 16:19.

The hope of gain is a legitimate hope. It is inherent in life, it is the basis of economics, it is divine in its origin and beneficent in its ends. The hope of gain is an incentive to industry, exploration and invention; it is the creator of wealth, the provider of the material needs of life and the builder of enterprise. The hope of gain stimulates one's initiative, engages one's energies and is the basis of the most elaborate system of cooperative endeavor.

But this legitimate and noble and divinely given hope, like all other primary hopes of the human race, has been abused and debased and made to serve the lowest and most ignoble ends of life.

The Fortune Teller of Philippi

In the story of the demented girl of Philippi we have an example of the degeneracy of this hope, the like of which we may see every day in our modern and much boasted civilization. The girl herself is in the foreground of this scene and she presents a picture that should excite the tenderest sympathy and the most solicitous care. She is possessed of an evil spirit which takes the form of expression known to us as fortune telling.

The humbug of fortune telling seems to be as old as the race, and there have always been those who claimed this power. And there have always been the gullible and credulous who fall an easy prey to the machinations of the soothsayers.

In the background of this picture there is a group of men, men who are crafty, conniving, greedy and avaricious. These men see the possibility of capitalizing this girl's demented condition along with the credulity of the public. So they take possession of her and set up a booth in which the girl will tell the fortunes of all comers. It is probable that they put on an extensive advertising campaign to inform the public of the unusual powers of this girl to reveal the hidden secrets of life and to urge upon the people that they take advantage of the opportunity to have their fortunes read. And we can easily visualize the constant stream of people as they make their way to the booth, stand in line, pay their fees, have their well-known secrets revealed and go away pleased or disappointed or mystified.

It is a good business and it yields a substantial income to "her masters."

Paul and Silas Upset Scheme

But something happens to upset the whole scheme. The girl leaves her booth, the people standing in line are disappointed, the flow of fees suddenly stops, and "her masters" go into a rage and are fighting mad because their revenue is cut off.

And it all happens because two preachers came to town. The girl, leaving her booth, follows these men in the streets shouting: "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of

This sermon by Pastor Duncan, preached in his pulpit February 26, 1944, is an excellent statement of the Christian position against legalized vice and those profiteers whose greed leads them to prey on others. The sermon, delivered in what is considered Arkansas' most corrupt city, is timely and courageous.

—C. E. Bryant

salvation!" And Paul, turning about, addressed the evil spirit: "I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out the same hour.

"And when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone," they had Paul and Silas arrested and convicted of disturbing the peace and cast into prison.

Greedy Men Are Unscrupulous

Note, in the first place, the source of their gain. These men were making "gain" out of the mental, moral and spiritual deformity of this girl. They were playing up to the evil possession of the young woman as a noble virtue and on this basis they were appealing to the confidence and trust of the people, soliciting their patronage. Of course, a fee was charged. Ah, the fee, that was the only thing that was important to them. They care more for money than for the soul of the girl! They were interested more in the fees than in the problems of the people! It was "gain" they were seeking and not grace. So long as their pockets were jingling they wore broad smiles and greeted the people who stood in line before the booth with cordial good wishes.

This tribe of greedy and unscrupulous men, who commercialize the moral and spiritual depravities of people, has increased with the passing of time and has grown to tremendous proportions and power. Such men have formed great corporations, they control vast enterprises, they conduct powerful lobbies, they have piled up huge reserve funds, they conduct expensive advertising campaigns, they dare to display the virtues of womanhood, appeal to patriotism and offer the church as the basis of their advertising appeal.

These nefarious interests seek to control politics, they get their men elected to office, they enjoy the sanction and protection of law. These men and the business enterprises they represent, enterprises which live and thrive and prosper wholly on the moral and spiritual depravities of people, can get priorities of travel, material and privilege, even in time of war, which are denied many Christian and other enterprises whose sole purpose is to build life and character.

Nothing More Wicked

Surely no greater wrath will fall upon, no more severe vengeance will be meted out to, and no hotter fire will be kindled for any group of people than for those who commercialize sin and wickedness, and make profit out of the spiritual depravities and deformities of boys and girls. Can you think of anything so low, so essentially wicked, so vilely iniquitous, so closely akin to the nature of the devil himself, as the deliberately planned propaganda, the lavishly financed campaigns, and the skillfully designed appeals, which have as their sole object the cultivation of

the depraved appetites, the encouragement of dishonesty and the stimulation of the basest animal passions of life — and all for the purpose of getting "gain?"

Boys and girls, and young men and young women, must be recruited continuously to feed the mills of the demons of "gain" which thrive only upon the commercialized sins and the spiritual depravities of human life. And Jesus said that it would be better for a person to have a mill-stone hanged about his neck and cast into the sea than to offend one of these little ones — put a snare in their way.

Remove Source of Gain

Note, in the second place, the removal of their source of gain. It should not be necessary to say what I am about to say, but actual conditions force it upon me. The first thing that Christian people should do to remove the source of their gain is to quit patronizing the institutions, agencies and businesses which commercialize sin and finance the moral and spiritual deformities of human nature. If all the people who claim to be Christians and have their names upon the church rolls would this day and forever hereafter withhold their patronage from these enterprises which thrive on the sins of the people, their business would be reduced to such an extent that the operators would be alarmed and many of them would have to go out of business.

The second thing that Christian people should do to remove their source of gain is to exercise their franchise and assert their citizenship rights to put honorable men in office and to outlaw every commercialized sin and immorality.

I am well aware that it is impossible to legislate morality into people, and I would be the first to oppose such an effort. But to raise this question, should any commercialized iniquity, which feeds upon the moral depravity of people, have the sanction and protection of law? It should be stamped by law for what it is.

Christ Most Effective Method

But I hasten to proclaim the most effective method of removing their gain, the method used by Jesus, the method used by Paul — we must rescue the boys and girls, the men and women, from the snares of commercialized sin and iniquity. This is the only method which will remove the hope of their gain permanently, and can be used only if we ourselves refuse to patronize them.

Christ, and Christ alone, can drive out the evil spirits from human hearts and give them a spirit that will trust God and that will delight to serve and honor Him. Christ alone can make men see the dishonor and the blight, the deceit and betrayal, the foul loathsomeness and moral decay, the spiritual death and eternal torment, lurking in the commercialized iniquities which the forces of evil parade before us daily.

It is the obligation of Christian people, it is their highest privilege, it is their divine commission, to bring to every child, to every youth, to every man and woman of the community the blessed word of God, for it is "The power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

For we must settle it in our hearts, that we do not reach these immortal souls for Christ they will be sucked in by the sewage of the iniquitous commerce of men and enterprises which live wholly upon the moral and spiritual depravities of human nature. If souls are to be saved from these deadly perils, Christian people must teach and lead the way.

