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—H. Armstrong Roberts.

“The night of death is passed and gone—  
A-rise and greet the glorious Morn!”



## Christians And Militarism

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

There is all the difference in the world between national defense and militarism. The first has to do with repelling and overcoming an aggressor; the second is a science of preparing for war. Defense, as we Americans have performed it, is the emergency of a peaceful nation whose chief aim is to overcome the attacker and return to peaceful pursuits as soon as possible; militarism is a philosophy that right is on the side of might and therefore men and materials are to be conscripted in peace as in war. Our American ideal of free men rising to defend their country as emergency demands is now sincerely regarded as impractical. It may seem so, but it is not more so today than it ever was. There are risks attached to being free. We must be willing to take them. What is the value of freedom in name only, under the assumption that to keep freedom we must adopt militaristic totalitarianism which means the end of freedom?

### Militarism Destroys

Militarism ruined Rome and Macedonia in the old world; it destroyed Germany, Italy, and Japan in our modern world; we believe it will destroy Russia and her satellite armies. In time, it will destroy China. Some of our politicians seem to think that safety and freedom lie at the end of the road. We marvel at their blindness. The five million men we will soon have under arms are producing nothing and eat up our food, making it scarce and dear; their equipment and arms run to more than \$3,000 per man and are soon obsolete. If there is no war, they have lost precious time and the nation its wealth.

Meanwhile, disillusionment and distaste for military life undercuts the will to fight. That is why the conscript army of France buckled under the assault of the German Reichswehr in 1940, although it was hailed as the finest army in the world and the French have a military tradition. Universal Military Training can no more produce a will to fight in American boys than it did in French boys. It is the free man who can most be depended upon to defend his country. And a permanent system of conscription of youth for militarism means the end of freedom.

### Produces Vice and Cruelty

Meanwhile, what happens to the happy, freedom-loving lads who are conscripted? Let the elders put themselves in the place of these eighteen-year-old boys. These boys have no voice. They cannot vote. Their laughter is subdued by threatening discipline. They learn to look belligerent and hard. Stern is their bearing, and the things they have to handle are death-dealing instruments. Some of us have been through two World Wars, and we know that it is not the way to save men's souls.

A Christian boy was drafted. He is now in Korea. His soul is hungry and weary. The squalor of war is leaving its mark upon him. He is being forced to live as he would never choose to live. What he writes seems to represent the plaintive appeal of disillusioned youth. Here is part of his letter:

"... My opinion of Army life would take pages, and time is something I do not have very much of. I will say in brief that the Army does not build character, it does not teach, it does nothing for

the individual. I realize that it is a Christian duty to protect the liberties of all people, I agree in most part with the U. N.—but the Army only fosters vice and corruption, it makes men into instruments of a narrow military propaganda machine. God—his principles and teachings become a service, second to all other aims of the military. Cursing, gambling, all the wrongs are general—men seem to be lost without a purpose. They swear and drink to avoid reality; few substitute the love of Christ. To the Army, you are a number—not a soul! You have a job—not a heart."

This may be one lad's view, and he makes no claim to speak for others, but that there are boys of this disillusioned mood we must believe. They cannot, however, do anything about it.

### Militarism Destroys Youth's Freedom

Surely the inarticulate millions of our youth should have a voice in their destiny. Since they are not permitted to speak for themselves, who will be their voice. An eighteen-year-old boy is a precious life coming to the mature place of God's destiny for him. Hitherto, we have preserved this ideal way of life for him. We propose now to reverse the order and reduce his faith to a regimented number. And then we suppose that, having trained him to fight and die, if needed, he necessarily possesses the will to fight. Is that likely when he thinks that the end of the fighting simply means conscription for his unborn sons?

A conscript is not spiritually free. In the ninth century literature there are numerous dramatic incidents where men chopped off their fingers and toes, sometimes ruined an eye, so that they could escape conscription. Must we drag that mischief into the lives of our youths? Thousands of Germans emigrated to our Middle West in order to escape Prussian militarism. Shall this generation fasten on their grandsons the iron discipline of the Garrison State?

The Christian church can only concern itself with the will of God for every life. The true church has consistently contended that freedom to do the will of God is the supreme law in life. This freedom is basic to all else. The compulsions of the state have again and again challenged the freedom of the soul. In the Early Church, many were the martyrs who rejected militarization. Imprisonment and death could not prove them wrong. Their blood became the seed of new believers, and thus freedom's light continued to shine. In this fair land we have seen this freedom crystalize into statehood. It seems that there are now those who would put back the clock and condition freedom to the authoritarian state. The eighteen-year-old boy's prospect is not his freedom under God, but the expert ability with which he can obey the commands of his military superiors.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

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When one realizes and accepts the spiritual nature of money; when one changes from being a mere bill-payer and becomes a giver; when one actually begins to set aside, first, a definite proportion of his income for the work of the Lord! On that day he will experience a joy secured from no other source. One Christian leader writes, "Don't we tithers have fun!"

—Warren H. Denison.

## Religious Responsibility

A Devotion by the Editor

"... and thou shalt be a blessing."

Did it ever occur to you that so far as we have any record, Abraham was the first man ever to feel any responsibility for the spiritual welfare of others? Each man was responsible to God for himself. But there was no one else to take a lively interest in his spiritual life; no one to appeal to him to worship and serve and honor God; no one to teach him, or speak for God to him, or pray for him; no one who felt it his divine obligation to be the channel of God's blessings to others.

To Abraham came the message and commission: "Be thou a blessing." And a conviction seized his soul, a determination took possession of him, a mission appeared before him, that through him and his posterity all the families of the earth should be blessed. I submit to you that no greater driving power, no greater dynamic urge can enter the soul of man than this: "I know the true and living God and it is my supreme and divine obligation to be the channel through which the blessings of God shall reach all mankind."

