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Host Church

Welcome, Arkansas Baptists!

It is a two-fold joy for me to welcome Arkansas Baptists to Little Rock and to the Immanuel Baptist Church for the great Baptist Centennial Convention. It is a joy: first, because we will meet to celebrate one hundred years of glorious achievement and progress. For these accomplishments we are thankful and happy. And it is a joy: second, because at this Convention we will set our faces toward high resolutions for our second century. The facilities of all our Baptist Churches in greater Little Rock will be at your disposal. Our hotels, homes, eating places, and municipal government will all join hands in making this Convention an event long to be remembered.

We urge you to attend every session of this Convention, from the opening service on Tuesday morning, until the last word of the message of Dr. C. Oscar Johnson on Thursday night. We believe the great pageant on Wednesday night, November 17, at Robinson Memorial Auditorium, will be a great inspiration to all who attend.

So with open arms we welcome you. Come and stay through to the end. Pray before, during, and after each session. We will be waiting for you with a big welcome when you arrive.



W. O. VAUGHT JR.
Host Pastor

From the Editor's Desk

Report Of The Radio Commission

For the past three years, and in accordance with instructions from the 1945 session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Radio Commission has produced a radio program, known as the Arkansas Baptist Hour.

The 1948 program has consisted of a 15 minute transcribed program, broadcast over 11 radio stations, selected with the purpose of giving as complete State coverage as possible. Within the area covered by the 11 stations, which are broadcasting the Arkansas Baptist Hour, it would be conservative to estimate that there are at least 200,000 radio receiving sets. The probability is that the number is much greater.

Upon the basis of the coverage of these 11 stations and the responses which have come to the director as well as to the local stations, it seems obvious that the Arkansas Baptist Hour is being heard by a large and growing audience.

Since the funds provided the Radio Commission have not been sufficient to employ a full time radio director, the directorship of the program has, of necessity, been an overtime responsibility. In the fall of 1946 the directorship of the radio program was centered in the office of the Arkansas Baptist, where it has remained ever since, with the editor of the paper serving as director.

The program has been of a devotional and inspirational nature, rather than promotional, which would have made heavier demands on the director than could have been assumed unless he were giving his full time to the work.

Three types of programs have been produced. In 1946, two series of 13 programs each were broadcast. These programs were 30 minutes in length, and a different speaker was used for each program. In 1947 a weekly 15 minute program was produced, with each speaker delivering a series of four messages. At the instruction of the Commission, and to test the continuity value of a single speaker, the director has delivered the messages in a 15 minute weekly program throughout 1948.

The Radio Commission has operated within its budget, which was \$12,000 in 1946. Since only two series of programs were produced in 1946, a balance of more than \$5,000 remained to the credit of the Commission. In view of this balance, the allocation for 1947 was reduced to \$6,000. The allocation for 1948 was \$13,000. A small balance will remain at the end of the year.

The budget committee and the Executive Board did not see fit to provide any allocation for the Radio Commission in their proposed budget for 1949. Since this is true, and since the Radio Commission is an agency of the Convention, having been set up by the Convention and given the "power to act," with instructions to produce a radio program, it seems that the only thing for the Commission to do is to refer the question of a

radio program back to the Convention for further instruction and for final disposition.

Should the Convention decide to continue to produce a radio program, it would be necessary to provide an allocation in the 1949 budget for that purpose. It would further be necessary for the Commission to make other arrangements for a director and for the production of the program.

Should the Convention decide to suspend the production of a radio program for the present it would seem the part of wisdom to continue the Commission, with instructions to serve as an agency to collect and disperse information on religious broadcasting and to keep the Arkansas Baptist constituency informed concerning trends in this particular field. For this purpose we would recommend that the small balance in the radio fund at the end of the current year, remain to the credit of the Radio Commission to defray incidental expenses, until such time as the Convention may desire to resume the production of a radio program.

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If we live close enough to God, if we delight in His presence, if we can really talk His language, we will never tire of communing with Him, but will be able to converse with Him day after day with never a dull moment.

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One whose hope is fixed in Christ will not be content with what he is, for he sees visions of what he ought to be; he will not risk his life upon past attainment, but upon future possibilities.

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If the call of God is not heard, that is no evidence that the voice of God is not calling, but that we are dull of hearing.

Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "Agrippa Before Paul," by B. H. Duncan.

All broadcasts are by transcription and may be heard every Sunday over the following stations:

- KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
- KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
- KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
- KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
- KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.
- KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:45 p. m.
- KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.
- KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.
- KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.
- KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.
- KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.

His Enemies Testify

A Devotion by the Editor

"He saved others, himself he cannot... What a profound truth! Though spoken with contempt and intended to call attention to the fact that His present situation contradicted every claim He had made, yet it was a statement of the guiding principle of His life, a truth which He had reiterated over and over in His teaching.

He did save others. If we should call them to testify today, we would hear Him saying: Once I was blind, now I see; once I was deaf, now I hear; once I was lame, now I walk; once I was a leper, now I am clean; once I was lost, now I am found; once I was dead in sin, now I am alive forevermore through Christ.

He healed their bodies of disease; He freed their minds of foul thoughts and wrong intentions; He cleansed their souls of sin and evilness. He inspired them with clean thoughts and holy ideals; He gave them noble purposes in life; He empowered them with spiritual energy.