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The Greedy Persecute Opposition

Note, in the third place, their reaction to the loss of their gain. Men who are engaged in such business will be infuriated. They had Paul and Silas arrested, charged with teaching customs unlawful to observe; they beat them with many stripes and cast them into prison. This is not the last time the servants of Christ have suffered such persecution for winning people away from the commerce of sin to a life of salvation through faith in Christ.

In our own day we have heard the outcry of the enraged peddlers of iniquity. They have appealed to constitutional rights, they have proclaimed the principle of personal liberty, they have quoted the Bible, they have preached taxes for the support of public education, they have cursed the churches, they have openly declared that preachers have no rights, in the pulpit or out, to attack their business. They have done everything but tell the truth, that they are out for making all the gain possible out of the moral and spiritual depravities and deformities of the boys and girls, and men and women, whom they can entice into their booths by every subtle, conniving and cunning trick which distorted minds under satanic power can invent.

Christians Must Stand Firm

No person may hope to escape their vitriolic tongue who dares to win their patrons from them or warn the people against their dangers.

Christian people have too long been intimidated by the threats of those who make profit out of human depravity and sin. They have been afraid to pray as they faced the mouth of the den of lions; they have been afraid to declare their faith as they faced the fury of the burning fiery furnace; they have been afraid to challenge the power of evil in the name of Christ as they faced persecution. When the people of God have recovered the boldness of Peter and John, and of Paul and Silas, they will again command the evil spirits, in the name of Jesus Christ, to come out of those who are the victims of the commercialized evils of our society, and they will come out.

Christ On A State Campus

By ANDREW M. HALL, Pastor
First Church, Fayetteville

A seminary professor once said to his class, "Don't be discouraged, men, I haven't known all there is to know but a short time myself." I must confess that there was a time in my life when I felt inclined to consign a Baptist young person to "perdition" if he chose a state campus in preference to his own Baptist school. But, at that time there were many things I did not understand about people or campus life.

I would be the first person to say that if a Christian education can be provided, and if the young person involved is inclined to a Baptist (or Christian) school, he should go. There are definite advantages in having a Christian curriculum, and more important still, in having a dedicated Christian faculty. The fact that most of the denominational schools are comparatively small also gives opportunity for invaluable personal contacts. The fact that I am serving as an officer of the Alumni of my Baptist school establishes my attitude toward a Christian school.

Why a State Campus?

But what about the brand of Christianity on a campus which is not a church related institution? It may be well to recall that the vast majority of our Southern Baptist students are attending such institutions. It was rather startling to me to learn recently that a large majority of the Seminary students receive their undergraduate degrees from state institutions. There are many reasons why this is true. There is a slight difference in expense, the cost being a little less when attending a state school. At first glance, it appears that there is a significant difference in costs. However, when all fees and "hidden" costs are included, the difference in the cost of attending Baptist schools and state schools is almost negligible.

A second reason is the location factor. It is simply handier to attend a school close to home. The numerous state schools in strategic locations thus profit from this condition.

There is also, of course, a third and more important reason: A University offers cer-

tain courses not available in many of the smaller Baptist schools. Certain advanced courses are available only at a University.

It is established, therefore, that thousands of our students attend state schools. What assurance does the parent or the student have that the latter may grow spiritually on such a campus? This may be answered only in the heart of the student. One pastor said to me, "My son grew more spiritually at the University than any other place—mainly because it cost him something to be a real Christian."

Baptist Student Union

Southern Baptists have wisely provided the Baptist Student Union for our state schools. This organization, under trained and capable leadership, serves as the link between the student and his church. The Student Centers serve as meeting places where consecrated young people may meet others of the same disposition. Frankly, I have been a student on a Christian campus and a pastor at a University situation, and I am impressed with the fact that students who wish to, may grow spiritually wherever they are. I saw three young men last year surrender to foreign mission service on the same day!

Each week Baptist young people at the University conduct jail services, provide services for convalescent homes, go to the Old Folks home, and frequently direct worship at the Veteran's Hospital. The impact of a life like that of B.S.U. Director Jamie L. Jones in Fayetteville will last for decades.

I would suggest to parents who face the problem of where to send their students:

1). Encourage them to attend a Baptist school.

2). Encourage those who insist on a state campus to align themselves at once with the B.S.U. of that campus.

3). Check from time to time on their spiritual lives, whether they are on a Christian or a state campus. Although students move their church membership, this is no guarantee that they are active Christians.

Many of the finest Christians to be found anywhere are young people at the University. Some are athletic heroes, but most of them are day by day Christians reflecting good training at home. I may say, in conclusion, that no one except a pastor who tried last year to minister to several hundred students enrolled in his church, can appreciate fully the need of an attractive student center on the campus. The Baptist cause will rise with the vision evidenced in the type of Baptist Student Center which Arkansas Baptists build in Fayetteville. The Catholics are spending \$225,000 for their new center in view of the fact that within seven years they will have 700 Catholic students at the University of Arkansas. We are striving with diligence to place a \$60,000 building on our strategically located property. Last week in Springfield, Missouri, I saw a \$150,000 Baptist center being built on a "minor" state campus with 1800 total students. Missouri Baptists gave \$90,000 of this money.

All our students, whether on a Christian campus or a state campus need our prayers and continuing interest. They need the best that we can give them, for they are the leaders in tomorrow's world.

As with the family which tithes, his spiritual blessings are poured out.

—The Baptist Messenger

How Missionary?

By JACK L. GRITZ

This is the time of year when churches decide just how missionary they really are.

All of us are proud of the designation "missionary Baptist." But a missionary church is one with more than just a title. It is more than one in which missions is taught and preached, as important as that is. It is even more than one which prays for the missionaries on the foreign fields. It is a church which gives worthily to missions.

This is the time of year when church finance committees meet, when church budgets are drawn up, and when churches in business sessions adopt their church budgets for the next year, some budgets becoming effective Oct. 1 and some Jan. 1.

It is the time when a church determines how missionary it is because it is the time when the church determines what percentage of the anticipated regular contributions of its members shall be given to missionary causes.

Baptists have accepted the Great Commission of Christ as their marching orders. We are to go out into all the world, win disciples in every nation, baptize them and teach them the things Christ taught. The Coop-

erative Program is our practical response to the Great Commission. In it are combined all of the missionary, educational and benevolent causes of both the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Associational missions and local missions are supported by the church otherwise.

Our churches are urged to give through the Cooperative Program to world missions on the percentage basis. In preparing a budget the church anticipates its regular receipts (not special offerings) for the coming year. Then, the church decides what percentage of this income shall go for these missionary causes through the Cooperative Program. The amount should also be estimated.

