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Photo by Phelps

Sunset on Lake Ouachita

What Would Jesus Do?

DO WE DARE ask what Jesus would do in a crisis like that which now exists and has existed for several weeks in Little Rock over the question of racial integration at Central High School? Surely, Christians cannot afford to make any other approach.

First of all, Jesus would not be a part of any crowd committing acts of violence in resistance to duly constituted law and order. He was obedient to the law of the land, even though he lived under a dictator and not in a democracy as we do here in Arkansas. He taught his disciples to be law abiding and to respect those in authority.

Jesus would despise no one, for he loved and came to save the lost of all nations. He showed that his love knew no racial bounds when he led a sinful woman of a despised race, a Samaritan, to accept him as her Redeemer and as the Lord of her life (John 4). He made it clear that the gift of eternal life is for all who will believe on him, with no restrictions as to race or any other circumstance in life (John 3:16).

There is another point that we must not miss. Jesus would not be bitter and His heart would not be full of hate toward those who have formed lawless groups to threaten innocent people. He cried of the mob which was responsible for his crucifixion, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

In the light of the teachings and example of Jesus, Christians will see their responsibility in any crisis to stand true to Christ as the Master of their lives and to support their public officials in the preservation of law and order. If there are laws on our statute books that are wrong, there are legal processes open to us to modify or repeal them. Lawlessness is not the Christian approach. Law and order are essential to our highly valued "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness."

Let us all be reminded that each one of us is headed for his "day in court," when God, the righteous Judge, shall judge the people of all nations. From that Court there will be no appeal. ELM

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Dr. James Seth Compere

THE DEATH on September 21 of Dr. James Seth Compere closed the earthly career of one of the State's great Christian leaders. As pastor, missionary, editor, professor and Christian citizen, Dr. Compere has made contributions to the State of Arkansas and to the Kingdom of God on earth which will continue to bear fruit for many generations to come.

Born at Charleston on August 9, 1873, to Ebenezer Lee and Josephine Isabella Mullins Compere, he grew up in his native Arkansas and received his education in the public schools of the State and at Ouachita College, from which he was graduated in 1901. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry in 1904 and was graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, in 1905.

Dr. Compere's first full-time assignment out of seminary took him and his lovely life companion, the former Miss Pen Lile, of Waldo, whom he had married in 1896, to Africa as a missionary from 1905 to 1909. Between the termination of his foreign mission service, for health reasons, and 1912 he served as pastor in his home state. As head of the Bible department at Ouachita from 1912 to 1914 he wielded great influence on the lives of the young people who sat in his classes.

From 1919 to 1930, Dr. Compere was editor of BAPTIST ADVANCE, predecessor of ARKANSAS BAPTIST, and the Baptist state paper today continues to be greatly in his debt, as do Arkansas Baptists generally, for the scholarship, statesmanship, and dedication he brought to bear upon the editing of the Baptist weekly.

Upon his retiring from the editorship, Dr. Compere again served as pastor, retiring in 1940.

Outstanding in every phase of his wide and varied ministry, Dr. Compere will be remembered first of all as a Christian gentleman in the highest sense of the term. He has now entered into his rich reward.

ELM

Need of the Hour

By Clyde Hart

Superintendent of Negro Work

IN ROMANS 8:9, we read, "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

In the school integration crisis that now prevails in our state, without trying to lay the blame on others or spending our time lamenting the whole tragic, deplorable situation, it seems to me that all Christians of both races should face this situation as an opportunity to demonstrate to the world that Christ is the answer.

All of us have neighbors and fellow church members, relatives and friends who may be at one extreme or another, whose opinions differ and whose ideas as to the proper solution are at variance. Is not this an opportunity for us to bear a living testimony to the effectiveness of the Christian way? In all of this we are to be brotherly, because if we are true Christians, we are the children of God and brothers in Christ. This is a time to show the world that Christian love is greater than hate, that Christ-like patience, peace and brotherly kindness is more powerful than physical force. What an opportunity we have to show a wicked and sinful world the wonder-working power of the blood of Christ by His spirit living in us. In our words and deeds, in our barber shop, beauty parlor, street corner conversations, in public or private gatherings, Christians should be part of the answer rather than a part of the problem. We should help put out the fire instead of adding fuel to it.

"Christian love, as exemplified by Christ, is the supreme law of all human relations. Therefore, Christians have the assurance that such love, conscientiously practiced, will resolve tensions and bring harmony and good will in race relations.

Every Christian is accountable to God. Therefore, the right of individual opinion, tested by the teachings of Christ, and of freedom to express it, always in the spirit of Christian love, should be granted to all and respected by all."

God grant that all of us shall earnestly pray for and diligently seek more grace in manifesting love toward all men.

Character and Others

IF YOU WILL think of what you ought to do for other people, your character will take care of itself. Character is a by-product, and any man who devotes himself to its cultivation in his own case will become a selfish prig.

—Woodrow Wilson

Letters to the Editor

A Gap Is Left

WHEN WE WERE returning from our church fields, Ruben I. Franks talked to me concerning the need and opportunity in Chile. This was one of God's ways of leading me to a mission surrender. Ruben seldom missed an opportunity to present the picture of missions. Since seminary days the picture has changed — Ruben came to Chile, helped to bring others, fulfilled his work here, but has been called away. Now a real gap is left.

A few nights ago we had a memorial service for him here in Temuco, Chile. It was a significant occasion for me and for the other missionaries and pastors who attended. After I had presented a short sketch of Ruben's life, the young Chilean pastors and students who had been in the Baptist seminary in Santiago gave testimonies.

One, who had been in the seminary during Franks' first year, said, "Senor Franks and I had a misunderstanding, but he won me back by his genuine love and concern."

Another said, "He taught me all I know about music, and it has been such a blessing in my life."

One young man related an incident of a practical joke when Ruben had not understood the Chilean sense of humor. "There was a strained feeling for a time," said the pastor, "but Senor Franks made things right when he opened his heart and asked us to pray with him."

A young student, who has recently lost his mother, gave this challenging picture of Ruben: "I remember that last year he talked of the necessity of a greater emphasis on prayer. He invited us to his office for prayer at 6:00 a. m.; but he was always there first, praying for the cause he loved so much. One afternoon a week he left his pen and his books to take up the hoe and spade and help the student volunteers fix up the seminary patio.

"As my professor, he taught me much that has helped me; as dean of men, he gave me wise advice; and he taught me the meaning of patience and resignation in the hour of trial. As a Christian, he gave me an example which helps me more than all the other things. This man preached with his lips, with his heart, and with his life. The seminary has lost a professor, the mission board a helper, but the United States and Chile have lost a great Christian."

After the service we had a short time of fellowship in our home. Everyone had something else to add about "Senor Franks." It was not a sad and depressing occasion. We recalled the jokes, the pranks, and the joys we had experienced because we had known this mutual friend.

I would not try to point to Ruben as one to be idolized or as a cloister-type Christian. It is said of him that he had more light switches, more bells, and more rules than anyone who has

Opposes Violence

AS AN ARKANSAN who still very much loves Arkansas, though I have been away for ten years, I am shocked and grieved at the reports of violence in Little Rock these days.

The communists are using such reports of violence against Negroes to turn the dark people of the world not only against America and the white people, but against Christianity.

Dr. Dobbins, who has just returned from a trip around the world, has said that the treatment of Negroes in the South was greatly hurting foreign missions among the colored races.

Are we doomed to go the way of the Jew because of race superiority complex? In a day when the world desperately needs some force in the hearts of men that can destroy pride and hatred which separate the races and classes of people, must we as Christians say by our actions that there is no answer but selfishness and violence that leads to ruin?

I believe with all my heart that every act of injustice and disrespect which a white person shows to a Negro will be visited upon us as white people some day. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" applies in race relationships as in all relationships.

Can not our Baptist pastors who love mercy and justice rally their members and others to stand firmly for law and order?

I shall continue to pray that God's people in Little Rock, and all over the United States may have the mind of Christ in attitude toward Negroes and all races of people.

—A. J. Hyatt, Richmond, Calif.

ever served in the seminary. It was typical of him to say, "We must get organized around here." And he did!

A visit in the Franks' home and in the seminary was always a blessing. While with Ruben, one lived, ate, and breathed the seminary. As a missionary has said, "He showed an urgency about the work as though he realized the time was limited." A vision of more students and more preachers in more places was ever before him. This vision was so strong that no service or sacrifice was too great.

Ruben Franks did what God called him to do. He was teaching in the yearly pastors' institute at the time of his routine medical examination which revealed the cancer that took his life. At his insistence, his last week in Chile was spent teaching in this institute and doing tasks concerning the seminary. His spirit of selflessness has challenged our pastors to a greater dedication.

Are there others who are ready to answer God's call in being a friend to those who know him not? Are there others who will fill in the gaps—even unto death?—Hubert L. Hardy, Jr., Southern Baptist Missionary to Chile.

