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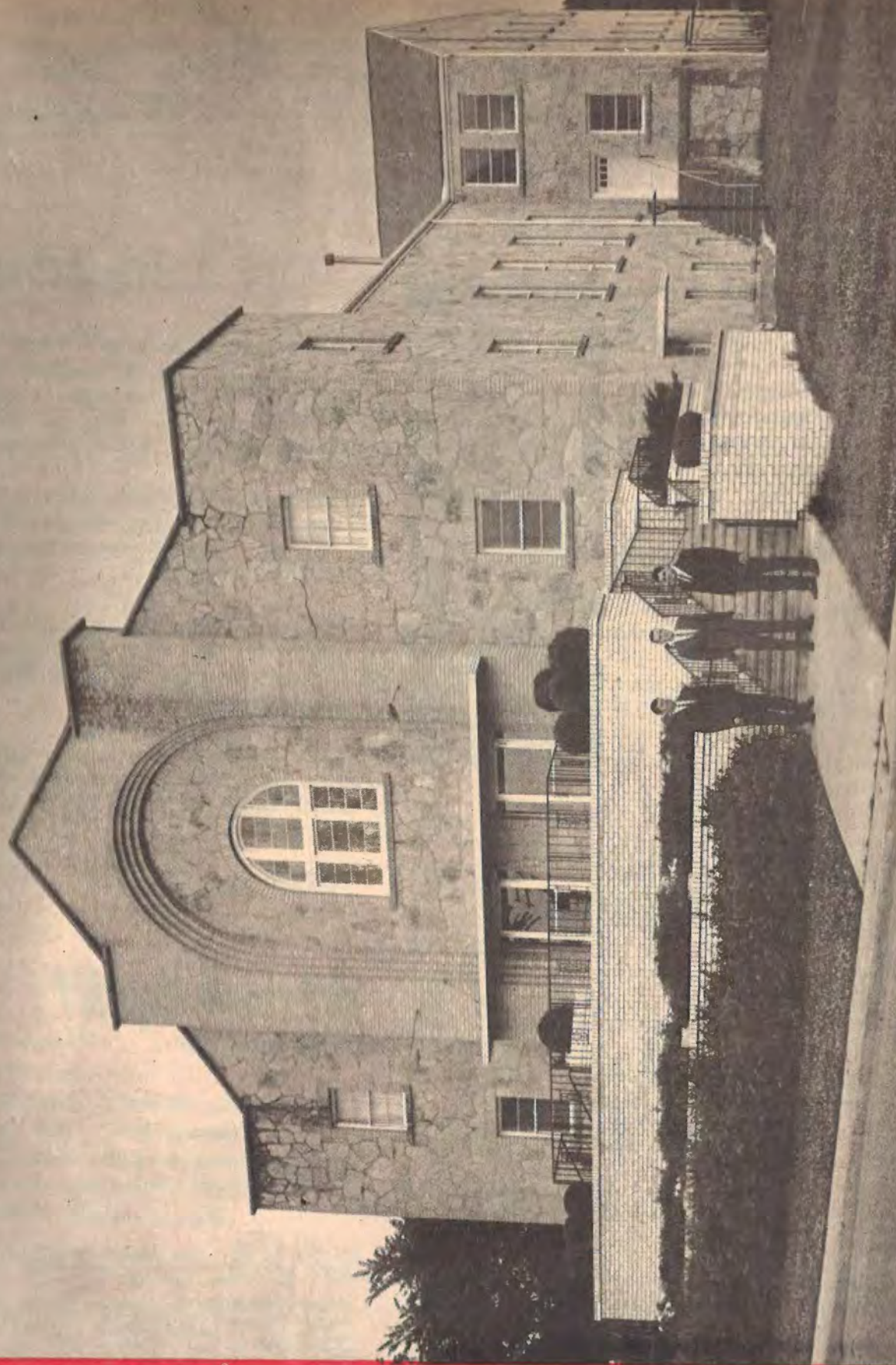
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The Hankins plan

Now that my old Bunker Hill friend Clabe Hankins has broken into the *Training Union Magazine*, Nashville, on a more or less regular basis, he is wondering why he can't get into the *Arkansas Baptist News-magazine* again. I have explained to the old fellow that a prophet's honor often wanes in direct proportion to how well folks know him.

It's like Brooks Hays' story about the two Dover citizens who were opposing each other in a hot race for constable. "Who do you think will win, Jim or John?" one neighbor asked. "It all depends on who sees the most people," was the reply. "If Jim sees the most, John will win, and if John sees the most, Jim will win."

Clabe and his wife, Sal, have worked out a new plan of visitation that's building attendance at Training Union at Bunker Baptist Church. Instead of following their usual pattern of going home with somebody from the Sunday morning preaching service for dinner they are trying something a little different. They strike out after church and stop at the first house from which the folks did not come to church. After eating with them, they invite the folks to be out for Training Union and the evening preaching service. And they let it be known that if the folks don't show up they'll be back to eat with them next Sunday and invite them again.

Clabe says this is what he understands the Training Union leaders over in Nashville call "motervation."

There has been some backfire or backlash, though. Last Thursday night the Jim Simpkins family and their nine children dropped in on the Hankinses at supper time to eat supper and invite Clabe and Sal to the Junior League baseball game.

The Southern Baptist Convention's new policy on human relations is having a profound effect

on Clabe. Since the action recently at Houston he has actually got back on speaking terms with Methodists and Landmark Baptists.

Erwin L. McDonald



IN THIS ISSUE:

BIG doings at Mountain Home this week, as First Church prepares to celebrate its centennial. Read about it on page 9. And on pages 6 and 7 you'll find a story and pictures covering the recent dedication of Mt. Zion's assembly grounds.

DUE to the fact that there will be no magazine next Thursday—July 4—we are carrying two sets of Sunday School lessons in this issue. You'll find them on pages 19-22.

ARKANSAS has promised help to the Michigan Convention for work with Project 500 in that state during the next two years. The full story is carried on page 7.

SBC leaders are getting to work immediately to bring about action in response to their recently stated manifesto. Pages 12 and 13 have the details.

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Resurrection City

One thing Resurrection City has accomplished in behalf of the poor of the nation. It has gained for the camp and its residents many hours of free time on television and radio and a great splurge of type in newspapers and magazines. Whether this in the final reckoning will help or hurt the cause remains to be seen.

There is much to indicate that this RC is getting harder and harder for the country to swallow. While this itself has obviously been one of the goals of Negro Leader Ralph D. Abernathy and his associates, if this is pushed too far into the nation's craw the resulting spasm could prove hurtful to everybody concerned, particularly to poor Negroes.

The bright light of publicity has revealed many things about Resurrection City that have left many of us interested in helping the poor less than enthusiastic with the project. We are thinking particularly of the bold, open robberies committed by the campers, including mass invasions of public eating places to consume meals and walk out without paying the bills. We are thinking of the strong element of hoodlumism that reportedly has made life miserable for members of the RC community itself as well as for many outsiders who happened to pass that way. We are thinking of the open refusal of the squatters to clear out, now that their point has been made and their permits have expired. We are thinking of the millions of dollars lost to the city of Washington and to the federal government because of this deliberate bottleneck to orderly life in that area. And we are thinking of other millions expended by the supporters of the march and camp.

One point RC may be making that was not in the plan of its designers. That is that the need of the poor is for a more positive leadership that can help the poor to understand that the government and others trying to help them need their help. Even those who are poor, or who claim to be, must have law and order along with the justice they seek. They must match the new opportunities that are opening to them with a developing responsibility as they earnestly try to learn how to give services of real value for the education and income they receive.

America does not need any more bums and she has more than enough hoodlums. What we need now from all ranks of life, including Negroes and the poor, are more and more people who will apply their God-given brain and brawn to useful and dedicated citizenship.

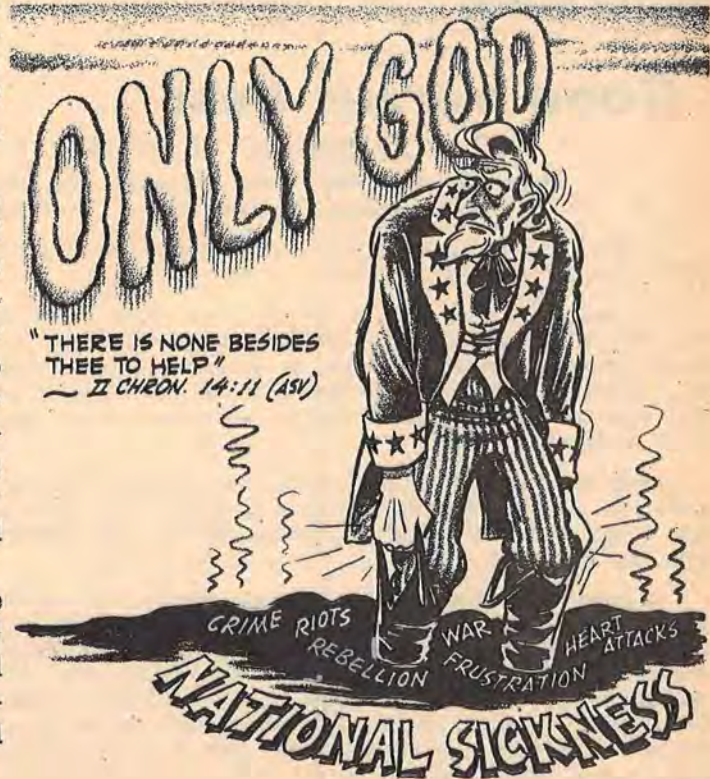
There is no one verse of Scripture that says it in so many words, but God does help those who help themselves. And God has a blueprint for every life—rich man, poor man, beggarman, thief.

SBC action plan

Carried elsewhere in this issue is a report of the first meeting of Southern Baptist Convention leaders since the annual meeting of the SBC in Houston, to discuss plans for implementation of the Convention's new policy on human relations. Although the meeting was necessarily something of a brainstorming session, the indication is that a meaningful progress report will be ready by September.

The highlight of the parley was the enthusiasm and optimism of the various participants, representing SBC agencies and institutions. Foy Valentine, director of the Christian Life Commission seemed to catch the feeling of the leaders as he said: "Too long Southern Baptists have been identified in the mind of the world with such lost causes as the Civil War and slavery. God has great things in store for us as a denomination."

