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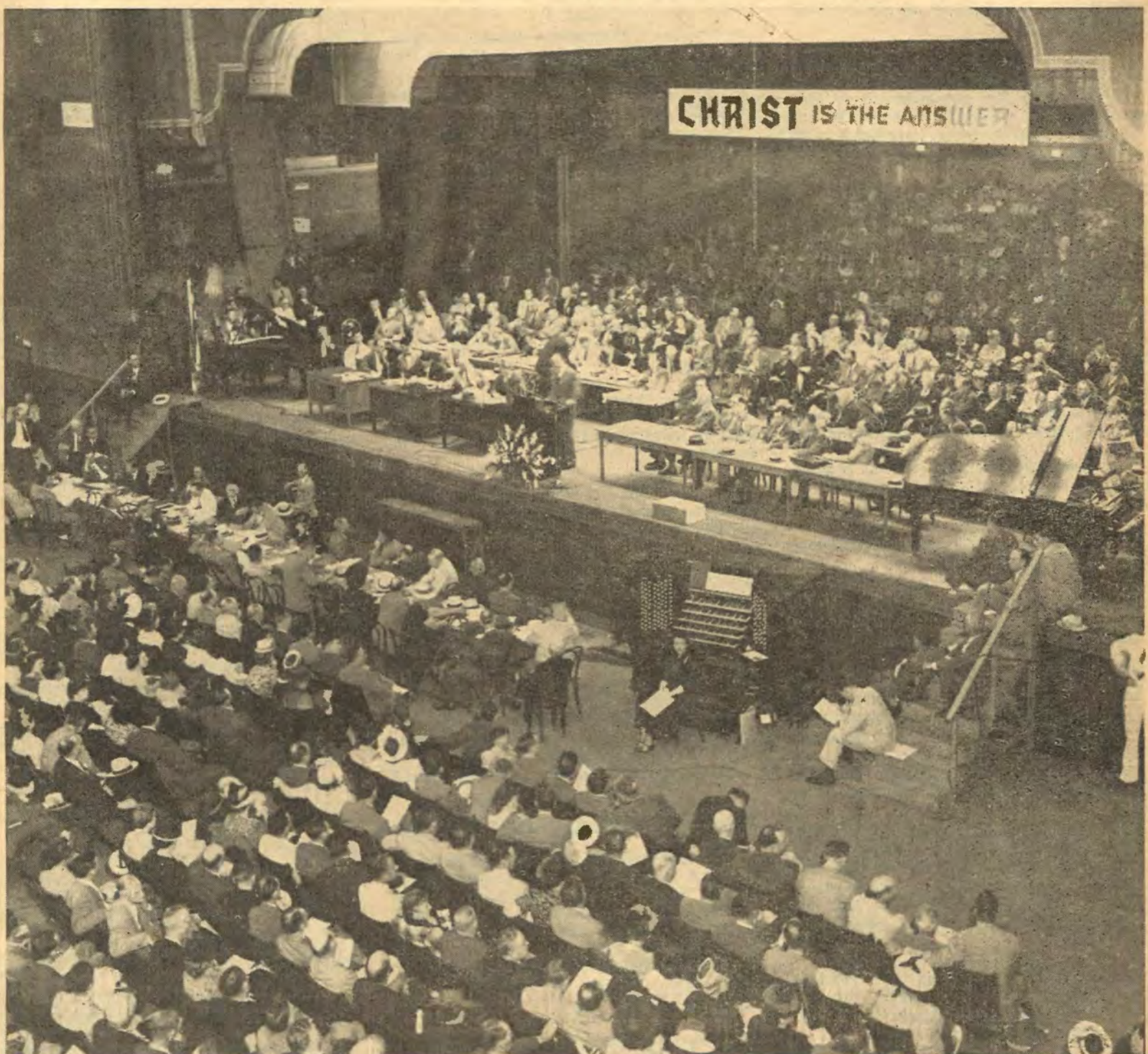
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# Heard at the Convention

Foreign Secretary M. Theron Rankin, standing before a gigantic world map declared, "World conditions in the middle of the twentieth century demand global thinking and planning. We propose to expand our foreign mission program to meet the moral and spiritual needs of a distracted and confused world."

Everett Gill Jr.: "Struggle, progress, and need are the three words which characterize both Spanish and Portuguese America today. Only evangelical Christianity can relieve the tension, promote progress, and fulfill the needs of this vast continent in the Western Hemisphere."

Dr. Sadler: "Africa is a vast territory of 160 million yet untouched by communism. We whine about the encroachment of this ideology in other areas. Africa is waiting for a message and the majority crave the kind of message of light and hope which we have to offer."

J. Maxey Jarman, president of General Shoe Co: "I have seen money make fools of men, slaves of men. Money is a tempting evil. Pastors and religious workers, please give more time and attention to those who are rich."

J. O. Williams: "Get up, speak up, then shut up."

Dr. Clifton J. Allen, in speaking of the 32 million circulation of our Southern Baptist periodicals says: "We publish pages of power."

J. N. Barnette: "Our aim for the Sunday School—A program of visitation centered in a home ministry."

Frank Leavell: "Your youth are the guardians of your democracy."

L. E. Barton, Alabama: "We don't mind this convention being criticised by friends on the outside but we do mind criticism from enemies on the inside."

Theron Rankin: "America is living on an island of abundance in an ocean of want."

"The higher we go and the farther we reach out the stronger must be the home base. Therefore, we cannot achieve an adequate mission program by cutting and weakening home agencies."

"People brand as utter fools—people who give the same allegiance and loyalty to God as is demanded by our country in war."

"We must have a world in the middle of our hearts, our churches, our schools, and our institutions, and circle it all with world undertaking."

Gerald Riddell, missionary to Colombia: "Mission doors are opening and closing, we must not wait. Latin America is calling with a clear Macedonian call of 1948."

Chester Swor, speaking on "Our Youth and Tomorrow" said: "There are some Christian parents who would give their permission for their daughters to spend the week-end in Hell if it would increase their popularity."

Dr. Sadler: "The bitter wind of war has been sowed in Europe and we are now reaping the whirlwind of the aftermath."

Baker James Cauthen: "Missions doors in the Orient open wide—doors that have opened wide by the blood of our boys. The white crosses on Okinawa give a challenge of a strategic hour."

Chester Swor: "If we are to save our youth, we must give them better examples of adult Christian living. More parental teaching at mothers' knees, more discipline, and family altars must be established."

R. G. Lee: "Christians stutter in their reading of God's word and stumble in the practice of it."

"The fire in our hearts must melt the lead in our feet."

"Rome was not conquered—she collapsed."

"Homes of today—just a place to stay while the car is being fixed."

"Parents send children out in paper boats to meet life's stormy seas."

"We get so precise we get puny. It is not preciseness but POWER we need."

"I have told the Methodists and Presbyterians that we will confer with them at any time and anywhere, but the moment they start to organize, we will leave"—Dr. T. L. Holcomb.

"Last year there were 16,000 Daily Vacation Bible Schools in Southern Baptist churches, with an enrolment of 1,300,000"—Dr. J. N. Barnette.

Ellis A. Fuller: "When Christianity becomes reasonable or understandable, it ceases to be Christianity."

Louis Newton, speaking of the liquor traffic: "The bell will ring in the dome of the capitol when we win the battle where we are."

Duke K. McCall: "Life is one crazy thing after another; love is two crazy things after each other."

Duke K. McCall: "I'm the fellow who goes around and pours oil on the organizations where they squeak loudest."

A Friend: "O, I see, you are a little squirt."

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## New Missionary Appointees

Nine new missionaries were appointed at the May 13 meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Lander Adams for Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. Homer A. Brown Jr., for Nigeria; Julia Virginia Miles for China; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Maurice Treadwell for Brazil; and Dr. and Mrs. John Drayton Williams Watts for Europe.

Missionaries who have recently arrived in the states are: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Kolb from Brazil, now at 101 Coney Street, Dublin, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Powell from Nigeria, now at Warsaw, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adair from Nigeria, now at 813 Patterson Avenue, Austin, Texas.

## RESTORED JOY

A Devotion by the Editor

"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."

Before the joy of salvation can be restored, the disobedient, sinful heart must be cleansed. In his plea for cleansing, David stacks up a collection of petitionary phrases: "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sins . . . purge me with hissope, and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow . . . Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

The wild emotions of his heart had run their course and David asked that they be curbed. The sins which once tasted sweet have turned to bitterness; the foulness of sin has become repulsive to him; and he longs for the sense of wholesomeness which is possible only by the cleansing of God's spirit.

He pleads, also, for the reassuring presence of God: "Cast me not away from thy presence."

While loving one's sins, God's presence is unwelcome and the prodding of His Spirit is resisted. But when a person wakes from the stupor of sin and feels the loss of that holy presence, when in his saner moments of reflection he remembers the blessed communion with God, his heart cries out for God's presence and the fellowship of His Spirit.

So, David pleads for the restoration of the joy of salvation. He has known that joy in former years. In the light of that joy, he now looks upon the pleasures of sin and recoils from the hateful thing. How could he ever have been happy in sin? It is a happiness that turns into sorrow, a joy that blights, a gladness that feeds only upon the lowest and foulest of nature's depraved emotions.

Oh, for one more thrill of clean, wholesome delight, one more joyous up-rising of the best and noblest passions of his soul, for one more upward surge of his heart in unison with God!

David turned from the desire for personal gratification to efforts of helpfulness toward others. Sin is selfish and wants all others sacrificed to its own desires and pleasures; but salvation inspires one with the desire to lead others to the enrichment of their lives by yielding themselves to God.

"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit."

"Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee" (Psalms 51: 12-13).

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# Across the Editor's Desk

## Incidents and Events

It is not always easy to distinguish between incidents and events. It is not unusual for incidents to receive more attention and be more widely publicized than the events which they accompany. In fact, it is the incidental which is played up in a sensational way. Attention seems to center on the unique or sensational and people tend to forget the value of the most important occurrences.

### Headlines

We believe it was the consensus of opinion that the Memphis papers gave the most complete coverage to the Southern Baptist Convention in recent years. Yet, it will be noted that many of the items which rated the largest headlines were mere incidents, and that some of the greatest events were given very little space with no headlines.

The episode of Frank Norris and his tribe of hecklers were purely incidental. He has followed the same tactics for years. But these incidents have had no effect upon the ministry of the Convention or the progress of its program. The fact that Mr. Norris rated a big headline in the Memphis papers did not make his presence or his tactics eventful either in the sessions of the Memphis Convention or its program of operation which circles the globe. Southern Baptists through the years have not been deterred from their main mission as individuals or as groups—winning the lost to Christ.