Each church is being urged to increase its percentage for next year by an amount equal to \$1 per resident member.

Each church must decide for itself what percentage of its undesignated receipts shall be used in this way.

But somehow God seems to have a special blessing for the church which is fair with the missionary causes. It is the kind of church which he can bless with increased numbers and larger contributions from its members.

Ingram to Siloam

E. A. "Happy" Ingram retired from the position of Superintendent of Missions of Pulaski County Association July 1.

Mr. Ingram is a native of Whitesboro, Texas. He was graduated from the Gainesville, Texas, High School where he had acquired the name of "Happy." He was also graduated from Gainesville Business College, Baylor and Yale Universities, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and Burton College and Seminary. He served as student pastor at Jasper, Texas, while attending the Seminary at Fort Worth. Leaving Yale in 1914 he served as pastor at Calvert, Texas, from whence he and his wife, the former Lola Cook of Jasper, whom he had married in 1914, went to Brazil in August, 1918, to assume the direction of the "Bagby School" in Sao Paulo.

At home on sick leave in 1928, he served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Orange, Texas, for a year and as the depression and heavy debt forced the Foreign Mission Board to retain numbers of missionaries at home, he became pastor of the Highland Baptist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana, where he served three years and then returned to Jasper, Texas, where he completed almost twelve years as pastor.

He became missionary under the Home Mission Board as Superintendent of City Missions, serving four years at Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas, and eight and one half at Little Rock.

Mrs. Ingram has served as Field Worker for the Associational WMU and will terminate her work at the end of the associational year.

Dr. Ingram has accepted the call to become pastor of First Church, Siloam Springs.

N. C. Churches Launch Drive For Referendum on Liquor

Churches in North Carolina have launched a campaign to obtain one million signatures on petitions asking the legislature to call a statewide referendum on prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.

R. M. Hauss, executive director of the Allied Church League, which is sponsoring the drive, said "we are setting Dec. 1 as the deadline for petitions to be in so they may be processed in time for the opening" of the legislature in January.

He said churches also are using commitment cards pledging abstinence from alcoholic beverages.

—Religious News Service

World Missions, USA Filmstrip Released

A new color filmstrip, **World Missions, USA**, has been released by the Home Mission Board.

The filmstrip presents the spiritual destitution of the United States and furnishes a challenge for World Missions Year. Production was speeded on this filmstrip that it might be used during World Missions Week October 28-November 4. Pastors and educational workers have voiced approval of this pictorial demonstration of spiritual need.

The filmstrip may be purchased from Baptist Book Stores for \$5.

California Aims For Budget of \$850,676

Messengers to the annual session of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California Oct. 30 will be submitted a record \$850,676 budget for 1957 for approval.

The proposed budget, accepted by the convention's directors at their meeting here recently, exceeds the current budget by \$146,376.

—Baptist Press

BSU Director Resigns



MISS NAOMIA CLIFTON

Miss Naomia Clifton, for the past two years Baptist Student Director at Arkansas A. and M. College, Monticello, has resigned her position and will be married to Mr. Charles Ripley of Magnolia. Miss Clifton has led in the development of one of the newest Baptist Student programs in the state and has directed the furnishing of the new Baptist Student Center. Her efforts have been rewarded in the lives of many students who have been reached by the Baptist Student program on the campus.

Mr. Ripley, assistant to the President of First National Bank in Magnolia, was at one time B. S. U. president at Arkansas State College, and was also state B. S. U. president while in college.

Tom J. Logue
Student Director



Be wise and include the Arkansas Baptist in your church budget.

New Budgets

Finch Church, Greene County Association, Neil May, pastor; list sent by Mrs. Randol Fletcher, Paragould.

Johnson Church, Washington-Madison Association, Mrs. M. F. Johnson, treasurer.

New Clubs

Union Valley Church, White County Association, E. F. Simmons, pastor.

Caraway Church, Mt. Zion Association, Mrs. Robert Kuhn, treasurer.

Analysis

Current River has 5 budgets, 4 clubs, and 13 churches with neither.

Dardanelle-Russellville has 2 budgets, 5 clubs, and 12 with neither.

Delta has 9 budgets, 11 clubs, and 13 with neither.

Watch for the analysis of the churches of your association in future issues of the **Arkansas Baptist**. We are publishing the analysis with the hope that it may stimulate other churches to adopt the budget plan of subscriptions.

Ouachita Alumni Banquet

Dr. Andrew M. Hall, president of the Ouachita Alumni Association, announces a banquet meeting during the Arkansas State Convention at Little Rock. The meeting will be held Wednesday, November 14 at 5:30 p. m. at the Immanuel Church dining room. A brief program has been arranged. The price of the tickets is \$1.25.

Phil Beach Moves to Bauxite

Phil J. Beach went to the pastorate of First Church, Bauxite, from the Junction City Church, August 16.

Mr. Beach was with the Junction City Church seven years. During that time there were 225 additions to the church, 85 by baptism. A new auditorium and educational building were completed and all indebtedness retired.

Mr. Beach was president of the executive board of Liberty Association, and also served as a member of the Camp Board. He came to Arkansas from Texas to become missionary in Dardanelle-Russellville Association. He has also held pastorates in other churches in the state.

Since going to Bauxite, the church has called Jerry Kirkpatrick as minister of music and youth director. Mr. Kirkpatrick began his duties September 15.

G.A. Coronation, Hot Springs, First

First Church, Hot Springs, honored the Girls Auxiliary in a coronation service at the evening worship service Sunday, September 16. Mrs. Jacob L. King, young people's leader, presided over the services. Dr. John L. Dodge, pastor, presented the awards to each of the girls attaining steps. Awards were presented to the following girls: Majors: Nancy Crone, Frances Hensley, Jacklyn Riley, Phyllis Riley, Patricia Thomas, and Barbara Battle. Ladies-in-Waiting: Barbara Hensley, Judy Davis, Judy Crone, Carol King, and Pamela Smith. Bonnie Lee Reynolds was crowned as Princess, Betty McWherter as Queen, and Shirley Wright as Queen With Scepter.

Atkins Pastor

Carl Kluck has been called as pastor of First Church, Atkins, and plans to assume his responsibilities there October 7.

CBS Features Baptists

Dr. Fred Eastham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo., will preach on the "Columbia Church of the Air," Sunday, October 14, at 10:30 p. m., Eastern Daylight Time.

Says Church People Must Stem War Tendencies

Val Petersen, Federal Civil Defense administrator, said it is imperative that church people stem tendencies towards war.

"In the next war there will be no winners," he told the 20th annual Ashram of the Lutheran Student Association of America. "All of us will be losers in some degree."

Pointing up the horror of nuclear warfare he said that one bomb alone could wipe New York City.

