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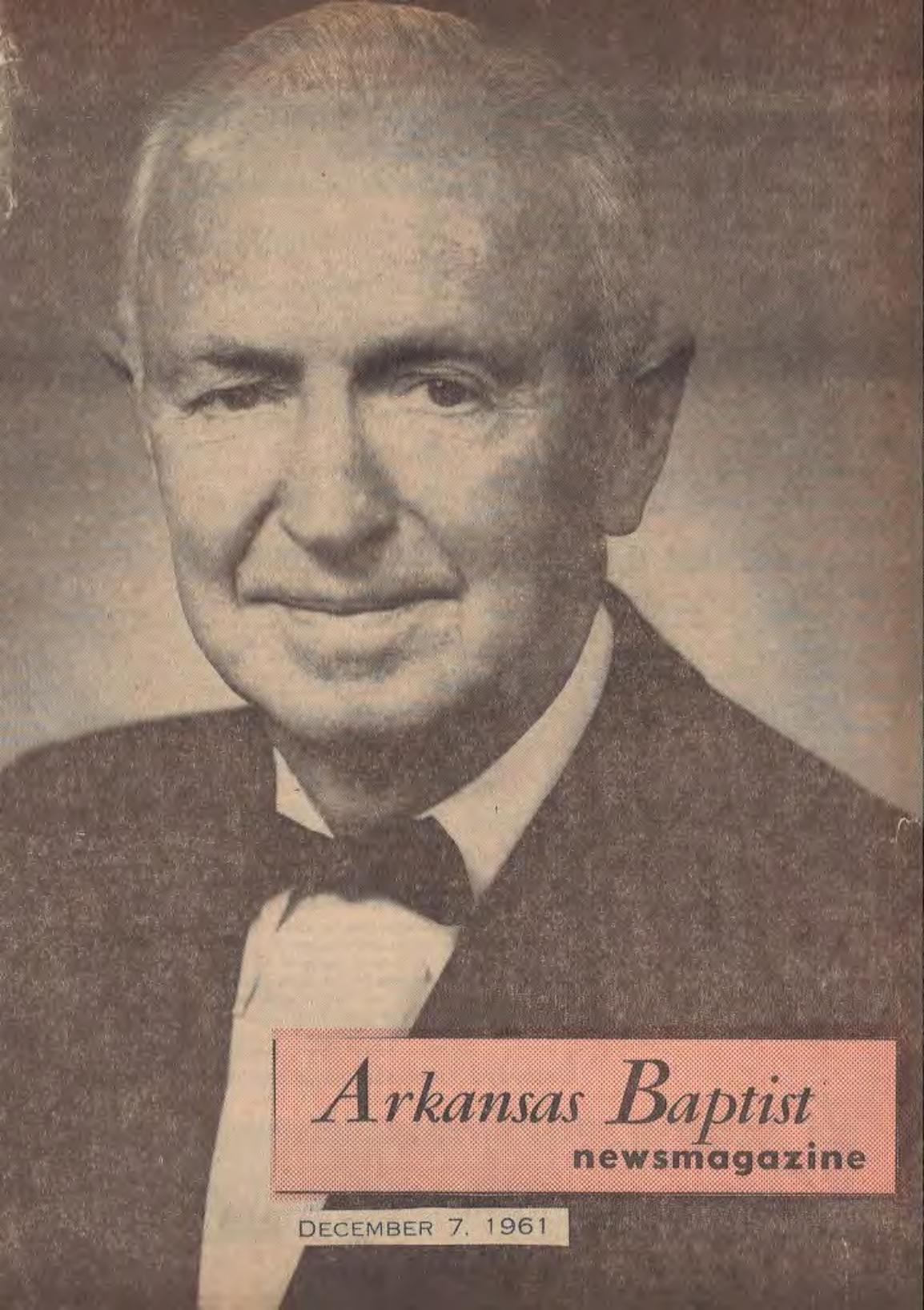
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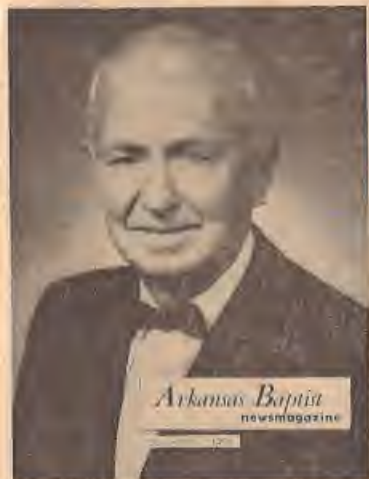
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# 2 PLUS for World Missions THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



# Ouachita alumnus gives \$100,000 to college's Endowment Fund



**BIRKETT L. Williams** of Cleveland, Ohio, Ouachita College alumnus of 1910 and long-time benefactor of the college, has given \$100,000 to his alma mater. The son of the late Dr. A. U. Williams, of Hot Springs, he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Ouachita in 1960.

The gift for the Ouachita College Endowment Fund was announced Tuesday, Nov. 28, by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., college president, and W. S. Fox of Pine Bluff, chairman of the endowment committee.

It will serve to kick off the Ouachita Endowment Campaign, approved three weeks ago by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, parent body of the college. Goal of the campaign is to add \$1,300,000 to Ouachita's endowment fund over a three-year period. The Ouachita Endowment Fund is handled by the trust department of the Simmons National Bank of Pine Bluff.

Williams has turned over the \$100,000 to the Arkansas National Bank in Hot Springs with the provision it be given to Ouachita as soon as it is matched with a like sum before Dec. 31, 1962.

Terming the gift the largest single contribution Ouachita has re-

ceived in her 76-year history, the announcement stated, "This generous benefaction will help us materially in meeting Ouachita's most pressing need at the moment, that of additional endowment. Because of the rapid growth of the college in recent years, the school has badly outgrown her endowment resources. Mr. Williams has once again proved himself a true friend by meeting the needs of this hour."

Williams is a native of Hot Springs and an automobile dealer in Cleveland. He is immediate past president of the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Last year Williams gave the new A. U. Williams Athletic Field, which not only provided Ouachita with a modern athletic plant but also provided a large area for new buildings where the old athletic field had been. Birkett Williams Dining Hall on the campus is named in his honor.

Williams is married to the former Miss Edna Campbell of Alma,

## Executive Board organizes Nov. 28

IN THE organizational meeting of the Executive Board, Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Baptist Building in Little Rock, Burton Miley, pastor of First Church, Springdale, was elected vice president. James F. Brewer, pastor, First Church, Helena, had been elected president in a post-convention meeting, Nov. 9.

The following committees of the Board were organized for the year's work:

Operating Committee, Burton Miley, chairman;

Program Committee, Harold White, chairman;

Finance Committee, Dexter Blevins, chairman;

Nominating Committee, Hugh Cantrell, chairman;

Executive Committee, James F. Brewer, chairman.

The Board instructed the Program Committee to make a careful study of various areas of work,

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Mich. They have one daughter, Mrs. Hugh R. Gibson, of Cleveland. A son, William B. Williams, a fighter pilot, was killed in Libya while on his 54th combat mission with the U. S. Air Force in World War II.

The gift makes a total of more than a quarter of a million dollars Williams has given to Ouachita, Dr. Phelps indicated.

Williams is a member of the Fairmont Presbyterian Church in Cleveland.

such as State Missions-Evangelism and Baptist Student Union, with special emphasis on the advisability of projecting a program of Chairs of Bible through the Centers on state college campuses.

A home for the aged and other related areas will come in for a close study during the year.

The Board also authorized the purchase of property near the campus of Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, looking to the erection of a Student Center there. This is the only major state college without a Baptist Student Center building.

Other actions also authorized the purchase of additional property near the Student Center on the campus of the state University at Fayetteville looking toward further expansion of our work there as needed.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary



## Our greatest churches

OF ALL the institutions and agencies Southern Baptists support, one is profitable above all others—the new, local church.

The new church, on an average, wins more lost people to Christ, leads more people to be regular in their church attendance and Bible study, and gives more tithes and offerings than do the older churches.

This is borne out by a report from Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board. According to Dr. Redford:

The new church, although smaller (membership average of 156 as compared with 286 for the Southern Convention as a whole) gains 44 members annually as compared with eight for the Convention average.

The new church has approximately 137 enrolled in Sunday School for every 100 church members as compared with a Convention average of 78.

The new church shows an average annual gain in Sunday School enrollment of 49 as compared with an average of five for all churches.

Each member of the new church gives an average of \$84.04 per year in tithes and offerings as compared with the average of \$44.34 for all Southern Baptists.

The new church has an annual ratio of one baptism for every 8.2 members, while the ratio for all churches is one to 25.

In a projection and prediction, Dr. Redford concludes:

"It is evident that our investments in new churches bear large dividends. When we reach our goal of 10,000 new churches and 20,000 new missions, it is estimated that these new congregations will have a combined church membership of 1,770,000 and will be adding annually 430,000 new members. They will add 460,000 to their Sunday Schools annually and will baptize nearly 200,000 persons each year. They will give to the Lord's work about \$143,000,000 annually, with at least \$16,000,000 of this amount going to missions."

Let it be said to the credit of the older churches that they are frequently the mothers of the new churches. Churches can be started without the movement being initiated by churches already established, but the normal and most logical process is through church-sponsored missions.

The efficiency of the new church can be attributed largely to the enthusiasm and dedication of the new membership. In starting a new church it is so obvious to all who are involved that every one must bear his part of the load. And it takes time for a new tree to develop dead wood.

Surely the figures given by Dr. Redford should inspire older churches to extra efforts toward improving their own efficiency and in searching out places for new missions and churches and giving their wholehearted leadership in starting new work.

—ELM

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SHOULD Southern Baptists appoint a Committee on Book Burning?

Dr. W. O. Vaught, in a timely article in this issue, "Is Self-criticism Going to Destroy Us?" deals realistically with the rash of self-criticism which has been sweeping the Southern Baptist Convention. Regardless of how you feel about any given controversy, we believe you will find the Vaught articles provocative of good, solid thinking.

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THE Ouachita Campaign is off to a good start, with the \$100,000 donation of Alumnus Birkett L. Williams, announced in this issue. This is to be matched in the coming year by gifts from other graduates and friends of Ouachita. Not the least significant factor in the Williams challenge is that the donor is a Presbyterian. If a member of another denomination feels this way about our Baptist College, how should we Baptists feel?

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THIS week we have expanded to 32 pages. We hope to have other issues this size from time to time, as material and material means make it possible.—ELM.





### Blessing of mobility

I HAD no shoes and complained,  
Till I met a man who had no feet.

HOW long has it been since you thanked the good Lord for your two legs? Yes, that's what I said—legs.

This is being written on Thanksgiving Day, 1961, flat on my back with a throbbing right leg in a prone position. (That's the way, I have learned, to turn the volume down on the throb.)

As I lie here, "looking before and after and pining for what is not," I wish I had

not been so clumsy on Friday of last week, as I slopped across an Illinois Bayou shoal.

It happened below the Arkansas Power & Light Company dam, some 4½ miles northwest of Russellville. But I did not realize at the time just what had happened. I thought I had just sprawled in the creek with my three fishing poles, my bucket of minnows, and my rusty-bottomed tackle box. So I got up with an "Aw, shoot," and went on fishing, as soon as I could pull off my shoes and empty them of the cool creek water, wring out my socks and put said socks and shoes back on.

The first realization that I was in trouble came two hours later, when I finally got home and defrocked. Only then did I discover that my right leg, from knee to ankle, was twice as big as normal. A blood vessel ruptured in my fall had quietly filled the tissues of my lower leg with loose blood.

Now, several days later, I'm incapacitated as I follow my doctor's orders, waiting for my system to absorb that blood and heal the leg wound. And now I realize that I had been taking my legs for granted—along with the little wife, my daughters, my friends, etc.

So I can pray as never before, "Thank you, Lord, for these two pipestems."

They'd never win in a physical culture contest.

Or on the athletic field. They are slightly warped.

They have accumulated some unbecoming knobs of extra calcium deposits along the way and across the years.

For some time, now, they have been the circuits for occasional electric shocks of rheumatic pain.

They have never been too synchronized. In fact, I resigned from the National Guard a number of years ago when it became evident the rest of my company was never going to learn to keep step with me.

But, normally, they get me about without aid of cane or crutch. And for all practical purposes they are two pretty good "horses."

Thank you, Lord!—ELM

Letters to the Editor

## THE PEOPLE SPEAK

### Ouachita majorettes

AS A subscriber and regular reader of Arkansas Baptist and as a graduate of Ouachita College let me register my protest to the use of the photograph of the Ouachita majorettes in the recent issue of the Arkansas Baptist. In a magazine of great religious and spiritual value and one I personally appreciate I feel that such a picture is completely out of place.

I want you to know that I am a proud alumnus of Ouachita College but my pride is founded upon contributions to my life in spiritual realms and not from the areas of compromise that Ouachita has made to the pressures of secular and worldly causes.

I remain a faithful reader of the Arkansas Baptist but, please, no more "cheesecake."—Johnny Jackson, Pastor, First Church, DeKalb, Tex.