Those who lack this conviction are but loosely anchored in the spiritual life. They are not enthusiastic propagandists, they are not aflame with evangelistic zeal, they are not missionary at heart. If you should canvass the membership of any church today, you would find a great group of nominal Christians who are idle and inactive, or who at the most have little more than a passive interest in the program of the church. And if you should search for the cause of their indifference, you would find that they have no deep and compelling conviction that they are under obligation to bring the blessings of God to others.

On the other hand, from Abraham to this very hour, those who have accepted this obligation, and have yielded to this divine urge in the heart, have become the loyal followers of God and have maintained an ever growing program of Christian service, evangelism, and missions.

The conclusion is obvious. In order to remain true to God, we must have a missionary objective, an evangelistic zeal, a program of service. And we must have an urge within our souls that will engage us actively and enthusiastically in working at these obligations.

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing." Genesis 12:2.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Resurrection Reminders

The resurrection of Jesus frightened the daylights out of the guards who were placed at the tomb to prevent a grave robbery by the disciples. Though the disciples had forgotten that Jesus had said He would rise again, the rulers remembered and took this precaution lest His body should be removed and the claim circulated that He had risen from the dead.

#### Various Reactions

But when the stone which was placed before the sepulchre assumed the power of self-locomotion and without the touch of human hands rolled away, and when Jesus, whose body they were supposed to guard, walked out of the grave, the guards took to their heels, suddenly losing all desire to continue their vigil longer.

The resurrection of Jesus caused those who were responsible for His death to invent a false statement to the effect that the disciples came by night and stole the body while the guards slept. And they bribed the guards to circulate such a story.

The resurrection of Jesus shocked the disciples out of their stupor and aroused them from their deep despondency into which they had descended when Jesus was crucified. They now remember that Jesus said He would rise again the third day. They had not thought of this promise before, so sure were they that His death had ended all that they had hoped for in Him. But now it comes back to them, He did say He would rise from the dead.

The resurrection of Jesus must have caused consternation among the demons: Those evil spirits that had constantly conspired to defeat His every life purpose and who took fiendish delight in His death. For if they could not hold Him in death, then they could not hold His redeemed in death; and if Jesus could break the power of death over Himself, He could also break the power of death over His saints.

The resurrection of Jesus must have caused a parade of triumphant joy in heaven, when God the heavenly Father, and the ministering spirits, and all the redeemed hosts, joined in glad and glorious shouts of triumphant exaltation that the realm of death had been successfully invaded and its scepter broken.

This event which was witnessed by the

guards, which was regretted by the Jews, which was proven to the disciples, which was acknowledged by the devils, and which was acclaimed in heaven, becomes to us a



fact proven by infallible witnesses, the basis of our faith, our hope, and expectation. We are surrounded on every side by reminders of the resurrection, reminders which are constantly calling us to recognize, believe, and place our hope in the resurrection of Jesus.

#### Spring Time

There is the annual reminder which we call Easter. It is appropriate that our thoughts should turn to this event at this season of the year. Not that there is any virtue in the season, but there is virtue in our concentrating our thoughts upon Him who arose from the dead. Anything that will aid us in that contemplation is of undisputed value. It is for this reason that we observe our anniversaries of other events of life. If we observe the anniversary of our birth, the anniversary of our wedding, the anniversary of our national freedom, why should we not observe the anniversary of the greatest of all historical and vital events, the resurrection of our Lord.

This annual reminder of the resurrection of Jesus comes at the season of the year when all nature is awakening from its long slumber and is asserting itself in new life and beauty and fruit. And that which has died and decayed reappears in fresh verdure, in fragrant aroma, and in delicate tints of varicolored patterns of artistry which delight and thrill and inspire us.

The miracles of nature at this season of

the year are eloquent witnesses of the immortal powers of life that shall eventually answer to the call of eternity and awake to live forevermore. May you not allow this season to go by without gaining that reassurance which it offers you and without answering to the call of the Lord of resurrection life which He issues in this anniversary of His triumph over death.

#### The Lord's Day

There is also the weekly reminder of our Lord's resurrection which we call the Sabbath. Each Lord's day morning sends forth the proclamation that the Lord is risen. It was on Sunday, the first day of the week, that Jesus arose, and appeared to Mary and the other women and the disciples. This day became to them the Sabbath, the day on which they would honor and worship the Lord of life. They called it the Lord's day. No better name could have been given it. It represented to them the triumph of life over death, the recovery of their faith, the rebuilding of their hopes and the regaining of their Lord whom they loved and worshiped.

The Lord's day therefore, was designed to become the trysting place where the soul of man might keep its rendezvous with its Lord. And lives that are worn thin and frayed, that are bruised and broken by the constant contacts with the hard and unfriendly realities of life, may, by keeping their tryst with Him, be renewed and refreshed. New tissue will be grown into the sore spots of life to give health and vigor, new strands will be woven into the pattern of life where it is worn threadbare. Hope will be given for despair, faith for doubts, and courage for fear.

#### Daily Resurrection Life

There is also the personal, daily, and constant reminder of the resurrection in the person of every redeemed heart. Jesus arises in every reborn and trusting heart. Someone has said, "You cannot bury Jesus, not even in a human heart, He will rise again." Every life that knows His power and lives by His grace is a living and daily reminder of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He may live on high, as we are fond of singing, but more obviously, He lives here below in the persons of all those who have opened to Him their hearts. The grave clothes of our tattered self-righteousness are left behind and we are robed in the resplendent righteousness of the Son of God. And the grave of our buried hopes and worldly ambitions is left a gaping witness to a new life which transcends all earthly levels and rises to meet the high challenge of God in Christ Jesus.

### Great Objectives Needed

When you find Baptists fussing among themselves you may be certain that they have lost sight of their great objectives in Christian service. When Baptists become idle in Kingdom work, they are likely to become quarrelsome and fussy. Busy Baptists don't have time to fuss over minor things. Baptists who are busy in Kingdom service keep right on with their activities

paying little attention to the idlers who are quarrelsome. The idlers must pitch in and get busy or else be left behind.