Special Offer On Budget Plan

AS AN INTRODUCTORY offer to churches interested in sending the Baptist state paper every week to every family, ARKANSAS BAPTIST will send the paper free for four issues to any church requesting it. The only requirements to qualify for the offer is for the pastor and the budget committee to agree to propose to the church, within a month, that the paper be included in the budget. If for any reason the church does not accept the recommendation, there still is no charge for the free mailing.

To take advantage of this special offer, churches should send mailing lists of all their families, with correct, current mailing addresses, as soon as possible to the Editor. In sending the list, make it clear that the church is applying for the special offer of one month's free subscription to all its families.

The actual cost to the church of sending the paper to its membership is just a little more than a 3-cent postage stamp per week per family, or \$3.36 per week for each 100 families. Billing is at 14 cents per family per month, or \$14 per 100 families. The 450 churches of the state which now send the paper to their families find it a good investment and not an item of expense. Church members who are kept informed, as they are through the state paper, are interested members, and it is the interested members who make the local church an active and effective Christian force for the carrying out of the Great Commission.

Not every church member will be interested enough in his church and in missions to subscribe. But the sending of the paper by the church to all the homes fulfills in part the responsibility placed upon the church to teach its members to observe the commandments of Jesus. In many cases the visit each week of the Baptist state paper will be the only direct contact of a church with some of its families. The paper may easily be the means of helping to enlist members who have drifted away from the church services because of indifference.

A church may qualify for the Budget Plan by sending the paper only to those families which indicate they want it. No family should be included on the church mailing list which for any reason requests that the paper not be sent. All other families living within reasonable distance of the church should be included.

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Ministers' Wives Plan Program

Plans are nearing completion for the annual Ministers' Wives Conference to be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, November 11, at 2:00 p. m.



MRS. RUCKER



MRS. LEAKE

Mrs. T. K. Rucker, wife of the pastor of the First Church, Forrest City, will present a review of the book, **How To Be A Preacher's Wife And Like It**, by Lora Lee Parrott. Mrs. Billy Graham has written the introduction to the book and she terms it both inspirational and practical.

Mrs. A. L. Leake, wife of the former associational missionary in Washington-Madison Association, will have the concluding part on the program as she gives "Reflections on the Rural Scene."

Special music will be an added feature of the afternoon. A short social hour will follow the program.

Mrs. Andrew Hall, Fayetteville, president of the conference, and Mrs. Gerald Trussell, program chairman, report this program will be of special interest to all ministers' wives in the state. A special welcome is issued to newcomers in this group.

Correction

IN A NEWS report last week from First Church, Coy, J. E. Walls was named pastor. Mr. Walls is the treasurer and Houston Austin is the new pastor.

● ROBERT L. HARTSELL, native of Hot Springs, has been called as Baptist student director at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in Wesson, Miss. A graduate of Ouachita College and New Orleans Seminary, Hartsell goes to Mississippi from Sikes, La., where he has been pastor for the past two years.

● L. G. CLEM, clerk of First Church, Yellville, reports his church has added 22 new members since Pastor Dale Barnett took up his work there last May. He reports a 100 per cent increase in Training Union attendance and a 50 per cent increase in Sunday school attendance.

● NOW ON THE mission field in West Africa is Miss Nan Owens, formerly of Junction City, who may now be addressed in care of Baptist Mission, Oyo, Nigeria, West Africa.

Former Editor of BAPTIST Dies at 84

CORNING — Dr. James Seth Compere, aged 84, a retired Baptist minister, professor and a former editor of ARKANSAS BAPTIST, died Saturday, September 21, at Culpepper, Va.

Dr. Compere, a native of Charleston, retired from the ministry 10 years ago. He was editor of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST from 1919 to 1930 and was head of the Bible Department of Ouachita College at Arkadelphia from 1912 to 1914.

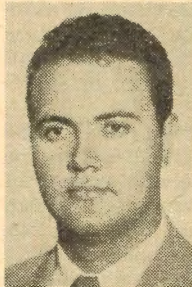
Dr. Compere held pastorates at Stamps, Lewisville, Waldron, Fordyce, Warren and Corning. He graduated from Ouachita College in 1901 and received the master-of-theology degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Dr. J. S. Rogers, in his **History of Arkansas Baptists**, says of Dr. Compere:

"For eleven great years in Arkansas Baptist history beginning July 1, 1919, Dr. J. S. Compere was the excellent editor of the BAPTIST ADVANCE. His editorial services were marked strongly by scholarship, broad but sane views, missionary zeal, purposeful prayer, tithing teaching, a growing progressiveness, prudent wisdom and a rational spirituality that lifted all the state. He resigned and retired (from the pastorate) December 31, 1941."

He is survived by a son, Seth Compere, Berryville; four daughters, Mrs. C. V. Hickerson, Richmond, Va., Mrs. Herbert L. White, Urbana, Ill., Mrs. G. A. Jimerson, Corning, and Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Taylorsville, N. C.; two brothers, Brig. Gen. E. L. Compere, El Dorado, and Thomas Compere, Hamburg. Funeral was at the Baptist Church at Corning, Wednesday, September 25. Burial was at Corning.

● EMIL WILLIAMS has resigned as pastor of First Church, Lewisville, to accept a call to the pastorate of First Church, Russellville, effective October 1.



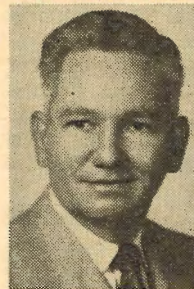
MR. WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Williams, of Searcy, where he was born and reared. He is a graduate of Searcy High School, Ouachita College, and received the BD and ThM degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville. Before going to the Lewisville pastorate in December, 1954, he served for four years as pastor in Indiana, while studying at the seminary.

Under his leadership, the Lewisville church established a mission center last year and built a new educational building at a cost of \$47,000.

Mrs. Williams is the former Marianne Hestir. They have a daughter, Ann, 4½.

● HEWITT N. HUTTO has resigned Plainview Church, Little Rock, after a four and one-half-year pastorate. There were 200 additions to the church, 100 by baptism, and the Sunday school attendance increased from 118 to 226. A new auditorium was erected and occupied on August 4, which was financed by a \$35,000 bond sale. The church gives 15% of its total budget to the Cooperative Program. In addition to his ministerial work, Mr. Hutto is a postman.



MR. HUTTO

He is now available for supply or pastoral work within driving distance of Little Rock. Mrs. Hutto is the former Marcia Umbarger of Indianapolis, Ind. The couple and their 15-year-old daughter, Carole, reside in Meadowcliff.

● DR. RALPH A. PHELPS, president of Ouachita College, is serving as interim pastor for Central Church, Hot Springs.

Buckner Baptists Name New Officers

BUCKNER ASSOCIATION, meeting with Parks church, September 12-13, named the following officers for the coming year: Elton Pennington, Abbott, pastor of Poteau Church, moderator; Warren Leonard, Ft. Smith, pastor of Clarks Chapel and West Hartford churches, vice moderator; Clifford Lyon, pastor of First Church, Mansfield, clerk; and Wendell Henderson, postmaster at Waldron, treasurer.

Other leaders named included: J. M. James, pastor of First Church, Waldron, superintendent of evangelism; Cleo Hockett, Mansfield, Brotherhood president; Mrs. J. S. Adams, Waldron, Music director; Mrs. J. T. McGill, Waldron, WMU president; Hugh McGehee, Mansfield, BTU director; and L. B. Ames, pastor of Midland church, SS superintendent.

The association will meet next year with James Fork Church, September 11-12, with Clifford Lyon scheduled to preach the annual sermon, and J. M. James scheduled as alternate. The missionary sermon next year is to be preached by L. B. Ames, with Perry Babb, Abbott, as alternate.

Eleven churches of the Buckner association include the Arkansas Baptists in their annual budgets: Abbott, Bates, Clarks Chapel, Hartford, Huntington, James Fork, Mansfield First, Rock Creek, Waldron First, West Hartford and Denton.

● JESSE REED recently conducted county-wide revival at Jasper in Newton County. The meeting was sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist Missions Department. Three were received for baptism.

● **HIGHWAY CHURCH**, North Little Rock, held a groundbreaking service on Sunday afternoon, September 15, for the construction of a pastor's home. The brick building will have three bedrooms and a den and will be located directly in front of the church. B. A. Wallace is the pastor.

● **ENROLLMENT EXCEEDED** 570 with 21 Sunday school study courses offered in a recent church-wide training course at First Church, Fort Smith. David Meier, minister of education, directed the study. Dr. B. L. Bridges taught the adult members. C. H. Seaton taught the RA manual to the men. Plans included a 6-week Sunday school enlargement campaign to be followed by a revival in October. J. Harold Smith is pastor.

● **DR. J. F. QUEEN** has been named interim pastor at Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff. (CB)

● **RICHARD PERKINS**, pastor of First Church, Nashville, will assist Grace Church, North Little Rock, and Pastor L. C. Tedford in revival services October 10-17. (CB)

● **J. ALBERT WARNKEN**, pastor of First Church, Cumby, Tex., was the evangelist and Pastor W. E. Ashley led the singing in a revival at First Church, Hunter, where three were received by baptism, 15 rededicated their lives, and 12 homes began having family altars.