As valuable as the direction of the Home Mission Board will be as the specific agency given the assignment of implementation, the real success of the new policy will have to wait upon action by individual Southern Baptists and by local churches. Hopefully many will be finding their own ways of putting the new policy into effect.



Daughter of Arkansas Baptists writes from Memphis 'captivity'

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is my check for one year's subscription to the *Arkansas Baptist*.

A native of Paragould, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, a Memphian (by marriage) for the past 22 years, I am hungry for state-wide news of Arkansas Baptists.

So, I decided to quit "mooching" friends for their *Arkansas Baptist* when I go back across the Mississippi River, and have my own copy every week.

I enjoy every section of the *Arkansas Baptist*. The two Sunday School lessons are of particular interest to me. Dr. L. H. Coleman, the writer of one, was for several years a member of Prescott Memorial, the Memphis church to which I have belonged for the past 22 years. Vester E. Wolber, writer of the other, is from my alma mater.

I shall look forward to my first issue of my very own *Arkansas Baptist*.
—Mrs. Richard Smith (Opal Fletcher Smith), 410 Reese Street, Memphis, Tenn. 38111

Add fan mail

I enjoy the *Arkansas Baptist* very much, use it every Sunday as a teaching aid in the Adult Senior Class of the First Baptist Church here in Murfreesboro.—Z. O. Smith, Murfreesboro, Ark.

Deaths

MRS. PEARL MAE STUART, 74, of Russellville, June 12. A former resident of Gurdon and for many years a nurse at the Arkansas Polytechnic College

Infirmary, Russellville, Mrs. Stuart was a member of First Church and the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. John Lindsey, Russellville, and two grandchildren.

MRS. LUCIOUS M. SEXTON, 62, June 12, in Lonoke. Mrs. Sexton was a member of Lonoke Church.

Survivors include a son, Gene Sexton, Lonoke; a brother, Clarence Wilson, Cabot; four sisters, Mrs. Beulah Oden, Louisiana, Mrs. Ollie Jones, McRae,

Mrs. Florence Kelly, Lonoke, and Mrs. Mattie Dougherty, California; and four grandchildren.

WAYNE MARTIN, 72, June 13, in Marshall. Mr. Martin was a member of the Marshall City Council. A native of Searcy County, he was a retired merchant and timber buyer. He was a former Searcy County tax assessor, and was a member of Marshall's First Church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Nellie Martin; four sons, Richard, New Mexico, Clyde, Oklahoma, Clell, Washington state, and Thomas, Marshall; a daughter, Mrs. Joella Maynard, Marshall; four brothers, James and Hobert, Marshall, George, Memphis, and Sparlin, California; a sister, Mrs. Jewel Treece, Leslie; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

MRS. ONIE M. BUCK, 80, June 12, Paragould. Mrs. Buck was a member of East Side Church, Paragould.

Sorry, wrong church!

In an item announcing the appointment of Thurman O. Watson as music minister, the *Newsmagazine* inadvertently listed his new church as Second, Arkadelphia, pastored by Sam Reeves, instead of First, Arkadelphia.

We apologize to both Mr. Watson and Mr. Reeves.

Baptist beliefs

Good versus best

BY **HERSCHEL H. HOBBS**

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, past president, Southern Baptist Convention

"Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house"—Luke 9:61

He was a Christian with a divided mind. Jesus called him to follow along with Him in His work. He was willing to do so. But first he wanted to bid his family farewell. Plummer said that he wanted to enjoy his family just one more time. Robertson says that he wanted to set his house in order, and at some later time to follow Jesus. Certainly his request meant more than merely to say "goodbye."

Jesus was not unmindful of family relationships. But he forsook such to do God's will. And He challenges us to do the same. One should be mindful of home and family. But they should not become gods to come between us and our relationship to Christ.

In reply Jesus used a commonly used proverb. "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (v. 62). Certainly a plowman must look ahead if he is to plow a straight furrow. The word "fit" means "suitable" or "well placed." Service in the kingdom demands undivided attention. He who is unwilling to give it will not make a suitable servant of God. One should not neglect his family. But he should not become so absorbed in social duties that he will neglect his work for the Lord. The former is good. But the latter is best. And we should not let the good become the enemy of the best.

Independence Day

I'm not ashamed to wave Our Flag

Where everyone can see,
For it is not a "painted rag"
But an emblem of the Free.

Now, in a vision, I can view
Those days of long ago
When ragged soldiers, dressed in blue,
Walked barefoot in the snow.

Red is for the blood they shed
And suffering that they bore.
Is Patriotism now so dead
We think of them no more?

By our God's help, we all must keep

Our Nation free from stain
That those brave men, who lie asleep,
Shall not have died in vain.

—Carl Ferrell

Birdwell to Gentry

C. Dee Birdwell has resigned the pastorate of Wilmot Church to accept a call to the pastorate of First Church,



MR. BIRDWELL

Gentry. Expressing his appreciation to the people of the Wilmot Church, Mr. Birdwell said: "I have been overpaid, overfed, and over loved. I can never express my appreciation for the wonderful way my wife and children have been treated, too."

During the time of his ministry with the Wilmot Baptists, they increased their giving 30 percent. Baptisms during the past year exceeded the total of the preceding five years. Other progress included the buying of some adjoining property and the remodeling and furnishing of the newly acquired house.

James Staggs named pr man at Tech

RUSSELLVILLE — James Staggs, city editor of the Southwest American at Fort Smith, has been named director of public relations and alumni affairs at Arkansas Polytechnic College, Dr. George L. B. Pratt, president, has announced.

Staggs, who has been with the Southwest American for a year and a half, has also served as associate sports editor.

He has been an active member of Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, and has served as news reporter for the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

A native of Russellville, he is a graduate of the Russellville public schools. He attended Arkansas Tech after his graduation from Russellville High School.

Former Arkansan honored

BY FRANCES E. HAWTHORNE



A 69-year-old native of El Dorado has spent his life proving he does not believe young people are "going to the dogs." He is Deedie King, now of West Des Moines, Ia.

Recently he was presented the community's highest honor—the annual West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Community Award.

He is shown above holding the award, flanked by his son, James Booker King, 50, and daughter, Sharon Joyce King, 22, a senior at Drake university in Des Moines.

In accepting the award Mr. King said:

"My heart is overflowing with joy. In all the years I've been living in West Des Moines, I've been trying to stand up and be a good citizen.

"If anything, I'm going to try to live a better life in the future than in the past. I hope I'll live long so I can enjoy this honor in my declining years."

The award lauded Mr. King for his work with young people.

At Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, which he helped organize in 1921, Mr. King has been lesson coordinator 24 years for the church's Sunday School. He also has been a deacon for 45 years. His youth groups rank first in Bible study. His work has created a bond between Mt. Hebron and other churches.

In addition, Mr. King has helped boys and girls, as well as men and women,

acquire employment or better-paying jobs.

His youth program has been so successful that it is known throughout Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota.

In early childhood, Mr. King's family moved from Arkansas to Manley, Iowa, and then to West Des Moines in 1917.

A widower, he worked three years beyond normal retirement to help his daughter attend college. He retired in 1964 after 51 years as a laborer for the Rock Island Lines. On retirement he was presented a coveted "golden" railroad pass.

State master swordsman

Janie Adams of Hickory Street Church, Texarkana, participated with master swordsmen from Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Mississippi, competing in the Intermediate Sword Drill at Gloria Glorieta Assembly.

Miss Adams received the special citation award from Bob R. Taylor, consultant for intermediate work with the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

On vacation?

Harriet Hall, whose "Feminine Intuition" appears weekly in the Newsmagazine, is taking a well-earned break, and will reappear in our pages on July 11th.

Meanwhile, her "little vacation" will include stints in Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and WMU—filling in for others who are on vacation.

As she says, she's going to be busy!

No paper next week

As is our custom, we will publish no paper next week. The next regular issue of the Newsmagazine will be the issue of July 11.

Mt. Zion Association dedicates camp



The time set for the dedication of the new \$78,000 building at the Mt. Zion Association assembly grounds, several miles northwest of Jonesboro, the afternoon of June 16, turned out to be the time the weathermen were dumping a big, general rain on the area.

Missionary Carl Bunch, reporting on some of the ups and downs encountered in the more than ten years it had taken to complete the building, said that was not the first time there had been a dampening of spirits since the project began.

Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, guest speaker for the occasion, said that the disappointments the association leaders had faced and overcome along the way had helped them to have the fine spirit in evidence for the dedication service.

Despite the rain, approximately 140 persons packed the chapel of the new building for the service.

Program participants, members of the building committee, included Thomas Langley, pastor of Mt. Zion Church; J. B. Brickell, Jonesboro; Don Moore, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro; Harold B. Ray, pastor of First Church, Nettleton; and Dr. J. D. Blackwood, Lorado physician, who with Mrs. Blackwood donated the 40-acre site for the camp.

The new facility, designed not only for associational use but for regional and state assemblies, includes 12 bedrooms with sleeping accommodations for 120 people; offices and library; and the chapel, all on the main floor; and kitchen and dining hall (with seating capacity of 120), guest room, cook's room; and concession store, on the lower floor. The building has five bathrooms and a large patio with double fireplace. It is equipped with all-electric, central air conditioning and heating.



Top, new Mt. Zion Association assembly building.

Center, dedication service, in new chapel, Sunday afternoon, June 16.

Bottom, program participants, left to right: Eugene Webb, pastor of New Hope Church, Jonesboro; Harold B. Ray, pastor of First Church, Nettleton; Missionary Carl Bunch, Jonesboro; Dr. J. D. Blackwood, Lorado physician; Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Thomas Langley, pastor of Mt. Zion Church; and Don Moore, pastor of Walnut Street Church.



Arkansas and Project 500

Although a few odds and ends remained to be accomplished, like hooking up the kitchen plumbing, for instance, the new facility had its baptism of fire beginning Monday, June 17, when approximately 100 girls in the age group of 9- and 10, along with their counselors and leaders, checked in for the very first week's assembly.

On Saturday, June 22, a one-day camp was to be held for 8-year-olds.