It is not too unusual, though it is a fact to be deplored, to find a Baptist church which is quarrelsome, disgruntled, and is opposed to all progressive movements. Such a church has lost sight of the great objectives set out by Jesus Himself; it is

concentrating its thought and energy upon the negative rather than the positive, and is spending its time fussing over small points of differences which would not be noticed if the church were promoting an aggressive program of Kingdom building.

This does not mean that Baptists generally do not express their convictions even though they differ from their brethren.

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# Kingdom Progress

## Accepts Call To First Church, Warren



GERALD W. TRUSSELL

Gerald W. Trussell, who has been pastor of First Church, Homer, Louisiana, for the past seven years, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Warren. He will take up his new duties on May 1.

Mr. Trussell is a native of Hot Springs. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. Following his graduation from the seminary, he served First Church, Clifton, Texas, four years; later he was the pastor of Garden Villas Church, Houston.

The next three years Mr. Trussell served with the Armed Forces as a Navy Chaplain. After his discharge from the Navy he became the pastor at Homer.

Mr. Trussell is a member of the Executive Board of the Louisiana State Baptist Convention; the Board of Trustees for Homer Baptist Hospital; and a member of the State Missions Committee.

Mrs. Trussell is the former Miss Elizabeth Tinnin, whose father celebrated his thirtieth anniversary last year as editor of the *Baptist Message*, official publication for the Louisiana Baptist Convention. She is a graduate of Louisiana Baptist College, Pineville, and holds the MRE degree from Southwestern Seminary.

## Laymen's Week at Ouachita

The Baptist Student Union of Ouachita College sponsored Christian Layman's Week on the OBC campus March 31-April 4. This was the first Layman's Week to be held at Ouachita College.

Visiting speakers were Ben Bracken, Camden, W. P. Jones Jr., Arkadelphia, Gene Odom, Fort Smith, and Norman Cohen of Little Rock.

The laymen gave their testimonies as to how Christ had meant so much to them in their lives. "One of the best weeks we've ever had at Ouachita," commented one student.

## Baring Cross, North Little Rock Calls New Pastor

Dr. David Garland, an associate professor at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, has accepted the pastorate of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, and plans to be on the field by April 20.

For six years Doctor Garland was pastor of First Church, West Baden, Indiana. He has served as supply pastor of First Church, Monticello, and has also served as dean of men at A & M College, Monticello.

Doctor and Mrs. Garland have no children.

## Parkin Church Makes Progress

Pastor J. W. Royal, Lewisville, assisted the Parkin Church in a revival meeting from March 9-19. The pastor, Ray L. Langley, was in charge of the music. There were fifteen additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and nine by letter and statement.

Prior to the revival, a spiritual awakening was in evidence. On February 24 six young men united with the church, five by baptism. On this date Dr. Doyle J. Smith, Poplar Avenue Church, Memphis, was the visiting speaker. Since that date twenty-five have been approved for baptism. Several of the converts have come from the young men's Bible class which was recently started with one member and the teacher, Mr. Cecil Kemp. The class now has an enrollment of eighteen.

## McMenis Becomes Missionary For Woodruff Association

Freeman McMenis has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Norman, to accept the position of associational missionary in Woodruff Association.

Mr. McMenis had been pastor of the Norman Church for eleven months. While at Norman he was active in the associational work of the Caddo River Association, serving as vice moderator of the association, associational Sunday School superintendent and chairman of the missions, Centennial, and evangelistic committees.

In recognition of the service rendered by Mr. McMenis in the associational organization, the executive board and representatives of the Caddo River Association convened in the worker's conference on March 10, where appropriate resolutions of appreciation were adopted and commendations to his new field of service.

## Minister Ordained

Leo Herron was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the Gassville Church on March 9.

Mr. Herron is a student in Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge. He has accepted the pastorate of Antioch Church.

## Pastoral Change

J. O. Perkison, former pastor of Trinity Church, Texarkana, has resigned the pastorate of Rose Park Church, Salt Lake City, and accepted the pastorate of Cash Church, Cash, Arkansas.

## First Church, Wilson Has Excellent Revival

Pastor D. B. Bledsoe reports fifty-two professions of faith and five additions to the church by letter at First Church, Wilson, in revival services March 23-30.

Pastor Bledsoe says, "The church was packed at every evening service, and from seventy to eighty attended early morning services at 7 o'clock. High school students and adults went afield during the day, witnessing and winning the lost to the Lord. The entire town felt the impact of this revival."

A street service was held on the town square Saturday afternoon, the 29th. A loud speaker system was used for this service. Hundreds of people were present for this service and business and traffic came to a stand still during the service.

The young people of the Wilson church have organized a "Youth Crusader Band," and will meet each week for prayer, Bible study, witnessing and testimony, and will take part in the street services in neighboring communities.

Thomas Landers, a student in Southwestern Seminary, was the evangelist for the Wilson meeting and Carrol Evans of Ouachita College directed the singing.

The Wilson church is enlarging its facilities in order to take on the increased enrollment in Sunday School and attendance on the church services.

Pastor Bledsoe says, "A new day has dawned for our church; our people truly are on fire for lost souls; and God is moving the hearts of His people here in Wilson."

## Mena Church Establishes Mission

First Church, Mena, designated Sunday, March 30, as "Mission Day." The purpose—to raise \$1,750 in the one service to pay for the mission property.

The church had purchased a lot and building on North Second Street, Mena, and the building is now being made ready for the opening of a new mission which the church has named the Calvary Baptist Mission.

Although March 30 was a rainy day, the Sunday School attendance was the highest of any Sunday in March, the auditorium was filled to capacity with extra chairs being used for the morning worship service. After the sermon by Pastor Arlie McDaniel, the people were asked to bring their "Mission Day" offering and place it in a miniature model of the mission building, which was prepared by Kay Mansell, music and educational director of the church. "It was an high hour," says Pastor McDaniel, "as men, women, and children brought their offering for this mission project. The final result was a total offering of \$1,874.06."

The mission was opened April 6, at which time Pastor McDaniel began a one week revival in which he did the preaching.

