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-Eva Luoma Photo

Dreaming of Home and Loved Ones -While fighting to preserve their liberties and ours

Four Months Among The Baptists Of Europe

By S. L. STEALEY, Professor, Church History Southern Seminary, Louisville

I have just returned from the most enlightening and stimulating trip of my life. I have spent four months visiting Baptists and Baptist institutions of Europe for the enlargement of my mind, the deepening of my sympathies and the increase of my efficiency as a seminary teacher, I believe they were the most significant months of my life.

In Zurich I had three primary objectives: First, to teach and learn all I could in the seminary. I do mean learn, because there were twenty-eight students there from sixteen countries, and many of them had experienced vicissitudes of world significance and all represented viewpoints and cultures from which any American could learn. Second, to go to England for a few weeks and study in the marvelous Angus Collection of Baptist books at Regents Park College in Oxford. Third, to come to know as intimately as possible as many European Baptists as

Seminary In Zurich **Great Institution**

The new seminary surpassed my previous imagination and stirs still my fondest dreams and aspirations for Kingdom growth. I found building and grounds of solid worth and almost unearthly beauty. I found four strong men already on the faculty and soon learned of plans to obtain the services of others. Professors John Watts and John Allen Moore are Louisville trained men of great powers who are planning most thoughtfully their courses and the general efficiency of the school. Professor Arthur Crabtree, of Eng-land, has his doctor's degree from the University of Zurich, speaks German like a native and is a most effective teacher, as well as an attractive Christian gentleman. Professor Meister, youngest of the group, won my full friendship. He is a Swiss, is pursuing his doctorate in the University of Basel in the field of Philology, and is a most promising young scholar. Dr. Sadler, who is acting president and Dr. J. D. Franks, financial agent and most faithful promoter of every good thing connected with the school, carry administrative responsibilities of tremendous import for the future of Baptists in Europe and the Near East.

Dr. Joseph Nordenhaug, who became president August first, has one of the most strategic positions in the Baptist world. Problems galore still must be met. We must win the respect of our European brethren-no small task for Americans. We must work in harmony with other seminaries already established by various national Baptist Unions. We must adapt our curriculum and our teaching technique to European minds and needs. We must deal with unfriendly, even antagonistic governments. We must use much money and yet not make "rice preachers." Truly Dr. Nordenhaug and his colleagues will need our prayers and sympathy as well as much wisdom from above.

Europeans and Americans **Underestimate Each Other**

Europeans taught me much. In long quiet talks they discussed their countries, their churches back home, the recent war, the dangers of Russian aggression, their fears concerning America and Americans. Sometimes they revealed more, perhaps, than they intended, especially in discussing America. It seems to me that there is an underlying jealousy or envy of our people. They feel that

we have more power and wealth than our abilities and sagacity warrant. They feel as innately gifted as we-and they are. God is no respector of persons when it comes to natural gifts and abilities.

One of the most definite convictions I have is that we have underestimated Europeans and that they have underestimated us. We have been quick to discern their faults and they ours. We have mutually overlooked each other's excellencies and refused to seek a common ground in those excellencies. know our educational methods and ideals are best and they are equally certain that theirs are best. We despise them because they do not major on sciences and they despise us because we do not teach as fundamentals languages and history. They despise our "American brashness" and I had to hold myself firmly in check to keep from insulting many of them because they are so brash and cocksure.

Again We Find That 'Christ is the Answer'

Only Christ can provide a basis of understanding, forgiveness, and good will. In the serious Christians I met I found that Christ does make a tremendous difference in these matters. These Christians forgive, make allowances, discuss frankly, accord the right to differ, state their views with moderation. To put the matter bluntly, I can see no basis for strong co-operation between "natural born" Americans and "natural born" Europeans, but I can see highest hopes for strong and righteous co-operation between reborn Christians.

Germany is the center of Baptist strength on the continent. I visited Hamburg and the Seminary there. Southern Baptist money has helped greatly to rebuild the bombed buildings of that school. I am proud of our aid. Dr. Luckey, the president, gave me a whole day and showed me not only the seminary but the Deaconness House and the hospital. Evangelistic efforts all over Germany are encouragingly successful. Conditions, due to bombing and displacement of populations, are most difficult. I could not sense a strong comeback spirit in the people as a whole, but here again I felt the power of Christ energizing our Baptist folk. They are really moving forward.

Denmark is Missionary Minded

Denmark, beautiful, clean, happy looking Denmark! I learned to love the country and the people in the week I lived and preached among them. Dr. Norgaard, president of the Seminary at Tollose, had invited me up. Pastor Orla Jorgenson and his wife met me at the border and drove me hundreds of miles around the country. It seems fully recovered, agriculturally at least, from the German occupation. Wonderful food! Wonderful hospitality! Baptists number only about eight thousand, but they are very active and very missionary, having thirteen missionaries in foreign service. Danish Baptists are more like Southern Baptists than any others I met.

In England I met few Baptists but saw many books. I worked in the libraries and book shops of London and Oxford all the time I was there.

May God bless European Baptists. I learned to love them. They blessed me in many ways. I ask all our readers to remember them in earnest prayer. They are truly our brethren.

Sin and Its Remedy

A Devotion by the Editor

"For the wages of sin is death."

Sin is the most terrible fact of human experience. It has plunged the race into bitterness and strife and war; it has brought defeat and failure and loss; it has produced sorrow and suffering and death; it has n nounced the doom of eternal torment consigned the sinner to an eternity of suffering from which there is no escape.

Therefore, our immediate concern should be to deal with this problem of sin; it should engage our determined efforts to solve this most difficult problem of human life.

If you should awake some morning and discover that you could not lift your right arm or move your right foot, you would certainly call the doctor at once and have him prescribe a remedy which would aid you in recovering the use of your physical powers. One should be even more alarmed and act with even greater promptness when his spiritual powers are paralyzed and he experiences difficulty in grasping and holding spiritual values.

Again, if one's house were afire he would not wait to call the fire department until he had determined the cause and origin of the fire, or until he had figured out how long he might let it burn and still have a chance of putting out the fire before it destroyed the house. All these matters can be taken up after the fire has been extinguished. The urgent necessity is upon every soul to meet the problem of sin in his own heart at once by calling upon Jesus who alone has conquered sin and who offers His victory to every penitent heart.

We learn of sin from three sources: First, the Bible gives us an account of sin, origin in the garden of Eden, its immed results in banishment and toil and suffering, and its final end in eternal death and hell. No one can fully understand the deep tragedy of sin apart from the teaching of the Bible.

Second, we learn of sin by observation. Sin is apparent all about us, and we cannot fail to see it unless we literally shut our eyes. If we compare our observations with the teachings of the Bible, we shall discover that the two are parallel.

Third, we learn of sin from our own experience. "The word 'sin' has no serious meaning to a man, except when it means that he himself is a sinful man." One needs to look no further than his own heart to find sin and be convinced that its wages is death.

But we have the blessed assurance:

". . . . but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

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From The Editor's Desk

The Cooperative Program Is People

The Cooperative Program is not a machine, not money, it is not an organization, it is not a budget.

In the last analysis the Cooperative Program is people, men and women, boys and girls with immortal souls for whom Jesus gave his life, died on the Cross, was buried, and rose again, and ever lives as our Savior and Lord. Organizations, budgets, money, and institutions are only the means or the instruments which one group of people use to reach another group of people and to communicate to them a service either physical or spiritual or both.

Opportunity of Co-Operation

The Cooperative Program means that 6,700,000 Southern Baptists have the opportunity of co-operating together in their missionary, benevolent, and educational enterprises by which they are attempting to carry out the commissions of Jesus. There is something tremendous in this ideal of co-operation among the 6,700,000 Southern Baptists, something dynamic, something challenging, appealing, and inspirational.

The Cooperative Program ideal is that the hosts of Southern Baptists shall be united in purpose and plan, in prayer, and in obedience to Christ's commission. The ideal of the perative Program is that the comprehensioness of the commissions of Jesus shall be translated into Southern Baptist obedience to the divine will. It is incomprehensible that any Southern Baptist should fail to thrill to this ideal.

Supreme Challenge

But this is only half the story; one side of the picture. Since the Cooperative Program is people, it embraces not only Southern Baptists who are committed to the carrying out of the commissions of Jesus but it also embraces those people to whom we are directed by the commissions of Jesus.

The Cooperative Program is orphan children being taken out of the destitution, and misery, and want, into a home where they are cared for and where they are given the opportunities that should be normal to childhood and where they are taught the Christian way of life.

The Cooperative Program is sick people in our Baptist hospitals being ministered to not only by those skilled in the art of healing the body but by those who minister to the spiritual needs in the name of Christ.

The Cooperative Program is young people in our colleges and seminaries. These young people are seeking first of all an education a Christian content. They have a right to ask that we provide them with institutions where such an education may be had. These young people are preparing themselves for Christian service in the business world, in the professional world, and in the Christian world. Many of them are preparing for the Christian ministry and for missionary service abroad. This is the Cooperative Program.

The Cooperative Program is lost people, people without Christ, people in sin, people who do not know Jesus as Savior. These people are within our own state and within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Therefore they are the objects of the search of our State Mission program and our Home Mission program.

The Cooperative Program is the lost people of the world, and what a host there is in all lands; people who do not know our Christ, people who are trying to answer the eternity in their hearts by bowing down to idols made of wood or metal or stone! These peoples of the world lost in sin, ignorant of the salvation through Christ, constitute the supreme challenge that Jesus placed before His followers in His commissions.

Not Mechanical But Vital

Unless we interpret the Cooperative Program in terms of people there is very great liklihood that we will think of it only as a mechanical device, and appeals for the support or the promotion of the Cooperative Program are likely to sound like the rattlings of machinery which is being operated without proper lubrication. We cannot know the meaning of the Cooperative Program, we cannot realize its significance, we cannot thrill to its challenge, until and unless we visualize the people at both ends of the line—the people who are undertaking to carry out the commissions of Jesus and the people who receive our ministry and our witness of the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The next time you hear the phrase Cooperative Program, or the next time you read it, or the next time you think of it, will you not think of the people involved—the people who have accepted the commission of Jesus as their mission in life and the people who receive their ministry and their witness. Try it, won't you, and experience for yourself the difference in your appreciation of the Cooperative Program. Instead of thinking of it as a program, you will think of it as a living thing personified in people.