The week of June 24 finds the 11-12-year-old girls in camp.

On Friday night of this week (June 28), beginning at 7 p.m., there will be a retreat at the camp for men and boys with Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., as speaker.

Other events already scheduled include:

The week of July 8, 13-15-year-old girls.

The week of July 15, boys of two age groups, those from 9 to 12 in the building, and those from 13 to 15, in tents on the grounds.

Eventually, and association leaders hope not too far in the future, there will be a swimming pool built on the grounds. In the meantime the campers will go to Crowley's Ridge State Park, about two miles away, for their swims.

It is expected that the camp, including building and grounds, will represent an investment of about \$110,000 by the time building is completed.

Honored on 50th preaching anniversary

H. W. Johnston, former missionary of Gainesville-Current River and Greene County Associations, was honored recently by St. Francis Church, Clay County, where he is presently serving as interim pastor. The occasion was his 50th year in the ministry.

Mr. Johnston selected as his text for the occasion Revelation 3:20, which was the same text used for his first sermon, on the second Sunday in June, 1918, in Shiloh Church, Clay County.

A basket dinner was served in his honor in the church dining room, and he was presented with a large cake upon which was written his name and the number of years he has been in the ministry. He was also presented a book, *Leaves of Gold*, with the following inscription stamped in letters of gold upon the cover "H. W. Johnston fifty years of Gospel Ministry, June, 1968."



ROBERT Wilson, director of missions of the Michigan Baptist Convention, J. T. Elliff, director of missions and evangelism, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and Dr. Fred Hubbs, executive secretary, Michigan Baptist Convention.

The Executive Board of the State Convention has voted to answer affirmatively the request of the Michigan Baptist Convention for help in sponsoring Project 500 churches and missions for the next two years. Dr. Fred Hubbs, Executive Secretary of Michigan Baptists and a native Arkansan, made the plea to Arkansas, citing the previous help given by Arkansas to the organizing of Baptist work in Michigan. Churches in Michigan were affiliated with the Arkansas Convention prior to Michigan Baptists' organization in 1957.

The Home Mission Board has approved 30 places in Michigan as strategic areas where churches or church-type missions need to be organized. Michigan now has 12 associations, 162 churches, and 70 missions. The population of the area involved is now over 8 million and expected to be 13 million by the year 2000.

Arkansas is being asked to supply 30 churches (or 30 groups of churches) to serve as sponsors of the strategic mission opportunities. Sponsorship will involve the following: (1) A visit to the field Oct. 2-7, 1968, by sponsoring church leaders; (2) Assistance in locating and renting a temporary meeting place; (3) Aid in getting the work started; and (4) help in securing a loan for the first unit buildings. Loans will generally be made with the Home Mission Board and will mainly involve a sponsoring church's willingness to guar-

antee loan payments until the work is under way. The pastor's salary and housing will be paid by the Home Mission Board.

Coordination of the project will be undertaken by the State Mission Directors of each state, namely, J. T. Elliff and Robert Wilson, shown above with Dr. Fred Hubbs. An immediate response to this mission project is anticipated by Arkansas churches. Interested churches should contact J. T. Elliff for further information.

Teachers' institute scheduled at OBU

A two-day institute for social studies teachers in Arkansas public schools will be held at Ouachita University Aug. 8-9, sponsored by Ouachita and the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce.

One hour of graduate or undergraduate credit will be given to institute participants who are qualified and desire it.

Entitled the "Institute on the Chamber of Commerce and the American Way of Life," the workshop will be designed to show the teachers the Chamber's work in relationship to the community.

Cherokee Village land to State Convention



MRS. JONES

Mrs Mildred J. Jones of Ft. Worth, Tex., has given the State Convention her equity in a piece of property at Cherokee Village. The home site, worth about \$6,000, will be used eventually for a pastor's home for Cherokee Village Church. Mrs. Jones is making the gift as a memorial to her deceased husband, James J. Jones. Both have been active in the Broadway Church, Ft. Worth, for a number of years.

Mrs. Jones was inspired to offer this property for Baptist use after hearing Dr. Fred McCaulley speak on missions in her church. In a most providential way the offer came to the attention of J. T. Elliff, State Missions Director. Negotiations have been recently completed to transfer the property to the Convention.

Cherokee Village, presently a mission of the Park Hill Church, recorded an attendance of 120 on the fourth Sunday of operation, with an offering of \$206 through the Sunday School. The Cherokee developers have made available a choice three-acre site for a Baptist church. Presently the mission is meeting in a portable chapel which is being taxed to capacity. The State Missions Department has paid \$5,000 on the purchase of the chapel which will revert to the convention for further mission use when the permanent structure is erected.

A surprising factor has been the large percentage of young people in attendance. About 30 young people are enrolled in Sunday School.

Rev. Hugh Cooper, Rocky Bayou and Big Creek Associational missionary, has been the prime mover in the mission project. He is the acting pastor for the first six months. Several have been received for baptism.

Beacon lights of Baptist history

Immigration's religious impact

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.

PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

Immigrants to America included a wide variety of religious faiths. However, a great number were of the Protestant faith, especially those who came from the British Isles, Northern and Central Europe, certain portions of Italy, Canada, Australia, and South Africa. These gave strong support to the Christian cause. After 1890, when greater numbers began coming from the restless people of eastern and southern Europe, Protestant missionaries found a different climate in which to work and different concepts toward evangelical Christianity.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society found new obstacles and new tests of faith. It was affected more than the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, because the immigrants poured into the industrialized North, and where the Society did most of its work.

Its missionaries stayed in close contact with the many nationalities among whom they worked. Whenever possible, the missionaries were of the same nationality. This gave insight, rapport, and direction. Their leaders sought to help their people understand new spiritual truths and at the same time acclimate them to the American way of life. Therefore, they stood by them when injustices were perpetrated on them, and whenever they were exploited. In times of unrest they prevented sabotage and other acts of violence. The foreign speaking missionaries encouraged the youth of their churches to get the best possible education and establish themselves as responsible citizens.

To minister spiritually to the immigrant under all the conditions has been difficult. Usually, they were established in their own religion. But in many cases the children could be reached. The races hardest to reach have been those with the fewest children. Another problem has been the inaccessibility of those who because of backwardness, fear, thriftlessness, and lack of education have assembled in congested areas where missionaries cannot touch or influence them.

The work of missionary Societies or boards among the various races have been carried on with the cooperation of churches and state conventions. Effective work has been done in this assimilation. Those related with the work think more needs to be done.

*Charles L. White, *A Century of Faith*, (The Judson Press, Philadelphia 1932) pp. 128-140.



ARKANSAS Baptist Father of the Year Harry R. Owens Jr., as he posed on Father's Day with his wife, his mother, and his pastor, Robert L. Richardson at Bethabara Church, Lake City. Mrs. Owens holds the art work for the Father of the Year cover of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, which was presented to her by Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the paper.—ABN Photo

Mountain Home Church observes 100th anniversary this weekend

The cover

First Church, Mountain Home, Harold Elmore, pastor, is observing its 100th birthday this week.

Constituted on June 28, 1868, the church first was known as Mountain Home Missionary Church. Across the years it has been missionary in spirit. During the existence of Mountain Home College, many of its members, ministerial students, went out to organize missions and churches in the Mountain Home area.

A mission founded by the church in 1953 at Midway became a church last year. Eastside Mission, established by the church in the eastern part of the city in 1959, has been a church since 1960.

The church is presently sponsoring missions at Bull Shoals, Hilltop, and Big Flat. The buildings of these missions, with a combined value of \$37,000, are debt free.

Pastor Elmore estimates that approximately 35 percent of the church's total offerings is currently expended in mission work.

In addition to its mission program in its home association—White River—the church contributes to mission causes through the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The first building of the church was erected at 7th and Hickory streets. In 1935, during the pastorate of L. B. Traylor, the church moved to its present location, at 213 East 6th street.

Mr. Elmore became pastor of the church in January 1960, and under his leadership the church has received 673 members, 210 by baptism and 463 by letter. The present membership is 647, including 189 non-resident members.

New equipment added in recent years includes a \$12,000 organ. In 1965 the church built a pastors' home. Church property, including the pastor's home, is valued at more than \$160,000, and is debt free.

James Taylor, who served as minister of music and education on the church staff from 1962 to 1965, and Eugene May, who has been associate pastor and minister of music since 1966, are credited by the pastor with bringing about "many improvements in the church's music and education programs."

D. W. Stark, who served as pastor of the church from 1944 to 1953, led in the purchase of a pastor's home and in



THREE leaders of Mountain Home First Church stand in front of the church's auditorium as plans are completed for the centennial observance of the church this week-end. Left to right: Russell Miller, chairman of Anniversary Committee; Eugene May, associate pastor; and Harold Elmore, pastor.—Photo by Ray Grass

the construction of the present church auditorium, which was first occupied in 1951.

Pastors since Mr. Stark have included: Harold Presley, 1954-1956; and Jim Birkhead, 1956-1959.

The centennial program includes:

June 28, 7:30 p.m., special service featuring speakers from the city of Mountain Home and Baxter County; S. D. Hacker, missionary, and Ewell Logue, moderator, representing White River Association; and Pastor Elmore.

June 29, Mountain Home College Reunion, beginning with registration at 10 a.m., and including a reception at 5 p.m. and a banquet at 6:15 p.m.

June 30: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Anniversary Service, 10:15 a.m., featuring an address by Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and recognition of former pastors and former members of the church.

11 a.m., worship service, sermon by former pastor Stark.

12 noon, lunch at the church.

6:30 p.m., Training Union.

7:30 p.m., worship service, sermon by Pastor Elmore.

Disaster relief

The Home Mission Board disaster relief fund has responded to Arkansas churches affected by recent tornados in the amount of \$1,000. Several churches lacked sufficient insurance coverage to repair their buildings and also suffered a loss in budget income due to temporary duress of church families.

Churches helped to date are: First Church, Greenwood; White River Church, Oil Trough; and Gum Springs Church, Big Creek Association. This is in addition to the money provided by the State Convention for immediate relief.

GA coronation service

Immanuel Church, El Dorado, recently recognized the Girls' Auxiliary in a coronation service, using as their theme, "Go and Tell."