"Only a 250-foot crater would remain where the downtown area had been, and for four or five miles around there would be various degrees of destruction," he said.

"You can see why President Eisenhower is so lenient and so patient with some of these warlike powers."

—Religious News Service

Amendment 49 Under Legal Fire



MAGNET FOR THE WORST ELEMENTS

Racing interests have filed suit in the State Supreme Court to prevent the people's voting on Amendment 49. This maneuver came after repeated public statements by Southland backers that they would welcome a vote.

The legal contest's outcome will not be known until just a short time before the election.

Such harrassing action lends an air of uncertainty to the future of Amendment 49, designed to take the state out of the betting business. The legal move was instituted to demoralize forces working for a better

Arkansas.

If we tend to let up in our crusade, if we become discouraged over the maze of obstacles thrown up by the opponents, we are playing according to racing forces plans.

Legal counsel of the Arkansas Anti-Racing Council is optimistic on the decision in the test.

This legal action should serve as a prod, goading Arkansas' Christian forces to redouble their efforts to eradicate the moral cancer of racing.

ATTENTION PASTORS

September 23 was Victory Day in the Anti-Racing Council's fund campaign in Baptist Churches.

Several churches, for one reason or another, neglected this important part of the campaign to rid Arkansas of the evils of gambling.

Financing is a must in a successful campaign. The current court test has placed an additional strain on the council's limited budget.

Do your best in this effort. If you've put off giving your congregation an opportunity to have a part in this fund campaign, do it this Sunday!

REGIONAL RALLIES SCHEDULED

Seven regional rallies, aimed at drumming up support for Amendment 49, have been scheduled by the Anti-Racing Council for October.

The rallies will be staged in Jonesboro, Fort Smith, Hope, Pine Bluff, El Dorado, Russellville and Batesville. Dates and sites of the meetings will be announced in local papers, church bulletins and by radio stations in the area.

Joe Roper and the Melody Boys will entertain at these rallies, and a prominent speaker will appear.

"Every Christian interested in making Arkansas a better place to live, is urged to attend the rally in his district," Paul Meers, Executive Director of the Anti-Racing Council, said.

ONE AND FIVE

One to five are odds that could spell 'finis' to racing in Arkansas.

If every Christian in the state, convinced of the importance of the passage of Amendment 49, would speak to five others on their support for the measure, victory would be ours on November 6th!

Arkansas Baptist Foundation

Most of our people understand that Brother W. A. Jackson checked out of the Foundation Department as Executive Secretary. The Foundation Board asked the General Secretary-Treasurer, B. L. Bridges, to pinch-hit in this work until a permanent Foundation Secretary can be secured. Brother Jackson had given much publicity to the Foundation Department and its aims and accomplishments. Most of our people understand the purpose of this agency.

The Foundation Board is made up of Baptist leaders and they are operating the Department under the laws of the state of Arkansas. These men, acting as a corporation, have full legal authority to do the work and to carry on the program of service assigned to it. It must and does handle all its funds carefully and faithfully. Both the law, and the integrity of the Foundation Board members make it impossible to dissipate any of the funds entrusted to the Foundation. A good investing committee sees to it that the money entrusted to the Foundation is invested in safe securities

that net as good a profit as possible. The General Secretary of the Convention is also Treasurer of the Foundation. You can help us and help the cause if you will:

First, send us the name of any person who might become interested in building up the endowment of any of our Baptist Institutions.

Second, send us the name of anyone who is advanced in years and wishes to provide an income for himself for his remaining years without having to worry about how to make his property produce it.

Third, tell us of anyone who might be interested in providing a trust fund through insurance or cash for any cause that Baptists sponsor.

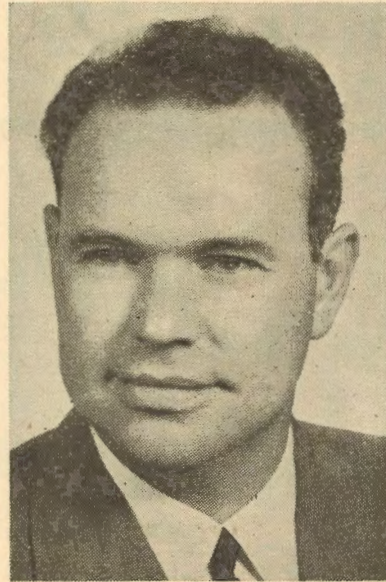
Fourth, we should also like to have the name of anyone who wishes to set up a lasting memorial to some deceased friend or loved one.

Fifth, we should also like to have the name of anyone desiring to provide an education for a young preacher or a missionary.

Sixth, we should also like to have the name of anyone who has not made his will and who might make a will that would bless the cause of Christ through his denomination.

For any detailed information write: B. L. Bridges, Temporary Secretary, Baptist Foundation, 401 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Last Call to Regional Sunday School Conferences



DR. JOHN M. MCGINNIS

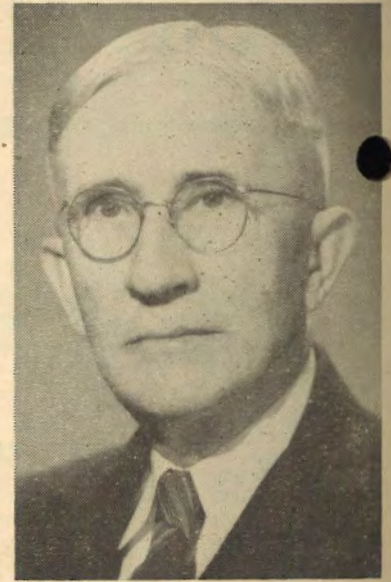
Dr. John M. McGinnis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tifton, Georgia will be one of the featured speakers for the six regional Sunday School Conferences to be conducted in Arkansas during the week October 8-13. Dr. McGinnis graduated from Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Seminary and has pastored churches in North Carolina and Georgia. The Sunday school in the church Dr. McGinnis now pastors is a standard school with several standard departments. His church is now in the process of drawing plans for a half-million dollar addition to present buildings.

During the one-day three-session conferences Dr. McGinnis will present three New Testament characterizations, one each at the close of the morning, afternoon and night sessions. These New Testament character presentations are something new. They are entirely different. They are heart searching, inspiring and most unusual. We urge pastors, educational and Sunday school workers to attend the nearest conference and avail themselves of the latest and best in Sunday school work.

More than fifteen will comprise the program personnel. The program personnel and the program for each conference will be identical.

The six conferences will be held as follows:

Monday, October 8 — First Church, Springdale



DR. J. M. PRICE

Tuesday, October 9 — Second Church, Hot Springs

Wednesday, October 10 — First Church, El Dorado

Thursday, October 22 — First Church, Forrest City

Friday, October 12 — First Church, Searcy

Saturday, October 13 — First Church, Blytheville.