● **DR. GERALD T. SMITH**, pastor of First Church, Crossett, assisted Montrose Church in a revival, resulting in five additions by baptism and six by letter and statement, according to Pastor Donald A. Bowman. The Montrose Church recently completed a new brick veneer auditorium.

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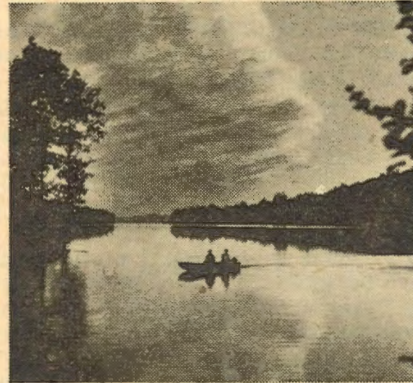
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The Cover

Sunset on Lake Ouachita



The cover this week pictures an inlet at Lake Ouachita State Park at sundown. The park is located 18 miles from Hot Springs via Mountain Pine and about 12 miles via forest road from Highway 7. Ouachita is Arkansas' largest lake.

Enrollment Reaches 879 at Ouachita

ARKADELPHIA — The total enrollment of Ouachita College through September 18 was 869 regular students and 10 special students, it was announced by the registrar's office.

Freshmen enrollment includes 187 men, 151 women, for a total of 338; sophomores number 126 men, 84 women, for a total of 210; the juniors are: 93 men, 60 women, for a total of 153; the seniors, 106 men, 51 women, for a total of 157. Special students include nine women and one man.

Twenty-two states other than Arkansas and six foreign countries are represented on the Baptist campus.

The countries and the number of students from each include Hawaii, 3; Israel, 2; Korea, 2; China, 1; Guam, 1; and Cuba, 1.

Missouri leads the states with 25 and the others represented are Alabama, 6; California, 8; Florida, 5; Georgia, 1; Louisiana, 11; Maryland, 2; Michigan, 6; Mississippi, 3; Illinois, 8; Kansas, 5; Indiana, 1; Texas, 19; Virginia, 5; West Virginia, 1; Wisconsin, 2; Kentucky, 2; Nebraska, 1; Oklahoma, 5; Oregon, 1; South Carolina, 6; and Tennessee, 10.

DR. STERLING L. PRICE, pastor of University Church, Abilene, Tex., was the speaker during Religious Emphasis Week, September 23-27.

THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT has been accepted by the national headquarters of Gamma Sigma Epsilon, scholastic chemistry fraternity, Dr. E. A. Provine, chairman of the natural sciences division has announced. Installation of officers for the Ouachita chapter, initiation of new members and

● **DR. H. L. WATERS**, formerly professor for a number of years on the faculty of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, and for the past three years dean of Seminary Extension at Harrisburg, Ill., has recently assumed the position of professor of Bible in the Seminary Extension in the Lake Michigan Association, Rev. G. C. Rowe, a former Arkansas pastor now working in the Lake Michigan Association, reports. Brother Rowe is pastor of the East Gary Baptist Church and his father, Rev. W. C. Rowe, is director of missions in the association.

● **COLD SPRINGS Church**, Faulkner County, has included the ARKANSAS BAPTIST in their budget for next year. H. A. Nettleton is the pastor.

● **BOYD ELDRIDGE**, pastor of Grace Church, West Memphis, has proposed to the city council there that "West" be dropped from the name and the town be called Memphis, Ark. "West' Memphis makes us sound like a little community on the outskirts of Memphis," the minister claims. (DP)

presentation of the charter will be October events.

THE ROTC has shown an increase in enrollment for the second year in a row. The increase for this year is approximately 15 per cent, or a total of 311 compared to 267 in 1956.

HEADING THE STAFF for the Signal, Ouachita's student newspaper, for the year 1957-58 are co-editors George Wells and Johnny Patterson. Wells, a sophomore from Camden, is majoring in journalism and speech. Patterson, a sophomore engineering student, is from North Little Rock. Serving as business manager of the paper is Jim Byrd, Little Rock. Co-art editors are Joe Dempsey and Jim Wallis. Chris Swahlon, freshman journalism major from El Dorado, is news editor. Feature editor is Marcia Bowden, Hope freshman. Sports editor is Jerry Pyle, sophomore from West Frankfort, Ill. Chief photographer is Johnny Jenkins, Little Rock, who is assisted by John Baker, freshman journalism major from Hot Springs.

The Signal is a bi-monthly publication.

DR. DONALD M. SEWARD, dean of faculty and professor of mathematics, will serve as chairman at the Arkansas Conference on Higher Education, October 10-11 at Petit Jean State Park. Theme of the meeting is "Communications Between the Faculty and Staff."

COL. ADLAI STEVENSON Turner has been added to the faculty of Ouachita as part-time instructor in physical education, it was announced by President Ralph Phelps. Col. Turner served as chairman of the engineering division at Arkansas Tech from 1936-37, except for the years spent in the U. S. Army during 1941-46. He is retired from military service.

DR. DERWARD W. DEERE, associate professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., has been elected to membership in the Society for Old Testament Study (Great Britain). Composed primarily of Old Testament scholars of the British Empire, the Society from time to time recognizes and honors savants of other nations.



A native of Arkansas and a graduate of Ouachita College, Dr. Deere has been on the faculty of Golden Gate Seminary for more than seven years. He is also a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, National Association of Biblical Instructors, American Scholars of Oriental Research and National Association of Professors of Hebrew.

Dr. Deere is probably best known for his translations of certain prophetic books as contained in the "Berkeley Version of the Bible." He expects to release a book "The Twelve Speak" (Volume I), about the first of the year. It is a publication of a section on prophecy.

For What is Military Service Training?

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — In this atomic age, a period of military service is inevitable for virtually all able-bodied young men between the ages of 19 and 26. Will they leave the service as ruffians trained only to handle a knife and a gun, or will they be better citizens?

Writing in October *Home Life*, Southern Baptists' Christian family magazine, E. L. Ackiss, director of military personnel for the Baptist Home Mission Board, answers this question for parents in a frank article, "What's Ahead for Your Son in Military Service?"

BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS

OCTOBER, 1957

October 6 Reconfirming Our Reservations
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CITY	STATION	TIME
Batesville	KBTA	6:30 p.m. Sat.
Benton	KBBA	1:30 p.m.
Conway	KCON	7:00 a.m.
DeQueen	KDQN	
El Dorado	KELD	2:00 p.m.
Fayetteville	KGRH	9:30 a.m. Sat.
Forrest City	KXJK	9:30 a.m.
Hope	KXAR	5:00 p.m.
Little Rock	KLRA	9:00 p.m.
Marked Tree	KTML	
Mena	KENA	1:30 p.m.
Paragould	KDRS	8:30 p.m.
Siloam Springs	KUOA	7:30 a.m.
Wynne	KWYN	10:00 a.m.

Southwestern Faculty Members on Leave

FIVE MEMBERS of the teaching faculty at Southwestern Seminary are on sabbatical leave this semester.

Dr. R. Othal Feather, director of field work for the School of Religious Education, and Dr. Philip Harris, professor youth religious education, are doing advanced study at Columbia Teacher's College in New York.

Dr. Huber Drumwright, professor of New Testament, is studying at Princeton University. Dr. Franklin Segler, professor of pastoral ministry, is at Boston University School of Theology.

The dean of the School of Church Music, James C. McKinney, is studying for his doctor of musical arts degree at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

BERTRAM KING, pastor, Moreland Avenue Church, Atlanta, Ga., has been elected by the Home Mission Board as contact man to serve as liaison between the Home Mission Board and Baptist forces in Canada. King is a graduate of Ashland (Ohio) College, and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and has done graduate work at Princeton University.

ASSETS OF \$34,320,974 and an investment increase of more than 33 per cent over the previous year are reported by the Baptist Foundation of Texas in Dallas.

Southwestern Enrolls 2,005 For New Record

A RECORD-BREAKING total of 2,005 students have registered for the fall semester at Southwestern Seminary, according to Dr. J. Howard Williams, president.

Final enrollment figures show 1,277 students in the School of Theology, 678 in the school of Religious Education, and 135 in the School of Church Music.

This fall there are 621 new students in comparison to 549 last fall.

The previous high at Southwestern was 1,881 students in the fall term of 1954.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSB) — Donald F. Ackland, editor of general tracts and devotional materials, Baptist Sunday School Board, has written a new book recently released for sale in all book stores by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. Titled *People Haven't Changed*, the book of twenty sketches of Old Testament characters has been selected by the Nazarene Publishing House, Kansas City, Mo., as their book club selection for December, 1957.

"PLANTING NEW Testament churches with a total world mission program is the greatest need in our cities where sixty per cent of the population is unchurched." This is the major emphasis of the new filmstrip, *ENTERING OPPORTUNITY*, which has just been released by the Office of Promotion of the Home Mission Board.



