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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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—Eva Louma Photo

**"The Law of the Lord is perfect, Converting the Soul"**

Psalm 19:7



# The Southern Baptist Press Association

By the Editor

Perhaps the most important meeting of the year for the editors of Southern Baptist state papers is the meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association. This Association is composed of the editors of the Southern Baptist state papers together with the editors of **The Commission**, published by the Foreign Mission Board, **Southern Baptist Home Missions**, published by the Home Mission Board, and a few others in related fields.

## Lecture Course

The recent meeting was held in New Orleans, February 12-14. The state secretaries held their annual meeting at the same time and place.

Dr. Phillips Russell, professor of journalism at the University of North Carolina, was guest lecturer during our recent meeting in New Orleans. Doctor Russell discussed many phases of journalism which apply to the religious press, also, the mechanical make-up of the papers and their general appearance. These lecture courses from year to year are very beneficial to the editors and provide them with a sort of schooling for their editorial jobs.

In addition to the lectures, business sessions are held by the Association, also, discussion periods are conducted by the various editors themselves.

## Officers

Much to the surprise of your editor, and in his absence, he was elected president of the Association. We had received an invitation from Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Seminary, to speak at the seminary chapel on Thursday morning at ten o'clock. It was while we were filling this engagement that the Association elected officers for the ensuing year. Dr. Richard N. Owen, editor of the **Baptist and Reflector** of Tennessee, was elected vice president, and Orbie Clem, editor of the **Kansas Southern Baptist Beams**, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

## New Orleans Seminary

We had a delightful visit at the seminary with President Leavell, his faculty, and his student body. There were several students from Arkansas, some of whom we were happy to meet personally.

The New Orleans Seminary has an outstanding faculty and the student body has grown to the limit of the capacity of the present facilities. Further expansion will be possible when the seminary's new property is developed to such an extent that the institution can move to its new site.

One of the greatest thrills we experienced was our visit to the seminary's new site which is now being developed. This property is situated on one of the main boulevards of the city which is also one of the main highways, Number 90, running east and west. Coastal tourist traffic passes directly in front of this seminary property. President Leavell expects the building program to be far enough advanced by the fall of 1953 to move the seminary to this new location.

Another thrill which we experienced, when we saw this new property and as we contemplated the development of the property for the purpose of the seminary, was the fact that this new property was purchased and is being developed by Co-

operative Program funds. The capital needs allocation in the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program Budget is making possible this gratifying achievement by the New Orleans Seminary.

## 1,000,000 Circulation

The next meeting of the Southern Baptist Association will be held in Miami at the time of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May.

Total circulation of Southern Baptist state papers is approximately one million. This circulation obviously means that the state papers hold a strategic place in our denominational program and perhaps constitute the most useful and influential medium of promotion for our denominational program as a whole.

In Arkansas we are gratified that the **Arkansas Baptist** has a high rating among the Southern Baptist state papers and that percentagewise we have a larger proportion of subscriptions compared to Baptist constituency than many of the other papers.

The Southern Baptist Press Association provides a rich and stimulating fellowship. The editors are a fine group of consecrated Christian men. These men are not provincial in their outlook, rather they view the Convention program as a whole and are remarkably successful in presenting a well-balanced emphasis upon all phases of our denominational work. No more unselfish group can be found in our Southern Baptist fellowship than our Southern Baptist editors, who work primarily not for the agency that they head but to make that agency the servant of all other agencies and institutions within our Baptist fellowship.

## Another Victim of Politics

By the Editor

Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee has made an announcement which comes as a distinct disappointment to countless numbers of people whose admiration for and confidence in the Tennessee senator had been built up to a high pitch by his relentless exposure of crime throughout the nation. It was thought that here is a man who will stand on high moral and political principles, come what may.

But we are let down, and the fall is all the harder because of the high degree of confidence in the senator, when Senator Kefauver announced that he favored a personal envoy of the President to the Vatican. The Senator has undertaken in this instance the difficult feat of trying to cater to the two extreme attitudes toward the Vatican appointment. By opposing a "full-fledged ambassador" he seems to hope to allay the fears and salve the feelings of those who oppose an ambassador to the Vatican; by advocating a personal envoy of the President to the Vatican he seems to think that he will win the Catholic vote or at least will not antagonize the Catholics.

It is amazing to what lengths of inconsistency and contradictory behavior politics will carry one who has set his heart upon political office.

The senator's apparent effort to take a middle course on this issue is too transparent to fool anyone except the senator himself—and we had thought that he was a more intelligent man than that.

# Leaven Of The Kingdom

A Devotion by the Editor

"... till the whole is leavened."

The scene, presented by this parable, is a "homey" one. The setting is a kitchen in a private home, the person is the typical housewife, her occupation at the moment is a daily routine task. She is mixing a "batch" of dough, adding one ingredient after another and then kneading the whole so as to mix them thoroughly and evenly in the meal. To this "batch" of dough she adds a bit of leaven or yeast, then she paces it in a vessel several times its size and waits for the dough to "rise."

Over against this scene of magnificent simplicity is placed the scene of a kingdom. Could there be any two scenes more unlike than a woman busily engaged in her kitchen making bread and that of building a kingdom, such as was known in that far off day or such as is known today?

First then consider the leaven. What is it? Leaven is "anything which produces, or is designed to produce, fermentation, anything which makes a general assimilating change in the mass."

Two words define the characteristics of leaven: fermentation and assimilation. Leaven is something that sets up an agitated movement in the mass of dough and produces chemical changes in the dough.

And Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like that. It produces the spiritual changes in human life comparable to the chemical changes produced in the mass of dough by the leaven. The kingdom produces an agitation of the human emotions, intellect, and will and the ultimate end desired is the complete assimilation of the reign of God by human emotions, intellect, and will.

The meal in the parable has already been identified as human life. The leaven begins in the life of the individual, it sets up a fermentation, a movement, an agitation in his soul.

The reign of God is the assertion of the life of God, the expression of the will of God, the working of the love of God, the execution of the purposes of God, the dispensation of the grace of God, the final consummation of life in His eternal kingdom.

"Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." Matthew 13:33.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Authority Rather Than Authoritarianism

According to Webster authority means legal or rightful power; a right to command or act; dominion, jurisdiction. Authoritarianism means the principle of obedience to authority as opposed to individual liberty.

#### Basic Principle

One of the basic principles of Baptists is to accept only the authority of Christ in religious matters and to reject all semblance of authoritarianism in religion. Baptists recognize Jesus as the head of the church, the New Testament as the only rule of faith and practice for New Testament churches; they reject all authority in religious matters which emanates from human organization or institution. Baptists believe in the competency of the individual soul before God; Baptists believe that each individual can take the Bible which is accepted as the word of God, and find God's will for himself and in the light of Christian experience and guided by the Holy Spirit interpret God's word for himself.

This does not mean that Baptists exclude aids and helps but on the contrary encourage the individual to use all the aids and helps which will enable him to interpret God's word and find God's will for his life.

Baptists believe that each Baptist body is an independent organization, autonomous and responsible to no authority except that of Jesus Christ Himself and the Bible which is the word of God. We doubt if there is a single individual Baptist anywhere, certainly within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, who would question the above statement or claim that any Baptist body has any authority over any other Baptist body in the world.

#### The Natural Man

Yet authoritarianism is so strong in the natural man that it sometimes creeps out in his religious thinking. It is not easy to keep this authoritative attitude subdued and silent. And so we sometimes find Baptists who want to set up rules for the interpretation of God's word, establish laws for the personal conduct of Christians, pass resolutions for the instruction of other Baptist bodies, and so on. We sometimes find a Baptist brother who will brand another as a heretic unless the other expresses his views in the very words of the critical brother.

There are basic principles and doctrines which make Baptists distinctive. Beyond these basic principles and doctrines there is a great variety of opinions, beliefs, convictions, interpretations, and thoughts among Baptists. Even with this great variety we cannot exhaust the interpretation of the scriptures and the gospel message.

#### Purpose of General Bodies

Therefore, it ill behooves an individual

Baptist or an individual Baptist organization to reprimand another and so assume the authority to correct another or call another Baptist body such names as are calculated to discredit it in the mind of the general constituency of our Baptist fellowship. No general body of Baptists, whether it be an association, a state Convention, or the Southern Baptist Convention, has any authority to pass judgment upon another Baptist body.

#### Spirit Filled

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

There are two prevalent fallacies among us: One is that these glowing experiences of the early Christians were confined to their day and are impossible today; the other is that for a like experience to be genuine today it must be accompanied by the wrappings of the original pattern. These people were filled with the Holy Ghost, which is possible to us; these people were conscious of the presence of their risen Lord, which is possible to us.

These general bodies of Baptists were organized not for the purpose of setting up rules for interpretation of the Bible, standards of orthodoxy, and such like, but for the purpose, as stated in the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention, "To provide a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories for the promotion of Christian missions at home and abroad and any other objects such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services which it may deem proper and advisable for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God."

Article four of the same Constitution states, "While independent and sovereign in its own sphere, the Convention does not claim and will never attempt to exercise any authority over any other Baptist body, whether church, auxiliary organizations, association, or Convention."

#### Local Church Problems

The preamble to the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention states that the messengers who met in Augusta, Georgia, May 8, 1845, did so "for the purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intention of our constituents by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel." That is the genius of every Baptist organization.

Even Baptists must be on their guard to keep out of their deliberative assemblies, of whatever character or nature from the

### Simultaneous Crusades

The value and practicability of simultaneous evangelistic crusades are well recognized in Arkansas and such crusades seem to have won a definite place in the evangelistic planning of our pastors and churches.

No state-wide simultaneous evangelistic crusade is being planned at this time. However, there are associational simultaneous crusades and district simultaneous crusades being planned for this spring. Some of these crusades begin in March, others begin in April. The church bulletins which come to our desk indicate that plans are well under way for these crusades and that the pastors and churches are entering into the spirit of the crusades in a wonderful way.

We will have the privilege and the pleasure of co-operating in one of these crusades, assisting Pastor Charles F. Wilkins and First Church, Newport, in a revival beginning March 9.