He could not save Himself! "cannot" is the impotence of omnipotence, imposed by His own loving will to save a world by the sacrifice of Himself." It required greater power to yield voluntarily to suffering and death to save Himself. Had He been willing that others perish, He could have saved Himself. It was because He was unwilling that others should perish, but that all should come to Him and live, that He refused to save Himself and come down from the cross.

He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." They said, "Let him now come down from the cross, we will believe Him." Suppose He had come down from the cross, to whom would you have turned today? Had Jesus come down from the cross, they would have had just ground for not believing. You and I believe Him because He did not come down from the cross. There is only one thing which can demonstrate our faith in Jesus, and that is for Him to die for Himself and come down from the cross.

"Likewise also the chief priests mocked Him, with the scribes and elders, said,

"He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him."

"He trusted in God; let him deliver Him now, if he will have him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God'" (Matthew 27:41-43).

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Those who merely wonder at the great message, but make no effort to confirm it, will soon settle down into an attitude of indifference.

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**Robinson Memorial Auditorium
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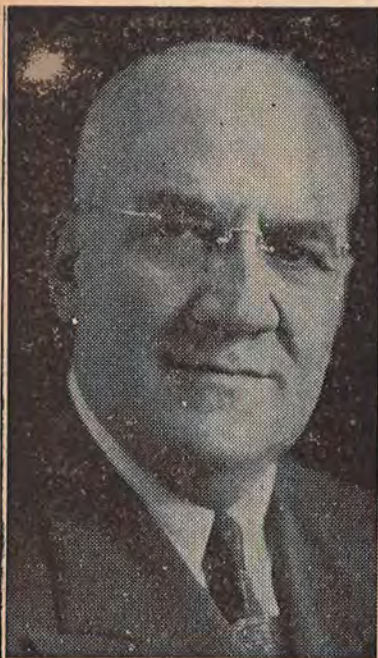


Dr. B. L. Bridges

**President
Southern Baptist
Convention**



**President of Baptist
World Alliance**



Dr. C. Oscar Johnson

Dr. C. O. Johnson, pastor, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, and president of the Baptist World Alliance, will appear on the program November 18, at 8:10 p. m.



Dr. Robert G. Lee

Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will address the Convention November 16, 8:20 p. m.

"Launching

a New

Century

For Christ"



**Executive Secretary
Foreign Mission**



Dr. M. Theron Rankin

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Alexandria, Virginia, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak on the program November 17, at 7:30 p. m.

Baptist State Hospital



Recommendations—

As we look forward to the Baptist State Convention, our Board intends to approach this group with two recommendations. One, that the hospital be allowed to change its name to ARKANSAS BAPTIST HOSPITAL. Two, that the institution again be allowed to take up an offering on Mother's Day for a charity fund.

It would be wise to change our Hospital's name, due to the confusion of the word "State" in the present title. Many of our friends over the State confuse the State Hospital with our own.

The Mother's Day Offering has been the source of help to many people. It is very fatiguing to be able to do this amount of charity without having to collect it from our pay patients. We anticipate a growth in the interest of this plan to the extent that Arkansas Baptists can help many more who require hospitalization but do not have money of their own to finance it.

Most of the facts concerning the Baptist State Hospital have been reported in the district associations when the administrator or pastor of the hospital spoke on the hospital report; but many who read the Arkansas Baptist were not present in the associational meetings.

Operating expenses of the hospital—

It has been thought by many of our Baptist people of the State that the hospital is a great money-making institution. If they hear that the hospital has \$100,000 on deposit, and no deficit, they conclude that an enormous profit has been made and that the hospital needs no help from the Baptists of the State. The past year we were able to meet running expenses with a balance of \$31,000 plus in cash. That looks like a lot of money to some of us and it is, but when the running expenses of an institution like the Baptist State Hospital is considered it is not much. It costs between \$75,000 and \$80,000 per month to operate the hospital, or more than three quarters of a million dollars per year. The \$31,000 would not run the hospital two weeks. If a man in business or on a farm should not make enough above operating expenses to run him only two weeks, at the end of a year he would feel that he had made a failure, or at least had not been successful in his business.

An Educational Institution

Baptist Training School for Nurses. Until recently it had not occurred to the general public that the School of Nursing is as definitely a Baptist school as Ouachita, Central, or Southern. At present more than 200 students are enrolled. There was a time when the girls were given enough work on the floors to pay for their training. The standard requirements for class work now will not permit this. The hospital has no control over the setting of the standards for schools of nursing. The hospital cannot operate a school if it does not meet the standards. It would be unfair to ask girls to spend three years in training in our hospital and the School of Nursing and receive a diploma that would not be recognized by the State Board of Nurse Examiners. We have a school that is fully accredited and we are proud of it, but it costs the hospital approximately \$60,000 a year above what the girls can pay back in service on the floors.

Improvements, additions, and replacements need to be made, but the hospital does not receive enough above expenses to make what is needed. Space is needed to add fifty more students to our School of Nursing, but the income from the hospital is not sufficient for this to be done. Because of the extra expense in operating the school a request was made last year for some allocation from the Co-operative Program for the School of Nursing. The amount was \$5,000. The amount recommended for this year is \$3,000.

Air Conditioning—

All rooms on the maternity floor, the labor and delivery rooms, and the rooms for the new-born babies, have been air-conditioned. This has been done in recent months at an expense of approximately \$60,000. Plans are in the making to air-condition the operating rooms. When this is done we will have a hospital that is unsurpassed by any other hospital anywhere as to obstetrical and operating rooms.