Ambassador Congress

Royal Ambassador leaders study plans for the second Southern Baptist Convention RA Congress to be held in Fort Worth August 12-14, 1958. Pictured from left, George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the SBC Brotherhood Commission which directs RA work; R. A. Springer, Dallas, treasurer, Baptist General Convention of Texas; L. H. Tapscott, Texas state Brotherhood secretary, and Eddie Hurt, Jr., Brotherhood Commission associate secretary for RA work. —Baptist Press.



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Moving Hurts Churches

MORE THAN five million Americans — one out of every five — moved from one state to another between 1955 and 1956, and the churches are feeling its effects. This and other startling facts are included in a report on "The Mobility of population" which the Rev. Lauris B. Whitman presented before the Faith and Order Conference in Oberlin, Ohio, early in September.

Evangelism Studied

A ONE-HOUR program comprising a study of evangelism in America will be televised by the Columbia Broadcasting System some time in November. The program, which is titled "The Evangelist," will depict and analyze the methods and achievements of various evangelistic groups and leaders such as Billy Graham, Billy Sunday and Aimee Semple McPherson. An extensive analysis will be made of Graham's organization and his recent New York Crusade.

"The Evangelist" will be featured on the "Seven Lively Arts" series, which makes its debut over CBS on Sunday, November 3. There is a possibility that "The Evangelist" will be the third presentation in the series.

Medical Team to Tour

THE EXECUTIVE committee of the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in Canada, voted to send three top American physicians on a round-the-world tour of Baptist medical mission stations. The tour will begin next spring. An anesthesiologist, a surgeon and a medical school dean will make up the visiting team. They will offer their services for unusual medical cases in the hospitals and also will direct short courses in modern medical developments for the benefit of all physicians in the areas.

Artist is Honored

WARNER SALLMAN, Chicago artist whose painting, "Head of Christ," is known in every Christian nation, will receive a citation from **The Upper Room**, international devotional guide, October 3 in Washington, D. C. The citation is for Mr. Sallman's contribution to world Christian fellowship, said J. Manning Potts, Nashville, editor of **The Upper Room**. The citation will be presented by Dr. Potts at a dinner at the National Press Club in Washington. Principal speaker will be Charles R. Goff, pastor of Chicago Temple (First Methodist Church, Chicago), a long-time friend of Mr. Sallman.

ATLANTA (BP) — The executive committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention has voted approval of a \$500,000 educational unit for the Georgia Baptist Hospital school of nursing here.

Baptist Crosscurrents

Southern Baptists and Dancing

The subject of dancing has always seemed to be a very popular one, especially among the young people. They are asking, Is it right or is it wrong? Whether we reply right or wrong, our young people want to know why. Those of us who deal very closely with young people recognize that dancing is a very pressing problem to them.

All of us are cognizant of the fact that many of our Christian young people, especially in our city churches, do dance. The president of one of our Baptist colleges asserts that "98 per cent of our students are dancing when they come to us." A very prominent pastor in Mississippi says, "It is at school that many of our youth learn to dance."

Origin of the Dance

Those of us who have studied this problem know that Bible dancing was a religious act, practiced only on joyous occasions. Dancing was never in the inside, always in the open air. We find no place in the Bible which tells of both sexes mixing or uniting in a dance.

The round dance is of modern origin. It was imported to America in 1795 from Germany and it was many years before it would be tolerated by respectful people. In 1911 the Turkey Trot came; then the Charleston, Rumba, Mambo, Samba, Jitter-bug, and now the world's worst—the Rock 'n Roll. It seems that this particular type of jazz music has captivated our American young people. Jessie Clubb, who wrote an article in the **Home Life Magazine** recently on Rock 'n Roll, said that many parents think it is high time to put a stop to the rioting and shaking of their adolescents in response to this syncopated music with its savage tom tom beat.

Why Do Young People Dance

Rev. David C. Hall states that in his estimation many young people dance because of the absence of a definite stand against it on the part of parents, teachers, and pastors. When a definite stand is taken against the modern dance, it makes it easier for our young people to leave it alone.

It seems that some dance because of the desire for social acceptance. Teen-agers do not want to be left out, and if they think their friends are doing it, it makes their battle harder.

According to many Intermediate workers, particularly those in the younger departments, many girls want to go to dances so they can wear long dresses. They have a desire to dress up and the dance gives them the occasion to do it.

Objections to Dancing

There are many who agree that it leads to sexual temptations. Physical contact with persons of the opposite sex under highly emotional stimulating conditions leads to a breakdown of morals. Dancing contributes to the weakening of the Christian's spiritual life and reduces his prayerful spirit and jeopardizes his spiritual growth. We believe that dancing cripples the Christian's influence with others. It is a proven fact that dancing Christians are not soul winners.

What Can Churches Do to Help Solve This Problem

While our churches should take a definite stand against the modern dance, they make a drastic mistake when they do not provide something to take its place. Mrs. Jessie Clubb says that the teen-ager's interest in dancing is a symptom that there is a need in his life, which can also be met by wholesome activity furnished by the church. Therefore, churches ought to have a great part in training and molding the lives of young people by providing attractive activities. If parents and churches will assume their responsibility of teaching and guiding these young people, this generation can produce stronger Christian leadership for tomorrow.

—John Scott Trent, pastor, Norwood Baptist Church, Birmingham

Public School Administration, Roman Catholic Style

By Gainer E. Bryan, Jr.

Director of Public Relations
General Association of Baptists in Kentucky

"WON'T YOU buy a chance for the St. Francis School picnic?" the lady asked.

"No, thank you," replied the old gentleman she had approached on the street of a Kentucky village.

"Well, I'd think you'd do it for the Church," she commented tartly, and walked on.

Late in July, 1957, the picnic was held. The setting was the impressive green



MR. BRYAN

mall before the neat, modernistic building that houses St. Francis High School, nominally a public school, in the open country near the hamlet of St. Mary's, Marion County, Ky. A large white cross emblazoned on the front of the building announces to the world that this is not exactly the usual kind of public school.

Two beer trucks sold beer all day to the merry-makers. There were gambling devices of every description to take the people's money — bingo, wheels of fortune, etc. Proceeds of the day's commerce totalled \$31,000, according to newspaper accounts.

Owned by the Roman Catholic Church, the St. Francis property formerly accommodated an out-and-out parochial school. It is now rented to the Marion County Board of Education at the rate of \$75 per room annually and operated as "public" school at taxpayers' expense. Roman Catholic nuns, wearing the garb of their religious order and their rosaries, teach most of the classes.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals, highest court of the Commonwealth, held in a decision June 22, 1956, that "there have been certain practices calculated to exercise a religious influence upon the students" in the public schools of Marion County (Mrs. Charles Wooley et al., versus Hugh C. Spalding, Superintendent of Schools of Marion County, Kentucky, et al., Appeal from the Franklin Circuit Court, Honorable Marion Rider, Special Judge). The reference was to St. Francis and St. Charles High School, another "public" school seven miles away.

Protestant children of high school age residing in Marion County have no alternative to attending these sectarian institutions except to travel many miles to Lebanon, the county seat where there is an independent (city) public high school.

The only other county high school, the one at Bradfordsville in the eastern sector of the county, was closed by the county school board August 21, 1954. Pupils in that area were ordered to attend the Lebanon independent school. It is 10 miles from Bradfordsville. This

means that the nearest county high school, St. Charles, is 15 miles from Bradfordsville and 23 miles from some pupils who formerly attended the school there.

Population in the eastern part of the county, around Bradfordsville, is mainly Protestant, while population in the western half, around St. Charles and St. Francis, is primarily Catholic.

The Court of Appeals, in the same decision quoted above, denounced the closing of the Bradfordsville school in the strongest possible language. It said:

"Upon this phase of the case we conclude that the County Board of Education of Marion County acted arbitrarily, capriciously and in excess of its lawful power in ordering the discontinuance of the Bradfordsville High School without providing an efficient and uniform system of public schools within Marion County."

This is tax-supported, public school education — not in Spain or South America but in Protestant Kentucky, where one out of every five persons is a Baptist. This is "free, American, public" school education in a county where Roman Catholics have become populous and have gained political influence.

Three out of five members of the Marion County Board of Education are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and the superintendent of schools in Marion County is a Roman Catholic.

The citizens of Bradfordsville say that for years before the closing of Bradfordsville High their school was the object of a sustained campaign of attrition by the Catholic-dominated school board. They claim that after a head start as the first high school in the county, their school lost department after department.

They could not get a single typewriter from the county board, although St. Charles had 36 typewriters. For years they fought to get all-weather surfacing (gravel) on a road needed to bring pupils from their part of the county to Bradfordsville. Instead, the school buses (maintained by their tax money) would pick up pupils within three miles of Bradfordsville and take them by a circuitous route 15 or 20 miles to Lebanon or St. Charles.

The Court of Appeals fully upheld these claims. It declared that "the condition of the Bradfordsville High School at the time it was discontinued appears to be the result of many arbitrary and discriminatory acts on the part of the local school board."