Dogmas Superimposed On Scripture

The Roman Catholic Church attempts to feed the hungry hearts of its adherence with dogmas, traditions, and legalisms, while these hearts famish for the word of life.

The Apostle Paul declared in First Timothy 2:5: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." Yet on Wednesday, November 1, the Roman Catholic Pope proclaimed what is known as the assumption dogma. This dogma declares that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was raised immediately after her death and did not see corruption but was taken bodily into heaven.

In direct contradiction to the declaration of Paul quoted above, this dogma declares that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is our medi-

Kentucky Baptists Speak On Vital Tax Issue

There has been considerable discussion far and wide recently concerning the levying of taxes on property owned by churches and church controlled institutions and agencies, when such property is not a vital part of the function of the church.

In their recent state Convention, Kentucky Baptists adopted a resolution which makes their position clear on this question. We quote two paragraphs from this resolution which will give the readers of the Arkansas Baptist a clear picture of what is involved:

"The exemption of the church house and its reasonably necessary grounds and auxiliary buildings is obviously not a violation of this principle because to permit the state to tax the house of worship would be, or at least could be, a prohibiting of the free exercise of religion. Religious colleges and other educational institutions, orphans' homes, hospitals, and all other media for the propagation of Christianity or any other religion should likewise be tax free as to their necessary buildings and grounds and income derived directly from gifts, tuition, and other service charges. For the power to tax is the power to destroy.

"Baptists, however, do not favor the exemption from taxation of properties or businesses owned or operated by churches or church-controlled institutions when such properties or businesses are foreign to the purpose and activities for which the church or church-controlled institutions were founded. Likewise the rents, issues, and profits from such properties and businesses should be subjected to the same taxation, income or otherwise, as if owned by persons or corporations or associations normally subject to taxation."

The committee which prepared the resolution and presented it to the Convention suggests that the Convention look with favor upon the general content of the resolution but that final adoption be referred to the meeting of the "Mission Board next month."

In anticipation of this resolution Editor R.

T. Skinner in the November 9 issue of the Western Recorder said in part, "The time has come for Baptists to speak out against the all too current practice of hiding business behind the name of religion and church in order to avoid rendering 'unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's.' In our contention for absolute separation of church and state we must see that our own hands are clean ..."

We believe that Kentucky Baptists are on the right track and that they have brought out into the open a situation that has called for attention for a long time.

ator between us and Jesus himself. Catholics are taught to pray to Mary and induce her to pray to Jesus for us. Catholics are also taught to pray to those whom they call saints, mere human beings, even though they may have been devout Christians.

These are just samples of the debris with which the Roman Catholic hierarchy has almost completely covered up the scriptures and the Roman Catholic laity is invited to feed upon this dry fodder instead of the spiritually protein-rich meat of the Gospel.

Kingdom Progress

Arkansas Club At Southwestern Seminary



The Arkansas Club at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth pauses on the steps of the Memorial Building before going to Rosemont Park for a picnic. The purpose of the club is to foster Christian fellowship.

Front row, left to right, are Bill Keltner, president; Mrs. Bill Keltner, Owen Kersh, Mrs. Owen Kersh, secretary-treasurer; Glen Baker, social chairman; Jim Cunningham, vice-president; Mrs. Jim Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Robinson and children.

Second row, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hampton and children; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nutt and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bumpus and daughter; Ola Mae Eeeds, G. Maxwell Baker, Eldon E. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coble.

Third row, left to right; Mr. and Mrs. James Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Don Orr; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. David Tate and son, Bob Bremerman, Phil Sims, Horace Grigson.

A New Organization is Born

The education directors of the Baptist churches of greater Little Rock met on December 13, 1950, at the Immanuel Church, to form the Pulaski Baptist Religious Education Association. This organization was born out of the need felt by the workers that such an association could benefit each in his particular work in his individual church. The organization is composed of those laymen serving in the capacity of education directors in the churches and those state workers doing religious education work. The purpose of the organization shall be to further the kingdom of Christ and to magnify His name before men through the churches and to exchange ideas and to have Christian fellowship one with another. It is the desire of this association to encourage other education directors to form organizations in the associations, and then that all may come together to organize a state association.

J. F. Moreland, director of music and education at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, was elected president of the association, and Mrs. Helen Emmons, education secretary at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, was elected secretary.

Fourth row, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Boone, Billie Ann Cramer, Jewel Hannah, Dora Sexton, Dale Austin Maddox, Clifford Lyon, Harrison Johns, Charles Anders, Terrell Gordon, Bob Collier.

Fifth row, left to right; Stanley Williamson, Ernest Mosely, Harold Hightower, R. H. Dorris.

Not pictured are Arvine Bell, reporter, Erba Amos Butler, William D. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Enoch, Henry M. Evans, Robert L. Everett, Paul N. Flynn, B. Greer Garrott, Adam Gebharts Jr., Joyce Gill, Jack Gulledge, Winifred Hall, Evelyn Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Huggins, Ewart Douglas Jones, Joe E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McCullough.

Bob McPherson, Horace B. Marks, Earl Lee Murphy, Dean E. Newberry Jr., Keith Parks, Woodrow W. Phelps, Nollon Prewitt, Joseph F. Quillin, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Ryan, Reuben Ryan, Malcolm Sample, John Everett Sneed, Frank Spencer, Ralph Len Spotts, and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stuart.

New Church In Revival

Immanuel Church, Magnolia, J. C. Crabbe, pastor, has completed a revival meeting with C. C. Ussery as visiting evangelist. There were 32 additions to the church, 21 of these coming for baptism and one young man surrendering to the ministry.

The Immanuel Church is only one month old as an organization, having grown from the East End Mission of the Central Church of Magnolia. The church has 100 members with 175 enrolled in Sunday School.

Purl Stockton Goes To Paducah, Kentucky

Evangelist Purl Stockton will be associated with Dr. Frank Norfleet and the Immanuel Church, Paducah, Kentucky, for the first three months of 1951 as assistant to the pastor. Mr. Stockton will be engaged primarily in visitation, personal evangelism, and the general program of enlargement.

Since resigning his position with First Church, Little Rock, in March 1950, Evangelist Stockton has held 21 revival meetings in Arkansas, Illinois, and Missouri.

Minister Ordained



John Allred

John Allred, a senior at the College of the Ozarks and a member of First Church, Clarksville, was ordained to the gospel ministry recently by the Clarksville Church at the request of the Hartman Church of which he is now pastor.

The ordaining council was composed of Pastor Walter Yeldell Jr., Clarksville Church, who delivered the ordination sermon; Pastor H. K. Williams, offered the ordination prayer; Pastor A. D. Corder, delivered the charge; and Pastor J. B. Maxwell, who presented the Bible. Of the ministers present were Pastor H. A. O'Neal, Evangelist W. O. Taylor, Pastor Wayne D. Gunter, and Pal. D. Williams.

Mr. Allred has already made plans to enter the Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas, next fall.

Calendar of Activities

The Arkansas Baptist office is in receipt of a calendar of activities from the Current River Association where W. H. Johnson is associational missionary.

This is an actual calendar to be hung on the wall with a page for each month in the year of 1951. At the top of the page is a directory of the denominational personnel and offices in Little Rock, and also includes the address of the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tennessee, and the Baptist Bookstore. This provides ready information for any one in the church or connected with the church organizations who may have occasion to write to any one of the denominational workers in Little Rock.

Below this directory is the listing of the month with seven perpendicular columns corresponding to the days of the week and so named. There are five horizontal columns which divide the space into squares and these squares are numbered according to the days in the month. Scheduled events, meetings, conferences, are written into this calendar on the dates, when they occur. The events include those within the association and also those of state wide interest, including the W. M. U. Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco, in June.

Every person in the Current River Association may keep informed on denominational meetings throughout the year if he so decires

First Church, England, In Building Program



Pastor Luther F. Dorsey and First Church, gland, recently began the construction of a \$125,000 fire proof structure which includes the sanctuary of colonial architecture with a seating capacity of 600 and an educational building forming a T across the back of the auditorium which will accomodate approximately 600 in Sunday School.

The ground floor of the educational build-

The ground floor of the educational building will provide space for the pastor's study, the church office, library, choir room, four nurseries, the beginners department, kitchen, and the adult department. The second floor will provide for the primary, junior, intermediate, and young people's departments and also several adult class rooms.

Working with Pastor Dorsey in the con-

struction program are the following laymen who are chairman of committees: Pat Henderson, chairman of the building committee; W. P. Wilbanks, chairman of the construction committee; Charles D. McKenzie, chairman of plans committee; Virgil Adams, chairman of the finance committee; W. A. Horton, chairman to dispose of the present property; Harold Todd, chairman of the furnishing committee.

Joe Hall, Pine Bluff, is the contractor, and McAninch and Mahnker, Little Rock, are the architects.

Preliminary work began on December 13, 1950, and the ground breaking ceremony was held at the close of the morning service on December 17, 1950.

Rucker Goes to Forrest City

Pastor T. K. Rucker assumed his duties as pastor of First Church, Forrest City, January 1. Mr. Rucker has been pastor of First Church, Malvern, for more than seven years. His work there has been marked by a continuously growing church membership and expanding church program and an enlarged budget.

Malvern Church is in the process of constructing a new auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,100. Present church facilities will be adjusted for use as an educational building.

The Forrest City Church, to which Pastor cker goes, is also in the process of constructing an entire new church plant including a sanctuary and educational facilities. The steel work is now going up for the education building and the foundation has been laid for the sanctuary.

Mr. Rucker follows Pastor Minor E. Cole at Forrest City, who went from the Forrest City Church to First Church, Dumas.

Pastoral Changes

J. Paul Palmer, who has been the pastor of First Church, Alamo, Tennessee, has accepted the position as pastor of First Church, Washington, Missouri.

Bill Smith has resigned as the pastor of Owensville Church, Central Association, to enter the Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California, in January.

Ward Church In Youth Revival

First Church, Ward, Ernest Baker, pastor, had Marion and Archie Fray, both students in Ouachita College, in a Youth Revival, December 10-17. Marion delivered the messages and Archie directed the musical program.

with more energetic, consecrated fellows. They stay with the Book in message and song. They were a wonderful blessing to our charch."