### Powerful Spiritual Current

A mighty current of spiritual power flows through Southern Baptist life, a current which cannot be deflected by hecklers, or vitiated by criticisms. It flows on in spite of our own weaknesses, differences of opinion, and failures.

This current of spiritual life and power eventuates in achievements which should rate the largest headlines and should be received as the most thrilling news. More than 6,000,000 Southern Baptists in more than 26,000 churches gave \$132,162,846 in 1947. These same churches baptized 285,155 persons upon profession of faith in Christ in 1947.

Year in and year out Southern Baptist churches carry on an ever expanding program of teaching, training, evangelism, and enlistment. A great program of Christian education is promoted in our colleges and seminaries, with approximately 3,000 young people studying in the seminaries, preparing themselves for definite fields of Christian service. Through hospitals and childrens' homes we are ministering to thousands of sick and homeless.

Reaching beyond the immediate programs of the local churches, Southern Baptists are

engaged in mission work throughout the Southland and in 25 foreign lands.

### Voluntary Co-operation

We recently heard one of our pastors say, "The genius of Baptists is their independence; the miracle of Baptists is their co-operation." The whole vast program of Southern Baptists, from the local church to the far-flung mission fields of the world, is launched, promoted, and maintained on the basis of voluntary co-operation. There is not another such phenomenon in the world today as is found among the Baptists of the world.

What do the little surface ripples, which we sometimes take so seriously, amount to compared with the great events and far reaching programs which have marked the progress of Southern Baptists? Southern Baptists have advanced, not by means of incidents which are trivial and temporary, but by means of events which are significant and destiny determining.

We have no doubt that the advance of Southern Baptists will continue in spite of the fact that incidents frequently steal the headlines while great and significant events go un-noticed by the general public.

## Afraid of God

Jesus met with a strange and baffling situation in the world, the fact that the absolutely certain knowledge of God's presence made people unhappy and afraid.

"I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself," said Adam. All life is transparent in the presence of God. When the light of God reveals the ugliness of sin, men are frightened and try to hide themselves among the shrubbery of the world. Sinful people seem to think that if they can keep their sins in the dark, God will not know about them. "Men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil," said Jesus.

To Jesus, who knew God as no other has ever known Him, God was the Glory of life. He undertook to show to men that the living presence of God was not a cloud overcasting the sky, but the sun bursting through the clouds.

Instead of being afraid of God, every sinner should be afraid away from God's presence. The only safety provided for sinful souls is within the realm of redeeming grace. Outside that realm the sinner is doomed to eternal death.

## A Threat to Freedom

The danger that the public treasury will be raided for the support of private and parochial schools is not yet averted. In fact, the danger is more threatening than ever.

The Aid-to-Education Bill, already passed by the Senate, provides that Federal funds may be used for parochial schools in those states which grant state funds for aid to such schools. The McCowen Bill, now pending in the House of Representatives, makes practically the same provision for aid to private and parochial schools as the Taft Bill of the Senate.

The greatest danger arises from a subtle interpretation of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, an interpretation which is being advanced by Roman Catholics. This interpretation claims that the sole and simple meaning of that amendment is that there shall be no State Church established in the United States. It is claimed that there was no intention of prohibiting the government from making grants of Federal funds to any or all the churches within the nation, even if these grants should amount to billions of dollars annually.

This interpretation of our Constitution undoubtedly stems from the Vatican in Rome, a foreign and totalitarian religious state which seeks public tax funds in America to promote its sectarian teachings.

It is the openly avowed purpose of the Roman Catholic Church to dominate the religious life in America; and that, under such domination, other religious groups shall be permitted to survive only by the grace of the Church of Rome and only so long as they behave discreetly.

Those who cherish our American liberties must be alerted to these dangers which threaten the very foundation of our political and religious freedoms.

## Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "The Hungering Christ" 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.
- KTFB—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
- KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.
- KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:30 p. m.
- KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.
- KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.
- KUOA—Silvaco Springs, 4:15 p. m.
- KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.
- KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.

# NOTES OF ADVANCE

First Church, Alpena Pass, recently had the services of Hugh Cooper, evangelist, in a revival meeting. There were 27 professions of faith and 5 additions to the church membership by baptism. Perry Fitzhugh was in charge of the music. B. L. Dorman is pastor of the church.

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Ray Branscum, pastor of South Highland Church, Little Rock, was the evangelist, and Pastor Harold White directed the music, in a revival at the North Crossett Church, May 9-16. There were 27 additions to the church membership, 15 of whom were by baptism, and a number of re-dedications. The church has had 60 additions in the past six months.

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Evangelist Boyd Baker, DeQueen, Arkansas, recently preached in revival services at First Church, Clarksville. There were 13 professions of faith and 6 additions to the church membership by letter. Dan Thomas, educational director, First Church, Arkadelphia, was in charge of the music. Walter L. Yeldell Jr. is pastor of the church.

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Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, was a banner day for the Earle Baptist Church building fund. A goal of \$5,000 was set to be raised for this fund, but when the final tabulations were made it was found that the contributions amounted to \$10,000.

Work on the new church will begin some time in June.

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The First Church, Cotton Plant, Arkansas, had the services of James A. Overton, Mena, in a revival meeting, May 2-12. The pastor, R. H. Dorris, was in charge of the music. There were 8 professions of faith, 7 additions to the church membership by baptism, and one re-dedication. Attendance at Sunday School, May 9, exceeded all previous records.

Brother Dorris says: "The meeting was a great success, with the finest spirit possible all the way through. Though the visible results may seem small, our church will reap the good fruit of these days for a long time. Our church is now in its best position to move forward that we have experienced in years. God blessed us in directing Brother Overton to lead us."

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Evangelist Ottis Denney preached in revival services at Antioch No. 1, a little pastorless church located two miles east of Flippin, Arkansas, May 9-16. There were 21 professions of faith, 15 additions to the church membership by baptism, and 2 by letter. It was during this revival that the church called Brother Bill Parker, Fort Worth, Texas, for full time. He will begin his work June 5.

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Frank Shamburger has been elected educational director of Immanuel Church, Little Rock. He will begin his work there June 1. Mr. Shamburger has been a leader in state and South-wide Sunday School Clinics, having served as director of the first great South-wide Sunday School Clinic. One of the first projects he will direct is the visitation program in connection with the tent revival which is to be held June 20 to July 4.

Three deacons were ordained by the Lake Hamilton Church, Hot Springs, May 22. They are: C. C. Reynolds; Homer Smith; and Pat Caldwell. Pastor J. C. Melton acted as moderator and was assisted in the service by Ed Anderson, Piney, who conducted the examination; Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions, who gave the sermon and the charge to the church; and Brother Tullock, Rockdale, Texas, who gave the charge to the deacons. Other members of the council were: Keith Smith; J. J. Wilson; and Walter Hudleston, active deacons of the church.

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A parsonage is being erected at Turrell, Arkansas. It is expected to be ready for occupancy by Pastor Billy Walker and his family by June 15. The church is also being re-decorated—furnishings are being painted, floors sanded and polished, and walls painted.

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Members of the Cradle Roll Department and their parents were honored in special services at Second Church, Monticello, May 16. Over 125 youngsters are enrolled in this department.

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A new washed-air cooling system has been installed at the Waldron Church, to be used for the benefit and enjoyment of the congregation during the hot days just ahead. The cost of this equipment and installation was approximately \$1,300.

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D. Blake Westmoreland Jr. preached his first sermon as pastor of First Church, Warren, May 16.

Brother Westmoreland attended Junior College in Little Rock, Ouachita College, the Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, and was graduated from the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

## Baptists in Texas Make Wide Use of Church News Pamphlet Published in Arkansas

The pamphlet on Writing Church News, which was published October 16, 1947, by the Arkansas Baptist, has been reprinted and illustrated by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, to provide copies for distribution in that state.

Andrew Q. Allen, director of the Department of Public Relations for the Texas Baptists, said that copies of the pamphlet have been placed in the hands of 600 editors and 2,200 Baptist ministers in Texas.

The idea of the pamphlet was the outgrowth of a short course in church news writing sponsored by the Blytheville Ministerial Alliance and taught by James L. Verhoeff, editor of the Courier News.

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Missionary James A. Lunsford spoke at the Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, May 16. He related some of his experiences while on the field in Brazil, and gave his views on world conditions.

Brother Lunsford received much of his preparatory college training at the old Jonesboro Baptist College. The Lunsfords plan to return to Brazil as soon as their vacation is ended.

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The Cadron Ridge Church, Conway, was host to the monthly worker's conference of the Faulkner County Association, May 28.

Pastor Grady Sellers gave the devotional at 10 a. m. Others taking part on the program were: Hugh Owen, who discussed the Bible command for revivals; Harold B. Tillman in "The Importance of the Preached Word in a Revival"; P. E. Turner, discussing music in a revival. Personal work and prayer in revivals was discussed by G. E. Owen and T. W. Hayes, respectively.

Jimmy Reed delivered the morning sermon and L. L. Jordan preached the afternoon sermon. The text for the meeting was, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).



Architect's drawing of the proposed church plant, First Baptist Church, Bentonville, Ark.

This is the architect's drawing of the proposed \$100,000 church plant of the First Baptist Church, Bentonville. The groundbreaking ceremony was held Sunday afternoon, May 2, with Edgar Jacks, pastor of First Church, Pryor, Oklahoma, as the speaker. The building, which will be constructed of light buff brick, will have concrete floors, steel roof supports, and steel casement windows, with plastered walls throughout the building. The ceilings will be insulated with rock wool and the ceiling of the auditorium

finished with accoustical tile. The educational building will be 139 feet in width, two stories, and the auditorium 40x87 feet, with a front of Gothic design.

The building program was begun ten years ago, when L. C. Tedford, present pastor of First Church, Corning, was pastor. The building committee includes: C. M. Burger, chairman; H. A. Boyd, Everett Russell, Sam Jackson, Philo Rodgers, and Jess Yates. J. B. Maxwell is present pastor of the church.

# The Growth of A Sunday School Class



*The first Sunday the class consisted of one young man, the teacher, and the assisant teacher.*

The Sunday School of the First Church, Silqam Springs, Arkansas, had the services of the state workers for an enlargement campaign, led by Dr. Edgar Williamson, January 19-23, 1948. All organizations of the church reaped blessings, but the Sunday School profited most. Many new classes were organized, but the young people's department has done outstanding work. Jim Dodson was asked to teach the class in the young peoples department assisted by Tom Garrett, and after the first Sunday, W. C. Gammill offered his full co-operation in the enlargement of this new class. The first Sunday the class consisted of one young man, James Baxter, Mr. Dodson, and Mr. Garrett. A prospect list was given those in charge and by the second Sunday there were 17 present. Arrangements were made to have a class meeting, for the purpose of organizing the class for more efficient work.