The high court pointed out the following "situations": "Such subjects as agriculture, home economics and commercial courses . . . None of these courses were offered at the Bradfords-

ville School, while all of these subjects are taught at the St. Charles School under the most favorable circumstances and with the use of modern equipment . . . In 1951 a total of \$475 was spent by the county board on laboratory equipment for the Bradfordsville School, while \$8,106 was expended for similar equipment for the St. Charles School."

"Such instances of favoritism," the court said, "would tend to destroy the enrollment of pupils at the Bradfordsville High School because its students would go elsewhere in search of an adequate education."

It added, "The over-all picture of school bus routes was clearly presented by the exhibits and it indicates to us a situation unfavorable to the students residing in the Bradfordsville area."

Harold E. Fey wrote in the *Christian Century*, November 3, 1954:

"They (the citizens of Bradfordsville) believe that the county board of education and the superintendent of schools have ordered the closing of their school as the final and decisive step in a plan of cultural aggression whose object is to take their children and the entire county for Catholicism."

Completely vindicating the Bradfordsville citizens, the Court of Appeals ordered the establishment of a high school system in Marion County that would afford all children in the county equal educational opportunities. Two alternatives were given the lower court in carrying out this decision:

1. Re-establishment of a four-year high school in the eastern section of the county.

2. Establishment of a system based on a centrally located school.

The court also ordered the abolition of sectarianism in all parts of the county school system.

This ruling was hailed in the press as a great victory for Bradfordsville. The long, controversial case was said to be at an end. However, the Marion County School Board refused to take any action. Its Roman Catholic majority saw loopholes in the court decision. The court had issued no mandate to carry out its decree. The board dragged its collective feet.

At length, Franklin Circuit Court acted. It ruled that the will of the high court should be carried out — not by the re-opening of Bradfordsville High School — but by the establishment of a system based on a centrally located school. This meant the closing of St. Charles and St. Francis.

The Kentucky and Marion County school boards appealed this order back to the Court of Appeals.

Now, three years after their school was closed, that appeal is still hanging fire, and the people of a Kentucky village are still waiting for justice.

Concord News Notes

THE ANNUAL MEETING for Concord Association will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 10-11, in First Church, Ft. Smith. Alva Adams, pastor of Temple Church, is the moderator; Mason Bondurant, pastor of Trinity Church, is vice moderator; Herman Sanford, First Church, Charleston, is clerk and Al G. Escott, of Bluff Avenue, is the treasurer.

CONCORD SEMINARY Extension opened recently in First Church, Ft. Smith. Jack Hull, pastor of First Church, Lavaca, is teaching Old Testament with 28 enrolled. Jim Chatham, minister of education of Grand Avenue Church, is teaching a course in religious education with 25 enrolled, and Mason Bondurant, pastor of Trinity Church, is teaching a course in preaching, with 16 enrolled.

HIGHWAY 96 CHURCH has included the Arkansas Baptist in its budget for another year and will send the paper to the 35 families that make up its membership. In a week's meeting conducted by Missionary Moore recently there were seven professions of faith and five additions by baptism. There have been several additions since the meeting. Ernest Hogan is the pastor.

HARMONY CHURCH in Charleston has changed its name to Northside Baptist Church. The church is pastorless. Pulpit committee is composed of Faye Douglas, Cecil Campbell, Ralph Wingfield, Vernon Lee, Roy Lee Taylor, and John Valentine.

FUNERAL SERVICES were conducted recently for Rev. J. O. Smith in First Church, Muskogee, Okla., by Jay W. C. Moore. Smith, formerly moderator of Muskogee Association and pastor of the Hyde Park Church, Muskogee, died of cancer. He was born and reared in Huntsville, Ark.

THE BRANCH CHURCH is spending \$2,200 to install new, factory-built pews, pulpit furniture and a new piano. The pastor's home is to be remodeled. Jimmy Maness is the pastor.

THE ANNUAL W. M. U. Foreign Mission Institute was conducted recently in Southside Church, Ft. Smith. The following books were presented: *Adult, Continent In Commotion*, Mrs. William H. Wood; *Young People, Something New*, Mrs. Herman Sanford; *Intermediates, The Bead Maker's Son*, Mrs. Roy Gean, Jr.; *Juniors, Tales From Ire*, Mrs. Roy Dahan; *Primary, The Lost Monkey*, Mrs. Mason Bondurant.

● **PICKLES GAP Church**, Faulkner County Association, has voted to increase their contributions to the Co-operative Program to \$30 per month in the coming year, according to Treasurer Harvel Wright.



THIS IS THE new home constructed by Concord Association for their missionary, Jay W. C. Moore. The home is located in the new Crestview Estates addition just off South Cliff Drive at 5910 South "Y" street in the extreme eastern section of Ft. Smith. Valued at \$14,000, the home has an office-study 14x14 feet with built-in book cases and storage space and half bath. It has a kitchen, dining room, full bath, living room, two bedrooms, garage, four closets, and central heat. The home will be dedicated at 3:30 Thursday afternoon, October 10, following the afternoon session of the annual meeting. James Pleitz will read the scripture; Alva Adams, moderator of the association, will bring a message; and Murl Walker will offer the dedicatory prayer.

● **DR. I. L. YEARBY**, secretary of Evangelism, assisted Second Church, Searcy, and Pastor Allen T. McCurry in a revival resulting in five additions by baptism and four by letter.

● **REV. AND MRS. Alfred R. Major**, missionaries to South Brazil who are in the States on emergency leave due to the illness of Mrs. Major, have moved from Clarendon to Little Rock, where they may be addressed at 100 Rice Street, North Apartment. Mrs. Major, formerly Sarah Myatt, is a native of Modoc, Ark. She and Mr. Major make their permanent American home in Elaine.

● **DR. N. B. BURCH**, whose term as deacon in Central Church, Hot Springs, expired October 1, was elected by the church to the position of deacon emeritus, with the privilege of attending all regular and called meetings of the deacons.

A resolution passed by the church commended Dr. Burch for many years of service as "a militant Christian benignly touching all matters involving religious and spiritual relationships" and for contributions "to the spiritual and material welfare of the Kingdom of far-reaching, lasting and incalculable value."

"HIS LOVE WE SHARE" is the theme of the 1957 International Convention Assembly of Disciples of Christ to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 11-16. About 10,000 delegates are expected to attend.

CORINTH, Miss. (BP) — Members of First Church here sent a \$25 memorial gift to the Southern Baptist Convention in honor of their former pastor, the late Austin Crouch, who was pastor of the church here from 1900 to 1905.

If You Are Moving

Our subscribers, who are changing their addresses, are requested to please notify the **Arkansas Baptist**, if possible, two weeks ahead of their move so the paper can correct your address.

A good many people are on the move. Many subscribers to this paper change their address. Each time an undelivered paper comes back to our office we must pay for it. Where the Post Office used to charge us 2c they now have raised the charge to 5c for each paper returned to our office because a subscriber has moved and failed to notify us of the change. This has become expensive to your state paper. We do not make money. We try to "break even," but we will not be able to do so without the cooperation of you as a subscriber.

If you change your address, please advise us two weeks ahead, giving us your old address and your new, as well as the name of the church of which you are a member. Thank you!

—The Management

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LeRoy McClard, Director

Church Music Conference

THE EXECUTIVE committee of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference met at Ridgecrest during Music



Week and made the following decisions concerning dues:

Active membership, \$5; associate membership, \$2.50 (anyone interested in church music other than the one eligible for active membership); student membership, \$1 (students enrolled in colleges, universities, and seminaries who do not desire active memberships are eligible. However, upon graduation all students should become active members.)

Anyone desiring membership must mail a check for the proper amount, made out to Southern Baptist Music Conference, to Nettie Lou Crowder, Church Music Dept., 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee. The person sending in the check should also include the following information: name, address, street, city, state, church, position held. If it is a student membership he should give the name of the school and also the name of the position he holds if he is serving in any church. A constitution will be mailed to all members sending in their dues.

The Southern Baptist Music Conference will have its second annual meeting prior to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston.

Every Church Should Participate

There is no reason why every church in our state should not participate in one of our district festivals. We have a minimum of requirements, there is no music to purchase, and there is no registration fee.

Each choir, ensemble, sextet, quartet, or trio is simply required to sing two selections of its own choosing. These may be gospel songs, hymns, or anthems. Memorization is not required in the district festivals although it will surely improve your performance.

Festival Schedule

Friday—7:00 P. M. Adult Choirs, Ensembles, Quartets, Sextets, and Trios.

Saturday — 9:00 A. M. Youth Choirs, Ensembles, Sextets, Quartets, and Trios.

Saturday — 1:00 P. M. Junior and Primary Choirs.

Remaining Festivals

October 4-5, First Church, Springdale; October 11-12, First Church, Batesville; October 18-19, First Church, Malvern; October 25-26, First Church, Russellville; November 1-2, First Church, Tyrone; November 8-9, First Church, Crossett.