REPLY: The majorettes don't affect me that way.—ELM

### Lost an address

WHEN I was a student at the old Central Baptist College in Conway in 1938 and 1939, I knew a girl whose name was Ailene Ragland. She was a student from Stuttgart, Arkansas. I have wondered through the years where she was.

A few weeks ago she wrote me from Little Rock. I was overjoyed at receiving her letter but somehow the letter was promptly lost and I do not remember her married name or her address. Her husband is pastor in Little Rock.

I would be delighted if she would see this letter and write me again as I would like very much to renew our friendship. Incidentally, if there are any other alumni who read this, I would like to hear from them, too.—Willie Jo (Densford) Scott (Mrs. Carl Scott), Central Baptist Church, 8th & Hinkle, Clovis, N. M.

### 'Do-gooder' defined

A DO-GOODER is a misguided preacher who imagines he has been commissioned to rid the wilderness of serpents [sic] instead of lifting up the brazen serpent [sic] on a pole.—A. R. Boling, 309 W. 27th, Pine Bluff.

REPLY: At least we seem to agree there are snakes in the grass.—ELM

### Time to awake

I TRULY believe that our forefathers would turn over in their graves if they only knew how things have been turned over to the devil by men who profess to be children of God. It is no wonder that Paul said that it is high time to awake (Romans 13:11).

May God help us to awake and get so he can use us.—Riley Ren, Marshall

### 'Counselor's column'

IN THE article "Counselor's Corner," dated Nov. 16, a woman presents an ageless story of a wartime marriage while "very young," a post-war divorce, and a subsequent re-marriage issuing in the birth of two "wonderful children." Then comes the inevitable question, "... am I living in adultery?"

Surely one must agree with the counselor when he advises, "God would not have you leave your husband and break up a happy home . . ." Other statements, however, lead one to ruminate his advice. "Did God join you to your first husband or was it a trumped-up, impulsive, ill-advised marriage?" he asks. Then he quotes Matthew 19:12 ("He that is able to receive it, let him receive it."), to substantiate his premise that little is amiss in the marriage.

This brings to mind other questions: (1) What, in the eyes of God, constitutes marriage?, (2) On the supposition a child had been born to the first union, would it have been illegitimate because (as implied) God did not "join" the parents in marriage?, (3) What part do factors such as youth, circumstance, or "impulse" play in determining whether God has joined two in marriage?, (4) Are those (and they are legion) who entered into marriage impulsively or ill-advisedly, and continue to live together, living in adultery?, and (5) Was Jesus advocating two standards of conduct in Matthew 19:12?

This letter is not intended to question the scholarship, the Christian integrity, or the intellectual honesty of one so esteemed among Southern Baptists as Dr. Hudson, but I do believe that he has raised more questions about the marriage and divorce issue than he has answered. — E. A. Croxton, Pastor, Mandeville Baptist Church.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT

"You mean it's illegal just because it happens to be MY home?"



## Autopsies protect the living

**Baruch, The Public Years**, by Bernard M. Baruch, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1960, \$6

Three tests America must pass if she is to "devise some system to replace the cycles of spasm and counter-spasm which have characterized human history until now":

1. The test of values. What do we believe in? What are our goals?

2. The test of reason. Can we think through the problems besetting us, and analyze the ways in which they may be solved?

3. The test of self-discipline. Even when we know what is right, too often we fail to act. More often we grab greedily for the day, letting tomorrow bring what it will, putting off the unpleasant and unpopular. We blame the nation's troubles on others—Russia, the government, labor, business. But it is far more likely we will find the source of our national trials in our own failure as individuals to discipline ourselves to do what the nation's well-being demands.

So declares Mr. Baruch, in the second and concluding volume of his autobiography. As the title indicates, this volume deals with his experiences as an American statesman, covering half a century. It is a valuable study for those interested in understanding the background for our nation's current problems.

**If With All Your Heart**, by Roy O. McClain, Fleming H. Revell, 1961, \$3

What happens in life if one's whole heart is invested? What are the results if with all your heart you work, live, pray, dream, wonder? The author, pastor of First Church, Atlanta, not only asks the questions, but suggests the answers, in this challenging volume.

"Our goal is not a stagnant sterility of 'peace of mind'—but rather the art of living zestfully, unapologetically, with an enthusiasm which does not deny anxiety but conquers it," he declares. "Faith that accepts apprehensive doubts without ceasing to enjoy life is the same faith which knows that if one falls out of God's right hand, he will be caught in God's left hand. Remembering that God never closed a door without raising a window, the man of faith knows that though God will bend, He will never break. Sometimes God's best opportunity is at the point of man's direct extremity. And underneath it all are His everlasting arms."

**Personality and Human Relations**, Second Edition, by Sferra, Wright and Rice, Gregg Publishing Division, McGraw-Hill

Written to be used as a textbook, this large, paper-back volume is based on the assumptions that anyone who desires to improve his human relationships can do so through a better understanding of his personality and cooperation with others.

[Reprinted from *The Baptist Buzzer*, Arkansas Baptist Hospital Magazine]



*MANY hours in the tissue laboratory follow the actual autopsy. Here Dr. Lloyd Wilbur and Technician Sharon Pelton work on cutting tissues and studying slides.*

A 71-YEAR-OLD retired farmer was brought to the hospital with an obvious heart attack. Despite good medical treatment, his age and the extent of heart damage went against him and two days later he died.

When the attending physician made the routine request that an autopsy be done, the family at first objected because they felt that the cause of death was already well established. The hospital chaplain, however, had a talk with them and explained that, while nothing could be done to lessen their personal loss, they could find comfort in aiding and perhaps saving the lives of other heart patients by permitting the autopsy. They at last consented and signed the necessary forms.

This proved a providential act on their part. The pathologist, a medical specialist with five years of training beyond medical school, who did the autopsy found that the man, unknown to his relatives and doctor, also had an active case of tuberculosis. The family was notified as soon as the tests were completed, as was the family physician, so that chest x-rays could be

made of other members of the family and the necessary precautions taken to discover and treat other cases.

#### Several each year

"WE find five or six cases of unsuspected tuberculosis in autopsies every year," said Dr. Lloyd Wilbur, pathologist at Arkansas Baptist Hospital. "In older people—those past 65—tuberculosis is often asymptomatic and can spread to the entire family before it is diagnosed."

Besides revealing undiagnosed infectious diseases which may threaten the rest of the family, autopsies can also be a real service to families suffering from guilt feelings about the death.

"Nearly all autopsies show that, regardless of treatment, nothing could have been done to save the patient," said Dr. Wilbur. "Most sudden deaths in infants are due to infections and not to smothering in bed clothes."

#### Eliminate self-blame

PARENTS of infants or small children who die suddenly can often be saved a great deal of self-incrimination if they have an au-



topsy done at the time of death. In the case of infectious disease, they may be protecting other children in the family by getting the disease properly identified.

In most European countries, autopsies are done routinely unless the family can show cause why they should not be. In this country, the law is set by states and in Arkansas, Act No. 172, passed in 1955, provides that an autopsy may be done if the person before his death, or his next of kin after his death, provides a signed statement of consent.

The American Medical Association requires hospitals to do autopsies on a minimum of 25 per cent of all deaths at the hospital and is unfavorably impressed by less than 40 per cent. Since the A.M.A. holds tight reins on the hospital's accreditation and its various programs in internships and residencies, this is not a dictum which hospitals take lightly.

### Improves medical care

"THE A.M.A. realizes that a good autopsy rate indicates careful supervision and study and the improvement of the scientific quality of medicine," said Dr. Wilbur.

Last year, 117 autopsies were done at Baptist Hospital and so far, this year 100 have been done. Authorities say that 200 a year should be done if the Hospital is to keep its high standing with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of which the A.M.A. is a member. The rate at Baptist and other general private hospitals in Little Rock is between 25 and 35 per cent. Other Baptist hospitals throughout the South score considerably higher: their average rate is 45 per cent.

The old saw that doctors bury their mistakes is untrue when autopsies are done. The word "autopsy" literally means seen by oneself and it is the inspection of the body and its organs to determine the cause of death and the nature and extent of disease.

### Lengthy scientific study

THE pathologist and usually the attending physician are present

when the post mortem examination is done. It is a careful, scientific study which takes approximately eight hours' work on the part of the pathologist and costs the hospital approximately \$100. No charge is made to the family. The pathologist first studies the clinical history of the patient, then does the autopsy itself, which takes from two to four hours, dictates his finding from the gross study, cuts tissue sections for slides, studies them, dictates the final report and proofreads it for final mailing. The entire study runs about 17 pages in length.

The hospital's interest in having autopsies done is to increase the total knowledge of disease processes so that they can be treated more effectively in the future. Autopsies often reveal the side effects which new drugs have on the body and give doctors a better knowledge of how these drugs act in attacking the disease itself. This means that other members of the family may be protected in the future should they have to take the same medicine since the doctor will have a clearer idea of how it works.

### Reveal unexpected facts

DR. WILBUR said that 80 per cent of all autopsies showed some condition that was not expected or had not previously been diagnosed.

"It may not be a particularly important finding or it may be something vital, as in the case of the man with undiagnosed tuberculosis," he pointed out.

Even autopsies do not always supply all the answers. Dr. Wilbur said that in about 14 per cent of all sudden deaths, no adequate explanation of the death could be found in the autopsy.

Autopsies are always done in cases where foul play is suspected and occasionally they bring some real surprises. There was, for instance, recently the man who apparently had drowned in a lake near North Little Rock, who according to the autopsy, had actually been dead from a bullet wound at the time the body was dropped in the lake. This led to the apprehension of his murderer and the solution of the crime.

One with a more ironic twist occurred several years ago in Little Rock. A man shot his wife but could have saved himself a prison term had he waited a few weeks. The autopsy revealed that she had widespread cancer and that her life expectancy at most would have been about six weeks.

The real problem, however, comes in getting the families of persons who have died of natural causes to allow the autopsy which can serve as a check and balance on the quality of medical care available in their community. In the tragedy of losing someone close, other members of the family experience a shock so great that they often automatically resist suggestions for an autopsy. Yet few of them would hesitate, even in moments of grief, if they realized that it could mean better medical care for them in the future and perhaps the disclosure of vital information about undiagnosed infections now.

### Goodwin Church total fire loss

THE new church at Goodwin was a total loss in a fire Nov. 30, about 2 a.m.

Nearby residents discovered the building on fire and a call was sent for the Brinkley Fire Department. A long freight train blocked the fire equipment and the building was too far gone when the equipment reached the scene. Even without the delay it is doubtful that any part of the building could have been saved. The new two-year old brick veneer building was recently air-conditioned, and completely paid for, with a note-burning ceremony this past year.

The loss is estimated at about \$30,000 with only \$10,000 insurance. Membership is under 200.

Rev. Johnny Green is the pastor.

Plans are being made to rebuild it as soon as possible.



# COURTSHIP MARRIAGE and the HOME...

By MRS. J. H. STREET

## We talk about husbands

*Thanksgiving is not a season of the year; it is an attitude of the heart; an impulse of the soul; a quality of life.*

*"He must be one who manages his own household well and wins obedience from his children, and a man of the highest principles. If a man does not know how to control his own family, how can he look after a congregation of God's people?"*

I Timothy 3:4-5 (The New English Bible)

*"But if anyone does not make provision for his relations, and especially for members of his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."*

I Timothy 5:8 (The New English Bible)

THANKSGIVING proper found me in the midst of my first experience as an in-patient at Arkansas Baptist Hospital. My every thought of the Hospital touches off a spontaneous flow of thanksgiving.

Thanks for ministry to many people dear to our hearts with whom we have shared experiences there.

Thanks for effective care of my husband when he had surgery there.

Thanks for nursing and kindnesses "beyond-the-call-of-duty" to help me over a sudden jog in the smooth road of good health I have traveled through the years.

You will indulge my registering thanks, also, to my husband for supplying copy for last week's column, and to our Editor for consideration through irregular circumstances.

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Now, to take up where we left off. We were going to talk about husbands.

I heard of a lovely girl (not in this state), who reconsidered her decision to marry a young minister because, she said, he spent a great deal of time delineating to her the high standards a preacher's wife must meet, but seemed

not to attach importance to qualifications to be expected of a preacher-husband.

Often I have said to groups of college girls: If you are a self-centered person; if you demand a great deal of attention from those you love; if disappointments and unpredictable changes in plans "throw" you, please don't marry a professional man. Especially have the honor not to become a "millstone" about the life of a preacher or a doctor.

But I believe—indeed, I know—that preachers, doctors, lawyers—professional men—can be wonderful husbands and great fathers. Success depends upon their wanting to succeed as husbands and dads, so much so that they give a certain sacred priority to family relationships. Home must be to them not a dumping ground for tensions and dark moods. Rather, it must be a haven of joy and love.



The professional man's family should be able to anticipate his arrival home with happiness rather than dread.

A caution light flashes continually reminding that the line between expected consideration of demands upon the time and interest of a professional man and an unwary slump into becoming a spoiled husband, an irritable father, is exceedingly thin.