## A Correction

We reported in the March 20 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* that the Emmanuel Church of Hot Springs had "received no financial assistance from any other source than the contributions of its members." Pastor L. D. Summers writes me that this statement is in error. He further states that while they did not ask for help from any other church, association, or convention, yet they did receive contributions from individuals who were not members of the Emmanuel Church.



## Arkansas News Briefs

*From Here and There*

First Church, Hampton, and William Carl Bird, pastor, will have the services of L. G. Miller, pastor of Bethany Church, North Little Rock, in a revival campaign from April 13-20.

Hatfield Church recently completed a study course wherein Missionary and Mrs. M. L. Wallace, Ouachita Association, taught the books, "What Baptists Believe," and "Intermediate Fishers." Out of a membership of 80, the average attendance was 40. Robert Colvard is the pastor.

Dr. David O. Moore, First Church, Arkadelphia, was the evangelist in a revival campaign with First Church, Las Cruces, New Mexico, from March 23 to April 10. Dr. John Parrott, former college and seminary classmate of Doctor Moore, is the pastor.

The ministerial alliance of Wynne is cooperating with the Tri Hi Y and Hi Y of the Wynne High School in a week of religious emphasis from April 7-13. Donald M. Currie, director of campus Christian life for Presbyterian colleges, is the speaker and counselor. Mr. Currie spoke at the general assembly at the high school each day and at the Baptist church each evening. Boyd Baker is the pastor.

First Church, Smackover, was engaged in a four day youth revival from March 22-25. A youth team consisting of Tommy Purnell, of Ouachita, Miss Billie Barr, Southern State College, Miss Gurtha DePriest, Ouachita, and Donald Moore of the University of Arkansas, had charge of the services. There were eight professions of faith, forty-eight rededications and one person surrendered for special service. Dale F. Taylor is the pastor.

First Church, Piggott, and E. Clay Polk, pastor, received fifteen new members in a recent revival meeting in which Dr. C. W. Caldwell, state superintendent of missions, did the preaching.

Dr. E. P. J. Garrott, First Church, Batesville, will assist First Church, North Little Rock, in a revival meeting from April 13-27. Owen W. Moran is the pastor of First Church.

First Church, Monticello, and N. Roscoe Griffin, pastor, were assisted in a revival campaign by Dr. Henry Allen Parker and Donald McCollom beginning March 30.

Dr. McKinley Norman, Da'las, Texas, and Mr. John Walker, music director of First Church, Little Rock, will assist Immanuel Church, Texarkana, in revival services from April 27 to May 11. C. G. Davis is pastor of Immanuel Church.

Dr. W. B. Tatum, First Church, Pine Bluff, will be the evangelist in revival services of First Church, Junction City, April 13-23. The music will be in charge of the pastor, Phil J. Beach.

During the simultaneous effort in northeast Arkansas from March 9-20, Missionary Claud Crigler assisted Gum Springs Church. There were eleven professions of faith, and one new member by letter.

Challenged by Sunday School Superintendent C. E. Marks and Pastor Thomas E. Lindley to reach an attendance goal of 300 on Sunday, March 23, the Elliott Church near Camden reached an all-time high in attendance but fell short of the goal by 20, having an attendance of 280. This attendance record exceeded the enrollment of the Sunday School by 40.

First Church, Prescott, closed a revival meeting March 28 wherein H. L. Sampson, pastor of Parkview Church, Monroe, Louisiana, did the preaching, and Miss Rose Arzoomanian, Chicago, directed the music. There were ten additions to the church. Wesley A. Lindsey is the pastor of the Prescott Church.

L. G. Gatlin, First Church, Carlisle, assisted Armored Church and Pastor William E. Edmondson in revival services from March 16-23. Pastor Edmondson was in charge of the music. There were sixteen additions to the church on profession of faith.

East View Church, Texarkana, Jack Gullledge, pastor, will have the services of Theo T. James, pastor of First Church, McGehee, in a revival campaign beginning April 20. Bill Sewell, student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, will have charge of the music.

One year ago, Carroll County Association, one of the smallest in the state, had only three full time churches, and four half time churches. Last September Grandview Church went to full time work and under the leadership of Pastor Frank Vandalingham there has been a steady growth in all phases of the church program.

In February, Blue Eye Church called Pastor Allen Emerson for full time work, and within a few weeks the church attendance has doubled.

Evangelist W. J. Morris of Pine Bluff was recently engaged in a revival meeting at Nimmons. Following this meeting he went to the First Baptist Church of Cheyenne, Oklahoma, to assist Pastor Ted Cox in a revival. Evangelist Morris is available for revival meetings either as preacher or singer.

The Jerome Church in the Delta Association was organized June 10, 1951. It was first established as a mission by the First Church of Dermott. This youngest church in the Delta Association is growing in numbers and in program.

Dr. Samuel Maddox, personnel director for the Foreign Mission Board, will assist First Church, El Dorado, and Pastor Sam Reeves, in revival services beginning April 13. Billy Hilburn, music director for Highland Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, will direct the music.

Dr. O. L. Bayless, pastor of Second Church, Hot Springs, is currently engaged in a revival campaign with First Church, Siloam Springs, and Pastor B. H. Eustis.

First Church, Malvern, and Pastor Don Hook are engaged in a building program. They will soon occupy a new auditorium.

First Church, Plumerville, is engaged in a Youth revival, which began April 6. Charles Holland is the pastor.

South Side Church, Little Rock, has completed the Baby Bungalow, "where the primaries and beginners will have a home to themselves, with every facility to make the youngsters comfortable and contented," says Pastor R. A. Hill.

W. Dawson King, recording secretary for the Arkansas Baptist Convention, will assist Reynolds Memorial Church, Little Rock, in revival services beginning April 13. Guy S. Wilson is the pastor.

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### Babies To Receive Testaments

All babies born at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, in the future will be presented with a copy of the New Testament through the courtesy of the Hospital Auxiliary, whose membership is composed of representatives from every Baptist church in Shelby County.

Announcement of the hospital's new religious feature was made by Frederick P. Loman, Hospital Chaplain.