This spirit of evangelism and the use of the simultaneous evangelistic crusade are not confined to Arkansas. The same spirit prevails and the same methods are being used throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Doubtless the two regional simultaneous evangelistic crusades, the first one in 1950 west of the Mississippi River and the second one in 1951 east of the River, has given tremendous impetus to the evangelistic movement throughout our territory.

Every nation-wide religious survey reveals the Southern Baptist Convention to be the most evangelistic and the fastest growing evangelical denomination in the United States. This is gratifying and should stimulate Southern Baptists to intensify their efforts in the field of evangelism because of the obvious blessings of the Lord upon their message of evangelism. We feel that these gratifying evangelistic results are in accord with the promise of Jesus that if we testify and bear witness to Him souls will be added unto the Lord.

Southern Baptist Convention itself on up to the local church, any semblance of authoritarianism. Baptists get into trouble among themselves when any one or any group among them resorts to authoritarianism.

Many of the problems in local churches result from some brother or sister or some group becoming authoritarian. Ten thousand times ten thousand problems would be solved in local churches if this authoritarian spirit could be once and for all suppressed. While there may be a good deal of authoritarianism practiced in local churches, it is not a Baptist principle, it is against every Baptist principle which has made Baptists distinctive through the ages.

Let us therefore be true to our liberty in Christ Jesus our Lord and accept Him and Him only as our authority.

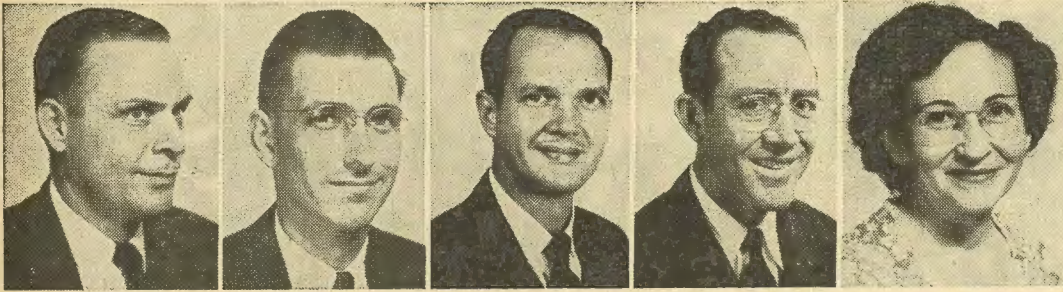
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Human freedom is the scarcest and most precious commodity in the world today—  
—Walter R. Courtenay.



# Kingdom Progress

## Arkansas Graduates At New Orleans Seminary



Arkansas Baptists have five who expect to graduate from the New Orleans Seminary in May. Their names (left to right) and home addresses follows: For Bachelor of Divinity: Ben D. Kyzer, Little Rock; Alfred R. Major, Little Rock; Ray S. Nelson, Benton, and Curtis E. Pennington, Warren. For Certificate in Christian Training, Mrs. C. E. Pennington.

Other Arkansans now at New Orleans Seminary include Patrick J. Caldwell, Arka-

delphia; J. D. Corley, West Helena; Mrs. W. C. Dudley (Nee Maurine Austine), Montrose; Charles C. Duncan, Waldron; Mrs. C. H. Favell, Ft. Smith; W. W. Grafton, Booneville; Charles E. Hall and Mrs. Hall, Little Rock; James C. Hefley, Harrison; Henry L. Keahey, Fort Smith; Rawls Pierce, Crossett; Paul Shipman, Mena; Norman L. Sutton, Hot Springs, and Violet Ward, Junction City.

## Evangelist at Wabaseka



JAMES McLANE

Pastor James McLane of Travelers Rest, South Carolina, will assist Pastor Paul E. Grimes and the Wabaseka Church of Pine Bluff in revival services beginning March 2.

About a year ago Mr. McLane assisted Pastor Grimes in a revival meeting at the Greenlee Church, Pine Bluff.

Dr. Leo Eddleman, Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, will be guest evangelist at First Church, Little Rock, the second week of their revival, April 13-27. Dr. K. O. White, pastor, will do the preaching the first week of the revival.

Dr. Kyle M. Yates of the Second Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, is with Dr. M. Ray McKay and the Second Church this week in revival services.

Dr. Edgar Williamson, State Sunday School Director, will be with Pastor B. H. Eustis and First Church, Siloam Springs, in a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign, March 2-7.

First Church, Hot Springs, recently adopted an appropriate expression of appreciation for the services of Adam Gebhardt Jr., and Mrs. Gebhardt upon his resignation as associate pastor, and commended him to the Richland Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee, where he assumed the duties as pastor of the church.

Pastor W. F. Couch of the Amelia Baptist Church in Beaumont, Texas, will assist Pastor Guy D. McGehee and First Church, Manila, in revival services March 30 to April 6.

Caudle Avenue Church of Springdale, Roe Matthews, pastor, has installed a public address system in the auditorium by which the worship service is carried to the nursery and other departments of the church building.

The missions committee of First Church, Wynne, upon the authority of the church, purchased the Catholic church building and home and subsequently offered the property to the Tri-County Association for the

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### From Here and There

Pastor D. C. Applegate and First Church, Paragould, will have the assistance of Dr. Dale Cowling, State B. S. U. Secretary, and a team of six young people for a revival meeting March 16-23.

Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse will be guest lecturer during Bible Conference Week at First Church, Fort Smith, beginning February 17, J. Harold Smith, pastor.

Seven missionaries from the Home and Foreign Mission Boards participated in the mission emphasis program at First Church, North Little Rock, during the week of February 10.

Dr. Carl J. Giers, pastor of First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, was guest speaker at the Brotherhood meeting of the Beech Street Church, Texarkana, James G. Harris, pastor, on Monday night, February 18.

Mr. Ralph Bayless, minister of music and education for the past seventeen months at Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, has resigned to accept a similar position with the Immanuel Church, Paducah, Kentucky.

The Men's Bible Class of First Church, Fouke, voted unanimously to divide the class and organize two classes of men instead of one. The men were convinced that two classes could reach more prospective members than the one class.

The building committee of First Church, Malvern, has advertised for bids for the completion of the new church auditorium. February 28 has been set as the last day to receive bids.

The Sunday School of Central Church, Magnolia, Loyd L. Hunnicutt, pastor, reached an all time high in attendance during January with an average of 608.

Pastor D. C. McAtee and Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, were assisted in a Stewardship Revival the first week in February by Pastor J. W. Buckner of First Church, Crossett. A financial goal of \$1,111.11 was set up for Sunday, February 10. This goal was surpassed and receipts for the day totaled \$1,132.31.

Central Church, Magnolia, Loyd L. Hunnicutt, pastor, opened their new mission chapel for the first service in the new building on Sunday, February 17.

The Ouachita Choir will render a program of sacred music at First Church, England on Sunday morning, March 2.

The Sunday School of First Church, Bearden, John E. Hargett, pastor, has reached the requirements of a standard Sunday School.

Mr. John Duncan of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, Lloyd A. Sparkman, pastor, surrendered to the gospel ministry on Sunday, January 27, at the morning worship service.

Missionary Clyde Hankins who has spent many years in missionary work in Brazil was guest speaker at the Brotherhood meeting of Central Church, Hot Springs, on February 19.

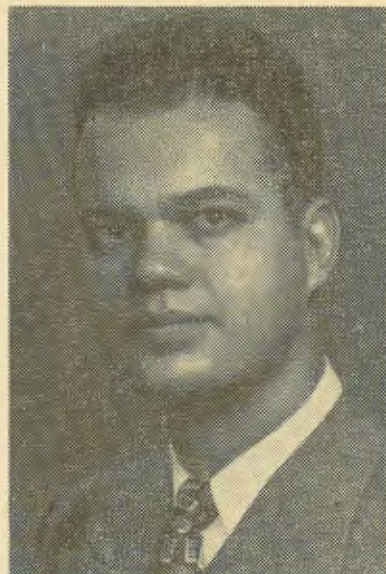
Reynolds Memorial Church, Little Rock, and Pastor Guy S. Wilson, will have the assistance of Dr. Edgar Williamson and his staff of workers of the State Sunday School Department for a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign beginning on March 16.

First Church, Fayetteville, Walter L. Johnson, pastor, has purchased a lot in the northwest part of the city on which they will erect a building for the purpose of establishing a mission.

Shofner Burge, Jesse Woollum, and Herbert Spence were ordained as deacons by First Church, Nettleton, on Sunday afternoon, February 17.



### Rotary Fellowship Winner



JACK D. GUENTHER

Jack D. Guenther of Little Rock, and a member of Tabernacle Church, has been awarded a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for advanced study abroad in 1952-1953. He is one of 109 graduate students from 34 counties to be chosen for Fellowships.

Mr. Guenther was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Little Rock and will begin study of intellectual history at Cambridge University, England, next fall.

Selected from a field of nine students, by a Rotary committee headed by Dr. Granville Davis, Little Rock Junior College president, he becomes the first scholarship candidate submitted by the Little Rock Rotary Club.

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missionary's home. The Wynne Church proposed to contribute \$1,000 toward the purchase of the property for the association.

First Church, Piggott, Clay Polk, pastor, is in the process of constructing an educational building on the pay-as-you-go plan.

Dr. D. Wade Armstrong of Oklahoma City, formerly of Arkansas, will be guest evangelist in a revival meeting in First Church, Rector, J. Leland Hall, pastor.

Dr. Clay I. Hudson of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, is with the First Church, Batesville, and Pastor C. D. Sallee Jr., in a Training Union enlargement campaign this week.

First Church, Warren, is planning for a youth revival the week of April 9-13.

Pastor Lawson Hatfield and Calvary Church, Little Rock, have inaugurated a "Faithful Followers Campaign" for the three months of March, April, and May. The purpose is to reach every member of the church for Sunday School enrollment and attendance.

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Once gaining a taste for the Bible, no other literature can satisfy.

Christianity is like a bicycle when it stops it falls.

### Orphanage Executives In Fourth Annual Meeting



Superintendent Harold C. Seefeldt is enjoying fellowship over the coffee cup at recess time during the Fourth Annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children, meeting with one of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, Spring Meadows, near Louisville. On his extreme left is Robert Cooke Buckner of the Buckner Orphans Home, Dallas, Texas; D. C. Black of Louisiana, and Jack Herring of North Carolina.