Attend the festival nearest you or the one that fits into your church calendar.

Baptist Student Convention

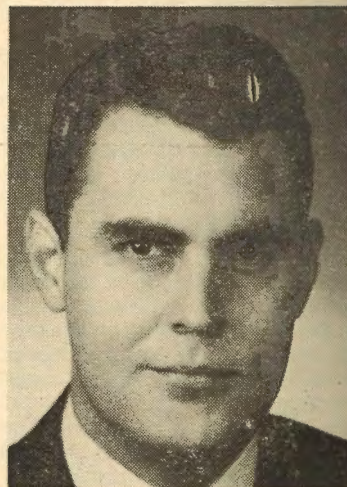
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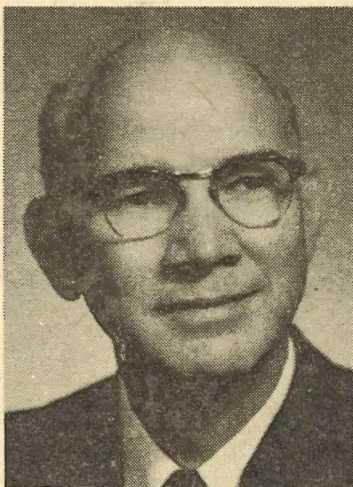
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The Baptist students of Arkansas State College and the Baptist churches of Jonesboro welcome you to the 1957 Student Convention! Spiritual experiences in store include outstanding student speakers, two choirs, dramatic interpretation of theme, inspiring group singing, and discussion groups. Arkansas leaders include Dr. and Mrs. Payton Kolb of Little Rock and Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Secretary of Missions for the state.

*Register with your local Baptist Student Director,
BSU president, or contact Tom Logue*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Edgar Williamson, Secretary

Happy New Year

OCTOBER 6 MARKS the beginning of the new Sunday school year 1957-58. Certainly every church should be checking on progress made and making plans for a better work in the new year.



DR. WILLIAMSON
in its own right.

"I want to say to every Sunday school worker that he is just as much called of God as a missionary in the heart of Africa. He needs to prepare just as diligently — he needs to labor just as earnestly — as if he were carrying the gospel to the most remote spot on the globe.

"God doesn't intend that revivals should be limited to evangelistic campaigns. He can send revivals through the Sunday school. He is waiting today for men and women who will work and pray and sacrifice. Waiting for those who have a consuming desire to see others brought to Christ. God is waiting for Christians who will yield to the cleansing, energizing fire of the Holy Spirit."

1957-58 Sunday School Program

Theme: All are Witnesses, Luke 24:48

Three Outstanding Objectives

1. **More People in Bible Study.** The objective to be reached by 1964 is 10,000,000 in Bible Study. We are now reaching more than 7,000,000. This means it will be necessary to reach "3,000,000 More by '64." Every effort should be made to help establish 3,000 new churches and missions and increase Sunday school enrollment 300,000 this year. The latter can best be done by starting more units in every age group wherever possible. Every church should have Cradle Roll and Extension Departments. There should be plans to have a Vacation Bible School of 10 days with a preparation day preceding, and commencement services at the close.

2. **More Effective Bible Teaching.** Every church should teach at least one study course book; use the weekly officers and teachers' meeting and provide training for the Vacation Bible School workers. Every officer and teacher should receive the Sunday School Builder.

3. **More People Won, Developed and Enlisted.** Every effort should be made to make personal soul winning central; to increase the number of baptisms; to use the Sunday school in evangelism;

provide more time for Bible teaching and help promote stewardship by participating in the Forward Program of Church Finance.

Available Help

To help every church plan for advance in the obtaining of these objectives, the Sunday School Board has published and distributed a booklet entitled "Your Sunday School Planning Booklet." In this informative booklet will be found detailed guidance in every phase of Sunday school work. Copies of this booklet have been distributed to the associational and church leaders. Additional copies may be had by writing to the State Sunday School Department, 314 Baptist Building, Little Rock,

Arkansas. Additional copies, up to the limit of the supply, will be mailed immediately.

May this be a happy and prosperous year for every Sunday school as we work together with our State and South-wide leaders in seeking to reach more for the teaching and preaching of the word, that we may win more to Christ.

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JAPAN HAD 583,589 Christians as of December 31, 1956, according to the Japanese-language Christian yearbook for 1957, just published in Tokyo. This is a gain of 75,963 over 1955. The Christian population comprises 322,135 Protestant (9,397 Baptists); 227,063 Roman Catholics; and 34,391 Eastern Orthodox.



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MR. TULL

Begin below.

Begin planning toward the State Brotherhood Convention February 24 and 25, 1958, scheduled for South Highland Church, Little Rock.

To Regional Brotherhood Officers:

Make your plans to serve as instructor at the One-Night Regional Brotherhood Clinic (for associational Brotherhood Officers) to be held in your region sometime between October 15 and November 15, 1957.

Begin planning for your Regional Brotherhood Clinic mentioned above.

Set the date as soon as possible and plan a One-Night Associational Brotherhood Clinic for church Brotherhood officers. Materials for this clinic will be available from the State Brotherhood Office. The date should be between November 15 and December 15, 1957.

Do all you can to get a worthy representation from each church in your association to your Regional Brotherhood Convention.

To Church Brotherhood Officers:

Plan to attend your Associational Brotherhood Clinic.

Plan to get the men of your Brotherhood to your Regional Brotherhood Convention.

Plan your greatest year in Brotherhood in 1958!

To all Brotherhood Officers And all Brotherhood Men:

Make your plans to attend the annual Brotherhood Night meeting, scheduled this year for Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, on the evening of November 18. Plan also to give every assistance to get Royal Ambassador boys to the Annual Fellowship Supper on this date.

Make a profound resolution that the coming year shall be the greatest and most effective year of your life in your service to your Lord and to your church!

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WILLIAM E. COATES, pastor of Baptist Temple, Reidsville, N. C., moved to Miami, Fla., Aug. 18 to become pastor of Westview Baptist Church there.

TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Brother R. V. Haygood

REV. R. V. HAYGOOD began his duties as associate in the Training Union department on October 1. He succeeds Robert Dowdy who recently re-



MR. HAYGOOD

signed to accept a position with the Sunday School Board, Nashville. Mr. Haygood is a graduate of Ouachita College and has attended Southwestern Seminary for two years. He has been in the pastorate for the past 10 years and has served as pastor at Arsenal for the past three years. He and Mrs. Haygood have three children, Kathy, Mark, and Roger.

Brother Haygood will give most of his time to the promotion of associational work. During the first month in each quarter he will conduct one-night conferences with associational Training Union officers. He will also assist in associational leadership schools and help promote the total Training Union program in Arkansas.

Unions Completely Organized

ON THE FIRST Sunday in October we will begin a new year. All unions should begin that Sunday with a new list of officers and the union set up on the organization chart, properly divided into groups and committees. May we offer a few suggestions?

1. The president of each union should appoint a Nominating Committee within the union as soon as possible.

2. The Nominating Committee should take time to consider carefully and prayerfully the entire union roll and work out the best list of officers possible.

3. The committee could easily fill out the organization chart (write to your Training Union department for copies of the organization chart).

4. The organization chart should then be put in the union room where everyone can see what office he has, what committee he is on and what group he is in.

5. When these two things are done — a nominating committee to select officers, and an organization chart to get the union divided into groups and committees — your union will be completely organized. This should be done by the first Sunday in October.



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MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

● J. M. EVANS, formerly pastor of First Church, Humphrey, has been elected by Faulkner Association as superintendent of associational mission. He began his work September 1.

● DR. AND MRS. L. B. Golden celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary, September 22. Their address is 1 Archwood Drive, Little Rock.

● LOWELL WRIGHT, missionary in Boone County, is engaged in a tent revival in Western Grove, Newton County. Wright and M. E. Wiles established a mission there in the spring.

● W. M. Freeze, layman of Cash, is providing the salary for a Spanish-speaking preacher to serve among the Mexican cotton pickers in the Cash vicinity. We have secured for him, Theodore Virgen, Temple, Tex.

● THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST has already carried an announcement about Harrison Johns of Bonham, Tex., becoming superintendent of missions in Independence County. We send him a cordial welcome to our state and mission work.

● WE WANT TO urge again that association missionaries and mission committees outline a program of mission work for 1958 and have it adopted in the annual associational meetings.

● HOW MANY NEW missions will begin in your association in 1958? Does your church plan to sponsor any mission project in 1958?

● WE WANT TO join with Ralph Douglas, acting executive secretary, in urging that we raise the entire Cooperative Program budget for 1957. Arkansas is being blessed with an abundant harvest and we are well able to raise the entire goal. Let's all help to do it.



WHAT'S AHEAD FOR YOUR SON IN MILITARY SERVICE

In the October HOME LIFE, a former chaplain describes life in uniform for the young draftee, and tells how the man in uniform can serve both God and his country.