### Invitation To Visit Stetson University

Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention and their friends are invited to visit Stetson University and DeLand, Florida's only Baptist College, on the way to or from the meeting in Miami.

"Convention messengers can visit the Stetson campus without going out of their way and we welcome the opportunity to greet you and show you what Stetson is doing in Florida for Baptist young people," President J. Ollie Edmunds said in extending the invitation.

DeLand is on Route 17, the St. Johns River Trail, and is about the same distance from northern to eastern points to Miami as is Route 1. DeLand is only 20 miles west of U. S. 1 at Daytona Beach and should be a must for all motorists going to or returning from Miami, even though U. S. 1 is used in both directions.

### Graham Stirs Interest in British Church Circles

Hundreds of British evangelical leaders and workers crowded the assembly hall of Church House, Westminster, to hear evangelist Billy Graham report on his revival campaign in America. The conference was called by the World Evangelical Alliance.

Earlier, Dr. Graham had conducted a revival meeting in Albert Hall, in London, which was attended by about 10,000 persons.

At the Westminster meeting, Anglican Prebendary Colin Kerr, who introduced Dr. Graham, attributed much of the evangelist's success to the prominence the American press gives to religious matters. As a result of this, he said, "America is thinking in terms of religion."

### Legislators Hold Hymn-Fest

Three ministers visiting their representatives at the state capitol in Jackson, Mississippi, were surprised to hear strains of the hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross," issuing from the House chamber as they approached it.

The hymn was being sung by about a dozen legislators. It was followed by a half-dozen or more other hymns, including: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," "Near The Cross," "Standing On The Promises of God," "Blessed Assurance," and "The Way Of The Cross Leads Home."



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# Christian Horizons

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By Religious News Service

## Says Newspapers Must Help Spiritual Revival

Newspapers of the nation must help if there is to be a religious awakening in the United States, according to the **Raleigh Times**, Raleigh, North Carolina.

"Newspaper editors too frequently weep and wail over the fact that America and the world in general are going to pieces," an editorial said, "but they do nothing about it. These individuals are hereby put on notice. Certainly, if there is to be a spiritual reawakening in America, the newspapers of this country must help bring it into being."

The editorial said it was "reassuring" to note increasing signs of a renewed interest in religion "during an era of the most unprecedented tension, fear and insecurity in American history."

It called attention to a recent editorial in **Editor and Publisher**, magazine of the newspaper field, which said that editors should be cognizant of "a growing public interest in reading material of a religious nature in their newspapers."

The **Editor and Publisher** editorial said that many newspapers had published weekly Sunday School lessons in their columns for many years and that the list of newspapers carrying a daily prayer, sermonette and Bible quotation was constantly growing.

It also said that reader response to an article the magazine had published on the popularity of religious news had been "equal to anything" it had printed in recent months.

"All of which indicates," the editorial said, "a public desire for inspirational material in their newspapers during these trying days and an increasing awareness by editors of their need to fulfill this desire."

## Bill to Ban Liquor Ads Killed

Religious temperance leaders expressed keen disappointment when the Senate interstate and foreign commerce committee voted 7 to 6 against reporting to the floor a bill to ban liquor advertising from radio and television.

The measure, sponsored by Senators Edwin C. Johnson (D.-Colo.), chairman of the committee, and Francis Case (R.-S.D.), would not have affected beer advertising. Although liquor advertising is carried on only a few radio stations at present and on none of the major television networks, the measure was fought bitterly by distillery interests, and was opposed by broadcasters.

## Army Church Attendance Sets Record

Attendance at religious services conducted at U. S. Army installations and bases set a new record of 1,783,131 in the month of December, 1951, a report by the Chief of Chaplains has revealed.

The record was established in spite of the fact that thousands of servicemen were absent from their posts in this country with holiday leave during the Christmas season.

## Ask Spiritual Values In American Business

Basic moral and spiritual values must be cultivated and nourished in the American business and economic system if the country's culture is to be maintained, a college teacher of business education said.

D. R. P. Brecht of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharthon School of Finance and Commerce made this observation to the 11th annual Business Education Conference at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, in Greensboro.

"There should be a realization," Dr. Brecht said, "that people are in business to render a service, not just to make profits, and that we can gain spiritual value from an experience in materialism. Four agencies are involved—the home, the church, the school, and business itself."

## Jaycees Sponsor Go-To-Church Campaign

A "Go To Church in April" campaign, designed to "emphasize the place of church-going in the American way of life," has been adopted as a special project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The campaign will utilize radio, television and advertising announcements, six full-size billboards spotted throughout the city, 3,000 windshield stickers and 7,000 handbills.

Slogan for the month will be "Freedom Flows From Faith In God."

## Italian Catholics Warned On "Y" Membership

Members of Italian Catholic Action were told by their leaders that membership in the Young Men's or Young Women's Christian Association was "forbidden" under Roman Catholic Canon Law.

The Catholic Action directive said that the Church prohibits its Italian members from joining the YM or YWCA because of their "generally Protestant composition."

## Police Chief Blocks Church-Sponsored Raffles

In a drive to end all gambling in Tucson, Arizona—even the kind which aids religious and charitable groups—Police Chief Don J. Hays blocked two car raffles by local churches.

In one instance, his permission was sought for the raffling of a sedan donated for the benefit of a building fund. He denied the request and the car was returned to the donor.

In the second case, tickets were already being sold on a machine when Mr. Hays directed that the money be refunded to purchasers.

He has appealed to churches and charitable groups to cease all activities smacking of gambling until the legislature has amended present laws to make exceptions.

(Note—It seems strange that the law should be invoked to stop churches from gambling.—Editor)

# A Smile or Two

Mrs. Smythe: "There is no honesty anywhere! My maid has run away and taken three of my best dresses."

Mrs. Browne: "Which ones, dear?"

Mrs. Smythe: "Those I smuggled through the customs when I returned from Paris!"

Snap Shot says: "A toastmaster is a man who eats a meal he doesn't enjoy so he can get up and tell a lot of stories he can't remember to people who've already heard them."