First Church, Monticello Secures Pastor



Roscoe Griffin

The Arkansas Baptist carried a news item in last issue concerning Mr. Griffin's acceptance of the pastorate of First Church, Monticello. Picture was not available at that time.

A Personal Tribute

By D. D. GLOVER

It was with considerable shock and surprise that the First Baptist Church of Malvern received the resignation of Pastor T. K. Rucker on December 17, 1950.

For more than seven years T. K. Rucker has served as pastor of the Malvern Church. I have been a member of this church since 1896. During this time we have not had any pastor more unanimously loved than is T. K. Rucker and his family. He is loved and respected, not only by the Malvern Church and other Baptists, but by all denominations and by the community as a whole. He is a great preacher, a wise leader, and we shall miss him. We understand that he has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Forrest City. We commend him to the Forrest City Church and our prayers shall be that God will crown his efforts there with the same degree of success that has accompanied his ministry in Malvern.

Under the leadership of Mr. Rucker our congregation has outgrown our building, and our church is now in the process of erecting a new church building with a seating capacity of 1,100. The foundation and steel work is completed and the brick work will soon be started. This structure is a monument to the leadership of Pastor Rucker and the devoted membership of the Malvern Church.

White River Association Has Good Year

The White River Association baptized 216 people during the associational year September 1949 to September 1950. Total membership for the association is now 1,621.

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Freedom is placed in jeopardy more by those who will not exercise it than by those who will not permit it. Indifference opens more gates to the enemy than does tyranny.

—Edwin McNeill Poteat

*** Christian Horizons ***

By Religious News Service

Baptist Laymen Hit Gambling in Schools

Opposition to "gambling which is being sponsored in our public schools and PTA carnivals" was expressed to the state attorney general by the North Dakota Council of Baptist Men.

The council took the anti-gambling stand at its fall retreat meeting in the city of

"Our children are being sent to public schools," the council resolution said, "to be taught respect for the laws of our state and country to the end that they become useful and law-abiding citizens. By example, in these carnivals, they are being taught that evasion of the law is permissible and that in matters of finance the end justifies the means.

"We further resolve that we shall support our state and county officials in the enforcement of our existing North Dakota laws regarding gambling, lotteries, and games of chance, and that we shall call upon other Christian laymen in our state to rally in opposition to this existing violation."

China Received Christmas Message Broadcast by Charles E. Fuller

General Chiang Kai-Shek sent Dr. Charles E. Fuller, of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour radio program, Los Angeles, a cable asking for a Chinese translation of the minister's annual Christmas message.

The cable said that the translated version was to be broadcast from Chinese Nationalist headquarters on Formosa to Communist

Dr. Fuller, founder of the Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, announced that a Chinese student at the seminary would translate his Christmas radio message in compliance with General Chiang's request.

Six Korea Chaplains Commended for Heroism

Six army chaplains have been commended for heroism under fire in Korea, the office of the Chief of Chaplains in Washington disclosed.

Those cited were Chaplain John S. Hinkel, Methodist; Chaplain Deyo J. Williams, Southern Baptist; Chaplain Ray D. Seals, Methodist; Chaplain Clayton C. Shepherd, Northern Baptist; Chaplain Michael E. Reynolds, Southern Baptist; and Chaplain Rufus A. Cooper, AME Zion Church.

Congress Hits at Yugoslav Religious Persecution

Congress has approved legislation giving Yugoslavia \$38,000,000 in emergency relief, but only after making it plain in the bill that the United States strongly disapproves of religious persecution in that nation.

The Senate adopted an amendment sponsored by Senator Brien McMahon (D.-Conn.) and Senator Tom Connally (D.-Tex.), declaring that "nothing in this act shall be interpreted as endorsing measures undertaken by the present government of Yugoslavia which suppress or destroy religious, political and economic liberty, and the Yugoslav government shall be so notified.

Seoul Churches Have Record Attendance

Record Sunday attendances were reported at Christian worship centers in Seoul as crowds of refugees continued to pour into the capital from North Korean areas threatened by the Chinese Communist advance.

Among the worshippers was one typical North Korean farmer, who gave as his reason for risking the flight: "I would rather be killed by the bullets of a United Nations plane than not be able to attend chapel on Sundays."

Miami Cracks Down On Bingo

Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly announced in Miami that bingo games in fraternal, social and other private clubs will not be permitted. His announcement came immediately after informal action by church groups against all forms of illegal gambling.

Following discussions with the Ministerial Association, officials decided to allow the continued sale of lottery tickets on autos by churches and charity groups until the present campaigns are concluded. No new ones will be permitted in the future, however.

Pastors Report West Coast Chinese-Americans Fearful

The Chinese-American population of Los Angeles is nervously watching and waiting as the intensity of the Korean war grows.

They are wondering when and if they will be shipped off to relocation centers in Arizona or Utah.

This is the underlying tension as expressed by two Chinese ministers, Wun Bew Wong, pastor of the Chinese Methodist church, and Albert Lau, pastor of the Chinese First Presbyterian church.

They met with the pastor of one of Los Angeles' four Korean churches, Henry Oh, a Methodist minister. The three discussed present relationships between people of Chinese and Korean descent living in Los Angeles.

All three agreed that the Chinese intervention in Korea has had no effect on the relations between their two peoples in this area but that it had produced a great fear among Chinese residents.

Free Water Discontinued To Parochial School

The city council of Falls Church, Virginia, has voted to discontinue free water and sewage service given for many years to St. James Parochial School, a Roman Catholic institution.

The council acted after it was advised that free service probably violates the Virginia code which forbids use of public money for sectarian purposes. It was also said to violate a clause in the water system and sewage disposal bond issues which provides that all consumers shall be charged a fair and equitable amount for service rendered.

Free service is supplied the public schools in this city and no one seemed to know when the practice had originated of giving the same benefit to the parochial school.

A Smile or Two

"Now, Johnny," said the teacher, "can you tell me what a hypocrite is?"

"Yes, Miss," replied Johnny. "It's a boy what comes to school with a smile on his face."

The political speaker stepped to the itrum. "I'm pleased to see this dense crowhere tonight," he began.

Then a voice from the rear of the auditorium echoed throughout the hall, "Don't be too pleased. We ain't all dense."

A man wanted to buy a riding horse for his wife and was trying one out. Noticing that the horse required a firm hand and constant watching he asked doubtfully:

"Do you think this is a suitable horse for a woman?"

The owner of the horse was a tolerably honest man, so he answered carefully:

"Well, I think a woman could handle the horse—but I wouldn't want to be the husband of the woman who could do it."

The lecturer was a celebrated doctor of law, and his talk was to be on "Fools." The chairman, who was something of a wit, stood up to introduce him.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "we are now to have a lecture on fools by one"—he paused, and there was loud laughter before he resumed—"of the wisest men in the country."

The lecturer then rose to speak. "Ladies and gentlemen," he said. "I'm not half so big a fool as the chairman"—he paused and again there was loud laughter—"would have you suppose."

Teacher: "What is your greatest and bition?"

Junior: "To wash mommy's ears."

Tim: "Did you know that an ant can lift about ten times its own weight?"

Jim: "That's nothing, a bee lifted me off a park bench!"

A little boy was being punished by his mother for fighting.

"Please, Mom, it wasn't my fault, one of those twins hit me."

"Which one was it that hit you, dear?"
"The one with the black eye."

The boy asked the girl if she thought she could learn to love him.

"How much money have you?" she inquired.

"I beg your pardon," he replied. "This is not a bet, this is a proposal for marriage."

When the little boy was asked how he liked the new baby, he replied, "I think it's a little risky getting one before the 1951 models come out."

After a hard day's work the tired man of the house was busily engaged in reading the evening paper. "Did you post the letter I gave you this morning?" his wife asked.

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"Yes Dear," was the quick reply. "A
didn't you notice it was addressed to you
she retorted. Quickly he produced the letter
and found that it was not addressed to him,
but the lecture that followed was.

The girl said to her admirer, "You used to say that I was all the world to you."

To which he replied, "Yes, but I've learned a lot about geography since then."

News From Baptist Press

Proposed 1952 Convention Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, the second week in December looked ahead for two years in planning the Contion budget, and made provisions for the Ital needs of two new seminaries and for home mission participation in the 1952 Advance Program.

1952 Convention Budget

The 1952 Convention budget came before the committee for preview and endorsement. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Tennessee, presented the report of the finance committee calling for a ten million dollar goal to be divided as follows:

	ing Budget\$ 252,000
Current Operating	Expenses4,500,000
	2,500,000
Advance Program	All over seven million
	dollars and the Con-
	vention operating budget.

The recommendations were adopted by the Executive Committee to be referred to the Southern Baptist Convention in annual session next June 20-24, San Francisco.

The 1952 Southern Convention operating budget of \$252,000, if approved by the Convention, will be divided as follows:

Convention Expenses, including Annual_s	45,000
Special Committees	10,000
Executive Committee	75,000
Southern Baptist Foundation	15,000
Education Commission	15,000
Historical Society	18,000
Social Service Commission	
Public Affairs Committee	11.500
Reserve Fund	50,000

The historical society received an increase \$3,000 over their 1950 allocation in order to blish the society in its new headquarters at Nashville and to procure historical materials.

The 1952 Southern Convention current operating budget of \$4,500,000, if approved by the Convention, will be divided as follows:

\$4,500,000

Distribution of 1952 capital needs funds will be determined next year in line with established business procedure of the Convention.

Advance Program funds for 1952 (all over seven million dollars and the Convention operating budget) will be divided 25 per cent to home missions and 75 per cent to foreign missions.

1951 Capital Needs Funds

Division of 1951 capital need funds, expected to total \$2,500,000, was recommended by the committee on re-survey capital needs of S.B.C. agencies, Henry W. Tiffany, Norfolk, ginia, chairman. If finally approved by the 1 Southern Baptist Convention, division will be as follows:

Southeastern Seminary\$	300,000	(12.00%)
Golden Gate Seminary	150,000	(6.00%)
Southern Seminary	300,000	(12.00%)
Southwestern Seminary	300,000	(12.00%)
New Orleans Seminary	375,000	(15.00%)
American Seminary	26,250	(1.05%)
Foreign Missions	300,000	(12.00%)
Home Missions	330,000	(13.2 %)
Relief and Annuity Board		
Radio Commission	40,000	(1.6 %)

Southern Baptist HospitalBrotherhood		1.00%)
\$2	,500,0000	

Two new institutions were included for the first time in the capital needs budget. Southeastern Seminary will receive \$300,000 to apply on the purchase of a campus at Wake Forest, North Carolina. Golden Gate Seminary will receive \$150,000 to apply on capital developments.