The 27 girls completing their steps are as follows:

Maidens: Cathy Richardson, Lucy Beebe, Karen Lindsey, Martha Warnock and Melanie Calahan; **Lady-in-waiting:** Lynda Puckett and Pam Moudy; **Princess:** Gian Purvis, Petie Hobbs, Elizabeth Hendricks, Patti Warren and Libby Pedigo.

Queens: Jana Purvis, Rita Luttrell, Benita Cox, Cheryl Burns, Sonja Helma, Paige Thomason, Peggy Johnson, Judy Tucker and Vickie Rogers; **Bearers:** Bill Purvis, Tracy Ogle, Holly Hankins, Debbie Hunter, Sarah Hendricks, Tenee Lester, Lance Ogle, Lisa Campbell and Van Grafton; **Queen-in-service:** Cheryl White; **Bearer:** Lynn Taylor; **Queen-with-scepter:** Cathy Colvin, Robin Palmer and Karen Peek; **Bearers:** Mary Beth Andrews, Tammy Holmes and Carol Russell; **Queen regent:** Debbie Peek; **Bearer:** Timmy Lindsey.

Mrs. Warren Porter is GA director. Roy B. Hilton is church pastor.

Carl Rice ordained

Carl R. Rice was ordained to the ministry recently, with pastors and deacons from churches in Conway-Perry Association forming the ordaining council.

Mr. Rice, who was licensed by Perryville Church last year, has served actively in the ministry since that time. He is currently pastor of the Perry Church, and is employed by Arkansas Craft Corp.

Rev. P. C. Church, Thornburg, served as moderator, and Rev. John Graves, Plumerville, was clerk. The candidate was presented by Luther Whitfield. Rev. Refus Caldwell, superintendent of missions, led the interrogation, and special music was furnished by Refus Caldwell Jr. Rev. Ed Stoddard, Perryville, brought the charge and message. The ordaining prayer was delivered by Rev. Leonard Lovell. Loyd House, chairman of deacons, Perryville, presented the Bible to Mr. Rice.

Dennis to Stuttgart

Rev. Nodell Dennis is the new associate pastor of First Church, Stuttgart, in charge of promotional work, education and youth.

A native of Ft. Worth, Tex., Mr. Dennis is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

D. B. Bledsoe is pastor of First Church. (CB)



DANVILLE First Church recently completed this Gold Medallion parsonage for its pastor, Carl J. Pearson. The home contains 1,718 square feet, central heat and air conditioning. It features three bedrooms, two baths, a family room, kitchen, dining area, living room, study and double carport.

Ordained to ministry

Charles Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Atkinson, Plumerville, was ordained to the ministry June 16 in Plumerville's First Church, of which he is a member. Edmund Stoddard served as moderator and Luther Whitfield was clerk. John H. Graves, First Church pastor, brought the sermon and charge. The ordination prayer was delivered by Jim Peck, and the Bible

presentation was made by Bob Bean, chairman of deacons. Refus Caldwell, missionary, led in the examination of the candidate. Serving on the council were Bill Gwin, Rev. Jack Bean, Emmet O'Boyle and Dale Kirkland.

Now in his sophomore year in college, Mr. Atkinson is pastor of Adona Church.

Deacons ordained

Four men were ordained to the office of deacon in a service conducted June 2 at First Church, Booneville, pastored by D. Hoyle Haire.

Those ordained were Roy Austin, Alton Harp, Van Kirkpatrick and Sharon Ray.

Mr. Haire delivered the ordination sermon and Charles Massey, chairman of deacons, led the ordination prayer.

Revivals

First Church, Plumerville, July 15-21; W. R. Rogers, First Church, Bearden, evangelist, Gale Holcomb, song leader. John H. Graves, pastor.

Cullendale singers attend youth week

The Abundant Life Singers, a youth choral group from Cullendale First Church, Camden, attended Youth Week at the Glorieta Assembly near Santa Fe, N. M. The following young people were in attendance: Wanda Ferguson, Marilyn Jones, Bobby and David Parker, Rex Horne, Roy Wood, Cheryl Forcht, Debbie and Delores Brown, Rhonda Dickey, Jennifer Wolfe, Greg and Dale Seel, Kathy Drake, Richard Lusby and Art Horne. Adult sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goza, Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Horne and Mrs. Bob Lyle.

The group presented their musical program in two churches on the way to New Mexico: Lakeland Church, Lewisville, Tex., and College Avenue Church, Lubbock, Tex. On their return trip they sang in three churches: First Church, Artesia, N. M., First Church, Seagraves, Tex., and Woods Chapel Church, Arlington, Tex.

Carlsbad Cavern was a tourist attraction on the return trip.

Robert A. Parker is pastor of the Cullendale church.

New missionary

Rev. James Marlar, new missionary for Greene County Association, is now on the field.

Mr. Marlar formerly pastored First Church, Hornersville, Mo. Other ministries have been in Diaz, Keiser and Blytheville.

A native of Magness (near Oil Trough), Mr. Marlar received AA and ThB degrees at Southern College, Walnut Ridge. He also holds a BS degree in sociology from Arkansas State University, Jonesboro. (CB)

Toward a Theology of History, by J. V. Langmead Casserley, Holt, Rinehart, Winston, \$6

Widely recognized as a theologian able to write for laymen as well as for scholars, Dr. Casserley works out here a theology of history that integrates with the key concepts of Christian thought.

Baal, Christ, and Mohammed, by John K. Cooley, Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, \$8.95

The emphasis of this book is on the religious and cultural aspects which have had a profound effect on the course of North African history. The author begins with the ancient Phoenician colonists and comes down to present times.

You Can't Lose for Winning, by Jess C. Moody, Zondervan, \$2.95

Dr. Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, Fla., takes a candid look at minister, layman, and church in a changing world.

The Ten Commandments, by Ronald S. Wallace, Eerdmans, \$3.95

Dr. Wallace, professor of theology at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., shows that the Ten Commandments are still central to Christian living, despite what the "new moralists" are saying and shows how the Commandments relate to the important ethical questions of today.

Progress and Perspectives, by Gregory Baum, the Catholic Quest for Christian Unity, Sheed and Ward, \$3.95

The author does not see the reunion of Christendom as imminent. But he does see certain things which can be accomplished today, and these largely within the Catholic Church itself. Only in the Church's renewal of her own life and worship, her own rediscovery of the universality of her mission, he believes, will the hidden wealth of the Church's unity be found.

The Dynamics of Christian Unity, edited by W. Stanley Mooneyhan, Zondervan, \$2.50

This book is a compilation of addresses given at conferences on Christian Unity sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals.



Bite? Depends on their mood!

The challenge of trying to catch fish attracts over 600,000 anglers each year in Arkansas. Some fish for fun, others are trying to catch a 'mess' to eat, and many are trying to catch a limit or a trophy fish.

There are literally thousands of baits and lures on the market to help the fisherman outwit fish. (So many in fact that no one persons can keep up with them.) Also available are callers and fish finders.

Live baits such as worms, minnows and crickets are purchased in multi-



SOME of the rewards of a fishing trip.

million dollar quantities in the hopes that they will catch fish.

Fishermen 'bait holes' (to attract fish) with everything from old Christmas trees to commercially prepared fish blocks. This is a legitimate procedure that sometimes works.

Unfortunately, some people resort to illegal methods of getting fish, such as dynamite, shocking devices and poisons.

Sometimes fish bite, sometimes they don't; no one knows why they do or don't. One old-timer made this astute observation that about sums up the matter when he said, "About the hardest work that a person can undertake is to make fish bite when they don't want to."

Southern Baptist datelines

Southern Baptist Convention leaders map action on social issues

ATLANTA—Southern Baptist agency leadership met here in immediate response to the strong statement on the crisis in the nation adopted last week by their convention in Houston.

Thirty-two agency heads and program leaders, called to Atlanta by executive secretary Arthur B. Rutledge of the Home Mission Board, brainstormed ways to respond to the 1,100-word statement asking Southern Baptists to work to secure for every person equality of human and legal rights and to seek to eliminate poverty and human indignity.

The convention had asked the mission agency in Atlanta to take the lead in implementing the statement. Rutledge said he called the meeting immediately because he saw the convention asking for action, and he quoted the statement, "We believe that a vigorous Christian response to this national crisis is imperative. Words will not suffice. The time has come for action."

The Atlanta meeting did not attempt to drive toward immediate solutions, but searched for directions, structure and an understanding of what already is being done.

Strong threads running through the five-hour session were that Southern Baptists needed to hear from leaders in poverty and civil rights groups, they needed to schedule a grass-roots search for answers, and they needed to heal any division between social action and evangelism.

Probably most significant was the speed with which the leaders came together, and the mood of those who attended. Most agencies of the 11-million member denomination were represented.

Urgency stressed

Fred Moseley of the Atlanta mission agency said, "One pastor in Houston told me that the convention statement was just another paper action, and it would be six months before the Home Mission Board would do anything."

"I told him, if we wait six months we will get run over. Southern Baptists want action. How else could you interpret the vote of 5,687 to 2,119 on the statement?"

Henlee Barnette, a professor at Southern Seminary, Louisville, said the hour had come when we must incarnate our convention pronouncements into action.

He said we must overcome the Negro sentiment that the Southern Baptist Convention was "conceived in sin and born in iniquity." These were references to the convention's origin, partly over the slavery question in 1845.

The Houston statement asked Southern Baptists to respect every individual regardless of race or culture, to secure opportunities for every man to achieve his highest potential, to welcome into the fellowship of faith and worship every person, to become well informed about public issues and to involve themselves with other Christians to work for righteousness in public life and injustice for all persons.

The Atlanta meeting of agency leaders was recognized by those attending as historical.

'Great things ahead'

"We have taken steps forward of great significance as Christians," said Foy Valentine of the Christian Life Commission in Nashville, Tenn.

"Too long Southern Baptists have been identified in the mind of the world with such lost causes as the Civil War and slavery. God has great things in store for us as a denomination."

And Hugo Culpepper of Atlanta, director of the division of missions of the Home Mission Board, said, "This is one of the most exciting moments in my life as a disciple of Jesus Christ." He spoke from years spent as a missionary in China and South America, which included a long-time imprisonment by the Japanese.