A Christian Hospital—

The influence of the chapel services, the teaching of the Bible, and the personal work from the spiritual side, have a definite influence toward making the hospital Christian. This is the only hospital in the State of Arkansas that has a School of Nursing that teaches the Bible and is the only Baptist School of Nursing in the State.

EXCERPTS FROM THE OUACHITA COLLEGE BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONVENTION MEETING IN LITTLE ROCK

This is the Board's sixty-third annual report and the sixteenth for this administration. During the present administration the enrolment has increased from 241 to 1,100, and the material assets, according to 1948 values, have increased more than two million dollars. Ouachita is a member of the North Central Association.

Three new brick buildings completed this year: Ernest Bailey Hall, Terral-Moore Hall, and the Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Cannon 16-bed infirmary.

Ouachita continues to run on its income. About \$360,000 cash contributions have come from the million dollar campaign, which is now in its third year. We have spent about \$200,000 to help erect three new buildings. About \$160,000 in cash is now on hand.

Three more new brick buildings called for in the million dollar campaign are greatly needed: a science hall, a library building, and a boys' dormitory.

There were 121 in the 1948 graduating class: 52 teaching, 16 in seminaries, 13 housekeeping, 9 pastors, 8 in business, 8 in graduate universities, 7 secretaries, 4 in medical schools, 2 in Army, 1 in law school, and 1 unknown.

Ouachita Alumni are succeeding: 300 teaching in Arkansas public schools, 200 pastors in Arkansas, 40 home and foreign missionaries, 25 teaching in colleges and universities, 25 are in graduate schools, 20 in medical schools, many others are succeeding in many professions in many states and nations.

Since our 1947 Convention, Ouachita has enrolled 218 ministerial students.

Of the 834 students now enrolled at Ouachita, 150 are ministerial students, 33 are lay-students training for religious work, and 15 are training to be missionaries.

There are 94 Ouachita ministerial students serving as pastors of rural churches in Arkansas—45 full time, 33 half time, and 16 fourth time. They travel each month a total of 27,366 miles. This does not include many other ministerial students and lay-students who do educational and supply work.

Besides chapel on Tuesday and Thursday, there is a well attended daily prayer meeting in the Student Center, in different dormitory rooms, and in the five special devotional rooms.

Crowded conditions at First Church, Arkadelphia, have made it necessary for the young people of the Sunday School to meet in rooms on Ouachita campus.

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES THAT ENCOURAGE

The faculty now receives a fair salary and has a sound retirement program.

149 in the 1949 senior class is 23 per cent above last year's class.

150 ministerial students is 20 per cent above that at this time last year.

The crowds attending prayer meeting this year are 15 per cent above last year.

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES THAT DISCOURAGE

Ouachita's 238 freshmen are 15 per cent below last year's class due largely to the draft.

259 enrolment of GI students is 12 per cent below that of last year; this is true throughout the nation.

Since finishing the girls' new dormitory and the infirmary, Ouachita has room for 17 more girls than it now has.

Ouachita needs a new dormitory for 120 boys now living in overcrowded dormitory rooms, in the field house, in two old frame buildings that must be moved, and out in town.

OUACHITA FAILS TO MEET STANDARDS OF 28 SOUTHERN BAPTIST SENIOR COLLEGES

\$1,115,910 is the average endowment of the 28 Southern Baptist senior colleges.

\$500,000 is the minimum standard endowment for the first 300 students.

\$100,000 is the standard endowment required for each additional 100 students.

\$518,743 is Ouachita's present endowment.

13 is the average number PhD teachers on each faculty; Ouachita has 9.

1,110 is the average enrolment for the 28 Southern Baptist senior colleges. Ouachita is nearing that number.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- I Since Ouachita's enrolment last year was 1,100 and could be more if we had room; since the Ouachita endowment is only half the minimum required for the 28 Southern Baptist senior colleges; since a science building, a library building, and a boys' dormitory are "musts" at Ouachita; and since the million dollar campaign is hardly 40 per cent complete, we recommend that the Ouachita million dollar campaign be continued for another year.
- II Since labor and materials are now higher than when we first launched the Ouachita million dollar campaign, we recommend that the Ouachita Board be permitted to use

such campaign money as is required to erect the three good buildings so badly needed now at Ouachita College, provided of course that we carry out the wishes of all donors who may want their gifts to go to designated causes.

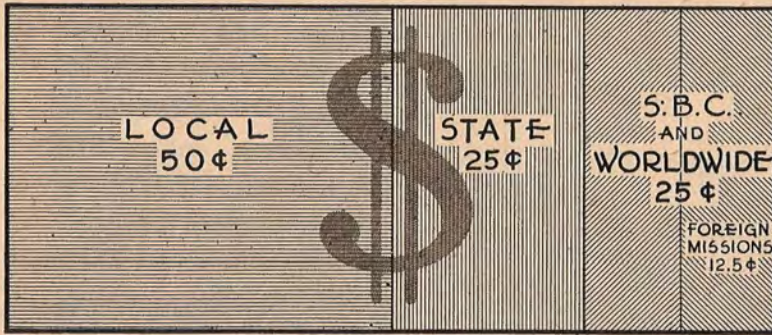
- III Since economists tell us that we may build more economically in the near future, we recommend that the Ouachita Board be authorized, after consulting with the faculty, the contractor and the architect, not only to decide what buildings should be erected but when and where they should be erected.