The Radio Commission was granted \$15,000 additional funds on the condition that the Commission liquidate all indebtedness during 1951

Restudy Agreement

A committee of five was appointed to confer with a committee of the state secretaries or the entire body of state secretaries to restudy the plan of co-operation between the states and the Southern Baptist Convention printed in the Southern Baptist Convention Annual of 1934. The committee is composed of Dr. Louis D. Newton, chairman; Dr. Leon M. Latimer, Dr. J. W. Storer, Dr. Adiel Moncrief Jr., and Dr. Winston Pierce.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in San Francisco on June 19, 1951, the day before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The regular summer meeting of the Executive Committee will be held September 12-13 at Nashville.

1953 S. B. C. Stewardship Promotion To Include Simultaneous Study

Southern Baptists will engage in a simultaneous stewardship week in 1953 if a recommendation of the promotion committee of the Executive Committee is carried out. Plans call for a week of stewardship studies in the Convention's 27,245 churches. The simultaneous effort will be preceded in 1952 by a general stewardship week emphasis. The report was presented here to the S. B. C. Executive Committee by Dr. J. Norris Palmer, chairman of the promotion committee.

The report also called for a promotion conference of state secretaries, state editors, S. B. C. institution representatives and the promotion committee to meet at Biloxi, Mississippi, May 15-17, 1951. The purpose of the meeting will be to study long range needs of Southern Baptist Convention promotional needs and to find ways and means of more concerted promotional emphasis.

The 1951 promotional emphasis will be three fold: (1) The Cooperative Program (2) Every Member Canvass and (3) tithing and Tithing Enlistment Visitation. The emphasis will be directed by Dr. Merrill D. Moore. The Cooperative Program is the Convention's plan to raise ten million dollars for Southern Convention mission needs and an estimated fourteen million for state institutional needs. The Every Member Canvass is the plan for enlisting pledges from the Convention's 6,761,000 members. Tithers Enlistment Visitation is a method for teaching tithing in the homes of the people by means of a special prepared turnover chart.

The promotional program will be supported by the Convention's publicity program and geared to the 117 papers and magazines published by Southern Baptists. Basic in the promotion are the 22 state newspapers circulating nearly one million weekly. Also basic are the publications of the Division of Publications of the Executive Committee, Albert McClellan, director. The publications include: (1) The Baptist Program, a magazine

for the Convention's 23,000 ministers, (2) Baptist Bulletin Service, a weekly service to 600,000 Baptists, (3) Baptist Press, a news service serving the 22 Baptist weeklies, (4) S. B. C. Mat Service, a procedure for the supplying of stewardship mats and cuts to newspapers and churches (5) Tracts for stewardship purposes.

Sees No Conflict in Social Security

The way seems open for lay employees of Baptist churches and employees of Baptist colleges, Baptist hospitals, and Baptist orphanages and other Baptist institutions and agencies to participate in government social security. The Executive Committee passed a resolution giving their opinion that participation under terms defined in U. S. Government bill 6,000, as amended, did not seem to be in violation of the cherished principle of separation of church and state.

The resolution also stated, "It is the opinion of the Executive Committee that participation in this plan on the part of our Baptist agencies and institutions makes its benefits available to all of their employees, particularly those in the lower income brackets not hitherto covered by retirement plans, without conflict or competition with our own Relief and Annuity Board plans of retirement.

"We respectfully urge all institutions and agencies that may participate in the Social Security Plan to continue their participation in the Relief and Annuity Board's retirement plans."

The paper was offered by a committee consisting of Walter Pope Binns, chairman, public affairs committee, R. S. Jones, associate secretary, relief and annuity board, Judge Frank A. Hooper Jr., James W. Merritt, and Louie D. Newton.

Missionary on Furlough Pleads for More Laborers

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Baylor University Press

John E. Mills, a Baylor graduate who has spent the past five years in Africa, returned to the university chapel recently to plead for more foreign mission volunteers. On furlough now from his mission post in Nigeria, he has re-entered Baylor as a graduate student.

"Africa is a great giant, awakening from its slumbers to become a world power," Mr. Mills told the students. "But it is up to Christianity to determine whether Africa becomes a Frankenstein or a force for world peace."

The chapel program was arranged in commemoration of the founding of the Baylor Mission Volunteer band December 9, 1900. Mr. Mills cited figures that 233 former Baylor students have served or are serving now as Christian missionaries in overseas nations. One hundred thirty-six Baylorites are on the present active rolls of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"Missions need people from every walk of life," Mr. Mills declared. "Not only ministers are included in the call. The mission fields need educators, physicians, nurses, and business men who can lead the people to a better way of life."

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after awhile he knows something.



Speaker: Charles Wellborn

Subject: "Two Minutes Till Midnight"

Arkansas Stations:

KXLR, Little Rock, 12:15 p. m. KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.

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

Junction City Church Showed Great Progress in 1950

Pastor P. J. Beach and the Junction City Church are rejoicing over the successes achieved during the year in the Lord's service through the program of the church. Ten thousand dollars have been paid on the new building indebtedness. The allocation to the Cooperative Program was exceeded by 191/2 per cent. The allocation to associational missions was raised 66 2/3 per cent.

A cash offering to the Orphanage amounted to \$149 with additional gifts of clothing, bedding, and canned goods valued at \$165. The musical program of the church has been enriched by the installation of a set of chimes.

Harris Commends Gruber

Evangelistic singer, Carlos Gruber, who recently moved from Florida to Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, is commended to the churches of Arkansas for revival meetings by Pastor James G. Harris of the Beech Street Church, Texarkana.

Mr. Gruber is an accomplished violinist and vocal soloist, and says Pastor Harris, "is one of the greatest soul winners I have ever worked with."

He is a native Latvian and has suffered many hardships in other years because of his convictions. He has served in some of the largest churches in the Southeast and is scheduled to sing in the Central Church, Miami, Florida, Dr. C. Roy Angell, pastor, during the simultaneous campaign next spring.

A Word of Appreciation

By O. A. GREENLEAF

After nineteen years as pastor of the Levy Church, I am closing my work the first of January, 1951. These have been pleasant and profitable years of service with the church since the people have co-operated with the pastor in such a wonderful and helpful way. During these years there has always been the spirit of harmony and a greater hand of love and fellowship is not to be found in any church. They have loved us as their undershepherd and have expressed that love in so many ways as they have followed our leadership through the years.

They will love and follow Brother Harry Hunt, their incoming pastor. The church is looking forward to great achievements under his leadership as the people already love and respect him. I shall be ready to help my brethren in the other churches in supply work or conducting revival meetings, Bible conferences, or in any other phase of the Lord's work where I may be of service. Call on me at any time.

In Appreciation

Mrs. Duncan joins me in this expression of sincere appreciation for the many kind and gracious greetings which we received from friends far and near during the Christmas season. These cheered our hearts and gave us the feeling that you friends were very near

Also the members of the Arkansas Baptist staff join us in expressing appreciation for the many encouraging words from the friends of the Arkansas Bantist.

We all join together in wishing for each of you contentment and peace and the rich blessings of God's grace throughout the year 1951.

-B. H. Duncan, Editor

Baptist Workers Have Christmas Service

The workers at Baptist Headquarters held the Annual Christmas Service in the fover of the Baptist Building, Tuesday afternoon. December 19. Appropriate and attractive decorations for the season were arranged by Mrs. Fredilene Snellings, Misses Lera Abbott, Jackie Miller and Velda Pogue. The following program was prepared by Lucien Coleman, Miss Nancy Cooper, and Mrs. B. W. Nininger:

Christmas Carols by the group Prayer: Dr. B. L. Bridges

"Angels O'er the Fields," Old French Carol Girls Glee Club

"The Elder Brother" Mrs. Carter Wright Miss Neta Stewart

"We Three Kings"___ __John H. Hopkins Male Chorus

Presentation of Gift Hymnals,

Miss Blanch Mays of the Baptist Book Store

Response Lucien Coleman Dedication of Hymnals _ W. Dawson King Dedicatory Prayer __Dr. Edgar Williamson Group Singing

A fellowship hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served by Misses Neta Stewart, Mary Catherine Hagan, Faxine Jenkins, and Betty Garton.

Committee to Select Seminary President

By H. I. MISTER

The committee charged by the Board of Trustees of the Southern Theological Seminary with the responsibility of securing a successor to Dr. Ellis A. Fuller has had two meetings. This committee is composed of J. Clyde Turner, Raleigh, North Carolina; H. I. Hester, Liberty, Missouri; Wallace Bassett, Dallas, Texas; M. J. Berquist, Tampa, Florida; Harwell G. Davis, Birmingham, Alabama; W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville, Kentucky; Wade Bryant, Roanoke, Virgina; and Norman Shands, Spartanburg, South Caro-

The committee had a preliminary meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, on November 24. A second meeting was held in Nashville, Tennessee, December 15. The meeting in Nashville was fully attended and was devoted to the most prayerful and serious consideration of this important matter. Real progress was made but the committee has reached no definite conclusions. The members feel that the affairs of the Seminary under the direction of the Acting President, Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, are being so effectively administered

World Alliance Sunday February 4, 1951

The President's Message F. Townley Lord

It is an honor and privilege to send a message of affectionate greeting, on behalf of the Baptist World Alliance, to the Bapti of the world. The Alliance President, I h already discovered, receives almost daily correspondence from many lands, and from a recent letter I quote one sentence: "The Baptist World Alliance must always be a great soul-winning agency." How heartily I agree! Deeper than our conferences and organizations lies one supreme purpose which is the inspiration of our fellowship: to proclaim Christ as Savior and Leader to a world which never needed the Gospel more than now.