Officers were elected as follows: President, James Mitchell; vice

presidents, Roy Barnes, Joe Fred Yeager, and Billy Robinson; secretary, James Baxter; treasurer, Richard Moore; co-operating with the enlistment committee, Herman Daniels, Delmar Holt, Ross Stout, Jerry Willis, and Lenord Crumbliss; and, social committee, Rex Williams, John Cooper, Pete Pyeatte, J. C. Strickland, and Don Mosier.

The third Sunday found them a bit discouraged with only 16 present, but they were still determined to bring all the boys into Sunday School who were not attending elsewhere. Assignments were made for visitation of the prospects and the absentee. All went to work on Monday morning and continued throughout the week. The fourth Sunday paid dividends, with 28 present. This visitation program was continued with special prayer and special interest in the young men and by the fifth Sunday, they had 32, the sixth Sunday, they had 48 present.

It is to be understood in a class of young people that there must be recreation provided. The workers in both the Training Union and Sunday School realize this and are providing good clean recreation with these workers going with the young people. Many of the young people returned from a trip, recently, saying, "It was the best time I ever had."

They now have 71 enrolled and had 62 present May 2.



*There were 62 present May 2.*

Dr. A. C. Baker, evangelist, Louisville, Kentucky, conducted a successful revival in the First Church, Paris, Arkansas, April 12-25. There were 36 additions to the church membership, 35 of whom were for baptism. Among those baptized was a man 82 years of age. Pastor Harold C. Seefeldt was in charge of the music.

The church also reports the purchase of a Minshall-Estey electric organ and a Hamilton-Baldwin piano. Two evaporated, cooler, air-conditioned units are being installed in the church auditorium. Also, some re-decorating is being done in the parsonage, including the installation of a fan.

First Church, Fort Smith, reports a fine response to their Baptist Doctrine week. There were more than 300 enrolled in the classes which were taught by local workers; 225 average attendance; and 200 awards for the week's study.

The Oak Grove Church, Fort Smith, witnessed a great hour in the morning service, Sunday, May 9, when J. W. Carney, a student at the College of the Ozarks, surrendered to the call of the ministry. Mr. Carney plans to enter either Ouachita College or Baylor University this fall as a ministerial student. There were three additions to the church by baptism at this service. P. J. Crowder is pastor.

Shorewood Hills Church, Malvern, had the services of Lonnie Lasater in revival services, April 11-18. There were 26 professions of faith, 21 for baptism; 9 additions to the church membership by letter; 24 re-dedications; and 11 young people who surrendered to full time Christian work.

Pastor Joe Mefford comments: "Brother Lasater is a splendid preacher, with a burden for souls that manifests itself in effective personal work. He was a blessing to our church and community, and I am sure he would be to any church and community."

Central Church, Magnolia, recently closed a revival meeting which resulted in 32 additions to the church membership, 20 by baptism. There were many re-dedications and 3 young ladies dedicated their lives for special Christian service. H. A. Elledge, pastor of the Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, did the preaching; Roland Leath, educational director of First Church, Little Rock, directed the music.

The members of the church are proud of the fact that the Sunday School has been standard for 10 years; the Training Union reached the standard in the last quarter; and the W. M. U. is an A-1 organization. A new church parsonage has been completed and plans are under way for construction of a church auditorium. Loyd L. Hunnicutt is pastor.

Dr. L. M. Sipes, well known among Arkansas Baptists, present professor of Pastoral Efficiency, Central Seminary, Kansas City, recently conducted revival services at the Judson Memorial Church, Nashville, Tennessee. There were 14 additions to the church membership by baptism, 8 other professions, and 2 joining by letter. Dr. J. Clark Hensley, minister of education, Judson Memorial Church, is Dr. Sipes' son-in-law.

North Dallas Church, Dallas, Texas, recently had the services of Evangelist Eddie Martin in revival services. There were 105 additions to the church membership, 79 by baptism. Hugh Mainford, educational director of the church, was in charge of the music.

The church will observe the third anniversary of Pastor L. C. Craig's ministry at the North Dallas Church on June 13. The new educational building will be ready for use on that date. Brother Craig spent eight and one half years at McGehee, Arkansas, before going to Texas.

South Texarkana Church reports a great revival with Pastor C. C. Ussery, Calvary Church, Texarkana, as evangelist and Pastor Warren Nutt, Trinity Church, Texarkana, as music director. There were 34 additions to the church membership, 24 by baptism. Orlin M. Allen is pastor of the church.

# CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

*An addition to God's Kingdom must be a subtraction from the world.  
You cannot be counted in both places.*

**Milk Bottles Promote Church Attendance:** In Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, local dairies are capping milk bottles intended for home delivery with special tops bearing a "Go to the church of your choice" message. The special caps are used on milk delivered on Saturday mornings.

Printing of the caps is financed by the Kiwanis Club. Yarmouth clergymen say the caps have helped increase attendance at Sunday morning and evening services.

**Jewish Group Against State Aid:** A brief filed in the New York State Court of Appeals, Albany, New York, by the American Jewish Congress, urged the court to declare unconstitutional an allocation of state funds to Canisius College, a Roman Catholic institution in Buffalo.

The brief sought reversal of a lower court's dismissal of a taxpayers suit brought by Henry A. Bull of Buffalo, charging that an appropriation of \$128,000 by the State Emergency Joint Housing Board to Canisius violated state and federal constitutional prohibitions against public aid to religious educational institutions.

According to the American Jewish Congress brief, the contested appropriation violated "the great American principle of eternal separation between church and state."

**Boy Scout Chaplaincy Set Up:** For the first time in the nation, a Protestant chaplaincy will be established at Camp Miakonda near Toledo, Ohio, for the Toledo Area Council encampment of the Boy Scouts of America.

Thomas Hammerton, Youngstown, Ohio, will serve as chaplain for more than 2,000 Protestant boys during the nine-week camp from June 20 to August 21.

Hammerton will have his own headquarters at Camp Miakonda where scouts and their leaders can confer with him for religious guidance and counsel. He will also serve as contact man between the Protestant churches and families of the boys.

**Scientists Back Christian Faith:** Two hundred scientists, intellectuals, and artists on the island of Cyprus have issued a statement asserting their belief that "Christianity is the only source of moral freedom" and hailing the Christian faith as "indispensable."

"Salvation from catastrophe is certain," the statement added, "if we return with a steady faith to the moral values."

**Rockefeller Church to Become Inter-denominational Center:** The Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, will become the city's inter-denominational Protestant center. Action was taken at the annual meeting of the Cleveland Baptist Association. The delegates voted to invite all other Protestant denominations to move their headquarters to the million dollar structure, close to the heart of the down town business district, and to hold their city-wide rallies there.

**Japan 'Ripe' for Christian University:** According to Soichi Saito, chief director of the repatriation board in the Welfare Ministry of the Japanese government, and national general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Japan "is ripe" for the establishment of an international Christian university dedicated to the highest Christian ideals and democratic principles. He said his country was no longer Empire-minded.

Saito cautioned that the institution should be "international and Christian," even if there must be a delay to train Christian scholars before establishing the university.

Dr. Luman I. Shafer, chairman of the Japan Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference, reported that mission boards had been asked to pledge \$1,600,000 to support the proposed university.

**Preparing to Receive Displaced Persons:** Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish welfare agencies are working together and in close consultation with government officials to prepare for the resettlement of 200,000 displaced persons who may be admitted to the United States under bills now before Congress.

Of the two measures now before Congress for DP immigration, Joseph E. Beck, New York, executive director of the United Service for New Americans, declared that the Fellows Bill in the House is more workable and provides a fairer distribution of DP groups than the Wiley Bill in the Senate.

Beck also said: "The world has delayed action on the DP problem so long that the situation has become desperate. Now that the bottlenecks are breaking, quick action is essential."

**Alarming:** According to the United States Department of Commerce, the American people spent \$8,770,000,000 for alcoholic beverages. How much money is this? It is three and one-half times as much as it costs to operate the entire United States Postal System with its 42,000 post offices, 487,196 employees, and 559,903 miles of postal routes.

**Congregationalists Oppose Commercialism of Sunday:** The State Board of Education, of New Hampshire, which several months ago announced its opposition to schoolboy athletics on Sundays, was commended for its stand by the New Hampshire Congregational-Christian Conference meeting in its one hundred forty-seventh annual session.

A resolution hailed the board for "its firm stand in opposition to the commercialism of Sunday."

Another resolution opposed peace-time conscription and universal military training. The Conference urged the government "to strengthen and make effort to work through the United Nations in the settlement of all international problems and issues."

## Liquor Is An Outlaw

By ALBERT C. SMITH, Evansville, Ill.

To point out the evils of liquor in all its modern forms is but to call attention to the many evils it has always been known for and the many wicked forms it has taken to destroy human lives. To begin with, it is a well-known fact that even a hog will not drink the stuff. It will smell it and turn up its nose and then turn away. If only human beings were as wise as the hogs in this matter they would be better off than they are if they drink it. It destroys human bodies, wrecks homes, causes murders and suicides, sends many to the divorce courts, fills jails and penitentiaries, builds insane hospitals and sends mothers and fathers to premature graves. It burns up stomachs, hardens arteries and destroys the will power and ability to think properly.

Our roads are made more hazardous by drinking drivers. Hospitals are filled with broken bodies, made by drunken drivers. A nation that will sell the stuff and then arrest people for drinking it needs to do some real thinking. They told us there was more drinking during prohibition. Nonsense! You might as well say there was more eating during a famine. Or more farming during a flood. Or more rain during a drouth. Or more happiness during a funeral. Such silly arguments. And yet some people believed them. Some church people voted for repeal. They said also there were too many bootleggers. And yet we have more today, according to our law enforcement officers than we have ever had in the history of the nation.

They told us the old fashioned saloon would not return. I wish it had instead of what we have. You can hardly go into a drug store that does not sell liquor. Our restaurants peddle it; even grocery stores handle the stuff. Every where you look someone has it for sale. I wish the old fashioned saloon had returned, rather than the modern way of selling it. No decent women went into the old fashioned saloon. Our fine boys and girls were never seen in it. They even kept it hid from the outside with high curtains. Now radios sing its praises, bill-boards tell of the great benefits it has for humanity and newspapers praise it across whole page ads. However, dressing up a hog in sheep's clothing does not change its character, fine perfume will not change its awful stench and singing its praises does not change its deadly results. Yes, liquor is an outlaw and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. May God deliver us from this awful curse and help us to get on our knees and repent of our sins.