The sessions will begin at 10 A. M., 1:30 and 7:00 P. M. Department conferences with South-wide and state leaders directly will be held during the afternoon and night sessions.

Featured on the program will be two splendid messages on "Jesus, the Master Teacher" and "Jesus, the Master Workman" by Dr. J. M. Price of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the singing of Bill Hubbard accompanied by Martha Harris. An unusual feature will be the thirty minute film, "A Mighty Ministry," which will be shown.

This is the outstanding Sunday school event of the year. We urge pastors, educational directors, Sunday school workers to plan now to attend every session in the conference nearest you.

WHEN TO APPLY FOR THE STANDARD

According to Mr. Herman King, Superintendent of Administration for the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, a Sunday school may apply for standard recognition for 1956-57 any time after October 1st IF the school has been recognized as a standard school for the previous year and has maintained standard efficiency during the month of September, 1956. If the school was not standard during the previous year, 1955-56, application cannot be made until after the last Sunday in October. These rules apply also to Sunday school departments and classes.

Edgar Williamson, Secretary, Sunday School Dept.

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Children's Page

God's Wonderful World

By GLADYS C. CARPENTER



Two great lights, the sun and the moon, rule the oceans and cause the tides. The moon, since it is nearer the earth, has greater influence on the surface of the ocean than the sun.

It takes about six hours for the tide to rise and about the same time for it to fall. There are a few minutes in between each rise and fall when the tide is almost stationary. When a tide has risen as much as it can, we call it a high tide; when the tide has fallen as much as it can, we call it a low tide.

The rising tide permits boats to come closer to shore than they could during a falling tide. At high tide, boats can enter rivers which they could not enter at low tide. Boats that have become beached or stuck in sand or mud can often be floated free during a high tide.

During falling tides, shell-hunters try to rush ahead of each other so that they can find the best shells.

Sometimes strange wood or nuts from other lands may be found or things from shipwrecks.

Often living starfish or other sea creature can be tossed back

into the ocean so they will not die.

One marine creature found on the shores of Florida during low tide is the Portuguese Man-of-war. It is a very beautiful purplish-blue jelly fish, but dangerous for if touched it gives a bad nettle-like sting.

Like the sun and moon, the sea also is in God's hand. The writer of Proverbs reminds us that "he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment." (Prov. 8:29).

(Is there something about God's Wonderful World you would like to see described in this column? If so please send your suggestions to Baptist Press Syndicate 127 N. Ninth Ave., Nashville, 3, Tenn.

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STEWARDSHIP LESSON LEAFLETS HELP SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING

The Baptist Sunday School Board has produced three special stewardship lesson leaflets for use with the Sunday school lessons on tithing this fall.

These special stewardship lesson leaflets may be ordered from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, at 1½c each.

Neither All Hero Nor Villian

An inflexible pattern seems to govern the nomination of candidates at both the national political conventions. Each nominee for office, no matter how obscure or what his record, is made to appear an incredible combination of every virtue, without a single fault or vice.

Then, when candidates are finally chosen, these successful ones are extolled in even more extreme terms. The opposition is often characterized, at least in effect, as consisting of fools, knaves, or a combination of both.

Many people have come to believe that this technique is a basic political necessity. But past history contains examples of an entirely different kind. For instance, a presidential candidate who was to have a very great future was given a nominating speech of exactly 27 unadorned words. Here is the speech in full: "I desire on behalf of the delegation from Illinois to put in nomination as a candidate for the president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln of Illinois."

During the coming months we will be barraged from all sides by the claims and arguments of aspirants for office. It will be good indeed if a reasonable number of these speeches are based on logic and reason instead of blatant emotion — and if the fact is recognized that neither party nor any man is all hero nor all villian. As Herbert Hoover said at San Francisco: "From the day of its

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| Alma, First | 229 | 87 | |
|--------------------------|-------|------|-----|
| Benton, First | x720 | x156 | 3 |
| Berryville, First | 212 | 148 | |
| Camden, First | x876 | x230 | 2 |
| Cullendale, First | 429 | 183 | |
| El Dorado, First | x1102 | x355 | 4 |
| El Dorado, Immanuel | 758 | 312 | |
| El Dorado, Second | 460 | 230 | 13 |
| El Dorado, West Side | 320 | 107 | |
| Fayetteville, First | x738 | x255 | 14 |
| Fayetteville, University | 253 | 122 | 3 |
| Fordyce, First | 475 | 130 | 3 |
| Fort Smith, First | x1549 | x611 | 18 |
| Fort Smith, Grand Ave. | x863 | x332 | 5 |
| Fort Smith, Immanuel | 447 | 142 | 5 |
| Fort Smith, Spradling | 301 | 114 | 1 |
| Fort Smith, Temple | 273 | 125 | |
| Fort Smith, Trinity | 319 | 122 | 1 |
| Hot Springs, Park Place | 440 | 157 | |
| Jacksonville, First | 554 | 200 | 15 |
| Jonesboro, Central | 478 | 206 | 4 |
| Lavaca, First | 291 | 205 | |
| Levy | 482 | 170 | 14 |
| Little Rock, First | x1069 | x415 | x12 |
| Little Rock, Immanuel | x1459 | x489 | 4 |
| Little Rock, Second | x1068 | x366 | 2 |
| Little Rock, S. Highland | 575 | 225 | 2 |
| McGehee, First | 521 | 266 | 2 |
| Magnolia, Central | x760 | x265 | 20 |
| Malvern, First | 539 | 156 | 1 |
| Marianna, First | 358 | 118 | |
| Mena, First | 332 | 158 | 4 |
| Monticello, First | 414 | 219 | 2 |
| Nashville, First | 317 | 118 | |
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| N. L. R., Calvary, | | | |
| Rose City | 380 | 151 | 3 |
| N. L. R., Park Hill | 565 | 181 | |
| Paragould, First | 598 | 312 | 1 |
| Pine Bluff, Immanuel | 606 | 230 | 3 |
| Pine Bluff, South Side | 641 | 221 | 2 |
| Rogers, First | 325 | | |
| Smackover, First | 392 | 172 | 5 |
| Springdale, Caudle Ave. | 158 | 60 | 2 |
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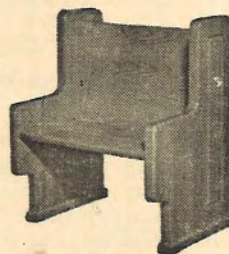
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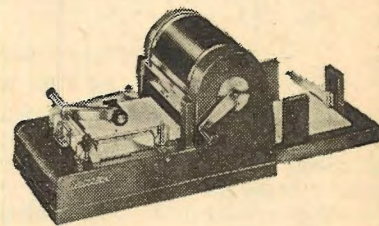
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Second District Church Music Festival

The Second District Church Music Festival was held at First Baptist Church, Blytheville, September 21-22. Churches from three associations were represented: Mississippi, Mt. Zion and Trinity.