If we are to replace the racial antagonisms of our age by the glories of the Kingdom of God, if we are to sheathe the sword and channel atomic mysteries into the service of mankind, if we are to counter the secularism with which all lands are infected, if we are to preserve for civilization and Christian values of redeemed personality, it can only be by winning men to the service of Christ.

Our world fellowship, linking varied nationalities and traditions by the ties of Christian love, helps us the better to achieve that supreme purpose. Our Conventions and Unions, Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, and our compassionate agencies, are bound together in loyalty to God's Word and to each other. World Alliance Sunday gives us the opportunity of showing to the world not merely that we stand together but that we stand together on the one true foundation.

I am writing this from London, where the Alliance came into being 46 years ago, b my thoughts go out to our brethren servi the same Lord under very different conditions-in crowded city and in village hamlet, in East and West, in mission stations on every field, in harassed communities behind the Iron Curtain, and not forgetting the great company of Baptist youth in our universities and seminaries. If I could utter one prayer which would reach every corner of our Baptist fellowship I would say, "God bless and keep you all, and may 1951 bring you many tokens of His presence."

Never a Sunday goes by but in our home in London my wife and I remember in prayer our pastors, teachers, and leaders throughout the world. We must be oft in prayer for one another, that all may be worthy channels of the grace of God to a distressed and sinful world. On February 4 many of our churches will gather for the Communion service of the Lord's Supper. In that fellowship of remembrance let us consecrate ourselves afresh to God's service; and as we remember the love which endured the Cross may the spirit of our Savior's compassion fill our hearts, so that the most needy and the most lonely members of our fellowship may feel the power of our united prayer.

There will be gifts, too, on World Alliance Sunday, for many of our churches will bring their offerings for our work. One of the noblest Baptist laymen I ever knew once said to me, "Money given to the service of Christ is the greatest investment." May the Lord the treasury bless the gifts and the give And may showers of blessing come upon all our churches as together we seek to honor the Name that is above every name.

as to preclude the necessity of hasty action. In view of the serious responsibility placed upon us we covet the sincere prayers of all the friends of the Seminary.

For God and Country

By DUKE K. McCALL

The Baptist chaplains I met overseas were both ministers and missionaries. Chaplain Ivan F. Bennett spent our luncheon hour in Tokyo telling of his work in getting millions of Bibles shipped into Korea. He had just come from a conference in which he was helping prepare a hymnbook with the words in English on one side and in Korean on the other side.

Chaplain Bennett has great opportunities as headquarters chaplain for General Douglas MacArthur. Chaplain Bennett would have had exceptional opportunities had he remained in the pastorate because he is that kind of a man.

I was told by another chaplain that when Baptist Chaplain Roy H. Parker became United States Army Chief of Chaplains, General MacArthur personally requested that Chaplain Bennett replace him as Chief of Chaplains in the Pacific Theatre. There are big jobs for big men in the Chaplain's Corps.

In Tokyo I preached at the Grant Heights Chapel for Major A. J. Turner. He has planted his Baptist conviction and his Texas aggressiveness right in the middle of Japan. He serves all denominations, but never at the cost or compromise of his faith. Rather he makes those who disagree with Baptist beliefs respect his faith. There were 600 in Sunday School at the Grant Heights Chapel the Sunday I was there. Like the Sunday School, the choir was composed of both Japanese and American Army personnel. The evangelistic opportunities camp on the doorstep of an evangelistic chaplain.

At Kelley Field in the Philippines, I had lunch with Chaplain Warren Ferguson (Major) and Ralph Hill (Lt. Col.). They agreed that the one thing which provoked them was for a fellow preacher to ask, "Why are you still in the Chaplaincy?" Chaplain Ferguson said that he could only answer, "I am in the Chaplaincy for the same reason you are a pastor of a church—God called me to this place of service." If you watch his eyes or look at the record of conversions under his ministry, there will be no question but that God did call him to be a chaplain.

The safety of America in the immediate future is in the hands of our Armed Forces. The salvation of many of these young men is in the hands of our chaplains. God did not overlook them when he called their classmates into the ministry.

Methodist Membership Nears Nine Millions

Membership in the Methodist Church now stands at 8,935,647, it was announced by Albert C. Hoover, director of the denomination's Statistical Office.

This represents a gain of 143,078 over the membership figure of 8,792,569 reported at the end of 1949. The figure covers the Church's 106 Annual Conferences and Missions in the United States and its possessions.

Contributions during the year for all purposes totalled \$244,676,674, an increase of more than 15 million dollars over 1949. Sunday School enrolment gained 253,144 and now stands at 5,366,848, with an average attendance of 2,978,303.

This enrolment, however, is still a little less than at the time of Methodist unification in 1939, when Sunday School membership was undergoing a decline which had begun about 1924.

The number of persons received on profession of faith or from preparatory membership was increased by 28,710 to a new total of 320,317. Of those received into the

I Tell You I Really Saw The Lord

By W. R. PETTICREW

On October 2, 1937, I talked to a man who had seen my Lord face to face. The man was Deacon M. J. Quattlebaum, seventy-five years of age and a druggist in Aiken, South Carolina, for fifty years.

There was a framed and signed statement on his store's wall that the people believed to the letter.

"For fifty years my prescriptions have contained 'that which cannot be bought or sold; honesty—integrity—reliability."

"I have never taken advantage of ignorance or necessity to dispense cheap drugs in order to make a large profit.

"I personally guarantee that all drugs and chemicals used in prescriptions to be of the best quality obtainable.

"Prices charged are most reasonable when quality is considered."

The Deacon and I sat at one of the tables sipping drinks from his soda fountain. In the course of our conversation, he became silent and reflective, then, said, I am going to try to tell you about one of the holiest moments of my life. It happened here in the store.

"I was sitting back toward the rear of the store when a man and a woman came in and spoke to my son who was toward the front. I didn't hear what the man said, but I heard my son reply, 'If you have no money, take the prescription to the Relief Office.'

"The couple turned and went out! I called to the delivery boy to run after them and bring them back. I led them to the rear of the store and had the woman—soon to become a mother—to sit down while I filled the prescription.

"Having finished, and with the bottle in my hand, I said, 'It's hard on a well person to stand in that Relief Office line, much more on a sick one; when you need this prescription filled again, come to me.

"They arose, stammering out words of humble gratitude, and as I placed the bottle in the man's hand, there before me, stood Jesus Christ, my Savior."

The dear Deacon's voice broke and tears glistened in his eyes. He had barely been able to tell me of his "holiest moment."

I sat quietly awaiting the time when my own emotions would let me quote "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me."

"Oh yes," he said, "I know that scripture"—and his hand shot out across the table to grasp mine—"but I tell you, I really saw the Lord standing there."

Only one more glance at the shining face of the Deacon, and I knew that he spoke the

-Western Recorder

Church on profession of faith, 177,593, or 55 per cent, came through a church school.

Launch Postcard Campaign Against Vatican Envoy

A postcard campaign urging Americans to write President Truman and members of the Senate asking that there be no appointment of a diplomatic envoy to the Vatican has been launched by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Containing a cartoonist's drawing of a balloon labeled "U. S. Ambassador to the Pope," with the balloon being broken by the talons of an American eagle, the card oarries the message "Bust That Balloon!"

-Religious News Service

Porter Routh Says ...

In Latin America, it is estimated there is one missionary to 55,000 population. In India and Pakistan, there is one missionary for 100,000 population.

The American Bible Society adopted a budget of \$2,161,000 as it started its 134th year. They heard that the number of those in the world without any part of the Bible translated into their own tongue is larger than the U. S. population. Some part of the Scripture has now been translated into 1,117 languages, but there are still more than 1,000 tongues with no translation.

The First Church, El Paso, over subscribed its 1951 budget of \$154,692 in one day. W. Herschel Ford is the pastor.

William Faulkner, Mississippi literary figure in Oslo to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature, pointed up the week's news when he said, "Today's tragedy is a general and universal physical fear with only one question: "When will I be blown up?" He went on to say, "The basest of all things is to be afraid, for man will not merely endure, he will prevail."

The message of Christmas is that man may not prevail—but God will prevail—and that is what matters most.

Dr. J. E. Rains, St. Louis, has been elected executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Foundation.

Southern Baptists have appointed 111 new missionaries in 1950, a record, to make the total now 803 active missionaries.

Texas Baptists have broken ground on a \$1,000,000 headquarters building.

Southern Baptist Foundation secretaries will meet in Nashville, February 26-27. Dr. George J. Mason is the president.

The Minister of Education of the Israeli government has said that Christian missionary schools will have the right to full and free operation.

The major baseball leagues reported that 1950 attendance was 14 per cent below 1949.

Prices on book paper jumped \$10 to \$20 a ton during the week, with newsprint consumption reaching 5,700,000 tons for the year, and getting hard to get.

Of the 44,623,000 children under 18 years of age living with one or both parents, 886,000 of them live in a home where either the mother or father is divorced at that time.

The 1950 census shows Alaska with 128,643, a 77.4 per cent gain during the past decade. Hawaii reports 499,794 population, or 18.1 per cent.

Veterans of World War II have received \$12,000,000,000 in aid for education or job aid. The veterans in college have dropped from a peak of 1,245,300 in 1947 to 550,000 on November 1.

And the \$238 million Ford Foundation has set up headquarters at Pasadena, California.

My job is to increase the number of happiness moments in the lives of all the people with whom I come in contact.

Foreign Mission Advance

M. THERON RANKIN, Secretary

What's Happening in Japan?

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, returned early in December from a trip to the Orient. He visited Honolulu, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippine Islands, and Bangkok.

During three weeks spent in Japan, Dr. Rankin assisted in an evangelistic campaign along with Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive sectetary of the S. B. C. Executive Committee, Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Church, Dallas, and Paker James Cauthen, secretary to the Orient.

On his second evening in Japan Lr. Rankin preached to 800 people in the auditorium of a police station. Two hundred of these professed faith in Christ. This was typical of the services held by the four evangelists. Dr. Rankin said, "I caught a

Dr. Rankin said, "I caught a alimpse of something going on in Japan, something big and deep. I had the sensation of looking through the porthole of a ship. In this great moving stream I saw people seeking truth concerning life.