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## Comics

A pathetic note in The Dunn Dispatch, Dunn, North Carolina, tells of two small white boys, 11 and 14 years of age, recently arrested for breaking open a huge safe and engaging in other forms of crime. These boys told the police that they got their ideas of crime from comic books. The police chief said the boys' attitude was one of complacency, that "they acted just as if they had done the grandest thing in the world." The 11 year-old boy said he had not been to Sunday School since he was six years old, and the older boy said he went "sometimes."

Such incidents should awaken us to the need of eliminating pictures of crime from comic and other books, and from the movies. Also, we must provide more and better moral and religious education for American youth.

The time is now!

# "Christ Is The Global Answer"

## A Busy Day In Rio De Janiero

By C. Z. HOLLAND

### Advance Program

The objectives of the Foreign Mission Board's advance program are as follows: 1, to strengthen our 119 centers in 25 countries; 2, to open additional centers in strategic areas; 3, to support centers and projects undertaken directly by native Baptist conventions; and, 4, to increase our resources in personnel and finances until Southern Baptists have a missionary staff of 1,750, an annual operating budget of \$7,000,000, and an annual capital needs budget of \$3,000,000, making a total of \$10,000,000 annually. This program requires less than ten cents out of every dollar given through the local churches.

### Priority for Japan

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, requested that in appointing missionaries, Japan be given priority because the opportunity evident there requires action, now. Dr. Cauthen said: "We of China would feel that you are serving China by giving priority to Japan, for the only hope for the Orient is the Christianizing of Japan." Prefabricated houses and churches are to arrive in Japan around September 1 to take care of necessary quarters for which no materials are available there.

We quote from a letter dated March 31, and signed by the eleven missionaries of the Japan Mission: "Eleven of us are at the Garrott's home, now, talking and praying together about the biggest job we have even seen. In our work we need everything—missionaries, pastors, church buildings, and institutions of many kinds. Perhaps our most immediate material needs are for new church buildings and new homes for missionaries and Japanese pastors. These must be built with American money. But more than anything else, we need the missionary personnel. It may sound fantastic, but we could use 400 missionaries if we had housing for them. This is surely out of all proportion to what we have done in Japan in the past, but if we take advantage of present pressing opportunities, we must project our work to match our vision. Failing this, we will forfeit much of what seems to us to be one of the richest opportunities Southern Baptists have ever had. Please challenge our people to this new vision for the new Japan. Pray for us, and please send us the help we need, now."

### CARE for Displaced Persons

Anyone who would like to send CARE packages to displaced persons in Europe may secure names and addresses of such persons from Carlos Gruber-Purgallis, Box 145, Bartow, Florida. Mr. Gruber-Purgallis has rendered an unselfish service in promoting this relief work.

### Missionaries Leave Jerusalem

Missionaries R. L. Lindsey and Violet Long have found it advisable to leave Jerusalem because of the confusion in Palestine. Elizabeth Lee of Nazareth is the only Southern Baptist missionary in Palestine, now. Miss Long is in Cairo, Egypt, with the American Mission Girls' School, Ezeebiah Quarter. Mr. Lindsey wrote from Trans-Jordan: "Our work in Jerusalem continues in spite of all the trouble. Actually, our contacts are greater than ever before, so far as the Jews are concerned. Our congregation is badly scattered and it is a time for prayer."

### Development in Latin America

Missionary James Crane, Morelia, Mexico, has been elected president of the Mexican Baptist Seminary at Torreon, succeeding Missionary W. J. Webb, who will move to Guatemala City to direct our co-operative work there. The institution at Torreon will now include a seminary department and a training school department, using the same faculties.

Because of the political upheaval in Colombia, the organization of the Colombian Baptist Convention has been postponed from July, 1948, until January or February, 1949. Dr. M. Theron Rankin and Dr. Everett Gill Jr., who planned to visit Colombia this summer and attend the organization meeting, will postpone their trip until winter.

Resignations of Brother and Mrs. W. Q. Maer and Brother and Mrs. L. D. Wood, Chile, were accepted by the Foreign Mission Board. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten and Mr. and Mrs. Evan F. Holmes, studying in the language school at Medellin, Colombia, and destined for Argentina, have been asked to stop off in Chile, and one of the couples may remain there. This development in Chile, Dr. Gill points out, "demonstrates how thin the line of workers is around the world." Missionary J. Ivey Miller writes that there is only one Baptist church in the Valparaiso section of Chile, where there are over a half million people.

### Week at Ridgecrest

Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest will be August 5-11. Dr. Everett Gill Jr., is directing the program, with Dr. Frank K. Means and Samuel E. Maddox assisting. Dr. M. Theron Rankin and Dr. George W. Sadler, who will represent Southern Baptists at a late summer conference in London on Baptist responsibility in Europe, will participate in the Ridgecrest meeting until August 9. Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, professor of missions at Yale University, will address the conference. Discussion groups will be led by Dr. Theron Price of Mercer University, Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, Mrs. George W. Sadler, Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, and Mr. Maddox. Mr. Edgar Hallock Jr., Brazil, will have charge of the music. Missionaries will conduct morning watch and evening lakeside services.

### Relief Representative

Dr. J. D. Franks, former Mississippi member of the Foreign Mission Board, and a present resident of Geneva, Switzerland, has been appointed European representative of the Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, effective June 1. He will be responsible for the overseeing of all shipments of relief goods and the disbursements of relief funds through Baptist channels in Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and other parts of the continent which receive Southern Baptist aid.

### Give Wisely

Persons whose names appear in religious periodicals occasionally receive sentimental pleas from individuals in Europe or Africa, requesting clothing, books, writing equipment, and other items. Because there is danger that such gifts may actually go to black markets abroad, the Foreign Mission Board advises that all gifts go through the donor's church or through authorized channels which may be trusted.

My first Sunday on the mission field was a delightful experience. Brother W. E. Allen, acting president of the Rio Baptist Seminary as well as professor of Greek in this seminary, together with Brother Alvin Hatton, most recently arrived missionary of this field, directed the day's activities. I visited several churches, preached twice, and spoke at the opening assembly of one Sunday School.

The first church we visited was Tijuca. The former pastor of this church was Dr. A. R. Crabtree, president of the seminary, now on furlough in the United States. The present pastor is Brother David Gomes, a recent graduate of the Southwestern Seminary. The Tijuca Church has a lot on which to erect a new building. Sunday School at this church began at 8:45. There were between 200 and 300 present.

We visited the Meyer Church and were greeted by the Sunday School superintendent, Neutel Bastos, who is an employee of the Standard Oil Company of Brazil. The Sunday School attendance in this church averages 450. Meyer Church has a new building which is incomplete. Dr. Jose M. Pinto is the pastor.

The third church we visited was Engenho de Dentro; and I had the privilege of speaking to the Sunday School, which was having its general assembly when we arrived. Two seminary students assist the pastor, Dr. Pitrowsky, who is a German and was a member of the first graduating class of the Rio Seminary. The building of this church was recently remodeled. The Sunday School attendance was 235.

At 10:30 a. m. we arrived at the Engenho Novo ("New Mill") Church, where Dr. Jose Souza Marques is pastor. He was a member of Brother Allen's first Greek class. He now owns a private school which has a Bible course in its curriculum and an enrollment of 1,500 students.

The fifth church visited, Inhauma, has a building under construction which will seat 800 to 1,000 people. On our way to the next church we passed a pack train of mules and a street market. Large baskets and boxes, filled with fruits and vegetables, were strapped onto the mules. The produce was sold in the street market, from small booths or from blankets spread on the ground.

At the First Church, Tomas Coelho, a suburb whose name literally translated is "Thomas Rabbit," I had the privilege of preaching for the pastor, J. J. Cowser, acting director of the Baptist Publishing House and Bible Press. The director, Dr. T. B. Stover, is now on furlough. Brother Allen was my interpreter. This small church employs a full time nurse who ministers to the people of the community through a clinic adjoining the church and by visiting in the homes.

Sunday night I preached at the Itacurussa Church, usually referred to as the "college church," because seminary, college, and training school students worship there. Several of the missionaries were in attendance at the service. Again, Brother Allen, who is the pastor of this church, was my interpreter. John Douglas Allen, a lad of sixteen, from Borger, Texas, made a talk at the closing assembly of the Training Union. John Douglas is with his father and mother, who are attending the Rotary International Convention, which is meeting here in Rio de Janeiro, May 16-20.



# Southern Baptist Convent



The Southern Baptist Convention meeting, in its ninety-first session, in Memphis, Tennessee, May 19-23, was from many points of view the greatest session ever held. The registration reached an all time high by Saturday morning, May 22, with 9,844 accredited messengers enrolled. It was estimated that the visitors would bring the total attendance to at least 15,000. There was general harmony throughout the Convention, with no serious discord, even though there was at times a divided opinion. The spirit of prayer and reverence, and the seeking of God's will was evident in each session, and the theme, "Christ is the Answer" ran throughout all the discussions.

Every report showed marked progress by the agencies and institutions of the Convention, and ambitious programs were proposed for the future. The Executive Board recommended that the tithing campaign be continued, with the ultimate goal of "Every Baptist a Tither."

The opening formalities were impressive and sounded the note of spirituality, which prevailed throughout the Convention, and which was climaxed in the impressive services on Sunday.

## President Newton Departs From Precedent

President Louie D. Newton departed from the precedent of delivering the president's address and used the time allotted for such an address to introduce various groups to the Convention. The first group to be recognized consisted of those who were attending the Convention for the first time. A large number indicated that this was their first Convention. Another group was made up of those who had attended the Convention fifty or more years ago. Dr. A. U. Boone reported that he attended the session at Louisville, Kentucky, 61 years ago. A third group, which created the greatest interest, was made up of the youngest messengers present. There were 4, ranging in ages from 9-11: Tom Pen-

nell; Waymon Elledge; Joyce Anne Rhyne; and Jewell Horton. Later, Edwin Markham, 8 years of age, was conceded to be the youngest messenger in attendance.

The heads of the Convention agencies and institutions, and the state secretaries were also presented to the Convention. Each made a brief statement of the purpose of his particular agency or institution.

## Convention Sermon

The annual sermon was delivered by Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, Kentucky, on the subject, "The Rending of the Veil." Dr. Pettigrew emphasized the New Testament teaching of the "Priesthood of the Believer." This sermon was published in last week's issue of the Arkansas Baptist.

## Convention Declines to Endorse President's Recognition of Israel

The messengers of the Convention voted down a motion by Dr. E. D. Solomon, of Florida, to instruct the secretary of the Convention to send a telegram to President Truman, congratulating him on recognizing the state of Israel.