Nineteen of the twenty Homes were represented in this annual meeting, with the central theme of "Development of a Child."

#### Evangelist Available

C. S. Bourns, Box 874, Comanche, Texas, announces that he is entering the evangelistic field on May 20, and that he has some open dates through the summer.

#### First Church, Murfreesboro Has New Pastor

E. S. Hall of New Albany, Mississippi, is the new pastor of First Church, Murfreesboro. The Murfreesboro Church has also engaged Zahle Elms of Ouachita College as minister of music.

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#### GOD—AND MAN

An irreligious farmer wrote a letter to a local newspaper: "Sir, I have been trying an experiment with a field of mine. I plowed it on Sunday. I planted it on Sunday. I reaped it on Sunday. I carted the crop home to the barn on Sunday. And what is the result? I have more bushels to the acre from the field than any of my neighbors have this October."

When he opened the paper the next week, there sure enough was his letter printed as he had sent it but underneath it was the short but significant sentence:

"God does not always settle His accounts in October."

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Whatever makes men good Christians makes them good citizens.

—Daniel Webster.

#### New Church Organized

The Chapel Mission of First Church, Blytheville, was recently organized into the Trinity Baptist Church, with 137 charter members.

David McPeake became the first pastor of the new church; F. L. Wicker, treasurer; Miss Edna Overman, clerk; V. D. Overman, financial secretary; C. S. Webb, E. C. Thompson, Marvin Kenwright, Carlton James, Herman Adair, and F. L. Wicker, deacons; E. C. Thompson, Marvin Kenwright, and C. S. Webb, trustees; Rex Lovell, Sunday School superintendent; Gene Pierce, Training Union director; Mrs. R. W. Wooten, president of the Woman's Missionary Union; F. L. Wicker, Brotherhood president.

The new church adopted a budget of \$10,000, including an allocation of \$1,200 per year to the Cooperative Program, \$180 to associational missions, and \$60 to community missions. During the month of January, total receipts amounted to \$1,272.87, \$19.90 in excess of budget requirements.

Out of a total membership of 156, there are 97 tithers. During January the Sunday School attendance averaged 196, the Training Union attendance 124.

Pastor McPeake is now enrolled in the New Orleans Seminary and returns to Blytheville each week for services at the church.

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"Blessed is the man whose watch keeps church time as well as business time."





# Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

## Underworld Elements Threaten Clergy Leader

Douglas Carroll, head of the Protestant Ministers' Association of Biloxi, Mississippi, has appealed to Governor Hugh White for protection against underworld elements which, he said, have threatened to burn his church and harm his wife and child.

Mr. Carroll was one of a group of 100 ministers and laymen from Harrison County who asked the governor to take action against bootleggers and gamblers who have reportedly been running "wide open establishments" on the Gulf Coast.

The ministers and laymen represented the Harrison County Crime Commission which has been waging a stiff fight against vice for the past four years.

Governor White assured the delegation that he would clean up Biloxi and other places in Harrison County. He proclaimed February 17-23 as Crime Prevention Week.

Attorney General J. P. Coleman told the group not to worry about underworld threats against their property and families.

"The racketeers know they would get closed up tight within 24 hours if they pulled anything like that," he said.

## Trenton City Commission Assails Florida Bombings

Bombings of Roman Catholic and Negro churches and Jewish synagogues in Florida was assailed by the Trenton City Commission.

The commission adopted a resolution urging Congress to pass legislation to halt such acts.

At the same time, the board urged President Truman to order vigorous steps to apprehend the murders of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore, crusading organizers for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who were killed when a bomb destroyed their home at Mims, Florida, several weeks ago.

## Car Owners to Get 'Motorist's Prayer'

Ten thousand copies of a "motorist's prayer" have been presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution in Richmond to state police for distribution to car owners in an effort to cut Virginia's highway death rate.

The prayer is printed on a card designed to be attached to the driver's sun visor. It reads:

"Grant me a steady hand and watchful eye

That no man shall be hurt when I pass by. Thou gavest life, and I pray no act of mine

May take away the gift of Thine.

Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company

From the evils of fire and all calamity.

Teach me to use my car for others' need

Nor miss through love of speed

The beauty of the world, that this I may With joy and courtesy go my way."

The prayer is believed to have appeared originally in The Church Times of London.

## Baptists to Sponsor Religious Radio Messages

Radio stations throughout Texas will broadcast Bible verses, short prayers and go-to-church announcements in March and April, under the auspices of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Although sponsored by the Baptists, the project has the co-operation of other denominations. However, the name of the Baptist Convention or that of any of the co-operating denominations will not be mentioned in the transcriptions.

## Students Urged to Seek Religious Experience

Brown University students, Providence, Rhode Island, were urged by Dr. Henry M. Wriston, president, to seek religious experience first and try to understand God afterward.

"You can't find God by science, or by formula, but by faith," he said at a service commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the College Praying Society, forerunner of the present Brown Christian Association.

"Emotional experience is as valid and truthful in bringing knowledge to us as any intellectual experience," Dr. Wriston said. "If you learn only through the intellectual process, your case is hopeless.

"It is just as senseless to wait for a religious experience to come to you as it is to wait for a drink of water to make itself for you in the laboratory.

"Seek the experience in advance of understanding," he advised.

## Protestant Youth Leaders Oppose UMT

Protestant youth leaders launched a campaign against Universal Military Training at the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, Columbus, Ohio.

While the youth workers took action in Columbus, Don Shriver, 21-year-old president of the United Christian Youth Movement, was in Washington registering a protest against UMT with the Senate Armed Services Committee.

## Pastor Curbs Liquor Drinking Members

Dr. Pierce Harris, pastor of First Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, believes in curbing liquor drinking by members of his congregation.

"If I see in an Atlanta paper that some member of my congregation is having a cocktail party," he said in an address to an interdenominational preaching mission here, "I assume that he is looking for publicity. So I announce it from the pulpit."

"And, believe me, it has a very restraining influence," the pastor added.

## Moody Institute Reports on Gospel Literature Distribution

Twelve million pieces of Gospel literature were distributed in 110 countries in 28 languages and dialects during 1951, according to a report from the Colportage department of Moody Bible Institute.

# A Smile or Two

Four year old Ralph was visiting his aunt, where he saw his first bed with a canopy. Upon returning home he remarked to his grandmother, "Aunt Clara has the prettiest bed I ever saw—but it has a lid on it."

—Contributed.

A Rhode Island teacher recently discovered a youngster singing, with the seriousness of his seven years, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing; land where my fathers died; land of the pills inside."

Six-year-old Mary was complaining of nothing to do. When her mother suggested that she ask some friends to come and play she said, "Well, I only have two friends and one of them doesn't like me."

Contrib: "You sit down on every joke I write."

Ed: "Well, I wouldn't if there was any point to them."

"Your brother made an awfully good after dinner speech," Walter told his wife.

"What did he say?"

"He said, 'Waiter, give me the check!'"

All through the game, an excited fan had been yelling his home team to victory. Suddenly he became silent, turned to his companion and whispered, "I've lost my voice."

"Don't worry," was the reply. "You'll find it in my left ear."

—Christian Union Herald.

A woman of cynical Missouri stock, was complaining about the ineffectiveness of her hearing aid.

"Why not get a new one?" her son inquired.

"The kind I'd want," she said, "would cost \$200."

"Well, why not get it?"

"No," she replied wistfully, "not for \$200. There isn't that much worth hearing."

A man asked his friend what had caused a collision. The friend replied, "Two motorists after the same pedestrian."

—Quote.

Since the advent of the auto, mankind is being divided into 2 groups: the quick and the dead.

—Quote.

A little boy attending his first wedding asked his mother why the bride was dressed in white. "Because," answered the mother, "white stands for purity and joy."

"Then why," was the logical retort, "does the groom wear black?"

—Quote.

A large Paris hotel requires that after midnight all guests give their names to the doorkeeper. One night a Spanish nobleman entered and announced proudly: "Senor de Gonzales y Veraqua y Miraflore y Martinez y—"

"Okay," grumbled the doorkeeper, "let the last one in close the door."

—Quote.



## News From Baptist Press

### Southern Baptists Assist In Military Preaching Weeks

Many Southern Baptist pastors and evangelists are participating in the evangelistic emphasis weeks on military installations throughout the United States, according to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, director of the Southern Baptist Chaplains Commission in Atlanta. The campaigns are currently being sponsored by the General Commission on Chaplains and the Department of Evangelism, National Council of Churches.

Although Southern Baptists are not officially connected with the sponsoring organizations, Dr. Carpenter was asked to recommend civilian ministers to be invited to military installations for the campaigns.

Campaigns during January and February this year are being conducted by the Army and Navy under direction of the Army and Navy Chiefs of Chaplains, Roy H. Parker and Stanton W. Salisbury, respectively. The Chief of Chaplains of the Air Force, Charles I. Carpenter, has led his chaplains in such campaigns in previous years and continues in 1952.

Of the current campaigns Secretary of the Army, Frank Pace Jr., has said: "The destiny of our nation may depend upon the religious life of our young men in the military services and especially as they return to civilian life."

Among the Southern Baptists assisting in the campaigns are James H. Ivey, Richmond, Virginia; James T. Ford, Huntsville, Alabama; Harold G. Sanders, Tallahassee, Florida; O. L. Bayless, Hot Springs, Arkansas; John L. Dodge, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Blake Smith, Austin, Texas; A. A. DuLaney, Roswell, New Mexico; B. Locke Davis, Anniston, Alabama; K. Owen White, Little Rock, Arkansas;

Warren Carr, Durham, North Carolina; E. L. Carnett, Fort Worth, Texas; H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City; George Heaton, Charlotte, North Carolina; E. H. Westmoreland, Houston, Texas; W. S. McBirnie, San Antonio, Texas; T. Rupert Coleman, Richmond, Virginia; James P. Wesberry, Atlanta, Georgia, and Homer B. Reynolds, Dallas, Texas.

### Deacons Get Together In Mississippi County

It was something new in associational meetings in Yazoo City when the deacons of twenty-two Baptist churches in the Yazoo County Association got together at the First Baptist Church for their first county-wide deacons' meeting.