A guest handed the hotel manager a bouquet of flowers and said, "It's for the phone girls."

Obviously pleased, the manager said, "Thank you, sir—thank you, sir. I know they will appreciate the compliment."

"Compliment!" roared the guest. "I thought they had all died."

An American traveling in the Netherlands met a Hollander who, on learning the traveler's nationality, said "Our flag is red, white and blue too. When tax season approaches we begin to feel blue, when we receive our statements we turn white, and when we pay we see red!"

"Yes," replied the American, "but in the United States, we see stars as well."

An elderly doctor listened to the wails of a woman who bemoaned the disappearance of the family physician, the "good old-fashioned doctor." Finally he lost patience and replied, "Madam, if you will show me an old-fashioned family, I will produce a doctor for it."

—Quote.

Thirty days has September. All the rest I can't remember. The calendar hangs there on the wall—why bother me with this at all!

Back from his day in the office, Father asked his children whether they had been good.

"Oh, yes," said one little daughter, "I washed the tea things."

"And I dried them," said another.

Turning to the youngest of the trio, he asked: "And what did you do, Margaret?"

In high glee she reported. "I picked up the pieces."

The census taker was interviewing a mother of a large family and asked her how many children she had.

"Well," she said with affection in her voice, "there's Bill, and Jane, and then Susie, and Tom . . . and . . ."

"No," interrupted the interviewer, "not names. I don't want names, just the number."

The widowed mother's pride was touched. "They ain't got numbers," she retorted. "Each has got a name."

A friend once tried to persuade his neighbor, Mark Twain, to take a walk with him. Twain was in one of his stubborn moods and declined.

"You know," said his friend, "you really should come along with me. The Scriptures say so."

Twain's eyebrows went up. "How's that?" he asked.

"Fifth chapter, 41st line, Matthew: 'And whoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain!'"

Twain took the walk.



## News From Baptist Press

### Cauthen to Fly From Japan To Preach at Miami Convention

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Tokyo, Japan, will be the speaker for the great evangelistic service climaxing the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami, Florida, Sunday night, May 18. He will fly from Tokyo especially for this service.

The International Choir of Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, directed by Shelby Collier, professor of music, will sing for the service. Dr. Cauthen's topic will be "Christ Speaks to the Nations."

Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will direct the program.

### Promotion Leaders Confer In Recent Nashville Meet

Southern Baptists, in mapping plans for promotion, must keep in mind three things: their resources, their possibilities, their prospects. Or to put it another way—"We must consider both assets and liabilities, we must truly recognize that the field is the world."

So spoke Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, in his keynote address at the annual Southern Baptist Convention promotional conference in Nashville, March 19-20, sponsored by the Executive Committee and directed by Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion.

Pointing out Southern Baptist gains since 1931, Routh said, "In 1931 fewer than 70 per cent of the churches gave something to missions, while last year more than 90 per cent of the churches reported gifts to missions. In 1931 the total gifts for all purposes by Southern Baptists amounted to \$32,000,000 plus, while it reached nearly \$223,000,000 in 1951. The total gifts to missions and benevolences was less than \$6,000,000 in 1931 by all churches; it amounted to \$37,250,000 in 1951. The value of church property was about \$217,000,000 in 1931, and it has skyrocketed to \$761,000,000 by 1951."

Routh suggested that Convention groups keep each other in mind and that every Baptist try to see the needs of the whole program. "The security of one depends on the security of all. It (the Cooperative Program) is a mutual pact," he said.

Sixty-two leaders from twenty states attended the conference. Dr. J. Norris Palmer, chairman of the Promotion Committee, spoke on the year's promotion theme, "What Wilt Thou Have Me To Do?" He related the work of stewardship promotion to the spiritual purposes of the New Testament.

Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Executive Committee, presented the seven-step plan as follows: (1) teach Bible stewardship, (2) enlist tithers, (3) plan church finances, (4) increase Cooperative Program, (5) ask every member to give, (6) make offerings weekly, and (7) handle funds well.

A special address on "Making Public Opinion" was delivered by Albert McClellan, director of publications. He said that the secret of promotion is found in Isaiah's famous passage: "For precept must be upon precept, . . . line upon line; here a little, and there a little." (Isa. 28:10).

The conference was closed with an appeal by Willis J. Ray, state secretary of Arizona, to always keep in mind the relation of stewardship promotion to the main purpose of Bible teaching and soul-winning.

### Join The Church Week

A special "Join The Church Week," September 14-21, this year, is being sponsored by the Promotion Committee and will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention in May for Convention approval and recommendation to Southern Baptist Churches.

Specific aim of "Join the Church Week" will be to enlist all non-resident members. One-fourth of the Convention's eight million members are non-resident, that is, they are not members of a local Baptist church in the community in which they live.

"Join the Church Week" will not be classed as a revival. However, special emphasis will be placed on the reception of members by letter Sunday, September 14, Wednesday, September 17, and Sunday, September 21.

Every agency of the Southern Baptist Convention and every state convention will be asked to co-operate in the drive.

A goal of 250,000 transfers of membership by letter will be set for the period.

Sunday, September 7, will be designated as a "Visitation Search Day." A special card will be used to locate non-resident Baptists.

It is suggested that the associational workers' meeting programs for July be given to a study of the problem. That a steering committee be set up in every association consisting of moderator, clerk, associational missionary, chairman of evangelism, superintendent of Sunday School, director of Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union president, and Brotherhood president.

The next step toward adoption of the plan will be a special meeting of various agency and state convention representatives in Miami on Monday, May 12. Dr. Charles E. Matthews of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board has been asked to arrange for this meeting.

The plan is then expected to be adopted by the Executive Committee and the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Miami, Florida, May 14-18.

Dr. Paul Wheeler, Columbia, South Carolina, presented the plan to the Promotion Conference in co-operation with Dr. Matthews and other representatives of state and Convention groups.