OUACHITA COLLEGE, ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS

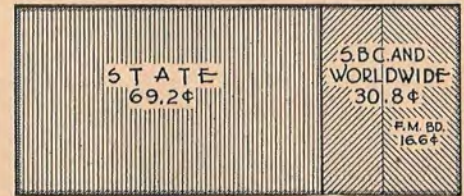
Fifty-Fifty by 1950, A BAPTIST IDEAL

Jesus said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The Southern Baptist Convention, at its 1948 meeting in Memphis, adopted "Fifty-Fifty" as a Baptist ideal, in keeping with Jesus' teaching, for division of collection-plate dollars.

If there were Fifty-Fifty division of all gifts made through the churches, the representative dollar would look like this:



Looking only at the dollar sent from the local church to mission and benevolent causes in 1947, the division was like this:



But last year, 1947, on the basis of total gifts (\$132,162,846) made through Southern Baptist churches, the representative dollar looked like this:



A close up look, with the magnifying glass, shows that distribution of the 6.3 cents portion of the 1947 collection-plate dollar which reached Southern Baptist Convention agencies was like this:



Southern Baptists fall short of Jesus' teachings of unselfishness when 78.5 cents of every collection-plate dollar is used in the local church program and only 21.5 cents is available for all the rest of the world beyond the local church.

Realization of "Every Baptist a Tither" and Fifty-Fifty division of funds—by the local church, by the state convention, and by the Southern Baptist Convention—is the Bible-approved way of providing needed funds for advance in every area of our worldwide mission program.

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



"CERTAINLY--



BOTTOMS BAPTIST ORPHA

I'LL KEEP THEM IN MY HEART"

JUST ONE DAY'S PAY FROM EVERY ARKANSAS BAPTIST

WILL KEEP THESE CHILDREN SAFE FROM DELINQUENC

These two youngsters are happy, healthy, well-provided for. They get plenty of good food, adequate clothing, good education, care and attention, and real Christian love.

They are typical of the boys and girls now being provided for—physically and spiritually—at your Orphanage. But what about the hundreds of others who need our help—what about the 93 needy children we had to turn away this past year?

Are we going to let them struggle on as best they can—in broken homes, without friends, without love or guidance or Christian training? Are we going to see these precious lives wasted, when just ONE DAY'S PAY, only once a year, will provide bountifully for all these needy boys and girls? The answer is up to you!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

GE, MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS

HAROLD C. SEEFELDT, *Superintendent*

Royal Ambassador Fellowship Speaker

Bring The Men Of Your Church



J. Ivyloy Bishop, South-wide Royal Ambassador secretary will be guest speaker for the Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper and will direct the Recognition Service which will be held in connection with the Brotherhood Night program, Monday evening, November 15, at the Immanuel Church. Featuring Royal Ambassadors on the Brotherhood Program is a special attraction in honor of the fortieth Anniversary of Royal Ambassadors.

BROTHERHOOD

209 Baptist Bldg.
Little Rock
NELSON F. TULL
Secretary

Brotherhood Night will be observed by the Baptist men of Arkansas on Monday evening, November 15, at Immanuel Church, Tenth and Bishop Streets, Little Rock.

A great program has been arranged; and it will mean much to your church if you will get a representative group of men to be among those present on Brotherhood Night.

The program begins at 7:15, and will continue for about two hours.

Baptist men from all over Arkansas are coming.

Come, and bring the men of your church!

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

A Tribute From The State W. M. U. President



Mrs. C. H. Ray

At the W. M. U. Executive Board meeting on October 26, Mrs. C. H. Ray resigned as Executive Secretary and Treasurer, and Miss LaVerne Ashby as Young People's Secretary. It was with regret that their resignations were accepted.

At the request of the Board Mrs. Ray agreed to remain on as Executive Secretary and Treasurer until her successor is secured. At a later date more will be said of her many years of faithful service to Arkansas W. M. U. During the years she has served as president of Central District, State W. M. U. president, for more than ten years as State W. M. U. Executive Secretary and for the past four years also as Treasurer. Greatly has she endeared herself in the hearts of not only the women and young people of Arkansas but of Southern W. M. U.

For two years Miss Ashby has been State W. M. U. Young People's Secretary. Her home is in Kansas City, Missouri. She is a graduate of Southwestern Training School, and served as W. M. U. Young People's worker of Texas before coming to us. During this brief period Miss Ashby has advanced the cause of Christ in Arkansas through the Missionary Education of our young people. Not only has she promoted camps, conferences, and other State meetings but she has extended young people's work into the districts and associations. She has traveled ex-

tensively over every section of the State and has visited many of the churches and local organizations. Our young people have learned to love her and she will be greatly missed.

Arkansas women appreciate the contribution she has made as she has given her best effort to place into the hearts of Baptist young people of Arkansas the cause of Christ and His missionary program. Our best wishes, love, and appreciation will go with her as she enters a new field of service.

—Mrs. F. E. Goodbar



Miss La Verne Ashby

Many Associational Rallies have been held recently with splendid programs and good attendance.

From Greene County Association comes word of a fine rally held at Center Hill on Oct. 14 with good attendance. Their officers for the coming year are: Mrs. J. C. Honn, superintendent; Mrs. J. O. Miller, associate superintendent; and M. J. E. Bowen, Young People's Counselor. A feature of this meeting was an offering for the Baptist Honor Club, amounting to \$156. The superintendent in her year report to the association listed \$156 as the year's offering to the Honor Club.

In Centennial Association, M. Harry Baker, Stuttgart, is the acting superintendent. Their Associational Rally was held October at the Humphrey church with good interest and a splendid program.