Probably the first such meeting in the state, the get-together featured a supper and an inspirational message. W. C. Fields, pastor of the host church, taught the book *Honoring The Deaconship*.

Following the supper, Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, gave the inspirational address.

### Grey to Be Summer Baptist Hour Speaker

Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, is scheduled as speaker for the Baptist Hour broadcasts during July, August, and September this year, according to announcement by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta.

### Golden Gate Seminary Trustees Accept President's Resignation

The Golden Gate Baptist Seminary Board of Trustees in a recent Berkeley meeting adopted the resignation of President Benjamin O. Herring, effective as soon as a successor is elected and installed, according to E. Hermond Westmoreland, Houston, Texas, president of the Board.

Also accepted was the resignation of Dr. F. M. Powell, professor of Old Testament, effective immediately.

A committee named to recommend a successor to President Herring consists of the Board officers, Dr. Westmoreland, president; Floyd D. Golden, New Mexico, vice-president; Earl R. Bigelow, California, secretary, and two other members of the board, Elwin L. Skiles, Florida, and P. Boyd Smith, California.

Elected as business manager of the seminary was Paul E. Mason, now financial secretary and purchasing agent of the First Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas. He will begin his duties March 15.

Also appointed was a committee to secure options on two adjacent plots of ground near the Berkeley city limits as a new site for the seminary. The property totals ninety-seven acres and if secured will become the permanent seminary location.

The Board also took action fixing rules governing faculty and administration salaries and tenure in the future. A new salary scale adopted will be effective next year.

Next meeting of the Board will be in Miami in May during the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Southeastern Seminary

Two seminaries, the pastorate and a college are supplying six new professors for Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, to begin classes next fall.

Announcement of the new additions to the faculty was made following the recent board of trustees' meeting in Wake Forest by Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president.

They include: Dr. Robert T. Daniel, Old Testament Interpretation and Dr. Stewart A. Newman, Philosophy of Religion, both now at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. Olin T. Brinkley, Christian Sociology and Ethics, and Dr. Edward A. McDowell, Jr., New Testament Interpretation, both now at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; Dr. Marc A. Lovelace, now a member of the School of Religion faculty at Wake Forest College, and Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of the Second Baptist Church at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dr. McKay will serve as professor of Christian Preaching and Religious Education and Dr. Lovelace will be professor of Biblical Archeology.

The Southeastern Seminary, youngest of the Southern Baptist Convention's five theological institutions, is in its first year of operation this year. With only first-year courses toward the Bachelor of Divinity degree currently being offered, the enrollment since September last year has reached seventy-five.

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Every inducement for this life and for that to come urges one to study the Bible.

### Tour of South America

C. Aubrey Hearn of the Baptist Sunday School Board will conduct a missionary tour of South America leaving New Orleans, August 9. The party will visit twelve countries and the tour will end in Miami on September 14. For information address C. Aubrey Hearn or Travel, Inc., 209 Fourth Ave. N., Nashville, Tennessee.

### Wadsworth Opposes Liquor Ban Under UMT

By Religious News Service

Chairman James W. Wadsworth of the National Security Training Commission has registered strong objections to a proposed absolute ban on alcoholic beverages for 18-year-old trainees under the proposed Universal Military Training Program.

The ban was written into legislation by the House Armed Services Committee at the behest of church groups, but Mr. Wadsworth asked the Senate Armed Services Committee to eliminate it from the bill.

(NOTE: From the lips of the man who will be the director of the Universal Military Training program comes this STRONG OBJECTIVE to an absolute ban on alcoholic beverages for the 18 year old trainees.)

So don't be fooled by all the pious promises that the 18 year old trainees will be protected from the usual temptations surrounding military camps. Fathers and mothers, pastors and teachers, and all interested parties take notice and register your protest now with your congressmen and senators in Washington.—EDITOR.)

### 1,890,000 Protestant Children Enrolled in Released-Time Programs

A nation-wide enrollment of 1,890,000 Protestant school children in released-time religious education programs in the United States was reported by Dr. Edwin L. Shaver of Chicago to the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches in Columbus, Ohio.

### The Greatest Lesson

By CHARLES A. WELLS

One of the great truths of our day is the fact that education is not giving our young people what the world needs most. We have an abundance of skillful trained men, clever and experienced men and women who have already increased man's physical capacities beyond his powers of control. Yet our civilization is not facing destruction by savages,—but by Ph.D.'s. We encourage daring experiment in physical fields but look with suspicion at daring innovations in the fields of human relations. Perhaps the reason young people are afraid to attempt much in such areas is because they see how our western materialism ignores or scoffs at such figures as Ghandi who has really made more history than any half dozen modern western statesmen; or today's Garry Davis, the young American veteran who has struck out into "world citizenship," because, as he simply states, "It's got to come some day. Some of us better start it now." More such daring—and even more skill—must come into the arena of human relations.



# Report From The Capital

By DR. JOSEPH M. DAWSON, *Executive Director*  
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs

## Baptists and the Presidency

The phenomenon has come to pass that four of the leading candidates for the Presidency are Baptists—Harry S. Truman, Estes Kefauver, Robert S. Kerr, and Harold E. Stassen, with another, Earl Warren, whose family are Baptists, often identified as a Baptist. It should be gratifying to members of the denomination that so many outstanding men should come from their ranks. None, however, can accuse the Baptist of concert in voting for a man because he is a Baptist.

A freedom-loving people, noted for independent, individualistic action, are not likely to concentrate their vote on a single one of the candidates. It is significant that the candidates calling themselves Baptists are divided in party allegiance, and not one of them is appealing for Baptist support as such. Baptists never vote in blocs. There is no certain Baptist hierarchy which attempts to dictate to Baptists how they will vote. Again, Baptists have no selfish motive to actuate them, such as securing government funds for their institutions or government positions for their members in order to obtain special favors or advantage for their denomination. They agree with Protestants generally that there should be complete separation between church and state. Baptists are primarily interested in electing good men, who believe that clear democratic, constitutional ideals and principles should be upheld in this American Republic. While they might have commendable pride in beholding one of their number in the White House, they would be among the first to condemn his malfeasance or untrustworthy performance in office. This has been proved in specific cases, whether Republican or Democrat, and they are sufficiently strong in the nation to make themselves felt in this aspect.

## Graham Meeting

The Billy Graham evangelistic campaign, conducted in the National Armory, Washington, D. C., has gathered momentum from the opening day, met with increasing favor from the public, resulted in hundreds of professions of faith, and undoubtedly exerted a powerful influence upon the life of the Capital. The attitude of the press has been friendly and generous. Some prominent members of Congress have lent their presence to the meetings. The evangelist has touched other government groups, notably that of the Pentagon. Undoubtedly daily prayers of many good people throughout the country have been offered for the success of the gospel effort, and all will be watching with eager eyes to ascertain the degree of fulfillment which comes out of it. Perhaps the chief interest of these good people will be in discovering what will be the measure of purging corruption from the administration of every branch of government.

## UMT Hearings

Hearings have just been completed on UMT before the House Armed Services Committee. Sixty-nine witnesses were heard. Proponents were members of the National Security Training Commission and representatives of the Armed Forces and of veterans organizations. Not a single spokesman for religious, educational, farm, labor, or

women's organizations testified for UMT as a permanent policy. Most education organizations testified against it. The Association of American Colleges summed up their opposition to UMT as "likely to be fantastically expensive, educationally undesirable, morally hazardous, and politically dangerous." In Washington some newspapers declare the Vinson bill, H. R. 5904, is doubtful of passage. The Executive Director will testify against it before the Senate Committee.

## Vatican Issue

As to what is happening in respect to communications from citizens in regard to the Vatican issue, this letter from Senator Edward Martin of Pennsylvania: "I have received more than 50,000 communications protesting the nomination of an ambassador to the Vatican, and for that reason am compelled to use a form acknowledgment. I regret that I am unable to make individual replies. There is little or no chance that the nomination will come to the Senate floor for a vote at this session of the Congress."

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## First Church Washington, D. C. Celebrates 150th Year

The 150th anniversary of the founding of First Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., will be observed at a dinner to be held at the Statler Hotel in the Nation's Capital on March 7. It was on this date in 1802 that the church was organized at a service held in the auditorium of the Treasury Building. Luther Rice was for many years a member of this church, and during that time founded Columbia College which is now George Washington University. It was also in this church that Sam Houston made his profession of faith. In 1895 the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention was held in its sanctuary.

Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, foremost American church historian, and currently President of the American Baptist Convention, will be the principal speaker at the dinner on March 7. Mr. L. Howard Jenkins of Richmond, Virginia, for nearly 20 years President of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will bring the greetings of the Convention to the church on that occasion.

Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden is the pastor.

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## Brazilian Baptists Hold 35th Annual Convention

The Brazilian Baptist Convention held its 35th annual assembly in Recife, North Brazil, January 23 to 29. Four hundred and eighty messengers from eighteen states were registered. Also meeting in Recife during convention week were the Woman's Missionary Union and the Baptist Conference of Religious Education.

Paul C. Porter, field missionary of the state of Sao Paulo, preached the official sermon of the convention. "For Brazilian Baptist work to go forward," he said, "our churches must continually emphasize purity and Christian ethics, must always look for guidance to Him who is the true light of the world, and must show forth Christian love by generosity, persistence and kindness."

—Atlas News Service.

## A Prayer Three-Fifths Answered

By BRUCE H. PRICE

That a prayer could be partially answered had never occurred to me until one day in my early ministry. It was Dr. J. Frank Tull who enlightened me about God's granting part of a prayer of petition and withholding the remainder. Out of his useful life he related to me a three-fifths answered prayer.

Dr. Tull had retired from the Baptist ministry after successfully serving churches in his native Mississippi and nearby Arkansas. With some members his family he was on a vacation to the Carolinas and stopped by our home for two days.

Sitting in the living room on the second afternoon he was talking about his belief in the power of prayer when he surprised me by lifting three fingers and saying: "One of the most remarkable answers to prayer I have experienced has been only three-fifths answered."

Pausing a moment he continued, "When our five children were small I prayed that our three daughters would marry preachers and our two sons would become ministers. The girls have married pastors but the boys are school teachers."