### New Correspondent Courses Available

By LEE GALLMAN, Director

The Seminary Extension Department has added three new courses to its list. Beginning less than nine months ago with only two courses to offer, the Department has grown and enlarged its list of available courses until they now have eleven courses. The new courses are Old Testament II, Old Testament III, and New Testament II. Old Testament II was prepared by Dr. Robert T. Daniel and Dr. Ralph L. Smith, Southwestern Seminary. Old Testament III was prepared by Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, professor of Old Testament, Southern Seminary. This is a study of Wisdom Literature and the Psalms. The New Testament Course presents a study of the New Testament from Paul, prepared by Dr. Henry E. Turlington, also of the Southern Seminary.

The Extension Department has enrolled a total of 460 pupils, of whom 369 are correspondence students and 92 are enrolled in Extension centers. Eleven courses are now available.

## Great Objectives Needed

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE THREE)

The discussion of differences among Baptists is quite wholesome and beneficial.

Nor does it mean that Baptists are not held together by great fundamental doctrinal principles, a common faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. These doctrinal tenets and this common faith constitute the very ground upon which Baptists work together.

But even though Baptists stand together on New Testament doctrines and church policy, if they have no great objectives in Kingdom service, they will fall to fussing and quarreling among themselves, bitterness and envy will take the place of Christian love and consideration one for the other.

One of the secrets of the cohesion among Southern Baptists, and of their growth, is the fact that Southern Baptists have challenged themselves with great objectives. They have not allowed themselves to forget these objectives nor have they allowed themselves to be led off into blind alleys which lead to nowhere. So long as we keep great objectives before us as Southern Baptists there isn't much danger of our falling out among ourselves and quarreling over minor matters.

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### Dean's Honor List at Baylor Is 10 Per Cent Arkansans

Dean Monroe S. Carroll had a special banquet March 29, for the 112 students from Arkansas currently enrolled in Baylor University.

They seem smarter than the rest.

Dean Carroll revealed that 11 Arkansans are included in the 124 students listed on his Winter Quarter "Dean's Honor List." The list includes only those students with a straight "A" record for the quarter.

The 124 comprise less than 3 per cent of the whole student body, but the 11 from Arkansas constitute 10 per cent of the Wonder State's enrolment here. "It's phenomenal," Dean Carroll said.

"I don't know whether Arkansans are just naturally smarter or if maybe we get the cream of the crop," he added, "but they are definitely outstanding students."

The students making the list from Arkansas are: Betty Baker, Wynne; Shirley Buchanan, Pine Bluff; George Henry Dunning, Wilmot; Joyce Hornaday, Fordyce; Noland Murray, Harrison; Erma Rahm, Success; William Gann Rippey, Little Rock; Gene Talbert, Stephens; Robert Taylor, Augusta; Sally Jo Wade, Stephens; Patty Yarbrough, El Dorado.

### Historic Commission Receives Valuable Materials

The Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention recently received from Dr. and Mrs. Louis J. Bristow, New Orleans, Louisiana, 136 valuable books for its library. Among the books is a Bible printed in 1630. Later Dr. Bristow is to give three volumes of Thomas Aquinas printed in 1508. Mrs. Bristow gave manuscripts of sermons, poems and other writings by her father, Dr. E. T. Winkler, one of the Southern Baptists' giants of the middle of the 19th century. In addition to the books and manuscripts, the Bristow collection contains valuable basic historical materials from Southern Baptist hospitals and files of Baptist publications that are scarce.



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# Church Music Department

MRS. B. W. NININGER, Director

## "I Hear Young Baptists Singing"



Baptist youth of Arkansas, numbering one thousand, gave a stirring demonstration of great church music at the Sixth Annual Youth Choir Festivals, held in Mitchell Hall at Ouachita College, March 28 and 29. Coming from thirty churches in the state, they brought together a composite of talent, consecration, and the exuberance of Christian living. There was never a dull moment. They were completely at home on the campus, in the dormitories, dining hall, and most of all in the music building where the main business was the rehearsing and singing of some of the finest church music.

Dr. Warren Angell, Oklahoma Baptist University, and his splendid organist, Jack Ballew, have long since endeared themselves to the boys and girls of Arkansas. Under such skillful leadership these young people developed a choral beauty which lifted the heart to the seventh heaven. Parents, faculty, and visitors alike were breathless at the close of the program and then broke out into tumultuous applause.

Special mention is due the soloists who sang at the evening performance after having been chosen from a large group by

audition. They were: Miss Jerry Carter, Stuttgart, Miss Mae Tedder, Clarksville, Miss Martha Buckner, Crossett, and Robert Granderson, South Side, Pine Bluff.

On Saturday the choirs composed of boys and girls between ages 8 and 12 repeated the melodic pattern with outstanding success under the leadership of Mrs. Gordon P. Psalmonds of Duncan, Oklahoma. This is the first year for Mrs. Psalmonds to direct the Juniors but her excellent musicianship and charming personality captivated the young singers at the first rehearsal. Truly they sang "with the spirit and with the understanding," and their poise and behavior was something to sing about. Miss Jane Bodenhamer played the accompaniment for the Juniors. Every parent, director, and sponsor has just cause to feel proud of their choristers.

A great big "Thank You" goes to every church which sent a group to the Youth Choir Festivals. Those churches not represented this year will want to start early next Fall to prepare a choir to send.

The best way to preserve uninterrupted peace is to live in the spirit of prayer and think humbly of yourself.

# Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary

## Intermediate G. A. Conference, April 18-20

### SPEAKER



MRS. HUGO CULPEPPER

Two hundred young women and counselors representing the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliaries in the state will meet at Hardison Hall, Petit Jean Mountain (near Morrilton) for the annual Girls' Auxiliary Conference. Miss Doris DeVault, State Young People's Secretary, will have charge of all activities and preside over the meetings.

Missionary speakers to be featured on the program will be Mrs. Hugo Culpepper, nee Ruth Cochrane of Little Rock, at home on furlough from Chile; Miss Kathleen Manley, missionary nurse from West Africa; Miss Chieko Sato, product of Southern Baptists' mission work in Hawaii and at present a student at Ouachita College. Mrs. R. E. Hagood of Dumas will be conference hostess. Other state youth workers will assist on the program and with other activities.