One thread which ran through the brainstorming suggestions was that Southern Baptists needed to hear from leaders in government, education, poverty and civil rights areas.

"Program leaders must have listening sessions from such people as an orientation for their planning," Loyd Corder of Atlanta said.

Suggestions also were made that Baptist associations of churches schedule meetings immediately or as part of already planned meetings this fall to discuss the statement, hear from leaders at work in poverty and civil rights, pinpoint problems, and search for actions for both local and national groups to take.

Cites inconsistency

Yet another thread which wove its way through the meeting was expressed

by evangelism leader C. E. Autrey of Atlanta, who said, "It is inconsistent to go out after the souls of men and not be concerned about the rest of their lives."

His associate, Harold Lindsay, recognizing that some polarization had come between evangelism and social action, said there was a need to break down any animosity between the two groups. "We must stress what is the real goal of evangelism—that we are interested in the whole man."

He suggested that as a start the division of evangelism of the mission agency and the Christian Life Commission plan to get together in a series of meetings to discuss this division between the two groups.

Autrey said his division would seek to influence every pastor to enlist members to become involved in these problems. They would urge pastors to discuss the problems and the needed Christian response into the orientation of new converts. His division plans to prepare a tract presenting the necessity for such actions.

"Southern Baptists must involve themselves with other denominations including Roman Catholics, to bring about justice, eliminate poverty, and establish human dignity," Autrey added.

Plan action guide

Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, said her organization and the Brotherhood Commission will produce a mission action guide for churches on ministering to Negroes. She said they first considered making it an across-the-board treatment of all races but later decided that Southern Baptists' problem was mostly with Negroes.

The Baptist Sunday School Board representative, Raymond Rigdon, said his agency had recently come to realize they did not have a strategy for teaching Christian brotherhood. They have now worked out an age-level approach of progressive communication.

He indicated there would be a stronger emphasis on the Christian's response to social actions.

Clarence Duncan of the Television Commission said the convention's action would be communicated through their numerous state news programs. He said their mail now included a heavy response from the various ethnic groups

of the nation.

Faculty integration

Barnette had suggestions for the seminaries that included: integration of faculties with competent Negro teachers, not just "some pet Negro"; provision of more scholarships; establishment of tutoring services; the start of inner-city projects using students, and a change in the curriculum toward reality.

There was some frustration about procedure, but finally the group decided to ask agency heads or a representative to form a steering committee for correlation and planning. Meanwhile, each agency and program will search for both immediate and long-term steps to deal with the crisis.

The entire group will meet in September previous to the Executive Committee meeting in Nashville, and a progress report will be made to the Executive Committee.

There were suggestions that each agency examine its programs to determine if they were encouraging segregation.

Culpepper said that while no large funds were immediately available, his division (which spends near \$8 million a year) will make day-to-day decisions on the side of the current crisis.

There also will be an attempt to communicate to all Southern Baptists the full statement adopted by the convention, and to establish some two-way procedures whereby suggestions can be made by all members of the denominations who want to make them. (BP)



NASHVILLE—A book for everybody is included in the new church study course series, *The Sunday School at Work, 1968-69*. Each of the seven editions, compiled by A. V. Washburn, secretary, Sunday School department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, contains a general section, designed for all Sunday School workers, and an age-group section, with information for planning and conducting the 1968-69 program of that age group.—BSSB Photo



FIRST Continental Congress registrant: The first person to register for the Continental Congress on Evangelism slated in Washington, D. C., Oct. 10-13, Richard Caughron (left) presents his registration form to congress officials Wayne Dehoney (center) and Bill Cumbie (right). Caughron is pastor of Bethany Baptist Church of Newport, Wilmington, Del. Dehoney is North American Coordinator for the Crusade of the Americas and pastor in Louisville, Ky., while Cumbie is executive director of the congress and executive secretary of the Mount Vernon Baptist Association in Northern Virginia. (BP Photo)

Pastors' conference at Southwestern

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Southwestern Seminary's 12th Annual Pastor's Conference will be held June 24-28, according to Leon McBeth, associate professor of church history, who is chairman of the conference planning committee.

The conference is open to pastors, church staff members and laymen interested in Bible study, preaching, and recent trends in American Christianity.

Inspirational speaker for this year's emphasis will be Dr. Ralph Langley, pastor of Willow Meadows Baptist Church in Houston, Tex.

Single folks' club formed by Texan

DALLAS, Tex.—A new fellowship with a beat all of its own is well on its way here to becoming an established 'institution' among single adults.

And members of The New Fellowship—its official name—vow that it is not a cupid club and are among its most avid defenders, predicting a long life.

Its life expectancy is enhanced because Christian single adults still want to meet other single adults in a Christian atmosphere, so its membership is making things happen—the right kind of things.

One of its creators, Gordon James, the only married man associated with the group, sums it up this way, "If boys and girls were not interested in each other, then we would have a zoo instead of a New Fellowship." James is director of Christian social ministries for the Dallas Baptist Association, which sponsors The New Fellowship.

The New Fellowship is an association-wide adult organization for people who are single (including those divorced or widowed), through with school and now working.

MISSIONARIES depend on you

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Birthplace a clue to Coolidge

BY WELDON D. WOODSON



Much has been written about President Calvin Coolidge not being a big talker and about his simple way of living. "Silent Cal" has gone down in history as one of his nicknames.

It was only natural that he possessed these traits. He grew up in a rural neighborhood at Plymouth, Vermont. His father had a country store, operated the post office, and served as notary public.

His birthplace at Plymouth has been restored. The furnishings are the same as they were on the night of August 3, 1923, when he became President of the United States.

President Coolidge's father and mother lived in two rooms back of the store when they were first married. One room was used as a living room and the other was used as a bedroom. Calvin Coolidge was born in the bedroom on July 4, 1872.

The Coolidge store and the post office are downstairs. The bird's-eye maple and cherry store counters were put in by the senior Coolidge. The shelving and the drawers in which merchandise was kept are the identical ones the Coolidges used.

So are the old scales, cash register, and cheese box. On the wall is the spice cabinet, with thirty drawers put together with handmade nails. Early-day kerosene lamps also are on the wall.

A telephone attached to the wall was used by Calvin Coolidge when he heard of the death of President Harding. He called Washington to ask if his notary-public father could administer the oath of office to him as President of the United States. He was told that he could.

A large room over the store and post office was where President Coolidge had his summer White House on his visits to Plymouth in 1924. Five tables were made for this occasion. They are placed as they were at that time.

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Institutions ————— Arkansas Baptist Medical Center

CENTER HAS NEW \$41,000 POLYTOME



If you have ever looked at a chest film, you know that the ribs appear white on the black negative. The white is a shadow of the dense, bony skeleton x-rayed. As you know, x-ray films reflect tissue densities of the organ x-rayed. The smaller the area you are trying to x-ray, the more difficult it becomes to get the exact area to cast a clear, sharp picture. The problem becomes more acute when

you are trying to isolate a small portion of any given organ.

The Center's new Polytome makes it possible to focus on a layer of tissue one millimeter (1/25th of an inch) in thickness. The procedure is called "Tomography" and the technique is to move the x-ray tube in a circular motion thereby blurring-out images in other planes. The result is that the exact plane you want to x-ray is in

sharp, clear focus and the adjacent areas and thicknesses are blurred out of perspective. This is called a "body section study."

In the case of the inner-ear, all of the surrounding bony structure can be blurred out of perspective and a sharp, clear picture of the inner-ear can be x-rayed. Polytome means "many layers" and that is what the equipment is able to do. The equipment is capable of taking a picture two centimeters (4/5th of an inch) in depth or reducing it down to one millimeter (1/25th of an inch). A regular x-ray picture would include everything between the x-ray tube and the film.

When the Polytome is not being used for tomographs it can be used as a standard x-ray diagnostic unit for many of the routine x-ray studies done in the department.

Gifts To ABMC

Recent contributions to the Coronary Intensive Care Unit at ABMC were made by Mrs. J. Herbert Graves and, in memory of Mr. Lavender and Mr. Voy Austin, by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson.

Contributions to the ABMC Building fund were made by Mrs. Mildred Forrest and, in memory of Mr. O. B. Lovell, by Mrs. Connie Bain.

A gift, in memory of Dr. Horace Murphy, to the ABMC Medical Library Fund, was made by Dr. Travis L. Wells.

Contributions to the ABMC Auxiliary Scholarship Fund in memory of Mr. O. B. Lovell were received from the following: Mrs. Fred Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovell, Mrs. A. W. Peterson, Jean and Lynn Crawley, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mohr, Mrs. Rollo Black, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Black, Miss Bess E. Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Homer M. Long, Mr. Frank O. Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Foltz, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hinz, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gilbert Stephan, Miss Marie Nash, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gilbreath, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Alexander, Mr. Richard H. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Pfeifer, Mr. Lewis S. Rauton, Mr. C. L. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson, First National Bank of Madison, Wisconsin, Mrs. J. Gardner Lile, Cliffwood Garden Club of Little Rock, and ABMC Nursing Supervisors.

A contribution in memory of Dr. Paul Autry was made to the Student Loan Fund by Dr. Agnes C. Kolb.

Contributions to the Charity Fund were made by Mr. Roy E. Smith; W.M.S. of Immanuel Baptist Church and W.M.S. of Second Baptist Church.

X-RAY TECHNOLOGIST CLASS TO GRADUATE



The ABMC School of Radiologic Technology will hold graduation exercises June 28, in the Student Union Building. Pictured above are the graduating students: Left to right, Betty Hargrove, Pat Johnston, Sherry Carter, Douglas McFadden, Phillip Shepard and Charlene Arnold.

Attend Annual Medical Record Librarian Meeting



Delegates to the annual meeting of the Medical Record Librarians return from lunch and prepare to take a one-hour tour of the Center.

The Arkansas Association of Medical Record Librarians held their annual meeting May 16, at the Student Union Building of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center. The morning speaker was Rev. DeWitt Nix, Chaplain at the State Hospital, Benton Unit.

The afternoon session consisted of a tour through the heart catheterization laboratory, coronary intensive care unit and isotope laboratory.