He is a wise man:

Who is warmly affectionate with his wife and his children. That schedule needs changing that does not permit him every day to say, "I love you," even if it must be said by telephone.

Who is appreciative of his wife's efforts to be attractive and charming, to make him proud of her.

Who makes his wife feel he would love for her to have a wardrobe fit for a queen, although circumstances may necessitate the purchase of her clothes from a bargain basement.

Who responds to every effort of his children to please him.

Who avails himself of every opportunity to express his love in thoughtful deeds, gifts, surprises.

(I know a man whose success has evolved in areas other than the accumulation of money, who brings to his wife autumn leaves, wild flowers, a pretty line of poetry, a funny something from the dime store, or a cartoon over which they can laugh together. And she loves it all.)

Who takes his family into his confidence; has family council over financial matters; explains emergencies that take him away from planned family times.

Who shares in the training of the children, is fair in discipline and generous in commendation.

Who is honest, trustworthy, and careful to live above any grounds for jealousy and suspicion.

Every man should be "king in his own home"—a worthy king who is loving and considerate of his subjects.

Be royal!

Rosalind Street

[Mail should be addressed to Mrs. Street at 2309 South Fillmore, Little Rock, Ark.]



# Is self-criticism going to destroy us?

By W. O. VAUGHT

Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock

THE days through which we are now going are probably the most critical Southern Baptists have ever faced as a denomination.

In one sense the days of our "pioneering" are over. We are now a big, strong, powerful denomination. With more than 32,250 churches, we have approximately ten million members and vast resources invested in church buildings and institutions. Many believe that our techniques for church growth and expansion and education and evangelism are unsurpassed.

But a new, sinister enemy has arisen within our ranks. Probably no one or no certain group is responsible for the growth and power of this enemy. One day this enemy was not there. The next day we looked around and there he stood full-grown.

The enemy to which I refer is self-criticism—criticism of our seminaries, our publishing houses, of the authors of many books, of denominational leaders, of seminary presidents and professors, of fellow pastors, etc. Great volumes of material are being written and circulated criticizing almost everything pertaining to our denominational life. Where is all this criticism leading us?

I am not trying to pass judgment on this criticism as to whether it is justified or not. I am rather suggesting that possibly we need to look at the end result of our criticism and see if any good purpose is being accomplished by our present course.

## *Seminary trustees need trust*

TAKE our Southern Baptist seminaries, for example. They are the largest and best-attended seminaries in the nation. Approximately 6,000 students are attending these seminaries of ours, preparing to take leadership in our denomination of the future. We run these seminaries through the trustees we elect from the people who make up our Southern Baptist Convention. These trustees are from every state affiliated with our Convention and represent both laymen and preachers. They are our own people, duly elected and commissioned to promote the life and progress of these institutions. All points of view and all different aspects of our Southern Baptist life are represented on these boards. If we can't trust these, our very own men and women, then whom can we trust?

The seminary presidents and faculty members are elected by these trustees and are responsible to them. We must invest new faith and trust in these boards of trustees. We must pray for them, give them our

confidence, and let them know that we are standing behind them in their decisions. If this method will not work, then the structure on which we have built our denomination is inadequate and insecure.

## *'Blow the chaff away'*

OUR criticism has reached another area. I refer to some of our publications, such as the book, "*The Message of Genesis*," written by Dr. Ralph H. Elliot, of Midwestern Seminary, in Kansas City, Mo., and published by our own Broadman Press, in Nashville. In my judgment, there is much in this book with which many of us will not agree. However, there is much to lift our horizons and give us a clearer picture of the life and people from which this sacred record sprang.

Again, let us remember that some of the most dedicated leaders in this nation are in charge of our Sunday School Board, and our editorial work is done by some of the best trained men and women on earth. We must have faith in these leaders and trust them and pray for them. If they make mistakes, time and patience and an understanding spirit will correct them.

On page 59 of Dr. Elliott's book in trying to explain the age given Methuselah and other contemporaries, he says, "In all probability, the Priestly writer simply exaggerated the ages in order to show the glory of an ancient civilization." To me, this is a very weak attempt to solve a difficult problem of interpretation. Twenty years from now the professor may wish to give some other explanation to the solution to this problem. But because I do not accept this interpretation am I going to throw away all the very fine material that is presented in this book? There does come a time when, in reading, we must learn how to retain the wheat and blow the chaff away.

This same kind of analysis applies to the book, "*Life in the Son*," by Robert Shank, of Louisburg, Mo. In his study of the Doctrine of Perseverance he has given a very thorough presentation of the Scriptures which seem to him to teach the possibility of apostasy on the part of God's redeemed. With a very thorough use of the Greek language he has attempted to show how the Bible teaches clearly that the once-saved man can fall away and be lost.

With his main thesis I do not and cannot agree. Baptists through the centuries have believed differently from his presentation. However, this book

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# Arkansas All Over

## Fulbright speaker

SENATOR J. W. Fulbright will speak in a joint meeting of the Civic Clubs of Walnut Ridge, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, to be held in the cafeteria of Southern Baptist College, at 8 p.m. Dec. 8. The Social Science Department of Southern Baptist College will have a tea honoring the senator, at 3 p.m. Dec. 8.

REV. and Mrs. Douglas E. Kendall, Southern Baptist missionaries, have left the States for Central Africa, where they may be addressed at Box 1458, Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, Central Africa. Formerly missionaries to Indonesia, they transferred to Central Africa for health reasons. He is a native of Worcester, Mass.; she is the former Katherine Kerr, of Batesville.

## Dedication services at First Church, Harrisburg

REV. Curtis K. McClain, pastor of First Church, Harrisburg, has announced plans for dedicatory services of the new educational building. The service will feature testimonies of Judge Edward Maddox, chairman of Finance, Dean Massengill, chairman of Building, and Harry Jacobs, who was the inspiration for this building.

The dedication sermon will be given by Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of Arkansas Baptist State Convention, at 11 a.m. Dec. 10.

Mr. McClain extends a cordial invitation to each and every one to this service.

## OBC choir to present 'Messiah'

HANDEL'S "Messiah" will be presented by the 174-voice choir of Ouachita College at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in Mitchell Hall. Dr. James T. Luck, director, has announced this will be the last production as an annual event.

Soloists will be, soprano, Mrs. David Scott, instructor in music education; alto, Beverly Gallegly, sophomore music education major from Little Rock; tenor, David Scott, associate professor of voice; bass, Charles Wright, graduate assistant.

Accompanists will be Miss Sonja Dalrymple, junior music education major from Searcy, and Miss Virginia Queen, associate professor of music.

"In the future we shall attempt to do other great monuments of Christmas choral music," Dr. Luck said. "While I believe the Messiah is one of the most treasured pieces of Christmas music, I also feel that the student body and choir need the experience of singing and hearing other great compositions."

ROBERT Holley, educational director of First Church, Conway, for the past two and one-half years, has resigned to become educational director of First Church, West Memphis, the Conway church bulletin reports.

## Meeting in Germany

MAJOR William F. Montgomery, of Donaldson, pastor of First Church, Heber Springs, before he entered the Air Force Chaplains Corps, talks with Rev. Bruce H. Price, pastor of First Church, Newport News, Va., in the chapel at Giebelstadt Air Force Base, Germany. Dr. Price is one of 12 Protestant ministers on a recent preaching tour of U. S. Air Force bases in Germany.



## Gravel Ridge grows

CONSTRUCTION of a new 40x90 ft. Sunday School annex is underway at First Church of Gravel Ridge. Sunday, Nov. 26, there were eight additions to the church, five of them by baptism and three by letter, representing two families each with two sons. Rev. Jack Livingston is pastor.—W. B. O'Neal.

## Ouachita professor to conduct world tour

DR. CECIL Sutley, professor of Religion at Ouachita College, will conduct an Around-the-World tour from July 9 to Aug. 10, 1962.

Flying by jet all the way, his group will leave Dallas at 9:15 a.m. and arrive in Honolulu at 3:15 p.m. for the first stop of their tour. From Hawaii they will continue on to Japan, Hongkong, Thailand, Cambodia, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, and Italy. Some will return from Rome while others will journey twelve days more in Europe.

Dr. Sutley conducted tours of Europe and the Holy Land in the summers of 1959 and 1961. One of several special features of his tours is the tape recording of talks by guides and missionaries.

From the 1961 tour he has edited a 40-minute tape consisting of a 15-minute interview with the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Madrid, Spain, a 20-minute interview with Missionary Virginia Wingo in Rome, and a 5-minute talk by the pastor of the Nazareth (Israel) Baptist Church. He has indicated that any church group will be welcome to borrow this tape without charge merely by writing to him requesting it.

CHARLES C. Bowles, until recently pastor of Hunter Street Church, Birmingham, Ala., has been called to the pastorate of First Church, San Antonio, Tex. He succeeds Dr. Perry Webb who retired from the pastorate earlier this year and now makes his home in Little Rock.

## Raymond Palmer called to First, Clarendon

RAYMOND Palmer was called effective Nov. 1 to the pastorate of First Church, Clarendon.

A native of Leslie (Ark.), he was graduated from Russellville High School in 1941. He spent 3½ years in the U. S. Navy and later attended Arkansas Polytechnic College, graduating in 1956, and Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., where he was graduated in 1960. After pastoring two churches in California, Mr. Palmer returned to Arkansas in June this year.



MR. PALMER

The Clarendon church has an average Sunday School attendance of 131 and 40 in Training Union. It will present a Christmas cantata Dec. 17 using six of the church's members as soloists.

## New parsonage

FIRST Church, Sparkman, Rev. Doyle L. Lumpkin, pastor, held an open house Nov. 30 to mark completion of a new parsonage.

Of brick construction, the new home cost approximately \$23,000, has four bedrooms, two baths and central heating.

## 1961 reported as good year for Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

THE year soon to close has been a good one for the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, Mrs. E. F. Stokes, associate editor of the paper, reported Tuesday of last week to the Operating Committee of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

For the issue of Nov. 30, the total mailing was 57,790, an increase of 4,990 over the total mailing for the corresponding issue of a year ago, Mrs. Stokes reported. This compares with an estimated circulation of 51,500 as anticipated

## Anniversary marked

WOODLAND Heights Church, Harrison, celebrated its third anniversary Nov. 26 with a dedicatory service.

Besides the pastor, Rev. Tom Lawing, among those appearing on the program were the former pastor, Rev. Milton Edmonson, now at Lamar; Boone-Newton Association Missionary Dennis James; Rev. Dale Jackson, Boone-Newton moderator and pastor of Woodland Heights' mother church, Eagle Heights, Harrison; Judge Woody Murry, a deacon of First Church, Harrison, and member of the state Convention Executive Board; Rev. Tom Palmer, president of the Harrison Ministerial Alliance; Rev. Ed Powers, president of the Boone-Newton Pastors' Conference and pastor of Bellefonte Church, and Rev. Chester Roten, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Harrison.

## Deacon ordained

FIRST Church, Prescott, ordained William T. Formby to the office of deacon Sunday, Nov. 26. Pastors and deacons of Red River Association were invited to assist. Rev. C. D. Conner, associational missionary, led the examination of the candidate. Rev. James Wilson, pastor of Beech Street Church, Gurdon, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. William R. Woodell is pastor of First Church.

for 1961 at the time of the planning of the paper's budget, in July, 1960. Actually, the average paid circulation for the whole year will be about 56,000, she said.

The most of the paper's "profits" for the year, about \$3,500, will be absorbed by the extra expenses for paper, printing and mailing incurred by the larger circulation.

Mrs. Stokes was reporting for Editor Erwin L. McDonald, who was at home recuperating from a leg injury sustained several days previously.



## Church kindergarten

FIRST Church, Warren, Rev. W. E. Speed, pastor, is considering establishment of a church kindergarten in January, the church bulletin reports. Enrollment will be drawn from children not yet started in school or in the Beginner Department of Sunday School.

## Deacon in Memphis

CHARLES R. Baker, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Baker of Mansfield, was ordained a deacon of Longview Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 26. He is a graduate of Cabot High School and Ouachita College and is presently employed at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis. Mrs. Baker is the former Miss Joan Moody of Ward. They have a son, Bryan, 3.

## Deaths

### W. W. Grafton

REV. W. W. Grafton, pastor of First Church, Booneville, from 1941 to 1952, died Nov. 20 at Hattiesburg, Miss., the First, Booneville, church bulletin reports. He was pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Hattiesburg at the time of his death. Survivors include Mrs. Grafton and three sons.

### Elmer E. Miller

ELMER E. Miller, father of Rev. Dillard S. Miller, pastor of First Church, Mena, died Nov. 23 in Texarkana where he was a resident since 1920.

A member of Rose Hill Baptist Church, Mr. Miller was a retired postoffice clerk.

Other survivors include three sons, Weldon R. Miller, Wake Village, Tex.; James E. Miller, Flagstaff, Ariz.; and Eddie G. Miller, Texarkana; two sisters, Mrs. N. W. Cochran, Texarkana, and Mrs. Harris Terrell, San Angelo, Tex., and five grandchildren.