Festival Leaders included Loyd Owen, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Blytheville, as chairman of arrangements; George Starke and Mary Linkous, Minister of Music and Organist of First Baptist Church of Little Rock, as Guest Directors.

HONORED PARTICIPANTS

ADULT DIVISION:

Chancel Choir — First Baptist, Blytheville — "A" rating
(Loyd Owen, Director)

Ladies Ensemble — First Baptist, Tyronza — "A" rating

YOUTH DIVISION:

Chapel Choir — First Baptist, Blytheville — "A" rating
(Loyd Owen, Director)

Girls' Ensemble — Fischer Street Baptist, Jonesboro — "A" rating

Instrumental Duet — First Baptist, Tyronza — "First Place"
(Dolores Barrington and Emily Balcom)

Hymn Playing Tournament:

First Place — Emily Balcom — First, Tyronza

Second Place — Jo Ann Ferguson — First, Blytheville

Third Place — Phillys Nation — First, Blytheville

Solo:

First Place — Gracie Turnage — First, Blytheville

Second Place — Dolores Barrington — First, Tyronza

Third Place — Carol Fondren — First, Blytheville

JUNIOR DIVISION:

Carol Choir — First Baptist, Blytheville — "A" rating
(Loyd Owen, Director)

Carol Choir — First Baptist, Tyronza — "A minus" rating
(Mrs. E. C. Edwards, Director)

Carol Choir — First Baptist, Jonesboro — "A minus" rating
(Mrs. G. L. Nance, Director)

Song Leading — Anita Braddock — First Baptist, Tyronza — "B" rating

Duet — Jane Braddock and Rich Terry, First Baptist, Tyronza — "A" rating

Solo — Rich Terry — First, Tyronza — "A" rating

Two churches should be given special recognition. There were twelve entries in the festival from First Baptist Church, Blytheville, and eight entries from First Baptist Church, Tyronza.

REMAINING FESTIVALS

| District | Date | Place |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| III | September 28-29 | First Baptist Church, McGehee |
| IV | October 12-13 | Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith |
| V | October 19-20 | First, Pine Bluff |
| VI | October 26-27 | Calvary, Texarkana |
| VII | November 2-3 | First, Fayetteville |
| VIII | November 9-10 | First, Mountain Home |

HOW TO BEGIN CHURCH MUSIC EDUCATION IN THE ASSOCIATION

1. Organize an Associational Music Department

It is recommended that every association of the Southern Baptist Convention organize a Music Department that will serve all of the churches of the association. The Music Department will have the same relationship as the Sunday School, Training Union and other departments of work to the program of the association as a whole. It will have officers who will direct a program of work that is designed to meet the needs of the churches.

2. Elect an Associational Music Education Committee

The purpose of the committee is to plan and promote the music education activities of the association. The officers composing the committee, being selected by the association. The officers composing the committee, being selected by the association, are responsible for all music activities of the association.

This committee is composed of the following officers selected by the association: (1) Associational Director of Music Education; (2) Pastor-Adviser; (3) Moderator; (4) Missionary; (5) Director of Graded Choir Activities; (6) Director of Instrumental Activities; (7) Director of Training; (8) Director of Congregational Activities; (9) Director of Publicity and Promotion.

3. Follow the Standard of Excellence for an Associational Music Department

An organization needs an outline of objectives to guide it to worthy achievements. A Standard of Excellence has proved to be the best guide for Southern Baptist groups.

4. Train the Associational Music Education Committee

District Training Meetings have been arranged as follows:

7:00 P. M.—October 30—Camden, First Baptist Church!

10:00 A. M.—October 31—Little Rock, Second Baptist Church

7:00 P. M.—October 31—Jonesboro, Walnut Street Baptist Church

7:00 P. M.—November 1—Harrison, First Baptist Church

WMU District Meetings

Mrs. John A. Abernathy, missionary in Korea, is to be guest missionary-speaker at the eight 1956 Annual District WMU Meetings. A native of Huntington, Arkansas, Mrs. Abernathy served with her husband for nearly thirty years as missionary in China. Their removal from that field was necessitated by war conditions and after a brief stay in Korea in 1950 they spent two years in the Philippine Islands. They returned to Korea in 1952 where they are presently assigned.

Mrs. Abernathy has long been a favorite "missionary daughter" of our state and many friends will hear her gladly during her visit in state. The Abernathys are making their home in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Other participants on the District Meeting program will include Mrs. J. R. Grant, president of the Arkansas WMU, Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, State Youth Secretary, and Miss Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer. The schedule follows:

| Date | District | Place |
|------------|---------------|----------------------|
| October 23 | Northwest | First, Fayetteville |
| October 24 | West Central | First, Mena |
| October 25 | Southwest | First, Nashville |
| October 26 | Southeast | First, Fordyce |
| October 30 | Central | First, Conway |
| October 31 | North Central | Westside, Batesville |
| November 1 | Northeast | First, Corning |
| November 2 | East Central | First, Helena |

DAYS OF INSTRUCTION FOR WMU WORKERS

A Day of Instruction on Women's Missionary Union methods has been scheduled in every association in the state. Mrs. R. E. Hagood, State WMU Worker, Miss Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer, or some other state WMU officer will lead each day's consideration of WMU plans, particularly the new phases under Aims for Advancement. Every member of Woman's Missionary Union should attend. The schedule follows:

| Association | Date | Place |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Stone-Van Buren-Searcy | September 24 | Leslie |
| Little Red River | September 25 | Heber Springs |
| Independence and Rocky Bayou | September 26 | Batesville, First |
| Big Creek | September 27 | Salem |
| White River | September 28 | Mountain Home |

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Benton and Washington-Madison — September 26 — Springdale, First
Boone and Carroll — September 27 — Harrison, First

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Dardanelle-Russellville — October 1 — Russellville, First
Concord — October 2 — Fort Smith, First
Ouachita — October 3 — Mena, Dallas Ave.
Buckner — October 4 — Mansfield
Clear Creek — October 5 — Ozark

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Arkansas Valley — October 1 — Marianna, First
Tri-County — October 2 — Wynne
Woodruff — October 3 — Cotton Plant
Trinity — October 4 — Marked Tree

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Current River — October 5 — To be announced
Mississippi County — October 8 — To be announced
Gainesville — October 9 — Rector
Greene County — October 10 — Paragould, East Side
Black River — October 11 — Walnut Ridge, First
Mt. Zion — October 12 — Jonesboro, Walnut Street
Motor Cities — October 22-26 — To be announced

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Pulaski County — October 15 — North Little Rock, First
Caroline — November 5 — Lonoke, First
Centennial — November 6 — Almyra
Central — November 7 — Benton, First
Conway-Perry — November 8 — To be announced
White County — November 9 — To be announced
Faulkner — November 19 — To be announced

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Delta — November 26 — McGehee, First
Ashley — November 27 — Crossett, First
Bartholomew — November 28 — Warren
Harmony — November 29 — Pine Bluff, First
Liberty — November 30 — El Dorado
Carey — November 30 — Fordyce, First

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Hope — November 16 — Hope, First
Red River — November 26 — Gurdon
Caddo River — November 27 — Glenwood
Little River — November 28 — To be announced

10:00 A. M.—November 2—Fayetteville, First Baptist Church.