Following a general business meeting, the following officers for the

coming year were installed: President, Mrs. Helen Goslee, Levi Memorial Hospital, Hot Springs; president-elect, Mrs. Bette Wilson, Fort Smith; treasurer, Miss Mary Ann Stiefvater, Conway Memorial Hospital, Conway and secretary, Sue Finley, Saline Memorial Hospital, Benton.

Approximately 35 members of the state-wide organization attended the meeting. Mrs. Audrey Lucas, Chief Medical Record Librarian at ABMC, presided as the out-going president.

Outstanding Medical Technologist



Odare Murphree

Odare Murphree, B.S.M.T. (ASCP), Clinical Laboratory Supervisor at ABMC, was recently named "Out-

standing Medical Technologist of the Year" by the Arkansas Society of Medical Technologists.

Mr. Murphree has been active in the ASMT for several years, serving as its president in 1965. He has also served as membership chairman, and chairman of the constitution and by-laws and legislation committees. In 1964, '65 and '66, Mr. Murphree was a delegate to the convention of the American Society of Medical Technologists in Kansas City, Cincinnati and Los Angeles, respectively.

Presently, Mr. Murphree represents the Arkansas Society on a licensure committee which is writing a bill to license all laboratory personnel in Arkansas.

Mr. Murphree is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, with degrees in chemistry, zoology and Medical Technology. He scored in the upper seven per-cent of the nation when he took the examination given by the Registry of Medical Technologists. Mr. Murphree has been employed at ABMC since August, 1965, coming to Little Rock after working 5½ years at St. Bernards Hospital in Jonesboro.

Over 350 To Attend Reunion

Miss Edith Kincheloe, general chairman of the all-school reunion to be held June 29, 1968, has announced that over 350 reservations had been received by the May 31 deadline. She said that registration would continue as originally planned and would start at 9:00 a.m. in the Student Union Building at the corner of 12th and Wolfe Streets.

Luncheon Moved to LaFayette Hotel

Miss Kincheloe announced that due to the tremendous response, it was necessary to move the luncheon to the LaFayette Hotel in order to accommodate everyone. The luncheon will be held between 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. and will include the program.

At this writing we still have no specific information as to the program. Mrs. Maxine Otey, program chairman, will only say that it will be interesting and a surprise.

Coffee For Doctors

During the morning registration hours, a special coffee will be held in the Student Union Building for members of the medical staff in order that they may be able to renew acquaintances with many of the alumnae from the school of nursing. Make your plans now to arrive early in order to register and visit with members of the medical staff.

Tours In The Afternoon

Following the luncheon and program at the LaFayette Hotel, the committee has planned to arrange for tours through the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center as well as bus trips to the location on University Avenue where the new hospital is to be built. The program and activities of the day will be concluded by 4:00 p.m. Many classes have indicated to the committee that they plan to have individual class meetings that night. The afternoon activities will be concluded in plenty of time to make plans and arrangements for individual class reunions.

See you at the reunion!

STUDENTS TO SERVE AS CAMP NURSES



Irene Mitchell



Paulette Wolf

Irene Mitchell and Paulette Wolf, senior students in the nursing school, will serve as camp nurses for the annual Arkansas Baptist State Convention Assembly at Siloam Springs, June 24-29. They will serve under the supervision of an R.N., Mrs. Lou Ella Langley Humphrey, a 1957 graduate of

ABH School of Nursing.

The students are permitted to give first aid treatment and, when they are not on duty, they may attend the class sessions of the assembly.

Dr. Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary for the Convention is supervisor of the camp.

New In-Service Director At Memorial Hospital



Margaret Honea

Mrs. Margaret Honea, R.N. has been hired as In-Service Director and assistant day shift Supervisor at Memorial Hospital. She is not a stranger to ABMC, having retired in September 1967 as an instructor in the school of nursing for 14 years.

Mrs. Honea is a native of Gurdon, Arkansas where she graduated from high school. She is a graduate of St. Vincent's School of Nursing. Her husband, John, is an engineer for Missouri Pacific Railroad. They have two married children and two grandchildren.

Following her retirement from ABMC in 1967, Mrs. Honea and her husband vacationed in Hawaii. After staying at home for several months, she decided she was not ready to retire and was anxious to get back to nursing.

In addition to her regular duties at Memorial, she is also working with the Volunteens during the summer months. She has approximately 40 girls signed-up to work this summer and orientation classes started June 3. The Volunteen program is sponsored by the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Honea said her hobbies are traveling and fishing. We welcome her back to the ABMC System.

President-Elect Griffin



Larry Griffin

Larry Griffin, Section Head of the Center's Immunohematology Laboratory, has been elected president-elect of the Arkansas Society of Medical Technologists. Larry has previously served the society as chairman of the membership, finance and public relations committees and as treasurer of the state organization.

In addition to being elected president-elect, Larry was appointed co-

Outstanding Baptist Layman '68

Mr. John A. Gilbreath, Administrator of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center has been cited as the Outstanding Baptist Layman for 1968 by Southern Baptist College of Walnut Ridge, Ark.

The diploma reads as follows: Southern Baptist College has conferred upon Dr. John Gilbreath, the honor of Distinguished Baptist Layman and all the rights and privileges appertaining to that honor. In witness thereof, this diploma duly signed, has been issued and the seal of the College hereunto affixed.

The citation of recommendation said that under Mr. Gilbreath's administration, Arkansas Baptist Medical Center had increased in value more than four times.

chairman of the convention to be held in Little Rock in 1969, at which time, he will be installed as president of the Society.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology and is a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

Caring Can't Be Automated

Hospitals automate any function which can possibly be automated to meet the rising demand for quality services for an increasing number of patients. But caring is one function that cannot be automated.

Learning for Christian living

BY DR. L. H. COLEMAN, PASTOR,
IMMANUEL CHURCH, PINE BLUFF

Life and work

June 30, 1968

Matt. 7:21-23; 10:15, 27

Philippians 2:1-16

Today's lesson ends the quarter's emphasis, "Learning for Life and Work." It climaxes four lessons dealing with the general theme, "The Church, Fellowship of Learning." Today's study deals with translating intentions into actions and words into deeds. James declared, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). We must practice what we profess.

I. Doing God's Will (Matthew 7:21-23)

Some folks make an idle profession. Men must do more than simply state that they are Christians. There is more involved in the Christian life than merely stating, "Lord, Lord." Did not John the Baptist demand "fruits worthy of repentance" prior to the baptism of water (see Luke 3:8)? The New English Bible gives an unusual translation of this passage: "Then prove your repentance by the fruit it bears."

What should a person do to express the sincerity of his profession of faith in Jesus Christ? He should "do the will of my Father" (v. 21). How does a person do God's will? (A good book to read on this idea is *God's Will and Your Life*, by T. B. Maston.) Too many believers picture the will of God as being a call to go to Indonesia or gazing out the window into heaven as in a trance and hearing God's voice calling them into special service. This occurs occasionally but why don't we take a more practical approach, such as: it is God's will for me to go to church tonight. It is the will of God for me to tithe. It is God's will for me to pray daily and read my Bible every day.

Begin with simple things which you know to be the will of God. Then the deeper things of the Christian life will follow. Take one step at a time. Have you noticed how profound the simple things of Christianity are?

Verse 22 mentions the professions of many men. Isn't it disturbing that Christ used the word "many"? He is referring to false prophets and men whose professions are not genuine. Think of their boasts:

1. Prophesied (preached or taught) in thy name.
2. Cast out devils. (Some folks cast out devils thinking they have cast out devils.)
3. Done many wonderful works.

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These men have boasted in their own achievements rather than in God's grace.

Please note God's response to these empty profession: "I never knew you." This does not teach "falling from grace." Christ did not declare, "Once I knew you and now I do not know you." Rather he declares, "You were never friends of mine" (Ronald Knox's Translation). Christ, even in the face of their boasting of great religious accomplishments, labeled them as worker of iniquity or crookedness. These are some of Christ's sternest words.

II. Sending Forth The Twelve (Matthew 10:1-8; 27)

In this passage after instructing the Twelve, he sent them forth two by two. Please note three things:

1. Power given.
2. The Twelve named.
3. Their Commission.

Note the promise of power. Do you remember an earlier lesson (May 19) when the passage was studied, ". . . He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do" (John 14:12)? Here Christ reminds his disciples that power is available. Do we today have available to us the power of the Holy Spirit? Then why are we so powerless in our churches? The hymn writer expressed such a profound thought, "All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One come down" (From "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship," by George Atkins).

The listing of the Twelve follows. How surprising that so few believers today have taken the time to study carefully the lives of these twelve apostles.

Next follows the command or commission to the Twelve. A great emphasis is preaching the gospel (vs. 7, 27). Christ urged them to proclaim the good news of salvation in Christ. Preaching is the communication of God's truth with a view to persuasion. Men still are hungry for plain Spirit-filled, Christ-honoring preaching.

III. Service Involves "Holding Forth The Word Of Life" (Philippians 2:12-16).

Philippians 2:12 is disturbing to some.

The passage simply means that we as believers are to work out before the world our own salvation. What's inside must come to the outside. When Christ is within one's heart this person will demonstrate or give evidence through his actions, reactions, words and deeds that he is a believer. Salvation is of God. God takes the initiative. It is God who works in man, God plants the desire in man's heart to want God's salvation. Then man works out what God has worked inside. Dr. Jac J. Muller states, ". . . the believer must finish, must carry to conclusion, must apply to its fullest consequences what is already given by God in principle." (The Epistles of Paul To The Philippians and To Philemon, by Jac J. Muller, p. 91).

As "sons of God" (v. 15) we are to shine "like stars in a dark world" (N. E. B.); we are to be luminaries, as the word actually means. We are to "hold forth the word of life" (v. 16) by living for Christ, not just professing to do so. This refers to our active witness of the gospel, making known God's wonderful way of salvation through faith in Christ. Above all "holding forth" is accompanied by a consistent life.

IV. Christians Should Love In Deed and In Truth (I John 3:17, 18).

Again the solemn truth of this passage is that love cannot be in word only. If we truly love God then we will love our fellowman. This love will be active rather than passive. John argues for evidence that we love God through life and work. What an appropriate passage to climax our study this quarter!