Briefly he discussed the five. Mrs. Ralph A. Herring, wife of Dr. Herring, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mrs. E. Hermond Westmoreland, wife of Dr. Westmoreland, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas; and Mrs. V. E. Chalfant, whose husband is the pastor of First Methodist Church, Rogers, Arkansas. Nelson, the older son, was teaching in Little Rock, and James, the youngest, was in the North Little Rock schools.

Three years later as I read the account of Dr. Tull's death I thought of the three-fifths answered prayer which by that time had become completely answered. James had left teaching and entered the ministry and is at present serving the First Baptist Church of Blacksburg, Virginia, near the campus of V. P. I. He served as a chaplain during World War II. Nelson had become Director of Missions for First Baptist Church, Little Rock, at the time of his father's death, and later served as Educational Director at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, and First Church, Nashville, Tennessee. At present he is the State Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood in Arkansas.

Technically he is not a minister, not being ordained, but he preaches more often than the average preacher in revivals, as pulpit supply, and in denominational meetings. To say he is not a preacher is like saying Dwight L. Moody was not a preacher because Moody had not been ordained.

Who will say that Dr. Tull's prayer has not been wholly answered?

## Missionary Claimed by Death

Miss Sarah Alice Hale, 96, native of Madisonville, Tennessee, died February 10. The funeral was held in Fort Smith, with H. L. Lipford in charge. Miss Hale was a missionary in Mexico for 64 years. She had translated over 70 volumes of books into the Spanish language. Her translations are being used in all Spanish speaking mission fields of Southern Baptists. She also was the author of two books: "Mercedes," portraying life in Mexico; another written in Spanish of her travels in the Holy Land and Europe. Miss Hale organized the Woman's Missionary Union of Mexico and helped to build churches and schools in Mexico.



# Barnacles Or Bible School

By DR. JOHN D. FREEMAN

Too many barnacles from past seas now cling to the ship of Christian Education. Somebody needs to begin cutting them off before they slow down the vessel to where society will run ahead and abandon the ship.

It is high time prophetic voices were being raised against the danger inherent in the operation of a well-known social law, namely: "Institutions tend to remain static while the social body advances. Psychologists may try to explain what produces this social phenomenon: Sociologists, if they know history, can tell what it produces!"

## Who Is Going to Preach?

Upon the answer to this question Baptist leaders will to a large degree determine the course of future service for Christ. Some of them advocate restricting the ordination of ministers by some over-head control. They present good reasons for their position, but they seem to forget that in this land of the free they have no possible way of securing such control. Conventions may adopt earnest resolutions, calling for churches to refuse ordination to men who are illiterate; but how many of the churches are represented in such conventions? How many of them ever know that such resolutions have been passed?

True Baptists will never forget that each of them is his own priest, therefore has a divine right to make his own decisions and to render his own homage directly to God through Jesus, the sole head of every church. Whether voiced or not, the slogan of real New Testament believers is, "all of self for Christ; my best self for home and country; All of self against them who would control our religious beliefs and practices."

Wisdom then would impel us to recognize that we cannot determine through well-wishing and through convention resolutions, however gracious and well-intended they may be, whom churches shall ordain. And she would make all who are familiar with the members of some 15,000 rural and village churches know that the ministerial training given in the seminaries does not meet the needs of those churches, which will ordain whom they wish and will often call the untrained man of their own kind in preference to the especially trained man from the institution of higher learning. If they are to secure trained resident pastors, men must be provided who are fitted to lead them and are willing to live on their economic plane.

## How Clean the Hull?

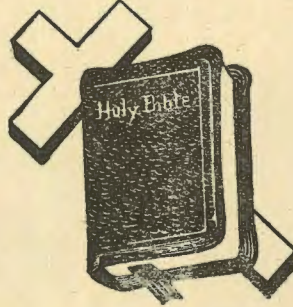
The ship goes on, but it is retarded to the point of grave danger by barnacles that have accumulated on her hull during the passing years. No part-time program will remove them and send the vessel onward with smooth keel. No substitute for the needed education will clear the way for smooth sailing. A new theological school must be provided. So what?

## Recognize the Need

During the sessions of 1945-1950, there were in various independent Bible schools and Christian colleges of our country more Baptist ministerial students than were enrolled in all our seminaries. A check-up just before the Southern Baptist Convention of 1951 showed approximately 3,000 such students.

Why were they there? The answer is simple; because they found in such schools a

kind of theological training which they had been led to desire and because it was set to their level of culture. Unless we provide special Bible institutes thousands of such students will learn in other schools, lessons that will turn them against our organized way of "working together with Christ."



## No Substitute Will Do

It is being suggested that the Howard College plan of "extension schools" will take care of the situation. But all who know this plan and who also know the peculiar needs of the pre-college student must deny that the plan can or will do the work. Even in Alabama where the Howard plan has been operating longest, a Bible school in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is drawing many ministerial students, even some from areas where the extension classes are conducted.

This method of extending the arm of the Baptist college is good; it will provide for many pastors, but it will not provide the continuous study and the immediate supervision by faculty, without which every method of education must be a partial failure. It is either Bible Schools, strategically located and adequately staffed and equipped, or ultimate estrangement of the rural and village host of our Baptist people.

## Time to Face the Facts

I have been too long a faithful supporter of our organized work for anyone to accuse me of being a deserter merely because I call attention to a grave defect in our educational program. To do so would be like accusing a seaman of being a traitor because he warns the captain that the ship is losing two knots per hour because of the barnacles on her hull. I have made a special study of rural problems for almost a half century, since it began in high school in 1905. I tremble for the future of my country when I witness the wanton disregard by politicians of the basic laws of social development. And when I know how our Baptist statesmen are failing to see what goes on among the hosts of Baptists whose churches are seldom if ever represented in any larger group than the district association, I am led to have grave forebodings for the future of my beloved denomination.

Let it never be forgotten that the children of tomorrow come from the homes considered by the well-to-do as underprivileged. Leadership is developed among conditions that throw the youth upon his own resources and make him dependent upon his own ingenuity. If our academic and educational program continues to be fitted primarily for the production of urban leaders for church and secular causes, beware: For as surely as TIME MARCHES ON, so surely will the

## Radio Commission Far Reaching Missionary Voice

"This may be an old letter, but as some would say I am going to let my bars down. In the first place, I received Christ as my Saviour through the preaching of Brother Wellborn nearly two years ago. And since then I have more to live for than ever before. The Lord has been good to me. He put a new heart in me and filled it with love for my fellow man. I never knew what real love was until the Lord entered into my life. I have told my old friends of Jesus and those with whom I work."

That letter, from a business man in Illinois, is an old story to the staff of the Southern Baptist Radio Commission. Hundreds of similar letters are received regularly in response to the weekly nation-wide broadcast of the Baptist Hour.

But regardless of the numbers of such letters, every one is a thrill to those who work at Baptist Radio Center in Atlanta. Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Radio Commission, says, "Our broadcasts involve a great deal of work—hard work. But when we receive a letter like that, we know that it is all worthwhile."

The range of letters received by the Radio Commission is staggering. Coming from many geographical locations, they present a multitude of personal and spiritual problems. Notes come in on cards, scraps of paper, and the finest business letterheads. Some are typed, others neatly written, and many others crudely printed or scrawled in childish writing.

Letters come from broken homes, despondent individuals, influential executives, hospital beds, and even prison camps. The significant thing about all this mass of mail is that each individual letter represents some soul that is seeking or searching for a more intimate relationship with God.

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"A family which observes the family altar every day; encourages its members to read the Bible and pray daily; seeks to lead every member of the group to accept Jesus Christ as personal Savior and to follow him as Lord; teaches loyalty to the church and the state; and cultivates respect and concern for all other peoples, is a family which has chosen Christian democracy as a way of family life."—J. E. Lambdin in *Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

children of the masses by-pass Baptist theological institutions attending in their stead independent agencies that will produce a leadership which eventually will desert our schools, leaving them abandoned derelicts upon the sea of time.



## Getting Ready For Simultaneous Revivals

By C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent of Missions

We give below a few suggestions in regard to publicity and promotion of the coming Simultaneous Revivals:

1. Thoroughly advertise the revival by means of radio, newspaper, window, poster cards, special cards to be mailed to each member and prospect, car bumper streamers, billboards, and any other material.

2. Take a complete accurate religious census of every community, giving name, address, age, and religious status of each person. Classify all names according to Sunday School departments and classes, giving each unit a list of prospects.

3. Plan for a fellowship meeting at breakfast for pastors, evangelists, and singers at some centrally located church. Meet daily and report previous results and pray together for the following services.

4. Conduct extension services. Contact proper authorities well in advance for special services in hospitals, homes for aged, prisons, factories, mission points, and street services.

5. Promote special associational rallies: (1) Men's Rally sponsored by associational brotherhood, with a goal of 5 per cent of church membership in at-

tendance. Have a good program and a stirring message. (2) A Women's Rally sponsored by associational Training Union, on Saturday night, one week before revival begins. Have a good program of music and preaching. (4) A Sunday afternoon Rally of all churches may be held, on the day the Simultaneous Revivals begin, at a centrally located place at 2:30. Have a stirring message on soul winning.

6. Plan prayer program and cottage prayer meeting the week preceding the revival, an all-night prayer meeting Saturday night before the revival begins, and departmental prayer meetings during the revival. A chain prayer meeting may be conducted on the middle Saturday night.

7. Strive for good attendance. Set record goals in Sunday School and Training Union. Use the chain-links plan for Sunday School attendance.

8. Follow the revival with an effective program of conserving the results. Teach the book, "Your Life and Your Church," to all who join during the revival.

If the Department of Missions can be of any assistance in any way regarding the plans and promotion of the sectional crusades, just demand its services.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union  
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### Open House in Birmingham

By MISS ALMA HUNT

Executive Secretary Southern W.M.U.

Our latchstring at Woman's Missionary Union headquarters is always out, but the door will be wide open on March 14 and 15. From ten in the morning until nine on Friday night, from one in the afternoon until nine on Saturday, we will be eagerly expecting visitors. Come one, come all! We want you to see your building and we want to greet you and thank you for it. The address is 600 North 20th Street, in the heart of downtown Birmingham.