Funeral services at Rose Hill Church were conducted by his son assisted by Rev. C. C. Ivins, pastor of Rose Hill Church.

## Editor of BAPTIST quoted in QUOTE

A QUOTATION from Editor Erwin L. McDonald of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* was carried in a recent issue of *Quote*, nationally circulated weekly digest.

Titled "The Good Life," the quotation, from McDonald's weekly column "Personally Speaking," was as follows:

"The secret of the good life is the condition of a person's heart. For one to make people think he is a kindly, compassionate person when, actually, he hates people except for what they can mean to him personally, is to live a lie. A wise man long ago proclaimed a great truth when he said, 'Out of the heart come the issues of life.'"

## Christmas mailing

"IT'S time to start planning your Christmas card and gift mailings," C. E. McSwain, Little Rock Acting Postmaster said, in launching the 1961 "Mail Early For Christmas" Campaign.

Check Christmas card and gift lists carefully. Be sure each address is complete with full name, street and number, city, zone and state. Avoid abbreviations of city and state names, and for mail addressed locally do not use the word "City" as a substitute for the city and state. In the Little Rock and North Little Rock area in particular, because of the proximity of the two cities and the duplication of streets and numbers, hundreds of cards each year addressed in this manner cannot be delivered and are destroyed.

For gift packages, secure heavy wrapping paper, sturdy corrugated cartons, strong cord and adhesive tape. Remember, also, that you can include your Christmas card or letter inside your gift packages if you will add the appropriate First Class rate to the postage for the package itself.

## Concord Association

By JAY W. C. MOORE

DAVID Land, who has served the 1,100-member Immanuel Church in Muskogee, Okla., for the



MR. LAND

past two years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of First church, Barling, where he served for two years before going to Muskogee.

During his pastorate in Muskogee there were 171 additions to the church, 72 by baptism and 99 by letter; a full time minister of music-education was employed; an organ was purchased for the new church auditorium and an all time high record of 402 was set for the Sunday School, with an average attendance of 260 also a high mark; the Forward Program of Church Finance was put on this year which resulted in the largest weekly budget, \$565.57, in the history of the church.

Land hopes to lead the Barling church to construct a new parsonage and a new church auditorium.

He began his work in Barling Dec. 3.

JAMES McKinney, Ft. Smith, has accepted the pastorate of Hackett Memorial Church.

The 27-year-old minister is a graduate of Baylor University with a B. A. Degree, and has earned a B. D. Degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas. He is also a graduate of Greenville, Tex., high school. He is the son of a lay preacher, Rev. J. M. McKinney, of Odessa, Tex.

HENRY G. Milam, who has served many churches in Clear Creek, Buckner and Concord associations, has accepted the pastorate of Mt. Zion church, one of the oldest churches in Concord Association. The church, five miles west of Greenwood, was organized in 1855.



**KENNETH Kern**, who has served the East Side Church, Ft. Smith, for the past two years, has resigned to accept the 500-member Crowell Heights church in Tulsa, Okla.

The 32-year-old minister is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University with a B. S. degree; he spent two years in Central Seminary, Kansas City, and one year in the University of Arkansas working on his Master's degree.

Before coming to Ft. Smith Kern served First church, Gentry, five years; the Highfill church near Gentry, and First church, Crescent, Okla.

## Revivals

**FIRST Church, Greenwood;** Rev. Ralph Dodd, pastor; Oscar Wells, Bethany, Okla., evangelist; Bill McGraw, First Church, Ft. Smith, music; 19 additions, nine for baptism.

**BEREA Chapel, Jacksonville,** Marvin Baswell, pastor; mission of First Church, Little Rock; Oct. 29-Nov. 5 with Rev. John Finn, pastor, First Church, Cotter, evangelist; Joe Lacy, music; nine professions of faith, eight for baptism, four by letter, one for special service, many rededications.

**FIRST Church, Foreman,** Marvin Reynolds, pastor; Nov. 5-12 with Pastor Reynolds evangelist; Miles Wesner, music; 12 for baptism, four by letter, several rededications.

**EVANGELIST Larry Taylor,** San Antonio, Tex., led First Church, Des Arc, in a revival Nov. 5-12. There were 48 conversions, 32 for baptism and seven by letter, for a total of 39 additions to the church. Rev. Ernest Banton is pastor.

**WOODLAND Heights Church,** Harrison, Rev. Tom Lawing, pastor; Nov. 13-19 with Bill White, Ozark, Mo., evangelist; one by letter, one rededication, three saved, two for baptism, one of these the pastor's daughter, Linda.



*GIFT FROM OUACHITA ALUMNI—Jarrell Felton, newly-elected president of the Ouachita College alumni association for the El Dorado area, hands Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president, some \$350 collected at a \$5-a-plate dinner held in El Dorado's First Church Nov. 21. At left is the Rev. David Railey, treasurer, who presented Dr. Phelps with a hat rack and cuff links. The El Dorado alumni group is the first of many such Ouachita alumni organizations planned for the state.*

**FIRST Church, Pocahontas,** Rev. Lawrence Ray, pastor; Billy Walker, evangelist; James E. Taylor, music; 21 for baptism, eight by letter, 27 rededications.

**FIRST Church, Lincoln,** Rev. Joe Powers, pastor; Oct. 22-29 with Rev. Jamie Coleman, pastor, Ridgeview Chapel, Fayetteville, evangelist; eight additions by baptism.

**SOUTHERN Baptist Missionary Josephine Harris**, who has directed the Baptist Student Union in Honolulu, Hawaii, since she helped with its establishment in 1946, is moving to Hilo, Hawaii, to begin a Baptist student program there. Her new address is 1387 Kapiolani, Hilo, Hawaii. She is a native of Brinkley.

## New Arkansas Baptist subscribers

Church	Association	Pastor
New budget: Wardell	Mississippi County	Pastorless; sub. from Mrs. W. G. Childers
New budget after free trial: Pee Dee	Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	Audry L. Emberton
One month free trial offer: Bear Creek Springs	Boone-Newton	J. Ernest Cox, interim pastor
Carson Lake	Mississippi County	Tommy Corney
Cross Roads	Mississippi County	Bill Holcomb
Humnoke, First	Caroline	Bob Powell
London, First	Dardanelle-Russellville	Lloyd M. Wade
Mineral Springs, Liberty	Little River	Boo Heflin
Wells Chapel	Mississippi County	John Lee



# Religious News of the World

## Sunday employment

STORNOWAY, Isle of Lewis, Scotland (EP)—Strict Sabbath laws went into force here by the Free Church of Scotland when it decreed that members will be deprived of the ministries of their church if they work Sundays on a North Atlantic Treaty Organization air base to be built here.

Pastors of the island's 14 parishes have been instructed by the Church's presbytery or governing body to refuse to baptize the children of persons who violate the denomination's strict Sabbath laws.

The Free Church is a small denomination composed of congregations which broke away from the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian).

## Protestant parents

PARRY Sound, Ont. (EP)—An unprecedented ruling by a court here gave a Catholic-born boy to his Protestant foster parents in legal adoption.

Judge Walter Little, who ruled that four-year-old Joey could be legally adopted by Mrs. and Mrs. Oliver Lamb, said that to decide otherwise in the case "would be to put a religious tag on the word justice—which its very meaning denies."

The Lambs have been trying for three years to adopt the boy. They took him four years ago when there were not enough Catholic foster homes available, and later began legal proceedings to adopt him.

Judge Little made no ruling on whether or not the Lambs would have to bring up Joey in the Catholic faith to which he was born, and his new parents preferred not to discuss the matter.

## 'Sins of Capitalism'

AUCKLAND, N. Z. (EP)—In his presidential inaugural address as head of the New Zealand Methodist Conference, the Rev. E. Clarence Leadley charged that capitalistic nations have not done as much as Communist countries in solving national social problems.

He urged Christians to "look squarely at the sins of capitalism and denounce them in the name of Christ."

"The Communists in China," he said, "have dealt with social evils such as hunger, exploitation of the poor by the rich, prostitution and illiteracy. This is a judgment on us who have failed to do these very things and who have given tacit assent to greed and exploitation which have worsened the lot of many have-not peoples."

Mr. Leadley added: "We should be big enough to admit that from a social point of view China is vastly better off under the Communists and we should recognize that this is a judgment on us."

## Newstand obscenity

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (EP)—Observing that there "is a shocking amount of trash literature available to American youth which is giving a false set of values in life," the Seventh-day Adventist Columbia Union Conference's publishing department has launched a program to rid America's newsstands of obscene literature.

The department has urged other Adventist publishing groups across the country to launch similar programs to help "strengthen the moral fibre of our country."

## Tapering off

WHEN Oregon's Senator Maurine Neuberger toured Africa recently, she noted with evident surprise that the Prime Minister of one country greeted her with his two wives serving as hostesses.

His explanation: "Members of my tribe may have as many wives as they can afford. But I'm a Christian; so I have only two!" (EP)

## Decision challenged

BERLIN (EP)—The decision of the Evangelical Film Guild, a department of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID), not to give its "Best Film of the Month" award to "Question Seven," award-winning, American-made Lutheran film on religious suppression in East Germany, has raised a storm of protest.

The guild's jury, instead, gave the film only a "recommended" rating and handed top honors to a British movie, "Cry in the Dawn," which emphasizes that all people are responsible for their neighbors.

Protesting churchmen denounced the jury's decision as "incomprehensible" and a "shameful scandal." They said the "recommended" rating was no comfort, but rather a "slap in the face" for the thousands who have seen the picture in many West German theaters "with deepest sympathy and emotion."

It was reported that the guild's action may lead to a severe crisis in EKID's film work and that the jury's decision was prompted by "political considerations," namely the desire not to anger East German Communists.

## 'We are at war'

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (EP)—Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, widely known author and minister of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City, told an audience of 6,000 people, "We are at war—now! And the quicker you find out about it and get in the fight, the better!"

Speaking at the dedication of the new Garden Grove Community Drive-In Church here, Dr. Peale declared, "The Russians and Communists in the world are confident in their system and absolutely sure that they are right. When a system that is absolutely sure of itself confronts a system that is not sure of itself, who will win? Will our country survive?" He quoted Arnold Toynbee as saying, "History teaches that when a barbarian race confronts a sleeping culture, the barbarian always wins." He called upon all Americans to "get in the fight and support the organizations that stand for freedom."



## Bible circulation up

NEW YORK (EP)—Member groups of the United Bible Societies distributed more than 34,695,000 copies of the Scriptures throughout the world in 1960—an all-time record. Figures were announced at the 43rd annual meeting here of the American Bible Society's Advisory Council. They represent an increase of some 5,000,000 copies over 1959.

## 'Key to freedom'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Addressing delegates to the 46th General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations here, Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States, declared that separation of Church and State is a "guarantee of freedom."

Reminding that "We want both religion and government to be as strong as we can make them," Justice Warren pointed out that by keeping Church and State separate, the country insures that its people will remain free to worship as they choose.

## Defining obscenity

PHILADELPHIA (EP)—Rep. Kathryn E. Granahan, Philadelphia Democrat who long has led a fight in Congress for stricter legislation against peddlers in smut, said here that it was necessary for the U. S. Supreme Court to define obscenity more rigidly if the sale of pornographic literature is to be curbed.

Presiding at the opening of hearings here by a subcommittee on postal operations of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, Mrs. Granahan noted that on the Supreme Court ruling, "if a few parts of a book can be said to have literary or artistic value, then the book is not obscene, regardless of chapter after chapter replete with depravities and the vile little four-letter words."

This, she maintained, is because of the loose "guidance of determining obscenity" set up by the high court. Her conclusion: "The guides should be stricter."

## Young Red in church

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (EP)—Vladlen M. Dubovik, 25, a member of the presidium of the Student Council of the U. S. S. R., attended church services here—and later admitted that while he had heard about churches, he had never been in one.

"It was something all new to me—to see what a church is, what the people do there, even though I could not understand it all," he said.

Dubovik, one of four young Russians in the United States for a two-month tour, went with the others to Sunday School classes at First Christian Church and also attended services at First Presbyterian Church.

When a teenage Sunday School member at First Christian Church asked the group what they thought of God, Albert A. Belyaev, 33, member of the central committee of the Soviet Young Communist League, answered that they (the Russians) do not think of Him. "It is a matter of personal conscience," he said. "People can if they want to, but we (the four Russians) are all atheists."

The Soviet visitors were impressed favorably by the scope and variety of church youth organizations and programs. Two of them agreed that they had been disappointed by the lack of a national or unified goal on the part of college students.

"They have their clubs," Mr. Kashlev said, "but they do not have any bigger aim, bigger goal—something to work for. They are all interested in their little clubs."

## Days numbered

DALLAS, Tex. (EP)—About 100 years from now people will not remember much of Communism, whose days are "numbered," but the living Church will still remain. So said Lutheran Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, addressing more than 9,000 persons at a rally here.

"Just as every other atheistic ideology has had its beginning and end, so it is with Communism," he declared.