"The people of Japan are hungry for spiritual faith. They have become convinced that they were on the wrong road. They are not a defeated people, but they have faced the fact that they were wrong, that they made a mistake in leadership. Recognizing that they were on the wrong road, they have turned around. As to where they are going, no one knows. They are hungry for spiritual reality. The person who comes along with a message of truth is going to get a hearing.

There were 8,300 professions of faith counted during the crusade.

Follow-Up Is Important

"I am not sure I would dare to do what we did had there been no missionaries and national Christians to follow up what we did," said Dr. Rankin. "Too many have not yet gone far enough to come into a definite regenerating experience of grace. If they go no farther, we have cheapened Christianity in the eyes of others. There is no easy and quick way to win this world to Christ.

"'Tourist missionaries' are not going to save this world. We can help to garner some of the fruit that other people have brought about. There is a tremendous responsibility in calling people to conversion. To bring babies into existence and then abandon them is a serious offense—and new converts are babies."

Southern Baptists now have 72 missionaries serving in Japan, and the Foreign Mission Board is going ahead with plans to complete the appointment of 100 as rapidly as possible.

Appointments Reach All-Time High

The Board appointed twelve new missionaries at its December meeting, bringing its total for the year to 111. This is the highest number ever to be appointed in a single year. Southern Baptists now have a total of 803 active missionaries.

"The extent with which we can continue to advance," Dr. Rankin said, "will depend upon financial receipts in 1951. On the basis of our present income of approximately \$5,000,000 yearly, we have reached the limit of expansion."

Give Now!

Southern Baptists generally do not realize what their December gifts may mean to the foreign mission enterprise. Many of our people are familiar with the fact that tremendous advance has been made during the past three years. The commitments of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention with reference to distributable funds were met late in November. Therefore. under the authority of the Convention, all Cooperative Program funds that are contributed between the November date and the end of the year will go into the treasury of the Foreign Mission Board for the advance program. We can consolidate our gains and take other advance positions, if Southern Baptists will give as the Lord has prospered them-NOW! -George W. Sadler

Baptists Begin Work in Ecuador

The outstanding event of this last month in Latin America was the conducting of the first Baptist service in the capital city of Quito, Ecuador, an ancient city located almost on the equator and now credited with 150,000 inhabitants.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gordon Crocker and Mr. and Mrs. William M. Haverfield, our first missionaries to that republic, arrived in Quito, September 19, 1950, and together with the national worker, Sr. Vasquez, soon found a building that was ideal for the beginning of their work. After the building had been renovated and adequately equipped, the opening date was publicized throughout the city.

This first Baptist service in Ecuador was held on November 26, with approximately 250 people present.

"If We Care, We Share"

Twenty lives and \$8,500 for foreign missions climaxed Lottie Moon Week at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. "We're going to



Department of

MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Seven Ways To Win More Souls In 1951

1. Each association

Set a goal to go beyond the number baptized in any previous year. Look up the highest "record" year and set the 1951 objective a little higher.

2. Each church

Set as its objective to go beyond its "record" year in baptisms.

3. Two revivals

In each church. One should be during the associational Simultaneous Crusade and another at some time most convenient for each church. But whether there is a Simultaneous Crusade or not, there should be two revivals.

4. Each full time church

Should sponsor at least one mission revival. If there is no opportunity for such a revival near by, the church can send the pastor to some remote area in the mountains.

5. Personal Evangelism.

Pastors should make definite plans to enlist as many members as possible in personal soul winning efforts. Have them sign cards indicating the number of souls they will try to win. Train them in soul winning methods and furnish names of prospects.

6. Compassionate, evangelistic preaching

In the pulpit from week to week. Preach for souls. Give earnest appeals.

7. Pray for lost people.

The mid-week prayer service should major in praying for definite souls — those who have been spoken to; those who will be visited before the next prayer service; those who rest heavily on the hearts of someone.

Letter from William E. Halton

Another one of Arkansas' missionaries writes:

"We are serving at present in a small mission in Honolulu and in the area of Waikiki beach. This may sound somewhat glorious, since Waikiki is famous for its vacation spot, but the many are lost here too, including people of all nationalities. We are hoping that the Chapel will grow into another Baptist church."

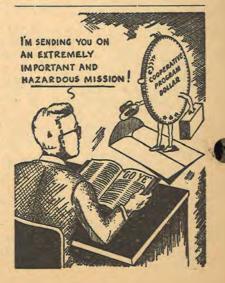
May we join him in prayer that a church may be established there.

back up the advance with both money and life," is the way one student expressed it.

"It's a lot more important to be prepared for the time when time runs out than to know what time it is now," said a student as a watch dropped from a crumpled dollar bill which had been placed on the offering plate. Some students gave money which had been saved for a Christmas at home.

Theme for the week, which turned into a real missions revival, was "If We Care, We Share." Get your grammar right! Live in the active voice rather than the passive, thinking more about what you do than what happens to you. Live in the indicative mood rather than the subjunctive mood, concerned with things as they are rather than as they might be.

Good religion never fears a fact.



Religious Education Department

EDGAR WILLIAMSON, DIRECTOR

"M Night" at El Dorado



Liberty Association led the State on "M Night" with 1,122 in attendance. Clyde Freed, First Church, El Dorado, is the associational Training Union director. "M Night" (Mobilization Night) is observed each year in the associations of the Southern Baptist Convention with the purpose of presenting and launching the Training Union program for the following year. Congratulations to Liberty Association.

Annual Music Directors Conference in Nashville

The Annual Conference of State Music Directors was held in Nashville, December 7-8. Dr. B. B. Mc-Kinney and Dr. Hines Sims, his associate in the Department of Church Music, presided over the two-day meeting.

In many respects the conference was significant. Action was taken on a revised system of certification, which will give to those holding certificates a higher musical rating. In brief this is how it works: Upon completion of the Church Music Manual, soon to be released, the applicant will receive a Certificate of Recognition. This document will carry designated spaces for the 14 seals representing the required books in the complete Church Music Training Course. As each book is studied a seal is awarded the holder who places it on his Certificate of Recognition. When all the seals have been earned and placed on the document, it is to be mailed to the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board. In exchange a Church Music Diploma will be issued in the name of the holder and may be retained by him as a permanent symbol of his achievement in the field of music training. It was also agreed that the course of study for each book should include at least five nights of two 45 minute periods each.

Several new books were added to the Church Music Training Course, notably one on Soul-Winning, "Every Christian's Job,"

Sunday School Gains In 1950

With just one or two associations whose reports have not yet reached the statistical secretary in Nashville, Tennessee, the Sunday School enrolment figures for Arkansas for 1950 show a gain of some 11,184 over the previous year, 1949. We show here the figures by associations for 1949 and for 1950. Associations that have suffered losses during the year are indicated by the dash before the figure. All the figures are gains for 1950 over 1949.

This is a good report. We can make it better. Let's make it at least a 20,000 gain for 1951. Let us major on taking the entire family

to Sunday School.

Sunday School Enrolment

Association	1950	1949	Gain or Los
Arkansas Valley	4477	4296	181
Ashley County		-	
Bartholomew	6925	6356	59
Benton County	3915	3598	317
Big Creek		612	152
Black River		2905	410
Boone-Carroll	2832	2741	91
Buckner	2850	2663	187
Buckville	361	285	76
Caddo River	1296	1291	5
Carey	2191	1976	215
Caroline		3064	158
Centennial		2242	195
Central	8797	8634	163
Clear Creek	3470	3348	122
Concord	10467	10040	427
Conway-Perry	1311	1273	38
Current River		1737	312
Dardanelle-Russellville		2354	87
Delta	5157	5270	-113
Faukner County	2581	2430	151
Gainesville	1713	1574	139
Greene County	4635	4579	56

Harmony	8135	8253	-118
Hope		6260	514
Independence		1695	442
Liberty		10258	1837
Little Red River		1528	-1
Little River		2823	311
Mississippi County	8137	8448	-311
Mount Zion		5165	156
Newton County	283*	283	_
Ouachita		1692	63
Pulaski County	21017	19419	1598
Red River	4006	3582	424
Rocky Bayou		945	-20
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	1410	1290	120
Tri-County	5552	4948	604
Trinity	3780	3222	558
Washington-Madison County	3864	3353	511
White County	2980	2804	176
White River	1529	1124	405
Woodruff County	1426	1449	-23
TOTALS	172,993	162,209	11,184
*1949 Report			

TRUST GOD!

When you have asked God to guide your judgment, and have thought it well out and acted as you thought wisest, seeking His will and moving forward, suppose you find yourself in some great difficulty? That does not prove that you have made a mistake, or that you are not in God's path. It simply proves that any other path would have been impassable.

There is a way under the difficulty, or around or above it, and presently it will be made passable. Whenever you decide on a course, trusting God and asking Him to block you if you are wrong, go on; for if it were not His path for you He would have told you. Dare to go on.

_F. B. Meyer

A little faith can go a long ways.

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MONDAY EVENING

7:00 Song and Praise, Norman Ferguson 7:15 Welcome.....Lloyd A. Sparkman

7:30 Youth on the March, Dale Cowling

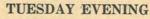
7:50 Laymen Living for

the Lord Howard Butt Jr.

8:20 Special Music

8:30 Sermon-"On Your Knees . . America"_____H. H. Hobbs





Weeping and Reaping

7:00 Song and Praise, Norman Ferguson

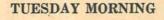
and Hedges......W. E. Speed

3:50 Sermon—"Going, Sowing,

7:40 Laymen Witnessing for

8:05 Reaching More Souls

8:30 Sermon—"The Sign of



9:00 Song and Praise, Norman Ferguson

9:10 Scripture and Prayer

9:15 Sin-The Demand for

Salvation......D. C. Applegate Jr.

9:45 The Blood of the Lamb-

Basis of Salvation....O. L. Bayless

10:15 Repentance and Faith-Conditions of Salvation......James G. Harris

10:45 Confession and Consecration-**Evidences of Salvation**

Howard Butt Jr.