Church Music Dept.

LeRoy McClard, Director.

The Creation Story

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

October 7, 1956

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31

The next thirteen lessons end a six-year cycle in Bible Study. The Bible is reviewed by the selection of thirteen passages from twelve books. Each Scripture is a climax and can rightfully be termed "a great passage" from the Bible. The first of the series begins with the story of creation in Genesis. The last is John's view of the new heaven and new earth. The beginning and end of man is thus given in the record of God's dealing. Each Christian should be better stabilized in his earthly pilgrimage after the study of these thirteen passages.

The Genesis story of Creation sets forth four salient facts. First, God is the Creator. Second, His creation came out of nothing. It was not a rearrangement of previously existing materials. Ahead of God's creation there was no heaven or earth in arrangement or the base materials to make either. God has priority over all creation. Creation was done in six days. The fourth and last fact is that it was climaxed with man. This points to the fact that God had man in mind from the beginning. The arrangement in all creation had to do with man and his relation unto God. Man is concerned with heaven and earth. Man is lifted above all creatures upon earth. Man is affected by the productivity of earth from which he draws his livelihood through the providence of God. Therefore, the story of creation is one of God's beginning, preparation and finally placement of man within an order established for his continuance and welfare.

GOD IS ASSUMED

The Bible assumes the existence of God. No content is given or time spent in polemics for the existence of God. God reveals Himself. He is the subject of the first sentence and credited with the first act in the Bible. A self-revealed person does not have to have arguments to support his existence. God acted in the beginning by creating the heaven and the earth. Heaven is thought of as the home of God and the final destination of the believer. However, the heavens of Genesis 1 is better expressed in the word universe. God created the whole, the full world with all its counterparts.

Earth is the birth place of man. Which came first, earth or man? The record is clear. God made man's home first. When was the beginning? God has not chosen to reveal the time. Creation itself is given no answer. It was in the beginning when God brought forth from nothing the heaven and the earth to implement man as God purposed.

THE SHAPING OF EARTH

Verse two reveals the unusable-ness of earth until it was shaped by the hand of God. The spirit

of God moved over the face of the waters to bring order and usefulness to the earth. These progressive creative acts occupied six days. On the first day God created light. Darkness and light had their boundaries. The Jewish conception of the evening and morning making a day is based upon Genesis 1:5. The separation of light from darkness continues and is a vital factor in the economy of man. The night is the season of recuperation and rest from the toils and wears of the day.

The second day was taken with the establishment of the firmament. The third day saw the dry land separated from water and the establishment of the major bodies of water called sea. With the dry land, or soil, the earth was ready for the herbs and fruit trees. These were brought into existence and commanded to be productive. This was God's way of seeing that nature never ran aground. The fourth day saw lights in the firmament. The great light of the sun was to rule the day and the lesser light, the night. The stars studded the heavens. The fifth day was given to animal life including fowls, fish and land dwellers. Thus the sphere of the earth was given its governing bodies, was covered with the carpet of green grass and herbs, shaded by the lofty trees which were to bring forth their fruits, and supplied with animal and fowls. The waters were filled with the teeming millions of life within their spheres. Creation's story moved forward to climax by the appearing of man.

THE ADVENT OF MAN

The story of man's creation is very fertile with lessons. It is complex and not easy to grasp. First, there is the divine council God called before man's creation. "Let us make man in our image." To whom was God speaking? There are three possibilities offered by scholars. Was it a conference with heavenly creatures whose creation is not recorded in detail? Is this an effort to further the triune of God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost? A third possibility is suggested in that this is God's way of showing His marvelous, full majesty. He is above any and all of His creatures. The name of God as used in Genesis 1 is plural. The purpose is to show that God cannot be confined to any one idea or conception. He has the fullness of greatness and therefore stands ahead of any and all others. The same idea can be

carried through the record of Genesis 1:27.

Details of the creation are not filled in until a synopsis is given in the second chapter. Man's body was made from common materials of earth. His breath was from God. Man became a living soul when God imparted breath to him. This was something that animal life did not share.

Two other things are worthy of note. First, man was to be created after the image of God. What is meant by the image of God? Surely not physical characteristics. The image of God is the elements related to a life of intellect and spirit. Man was above all animal life on the earth. The distinguishing marks are those of a personal being. Personality then rather than physical similitudes is the basis for being "in the image of God." The position man was to occupy was that of dominion over all of the earth. Man was the top creative act of God and was to hold this position over all others of God's created beings on earth. It is to man's eternal shame, and a commentary on the ill use of his intellect, when man stooped to form his god from among the creatures instead of with the Creator. Paul says in the last verses of the first chapter of Romans that this is man's woe-ful undoing.

Man was commanded to propagate his specie. The power of propagation was given unto him so that the order of God in all nature was a continuing order with each specie propagating after its kind.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

The earth is the Lord's. It is His by creation. He made it. Forces of evil entered the creation and in God's wisdom have been allowed to continue. These forces are at work today. "In the beginning" God was first and active. "In the end" God will be last and victorious. The purpose of the earth will be fulfilled as a home for man while God's plan of redemption comes to completion. The universe has purpose in God's plan.

Dominion man's lot. Dominion over the earth is God's plan for man. Man sins when he reduces himself to slavery. Man was to master while being mastered by God. This plan can still be counted as God's plan. He will bless it.

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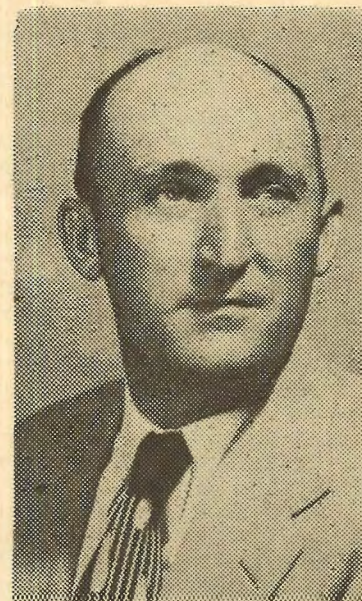
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Religious Liberty Resisted

We all know about the suppression of religion behind the iron curtain, but we have not heard much about those areas where the Catholic church and the ruling clergy have been given an entrenched political position. Two such areas are Spain and Columbia.