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# DEATH

By **HERSCHEL H. HOBBS**

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**I**N THE New Testament the word for "death" is used in three ways: (1) the death of the body wherein the soul is separated from the body (John 11:14; Acts 2:24; Phil. 2:27, 30); (2) the misery of the soul which results from the separation of the soul from God by sin, beginning on earth but continuing after death (Rom. 7:13; II Cor. 3:7; Eph. 2:1; cf. Luke 16:19ff.); (3) the final state of the wicked in hell (Rom. 1:32; Rev. 20:14; 21:8). All three are the result of sin (I Cor. 15:21-22, 56).

The New Testament does not regard physical death for the righteous with the dread found in the Old Testament. Jesus called the physical death of Lazarus "sleep" (John 11:11-14). Paul said, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21ff.). But, even so, death is regarded as an enemy (I Cor. 15:26), an enemy which God makes to serve Him, nevertheless, in releasing the Christian from a mortal body to receive an immortal one at the resurrection (Rom. 7:24-25; I Cor. 15:50ff.).

The greater emphasis in the New Testament is placed upon spiritual death. Even while men are alive physically, they may be dead spiritually (Eph. 2:1ff.; cf. Luke 15:24). The soul that is separated



from God by sin is dead, though actually the soul is immortal (John 5:24; 6:50; 8:21). But those who are alive spiritually shall never die spiritually (John 11:25-26). Thus for these physical death is shorn of its terror (I Cor. 15:55-57).

The intermediate state is the period between physical death and the resurrection. At death the physical body returns to the earth. But the souls of both the righteous and unrighteous enter Hades, the abode of the dead. Jesus entered Hades (Acts 2:31), as did the rich man in the parable (Luke 16:23). The rich man and Lazarus were in Hades, but separated, the former in torment and the latter in bliss (Luke 16:25). Unfortunately "Hades" is translated "hell" in the King James Version. But the Greek had a different word for the place of punishment (Gehenna). The English context, however, makes the distinction quite clear.

At physical death, therefore, all enter Hades, and remain in a conscious state. The lost endure punishment; the saved enjoy fellowship with Christ (cf. Luke 16). At the judgment this state of each is fixed eternally. There is no scriptural basis for "soul sleeping."

## *Self-criticism*

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has caused me to survey the whole Doctrine of Perseverance with new appreciation. My predecessor here at Immanuel Baptist Church, the late Dr. Otto Whittington, used to remind us that no train can be run on one rail, that it takes two rails to carry the load. I fear that Robert Shank has been standing on one side of the mountain and has interpreted the whole in the light of what he has seen only from one side view. I believe a full view of the Cross and the Doctrine of the Grace of God gives an entirely different explanation to the Doctrine of Perseverance. But though I disagree with what Dr. Shank has written, I am convinced that I cannot help our cause by condemning that with which I do not agree.

## *Destruction possible from within*

**I** HAVE said all the above in order that I might say this—Southern Baptists can destroy themselves from within if they continue this bitter self-criticism. We can become so critical that we lose sight of

the message our Lord sent us here to proclaim.

I am sure that in the time of the Apostles there was great emphasis on polytheism. Possibly if we present-day preachers had lived in that time, we would have had a series of sermons denouncing the gods of "Jupiter," "Mars," "The Moon," etc. But what did the Apostles do? They went forth proclaiming Christ and Him crucified. With this positive message they tore the doors off a rotten, sinful empire and established the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men in every nation.

Jesus has something to say about this problem we are facing. In the Sermon on the Mount he said, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" Or as Moffatt translates this verse, "Why do you note the splinter in your brother's eye and fail to see the plank in your own eye?"

It may be that each of us needs to do a good bit of cleaning up around our own doorstep and in our own heart. Jesus also said, "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." I have been reading these verses to myself these days and I trust I will have the grace and strength to live by them.



# An interesting experiment

By DR. CLIFFORD INGLE

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Evening Worship—5:00 p.m.

Training Union—6:00 p.m.

(Out by 7:00 p.m.)

WHOEVER heard of such an idea? Has it been tried? Does it work? Questions like these, and others, flooded my mind when I saw the above schedule of evening services on a church bulletin recently.

An idea so intriguing certainly warranted making a survey among pastors and churches employing it, to ascertain their opinion of the advantages and disadvantages involved.

Some of the pastors indicated that they continued their regular or usual sequence of evening services, just moving them to five or five-thirty. However, the majority reported that they had the Training Union following the evening worship service. All the pastors emphasized that this change was done by the vote of the church. Some stated that this was no longer an experiment but that they have been doing it for three to five years.

An analysis of the survey reveals the advantages:

1. An increase in attendance at both the Worship Service and the Training Union. The increase varied from 10 percent to 35 percent.

2. A benefit for elderly people. This was the strongest point suggested by all pastors, as they reported an immediate increase in attendance of those who were elderly. This was so because the elder people could attend both worship and Training Union and be home at an early hour, even before sunset. Several pastors suggested it brought new life and hope to those of this group.

3. An extra evening at home. Since the evening service would be concluded by 7 or 7:15, the people could be home at or near 7:30. The pastors stated that this actually amounted to an extra evening at home together as a family. This was listed as a pleasant and distinct advantage from the church-

goer's viewpoint.

4. An increase in family attendance at the evening services. This was mentioned as an immediate result since the parents with little children, especially those of school age, could now get them home and in bed at an early hour. Several pastors stated that it eliminated an excuse heard so often, "I must get my children to bed early as tomorrow is a school day." Some suggested that workers who had an early morning shift could now attend the earlier services.

5. A better spiritual atmosphere and fellowship. Three pastors made this suggestion with such ideas as: "As pastor it is of great benefit to me to be able to spend time in meditation and study and

then go directly to the worship service at 5 o'clock. I am physically and emotionally calm and spiritually refreshed. Then I can attend Training Union relaxed and my mind devoted to it alone."

"The early hour of dismissal has greatly aided in the fellowship because it engenders a psychology of ample time."

"It has made a new man out of me because I now go directly into the preaching service with that alone on my mind. Then I can attend and boost Training Union in the same frame of mind. My people have sensed this and our fellowship has improved."

6. This arrangement has eliminated an extra evening at the church. The early dismissal hour makes it possible for minor committee meetings following the services and still permits the persons involved to arrive home at an early hour. Several pastors suggested that this alone had been a "boon" in every respect.

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## A letter to the Ephesians of today

SO FAR as we can tell "Ephesians" was not sent to Ephesus. Or, if so, then it was not sent to Ephesus alone.

Even a cursory reading of the Ephesian letter shows that it is quite unlike most of Paul's letters. It was not occasional. Paul did not deal with local matters and call people by name, as was his custom. The lesson in the letter would seem to apply to any church in any age as much as to the one in Ephesus. For, the theme of Ephesians is of universal significance.

Moreover, the most ancient and trustworthy of the old Greek Bibles do not contain *en Epheso* (in Ephesus) in Ephesians 1:1. But, of course, many of the ancient Bibles do contain the words. Marcion, a Christian of the mid-second century, was acquainted with a let-

ter of Paul called "Laodiceans" which was apparently the same letter we call Ephesians.

All this has led to the theory that Paul wrote what we call Ephesians as a circular letter. The names of the different churches to which the multigraphed copies were sent were naturally associated with the letter in subsequent years. But the message of the letter was general in nature, intended for Ephesus only as one among many cities of the world.

So what? Well, it seems to me that to the very degree that Ephesians is general and not local, to that degree is it relevant even to our time. If you please, the less the letter is to Ephesus the more it is to us. And it is! Read it!

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# News from SBC state meetings

... church-state issue, autonomy, race relations, enlargement

## Texans affirm church-state stand

AUSTIN, TEX. (BP)—Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting here voiced repeatedly their convictions that Texas Baptists should take no part in helping to crumble the wall that separates church and state.

More than 5,000 Baptists from virtually every Baptist church in the state:

(1) Adopted without debate or dissent a complex interpretation of the Texas Baptist policy on church-state separation;

(2) Approved five recommendations from the convention's Christian Life Commission on Christian citizenship that included a strong church-state separation statement.

Convention messengers also voted unanimously to sponsor a vast five week evangelistic crusade in Japan April 28-May 31, 1963, and accepted a challenge to raise \$300,000 in "over and above" gifts to underwrite the crusade. Evangelist Billy Graham is scheduled to participate in the crusade, at least one night and possibly for three days. Texas Baptist leaders said they will meet with Graham in hopes of getting a longer commitment for the crusade.

In other action, Texas Baptists adopted a record \$14,383,194 Co-operative Program budget, elected nearly 300 trustees and directors for 25 Baptist boards and institutions, and re-elected James H. Landes, of Wichita Falls, convention president.

The complex church-state separation policy statement held that for Texas Baptist schools, hospitals and children's homes to accept government loans, grants or property at reduced rates violates the Baptist stand on the historic principle. Not considered as a violation of the principles were loans or grants to individual college students; research grants in which the government contracts for the services of individuals; property

made available to religious organizations at its actual value; and tax exemptions for church contributions.

Recommendations from the Christian Life Commission urged Baptist dedication to church-state separation, not as a way of expressing bias against the Roman Catholic Church, but as a basic truth.

## Florida begs Stetson to change relation

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)—The Florida Baptist Convention begged Stetson University trustees to "exhaust every resource, Christian and legal" to transfer the college property at DeLand to the convention.

The convention also asked for power to elect Stetson trustees and to install a rotating basis for their tenure. The college, which next year will receive \$249,600 from the convention's budget, has a self-perpetuating board of trustees with life membership. The convention has the right to nominate some trustees from time to time, through a joint convention and trustee committee.

A legal opinion, secured in 1956, held that any revision of the Stetson charter to provide direct election of trustees by the convention would be unconstitutional. No court test was made, however.

The convention voted to go on a single budget basis, in other words, to eliminate preferred items before dividing Co-operative Program receipts between state missions and the Southern Baptist Convention. The SBC will get 40 percent of the anticipated \$2.6 million receipts in 1962. The convention further voted to move toward a 50-50 basis of distribution, increasing the SBC portion year by year.

The convention voted to meet for 1962 at Daytona Beach, Nov. 13-15. Malcolm B. Knight, of Jacksonville, is new convention president.

## N. C. Baptists agree to autonomy study

GREENSBORO, N. C. (BP)—The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, in a surprise late-session move, reversed its Resolutions Committee and authorized a study of autonomy.

James M. Bulman of Providence Baptist Church, East Spencer, N. C., erstwhile crusader against the decision of the now-famous North Rocky Mount (N. C.) case in 1954, presented his usual resolution to the committee. He asked condemnation of the state's Supreme Court decision on the case.

The committee rejected the proposed resolution but two leading ministers of normally opposing views came to Bulman's support.

M. O. Owens, Jr., of Gastonia, defeated for president in 1959 by 32 votes, moved that Bulman's resolution be accepted, that a committee of leading lawyers and historians be named to make a study of the case.

In a substitute motion, W. W. Finlater, of Raleigh, asked simply for appointment of a committee to make a study. The convention approved this by a substantial margin.

The executive committee of the convention's General Board was authorized to name the committee.

In another move that raised eyebrows, the convention, also in the closing hours when attendance was low, reversed the Committee on Place and Preacher. Wilmington, a floor recommendation, was picked over the committee's choice of Charlotte for the 1963 convention session. The 1962 meeting is to be held at Raleigh, Nov. 13-15.

The convention elected Nane Starnes, of West Asheville, N. C., as president. It adopted a record budget goal of \$5,465,000 for 1962. Of this, \$1,215,000 is an over-and-above goal for Christian education. The basic budget stood at \$4¼ million. The Southern Baptist



Convention was voted 34 percent of this figure.

The convention requested the Christian Life Committee to make a study of capital punishment. A group of Wake Forest College students petitioned for the study.

The Christian Life Committee gently prodded convention institutions to speed up integration. Its report was accepted almost unanimously after a retired pastor made an effort to put the issue to the cooperating churches as a referendum. In 1955, North Carolina convention gave its institutions authority to accept people regardless of race or color. But no college has an undergraduate Negro student at the present time. It was revealed here that Oralene Graves, Negro day student at Mars Hill (Junior) College, dropped out of school a month after she entered.

## Alabama approves Mobile school charter

MOBILE (BP)—More than 1,000 messengers to the Alabama Baptist State Convention here approved the charter for a new Baptist college in Mobile. They also elected Howard M. Reaves, of Mobile, to a second term as convention president.

In his president's address, Reaves commented on current questions being raised about Southern Baptist Convention theological seminaries and their professors.

"So long as Baptists believe in the right of the individual to think for himself, there will be questions raised about the beliefs of teachers," he declared. "I, for one, want to express my confidence in the soundness of our seminaries and my belief that those in whom we have placed our trust will prove to be worthy."

Eight churches in Alabama have designated their funds to avoid any of them being used to support Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Messengers picked Montgomery, Nov. 13-15, for the 1962 convention. They voted for a 1962 budget of \$4¼ million. The Cooperative Program goal is \$3,344,000 with the Southern Baptist Convention to get 35 percent.

## Officers accorded honors at Greenville

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)—The 1961 South Carolina Baptist Convention here bestowed honors on its retiring general secretary and his assistant, Horace G. Hammett.