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WMU

Nancy Cooper, Secretary
District Meeting Speaker



Miss Scaggs

MISS JOSEPHINE Scaggs will be guest missionary speaker at the eight annual District WMU Meetings to be held October 22-November 1. Although "claimed" by Arkansas, Miss Scaggs is a native of Oklahoma, but Arkansas—Fayetteville, in particular — has been her "home base" for many years.

Her appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1939 set in motion "chain reaction" that has brought countless hundreds of Nigerians into a saving knowledge of our Saviour, educational advantages heretofore unavailable, medical care for diseased bodies, and liberation from many practices dominated by paganism and ignorance.

In recognition of the outstanding and fruitful ministry of Josephine Scaggs among the river people of Eastern Nigeria, she was made a member of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II of England during the royal visit to Nigeria early in 1956. When Josephine went into that area eleven years ago there was "nothing" of Christian influence among the people and now there is the central mission compound composed of six buildings for medical work, one school, three mission homes. And in the area have been established 44 churches and preaching stations, a pastor's school and numbers of day schools. Her message is for everyone! Hear her!

The schedule of meetings follows:

Northwest, October 22, First, Springdale.

West Central, October 23, Grand Avenue, Fort Smith.

Central, October 24, Park Place, Hot Springs.

Southwest, October 25, Central, Magholla.

North Central, October 29, First, Hardy.

Northeast, October 30, First, Blytheville.

EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary
Evangelism and Baptist Growth

THE SOUTHERN Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, one hundred twelve years ago. There were, at that time, only a few hundred churches with a few thousand members. Today there are more than 30,000 churches and 8,000,000 members.



DR. YEARBY

The records reveal that it took 28 years for Southern Baptists to reach their first million members.

It took 34 years to reach the second million.

It took 13 years to reach the third million.

It took 12 years to reach the fourth million.

It took 8 years to reach the fifth million.

It took 6 years to reach the sixth million.

It took 4 years to reach the seventh million.

It took 3 years to reach the eighth million.

It has taken a little more than 2 years to reach our present church membership of nearly 9,000,000. How account for such phenomenal growth? **EVANGELISM** — God has blessed Southern Baptists in their evangelistic efforts. **The most rapid growth experienced the past ten years, since the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism was inaugurated.**

The ten years prior to adoption of a Program of Evangelism (1937-1946) a total of 2,325,340 people were won to Christ and baptized into our churches. The ten years since the Program of Evangelism was adopted (1947-1956) there have been 3,599,285 people won to Christ and baptized. This is a gain of 1,285,945 baptisms in ten years.

Evangelism moves forward in proportion to the way pastors, churches, associations and state conventions utilize the following features of the program:

1. The annual State-Wide Evangelistic Conference.
2. The Associational Evangelistic Clinics.
3. The Church Council of Evangelism in the local church.
4. The Associational Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusades.

NOW is the time to arrange for Associational Evangelistic Clinic in each of the 44 associations in the state. Choose place — set date for such clinic. Use afternoon and evening. Program should deal with practical plans for more effective evangelism. All pastors and church leaders should attend. Your Secretary of Evangelism will help you with program if you desire.

East Central, October 31, First, Forrest City.

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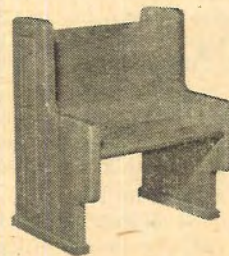
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What Billy Learned

By JUSTA LEE ALLEN

"I'M GOING to be an artist when I'm a man," Billy said proudly.

"Aw," declared Bobby. "I wouldn't want to be an artist. Why don't you be something useful, like a doctor? That's what I'm going to be — a doctor. Doctors help people get well when they're sick."

Billy looked straight at Bobby. He looked as if he wanted to cry, but he didn't. He just said, "Are you sure, Bobby, about artists — not being useful?" Billy could hardly say the words.

"Sure," said Bobby. "I'm eight, and you're only six. I should know."

Billy turned and ran quickly into the house. He felt very sad. Could Bobby be right about artists? Of course, he didn't want to be an artist if he couldn't be useful. But he loved to draw pictures. A long time ago he had decided he wanted to be a man artist.

Billy put his drawing things away and closed his little desk. I guess I'll never draw pictures any more, he thought sadly. This time two big tears really did come into his eyes.

Then Billy had a happy thought. Bobby might be mistaken. Sometimes people are mistaken — even smart people like Bobby. Maybe, after all, men artists can help people, too!

Then Billy thought of his monkey picture. That meant he just had to open his little desk again. He wanted to see his monkey that he had just copied from a magazine picture. Billy picked up the picture and smiled. He said to himself, "Anyhow, I like to look at it."

Billy took a piece of cardboard and some paste from his desk. He cut out the picture, being very careful not to snip off the monkey's nose and long, slender tail. Next, he pasted his picture on the cardboard. Then he hung it on the wall near his bed where he could see it first thing every morning.

But next morning Billy forgot to look at his monkey on the wall. He could only feel sorry when he heard his mother say on the telephone, "Too bad about Bobby falling out of his tree house. We hope he isn't badly hurt."

In the hospital one day Bobby's doctor said he wasn't getting well very fast. He wouldn't eat or talk or smile.

When Billy heard that, he thought of his drawings again. He didn't think he could make Bobby eat, but he did think that his monkey picture might make him smile. The thought made him so happy that he forgot that Bobby didn't care for artists.

That afternoon Billy picked out a few of his best pictures and took the monkey off the wall. In the hospital he walked down the long hall. He stopped at Bobby's room.

"Come right in, Billy," said the nurse, who was by Bobby in his bed.

"See, Bobby," greeted Billy, "some pictures. My monkey — isn't he funny? You may keep him!"

All at once Bobby laughed big and loud at the monkey. Just then the doctor came in. "Bobby is much better," he said, smiling.

"Billy," said the doctor, "I need someone to help me with Johnny in the children's ward." Billy was listening. "Johnny must lie for weeks with his leg in a cast. Could you draw him a monkey, too? And maybe you could teach him how to draw. It would help him get well sooner."

When Billy was leaving, Bobby said, "Say, Billy, maybe I was wrong about artists. Anyhow, a boy artist is useful."

When Billy got home, he whistled happily as he got out his drawing things and began making another monkey picture. This time it was for Johnny in the children's ward.

Billy became so busy being a boy artist that he forgot to think about being a man artist. What Billy did learn at the hospital, though, was that doctors need boy artists and many other people to help him make sick folk well and happy.

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Autumn Clowns

By Vivian G. Gouled



*Autumn leaves
Are like a clown,
Tumbling,
Somersaulting down;
Sometimes yellow,
Sometimes red,
Funny
How they roll ahead!*

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A Smile or Two

Too Saving to Save

TRYING TO SELL a housewife a home freezer, a salesman pointed out, "You can save enough on your food bill to pay for it."

"Yes, I know," the woman agreed, "but you see we're paying for our car on the carfare we save. Then, we're paying for our washing machine on the laundry bills we save, and we're paying for the house on the rent we're saving."

"We just can't afford to save any more right now."

By the Same Token

THE PATIENT was recovering from pneumonia. He had repeatedly asked for food, and at long last the nurse served him a mere spoonful of rice.

A few moments later the patient called the nurse again.

"Now I want to read a little," he said. "Bring me a postage stamp."

A FELLOW who owned a ranch out west was thrown from a horse, which resulted in a trip to the hospital. A few days later one friend asked another:

"Did old Bill finally get all right?"

"No," replied the second, "he ain't all right, but he's back like he use to be."

A CAR screeched to a halt. A motorist was standing beside a tiny European sports car — completely overturned.

"Are you okay?" cried the driver.

"Sure," answered the man. "Why?"

"Well, how did the accident happen?"

"What accident?" was the answer.

"I'm just changing a tire!"

YOU SHOULDN'T bribe a child to mind; once he pays an income tax you can't claim him as a dependent.

OUR CURRENT favorite of the corn-on-the-macabre school of humor: "Mommy," complained the child, "I'm getting tired of running in circles."

Replied the mother, "Shut up, or I'll nail your other foot to the floor."

"I SEE you're letting your little son drive the car."

"Yes, he's still too young to be treated as a pedestrian."

TAKING A modern language? Then you will appreciate this one:

Fond Mother: "Yes, Jane is taking French and Algebra. Say good morning to Mrs. Jones in Algebra, dear."

THE REASON God made woman after he made man was that He didn't want any advice.

—Quote

TRAFFIC COP: "Listen, lady, didn't you hear my whistle?"

Young Thing: "Yes, but you're wasting your time. I'm engaged."

Paul Writes to the Corinthians

By S. A. WHITLOW

October 6

I Corinthians 1-4

PAUL, IN HIS characteristic fashion, established his authority at the outset of his letter. "Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God . . ." The two little words "to be" are written in italic which indicates they were not in the original text. He is simply saying he is an apostle who has been called by the will of God. He anchors his apostleship in the purpose of God. Later he also reminds the Corinthians that they might have many teachers, but he is their spiritual father. He had begotten them through Jesus Christ.