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

As the Arkansas State Convention convenes in Little Rock, the Sunday School Board joins the Arkansas Baptist Book Store in extending Christian greetings to Arkansas Baptists. Grateful for the privilege of having served you in the past and with prayers for an even more glorious growth in the future, the Board and Book Store stand ready to co-operate, as always, with Arkansas Baptists in all phases of the Lord's work. It is a joy for the Board to supply the literature needed by your churches for efficient service, a distinct privilege for the Store to furnish Arkansas churches with Bibles, songbooks, and all supplies from the best sources.

Visit the Book Exhibit while you are at the Convention. Special displays will feature many items of particular interest to you. Browse as often as you like, as long as you like. And if you don't see what you want, ask one of the trained workers for details. At the Special Exhibit, as all through the year in the Store, the aim is to serve you efficiently and quickly.

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Convention Speaker



Dr. T. L. Holcomb

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will appear on the Convention program November 18, 10:55 a. m.

Attention

Sword drill tracts, Speaker Tournament tracts, Junior Memory Drill references, and Post Contest rules are now available. Write to Ralph W. Davis, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, for the materials you need.

Church elimination tournaments should be held not later than February, and Associational elimination tournaments not later than the first part of March. State tournaments will be held at the State Training Union Convention, First Church, Little Rock, March 18-19, 1949.

A short prayer from the heart is a diamond, little but precious. A large prayer of formalism like a mass of clay, ponderous and valueless.

-C. P. Krauth.

Send Us Your Vacation Bible School Report, PLEASE!

A number of "known" schools have not made a report to this office. We so much want a report of EVERY school held in Arkansas this year—that means we want a report of YOUR school. If report blanks are needed, a postal card request will bring them to you BY RETURN MAIL. We are counting on you to help us to glean a report from EVERY school.

A Practical Demonstration

During the week of October 25, there was an actual demonstration of how a Training Union should do practical missionary work in an association. Eight of the nine churches of Conway-Perry county association were lined up for simultaneous Training Union study courses. The Training Union of the First Church, Morrilton, furnished five teams of workers for five of these churches. C. D. Sallee Jr. is pastor of the Morrilton church, and Mrs. Margaret Landers is Training Union director.

John Cox and Mrs. Sallie Adams conducted the study course at Perryville; Bill Adams and Bill Dillon were at Casa; Mrs. Ruby Dollar and Mrs. Ruth Clements taught at Harmony; Mrs. Reba Murphy and Mrs. Roy Cutsinger at Perry; and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Glenn conducted the study course at Thornburg.

In addition to the Morrilton group, Mrs. H. D. Palmer, Perry, taught at Bigelow; Mrs. Verne Smith and Mrs. J. A. Shelton, Perry, taught at Union Valley; and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bull, Thornburg, conducted the course at Houston.

State Training Union Director, Ralph W. Davis, and Associational Missionary H. D. Palmer, visited two churches each night. Bill Adams is associational Training Union director.

This is a demonstration of what can and should be done in all of the associations. The strong churches should furnish teams of workers to go to the weaker churches to teach Training Union work and organize Training Unions. The Morrilton Training Union has agreed to put on demonstration programs and assist any church that desires their help. This church put on a demonstration of an Adult Union meeting at the last workers' conference of the Conway-Perry County association.

First Church, Strong, Reports Increase In Sunday School and Training Union Attendance

A recent letter from R. O. Ekrut, pastor of the First Church, Strong, contained the following fine report of increased Sunday School and Training Union attendance: "Our Sunday School attendance for October 9 was 131; Training Union attendance was 40 with a heavy down pour of rain.

In checking our records we find that last year we had an average of 90 in Sunday School as against 77 the year before, and the third year back it was 51. We are grateful for this steady increase.

We organized a new department when we elected officers and teachers last month. Our Young People had been a part of the Adult Department, and we separated them. I know we will see an increase in attendance, and a much better work will be done."

Extension Members Give to The Church Budget

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Book Review

Sam Jones—An Ambassador of the Almighty

By Walt Holcomb

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The author, a co-worker and son-in-law of Sam Jones, brings the eminent preacher back to the reader with a vivid realism, which seems to cause the subject to live again. In imagination the reader sits in the audience, held fascinated by the power of the preacher and his message; or accompanies him to some village or cross-roads church; or tours the nation with him.

Dr. W. L. Stidger, Boston University School of Theology, said, "Sam Jones is one of the Southland and the American religious platform. We should have in some permanent form this stalwart figure and Dr. Holcomb, in whose arms the man died, has done it. I am glad."

-The Editor.

Alumni Meeting

The Arkansas Alumni Association of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will meet for a dinner Wednesday, November 17, at 5 p. m. at the Lafayette Hotel, Little Rock. The meal will be \$1.53. Please contact C. S. Maynard, Bald Knob, if you plan to attend.