MR. HAMMETT

Charles F. Sims, Columbia, completing his executive leadership Jan. 1, was elected president of the convention. The convention also voted him a \$2,500 appreciation gift, agreed to continue his housing allowance of \$1,500 a year after retiring and will name a chapel for him. The chapel will be located in the new Baptist Building, yet to be constructed in Columbia.

His assistant for 11 years, Mr. Hammett, of Columbia, was elected to succeed Sims as general secretary. A South Carolina native, he studied at Furman University.

## Georgia Baptists authorize expansion

COLUMBUS, Ga. (BP)—The Georgia Baptist Convention in annual session here authorized three of its institutions to enlarge their facilities while hearing reports of enlarged programs from all others.

Baptist Village, the institution for the aged, was authorized to borrow \$600,000 from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. Mercer University was given permission to borrow a similar amount for an apartment project and Norman (Junior) College will borrow \$300,000 for a dormitory.

The Cooperative Program budget for next year was fixed at \$3,317,600, an increase of \$114,000. Of the amount, \$1,468,500 is for the Southern Baptist Convention and a similar sum for Georgia causes. There is \$380,600 for administration, promotion and the denominational retirement program.

The Georgia convention restored its Christian Life Commission, which was abolished last year af-

ter a controversy on the race issue. In restoring the agency, its name was changed. The agency abolished in 1960 was the Social Service Commission.

The Executive Committee, governing board in Georgia Baptist matters between conventions, will outline responsibilities of the new commission and the convention's Public Affairs Committee. It is expected to work this out in its December meeting.

Dick H. Hall, Jr., pastor of Decatur's First Baptist Church, was re-elected to a second term as president. Macon was awarded the 1962 convention, meeting Nov. 12-14.

## Michigan sets goal at 114 new missions

GARDEN CITY, Mich. (BP)—Southern Baptists in Michigan have set a goal for 1962 of establishing 114 new missions. The size of the goal is shown by the report there are now 130 churches and missions in the state.

The goal was presented to the 1961 session of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan here.

The convention also adopted a total budget for the coming year of \$207,733. It hopes to forward to the Southern Baptist Convention \$34,118, which is 25 percent of the Cooperative Program goal.

The convention elected Ray Babb, pastor, First Baptist Church, Clio, Mich., president. It voted to meet in Lansing for the next session Nov. 6-7, 1962.

## California elects lay vice president

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (BP)—California Southern Baptists have elected their first layman vice president—Charles Bethell, a minister of music and education in Bakersfield.

He will serve with W. B. Timberlake, of Sacramento, whom the Southern Baptist General Convention of California re-elected to a second year's term as president.

The convention also voted to conduct its 1962 session in Sacramento, Nov. 13-15. It adopted a total budget of nearly \$1.5 million. Of the Cooperative Program sum, \$210,000 will go to the Southern Baptist Convention.



## Mississippi okays temperance report

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)—Mississippi Baptist Convention re-approved a strong temperance report, deplored gambling and issued a plea to the governor of the state.

A resolution asked Gov. Ross Barnett, himself a Baptist deacon, to use the influence of his office to enforce gambling and liquor laws in the state. He was asked to veto any effort to make liquor legal in Mississippi, a "dry" state. The convention asked repeal of the state "black market" tax on liquor.

Messengers re-elected W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson's First Baptist Church as convention president and voted to return to Jackson in 1962, Nov. 13-15.

The record 1962 Cooperative Program budget of \$2.6 million, adopted, includes \$858,000 for the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Louisiana to mark sesquicentennial

WEST MONROE, La. (BP)—Louisiana Baptists have launched a year-long celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of their first church.

"Sesquicentennial Year" activities will include celebration of the 150th anniversary of the conversion of Adoniram and Ann Judson and Luther Rice in India. The convention voted to stage a three-day extravaganza during its 1962 session which will be held Nov. 13-16 at Baton Rouge.

In other action the convention approved a \$2,655,000 budget and adopted a 10-year program for all its agencies. The 1962 budget will be divided 68.6 percent state, 31.4 percent worldwide.

H. A. Hunderup, pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, was re-elected president of the convention.

## Hoosiers adopt goals for 1962

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—The 1961 State Convention of Baptists in Indiana adopted a budget goal for the coming year, through the Cooperative Program, of \$128,500. One-fourth of these receipts will go to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The messengers re-elected Wal-

ter R. Davis of Hammond, Ind., president. They had already selected Lafayette, Ind., as site for the 1962 convention, Nov. 8-10 and this year picked the 1963 time and place, Nov. 7-9 in Evansville.

The convention reported a gain of 18 cooperating churches during the year. There are now 158 churches with 27,885 total members. These churches sponsor 42 missions.

## Oklahoma exploring church-state affairs

TULSA, Okla. (BP)—A committee to explore church-state relations has been elected by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

The convention, meeting for 1961 session here, approved a recommendation from its board of directors for the study. Behind the lay questions concerning the convention's hospitals and golden-age homes.

The study recognized "the many questions being raised throughout our nation concerning the complex facets of overlapping interests of the church and state in the areas of benevolence, healing, education, taxation and privileges extended to our denomination, churches and ministers."

## Suggest standards for ordination

WASHINGTON (BP)—Messengers at the District of Columbia Baptist Convention adopted a set of suggested standards for ordination proceedings presented by their Executive Board.

The recommendations include suggestions on the candidate's prerequisites to ordination, the ordination procedure and the order of service for ordination.

The convention, dually aligned with the Southern and American Conventions, adopted a 1962 budget of \$425,910. Local needs will receive 63.5 per cent of the total. The remaining 36.5 percent will go to national and international areas, with \$92,669, designated and undesignated funds, allocated for the Southern Baptist Convention.

C. Vinton Koons, a layman, was elected new president of the convention. The 1962 meeting was set for Nov. 19-20 at East Washington Heights Baptist Church.

## Ohio ahead on 30,000 goals

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP)—Ohio Southern Baptists are ahead on their goals during the 30,000 Movement of the Southern Baptist Convention. Executive Secretary Ray E. Roberts, of Columbus, reported this during the 1961 session of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, meeting here.

He said the goal calls for 285 churches cooperating with the state convention by November, 1962. "We have 249 at this time, but the 117 missions we have almost assures us of going beyond our goal," according to Roberts. "We also have a goal of 100 new missions during the coming 12 months," he added.

The convention gained 34 churches and 64 new missions during the associational year closing Sept. 30. Membership of affiliating churches topped 41,000.

In finances, the convention reported running \$10,000 ahead of 1960 in its collections of Cooperative Program funds from the churches, but it probably will still fail to meet the budget goal of \$289,000. Receipts are expected to reach \$233,000.

Messengers to the convention re-elected C. Hogue Hockensmith, of Columbus, president. They dedicated their remodeled state convention offices here and selected Reading, Ohio, for the 1962 convention, Nov. 13-15.

## Arizona includes 'Southern' in name

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)—The Baptist General Convention of Arizona voted here to change its name, identifying clearly its cooperative relationship with the Southern Baptist Convention. The new name, approved at the 1961 session, is Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

The convention also adopted a resolution "encouraging our denominational press and publications in their efforts in opposition to communism and its teachings."

The convention authorized a \$5 million bond issue to build a "large Baptist hospital" in Phoenix or Tucson.



By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

(Author of the book, "Sir, I Have A Problem," at your Baptist Book Store.)

**Respect in marriage**

**QUESTION:** My husband is 21 years older than I am and he treats me like a child. He does not think I am capable of making every day decisions for myself. Before I married, my mother worked and I kept house, shopped for groceries and planned meals. Don't you think it is only fair for my husband to give me a chance to make a few decisions?



DR. HUDSON

**ANSWER:** Yes, and the first one I would make is to splatter all over the ceiling in telling him a thing or two things about adult human relations.

One adult should not make decisions for another adult, even if he is married to her.

Respect is a basic ingredient in a Christian home. This means that each accepts the distinctive qualities of the other and does not judge the other for being an individual. Perhaps if you will try to get your husband to see that what he is doing makes you feel like a child, he will open his eyes. Then make clean-cut decisions.

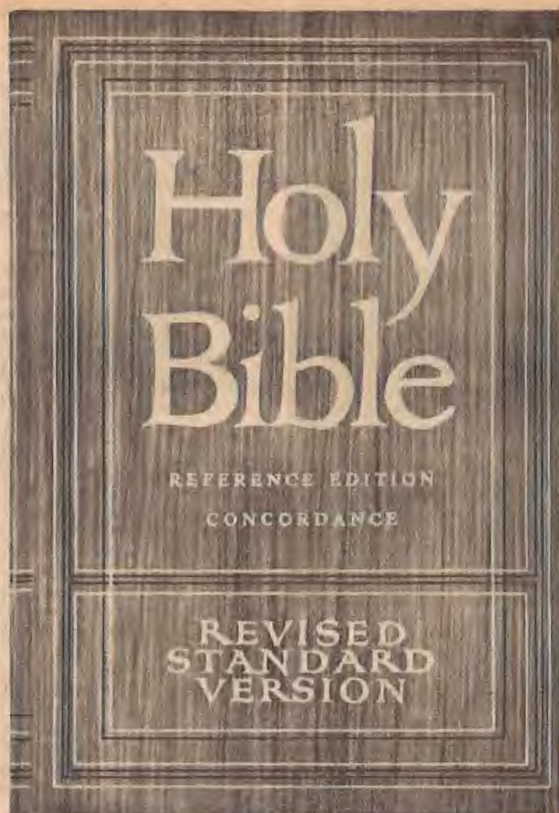
If not, try talking this over with your pastor or a marriage counselor. Take him with you, too, if he will go.

In the meantime, don't eat your heart out over this problem. Your husband may be trying to prove that he is a man—some men never get it proved.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th St., Kansas City 12, Mo.)

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Call on your Brotherhood Department for help in getting underway with a continuing Brotherhood training program in your church or in your association.—Nelson Tull, Director

## Student Union



MR. DIBBERN

## Retreat talent show

ARKANSAS' fourth International Retreat included a talent hour during which Daniel Mbat of Kenya, East Africa, and Dieter Dibern of Germany sang songs of their homelands.

Forty-five students from 16 overseas nations spent the Thanksgiving holidays together in a meeting at Aldersgate sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union and Baptist Student Department. Fifteen American students, student directors, and program personnel also shared in the meeting.—Tom J. Logue, Director

## Church Music

## Monthly reports

OCCASIONALLY we share with our readers the music ministry monthly report from the churches reporting the last month. We believe you will gain benefit and inspiration as you read these reports.



MR. McCLARD

Second, Arkadelphia—Teddy Stanton, director. Enrolled last month, 148; enrolled this month, 165. Copies of **Church Musician** purchased, 20; hymnal used—Baptist. Music Council of nine members; Organ and nine pianos. Six choirs with percentage attendance of 69 percent.

Immanuel, El Dorado—Robert Hall, director. Enrolled this month, 234. Six classes of music training, with attendance of 55. Copies of **Church Musician** purchased, 40; hymnal used—Baptist. Music Council of six members; Organ and 16 pianos. Six choirs with percentage attendance of 62 percent; one Ensemble.

Park Hill, North Little Rock—Max Alexander, director. Enrolled last month, 329; enrolled this month 367. Copies of **Church Musician**, 45; hymnal, Baptist. Music Council of nine members; Organ and 24 pianos. Eleven choirs with percentage attendance of 87 percent; one Ensemble.

First, Norphlet—Lawrence Harrison, director. Enrolled last month, 66; enrolled this month, 76. Hymnal, Baptist. Music Council of eight members; organ and seven pianos; two choirs.

West Helena—Billy A. Vaughn, director. Enrolled last month, 85; enrolled this month, 102. One Ensemble; 56 attending associational Hymn Sing; 12 pianos; four choirs with average attendance of 69.

Grand Avenue, Fort Smith—Don Sears, director. Enrolled last month, 213; enrolled this month, 217. Seven choirs with average attendance of 144. Organ and 24 pianos. Special recent event—Baeh Festival. One vocal and one instrumental ensemble.

First, Atkins—Mrs. David Murdock, director. Enrolled last month, 36; enrolled this month, 35; average attendance, 30; two choirs. Organ and three pianos. Hymnal used, Baptist. 12 copies of **Church Musician** purchased. Five music council members.

First, Springdale—Jerry Hulff, director. Enrolled last month, 209; enrolled this month, 226. Six choirs with percentage attendance of 82 percent. Two ensembles. Choir Dedication service held Oct. 22. Forty copies of **Church Musician** purchased; organ and 14 pianos. Hymnal used, Broadman. Ten members in music council. Recent division of Cherub choir.