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Every home a school

BY C. W. BROCKWELL JR.

MABELVALE, ARKANSAS

The reason people in the stands can play a better game of football than those on the field is because they have the overview. The players can only see what is happening in front of them, while we, the spectators, see the whole play developing. That is why we yell our instructions to them so vehemently, though often to no avail. However, some coaches finally got fed up with our screaming advice so they positioned assistants in the stands to report what they could see. Lo and behold, a better team came onto the field in the second half.

Overview helps when studying God's word too. We need to see the sweep of what God has said as well as the minute details of what he has commanded. With this in mind, those responsible for our Life and Work materials decided on a theme to help us in our study of God's word and its relationship to life. One such study we began in April under the heading "Learning for Life and Work." Accordingly, this broad subject was broken down into six units and 26 lessons with an overall purpose of helping Christians and churches develop in Christian faith, effective prayer, and fruitful service. We now begin unit four: The Home, Partners in Christian Teaching. Appropriately, just as some parents begin to wish school were beginning again, our first lesson in the unit flatly states that every home is a school!

"Readin', 'Ritin, 'Rithmetic, and Religion" (Proverbs 4:1-5)

We become pupils at birth and tuition is free—for awhile. Almost immediately parents begin teaching the child such elementary things as bathing and burping. The child majors on psychology and soon gains the upper hand with tears, coos, and cute little movements. Almost overnight, the child learns enough about his parents to frighten the average adult. But the wise man who wrote Proverbs stood his ground.

"Children," he said, "pay attention to what your father says. I once slept in a cradle too you know, so I fully realize what it is like to be a child. I even considered myself wiser than my father at times but now I know the value of his wisdom."

Note three things about this remarkable passage.

1. The father is responsible for the instruction of the child. We all remember Mother's words: how comforting,

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how demanding, and how wise they were. But Father's example somehow got imbedded in our life. We were shaped by it, measured by it. Fathers! Look behind you; your child is following.

2. Love and discipline are two sides of the same thing. The root meaning of the word "instruction" in verse 1 carries the idea of chastising. Discipline is a good thing and there are many ways to administer it. Don't get stuck on one. "Indeed," says Clyde Francisco, "discipline may be the kindest act of love."

3. Don't reject doctrine just because it is old. There are a lot of customs which should be thrown out the window, but there are also a lot of beliefs which should be saved. Fathers are supposed to know the difference between the shuck which can be discarded when its purpose is accomplished and the kernel of truth which endures.

Which Way to Go? (Proverbs 22:6)

School officials and teachers help keep a child from getting lopsided. They set up certain courses of instruction in order to give the student a balanced diet of study lest he get hung up on chemistry or PE before he is ready to specialize. Parents have no less a responsibility.

The little phrase, "in the way he should go," is the key. God has chosen parents to learn a child's basic inclinations and individual character and send him on his way prepared to be what God intended for him to be. If they do, even when the child is old, he will not turn around and go the other way. So if your child is in a state of rebellion, it's a pretty good sign his needs are not being met in his present education.

Hail to Thee, My Alma Mater! (2 Timothy 3:14-15)

If you had it to do over again and you had a choice, would you like to grow up in the home you did? Or would you like to switch to some other family?

Of course, this cannot be done but are you providing your child with a spiritual heritage he can draw upon all of his life? He will be able to finance his way through the world and he will somehow manage to get along with the right people, but will he be robbed of a purpose for living simply because you, his parents, are too busy

Life and work

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Proverbs 4:1-5; 22:6;

2 Timothy 3:14-15

to teach him the ways of truth and righteousness?

The apostle Paul could see continuity in Timothy's life. "Continue your spiritual education," the wise old apostle told his young protegee, "and build upon the foundation laid by your family."

That is what the home is for: to give a child something to build on. And he can only reach out for greater understanding and accomplish greater deeds as he is able to stand on something firm.

We should be grateful that God set up the home when he did. Even though the home has had its ups and downs through the milleniums, it remains the best method for growing responsible persons to manage God's good earth.

Religion begins in the home, which is a school. May it never close before the Lord comes again.

Hall places second

Pastor Andrew Hall of First Church, Fayetteville, has written in to let us know that he was runner-up in the First Arkansas Invitational Golf Tournament recently at Fayetteville's Paradise Valley Club—the other entrant, Ed Maker, pastor of Berry Street Church, Springdale, placing first.

Opined the Doctor: "Since nobody else showed up let the record stand. A number of pastors and others indicated their interest of being present. Only one sent notice of his inability to come. All in all, the response was not unlike Training Union attendance on a hot Sunday during daylight-saving time."

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Patience and prayer

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James 4:13-5:20

This final lesson from James warns against the sins of presuming on God and oppressing the poor, and calls us to be patient and prayerful.

Presumption (4:13-17)

James addressed these words to Christian businessmen. Long before the time of James, Jewish men had discovered and developed a latent ability for trading and merchandising. It would seem that many were moving into the cities and opening business enterprises, expecting to get rich quickly. James found no fault with their plans other than that they were leaving God out of their planning. When a man makes plans without considering God's will in the matter, he is replacing faith with presumption. These Jewish men presumed to (1) go into town, (2) go into business for a year, and (3) make money. If we lift that presumption out of Palestine in the first century and set it down in America in the twentieth century, we note that any one of several things might occur to foul up the plans. (1) A fellow might not make it into town, for there is always the chance that he and a drunken driver may try to utilize the same lane on the same curve at the same time. (2) His health might not last a year. (3) He might make it into town, he might get set up in business, he might keep his health, and still not make any money. He might lose his shirt. Now that's possible even for a Jewish businessman.

Life is brief at best—like a vapor from a hot kettle, or like a puff of smoke—and it is frail. Therefore, in making your life plans it's best that you make ample room for a providential veto.

Oppression (4:17b-5:6)

Phillips gives a free but accurate translation of the opening address: "And now, you plutocrats, is the time for you to weep and moan because of the miseries in store for you!" He pictured clothing and goods hoarded and stored until moth-eaten, and wages which they had withheld from laborers until rusted and tarnished. These cried out against the wealthy farmers who lived in luxury without concern for the basic rights of their employees.

Patience (5:7-16)

Early Christians seemed to expect the Lord's return in their generation, just as Christians in every generation have

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expected his return to them. Jesus taught that men should be prepared, expectant, and busy for the Lord until he comes. James told his readers to be patient while they waited, (1) like the farmer who plants his crops and waits in patient faith for the rains to come. Moreover, they were to wait without grumbling (v.9). When people are under the strain of waiting they are apt to become edgy and irritable with one another.

He also told them to be patient (2) like the Old Testament prophets. He said we call those "happy" or "blessed" who are steadfast; those who do not falter.

He called attention to Job as an ex-

My country

My country, oh, my country,
How I pray you'll always be
Close to the God who led you
In past days and made you free.

Nations in the past forgot Thee
As they strove for power and
fame,

Making gods of wealth and pleasure,
Living lives of sin and shame.

One by one they fell and vanished
In the dim and distant past;
Without God to lead and guide
them,
History shows they did not last.

May the God who through the
ages,
Always led his people through
Be our guide and always lead us,
As we seek His will to do.

And I pray that this great nation
Will united serve our King,
As we bring our all to give him
And his praises gladly sing.

—Lydia Alberson Payen, Stuttgart, Ark.

ample of patience, but in reading Job one may feel that Job was anything but patient. But when the Bible says that a man is patient it does not mean that he is not restless or struggling: it means that he is steadfast and persistent despite his mental or physical suffering. Patience is the ability to suffer without becoming embittered and without losing heart, and Job was a good example of that kind of steadfast persistence.

Prayer (5:13-18)

The subject under discussion here is prayer. What he said might be organized as follows:

1. Preparation. The Christian is to pray under all circumstances whether he be sick, suffering, or merry. Prayer for healing is usually more sincere and more effective when the patient requests it. James does not think of bringing the patient into the public worship service for public healing, but suggests that church leaders go to the patient and pray over him. Christians are to confess their sins to one another and pray for one another.

2. Aids to prayer. James mentioned two conditions which, when met, get results. One is a long-range moral condition which the Bible calls righteousness. He says that the petitions of a righteous man are heard and answered. Phillips gives an accurate paraphrase:

"Tremendous power is made available through a good man's earnest prayer." John said that the Christian who lives an obedient life gains confidence in prayer (John 3:21-22).

The other aid to prayer is faith. If you don't have faith to believe, pray for it; if you do have faith, pray for whatever you need to do what the Lord wants done. The faith that saves a man has the two elements of trust in Christ and submission to Him, and these same two elements continue in the faith of prayer. When a Christian prays he trusts in God to grant his requests and he submits himself unto God to carry out God's will, not his own.

When you don't know where to turn, turn to God.

When you don't know how to pray, pray and trust.

When you don't know how to trust, trust and pray.

From rebellion to disaster

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Jeremiah 38:14-18;

39:1-2, 6-10

The lessons for the summer are based on the writings of the prophets which were produced (a) in Jerusalem, in connection with the final break-up of Judah, (b) in Persia, during the period of exile, and (c) in Judea, after a portion of the Jews had returned to Palestine. In those tragic days of Israel's history—wherever the action was most significant, wherever the suffering was most acute, wherever the hopes were brightest—there the prophets were to be found, giving sound advice.

Jeremiah was the most prominent prophet in Judah during the period when Babylon was sacking and looting Jerusalem. About 600 B. C. Judah's King Jehoiakim sought alliance with Babylon and Judah became a vassal state but soon thereafter rebelled. In 587 B. C. Babylon crushed Israel's foolish rebellion and installed Zedekiah as puppet king. He was not a bad man but was a weak fool; and when a political leader is both foolish and weak he is apt to do about as much damage as if he were bad. He was dominated by his princes, whom he feared to cross. He looked to Jeremiah for counsel, but did not have enough strength of character to follow the prophet's advice.

Mired down in a cistern

The first half of chapter 38 records four events: (a) Jeremiah recommended that Jerusalem surrender to Babylon. (b) The princes recommended that Jeremiah be executed. (c) Zedekiah accepted the latter recommendation, so they lowered him into a miry cistern and left him to die. (d) A servant, with the King's consent, rescued Jeremiah.