11:15 Music

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:45 Song and Praise, Norman Ferguson

2:00 Pastors Should Be Soul

Winners.....Charles E. Lawrence

2:30 Churches Should Be

7:15 In the Highways

3:00 Conferences

K. Owen White

the Lord......Raymond Lindsey

8:20 Music

the Cross"...... H. H. Hobbs

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:00 Song and Praise, Norman Ferguson

9:10 Scripture and Prayer

9:15 Compassion for the

Lost.....Lonnie Lasater

9:40 The Holy Spirit

in Evangelism.....B. K. Selph

10:05 The Fruits of a

Revival.....Russell Clubb

10:30 "Speak—that they go

forward"____ B. L. Bridges

10:55 Personal Testimonies

11:15 Music

11:30 Sermon-"Go Preach," H. H. Hobbs



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B. K. Selph

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, State Secretary
219 Baptist Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

A Good Report

Approximately 700 were in attendance at the five Regional Brotherhood meetings recently held in Arkansas, the first of the current series of Brotherhood tours sponsored by the Brotherhood Department. About 75 churches were represented. The meetings were held at the following churches: Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, for Pulaski County Association, and adjoining associations; First Church, McGehee, for Delta Association, and adjoining associations: South Side Church, Pine Bluff, for Harmony and Centennial Associations; First Church, West Memphis, for Tri-County Association, and adjoining associations; and First Church, Springdale, for Benton County and Washington-Madison Associations.

Personnel of the Tour included Lloyd A. Sparkman, pastor of South Side Church, Pine Bluff; Clifford A. Holcomb, Brotherhood-Music Secretary of the Florida Baptist State Convention; and Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary. Harold Anderson, acting president of the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas, was on the program at the Baring Cross meeting. Foots Moreland, Educational and Music Director of Baring Cross Church, assisted in two of the meetings.

The Tour was a success from every view-point. Such meetings as these provide a genuine spiritual experience for those who attend, and an excellent denominational touch. Men grow in their spiritual concepts when they are brought to a position where they can see clearly beyond the horizon of their own church field.

The Brotherhood Department takes this opportunity to thank the pastors and Brotherhood officers for their excellent co-operation in building the attendance at the meetings, and in getting out prospective groups of men.

Another Brotherhood Tour in February

Details are not yet complete, but announcement has already gone out concerning the second series of Regional Brotherhood meetings to be held during February 12-16. Dr. A. S. Newman, Brotherhood Secretary of Louisiana, will be the guest speaker.

Meetings will be held in El Dorado, Helena, Harrison, and Eudora. The Eudora meeting on Friday evening, February 16, will be dedicated to the Simultaneous Crusade in Delta Association, beginning the following Sunday. Dr. Newman will also speak at a Wednesday evening prayer-meeting in the Little Rock area.

Details of this second series of Brotherhood meetings will be published in the very near future.

Brotherhood A Service Organization

A church Brotherhood functions to strengthen and build the church in every area of its work. A Brotherhood is not a fellowship club. Instead it is a group of consecrated men banded together to work together to undergird the church in every phase of its life and work.

The church Brotherhood endeavors to build the attendance and the spirit of all the congregational services of the church. Also the Brotherhood works to build attendance and interest in Sunday School and Training Union. The Brotherhood functions to inform men concerning the needs of the Kingdom of God, every-where. The Brotherhood works to help the church build a better financial program; a worthy and effective and comprehensive program of evangelism; and a continuing program of benevolence. The Brotherhood reaches out after boys in the church field. The program of the church is the program of the Brotherhood!

Because the church Brotherhood means "Men at Work" in every area of church life, the Brotherhood helps to build a better and more effective church.

And the associational Brother-hood is to the association what the church Brotherhood is to the church. The associational Brotherhood seeks to build and strengthen the work of the denomination, throughout the area of the association.

Make your Brotherhood a service organization, working to advance all the causes of the Kingdom of God through your church and denomination!

Free Brotherhood Literature Available

Write the Brotherhood Department, 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock, for a packet of Brotherhood organizational materials. The packet is free! It contains a spray of Brotherhood tracts, including information about Brotherhood organization and maintenance.

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Ouachita College To Entertain Associational W. M. U. Leaders

The annual conference conducted for Associational Superintendents, Associate Superintendents, Young People's Leaders, Chairmen of Community Missions, Mission Study and Stewardship, will be held at Ouachita College January 9-10. Conference leaders will include state W. M. U. officers and chairmen with many of the associational officers participating in forums. Devotional periods will feature presentation of various phases of mission work.

Associations are encouraged to send the six leaders listed above. The total cost is \$3.50 per person. Each conferee is requested to bring linens and bedding as the college does not have sufficient supply for such a large group.

The first session will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, and the conference will close after lunch on the tenth. Associational groups are urged to travel together and to come for the full time.

To See and to Serve

"To See and to Serve" is the telling title of a booklet containing twelve devotionals featuring Community Missions. These were prepared by Dr. Floy Barnard, member of the faculty of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Miss Edith Stokeley, Southern W. M. U. Community Missions Chairman, says "To See and To Serve" has been written to help you lead your members to see the community as with the eyes of Jesus and to serve in His spirit, taking His message to those who

need it. Dr. Barnard has used true incidents throughout in her illustrations and stories, to help you realize that you do not face an impossible task in community missions."

One copy has been sent to each W. M. U. president as reported to State W. M. U. Headquarters. This should be passed on to the Community Missions Chairman after plans have been made by president and chairman for the most effective use of these devotionals. It is suggested that one devotional be used each month either in regular society meetings or in circle meetings.

Arkansas Goes Over The Top

Each year certain goals are accepted by the various states of the Southern Baptist Convention for subscriptions to the W. M. U. periodicals. A substantial increase is anticipated in that goal. Word has come from Southern W. M. U. that Arkansas is one of three states to surpass the goals for all four magazines: Royal Service, The Window of Y. W. A., World Comrades, and Ambassador Life.

Each of these claims noted recognition by critics for their particular suitability to the age group for whom they are printed. Although Arkansas' goal has been surpassed, there are many, many homes into which these magazines should be coming. Each is \$1 per year and subscriptions should be sent to Southern Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama.

FIFTY YEARS OF FOREIGN MISSION PROGRESS

	1900	1950*
Number of churches	113	1,837
Number of outstations	155	2,089
Number of missionaries	94	753**
Ordained nationals	29	757
Unordained nationals	104	350
Baptisms	1,341	13,322***
Total membership	6,537	145,411
Sunday school enrolment	2,408	123,398
Training Union enrolment		36,866
W. M. U. enrolment		37,171
Number of schools	45	504
Number of pupils	1,278	26,733
Contributions	\$7,094.98	\$1,837,980.91

*China statistics not included because of unsettled conditions.

**As of April 30, 1950.

*** Grand total, including China, between 15,000 and 20,000.

Glean well for the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions and remit to Miss Nancy Cooper, State W. M. U. Treasurer, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Arkansas' goal is \$50,000. Worthy offerings from the missionary organizations of the state will assure another "over the top" record.

Foundation Amended

By Dr. John D. Freeman, Secretary

In order to clarify some terms and to make a bit more comprehensive some provisions, the Bylaws of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation were amended at the session of the Board of Directors held November 27, 1950. The following changes were made to the original By-laws published some time ago for free distribution. If you have a copy, please clip this column and paste in the front of the booklet.

Artcle III, IV, Section 3, and V, Section 2, were amended by inserting the word "recording" before the word "secretary" each time it occurs.

Article IV, substitute the following for the first paragraph of Section 4:

"Treasurer: The treasurer. subject to the provisions hereof and to such regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, shall have custody of the funds of the corporation; he shall deposit all funds belonging to the corporation in such bank as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Such funds may be withdrawn only upon check or draft signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president of the Board or its vice-president. Checks for current expenses shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president or vice - president. The Board of Directors may designate some other person to countersign said checks."

Article IV, Section 5, place period after the name "Arkansas Baptist Convention" near middle of second paragraph, and substitute for the remainder of the paragraph the following:

"And said Directors, through the Executive Secretary, shall make an annual report of the affairs of the Foundation to the Arkansas Baptist Convention. The financial section of this report shall be prepared by the treasurer and examined by a certified public accountant selected by the Administrative Committee of the Board of Directors." Article IV, Section 6, should be added as follows:

Section 6 - Depository: A safe deposit box shall be maintained and it shall be kept all legal papers, stocks, bonds, and other paper assets of the corporation. This box shall be entrusted to the administrative employee of the corporation, but shall never be entered except when he is accompanied by a member of the Board of Directors, or by the Executive Secretary of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. The location of this depository shall be determined by the Board of Directors or its Administrative Committee."

Article VI, Section 2, amend by inserting the word "Executive" before "Secretary".

"Is executed by the president and by the recording secretary, and always upon proper authorization by the Board of Directors or its Committee on Investments."

Article VII, substitute the following for the entire article:

"All funds received by the corporation shall be administered and the earnings therefrom distributed for the benefit of Baptist institutions and agencies fostered by and/or having the official sanction of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, except where some trust fund shall provide for training in a professional school which no Baptist agency operates; in such case

the income may be directed to an institution selected by the Board of Directors or its Committee on Investments, with the approval of the Arkansas Baptist Convention or its Executive Board."

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CHRISTIAN LOVE

Patience is love on the anvil, bearing blow after blow of suffering.

Zeal is love in the harvest field, never tiring of toil.

Meekness is love in company, when it vaunteth not itself.



Jesus Begins His Ministry

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

This discussion is based on the International Uniform Sunday School Lesson Outlines, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education and used by permission.

In the book of Genesis we learn that God once stepped out of eternity, started the clock of time to ticking, renovated the chaotic earth, and on the sixth day He created the first man and called him Adam. Adam was placed in the midst of paradise to bask in the sunshine of God's love, and was surrounded with every good thing that heaven could bestow upon a human being.

This man was the first federal head of humanity, the head of all mankind. Shall we say that Adam was a test case. He was created in innocency, he knew no evil; he was placed in the midst of all good things and was restricted by only one law: "Thou shalt not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," said the Lord. But Adam disobeyed the one law of God, and opened the floodgate of sin, and sin, both root and fruits, came rushing in upon the whole human family.

Someone has described Adam as "A-dam." It was in his power to protect men from evil, but Adam failed us, the dam broke, and sin has flooded the world ever since.

Four thousand dark years rolled over the heads of sin-sick humanity, years of death because of Adam's transgression, before the second Adam began His ministry in Galilee of Nazareth. As the first Adam was tested-so was the second Adam. Isn't it astoundingor is it—that the second Adam had to go back to the very point where Adam fell, and overcome the same temptations that brought the first pair to wreck and ruin: "the lust of the flesh (appetite); the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life."