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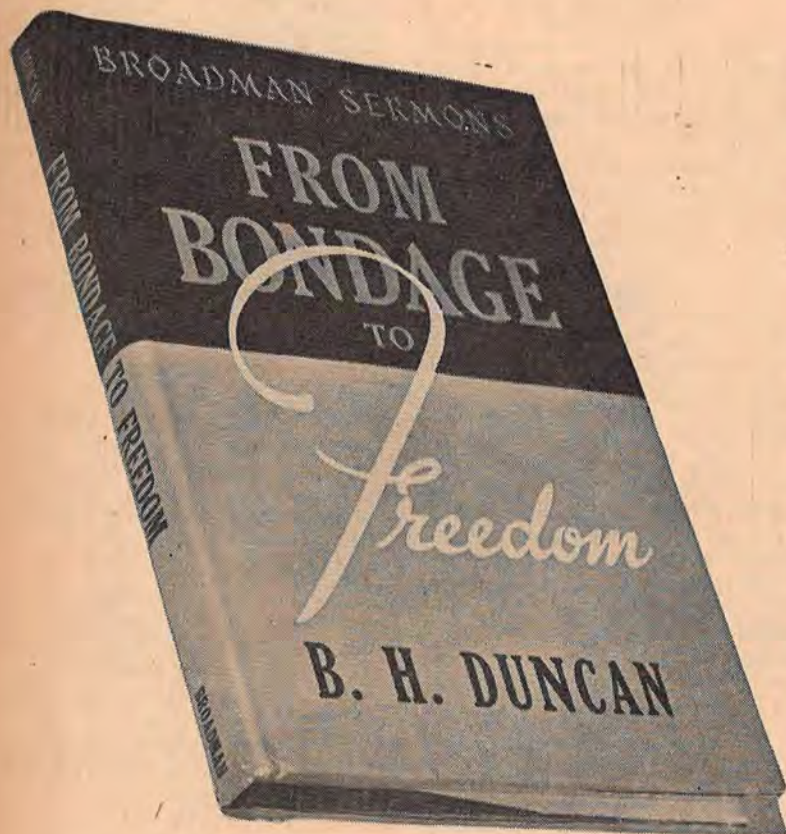
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Kingdom Progress

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Beck Spur Church

Within the past three years the Beck Spur Church, near Forrest City, Glen Giles, pastor, has made steady progress along all lines, having grown from once-a-month services to a full time program.

Other achievements during this period include: construction of a church building, building a home for the pastor, increase in Sunday School attendance from 43 to 94, and a resident membership of 100. The church budget has also been doubled with ten per cent going to the Co-operative Program.

The members of the church use their cars and trucks to bring others to the services.

Rural Evangelist M. E. Wiles recently preached in revival services at Shiloh Baptist Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma. There were 44 professions of faith, 34 of whom united with the church. M. F. Williams is the pastor of Shiloh Church.

Pastor James G. Harris recently led the Beech Street Church, Texarkana, in revival services. Carlos Gruber, violinist and soloist, directed the music, and George Hughes, Senior student of music at Louisiana College, played the piano. There were 27 additions to the church, 22 coming upon profession of faith and baptism.

In the two months Mr. Harris has been pastor of the Beech Street Church there have been 45 additions. Two young people have volunteered for full time Christian service.

Roger A. Butler and the First Church, Bauxite, were assisted in a revival meeting October 24-31 by C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of Missions, who did the preaching, and Edwin Geurin, student in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, who directed the music. There were 20 additions, 15 coming for baptism. One young woman surrendered her life for special religious work, and there were many re-dedications.

Pastor J. W. Buckner recently led the First Church, Crossett, in revival services. S. M. Mulkey con-

ducted the music. There were additions and many other dedications for the Lord.

D. C. Bandy, Park Place Church, Hot Springs, recently preached revival services at Kelso Baptist Church, Pastor Lawrence Fe reports. There were 11 additions to the church by baptism and 10 by letter, with a large number of re-dedications. The Kelso Church closed the associational year with 55 professions of faith, and 37 additions to the membership by letter, with an increase in Sunday School enrolment from 124 to 150 and a new Training Union.

Three young men have recently been licensed to preach by the Second Church, Hot Springs. They are Ross Bowden, Ouachita College student; Ollie Trout, school student; and Ralph Smith, student in the University of Arkansas.

Pastoral Changes

C. S. Womack has resigned as pastor of the Perryville Baptist Church to accept the pastorate of the First Church, Gould.

John R. Hornello has resigned the pastorate of Hardy Baptist Church to continue his studies at the Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

Ernest F. Simmons has resigned as missionary of the Faulk County Baptist Association to accept the pastorates of the Baptist churches of Bee Branch and Rye, giving half time service to each church.

LeRoy Polk, Mabelvale, has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Collegeville.

C. H. Seaton, Arkadelphia, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Sparkman.

B. L. Dorman has accepted the pastorate of the Coal Hill Baptist Church.

Missionary J. M. Hayes, Clinton, succeeds Chester Roten as successor and editor of the Baptist Messenger, a monthly publication of the Stone-Van Buren Searcy associations.

Larry O'Kelley, Ouachita College student, has accepted the pastorate of the Huntington Baptist Church.