## Emphasis on Evangelism

The report on evangelism, read by John L. Slaughter, of Birmingham, Alabama, was enthusiastically received by the messengers of the Convention. The report recommended that program committees of district associations throughout the Southern Baptist territory provide a prominent place on the programs for the discussion of evangelism. It was also recommended that local churches elect committees on evangelism, composed of the representatives of the departments in the churches and that each state plan and promote a state-wide conference on evangelism.

During 1947 Southern Baptists baptized 285,152 people, the largest number ever reported in a single year, the report said. "We express our conviction that this upsurge in evangelism is, in a large measure, the result

of organized efforts in the various states, district associations, and local churches.

"The Convention is well aware of the distressing conditions in the world today. Evil forces destroying the very soul of society are highly organized and fully subsidized. There is a continuous waning of the consciousness of the reality of sin.

"The spearhead of our attack upon such an entrenched enemy is evangelism. The demand grows stronger for the adoption and prosecution of tried methods, which are scripturally sound, and which are entirely safe for our program of progress. Unitedly and intelligently we must support a program that majors on the spiritual experience of the individual."

## Opposition to Federal Aid for Sectarian Schools

The Convention reiterated its opposition to Federal aid to sectarian schools. John W. Houghston, Richmond, Virginia, in a resolution, called attention to the McCowen Bill, now pending in the House of Representatives, which "leaves the door open for indirect aid out of Federal funds in those states which have constitutions allowing the use of tax funds for bus transportation and free textbooks for sectarian schools."

The resolution pointed out that the McCowen Bill, if passed, would "possibly encourage other states to yield to pressure groups which are interested in securing tax money for even further sectarian purposes."

The resolution urged "that this bill be amended in such a manner as to prohibit the use of Federal funds, either directly or indirectly, for the aid of any private, sectarian, or parochial schools."

## Greetings by Negro Baptists

D. V. Jemison, Negro, Selma, Alabama, president of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., was presented to the Convention. He said there are more than 4,500,000 in his Convention.

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"We want to assure the Southern Baptist Convention," said Dr. Dr. Jemison, "that we deeply and seriously appreciate the work you have done in helping us, a struggling people, go to the top. We thank you once, we thank you twice, and thank you the third time. You're with us. We're with you. We're satisfied to be what we are. We're satisfied to stay where we are."

Bernard O. Byrd, Negro, representing the National Baptist Convention of America, was also presented and spoke of the need to "Christianize the world."

W. H. Jernigan, Negro, Washington, D. C., representing the Sunday School Association, Inc., of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., said, "I want to thank you for what you've done and for what you are going to do for us."

President Newton, after the Negroes spoke, remarked, "I would rather have something like this than all the resolutions we could pass on race relations between now and Christmas."

### Church Organizations

The report of the committee on Church Organizations, a digest of this report was recently published in the Arkansas Baptist, was read by Gaines S. Dobbins, chairman, and was adopted by the Convention. The report was prefaced by this statement, "That it is to be understood that these resolutions indicate the direction toward which discussion and action should move, and are not mandatory."

### Western Assembly

Perry Webb, Texas, chairman of the committee appointed to make a survey of possible locations for a Western Assembly, reported that the committee had considered three sites: Piasano, Texas; Hollister Hill, Missouri; and Valley Ranch, New Mexico. Chairman Webb stated, however, that there were several other locations which the committee had not had time to investigate, and asked that the committee be continued for

another year or until such time within the year a report can be made to the Executive Committee." The report was adopted by the Convention.

### Brotherhood Report

The Brotherhood program was presented with Judge John W. McCall presiding. Lawson H. Cooke, Brotherhood secretary, read the report, which was adopted. A special feature of the Brotherhood program was the presentation of a men's chorus.

Objectives of the Brotherhood were given by Mr. Cooke as follows: 1. Evangelism: "We believe that the first task of every Christian and every Christian church is to win souls to Christ," said Mr. Cooke. 2. The man and boy movement: A man taking a boy to Sunday School four successive Sundays. 3. Stewardship: Including the whole personality, all that one can do, and all that one has. 4. Church and denominational advertising: Including outdoor advertising.

### Co-operative Program

The Co-operative Program was discussed by Duke K. McCall, who declared that the Co-operative Program was not a geographical accident that holds Southern Baptists together; nor is it baptism, creed, or organization. Love is the power that makes possible the co-operation of Southern Baptists in their far-reaching program of evangelism, education, benevolence, and missions and is nothing short of a miracle.

### A Resolution

The following resolution commending the organization, "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State," was approved by the Convention: We commend the purposes of "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State" as declared in its "Manifesto," signed by John A. Mackay, President, Princeton Theological Seminary, Edwin McNeill Poteat, President, Colgate-

Rochester Divinity School, G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop of the Methodist Church, New York Area, New York City, Louie D. Newton, President, Southern Baptist Convention, and Charles Clayton Morrison, Former Editor "The Christian Century"; and we commend the hopeful activities as conducted by the trusted officials and widely representative members of the National Advisory Council of "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State," believing that only by united effort can we hope for the preservation of this great American principle.

### Foreign Missions

Thursday night, May 20, the Foreign Mission Board presented its report. It was a high hour as the Foreign Mission Board representatives and missionaries presented a panorama of our foreign mission work around the world.

"Mark time, retreat, or advance?" was the question propounded in the Board's report. The present world condition, the increasing spiritual needs of the peoples of the world, God's compassion for a lost world, and the unbounded resources of Southern Baptists call "clearly and loudly that we advance." The Foreign Mission Board is formulating its plans for advance.

The staff of active missionaries has increased from 462, in 1943, to 619 at the end of 1947, a net increase of 147. The Foreign Mission Board is at present operating in 25 separate nations, or national areas, around the world. These areas include Latin America, Africa, Europe, the near East, China, Japan, and the Hawaiian Islands. At the end of 1947 the Foreign Mission Board had 625 missionaries under appointment, 76 of whom were appointed in 1947. Of these, 237 are serving in seven republics in Latin America; 233 are assigned to China; 20 to Japan; 104 to Africa; 15 to Europe; 12 to the near East; and 24 to Hawaii.

This world-wide program was supported by (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWELVE)

## Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

MRS. F. E. GOODBAR  
President

MISS LAVERNE ASHBY  
Young People's Secretary

MRS. C. H. RAY  
Executive Secretary and Treasurer

## Beloved Secretary Resigns

Early this year Miss Kathleen Mallory announced that she planned to retire at the annual meeting in Memphis after thirty-six years of service as executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Thirty-six years is a long time to occupy a position that carries with it the manifold responsibility involved in the leadership of the women of the Southern Baptist Convention. Seeking the causes that account for a service that has been as fruitful as it has been lengthy, Dr. J. L. Rosser, St. Augustine, Florida, a former pastor, says:

"Basic to all is character. This, in Miss Mallory's case, was the resultant of several forces; a sound and wholesome heredity, the environment of a Christian home, the grace of God early received, and the working out of her own salvation as God worked in her, both to will and to do His good pleasure..

"Add to character ability. There is no substitute for nature's original contribution to life. Well, nature broke her alabaster box at Miss Mallory's birth and dispensed a generous portion of her wealth to the child; and the natural endowments were unfolded and strengthened, ripened and refined by the best in education that the day afforded.

"Add to ability conviction. This quality of Miss Mallory's character emerges in the views she cherishes regarding Woman's Missionary Union. In the blue-prints for the temple of faith to be built on the earth, that organization has a part. Its assignment is definite, imperative, singular, and is not transferable. This steadfast conviction leads her to stand jealous guard over its rights on one hand, and as zealously urges its members to make full proof of their mission.

"Out of conviction grows consecration to a cause. Whether in the office, on the road, in churches, in summer assemblies, in conventions, she does with her might what her hands find to do.

"One would not forget to mention the feminine graces which, in a peculiar manner and special degree, belong to a true woman's character. Miss Mallory is the



Miss Kathleen Mallory

product of the old South. She came on the stage early enough for the ideals of womanhood that obtain in that section to enter fully into the fabric of her being. Modesty, delicacy, sympathy, affection, courtesy, and consideration are blossoms that grow richly upon the stem of her character.

"A worthy woman who can find?" The answer of Southern Baptists to King Lemuel's question is Miss Kathleen Mallory. Whoever may come and whoever may go in the procession of years, her place in the history of Woman's Missionary Union is fixed and secure.—Florida Baptist Witness.

## New South-wide W. M. U. Secretaries

Miss Alma Hunt was elected at Memphis, May 18, as executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Hunt was reared in Roanoke, Virginia, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Otis Hunt, are faithful and esteemed members of the First Church. After receiving her B. S. degree from Virginia State Teachers' College at Farmville, Miss Hunt taught in the public schools of Roanoke until the fall of 1944, when she became dean of women at William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri. In the summer of 1947, Miss Hunt com-

## Men On Program

One of the most attractive features of the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis was presented on Wednesday evening, May 19. The theme of the presentation was "The Romance of the Co-operative Program." Judge John W. McCall presided at the meeting. Judge McCall is chairman of the executive committee of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

Lawson Cooke, secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, spoke briefly, presenting the Brotherhood report. Then, following some special music, Dr. Duke McCall, executive secretary of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, brought the evening message.

The entire auditorium was filled for the Brotherhood Night program, and many men from Arkansas were present.

Now, we are looking forward to still another Brotherhood night which will be observed November 15, the eve of the centennial meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

One of the features of our own 1948 Brotherhood night will be a choir of 100 men. The program will be of such nature as will challenge every man present to give

pleted the necessary graduate work in the Department of Personnel Administration at Teachers' College of Columbia University and received her M. A. degree. In addition to these scholastic and otherwise cultural qualifications, Miss Hunt has been taught in the church life of Roanoke and of Liberty and in the Y. W. A. Camp at Ridgcrest, the joy and privilege of Christian activities.

Miss Margaret Bruce was elected as young people's secretary of Woman's Missionary Union at the meeting in Memphis. She was born at Brotherhood, Tennessee, but most of her youth was spent in nearby Martin and Jackson, Tennessee. Thus, she had the opportunity of one year's study in the University of Tennessee Junior College, Martin, and another year at Union University, Jackson.

After graduation from the W. M. U. Training School in 1931, Miss Bruce entered Georgetown College, Kentucky, from which she received her A. B. degree the following year. While studying for this degree, Miss Bruce served at the college so finely in the capacity of part time student secretary that she was promoted to full time service. From there, in 1934, Miss Bruce was still further promoted to the position of young people's secretary of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union. And, now, the larger field of service has been entered by her agreeing to become South-wide W. M. U. young people's secretary.

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his best to Christ and to do his best for Christ.

The centennial meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

We trust that every church and associational Brotherhood in Arkansas will be well represented on Brotherhood night, and that a host of men will be there.

The Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas suggests that every Brotherhood in the state plan a Man-Boy banquet for the near future. Have it at the church, and ask every man to bring a boy or two. Build the program around boys, their present needs, and their development into real men for Christ. Make the program a spiritual experience for everyone present and let the boys participate. Features of the program may well be: good singing; a good meal; recognition of those present; testimonies of men to boys, and boys to men; special musical numbers; and an address on the boys' level by a capable, spiritual man.

The program should present a challenge to men as well as to boys. It should awaken men to a new interest in the development of boys and should make the boys want to be better men.

No Smoking, please!

Why not lead your Brotherhood to sponsor a mission revival during the summer? The Evangelistic Committee of the Brotherhood can find a community, or several communities, where there is no church, and lead the men in an effort to reach these people for Christ.

And, as we're thinking of summer, let's remember the Christian Leadership Assembly at Siloam Springs, July 6-13. There will be men there from over the state; and we trust that many, many Brotherhoods will be represented.

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## Figures To Inspire

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	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Fort Smith, First	1101	355	4
Little Rock, Immanuel	963	287	5
Including Missions	1456	444	8
Little Rock, First	907	325	9
El Dorado, First	853	182	4
Hot Springs, Second	653	157	
N. Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	639	189	2
Including Missions	685	207	
West Memphis, First	599		3
Camden, First	535	101	1
Including Mission	611	146	
Benton, First	530	54	
Including Mission	546		
Fayetteville, First	519	185	1
Including Missions	570	212	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	519	77	
Hope, First	483		
McGehee	468	120	
Magnolia, Central	465	131	4
Including Mission	507		
Arkadelphia, First	462	217	
El Dorado, Second	460	104	1
Conway, First	374		1
L. Rock,			
Pulaski Heights	371	50	2
Springdale, First	361	177	
Including Missions	472		
Hamburg, First	354	165	
Russellville, First	352	45	
Including Mission	390	63	
Hot Springs, First	338	66	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	337	65	2
Stuttgart, First	328	68	
Including Mission	357		
Hot Springs, Park Place	326	60	1
Jacksonville, First	310		9
Rogers, First	303	82	
Nashville, First	297	74	
Paris, First	288	122	
Malvern, First	285		
Monticello, First	281	112	
Dumas, First	257	66	1
Including Mission	325		
El Dorado, West Side	254		
Harrison, First	253	125	
Including Mission	332	251	
N. Little Rock, Central	244	67	15
DeWitt, First	243	51	3
Pine Bluff, Second	238	88	
Smackover, First	233	88	
Greenwood, First	203	80	
Stamps, First	199	107	
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	194	86	2
Elaine, First	189	74	3
West Batesville	182		
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	175	74	1
N. Little Rock, Pike Ave.	168	46	
Douglasville, First	145	37	
Almyra, First	145	23	
Pine Bluff, Matthews			
Memorial	124	66	
Hot Springs, Lake			
Hamilton	118	65	1
Pine Bluff, Central	117	59	
N. Little Rock, Grace	111	30	
South Texarkana	95	75	
Little Rock, West Side	87	42	4
Douglasville, Second	73	24	2
Little Rock, Worrell's			
Memorial	71	19	1
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## To Teach Class in Instrumental Music



Mrs. Gordon Psalmonds

Mrs. Gordon Psalmonds, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, another member of the faculty at the Christian Training Assembly, July 15-22, will conduct a class in INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC for organists and pianists.

Mrs. Psalmonds is well qualified because she has studied piano since she was eight years of age. She studied in Junior College at Jonesboro, Arkansas; was assistant in the music department at William Jewell College under Dr. David Grosch; was accompanist for all choral work in Southwestern Seminary for three years under J. Campbell Wray. She was graduated from the seminary with a major in organ, and also, took master of religious education and bachelor of sacred music degrees. Walter Robert, Viennese trained musician who has been in America only a few years, was Mrs. Psalmond's teacher in piano for two years. She directed the high school glee club at Burdette, Arkansas, for three years; was accompanist and music director in two churches, Fort Worth, Texas, and at the present time is organist and music director for the First Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where she has private classes in piano and organ. Those participating in this study will be truly inspired.

## B. S. U. at Work

The summer of 1948 invites college students in increasing numbers to participate in Volunteer Summer Service. The initial opportunity will be in the home church, and from there the students ministry will extend to the community, associations, state, and even beyond. Many will be serving in extension work in needy places, or in churches near their home church. Others will serve in the association, under the leadership of the associational missionary, associational Training Union director, and associational Sunday School superintendent. Those who are to participate in the organized Summer Field Work have been chosen and notified. After an intensive period of training at Siloam Springs, they will go out, with the leadership of Ralph W. Davis, state Training Union director, and work in Training Union enlargement campaigns in rural churches. The Home Mission Board is training and using approximately 300 young people this summer. Under the leadership of the South-wide department of student work and the Foreign Mission Board, approximately 12 young people will go to the Hawaiian Islands, and approximately 6 to San Andres, and approximately 20 to California. Every pastor and missionary is encouraged to contact their Baptist young people suggesting that they teach a Sunday School class or a study course, work in Vacation Bible Schools, R. A.'s, G. A.'s or Sunbeams, lead singing, and so forth.

This summer will offer two notable occasions for Christian development for our young people and young people's leaders—the Arkansas Assembly, meeting at Siloam Springs, July 6-13 and July 15-22, and Student Week at Ridgecrest, June 9-16. Many of our choice college young people, financially unable to take advantage of these opportunities, are being helped by Sunday School classes, W. M. U.'s, Sunday School, or Training Union departments. This will be money well spent and these young people will return inspired, challenged, and better equipped to serve more efficiently. Has your church, or one of its departments, helped a worthy student?

## Ever Been To The Assembly?



Mr. Harold Ingraham

If you have not attended the Assembly at Siloam Springs, you will want to this year. There will be two assemblies this year in order to take care of all those wanting to attend. The first assembly is July 6-13, and the second is July 15-22.

The first assembly places emphasis on the Sunday School work. Harold Ingraham, business manager of the Baptist School Board, will teach one of the classes in Sunday School work, and he will also be the noon day speaker.

Mr. Ingraham is truly one of the outstanding Sunday School workers in the Southern Baptist Convention. Surely, every Sunday School worker will want to attend this week of the assembly. Please keep in mind that there will be CLASSES FOR ALL AGES and there will be Training Union Classes for those under fifteen years of age. Those desiring to attend both assemblies may do so. Please send \$2.00 reservation fee to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Let your sabbath go, and with it will go your Bible, and after that your liberty.—Talmadge.

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## The Time Is Now!

Register for Junior Choir Festival and Hymn-Playing Tournament at once. We must know how many contestants to expect at these two events, which are to be held at Siloam Springs during the Christian Training Assembly, July 15-22. If there is no associational music director to conduct the associational elimination, Mrs. Nininger will arrange to conduct it personally, so get ready to play the five hymns required. Write today, saying you plan to enter either a Junior Choir or one or more hymn-players.

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# Song of the Month

## June

### "O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED"

ANGELS' STORY

JOHN E. BODE

ARTHUR H. MANN

*"O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me feel Thee near me. The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.*

*O Jesus, Thou has promised to all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow my Master and my Friend.*

This great hymn was written for a Youth Dedication Service by John Ernest Bode, an English minister. The beautiful tune, "Angels' Story" was written in 1881, by Arthur Henry Mann, another famous English church musician. Three significant New Testament texts form the basis of its poetry, which throbs with intense sincerity. Indeed, the song has such vitality and earnestness that it would be almost impossible to sing it casually and without dedication. It is one of the few songs in which a complete unity of spirit can be generated by proper singing—not too hurried, and with devotion. Many a service can be enhanced through use of this dedication hymn, based on the following Scripture passages:

"Teacher, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest" (Matt. 8:19).

"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be" (John 12:26).

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34).

#### Social Service

The Convention re-affirmed its historic position on moral issues, such as crime and delinquency, divorce, and the liquor traffic.

The Convention again went on record as opposing Universal Military Training.

#### Christian Home Service

The entire Saturday evening program, directed by Joe W. Burton, was focused on Christian home building.

The service was climaxed by a period of personal dedication to the making of Christian homes.

The opening feature of the program was a medley of music by a 200-voice Memphis choir under the direction of C. Lamar Alexander. The choir was also heard later in a visual feature entitled, "A Crusade for Christian Homes."

The picture feature portrayed day by day experiences of an average family whose members deliberately purpose to make their home Christian. It pointed out the co-operation of the church in a definite home ministry.

"Save Our Homes or Else," was the subject of a sermon delivered by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, who sounded an urgent call to Christian parents to give their best in making their homes all that they should be.

#### CORRECTION

Due to an oversight, the Vacation Bible School at Hebron Church, Little Rock, was omitted from the list of 1947 standard Vacation Bible Schools in a recent issue of this paper. The Hebron School was standard, which brings the number of standard schools for 1947 to thirteen. We apologize for this oversight.

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Jack was home for his holidays from college. One day he asked his mother: "May I tell you a narrative, Mother?" The mother, not being accustomed to hearing such big words, asked: "What is a narrative, son?" "A narrative is a tale," answered Jack.

That night when going to bed, Jack said, "Mother, shall I extinguish the light?" "Extinguish, what does that mean?" asked mother. "Extinguish means put out," he explained.

A few days later Jack's mother was giving a party at their home and the dog walked in. With great dignity she addressed her son, "Jack, take the dog by the narrative and extinguish him."

When victims of war are sobbing they speak the same language all over the world.



Dr. Louie D. Newton and his personal page

## Convention

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total gifts from Southern Baptists amounting to \$4,734,288. This was made up of \$2,277,000 of undesignated funds from the Co-operative Program, \$1,064,104 designated money from all sources, and \$1,393,183 from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The Board was compelled to lay aside a reserve from undesignated funds in 1947 to cover the reduction of \$460,000 in operating funds in 1948, due to the reduction of the operating budgets of Convention agencies from \$5,000,000 in 1947 to \$4,000,000 in 1948.

During the year, the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board received \$271,482 for world relief.

#### Home Missions

Secretary J. B. Lawrence presented the report on Home Missions. The report showed that the Home Mission Board has 720 missionaries. During 1947 there were 24,221 conversions and 12,814 additions to churches. Home Mission Board forces made 255,388 religious visits during the year, and there were 55,270 persons contacted in personal work. These same forces distributed 52,651 Bibles and gospels, and 1,125,132 pages of tracts. There were 1,135 revivals conducted, 7 new missions opened, and 7 new churches organized.