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Black River	289	217	-42
Boone County	206	182	-24
Buckner	112	88	-24
Buckville	13	6	-7
Caddo River	56	31	-25
Carey	103	162	59
Carroll County	85	92	7
Centennial	132	144	12
Central	502	481	-21
Clear Creek	268	343	75
Concord	667	721	54
Conway-Perry	110	144	34
Current River	96	126	30
Dard.-Russ.	163	147	-16
Delta	473	357	-116
Faulkner	184	155	-29
Gainesville	111	102	-9
Greene County	241	249	8
Harmony	554	696	142
Hope	487	404	-83
Independence	97	129	32
Liberty	539	658	119
Little Red River	93	47	-46
Little River	223	171	-52
Mississippi County	584	785	201
Mt. Zion	416	455	39
Newton County	18	14	-4
Ouachita	102	87	-15
Pulaski County	1,596	1,932	336
Red River	169	208	39
Rocky Bayou	92	59	-33
Stone-VB-Searcy	104	149	45
Tri County	606	686	80
Trinity	376	485	109
Wash.-Madison	257	355	98
White County	165	123	-43
White River	132	253	121
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## Missions-Evangelism

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The Conway-Perry Association had 144 for baptism. This is a record for that association. Rev. Pat Mehaffey was missionary and helped in several revivals and had a large part in this marvelous record.

White River Association had 253 baptisms and established a new record. Rev. Dale Barnett is missionary.

Perhaps other Associations had a record year, too.

First, Stuttgart—Dale Keeton, director. Enrolled, 125, percentage of attendance 81 percent, with five choirs; 35 copies of Church Musician purchased. Music Council of seven members. Organ and 12 pianos.

First, Siloam Springs—Marvil Hawkins, director. Enrolled last month, 108; enrolled this month, 137. Six choirs, with average attendance of 103; 16 pianos, five on Music Council. Newly organized Beginners Choir.

First, Arkadelphia—Elwyn Raymer, director. Enrollment of 277, average attendance of 215. One ensemble. Special recent event, Music Month Hymn program. Special coming events, choir clinic, and children's party. Organ and 15 pianos.

Highland Heights, Benton — Lynn Chapman, director. Enrollment last month, 42; enrollment this month, 46. Three choirs with percentage attendance, 78 percent. Hymnal used, Broadman; 20 copies of Church Musician purchased. Organ and four pianos. Music ministry formally established as organization of the church and included in church budget for 1962.

First, Lewisville—Wayne McDill, director. Enrollment last month, 65; enrollment this month, 70; percentage attendance for five choirs, 83 percent. Organ and six pianos; 23 copies of Church Musician purchased. Ten members on Music Council. Hymnal used, Baptist. Study course scheduled in November.—LeRoy McClard, Director



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## Coordination the key

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MR. ELIFF

May I repeat what one of our department leaders has said? He observed that our departments have unconsciously and unintentionally built programs and loyalties around

themselves. Thus, different men over the state are said to be Sunday School men or Music men, etc. With the existence of such a condition, our churches suffer, and our churches are our main concern.

You can be sure of this: NO one realizes the problem more than the men who serve in our four departments, and they are more than eager to correct it. They tell me they want to build a concept of "one-ness" in all our educational ministry.

It would be rewarding to see what has already been accomplished in the area of co-ordination and unification after just a few weeks of meetings. Our present leaders have had ideas and dreams which actually could not be realized without a Religious Education Division and a coordinator.

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You will witness increased effectiveness in our educational ministry because of our new arrangement. We want to capture as nearly as possible the same necessarily close relationship our departments have in the local church.

More to follow.—J. T. Eliff, Director

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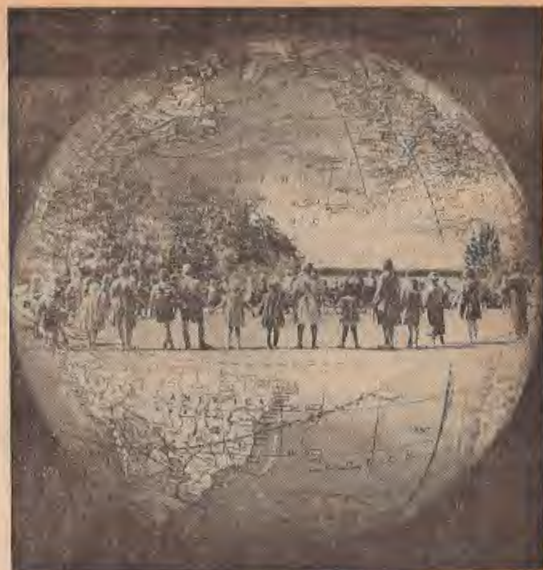
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# The snow cleaners

By GRAYCE KROGH BOLLEN

IT HAD snowed all night. Lucy and Mark were happy to see all the snow when they awoke. Snow was like having a new toy. They could find so many ways to play in it.

"Let's go out and have fun," Mark chuckled as soon as breakfast was over.

The boy and girl put on their outdoor things. They put on their high red boots, too, because the snow was quite deep.

"It's hard to walk in. It's so deep." Lucy stumbled after Mark, puffing and blowing and giggling with joy.

"I wish Mrs. Forest still lived here," Mark stopped and looked around. "Remember the cookies she used to make, Lucy?"

"And the wonderful stories she told us," Lucy sighed. "This was her house, but now Mrs. Rake lives there. She's a crosspatch."

"They say she is," Mark nodded. "I don't know. See how the snow has drifted on her pavement, Lucy. It is twice as deep as anywhere else."

"She will have a time cleaning it," Lucy shook her head. "The big boys won't do it even for pay, because they say she is cross."

"But she can't do it herself. She is too old," Mark frowned. "I feel sorry for her, Lucy. Let's have fun surprising her by cleaning it ourselves."

"She won't pay us," Lucy objected.

"We don't need pay," said Mark. "Wouldn't you want to be surprised like that if you were too old to clean your own pavement?"

"I guess so," Lucy smiled then. "Yes, I would! Come on, Mark. Let's hurry home. We need a shovel and a broom."

The boy and girl hurried back home as fast as they could go. It didn't take long to get the snow shovel and the broom. Soon they were back at Mrs. Rake's again.

"You shovel until you are tired," Lucy directed. "Then I'll help."

Mark shoveled for a long time. Lucy shoveled for a long time. It was hard work, but it was fun. They were too busy to see Mrs. Rake peering out the window at them.

Mark shoveled a lot of snow. Lucy shoveled some, too. Now there was a path along the pavement. Lucy swept it as clear of snow as she could.

Mark had begun to do the steps. Lucy followed along behind him, sweeping them clean. Before they knew it, they were almost finished. They were right up to Mrs. Rake's top step.

"Mark, suppose she sees us?" Lucy cried then. "Suppose she comes out and scolds?"

"She won't scold us for doing a kind deed," said Mark. "We haven't done anything wrong, Lucy."

Just the same, when Lucy saw Mrs. Rake come to the door, her heart beat fast. She smiled at the old lady, however, and Mrs. Rake smiled back.

"We cleaned your pavement for you," said Mark, finishing the very last bit.

"That is nice of you," the old lady smiled. "It makes me very happy. Come in and have some hot cocoa. You must be cold and hungry after all that work."

"Thank you," Lucy remembered to say as they tramped inside.

Mrs. Rake had homemade sugar cookies, which were just as good as those Mrs. Forest used to make. Mrs. Rake knew good stories, too. She told some while Mark and Lucy ate. When every crumb was gone, the boy and girl said thank you again. They promised to come back soon for another visit.

"Why, she isn't cross at all!" Mark cried when they were on their way home. "She's just as nice as Mrs. Forest. I'm glad we cleaned her pavement."

"So am I," Lucy smiled.

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## God's Wondrous World

### Evergreen Christmas trees

By THELMA C. CARTER

CHRISTMAS trees! Do you know that the favorite Christmas evergreen trees are usually the fir, spruce, hemlock, pine, and cedar?

The fir tree is a favorite Christmas tree because it holds its needles after cutting for a longer time than other evergreens. Fir trees, especially the balsam fir, have a special fragrance. Long ago dried fir needles were used as stuffing for pillows.

Evergreens are identified by such features as the different lengths of their needles, their shapes, sizes, cones or seed pods, and berries.

Fir tree branches have an upward sweep. Their needles are about one inch short, stiff, and sharp. Hemlocks have dark green foliage. Pine needles grow in bundles, three to five inches long. Cedars have flat spraylike branches.

Evergreen trees are called evergreen because their foliage stays green most

of the year. Their leaves are like needles, but they are leaves nevertheless. In spite of weather conditions, beautiful evergreens grow on freezing mountain slopes, swamps, sandy plains, and rocky hills.

Surprisingly true is the fact that the Christmas trees you decorate this year may have come from the Pacific Coast or the Atlantic states. They may be from Texas or even cut from the countryside near your home.

One glance at these beautiful trees and you cannot help but see the exquisite handiwork of the Creator. Many grow in pyramid form and are cone-shaped. Their branches are widespread and feathery.

Isaiah 41:19 tells us of God's planning for evergreen trees in his natural world. "I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, . . . I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine."

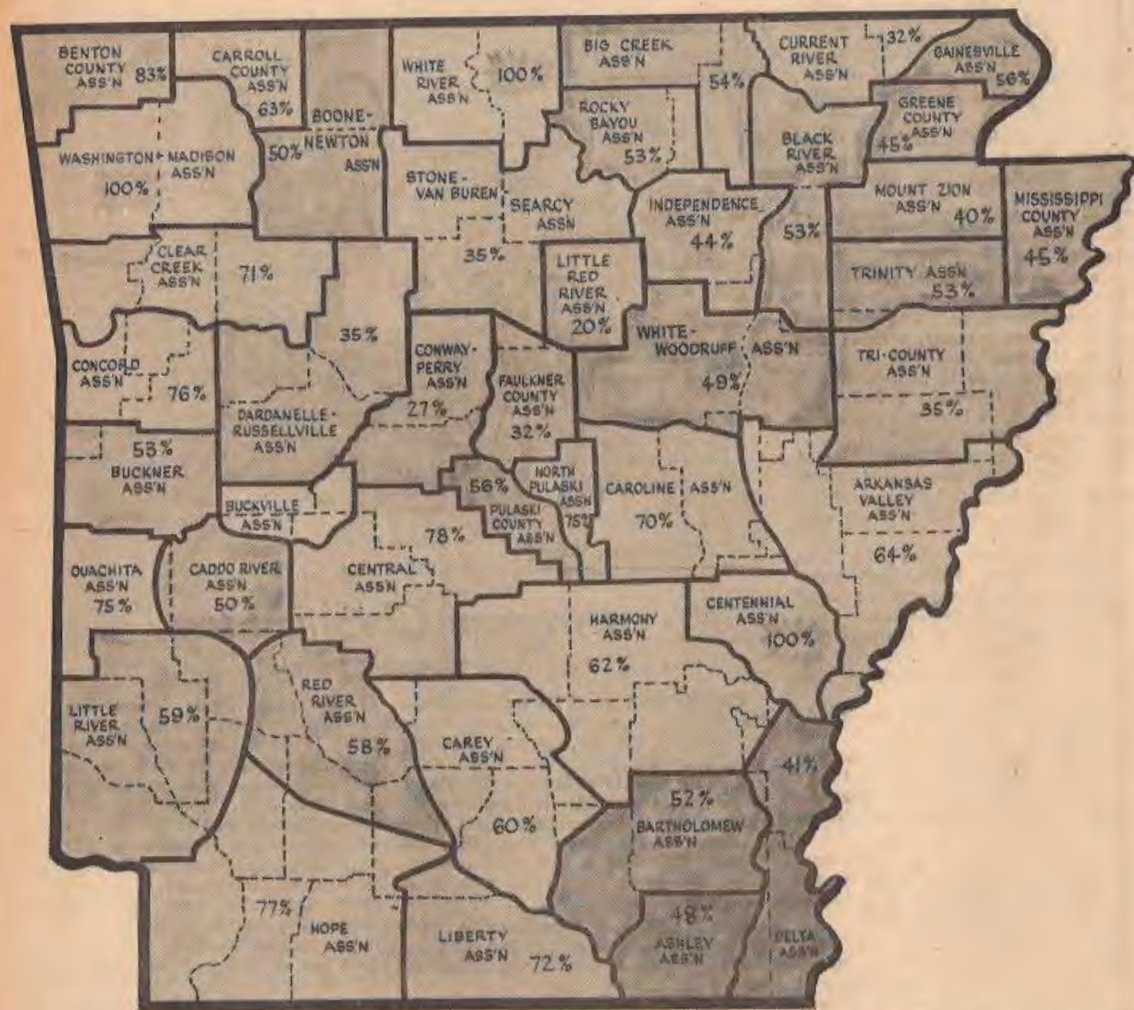
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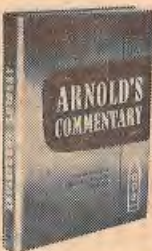
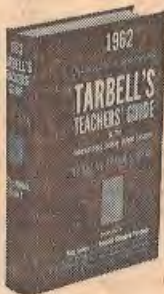
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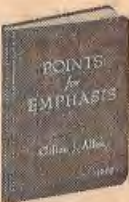
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# Growth through Bible study

By DR. SAM C. REEVES  
Pastor, First Church, Arkadelphia

December 10, 1961

Bible Material: Luke 4:16-21; 24:25-27; I Timothy 4;

II Timothy 1:5-6; 3:10-4:5

Devotional Reading: Psalm 119: 105-112

Lesson Passage: II Timothy 3:10-17; II Timothy 4:1-5

Memory Selection: Psalm 119:11

**S**ECOND Timothy is a heart-warming letter of encouragement unto faithfulness and courage written by the veteran



DR. REEVES

Paul from a Roman prison and addressed to the young Christian, Timothy. The time is about 66 A.D. The writer is about to go to his death and this makes his last words all the more to be cherished and believed.