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You will see the executive offices, the art department with its dark room; you can follow the distribution of the mail, and the processing of a magazine subscription; you can see the literature orders being filled. You can visit the delightful room where we stop for a moment's rest at mid-morning, and the chapel where we start the day with prayers. In fact, we want you to go from top to bottom and see everything.

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### Cluttered Streets And Chained Souls

By JOHN D. FREEMAN

Imagine a city of more than 10,000 people with no public water works and no sewers! Clean, dry air and the bright, beaming sun provide pretty thorough sterilization for waste dumps, outside toilets, and stagnant pools in Cuba. Water is precious in Cuba. Aroused at five o'clock in the morning by iron-tired wheels of water carts, I learned how precious clean water is. Streets are cluttered and souls are chained; but there are exceptions.

In Consolacion del Sur I saw a lovely new cottage between thatched cabins and asked the pastor how it happened to be there. He replied, "that is the home of one of our deacons who operates a small box factory." He went on to explain how becoming a Christian had changed a man's life and made possible the new home, largely out of funds that once were spent for liquor and gambling.

I visited in a little cabin where a Baptist woman and her Christian family lived. The dirt floor was dustless; simple furnishings were polished; linens and bedding were clean; wooden shutters were open; sunlight brightened the interior. More pleasing still was the brightness of the woman's face which beamed peace and joy.

Christian missions will lift Cubans out of age-worn ruts and make them into a great asset for the Lord's kingdom. Through the Annie Armstrong Offering reinforcements can be given to the Cuban Baptist Mission.

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## Assembly Speaker

Mrs. Frank H. Leavell, of the Home Curriculum Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, has been secured as a member of the faculty for the Arkansas Baptist State Assembly, July 1-9, 1952. Mrs. Leavell will teach her own book, "Building a Christian Home." The services of Mrs. Leavell are in great demand over the Southland. Arkansas Baptists are fortunate to have secured her services for the current session of the assembly.

### MAKE YOUR ASSEMBLY RESERVATIONS EARLY

Reservations are coming in daily for the 1952 session of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly. Since Assembly-owned space is limited, we suggest that you do not delay in getting your reservations in. "First come, first served." Make yours now, and be assured of a place to stay.

### 1952 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELPS NOW AVAILABLE

It is not too early to plan for your Vacation Bible School. Our aim: a Vacation Bible School in every church in Arkansas. A packet of free helps will be sent for the asking. Write to your Sunday School Secretary, Dr. Edgar Williamson, 215 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

### Coming Events

March 30—Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday



MRS. FRANK H. LEAVELL

- School
- April—Sunday School Training Courses (use books on teaching)
- June—Vacation Bible Schools
- July 1-9—Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs
- September 2—Associational Sunday School Leadership Conference
- September 16—Statewide Special Associational Planning Rallies
- October 13-14 — State Sunday School Convention

# Baptist Student Union

DR. DALE COWLING, *Director*

## B. S. U. At Southern State College

Is it possible to live a positive Christian life on a State supported campus? This is the question which the BSU of Southern State College at Magnolia seeks to help students answer in the affirmative.

The main function of the Baptist Student Union is to link the student away from home with the local church. This is a difficult task since over half of the students return home for the weekends. Of the three hundred students who list their preference as Baptist, approximately seventy-five are engaged in BSU and church work.

We seek to enlist every Baptist and give them opportunities for service and spiritual guidance through several mediums: weekly devotional programs; socials at least once a month; registration of all Baptists at the beginning of each semester; assembly programs with a religious theme; encourage church attendance; vespers services each night; encourage each student to move his church membership when he comes to school.

This past semester our BSU has sponsored a short devotional service each evening for students of all religious faiths in an effort to get each student to let Christ walk with him daily.

Our plans for this semester are more extensive. We plan to place one or more youth teams on the field in and around Magnolia to conduct weekend youth revivals. Plans are also in progress to sponsor a Dedicated Vocations week through our vespers services. The BSU in conjunction with the administration of the college and the other relig-

ious organizations on the campus plans to sponsor a Religious Emphasis Week sometime early in this semester. This type of program has been very effective in helping the lost to find Christ and drawing Christians into a closer walk with Him.

"The field is white unto harvest but the laborers are few" and so are the facilities with which to do the work. For the past several years our BSU has been meeting in a rustic type recreation room which is not conducive to a good religious atmosphere. A chapel would do a great deal toward promoting a better spiritual atmosphere on our campus. We are in need of a full-time student secretary, as are other schools over Arkansas. Let me quote Mr. Leonard Price, comptroller of our college and formerly of Ouachita College, "After years of experience in working with young people in secondary schools, denominational colleges, and state supported institutions, I sincerely believe that Arkansas Baptists are overlooking one of the most fertile mission fields that we have in that we are not taking full advantage of our opportunities for leadership training of our Baptist boys and girls that are enrolled in state supported colleges."

We are looking forward to the coming years in hope that the Baptists of Arkansas will see the need of Student Work and help us to give their children better spiritual training while in college.

*Billie Barr, Publicity Director*  
*Lee Garner, President*

# Church Music Department

MRS. B. W. NININGER, *Director*

### PULASKI COUNTY HYMN SING

South Zone Hymn Sing, held at East End Church, 85 present, January 27.

North-West Hymn Sing, held at People's Baptist Church, January 13.

North Zone Hymn Sing, held at Sherwood Church, 40 present, January 20.

South-West Zone Hymn sing, held at Bethel Church, 60 present, January 6.

### CENTRAL ASSOCIATION HYMN SING

Second Church, Hot Springs, 300 present, January 24.

### WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATIONAL HYMN SING

Held at Flippin Baptist Church, 102 present, December 30.

### BIG CREEK ASSOCIATIONAL HYMN SING

Held at Mt. Calvin Baptist

### Important Notice

Please send in at once the names of soloists who will compete in the Youth Choir Festival.

Mrs. B. W. Nininger,  
212 Baptist Building,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Church, 80 present, December 20.

### LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONAL HYMN SING

Held in Joyce City Church, 188 present, January 20.

### LIBERTY SOUTH-EAST HYMN SING

Held in Strong Church, 97 present, January 13.

### CAROLINE ASSOCIATIONAL HYMN SING

Held in Chambers Baptist Church, 66 present, December 30.

Secretary, Brotherhood Department  
Southern Baptist General Convention of California  
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The following \_\_\_\_\_ is now  
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(Your name)

If you know the names and mailing addresses of people now residing in California who are still members of churches in the South will you please give us their names and addresses. Thank you.





The Baptist Rescue Mission celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on February 11 of this year with a luncheon at the St. Charles Hotel. Dr. J. D. Grey was the guest speaker.

For the last 25 years the Rescue Mission has cared for over 750,000 men. It has been supported entirely by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and the women through the Annie Armstrong March Week of prayer. The men that we have had in

the Mission have come from every part of the world. They have been almost equally divided between nominal Protestants and Roman Catholics. The average number of men at the present time is over 16,000 a year, and we have an average of 350 to 425 professions of faith per year.

When you give to the Annie Armstrong offering, you are supporting this great lighthouse for Christ in the French Quarter of New Orleans.

### Have You Tried It?

Have you tried to preach one hundred and four sermons a year to the same congregation?

Have you ever tried to please more than two thousand church members?

Have you ever tried to lead when no one would follow?

Have you ever tried to get a little man to do a big job?

Have you ever tried to carry the weight of a lost world?

Have you ever tried to love when others hate, or praise when others condemn?

Have you ever tried to bind

up broken hearts or re-establish broken homes?

Have you ever tried to sympathize with and help fallen men and women when others seem not to care?

Have you ever tried to pour out your very soul to get men to give themselves to Christ and have no response?

If not, then you cannot know what it means to be the pastor of a Baptist church.

—By Lawson H. Cooke, Nashville.

Honor is the recompense of those who do right without seeking recompense

—Eutropius.

“When a reformer stands alone he is a ‘fanatic’; when there are several with him, they are ‘enthusiasts’; when everyone is with him, he is a ‘hero.’”

—Copied.

## Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

M. THERON RANKIN, *Executive Secretary*

### Foreign Mission Board Marks \$680,000 For Capital Outlay

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, at its February meeting, appropriated \$680,000 for overseas capital expenditures. The receipt of \$901,000 from Co-operative Program funds, over and above the Convention's 1951 budget, enabled the Board to release regular funds for capital expenditures. The capital funds are in addition to the \$316,706.14 set apart in January for the appointment of 100 new missionaries in 1952.

A brief summary shows where the capital funds will be used:

#### THE ORIENT

**Formosa:** Two church buildings and two missionary residences.

**Hong Kong and Macao:** Completion of Cheung Chow church building; repairs on Macao church building, erected many years ago; and classroom building, Pool Ching School, Hong Kong.

**Indonesia:** Two missionary residences in Java, where three Southern Baptist missionary men are already serving.

**Malaya:** Mission residence for Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Belote of the China staff, who will soon be relocated in Malaya.

**Japan:** Church building and lots.

**Philippine Islands:** Car for missionary.

#### LATIN AMERICA

**Argentina:** Completion of the International Baptist Seminary, Buenos Aires, which will serve Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, and Bolivia. The February appropriation will complete the administration building and construct the boys' dormitory. The girls' dormitory has already been constructed.

**Brazil:** Equipment and supplies for the Baptist Publishing House, Rio de Janeiro, an institution employing 110 Brazilians and serving all of Brazil with a constituency of 100,000 church members; completion of the administration building of the Baptist seminary in Rio de Janeiro, which serves all of South Brazil. A separation training school for young women has already been completed.

**Colombia:** Completion and equipping of the second unit of the 50-bed Baptist hospital in Barranquilla, a city of 200,000; and a small amount to complete a stone wall required by law to enclose extensive property of the Baptist seminary, located at the edge of Cali, a city of 130,000 people.

**Miscellaneous Items:** A number of small appropriations were made which include such things as completion of mission homes, street paving for churches and mission homes (required by law),

a portable organ, and mission automobiles.