Counsel for a king (38:14-18)

The portion of the chapter which is selected for intensive study is an interesting study of the sovereign purpose of God in history.

1. The King asked the prophet for advice. He indicated that he had a serious question and that he wanted a serious and straight answer. It's much easier to ask serious questions than it is to give serious consideration to the answers received.
2. The prophet did not trust the King. He was certain that the King would not listen to his advice, and he was afraid that he might have him killed.
3. The King swore under oath that he would not kill him and would not permit others to kill him.
4. Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah that

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(a) if he would surrender unto Babylon he and his family would be spared and the city would not be burned. He warned the King further that (b) if he rejected his counsel and disobeyed the commands of God then Jerusalem would be turned over to Babylon and burned; and his wife and sons would be enslaved.

Jeremiah was a realist: he believed that a man should yield to the divine will and cooperate with the inevitable (Jeremiah 32:27-29). The Lord had made it quite clear to the prophet that the nation would fall before Babylon.

The fall of Jerusalem (39:1-3, 7-9)

Because he was engaged in war elsewhere, Nebuchadrezzar could not afford to engage in a major military campaign against Jerusalem, so he sent some of his satellite nations to besiege the city. After two years he appeared with sufficient forces to pierce the wall of the city. Zedekiah fled but was overtaken and brought back. His sons were slain in his presence, and his eyes were then put out. The city was burned and its people carried away. Only the very poor and the very weak people were left.

Application

Many times in Israel's history God threw out new challenges to the nation and its leaders. He gave them sufficient light through the prophets to enable them to make wise choices and pursue right courses of truth and right. Once an unwise choice was made and a wrong course settled upon it was to some degree irreversible, and the consequences of past decisions had to be accepted. Even so, right up to the end, the Lord told Zedekiah that if he would willingly surrender to the princes of Babylon he and his family would be spared from fire. The ultimate failure in Zedekiah was caused by his poverty of character.

But when the range of Judah's history from the days of Rehoboam are reviewed the seeds of destruction are clearly seen in the gradual decline of national will. The nation steadily declined in its desire for truth, its concern for morality, its zeal for God, and its will to obey. There were brief periods of national recovery under such men as Hezekiah and Josiah, but after each such revival the nation sank to new levels of life.

It's difficult—if not impossible—for anyone to understand and evaluate his own age, but it is not difficult to see that at the moment the national will in America is not in the direction of new heights of morality. If our nation is to survive there must be brought about a major moral crusade; a crusade in which there is reborn in men, women, and youth an invigorating zeal for law and order, and for the rights of individuals and of society at large.

The recent murder of a senator by one violent man does not prove that America is a criminal nation, but the weekly toll of death by violence in the streets and lanes of our country does so indicate. America needs help which only God can give, but we who are Christians can help in creating a desire for the Lord's help and a willingness to seek it.

Church war damages

JERUSALEM—Agreements between Israel and churches of Jerusalem are being concluded here, resulting in compensation for damage done to the holy places and property before and during the six-day Arab-Israeli war.

Compacts have been signed with the Greek Orthodox, the Armenian Orthodox and the Franciscans. These three churches have custodianship over 90 per cent of the holy places.

The balance of some 40 claims is expected to be settled within a month. Payments will total about five million Israeli pounds, or \$1.4 million. (EP)

Bible by mail

MOSCOW—Courses in Bible and related fields are being taught by correspondence here for the first time since 1929 by Russian Baptists. However, reports indicate the believers still cannot have anything approximating Sunday Schools or other training programs in the church.

The new teaching program was authorized by the minister of religious affairs in late 1967. The privilege is limited to a two-year course and to 100 persons.

Some 300 people from all parts of the Soviet Union have applied, reportedly. The courses are intended to provide education for pastors and theological students. (EP)

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"I JUST wish everyone could be as humble as I am."

—ARK-E-OLOGY by Gene Herrington

Fount flows year 'round

"The weather here in Florida is so wonderful," said the tourist, "how do you tell summer from winter?"

"In winter," replied the hotel manager, "we get Cadillacs, Lincolns and stuffed shirts. In summer, we get Fords, Chevrolets and stuffed shorts."

Only when I laugh

A pedestrian, strolling across Fifth Avenue in New York, was hit by a bus and dragged 300 feet. Badly hurt, he was rushed to a hospital for emergency treatment. A few days later, lying in bed, all bandaged up, both legs and arms in splints, he was visited by the floor nurse.

"Are you comfortable?" she asked.

"Well," he replied, "I make a living."

The trouble with people nowadays is that they want to reach the Promised Land without going through the wilderness.

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Alexander First Berryville	64	37	
First	141	46	
Freeman Heights	118	39	
Camden First	429	65	
Dumas First	231	63	1
Crossett			
First	544	167	
Mt. Olive	198	135	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	58	24	
Ebenezer	148	59	
First	632	345	5
Victory	62	42	1
Fort Smith			
First	1,206	401	4
Towson Avenue	173	89	3
Gentry First	148	54	
Green Forest First	155	67	4
Greenwood First	276	135	
Gurdon Beech Street	144	51	
Harrison Eagle Heights	180	51	
Hope First	381	108	
Hot Springs Piney	226	118	10
Jacksonville			
First	415	142	13
Marshall Road	288	142	5
Jonesboro			
Central	396		
Nettleton	257	97	1
Little Rock			
Geyer Springs	385	153	4
Life Line	361	82	
Rosedale	193	72	
Magnolia Central	532	124	1
Manila First	135	66	
Marked Tree Neiswander	95	48	
Monticello			
First	264	82	
Second	251	78	5
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	514	123	6
South Side Chapel	28	9	2
Calvary	373	116	3
Central	261	139	2
Harmony	47	25	
Indian Hills	140	64	5
Levy	479	139	4
Park Hill	695	182	6
Sixteenth Street	62	35	
Sylvan Hills	233	121	
Paragould			
East Side	240	100	3
First	468	142	
Paris First	375	117	6
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	193	80	
First	707	121	3
Green Meadows Mission	99	30	
Rock Springs	69	30	
Springdale			
Berry Street	96	32	
Caudle Avenue	98	23	
Elmdale	289	76	
First	399	101	1
Oak Grove	62	39	
Van Buren First	429	163	4
Vandervoort First	72	49	
Warren			
First	404	89	
Southside Mission	94	85	4
Immanuel	133	73	
Westside	58	54	
Wesson	33		

Presbyterians merge

MONTREAT, N. C.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) voted by overwhelming majority to unite with the Reformed Church in America. The vote was 406 to 36.

A thousand miles or so to the west in Ann Arbor, Mich., the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America also voted for the merger, their tally showing 183 for, 103 against.

The Reformed Church recommended in the vote to its 45 Classes (lower judicatories) full organic merger with the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

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BAPTIST CHAPEL HIT IN SAIGON

BY JAMES F. HUMPHRIES



THE charred ruins of the Bay Hien area of Saigon, Vietnam, as seen from the top of a Baptist chapel (Photo by James F. Humphries).

SAIGON, Vietnam—Bay Hien, the newest Baptist chapel in Saigon, has become a "veteran." Dedication services had hardly ended when the Vietcong launched their May offensive against the city, with the Bay Hien area bearing the brunt of one of their major drives.

The chapel building was hit by enemy fire a number of times. The greatest damage was done by a mortar shell which made a direct hit on the roof, a small rocket round which hit the front of the building, and small arms fire which peppered the building from all sides.

Ly Cu, a ministerial student who lives in the chapel on weekends, sat

huddled on the main floor during the attack. Though the heat and shrapnel from the exploding mortar gave him some anxious moments, he says, "I was not afraid because God was with me."

More than 40 persons, many of them children, were killed in the chapel area, and approximately 200 were wounded.

At present the chapel is being used as a center for distribution of food to refugees and as a post for a radio lookout team from the South Vietnamese army. It is hoped that evangelistic services can soon be resumed.

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Christians in Israel

JERUSALEM—Following the 1967 Arab-Israeli war and the increase of territory under Israeli control, the Christian population of Israel has risen from 56,000 to 105,000, Dr. Zerah Wahrhaftig, Israeli Minister of Religions reported here.

In a statement to the Knesset (Parliament) opening the annual and sometimes stormy debate on his ministry's budget, Dr. Wahrhaftig said that 30 Christian denominations have members in Israel and that the Christian population includes 2,500 clergymen, monks and nuns.

Relations with Christian groups are "proper and even friendly," he said, but "until now, relations with the Moslem leadership in Eastern Jerusalem have been marred by political influences." (EP)

Sunday rights for employees

NEW YORK—Employers must accommodate their work schedules to the religious needs of prospective employees who observe the Sabbath, the State Commission for Human Rights has ruled here.

Robert J. Mangum, commission chairman, said the decision applies mainly to Sabbath-observing Jews. But the guidelines now provide that the burden of proving an undue hardship is upon the employer who will have to establish that his business requires the services of an employee on the Sabbath. (EP)

'Y' violation cited

RICHMOND, Va.—The fourth U. S.

Hits racial myths

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—There are certain myths about the Negro that must be exploded if we are to make progress in solving the race problem, says Professor Edward A. McDowell in a release by Baptist Press here.

Myth number one, writes Mr. McDowell, says the Negro is a descendant of Ham and is therefore destined to be a servant forever. Other "myths" include such ideas as: Negroes as a race are inferior to white people in intelligence...all Negroes are alike...the Negro is by nature shiftless and unreliable...if Negroes attend white churches they will ultimately outnumber us and take over our churches...and, God intended for Negroes and whites to remain separate because he made them of different color.

"If God gave the Negro his color," says the professor, "is it not blasphemy against him to dishonor the Negro because he is black?" (EP)

Circuit Court of Appeals ruled here that the Raleigh, N. C. branch of the Young Men's Christian Association violates the 1964 Civil Rights Act by denying Negroes membership in its athletic and health club.

In a 2 to 1 decision, it reversed an earlier U. S. District Court decision in a suit brought by Samuel E. Nesmith, a Raleigh Negro, who said he was denied admission to the men's athletic club of the Raleigh YMCA. He contended he was denied "the services and facilities of the YMCA solely on the basis of race and color." (EP)

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