Spain

In Madrid there was an Evangelical Theological Seminary which had been in operation for 73 years. Its influence caused much concern among the Catholic leaders. Early this year a survey was made among the Roman Catholics in the town of Mataro, designed to find ways and means to overcome the Seminary's influence which had produced apathy among many Catholics. The archbishop of Valencia wrote a strongly worded pastoral letter ordering the priests to give an address explaining the Catholic doctrine of the Mass. Two weeks after this letter, the Spanish Government closed down the Seminary.

The Concordat which the Spanish Government signed with the Vatican in August, 1953 set up an alliance of church and state which produced this situation.

The Concordat

Article I: "The Catholic Apostolic Roman religion will continue to be the sole religion of the Spanish nation and will enjoy the rights and prerogatives which are due it in conformity with Divine Law and the Canon Law."

Article XXVI: "In all institutions of learning — whatever their level and purpose and whether belonging to the State or not — education will be imparted in accordance with the dogmatic and moral principles of the Catholic Church."

"Ordinaries may demand the banning and suppression of textbooks, publications and other teaching materials which are contrary to Catholic dogma and morals."

Article XXVII: "The Spanish state guarantees the teaching of the Catholic religion as a regular and compulsory subject in all educational institutions, whether state-controlled or not, and whatever their level and purpose."

Columbia

Columbia, South America, a Catholic nation, continues as a persecuting country.

During one month of this year 30 evangelical churches in Columbia, and seven Protestant preachers were jailed. In 1955, the Minister of Government, Dr. Lucio Pabon Nuñez, backed up by Government Order No. 4004, prohibited all protestant services, both private and public, inside or outside of the church buildings.

In addition to imprisonments, beatings, and threats, every sort of pressure has been used to intimidate Protestants. In March of this year, near the village of La Plata, a group of Christians were holding a service when they were interrupted by a mob of 20 men armed with knives and stones. Using vile language they threatened to kill all of the worshipers, saying that very soon all Protestants in that region would be exterminated.

The highest governmental and ecclesiastical authorities accused the Protestant Christians of being connected with international

communism. The President of Colombia, General Gustavo Rojas Pinella, in his New Year's address this year said, "The Communists are using the Protestants in their effort to conquer the country." A Roman Catholic bishop of Cali, Dr. Julio Caicedo Tellez, said that the majority of the Protestants, natives as well as foreigners, are related to communism. This accusation has been repeated by the Catholic clergy from their pulpits, by radio and in their publications.

In Columbia alone a total of 46 church buildings have been destroyed by fire or dynamite and more than 200 schools have been closed and 75 Protestants have been killed because of their religion.

We are not against any religion. We do not oppose the Catholic religion, as such, but we are strongly and unequivocally against Catholic politics. When we write about the Vatican, we are criticizing a world-wide political machine operating under the guise of religion whose object is to rule the world.

Our nation was founded upon freedom and the Vatican is against freedom. So the Vatican philosophy is foreign to our way of life.

Our nation was founded upon the principle that every citizen is created equal, by God, and is a king or a queen in our own right and does not need a religious or political dictator to rule him. But the pope is the sole dictator in the matter of religion.

In some sections of the world there are political dictators who have enslaved the people. In other sections there are religious dictators who have enslaved the consciences of the people. One system is called communism, and the other is called Catholicism.

We love freedom, we promote democracy, and we believe in God; therefore, we are against dictatorship in every realm. — R. D.

Destroy the Race Tracks

It is a little over a month now until we will vote on the Amendment 49 which will say whether we want race tracks in Arkansas or not. Here are the immediate needs of this movement:

1. PRAYER — Pray that God will move upon the hearts of all professed Christians to stand up in a Christian manner when this election comes off.

2. POLL TAX — Pay your poll tax at once and get your receipt. You will not do the cause of righteousness any good in this campaign unless you qualify yourself for voting by paying your poll tax.

3. CONTRIBUTION — Each church is asked for a liberal contribution to help finance this movement. It will take a great deal of money, thousands upon thousands of dollars, to bring this campaign to victory.

4. APPRECIATION — People of all denominations should express their appreciation to the Christian people in Memphis, Tennessee. They are not only helping us formulate public opinion in this movement, but they are also giving their money to help us.

Has your church taken a collection for this movement? Send all money to Mr. W. C. Blewster, Treasurer, Magnolia, Arkansas. — B. L. B.

How Can They?

A real Christian is a good citizen. One of the most difficult things for me to understand is how thirty to forty million eligible voters can stay home from the polls during an election for the President of the Nation.

I am even more bewildered when thousands of Arkansas voters (many of these church members) do not bother to vote in their state elections. Let it be hoped that this November we as Christian citizens of Arkansas will overwhelmingly defeat the gambling interests of this state by voting out their dens of iniquity.

It is revolting the way the dog track men moved to West Memphis, built a million dollar track, defied the Governor, went to Supreme Court and secured permission by the questionable interpretation of the law, to run the dogs.

For the sake of revenue money, we serve as a catch-all to the racing crowds who invade our state, flaunt our morals, and take money from the have-not classes.

I just can't imagine any member of our church failing to go to the polls to vote against this type of thing. So will you join with the pastor and leaders of this church and cast your ballot in November. I hope our W. M. U. will offer to furnish transportation to the polls as a Community Missions project.

Andrew M. Hall
(Church Bulletin)

P. S. Your mail order poll taxes by mail at \$1 per person. Deadline, October 1.

First Baptist, Pine Bluff, And Its Men

The First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff has organized its men. More than one hundred men met for the organizational meeting. Dr. Phelps of Ouachita College was the speaker. Judge Carleton Harris addressed the group September 10th. This great church can move mighty things when its men band together to do it. Since Brother Tatum's departure the church has been without a pastor, but the committee is working hard to find the Lord's man to succeed him. —B.L.B.

Church Letter Forms

We have mailed church letter forms to the clerks in all of the associations. We find that in some instances we did not mail enough, because we did not know how many new churches had been organized.

If your church needs a letter form to report to your association, please notify our office. — R. D.

Twenty-Five Per Cent Increase

We have just received a letter from Mrs. Dave Brunt, Clerk and Treasurer of Black Springs Church in Black Springs, Arkansas. They have increased their Cooperative Program gifts 25 per cent and this check which we received today represents a month's contribution. This is a good inspiration for the rest of us. — B. L. B.

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