#### AFRICA, EUROPE, AND THE NEAR EAST

**Southern Rhodesia:** Erection and equipping of a small hospital building at Sanyati.

**Nigeria and the Gold Coast:** Additional money for residences in Iwo, Joinkrama, Oshogbo, and Kafanchan. Oshogbo is a railway and highway center of considerable size in which Southern Baptists have never had a missionary. It is expected that it will become the station in which new missionaries will receive courses in orientation. Kafanchan is located in Northern Nigeria; and this center will be the third in an area whose population is about 12,000,000.

Additional appropriations were made for the administration building and staff quarters for the Baptist seminary at Ogbo-mosho and for the administration building for the Baptist High School at Port Harcourt, the capital and principal city of the eastern division of Nigeria.

**Spain:** Small amounts were marked to aid the Second Baptist Church, Madrid, in purchasing property; to aid the Baptist people in Barceloneta, a section of Barcelona, provide quarters for worship; and the construction of a place of worship for the struggling group at Elche.

**General Europe:** Additional land for the Baptist Theological Seminary, Switzerland; a small amount to apply on the construction of a church building in He'sinki, Finland; and a small sum toward the erection of a Baptist seminary in Norway.

**Lebanon:** Additional amount for missionaries' residences and high school buildings and equipment in Beirut.

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### Otherwise . . . Courteous People

“The point to be made—because so hard to understand—is that rude drivers often are, under other circumstances, perfectly well-behaved people. The man who tries to force his way ahead in a line of cars often would not think of trying to force himself ahead of others in a box office queue nor would he shove a fellow pedestrian off a sidewalk. If he accidentally did such a thing he probably would be mortified by his own rudeness. But, in his car, he is quite likely to swear roundly at his victim for getting in his way. Genuine manners are part of every gentleman and lady and are not removable.”

—Emily Post's *Motor Manners*.

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# "I Was The Witness"

Says Whittaker Chambers

The Saturday Evening Post is running serially what it calls "One of the Great Books of Our Time." It is Whittaker Chambers' story of the amazing Alger Hiss trial, and the welter of dark events that led up to it. It is also a Book-of-the-Month club selection, and so is assured of an extraordinary wide audience.

Most of the first installment of the Chambers series takes the form of a long letter to his children. In this, his main purpose is to try to tell them what makes a communist of a man, and particularly a man of Hiss' education, intelligence, achievement, and advantages. He wrote, "Much more than Alger Hiss or Whittaker Chambers was on trial in the trials of Alger Hiss. Two faiths were on trial. . . . On a scale personal enough to be felt by all, but big enough to be symbolic, the two irreconcilable faiths of our time—Communism and Freedom—came to grips in the persons of two resolute men."

Mr. Chambers was himself an active communist for many years. He edited communist publications and worked for the underground. Today he hates communism, seeing in it "the focus of the concentrated evil of our time." He says: "How did it happen that this movement . . . became the immense force that now contests the mastery of mankind?" He replies: "The answer must be: Communism makes some profound appeal to the human mind. You will not find out what it is by calling communism names. That will not help much to explain why communism, whose horrors on a scale unparalleled in history are now public knowledge, still recruits its thousands and holds its millions—among them some of the best minds alive."

Then, a little later on, Mr. Chambers writes, "Communists are bound together by no secret oath. The tie that binds them across the frontiers of nations, across barriers of language and differences of class and education, in defiance of religion, morality, truth, law, honor, the weakness of the body and the irresolutions of the mind, even unto death, is a simple conviction: It is necessary now to change the world."

That, to Mr. Chambers' mind, is the key to it all: "It is necessary now to change the world." He elaborates by writing, "The communist vision is the vision of Man without God. It is the vision of man's mind displacing God as the creative intelligence of the world." And this, he says in effect, excuses and justifies, for the true communist, all the barbarisms and cruelties and terrors that are the cold and deliberate weapons of communism in action.

So Mr. Chambers explains Alger Hiss—and by inference, the other communists of high abilities and intelligence. To these people, communism has the force and passion of a burning religion. At hand they see all the tools needed to totally remake the world according to their frightening vision. They are dedicated men and women, and no sacrifice is too great to make for the cause, even though that sacrifice be disgrace, imprisonment, death. Deception, lies, treason—such sins and crimes as these the real communist regards as simply practical necessities. He sees nothing wrong with them. To quote Mr. Chambers just once more, "Communism is what happens when, in the name of Mind, men free themselves from God."

—Industrial News Review.

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## Don't Disappoint God

Book Review by Dale Cowling

I highly recommend this book for Intermediates and Young People or for any person who is a young Christian. It points out the dignity of human personality in the hands of God. Then central thought is that God has sent each of us into the world with a purpose in life. All of our problems and difficulties are to be solved in the light of God's will. Dr. Middleton's plea is that we will not disappoint God, but that by finding His will we will give everything that we have to accomplish it through the power and grace of God.

The illustrations in this book make it very much worthwhile. It throbs with life. It offers splendid devotional materials for those who are interested in giving devotional talks. A chapter a day will do much to keep temptation away. Young people owe themselves the privilege of reading this book.

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# Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

## Good Denominational Rallies

We believe that the Associational Denominational Rallies held throughout the state during February have been well worth while. Every association has witnessed a panorama of Arkansas Baptist life and work. Every department and institution of Arkansas Baptists has presented its work to representative groups. Everything supported and made possible by the great Cooperative Program of Arkansas Baptists has been demonstrated to our people where they live.

We believe that through these rallies our people have become better informed, and that henceforth they will see the whole Baptist program in better perspective; with a resulting willingness to do more in every way than they have ever done, to advance all the causes of God's Kingdom on earth through the Cooperative Program.

## BROTHERHOOD CONFERENCE AT SILOAM SPRINGS

The Brotherhood Conference at Siloam Springs this summer will be a double-barrelled affair. The Brotherhood Department is sponsoring a daily conference of young men in the 17 through 24 age group. In charge of this conference will be a very capable leader.

Then there will also be a conference of adult men, both preachers and laymen, sponsored jointly by the Brotherhood and the State Missions Departments.

We hope that an unusually large group of men will attend

the assembly this year. The dates are: July 1-9.

Secure your reservation through Dr. Edgar Williamson, Baptist Building, Little Rock.

## BROTHERHOOD STATE CONVENTION

The Brotherhood State Convention, scheduled for April, has run into a headon collision with the Simultaneous Revivals in the southwest quadrant of the state. The only thing to do is to move over and give priority to this cooperative campaign for souls.

The conflict is unfortunate; but the Brotherhood exists to help and not to hinder; to co-operate and not to compete.

The Convention will be held. Time and place will be announced later.

## SEND FOR YOUR PACKET

The Brotherhood Department has a packet of Brotherhood organizational materials for you! The packet contains a booklet on "Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood," and several other helpful tracts which set forth Brotherhood organization and work.

Send for your packet. It is free!

Would you like also a free copy of the current Brotherhood Journal? The Journal is the official publication of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; and is the most widely read publication for Christian men in the world.

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	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Sunday, February 17			
Little Rock, Immanuel	1294	481	14
Including Missions	1433	561	
Fort Smith, First	1160	877	46
Including Missions	1305	927	
Little Rock, First	943	365	1
El Dorado, First	915	269	2
Including Missions	1007	330	
Little Rock, Second	867	207	4
Pine Bluff, South Side	720	280	4
El Dorado, Immanuel	576	275	2
Including Mission	626	334	3
Camden, First	567	131	41
Including Missions	925	336	
Texarkana, Beech St.	564	242	
Crossett, First	535	236	
Magnolia, Central	528	197	1
Including Mission	589		
Forrest City, First	524	214	3
Benton, First	524	91	
Hope, First	509	98	1
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	502	200	
Hot Springs, Central	494	207	1
Fordyce, First	493	191	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	489	211	
El Dorado, Second	456	214	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	455	183	2
Warren, First	442	89	
Little Rock, Gaines St.	438	250	
West Helena	436	138	2
Cullendale, First	434	167	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	426	213	5
Siloam Springs, First	422	296	
Hot Springs, Park Place	422	150	
Little Rock, So. Highland	394	165	12
Springdale, First	393	225	6
Including Mission	471		
El Dorado, West Side	382	137	1
Paragould, First	377	250	4
Including Missions	502	349	
Osceola, First	370	190	2
Paris, First	369	154	
Monticello, First	348	128	
Conway, First	343	109	
Booneville, First	342	54	
Fort Smith, Calvary	325	143	1
Van Buren, First	325	3	
Texarkana, Calvary	320	125	4
Hamburg, First	319	150	4
Smackover, First	314	137	
Fort Smith, South Side	314	129	
Bauxite, First	302	158	
Rogers, First	299	129	1
Including Mission	344	149	
Hot Springs, First	293	109	
No. Little Rock, Central	293	175	1
Searcy, First	292	102	1
Mena, First	284	95	
Norphlet, First	277	184	
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	271	59	3
Fort Smith, Temple	269	174	2
Pine Bluff, Second	269	105	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	242	127	2
Levy	239	125	
Morrilton, First	228	86	3
No. Little Rock, First	227	81	
Little Rock, Calvary	226	65	1
Wynne	226	80	
Lonoke, First	221	45	1
Star City, First	218	78	
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	209	94	
Greenwood, First	205	97	
Bentonville, First	191	68	
Including Mission	201		
No. Little Rock, 47th St.	190	90	1
Fort Smith, Spradling	189	123	
Little Rock, Hebron	189	119	4
Gurdon, Beech St.	188	95	2
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	183	132	1
No. Little Rock, Pike Ave.	175	83	4
Alma, First	173	87	5
Pine Bluff, Bethel	147	80	
Fort Smith, Trinity	147	53	
Little Rock, Biddle	146	70	1
Sylvan Hills, First	126	62	3
Marshall, First	113	62	
Hot Springs, Emanuel	107	58	
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	97	75	
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	93	83	2
Little Rock, Grace	90	55	1
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	87	66	
No. Little Rock, Grace	85	21	
Dardanelle	83		2
Arkansas City	73	46	2
No. Little Rock,			
Graves Memorial	72	54	
Fort Smith, North Side	69	56	2
Fort Smith, James Fork	63	59	
Hatfield, First	59	45	
Magazine	56	35	
Little Rock, Markham St.	54	39	1
Little Rock, Harmony	51	52	
Excelsior	42	34	7
Woodson	36	36	
Vimy Ridge	13	30	

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"You make a mistake by judging a man's importance by the pitch of his voice."