DR. WHITLOW

He also reminds the Corinthians that they might have many teachers, but he is their spiritual father. He had begotten them through Jesus Christ.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Whitlow is pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia.)

He likewise reminds the church that it sustains a relationship to God as called saints. He is writing to them and all in every place who call upon the Lord Jesus. Thus his letter, while directed to the Corinthians, also had a universal and timeless import. Its message is also for those who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in every place and in every age.

WHY HE WRITES

Paul founded the church at Corinth on his second missionary journey. He wrote the first letter while he was in Ephesus on his third missionary journey. The occasion for his writing was provoked by a request and a report. The church had sent a formal deputation to Paul listing a number of problems confronting them with the request for his advice. He had also received a report of the state of the church from the household of Chloe.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

Apollos had preached at Corinth in the interval since Paul's first departure, with brilliant effect. So much so that serious division arose in the church over Apollos and Paul. Apollos possessed Alexandrian culture and a graceful style, whereas Paul was deemed at Corinth as rude in speech. We have no account of Cephas — Peter — ever being in Corinth. However, there were those in the church who were attracted to him either by personal acquaintance or by his reputation.

The church had broken up into factions. Each group claiming to be of their chosen leader. Some were of Paul, others of Apollos, and some were followers of Cephas, while there was a group who had rejected the other leaders and were saying they were follow-

ers of Christ. Paul was shocked at the very thought. This spirit would reduce Christ to the level of mere human, and would render the word of the cross of no effect. Paul asks in horror, "Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?"

"What then is Apollos? and what is Paul?" he asks, and then proceeds to answer his questions. They are but fellow-workers with God. God has a work for each of us, but we dare not lose sight of the fact that he is the great Architect of the enterprise of redemption. One plants, another waters; but it is God who gives the increase. He is the source and sustainer of life. But then Paul goes on to show that we are individually responsible for how we build. There is but one foundation upon which the structure of life can be erected — Jesus Christ. However, if we contribute faith, hope, and love, or bickering, jealousy, and strife to the building the judgment of God will determine it.

It is not uncommon to see churches divide over personalities. And at times this results in a group withdrawing to form another church. We have seen both groups later develop into thriving churches. However great and successful churches may become under such circumstances, one could hardly believe this is God's method of furthering the kingdom. Churches cannot bicker, fuss and divide without doing irreparable harm to the cause of Christ. The Christian spirit could find a better way.

A FACTIOUS SPIRIT IS RUINOUS

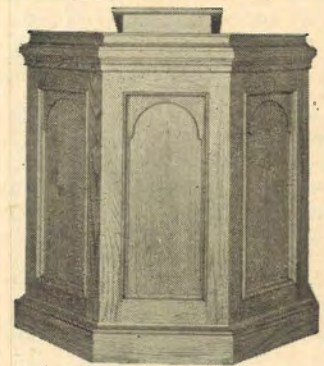
The party spirit sounds the death knell to spiritual development. This is true because a factious spirit emerges out of carnality. Wherever you find envy, strife, and jealousy there is the evidence of carnality. The Corinthians were proving themselves to be like men — only.

In being like men they had substituted the philosophy of man for the word of God. The wisdom of the world had failed to bring men to God. The worth of the cross was not to be found in words of man's wisdom, but in the demonstration of power. Power to transform and remake the lives of men. It is only as we become humble before God that he can use us as an effective channel for this power. "Let no man deceive himself. If any man thinketh that he is wise among you in this world, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." Thus Paul affirmed that his entrance among them was not with persuasive words of wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit's power. He preached Christ and him crucified for their sins that their

faith might not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

THE WISDOM OF GOD

Yet, Paul asserts, there is a philosophy that we preach to those whose faith is mature. It is a philosophy that speaks of the things which "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Earnest souls have used these words to bring comfort to the bereaved by assuring them that the glories of heaven outweigh the sorrows of this life. This is hardly what Paul meant because he went on to say "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit." He was talking about something the saints have now. It is that something which the Spirit makes known through experience that could not be discovered by the unaided powers of man. This is God's mystery made known by the Spirit to the humble. It is through the spirit of humble dependence upon God that all things are rightly related, and the pure in heart becomes the possessor of all things "whether Paul or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come: all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."



HANDSOME PULPITS

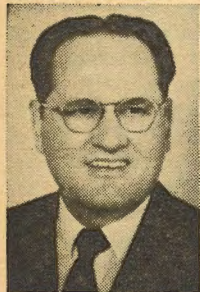
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Victory at Booneville

IT HAS WORKED AGAIN! The members of the First Baptist Church, Booneville, have used the **Forward Program of Church Finance** to perform miracles in their church. We quote from a letter:



DR. DOUGLAS

"This campaign has been the equivalent to a revival in our church; our people have been drawn closer together, and to the Lord. — People who have not attended their church for years are coming back and starting over again. — Many mem-

bers have doubled their giving over last year and some have increased it even more. When the campaign officially closed at 5:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, September 22, the pledges for the building fund stood at \$77,000, and the budget pledges amounted to \$770 per Sunday. However, in checking the cards, forty-four had signed their cards with no definite amount, but the amounts given in the past carried the budget to approximately \$840."

The budget of the church this year is \$24,000, which means that the people have pledged an increase of 275 per cent for next year. Too, this was done in a church where the people had not been making finance pledges to the church.

We take our hats off to Brother D. B. Bledsoe, pastor, to Deacon Jeral Hampton, general chairman, Deacon E. V. Savage, the Pledging Chairman and all the others who helped win a victory for Christ. We do more than that, we thank God for this church and pray that other churches will do likewise.

After studying this report and seeing this program work in other churches, we are thoroughly convinced that The Forward Program of Church Finance is the greatest step taken by Southern Baptists since the Cooperative Program was adopted.—Ralph Douglas

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The Cooperative Program

FAR TOO MANY of our Baptist people think that the Cooperative Program is the end, instead of the means to an end. Without emotion, and apparently without thinking, some say, "Oh, well, the Cooperative Program has enough money." No one ever gave a penny to the Cooperative Program, because it is only the plan through which Southern

Baptists share the gospel. It is a channel through which tithes and offerings flow around the world.

How It Works

The needs are studied by individuals serving on committees and boards. Then the money is placed where it will meet the greatest need and serve in the best possible way. These individuals serve without monetary remuneration and are unselfish in their motives. They talk and pray with mission secretaries, institutional leaders, agency personnel and learn all the facts, before making any suggestions — trying always to remember the admonition of Christ — "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

A Plan of Sharing

The Christian religion had its beginning in God sharing his Son. The Spirit of Christ is that of sharing, and that Christian Spirit cannot be suppressed. It seeks a way to express feelings and provides an outlet through which the Christ-like spirit of the church member can get out to the world with a spiritual ministry. Without the Cooperative Program, this ministry would be limited, because the individual is able to see only a few of the needs. The Cooperative Program helps the giver to remember every worthy cause supported by Southern Baptists, and that enables him to be a World-Christian.

Needs Not Adequately Met

Every Department of our Baptist work has unmet needs. Pleas for help pour into the office of every denominational worker, which cannot be answered. Realizing that the Cooperative Program embraces the world, we know that all of the needs cannot be satisfied, but we can do more. This is true because we have so much of our man power, and money power, going to waste. Five million of our eight million-plus church members stay away from God's house on Sunday, which means that the churches are handicapped with multiple needs unsatisfied and legions of problems unsolved.

This has produced other difficulties. The average Baptist gives \$2.34 of each ten-dollar tithe, while he puts \$7.66 into his pocket book. Then, with a sense of guilt, he tries to become a good church member, but all too often, winds up with a critical anti-missionary spirit, and

money for Kingdom causes is always a "touchy" subject. Then, with the church getting less than one-fourth of the church member's tithes, it is confronted with a situation that forces it to spend the most of its money on the local field. When this is done, World Missions suffer and Satan wins another victory.

The Way Out

This problem stems from the lack of teaching on our part. We have done a wonderful job of making disciples and baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost, but somehow the teaching part of that commission has been neglected.

Stewardship, to many peoples, means the getting of money through an offering, to meet some emergency. This is true because many churches in the past have relied on that line too often. But Paul, in writing to the Church at Corinth, suggested a better way — "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I. Cor. 16:2).

Bible stewardship is far more than taking an offering for some worthy cause. The worthy causes need money, of course, but they need much more. They need the backing, loyalty and cooperation of every Baptist. When our causes are backed by a spirit of sacrificial devotion, money will always be available to get the job done. Only when our people are willing to work together and undergo sacrifice will we succeed in adequately financing a World-wide Mission Program.

This can never come to pass without a well-planned, intensive effort to get the last church member enlisted for Christ. For three years, the Baptist leadership prayed and worked on **The Forward Program of Church Finance**. It is designed to harness the good stewards in the church with a blue-print for enlisting the fringe members. Wherever it has been used, lives have been blessed and the churches strengthened. It is a step in the right direction. Therefore, many of our Arkansas churches are using it this year.—Ralph Douglas

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