If Paul didn't give up his faith in prison, then we have all the more reason to hold it when free. There is all the difference in the world between giving up your faith and giving out your faith.

It is noteworthy to compare similarity of world conditions then and now. Political revolutions of a world sort were in the making as the Roman Empire was beginning to crack and come apart. Big things were taking place and that is always a time of disruption and uncertainty. All the foundations seem to be coming loose and Paul wants Timothy to know the foundations in Christ are sure. Hard days are coming and Paul is warning Timothy and encouraging him to "stay hitched." To do this, Paul admonishes Timothy (and us) to hold to the Scriptures.

## I. Read the Scriptures written in conduct

**P**AUL first of all admonishes Timothy to consider the truth as he has seen it lived out before him. "Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my practice, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions . . ." II Timothy 3:10 (RSV).

When the young Christian would find the going hard and Paul was no longer around to encourage him, there would always be the example of Paul's life—verily the Scriptures written on a human heart. You can't burn or destroy such a record. It lives on and inspires. We Christians ourselves are the only

Bibles most people will ever read. We are living epistles that all men read whether we will it or not.

If persecution comes to Timothy he can stand fast by knowing that another Christian before him had stood fast when the bitterest kind and degree of persecution had been heaped upon him. Paul accepted it; let Timothy accept it and stand fast, too.

No age is ever without its persecution of the Gospel and its disciples. Nothing was made plainer by the teachings and warnings of our Lord. Sometimes it comes by the more unnoticeable way of intellectual indifference and scorn. This is not easy to combat and often takes more courage and tenacity and wisdom than to combat open physical violence.

Sometimes it comes through an open, public avowal of opposition as witnessed in our own day and time from the Communists. We can no longer evade the real issue confronting us in this world struggle. It is simply and startlingly and fearfully a challenge to determine whether Christianity is to continue in our generation as a world force or whether the world program of an atheistic and dedicated group of Communists will rule the world.

This is not the first time Christianity has had to confront a challenge of such serious proportions. Christ wins but not before His followers go through severe testing and trials. We aren't going to escape this time. Maybe this challenge will bring new life into Christians. It is a matter of life and death.

In the first world victory ever won by Christian forces there was not a single page of the New Testament written in book form for people to read. At its earliest best it was no more than letters such as this one written to inspire and instruct. The Bible the people were reading was written and lived out in human lives and that is where it must once again be read if we are to prevail in this struggle. Not to believe this and face this in our own day is to invite the total destruction of the way of life as we have known it in America and that sooner than any of us want to think about at all.

## II. Read the Scriptures written in books

**F**OR years Christians did not enjoy this opportunity and free privilege as we do today. It made for revolutionary epochs when it began to be done. How people read the Book. Remember the McGuffey readers? They read the scriptures in schools. Someone has said that the Bible today is the world's most unread "Best Seller."

This can no longer be and the same advice Paul was giving Timothy to insure that he would "stand" in the battle is as pertinent and necessary as ever, even more so. "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures" (II Timothy 3:15) must again become a major part of the Christian arsenal of warfare. The scriptures inspire and equip men for Christ in life and service. The Bible as written on pages of paper has the power to inspire and strengthen. We will fail if we fail right here.

It may be that the time has come for us to seriously examine the proportionate time (and any survey made is alarming) we actually devote to this task. Our little few minutes spent on the average of around 50 per cent attendance in our Sunday Schools is not sufficient. We had better begin in earnest to solve this problem. Desultory, complacent Christians can never be a match for dedicated Communists.

But after thirty years of work in the gospel ministry I am fully persuaded that Christ still has enough of just the sort of Christians in the world today who will respond to the challenge in the same way that Timothy did and follow the same instructions as given to us by Paul. As far as I am concerned the statute of people striving at the task of teaching the holy scriptures is increasing in size and appreciation every passing minute.

As Baptists let us begin to give more than lip service to our claim to distinctiveness in holding to the Bible as our only guide and authority in matters of faith and practice. This doctrine carried out on every front can make us different and it is going to take a different brand of Christianity to win this battle.

*We search the world for truth, we call*

*The good, the pure, the beautiful,*

*From graven stone and written scroll,*

*From the old flower seeds of the soul,*

*And, weary seekers for the best,*

*We come back laden from our quest*

*To find that all the sages said*

*Is in the book our mothers read.*

—John Greenleaf Whittier.



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Some suggested that it actually saved them from one to three evenings at the church in committee meetings. Again, committee absenteeism was greatly reduced when the meetings followed the service and the interest on the part of the committee members was greatly increased. It was also suggested that it was easier to secure people to serve on committees if they knew the committee was to meet after the Sunday evening service instead of taking one of their evenings during the week.

**The disadvantages:**

Only three pastors listed any disadvantages and each of them suggested these to be of negligible nature, that the good far outweighed any disadvantage.

1. Inconvenience for those who work on a late Sunday afternoon shift and for those engaged in dairy farming.

2. A teen-age problem. Three pastors stated that because the services were over at 7 o'clock it left the teen-agers free with an entire evening before them and nothing to do.

These same pastors suggested, however, that this was an added incentive for the church to provide after-service youth fellowship and also added that this was not a legitimate disadvantage because usually the teen-agers who wished to go elsewhere after church would do it anyway regardless as to the time of dismissal.

Each pastor who answered the questionnaire stated that his church was enthusiastic for the arrangement and had no thought of reverting. None reported giving it up. The one thing above all which was of greatest interest to me was the fact that in every instance this was a "pastor-led" experiment. All stated that they were not trying to do something new or novel, but were simply trying to find a better answer for evening services. They believed they have found it.

Would it not also be advisable to change the morning services to begin at 8:30 or 9:00 and dismiss at 10:45 or 11:15?

**He'll never forget**

"YOU think so much of your old golf game that you don't even remember when we were married," pouted Mrs. Duffer.

"Oh, yes, I do," reassured Mr. Duffer. "Earlier that day I sank a 40-foot putt!"

**Jumping to a conclusion**

A NEWLY-married man found his wife in tears when he arrived home from the office.

"You know that cake I made from Mother's recipe?" she sobbed. "Well, I put it out to cool and the cat ate half of it."

"Never mind, darling," he comforted. "I know someone who will give us a kitten."

**Middle-age spread**

A SPEAKER at a prayer service I was attending recently was illustrating his talk with what happens when one goes to see a doctor these days.

"If the doctor finds something wrong," he said, "it's usually a deficiency, an allergy, or a virus."

Whispered a middle-aged man in the pew back of me: "I've got all three." —Erwin L. McDonald.

**Diagnosis**

SURGEON (addressing students at hospital): "The muscle of the patient's left leg has contracted till it is much shorter than the right leg. Therefore he limps. Now, what would you do in such circumstances?"

Student: "Limp, too."

**Good alibi**

WHEN a woman motorist was stopped by the motor cop she asked indignantly, "What do you want with me?"

"You were traveling at 40 miles an hour," answered the officer.

"Forty miles an hour? Why, I haven't been out an hour," said the woman.

"Go ahead," said the officer in despair.

**Junior critic**

A YOUNGSTER whose love of history was not too intense expressed his opinion in no uncertain terms on the inside cover of a United States history book. Here is what he wrote:

"In case of fire, please throw this in."

**Definition**

WILLIE: "Paw, what is the difference between capital and labor?"

Paw: "Well, the money you lend represents capital, and getting it back represents labor, my son."

**Cheerleaders**

AS THE regiment was leaving and a crowd cheering, a recruit asked: "Who are all those people who are cheering?"

"They," replied the veteran, "are the people who are not going."

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**Discrimination bar**

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The W. C. and A. N. Miller Development Co., a prominent Washington real estate firm charged by various religious groups as practicing a policy of racial and religious discrimination, has withdrawn from a redevelopment project in the capital city's newly-created southwest.

The withdrawal followed a public hearing at which representatives of more than 20 religious and civic agencies told the Redevelopment Land Agency that the firm should not be allowed to participate in the project unless it agreed to change its discriminatory policies.

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# Whitsitt papers to Southern Seminary

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MRS. H. G. Whitehead of Richmond, Va., recently gave the library of Southern Seminary an important collection of papers belonging to a former president and professor of church history, Dr. William H. Whitsitt. Mrs. Whitehead is a daughter of the third president of the Seminary.

The collection included books, pamphlets, handwritten and typed manuscripts of materials published, sermons, extracts from and summaries of sources related to Baptist history, and miscellaneous notes and letters. The diaries of Dr. Whitsitt, which have the reputation of unusual frankness in comments and observations, were not included. Mrs. Whitehead reports that they may not be put in a public place for another 25 years.

Although Dr. Whitsitt joined the faculty in 1872 as its sixth member, it was not until 1879 that he began teaching in the field for which he is best known—church history. In 1895, after the death of Dr. John A. Broadus, he was elected to the presidency of the Seminary. It was not long after that he found himself embroiled in controversy over certain views of Baptist history he held and taught. Especially strongly criticized were his understanding of Baptist beginnings and his scientific approach to the study of Baptist history.

In a book published in 1896, *A Question in Baptist History*, Whitsitt maintained that immersion was recovered in England in 1641, and this development marked the inception of Baptists. With scholarly and scientific precision he summoned the testimony of the sources to support his contention.

Whitsitt, however, soon found himself at odds with a number of fellow Baptists who claimed that there was an unbroken chain of Baptists stretching back to the first century. The "Whitsitt Controversy" by 1898 became a deplorably unpleasant conflict, creating a situation in which Dr. Whitsitt deemed the welfare of the Seminary required his resignation.

Following his withdrawal, he taught at the University of Richmond. He died in 1911. (BP)

## Fight TB



Use Christmas Seals

## The fight goes on

FOR more than 50 years now, the Arkansas Tuberculosis Association has been fighting TB. Great progress has been made. TB no longer heads the list as a cause of death. But 187 people in our state still died of TB in 1960—more than all other infectious diseases combined. New active cases of TB were being found in the country at the rate of 4,750 each month in 1959. In Arkansas there were 884 newly reported cases in 1960.

When everyone infected with the TB germ is found, carefully checked regularly, and adequately treated if active disease has developed, there will be no more TB in this state or country.

This goal is still a long way off. In the years ahead, Christmas Seal dollars are needed more urgently than ever to step up the fight against TB, before the tough TB germ develops resistance to the drugs used to treat the disease. The fifty-fifth Annual Christmas Seal Campaign opened Nov. 13 in Arkansas. Answer your Christmas Seal letter and give generously. Help your TB Association protect you and your family.—Arkansas Tuberculosis Association.

## Attendance Report

November 26, 1961

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alma			
Concord	118	90	1
First	399	305	0
Ruby Mission	11	12	
Kibler First	140	99	
Trinity	24	7	
Albena, First	85	48	
Camden			
Collendale First	445	219	4
First	546	224	2
Conway, First	464	112	9
Cove, First	68	29	
Crossott, First	550	292	
El Dorado			
East Main	277	142	
First	818	278	2
Immanuel	546	207	1
Cook St. Mission	14	18	
Parkview	292	198	
Earland, Ganey Creek	69	28	2
Fayetteville, Providence	129	65	
Fl. Smith			
Calvary	373	167	
First	1,178	415	12
Mission	404	153	
Grand Avenue	685	300	5
Mission	25		
Kelley Height	189	100	1
Spradling	293	61	
Towson Avenue	214	95	
Gentry, First	221	115	
Gravel Ridge, First	140	78	2
Gurdon, Boech Street	201	120	8
Harrisburg, Calvary	175	108	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	245	138	
Hot Springs, Park Place	442	183	
Huntsville, First	110	61	
Gomb Mission	18	14	
Kingston Mission	38	29	
Jacksonville, Marshall Road	99	60	
Jones Mills, Shorewood			
Hills	105	57	1
Jonesboro, Central	454	215	7
Little Rock			
First	1,151	526	0
Gaines Street	896	218	
Deunnon St.	95	51	1
Immanuel	1,250	617	3
Forest Tower	32	20	
Kerr	27	18	
Tyler Street	265	128	2
McGehee, First	438	191	
Chapel	49	18	
Mena, First	311	169	2
Mission	140	29	
Newport, First	327	165	
Mission	58	33	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	756	281	10
Central	360	163	3
Highway	297	101	2
Levy	587	255	
Park Hill	737	263	
Sylvan Hills	314	161	
Pine Bluff, Sulphur			
Spring	98	78	
Rogers, Sunnyside	137	62	1
Springdale			
Caudie Avenue	165	86	
Elmdale	71	42	
First	478	174	
Van Buren			
First	485	295	3
Oak Grove	198	128	
Second	40	30	9
Waldron, First	267	163	

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