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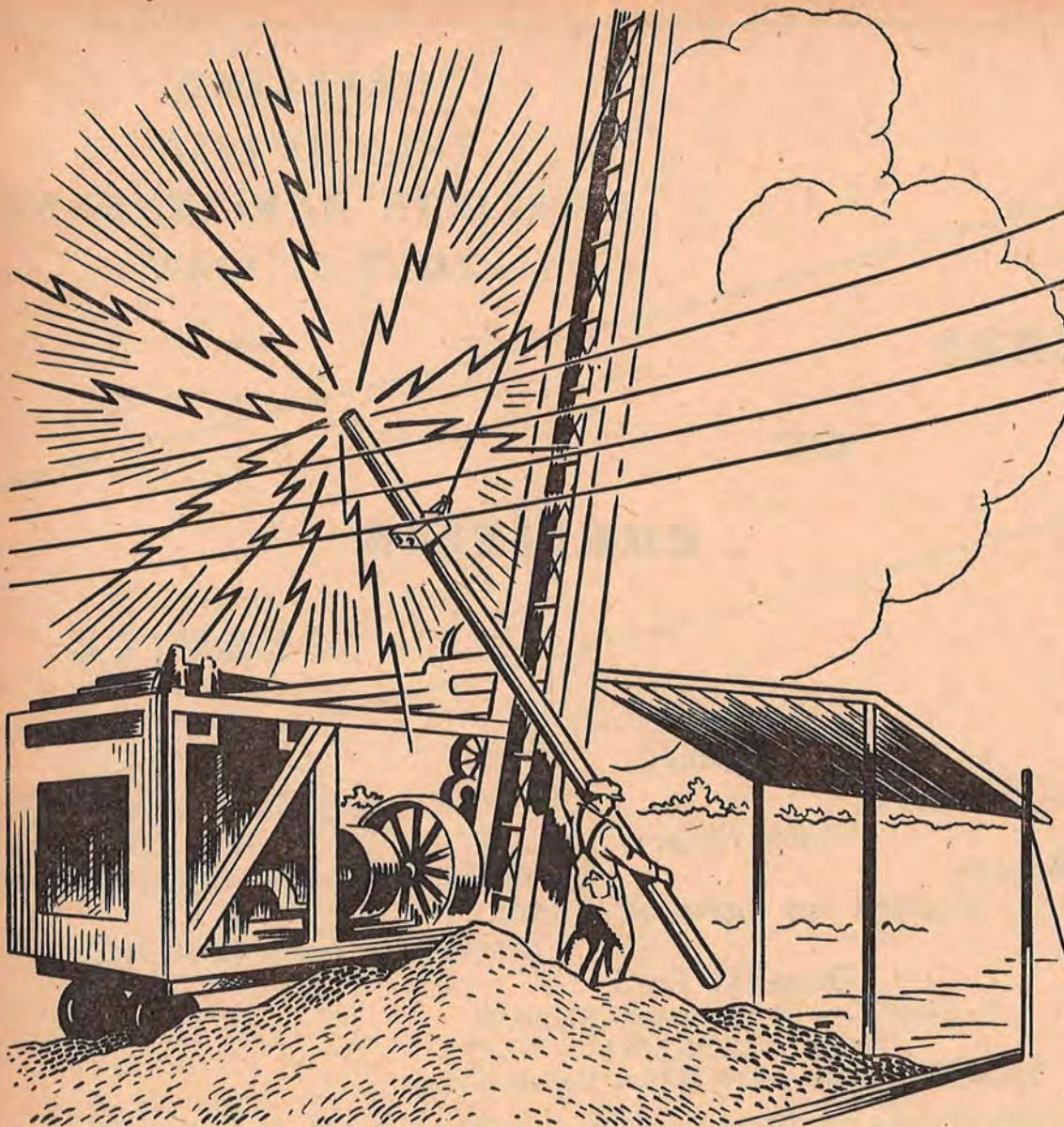
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Ft. Smith, First	1050	406
Little Rock, Immanuel	855	404
Including Missions	1132	617
El Dorado, First	783	262
Hot Springs, Second	656	212
Fayetteville, First	576	253
Including Missions	627	282
Pine Bluff, First	566	238
El Dorado, Second	513	218
Benton, First	506	179
Texarkana, Beech St.	501	154
N. Little Rock, Baring		
Cross	457	275
Including Mission	497	305
Magnolia, Central	441	141
Russellville, First	438	157
Including Mission	491	189
Arkadelphia, First	397	213
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	397	123
Hot Springs, Central	375	88
Including Mission	435	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	362	95
El Dorado, Immanuel	361	200
Including Mission	410	
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	358	98
Paragould, First	357	191
Including Missions	463	265
Springdale, First	356	268
Including Missions	513	
Paris, First	341	123
Fordyce, First	335	213
Hot Springs, Park Place	332	130
Camden, First	326	141
Including Missions	489	296
Siloam Springs, First	322	158
Little Rock, Tabernacle	312	139
Malvern, First	309	71
Including Mission	335	
Hope, First	308	125
Rogers, First	302	125
Hot Springs, First	297	60
Conway, First	286	59
Warren, First	280	83
Cullendale,	259	181
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	244	95
Stuttgart, First	242	143
Including Mission	274	164
Harrison, First	233	115
Including Missions	304	145
Monticello, First	231	133
Norphlet, First	229	147
El Dorado, West Side	229	116
Greenwood	226	103
Little Rock, South		
Highland	309	129
Ft. Smith, South Side	215	53
Texarkana, Calvary	235	116
Alma, First	206	110
Dumas, First	196	80
Pine Bluff, Second	195	107
Bentonville, First	151	50
El Dorado, Joyce City	120	89
Little Rock, Hebron	118	76
Pine Bluff, Matthews		
Memorial	112	93
Monticello, Second	110	98
Melbourne	95	82
Texarkana, South		
Texarkana	92	38
El Dorado, Parkview	81	49
Ruddell Hill	79	65
Little Rock, Plainview	77	81
Hot Springs, Walnut		
Valley	74	66
Arch Street Pike,		
East End	50	52
Dougllassville, Second	37	26



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Prophecy In The Bible

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

Prophecy occupies a most significant and important position in the Bible; God's will is made known by the prophet; a prophet speaks for God to men. Usually when we think of the word "prophecy" we think of the foretelling of future events. That is predictive prophecy and is a large part of the service or ministry of prophecy, but not all of it. Hundreds of such prophecies are in the Bible concerning the Messiah; Israel as a nation; Gentiles; the church; individuals; and other subjects. Much of this prophecy has already been fulfilled and much of it remains to be fulfilled.