His Manifestation

"And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water He saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

It was by baptism that Jesus was announced to Israel (John 1:31). It was at His baptism that His Sonship was declared by the Father. And immediately, Satan set about to disclaim His Sonship. Mark tells us that Jesus was DRIVEN to the wilderness by the Spirit where He spent forty days without food or water; forty days amidst the wild beasts; and forty

Sunday School Lesson for January 7, 1951 Mark 1:9-20

days to be personally assaulted by Satan. Dr. Hight C. Moore, in Points For Emphasis, says: "This wilderness was infested with wolves, hyenas, and leopards. Thither Jesus was driven under the impulse of the Spirit, for the second Adam must win here what the first Adam lost in Eden."

Mark wrote more briefly than did any other; we may be prone to think that he only hit the high places in recording our Lord's ministry. The keywords of his Gospel are: "straightway and immediately." He did not devote much time to details, but his language is powerful. After a close study of his description of the temptation of Jesus, we feel that we have not really studied that phase of the Lord's ministry before. We look into Mark's phraseology and realize there must have been a great deal more to the temptation of Jesus than appears on the surface in the other Gospels.

Galilean Ministry

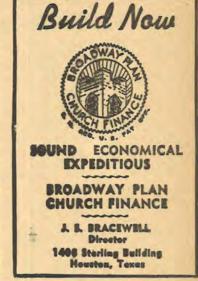
Jesus seemed to have spent some time in Judea according to John 1:33-44, at least a few days, for John the Baptist testified to His Messiahship again. Two of John's disciples followed Jesus. one of whom was Andrew, and he went for his brother Peter to tell him they had found the Messiah. A while later they encountered Philip, who also became one of the apostles. These men lived in Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee, just a few miles north of Nazareth. Evidently each of them returned to their homes, for later, we find Jesus preaching in that section, and it was while Andrew and Peter were laboring as fishermen on the Sea of Galilee near Capernaum that Jesus enlisted them for full time service: "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." As ten others were enlisted along the way, we find Jesus beginning His teaching ministry, where for three years His preacher-apostles sat under the voice of the Masterteacher, and received their actual training for the Kingdom work.

There are many who believe that Jesus taught one gospel, and after His failure to reach Israel, His ministry ending in His death, that the apostles continued that ministry for a few years, but later abandoned the original plan and with the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, a new plan, the plan that we now teach, was instituted (Acts 2:10.26)

We do not believe that to be a correct interpretation of the scriptures at all. In the very beginning of His ministry, Jesus preached repentance and faith: "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." was His message to the Galileans. The burden of His work throughout His ministry was to get men to repent of their wickedness, to turn from sin, and to turn to God by faith in the Redeemer. Peter's message at Pentecost that turned 3,000 mockers into heart broken converts was a message on repentance toward God and faith in the One whom they had despised to the point of murder. Paul's message and that of each minister in the New Testament was the message of repentance and faith.

Doctor Moore, in his commentary on the Sunday School lesson, analyzes the ministry of Jesus, thus: A God-approved Ministry; A Satan-Conquering Ministry; A Gospel-Proclaiming Ministry; and A Disciples-Training Ministry. Jesus had the proper authority for His ministry—the authority and approval of the Father. But He had to overcome the tempter and prove Himself worthy and able to be our Redeemer ere He could begin His

ministry. With the preliminaries out of the way, He went back to His home section and began preaching the gospel—the good news of salvation by repentance and faith. After performing many miracles which indicated He was from God, He began enlisting disciples to be trained for the ministry after His departure back to heaven.



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The State Budget Again

We have published, a time or two, on this page the state Convention budget for 1951. Due to some emergencies in our work it was necessary that the Convention change the proposed 1951 budget, after we had made the posters and pamphlets. If you have a poster or a pamphlet of the 1951 budget of the state Convention, be sure to substitute these new figures as printed here for the ones that we printed on the posters.

1951 BUDGET

Administration

\$ 24,440.00

Arkansas Baptist	6,580.00
W. M. U	18,800.00
Promotion and Convention	6,460.00
Brotherhood	9,600.00
Department of Religious Education	25,825.00
Retirement Plan	20,000.00
Old Debts	28,200.00
Hospital School of Nursing	25,000.00
State Missions	65,800.00
State MissionsOuachita College	100,000.00
Orphanage	28,200.00
Ministerial Education	1,690.00
Emergency Reserve	9,400.00
Baptist Foundation	4,200.00
Southern Baptist College	10,000.00
Siloam Springs Assembly	5,170.00
TOTAL	389,365.00
Southwide causes	259,576.67
TOTAL BUDGET SUBJECT	
TO DIVISION	648,941.67
Ouachita College (Special non-	
recurring)	50,000.00
Central College (Liquidating	
Agency)	37,000.00
Office Building (Annual Payment)	
TOTAL BUDGET	
(All overage to be divided 50%	to South-

Suppose!

wide causes; 25% to Ouachita College, and

25% to Southern Baptist College.)

Suppose January comes and goes without YOUR joining the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan and—suppose that YOU are not in a position to leave your family with the comforts you would want them to have—and suppose the Lord calls you home my preacher brother during 1951—what do you suppose your wife would do?

Brethren, if you are not in the Ministers Retirement Plan and the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan, let us urge you again to pray and think about this important matter. Ask your wife if she thinks you ought to be in these plans. Remember the difference between reasonable security and want is only 3 per cent of your salary, matched with a like sum from your church and 2 per cent from your Convention. The Convention's part is provided for in our budget. Your church will provide its part—What about you? You cannot afford to be without this protection. Write today for application blanks!

Pastor Greenleaf of Levy Retires

After more than 19 years as pastor of Levy Church, Brother Greenleaf is retiring from the pastorate. I have known Brother Greenleaf many years, and have had great satisfaction in seeing his efforts succeed. He has led the Levy Church to finance its work entirely through the tithing plan, no other pledges being taken for 19 years. There has been a substantial growth, from year to year, in membership and finance. He led the Levy Church to organize two missions, which have become regular Baptist Churches, co-operating with the state Convention. Brother Greenleaf has had a great deal of experience in evangelistic work, having worked with some of the best evangelists in the nation. He once was elected state evangelist, but did not take the position. He has been pastor of some of the best churches like Stuttgart, Rogers, South Highland, Little Rock; and Pocahontas. He has been called to larger churches in different cities, but he stayed with what he believed was the Lord's will for his life. After January 5, Brother Greenleaf will be open for supply work, revival meetings, Bible conferences, or any other line of service when he may be needed. He has had opportunity for a wonderful insight into the problems of the pastor and has been able, in the past, to be of much help to them in perplexing situations.

More Than We Asked

A letter from Earl R. Humble, the capable and energetic pastor of First Church, Prescott, writes us as follows:

"We adopted our 1951 budget last Wednesday night allocating \$3,600 to the Cooperative Program. This amount just about multiplies by three the amount we were giving to the Cooperative Program two years ago. Total gifts to missions by our church in 1951 are expected to run in the neighborhood of \$5,000. This is about 33 per cent of our budget."

Thank you Brother Humble. We appreciate your good leadership and the willingness of a great people to follow.

Karl McClendon and Mansfield

You don't hear a great deal of noise out of Pastor Karl McClendon in Mansfield. He is a quiet, but dependable soul. Karl is a spendid preacher. He is definite in his program as a leader of his church. The people in Mansfield love and appreciate him and the people of the entire association depend upon him.

Layman J. Q. Pond

Brother J. Q. Pond is not a minister, he is a good layman. His home has been in Ravenden, but now he spends part of his time in Texas with his relatives. We have just received a mission contribution from Brother Pond. His home in Arkansas was in Ravenden and the Ravenden Church gets credit for his mission contributions. Brother Pond has been a loyal, co-operating Baptist leader. We thank the Lord for his life.

More Good News

First Church, Booneville, will give \$3,640 to the Cooperative Program in 1951. This represents a substantial increase and we are grateful. W. W. Grafton is the pastor of this great church.

Lonnie V. Brown, treasurer, Macedonia Church in Bartholomew Association, sends us his check for the Cooperative Program and tells us in a brief note that his church has accepted our suggested amount to be given in 1951. Thank you Brother Brown. Marvin S. Jaggars is the pastor—one of the best.

T. T. Walker, pastor of the Lawson Church, Liberty Association, writes as follows: "I received your letter asking if our

"I received your letter asking if our church would try to give \$180 through the Cooperative Program in 1951. The committee discussed this as we considered our budget. It was recommended to the church and the church accepted the figure as a goal for the year. Our budget is set up on a percentage basis and if we keep going as we have for the past few months, we will go above the \$180 for the year."

Thank you Pastor Walker, and our friends at Lawson.

D. W. Butts, treasurer of the Clear Springs Church near Powhatan, sends us his check for the Cooperative Program and says the church will send a tithe of its income in 1951 to the Cooperative Program. Thank you Brother Butts. T. L. Milner is the pastor of this good church.

Mrs. S. R. Launius, treasurer of the Shady Grove Church near Manning, sends in her check for the Cooperative Program and says, "Our church has agreed to pay \$48 to the Cooperative Program in 1951." This was our suggestion to the church and we are grateful for their forward move in missions. Robert E. Lewis, Ouachita College, is the pastor. Thank you brethren.

Owensville and Smith

The Owensville Church is located between Benton and Hot Springs on the highway. William C. Smith has been the aggressive leader there. The church has voted to give a worthy portion of its receipts to the Cooperative Program in 1951. Brother Smith is going to the Golden Gate Seminary in California. We regret to lose him, but he will be doing valuable work out there. Here is what he says about Arkansas Baptists: "I was introduced to Baptist thinking at the Soldier's Center in Little Rock. I am grateful to Arkansas Baptists for the Christ-honoring, Bible-centered education that I received at Ouachita College. Since I came from another denomination I feel that Baptists alone have the full New Testament message for the world. Protestantism preaches only half of the truth. Colleges like Ouachita are unknown in the Northwest, but the Lord-willing we'll build one of that kind in that region as our denomination grows there."

He enjoys much who is thankful for little; a grateful mind is both a great and happy mind.—Secker.

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