#### Annuity Plans

The Relief and Annuity Board, Walter W. Alexander, executive secretary, reported \$1,000,000 paid out in benefits in 1947. The income of the Board exceeded expenditures by nearly \$2,000,000. The earnings on invested funds totalled \$410,000.

In the relief department, \$221,000 was distributed to over 1,300 aged beneficiaries. A strong appeal was made by Dr. Alexander for funds to meet the needs of these aged ministers and their wives who are not participants in any of the annuity plans.

It was reported that the Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan is now operating in all but six states. Already five widows are receiving annuities under the terms of this plan. In the various plans of the Board there are now between 16,000 and 17,000 members.

#### Baptist Papers

The circulation of Southern Baptist state papers continue to climb. In 1940, the total circulation of the 18 state Baptist papers was 190,683. At the Baltimore Convention in 1940, the goal was set at 500,000 circulation by the centennial of the Convention in 1945, however, by that date the total circulation had reached 547,254. The total circulation reported at the recent Convention, in Memphis, was 744,898. The goal, as fixed at a meeting of the editors held in Biloxi, Mississippi, in February, 1948, is "A Baptist paper in every Baptist home by 1950."

The combined circulation of Home Missions and the Commission is 212,000.

#### Theological Education

There are enrolled in the three seminaries—New Orleans Baptist Seminary, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Southern Baptist Seminary—and the W. M. U. Training School, 2,765 students. The demands for trained workers exceed the supply. Each seminary reported that it has more calls for trained workers than graduates who are ready to accept such positions.

## Dr. R. G. Lee Heads Southern Baptists



Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Lee

Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, was born on a farm near Fort Mill, S. C., on November 11, 1886, the son of David Ayers and Sara Elizabeth Bennett Lee. His family was poor but pious.

Early in life Dr. Lee felt the call to be a preacher. Lack of funds made it necessary for him to largely work his way through school. He earned money trapping rabbits, selling broom straw, and magazine subscriptions. He even spent one year in Panama, working on the construction of the Panama Canal.

Returning from Panama, he entered Furman Preparatory School and later won the scholarship medal, and set a new Southern record for the half-mile race—a record that stood for 10 years.

In 1909 he entered Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, where he won many honors. He graduated in 1913 with an A. B. degree. He took his post-graduate work at the Chicago Law School, where he received a Ph. D. in 1919.

He married Bula Dentry in 1913. They have two children, Mrs. Bula G. Lee King and Roy DeMent Lee.

Dr. Lee was ordained at his boyhood church at Fort Mill in 1910. His first pastorate was at Edgefield, S. C., followed by pastorates at First Baptist Church, Chester, S. C.; First Baptist

Church, New Orleans; and Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C. He became pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in December, 1927.

He has been president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention four times. He is the author of many books and serves on numerous boards of organizations operated by Baptists. He is known as a visiting pastor. He has preached one sermon 316 times. It is his famous, "Pay Day—Some Day," sermon which has been heard by more than a million persons.

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## Arkansans Graduate From Southern Seminary

Fourteen Arkansans were among the 230 men who received degrees from the Southern Seminary, Louisville, at the recent spring commencement exercises. The following ten will continue their studies at the Seminary toward higher degrees: Garland H. Allen, Tuckerman, who received the Th. M. degree; Henry Jackson Flanders Jr., Little Rock, B. D.; Barney R. Freasier, Little Rock, B. D.; J. Leland Hall, Little Rock, B. D.; Weldon E. Marcum, Jonesboro, Th. M.; William F. Montgomery, Donaldson, Th. M.; John H. Parrott, Tuckerman, Th. M.; Alfred C. Vansant, Jacksonville, Th. M.; Lehman Franklin Webb, Tuckerman, Th. M.; and Glenn C. Womack, Almond, B. D.

Two of the remaining four have accepted teaching positions and two, full time pastorates. Derward

William Deere, Malvern, who received the Th. D. degree, will be an assistant teacher during the coming year in the Old Testament department of Southern Seminary, and John Edward Steely, Arkadelphia, who received the Th. M. degree, will teach at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark. Thomas E. Lindley, Pine Bluff, who received the B. D. degree, is pastor of Baxter Avenue Mission, Louisville, Kentucky; and Charles Frank Pitts, Harrisburg, has accepted a call to the Immanuel Church, Rogers, Ark.

I have better use for my brain than to poison it with alcohol. To put alcohol in the human brain is like putting sand in the bearings of an engine.—Edison.

If we would understand the universe through and through, what a small and meager universe it would have to be!—Unknown.

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## The Family and Its Finances

By W. C. BLEWSTER

(The first in a series of messages in the Home Week program of the First Church, Stephens, Arkansas.)

The Lord has been good to the American people. America, today, enjoys the highest standard of living ever known to the human race. In 1939 the income of the American people was \$90,400,000, as compared with \$224,000,000 in 1947. More goods and services are now being turned out than ever before in our history. In 1947 we produced 30 per cent more pounds of meat than in 1939; 55 per cent more bushels of wheat; 15 per cent more pounds of dairy products; 26 per cent more tons of steel; and 13 per cent more yards of textiles.

As we turn our attention to our own fair state of Arkansas we discover that, within the past five years, 1,533 new industries have come into Arkansas. This means increased pay rolls. The natural resources of Arkansas are largely responsible for bringing these new industries to our state. Ouachita County is rich in natural resources, oil, timber, and farm land, which provide the people of the county with sources of wealth.

God has provided all these natural resources, and has endowed us with the intelligence, ingenuity, and initiative to use these resources for our own sustenances and enrichment. In the use of the materials which God has provided us, we should remember that, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein." Since "the earth is the Lord's . . . and they that dwell therein," we are under obligation to recognize God in the appropriation and use of the resources which He has placed at our disposal. In this recognition, we are under obligation to return to God a portion of our earnings, the proportion of which is at least 10 per cent. This 10 per cent is to be taken out of our income first, not second, or last.

The Psalmist asks, "What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" and Moses answers in Deuteronomy, "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year."

Considering all the blessings which God has bestowed upon us, is it not a small consideration that is required of us to set aside one dime out of each dollar for the Lord's work? Consider, also, what Southern Baptists could do if all our people would tithe their income. The financial problems of our local churches, our state, and South-wide institutions would be

solved, and we could multiply our foreign missionary force many, many times.

There is a warning which we should heed—do not rob God. Does such language appear to be too strong? Yet, it is the language that God himself uses. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me: But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Personally, I would rather rob your local bank than to have a guilty conscience toward God because I had used the dime out of each dollar which belongs to Him.

We find Abraham giving tithes to Melchizedek, king of Salem, and Jacob vowing to give a tithe of all that God should give him, therefore, the principle of the tithe was understood and practiced at the very beginning of the Hebrew race. In the closing book of the Old Testament, Malachi, God instructs his people, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The Apostle Paul instructs the Corinthian Christians as follows: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

If we follow the teachings of the Bible, both the Old and the New Testament, we will bring our tithes to the Lord's house on the Lord's day. We shall be richly blessed by doing so, and we shall extend the Lord's kingdom through the earth.

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## Training Union Awards Increase

During April, 2,972 Training Union study course awards were earned by the people of Arkansas, compared to 2,573 for April, 1947. This is a substantial increase. During the first four months of 1948, 6,655 Training Union awards were granted, compared to 5,999 for the first four months of 1947.

During April, the following new Training Union groups were organized in various churches of the state: 10 Story Hours; 9 Junior Unions; 10 Intermediate unions; 9 Young People's union; and 9 Adult unions; making a total of 47 individual unions in ten different churches.

## Ouachita Graduates Largest Class in History

Graduates, numbering 118, were awarded bachelor's degrees by Ouachita College at the sixty-second annual commencement exercises, Monday, May 24. The class of 118 includes 48 who will complete their work for bachelor's degree in the summer term at Ouachita.

The commencement address was delivered at 10 a. m., Monday, May 24, by Dr. Robert G. LeTourneau of Peoria, Illinois, and president of R. G. LeTourneau, Inc. Following the address by Mr. LeTourneau, Dr. J. R. Grant, president of the college, assisted by Dean A. M. Witherington, conferred the degrees upon the graduates.

Following the conferring of bachelor's degrees, honorary degrees were conferred upon the following: Bruce H. Price, doctor of divinity; T. H. Jordan, doctor of divinity; and Robert G. LeTourneau, doctor of laws.

Other features of the commencement exercises include the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, May 23, delivered by Dr. Bruce H. Price, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia.

Sunday afternoon the three-manuel Kilgen organ and the Baldwin piano were dedicated. These instruments were given to Ouachita College by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferguson, Chicago, in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Ferguson, and Mr. and Mrs. William S. Mayes, Marshall.

At 1:00 p. m., Monday, May 24, the annual alumni luncheon and business meeting was held in Ouachita dining hall. William E. Mankin, Camden, president of the Ouachita Alumni Association, served as toastmaster. Classes of 1898, 1908, 1918, 1928, 1938, and 1948 sat at special tables and were recognized as the honor classes.

## Reservations

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## Department of MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

### SPECIAL MISSION WORKERS

We are happy to announce that the Home Mission Board is furnishing eight young people, all volunteers for mission work, to serve with this department during the summer months.

Miss Nancy Lou Ward, student in Oklahoma Baptist University, and Miss Wanda Jean Strong, from Louisiana College, will work in Independence Association, with Missionary J. Ernest Cox.

Miss Alfalene Jolly and Miss Dorothy Louise Smith, students in Blue Mountain College, Mississippi, will spend the summer in Little Red River Association, working in the territory near Heber Springs. James E. Holmes is the associational missionary.

Miss Oneita Joyce Chastain, Gentry, Arkansas, a student in Ouachita College, will work in Boone-Carroll and Newton County Associations. Six weeks will be spent in Boone-Carroll, serving with missionary G. E. Lafferty, and the latter part of the summer in Newton County, with Otis Denny. Another young lady will be assigned to work with Miss Chastain.

Two Texans, Miss Ettie Ruth Hammons and Miss Doris O. Garrett, will work in IZARD County a few weeks, then go to Buckner Association for the rest of the summer where Herman Highfill is missionary. These young women are students in the University of Houston and Howard Payne College, respectively.

The Mission Department has been fortunate in securing these workers for our mission fields in Arkansas.

### RURAL EVANGELIST RESIGNS

D. C. Bandy, one of the three rural evangelists employed by the Mission Department, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Park Place Church, Hot Springs.

He came to the work in Arkansas last August from a very successful pastorate in Fort Worth, Texas. His work in the rural field during the months he has served, have been outstanding. We regret to lose him, but predict a successful ministry with Park Place Church.