As we see in this particular study, predicting future events was not all of the prophet's work. He was set in the midst of the people to be a voice from God, crying out against sin and unholy living. He was to warn the people against disobedience to God, idolatry, dishonesty, insincerity, oppression of classes, and the many sins besetting them. The prophets in the Bible preached, taught, predicted future events, counseled with the people and rulers, and fulfilled a place as historians of their own time.

According to Paul, prophecy is a spiritual gift, the result of the Spirit's presence in us. When we think of it in this way, we can understand the statement that preachers and teachers today are often numbered with the prophets.

An Outspoken Message

Read the fourteenth chapter of II Kings for the setting of Amos' prophecy. He prophesied in the Northern Kingdom of Israel during the reign of Jeroboam II which was a time of great prosperity but also great evil. Sin was on every hand and people coveted wealth and pleasure. The first chapters of the book of Amos tell of the houses of the rich, of their costly furniture and ivory trappings; of their feasts and pleas-

Sunday School Lesson For November 14, 1948

Amos 5:21-24; 7:10-15; Micah 4:1-4

ures to excess.

The priests did not raise their voices against the inroad of vice among the people, nor against the people's neglect of worshipping God.

In Amos 5 the prophet pictures the lament of Jehovah over his people and the mercy which He desired to extend to them if they would heed and return unto Him. Then he shows Israel her doom as the mercy of God is ignored. His message was not popular with the people and therefore was difficult for Amos to deliver. But, despite this fact, he gave them his message.

In Amos 5:21-24, which we have for particular study, Amos uttered the stark truth of God that feasts, services, sacrifices, songs, or any kind of religious observance is despised or rejected by the Lord when it is rendered without the right spirit. Are we guilty? Are our churches guilty?

Notice Amos' frank, clear-cut statements: "I hate, I despise your feast days . . . I will not accept them . . . I will not hear." God said it; Amos told the people. They were observing the feasts according to the way God had instructed Moses. They were bringing sacrifices and offerings. They were praising the name of Jehovah in music. But He would not accept any of it because their hearts were cold, their faith was gone, their lives were sinful, and they were hypocrites.

Nothing is more abominable in the sight of God, than pretense, sham, hypocrisy or sin covered by a show of religion.

An Undaunted Messenger

Amaziah, a worthless false priest of Israel, was indignant over this message from the voice

of Amos and set to work at once to have an end to such things. Amaziah was a professional priest and was wholly without spiritual discernment. The appearance of this strange, fearless prophet in Bethel with the prophecy of the impending doom of the house of Jereboam and the captivity of the nation was not at all according to Amaziah's convictions. He wanted nothing to change his leadership in idol worship or his life of ease in apostate Israel. Taking rather severe measures, he accused Amos of treason against King Jereboam. He told Amos to go back to Judah to make his living. "There eat bread and prophesy there."

Undaunted, true, courageous Amos answered this worldly-minded priest. In substance he said: "I am not here because I want to be, not to make a living. I had a home, a living; I was content; but 'God took me,' and I am here because God told me to come and gave me this message."

A Glorious Hope

If you want encouragement and enlightenment; if you want your faith renewed, read the book of Micah's prophecy. In case some have not read the comment of Dr. Wilbur Smith on Micah's pro-

phesy of the birth of Jesus in the city of Bethlehem, we submit part of it: "This is one of the most remarkable predictions of the Old Testament. More than 700 years before Jesus was born a prophet in Israel put his finger on a little village in one of the twelve tribal divisions of Palestine and said that here, in this town the Messiah to come would be born. There is nothing to be compared with this in all literature . . . no critic, no skeptic, no agnostic, no disbeliever in the Scriptures has any explanation of this prophecy which would do its supernatural origin."

The verses given us in Micah are the prophecy concerning the Messianic Kingdom. The same prophecy may be found in Isaiah 2:1-5. No doubt the Holy Spirit gave the same message to both prophets. This is unfulfilled prophecy. The prophecy of Amos has been fulfilled in the captivity and doom of Israel. Micah predicted the judgment of God upon the people of his day and the destroying of Jerusalem which came to pass in 70 A. D., but also predicts the coming some day of the Prince of Peace and His return to earth in power. These things claim our attention. Are we ready for His coming?

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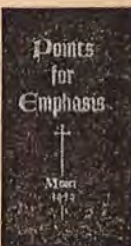
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Dr. Roy Beaman, New Orleans, Louisiana, professor at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will appear on the program November 17, at 3:50 p. m.



Dr. E. D. Head, Fort Worth, Texas, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak on the program November 17, at 3:35 p. m.



Dr. Theron Price, Louisville, Kentucky, professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will address the Convention on November 17, at 4:10 p. m.



Dr. W. R. Alexander, Dallas, Texas, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will address the Convention November 16, 2:30 p. m.



Bruce McIver, outstanding youth leader, will address the Pastor's Conference on Monday afternoon, November 15, at 4:05 p. m.

The Centennial Session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is fast approaching. It opens on Tuesday morning, November 16. It will continue three full days with night sessions. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance will be the final speaker Thursday night.

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