—Copied.

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Every man is a missionary, now and forever, for good or for evil, whether he intends or designs it or not."



# "Our Beloved Barnabas"

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

*Lesson based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.*

**Sunday School Lesson for  
March 2, 1952**

**Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-27;  
11:19-26; 131-3**

## INTRODUCTION

One of the loveliest characters in the Bible was Barnabas, uncle to John Mark, who wrote one of the Gospels. Luke said of him: "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." A study of his life reveals that he was deeply zealous for the cause of Christ; a man of great patience and endurance.

We do not often hear the name of Barnabas from our pulpit nor in our classrooms. Perhaps the reason for this is that his life was overshadowed by such prominent contemporaries as Paul and Peter, James and John. We do not meet Barnabas until after Pentecost, in Acts 4:36, which seems to indicate that he was converted during the great revival of Pentecost when 3,000 souls were saved.

Barnabas was a member of the First Church, Jerusalem. He was a highly respected Jewish citizen, one who did not permit his Jewish orthodoxy to corrupt his Christian witness and influence in any way. For example, many Jews professed faith in Christ and joined the church in Jerusalem, but they could not forget the laws given by Moses nor the traditions of their fathers. They continually tried to wed Judaism and Christianity in one grand union.

## A GENEROUS MAN

The first thing we learn about Barnabas was his generosity. Soon after Pentecost, we find the infant church trying to care for the physical needs of its many poverty stricken members. Those who had money brought it to the church treasury and divided what they had with those who had nothing. Barnabas was among those who manifested such liberality: "Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostle's feet."

The inexperienced disciples in that early day were anxious about the physical needs of their brethren; we need a Christian citizenship today who are on fire to feed others the word of life. There has never been a time the mission fields were whiter unto harvest than now. All that is needed is the means to send the word around the world. We have the opportunities, we have the talent to go, we are limited only by money. What a revolution there would be among our churches if we had a host of church members with the spirit of generosity such as the early church members possessed.

## A FRIEND TO THE FRIENDLESS

The next time we meet Barnabas, we find him in the role of a "friend in need, a friend indeed." Paul had been converted three years earlier on his way to Damascus, where he was going to arrest Christian men and women. He had dropped completely out of sight so far as the Jerusalem saints were concerned. Their bitter enemy and persecutor had disappeared and perhaps many had wondered what had become of him. He had preached in Damascus after his conversion for a short while, until he began to be persecuted and had to escape Damascus at night. He went into the Arabian desert for three years to receive his religious training from the Lord.

When Paul returned to civilization, he went immediately to Jerusalem and tried to join the church. But the members of the church would have nothing to do with him; they still feared him; they considered his effort to unite with the church to be a deceitful trick to upset the work as he had in the past.

But Barnabas went with Paul to the apostles, vouched for his conversion, told them how Paul had preached Christ in Damascus, and upon his recommendation the church received Paul into their fellowship. Barnabas showed great courage in taking the responsibility for one who had the reputation of Saul.

## A MAN OF VISION Acts 11:19-26

During the persecution of Christians at Jerusalem some went out preaching the gospel and many were saved in all parts of the country. The church at Jerusalem sent Barnabas to Antioch to oversee the work that was ready to begin there. When Barnabas arrived there and saw the salvation of the Gentiles he was overwhelmed with joy. He went immediately to Tarsus, the home town of Paul, and returned to Antioch with Paul, where they established the second great church of that age. The church at Antioch became the headquarters for mission work in that day; it superceded the church at Jerusalem in many ways. They were a generous people. A prophet came by one day and told them there was going to be a famine in Judea, and they made up a large offering in advance, and sent it to Jerusalem at the proper time.

They did things at Antioch that were creditable only to a consecrated and Spirit filled leadership.

## BARNABAS THE MISSIONARY Acts 13:2-3

After the church at Antioch was thoroughly established, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." So these two missionaries went forth to Asia Minor to spread the gospel among the heathen, under the most trying circumstances. When they returned to Antioch they left in Asia a church in every town in which they had preached.

Mark, the nephew of Barnabas, had begun the tour with them, but for some reason had turned back. Later, Barnabas and Paul planned to return to Asia to visit the little churches they had planted. Mark desired to go along the second time, but Paul refused his permission. This caused sharp contention between the two men, so Barnabas took Mark and made the journey by one route, while Paul took Silas and made the journey by another route.

In this instance we find Barnabas as a man of great patience. Mark was probably a much younger man than the other two, and had not the experience of the older men. The tolerance of Barnabas possibly saved a worker who might have been lost to the cause, in helping Mark through this trying period of his youth. We never hear of Barnabas again, but in his old age, Paul found a true friend and helper in the person of John Mark. Mark proved that he was worthwhile by his works, and his forgiving spirit. The fact that Paul was impatient with him in his youth seemed to make no difference to Mark later, when the apostle was old, a prisoner for the cause, and needed his assistance.

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### A New Church Joins the Ranks

Fort Smith has a new church that has taken up its cross to follow Jesus in a great world mission march. The church is co-operating with us and is giving regularly to the Cooperative Program. Pastor Tom McClain is a loyal and a great leader. He writes as follows:

"Spradling Church is newly organized. January, 1952, is the first month that the financial receipts of God's work here have been placed in a co-operative trust with sister churches. It is with deep gratitude and reverent humility that this new church has agreed to place 10 per cent of all non-designated receipts into Missions through the Cooperative Program. Our first month's receipts were \$1,243.09 for which we praise His gracious Name."

"Our proposed budget for 1952 is \$15,030. "For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality." II Cor. 8:13-14"

Tom McClain, Pastor  
Spradling Baptist Church

### Seaton and Sparkman

C. H. Seaton is the pastor of First Baptist Church, Sparkman. Brother Seaton is leading his people in a great program of advancement. They, too, have increased their Cooperative Program contributions for the new year, and are giving more than we had prayed they would give. The Sparkman church has been a consistent contributor toward payment of our honor debts.

The church recently installed a Schulermerich Tower System which they report as being a worthy asset to their church plant and equipment.

### Another Deacon Passes

We have just read of the home going of Brother Homer H. Goodman of Cotter. Brother Goodman has been a leader in First Church in Cotter for a long period of time. We knew him as a faithful and loyal servant of the Lord as treasurer of his church. We loved and appreciated him. The people in Cotter will greatly miss this saint of the Lord.

### Douglas and Grace Church In West Memphis

Grace Church in West Memphis will give \$50 per month now to the Cooperative Program. Pastor T. D. Douglas is at his old tricks again, sponsoring missions and preaching a thorough red-hot gospel of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Watch this church grow!

Douglas took a leading part with Clubb and others in West Memphis in fighting the proposed Dixie Downs race track. They won the victory. It is a great set of leaders in West Memphis.

### Correction

In publishing the quarterly receipts for the last quarter of 1951 the contribution from Valley Springs Church in Boone County Association was omitted by error. This church gave \$10 each month or \$30 for the entire quarter. Our attention has been called to this and we are happy to make the correction. This is why we publish the quarterly receipts so that if there is any error made, we may have the privilege of correcting it. It has been on our books correctly, but failed somehow to be listed in the report. We are glad to make the correction.

### Celebrate 64th Anniversary

C. P. McGraw, retired Baptist minister, and his wife observed their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary in their home, 1412 West Fourth, recently. The couple was married in Brocton, Pike County, on December 22, 1886. Mr. McGraw was ordained in 1898 and served several years in South Arkansas and North Louisiana. Later he was pastor of the churches in Urbana, Strong, Lawson, Rison, Kingsland, DeWitt, Gillett, Plumerville, and Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock.

Brother McGraw is a great soul and throughout his useful life has been a trusted leader and a successful pastor, and a great preacher. They hold membership in Capitol Hill Church in Little Rock.

### MRS. C. P. MCGRAW

After writing the above article concerning the McGraws, which article has been on our desk for several weeks waiting space for publication, Mrs. McGraw passed to her reward. She was visiting one of her children in Stuttgart at the time of her death. She was a long time partner of this venerable, sincere preacher who survives her. Mrs. McGraw had suffered an impairment of health for a long time and suffered a great deal during her illness. This is another instance where passing through the Pearly Gates is a distinct blessing to one of the Lord's servants. The funeral of Mrs. McGraw was conducted by her pastor and Taylor Stanfill in Little Rock, Saturday, February 16.

The Foreign Mission Board received \$901,421.63 beyond the basic budget of \$7,200,000 through the Cooperative Program in 1951. This sum underwrites continued advance during 1952.

The Foreign Mission Board will undertake to appoint one hundred new missionaries during 1952, instead of the seventy-five authorized at the time the annual budget was approved in October.

Priest-led mobs attacked Central Baptist Church, Bogota, Colombia, on December 22 and 23. The American Ambassador and our legation's second secretary publicly deplored the incidents. Although the building was badly damaged, no one was injured seriously. Our five missionaries are safe.

### Church Contributions Increased To All Time High

In spite of the rising cost of living, some 36,000,000 U. S. church members increased their contributions enough to bring annual American church giving to an all time high. Contributions to 46 U. S. Protestant and Orthodox communions reached a record \$1,166,437,357, topping the billion dollar mark for the second year in succession.

This was the report made by Thomas K. Thompson, executive director of the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The department, formerly the United Stewardship Council, has kept statistics on Protestant church giving since 1920. This report for most of the churches covers either the calendar year 1950 or a fiscal year ending in 1951.

The 46 communions listed both in this year's report and last year's showed an increase of more than six per cent in their total contributions. Their total last year was \$1,099,109,855. The increase just about kept pace with the rise in the cost of living, which went up 6.3 per cent in 1950, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Membership of the 46 communions increased only slightly, from 36,017,258 to 36,073,974, Mr. Thompson pointed out. He attributed the increased total giving to the fact that the average U. S. church-goer had upped his yearly giving from \$30.51 to \$32.33.

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The Isbel Street Adventist Church in Glendale, California with 1557 members, reported total contributions of \$377,698 in 1951, an average of \$242 for each member. Total Contributions from more than 10,000 Adventist congregations are expected to exceed \$50,000,000 this year.

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