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# Men Who Dared To Stand For God

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

In this lesson, we study four remarkable men who dared to put God first, regardless of the powers that be or of any circumstances of life. This portion of Daniel, as well as the prophetic visions, in fact, was written to encourage, enlighten, and inspire the Hebrew people in a dark, hopeless time. The book was intended to bring light into darkness, to increase faith, and dispel doubt. What men of faith were these friends!

Do we dare to stand for God today? The time isn't coming, but has come, when the Christians in the United States are called upon to stand by their convictions. Let us carefully consider these two events; then draw our lesson for our own lives and, particularly, our Baptist people.

## Obeying God Rather Than Man

It is well for us to call to mind the nation of Babylon, as to its power and its wealth. Daniel and his three companions were servants to a nation; rich, proud, pagan, exacting, and a leader in commerce and architecture. Everything about the ruler, King Nebuchadnezzar, was pompous, magnificent, and colossal. With those brief facts, it is easy for us to understand the opening of chapter 3. Daniel is not mentioned here; perhaps he was away on some mission of the court's business at the time of this event. The passages do not tell us that situation, but we are concerned with his three friends. On the plain of Dura, the king has placed a huge image of gold, sixty cubits high and six cubits broad. We are not told what this image was, but it may have been the image of one of Babylon's many gods or goddesses; some feel that, as was often the custom of kings, it was an image of Nebuchadnezzar, himself. It was either made of gold or overlaid with gold, a costly piece of work either way.

At the sound of music, all were to fall down and worship the image; the penalty for refusing to do so was death in a burning fiery furnace. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, true to their God, their teachings (Exodus 20:5, Deut. 5:9), and their convictions, refused to obey the command of the king. To the credit of Nebuchadnezzar, we see that he was not blinded to justice by his fury at this disobedience, but he gave them a second chance to worship the image.

How thrilling is the response of these Hebrew captives; they refused to obey this idolatrous command, affirming two things; first, they knew, even though placed in the furnace, God could deliver them if He so willed. Second, recorded in verse 18, we see their

## Sunday School Lesson For June 6, 1948

Daniel 3:4-7, 13-18; 6:4, 5, 10, 16, 17, 21-23

triumphant faith and unpromising stand; they said that if God does not deliver, "be it known . . . that we will not serve the gods nor worship the golden image." Yea, surely, God did send One, no doubt the very Son of God, to protect and deliver His faithful servants.

## Prayer Overcomes

In Daniel 6, we study the truth of the story of "Daniel in the Lions' Den." The very simplicity of the story should not prohibit our deep and earnest study. When this is written, Daniel is an old man, between 70 and 80, but is in favor with Darius, serving as an overseer with princes under his rule. He is successful, honest, wise, and very devout. What usually happens when a person is like that? Sad is the knowledge that this evil lurks among Christian workers. Someone, usually inferior, becomes jealous. Some of the other leaders in the Kingdom sought to accuse Daniel, and to find fault with his service to the king. Finding nothing there, a diabolical plan came to their minds. They knew Daniel to be a man of prayer, so this was to be their target.

The faithful captives looked toward Jerusalem, the holy city of their fathers, as they prayed. Daniel opened his windows toward the land God had given his people three times a day and knelt in prayer. Knowing this, his enemies worked and schemed until Darius signed a petition, the terms of which were; "whoever, during a period of 30 days, should make a petition of any god or man, ex-

cept Darius, should be cast into a den of lions." Did this stop the prayers of Daniel? No, he did what every true child of God will do under persecution, through fire and tribulations. He went into his room, opened his window, and prayed!


Again, we have the satisfactory climax of a godly service. God kept His servant! God opened the eyes of the king and the prayer life of Daniel which made his faith unwavering, was used of God to bring honor to His Holy Name.

## Are We True to Our Faith?

In these days of easy living we may forget that our faith was bought for us at a great cost. We are thinking of those martyrs who burned at the stake, suffered and died on the rack, died of the agony of starvation rather than recant. Surely, the knowledge of Calvary's Cross, the remembrance of these former heroes of faith, should stir our hearts and lead us to a strong stand for God and righteous living. Do we stand true when the crowd goes the way of worldliness? Do we hold to our convictions

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I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right, but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side.—Abraham Lincoln.

when the scorners laugh at us? Are we true when suffering may result? Oh, that our Baptist men and women would dare to stand for God at home, at work, at play, and at life's every opportunity!

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## A Great Convention

Elsewhere in this issue there will be given a resume of the proceedings of the Southern Baptist Convention, which was held in Memphis, May 19-23. We simply call attention, on this page, to some high points in the Convention. We cannot mention all the matters that were outstanding so we only mention two or three.

We were impressed with the way our Baptist people freely exercised their privileges as members of a democratic body. In a Baptist body whether it be a church, convention, or an association, each member has equal privileges with all the rest. On the floor of the Convention any messenger is entitled to speak on any question that arises where debate is in order. A messenger does not necessarily have to be an officer in the Convention or a member of some committee to be entitled to the privileges of the floor. Then, too, the vote of one messenger counts as much as the vote of the vice president of the Convention. In the meeting at Memphis, the messengers were free to take part and express their sentiments on measures, both great and small.

A Baptist body is a true democracy. We think it is the only true democracy on earth. The constitution of the Convention requires that all messengers be members of regular co-operating missionary Baptist churches. Any church, however small, may have one messenger, and no church, however large, can have more than ten messengers. They are not delegates, they are messengers.

Another thing that impressed us was the fact that our Baptist people in the South are determined to keep the work free from "entangling alliances." Occasionally, reference was made to the Federal Council of Churches, and kindred movements which constantly solicit the affiliation and help of Southern Baptists. Occasionally, committees are named for the purpose of "observing," "appraising," or "investigating the possibility of some co-operation between the Southern Baptist Convention and some other movement. But, when it comes to a definite pronouncement, the Southern Baptist Convention overwhelmingly commits itself to the policy of holding aloof from non-Baptist organizations. The late Dr. J. B. Gambrell, when he was president of the Convention, reminded the leaders in these general movements which seek denominational union that "Baptists do not ride a horse without a bridle." Any person who is familiar with horses knows what Dr. Gambrell meant. It is dangerous indeed to get on a horse unless you have a bridle with which you can guide him. If Baptists were to join or affiliate with some union movement over which Baptists have no control it would be just as dangerous to our Baptist way of life as getting on an unbridled horse would be to our physical lives. A few years ago, when the Convention met in Baltimore, a duly appointed committee headed by the late Dr. George W. Truett and such men as W. R. White of Texas, recom-

mended that we hold ourselves aloof from unionizing movements. If we remember correctly, about forty messengers in the Convention voted against the resolution brought by Dr. Truett, Dr. White, and others of the committee. These forty are in favor of the Federal Council of Churches and other Union movements, but forty votes in a Convention of thousands and thousands of true Baptists do not amount to much. Many of this same small group are constantly seeking to change the sentiment and conviction of Southern Baptists along these lines. The Convention will continue, in our judgment, to stay on the main line and to refrain from official and organic connection with the Federal Council of Churches and other unionizing groups.

In our humble judgment, the Federal Council of Churches will not stop until it becomes as political and as much of a hierarchy as the Roman Catholic Church. The surest way to maintain freedom of religion is for Baptists in their great Christian democracy to hold aloof from these organizations that are totalitarian.

Another thing that impressed us in the Convention was the fact that our Southern Baptist people are determined to welcome into our fellowship messengers of regular churches which believe the doctrines that we believe and which are determined to carry out the great Commission on New Testament principles. Today, we do not differ from our Northern brethren on the slavery question because, we do not believe in slavery. If churches located in the North or elsewhere, cannot work with the Baptists of their section and want to work with us, our people will not send them back home when they knock at our doors for denominational relationships. We see nothing wrong in this practice and we think that if there were Southern Baptist churches that do not believe as Southern Baptists believe and wanted to join the Northern Baptist Convention, or some other group, we might express our regrets, but we would not protest their leaving us to join in with another group whose doctrines and practices suited them.

It was a great Convention, indeed. It made a profound impression not only upon Memphis, but upon the surrounding territory. The Baptist spirit and the Baptist work were ever before the people. The tower chimes installed for the occasion sounded out the tunes of the great songs of Zion. The daily newspapers printed much of the proceedings of the Convention and of the personnel and work of Southern Baptists, and so did the broadcasting stations.

### O. C. Harvey

Pastor O. C. Harvey, Second Church, Arkadelphia, has offered his resignation as pastor of the Second Church, which is to be effective July 1. We understand that Brother Harvey

will be available for revival meetings, conferences, and supply work. He might also be available for the pastorate. He can be contacted by mail or telephone in Arkadelphia.

### Wilbanks and Springdale

Recently, the First Church, Springdale, celebrated the third anniversary of their beloved pastor, C. E. Wilbanks. The church is enjoying a remarkable growth. They have baptized nearly two hundred disciples, and the enrolment and average attendance in the Training Union and in other organizations is increasing all the time. Pastor Wilbanks is a lovable pastor, a progressive leader, and a strong preacher. His work is re-inforced by the work of a number of very fine laymen. The church has recently employed Lucian Coleman as pastor's assistant.

### Arkansans On South-Wide Boards

Arkansas Baptists placed on South-wide boards and committees at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tennessee, are:

**Foreign Mission Board**—M. Ray McKay, Second Church, Little Rock.

**Home Mission Board**—Harold B. Tillman, First Church, Conway.

**Sunday School Board**—R. C. Campbell, First Church, Little Rock.

**Relief and Annuity Board**—W. O. Vaught Jr., Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

**Southwestern Seminary**—R. O. Barker, Little Rock.

**New Orleans Seminary**—T. K. Rucker, First Church, Malvern.

**Executive Committee**—E. L. Compere, Little Rock.

**Southern Baptist Hospital**—E. C. Brown, First Church, Blytheville.

**Education Commission**—J. R. Grant, Arkadelphia.

**Social Service Commission**—Brooks Hays, Little Rock.

**Radio Commission**—A. R. Pierce, First Church, Pine Bluff.

**Historical Society**—L. C. Tedford, First Church, Corning.

**Baptist Brotherhood**—C. L. Durrett, Little Rock.

**Public Relations**—Brooks Hays, Little Rock.  
**W. M. U. Work**—Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Little Rock.

**Committee on Boards, 1949**—E. C. Brown, First Church, Blytheville.

**Baptist Papers**—B. H. Duncan, Little Rock.  
**To Investigate Oregon Petition**—R. C. Campbell, First Church, Little Rock.

**Committee on Church Organizations**—Walter Johnson, First Church, Fayetteville.

**To Study Field of Theological Education**—R. C. Campbell, First Church, Little Rock.

**Western Assembly**—Clyde Hart, Central Church, Hot Springs.