Registration fee of \$1 per person should be sent to Miss Doris

DeVault, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock, by April 11. The balance of the cost, \$6 (total \$7) is payable upon arrival at the conference.

Full information has been sent to each organization, details were published in last week's Arkansas Baptist. This and any other information may be secured by writing Miss DeVault.

Be sure your Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary is represented at this important weekend retreat for Intermediate girls. Activities will start with the evening meal on Friday, the 18th, and close with the noon meal on Sunday, the 20th.

### EVIDENCE OF ADVANCE

Reports submitted at the sixty-third Annual Meeting of Arkansas' Woman's Missionary Union revealed many evidences of advance in the work of the Union. Some statistics of interest follow:

Woman's Missionary Societies	584
Young People's Organizations	1,523
W.M.S. Membership	15,872
Young People's Organizations Membership	12,736
A-1 W. M. S.	34
A-1 Young People's Organizations	65
Full Graded W.M.U.s	56
A-1 Full Graded W.M.U.s	2
Mission Study Classes	3,269
Organizations Reporting	
Community Missions	955
Members Engaged in	
Community Missions	22,072
Organizations Observing	
Day of Prayer For	
Community Missions	580
Tithers	9,292
New Tithers	2,373
Little Moon Offering	
For Foreign Missions	\$67,351.93
Annie Armstrong Offering For Home Missions	25,308.48
Dixie Jackson Offering	
For State Missions	18,699.42
(Offerings reported represent receipts for the calendar year 1951. Foreign Mission offering has now reached \$74,503.92). A fuller report of proceedings of the convention will be given later.	

### CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

Tri-County Associational W. M. U. Rally will be held at Terrell instead of Earle, April 24, 10 A. M. Mrs. S. S. Hargraves is Associational Superintendent.

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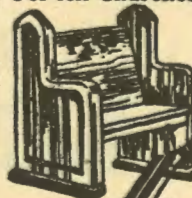
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## Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, *Secretary*

### New President

D. C. McAtee, pastor of Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, was elected president of the State Training Union Convention in Little Rock, March 14-15. In addition to being convention president, Pastor McAtee serves as one of the qualified Young People's workers. Mrs. McAtee assists in the Training Union work by teaching leaders of the Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Departments.

### Join The Training Union Day—April 27

#### WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

1. A 10 per cent increase in enrollment of all Training Unions of Arkansas on April 27.
2. All Unions that have an increase of at least 20 per cent during the year will be on the "Twenty Percenters Honor Roll."
3. A high attendance on April 27 in all Training Unions.

#### WHY AN INCREASE

1. An increased enrollment precedes an increase in average attendance.
2. We need to reach those who are not in Training Union now. If the Training Union is good for some it is good for all.

3. "New blood" will help every Union.

#### HOW TO INCREASE

1. Prepare a prospect list immediately for each individual Union, giving each union about 15 or 20 names of church members not enrolled in Training Union.
  2. Visit every one of these prospects during the next month and again the week preceding April 27. Sincerely go after the people for the Training Union.
  3. Enroll new members the night they agree to join your union. Have them fill out classification slips.
  4. Put new members on a group and committee at once.
  5. Publicize "Join the Training Union Day," and plan to break all attendance records that day.
- Arkansas Training Union enrollment has increased from 68,957 to 72,269 during the past year. An increase of a little over 10 per cent this year will bring this enrollment to 80,000. Will your Training Union be on the "Twenty Percenters Honor Roll" at the close of 1952?

If your Training Union has an increase of at least 10 per cent during April or the first Sunday in May, be sure to notify your State Training Union Department by May 5.

## Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, *Secretary*

### Plan A Study Course For April

According to a Sunday School Board report, February was the greatest month yet throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory, in Sunday School training. Approximately 80,000 awards were requested which is a net gain of 23,000 over last February.

It is suggested that the emphasis be on teaching during April. Plan to use one of the books on teaching. A list of these books may be had from your State Sunday School Department, Little Rock.

#### ATTENTION! ASSOCIATIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS

It is now time to be thinking carefully, and planning for Vacation Bible Schools in the association. How many, what type, and where will they be?

You will want to have an associational one-day Vacation Bible School clinic and get representatives from each church to set goals and dates for the schools. Perhaps some church has never had a school and may need some help. Decisions may be made at the associational meeting as to which churches will

sponsor schools in other churches. Too, this is a good time for the churches to decide on the number and places of mission schools they will sponsor.

If you do not yet have a copy of the 1951 statistics your State Sunday School Department will be glad to furnish you with this information upon request. You will find this information most helpful—a list of all known schools of every type held in your association is included. Other helpful information is also available. Ask us for the booklet, "Vacation Bible School Associational Promotion," and a free package of promotional literature.

#### COMING EVENTS

- 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—State-wide Special Associational Planning Rallies.
- October 13-14—State Sunday School Convention.

## Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, *Superintendent*

### A Missionary Tour

Saturday night, March 29, your Superintendent of Missions was guest speaker in Mt. Harmony Church, near Greenwood. It was the dedication service of their new building. Missionary C. C. Roberts accompanied the superintendent and gave a brief message.

Mt. Harmony Church, for approximately 15 years, was so weak and inactive that it was not represented in the Concord Association. This is the church which gave to Arkansas and our Baptist denomination our beloved O. M. Stallings, and it is to him that most of the credit goes for the revived interest and the construction of a new building. After a few years sojourn in Oklahoma, Brother Stallings returned to Lavaca as pastor. He went back to his old home church and preached for them on Saturday nights and re-established regular services. He led them in their building program. Now the church is carrying on regular services, with Alvin Wilsey as pastor. The Missions Department has had a small part in helping to finance the new building.

On Sunday, following the Saturday dedication of Mt. Harmony Church, I was privileged to preach in the Lavaca Church while Pastor Stallings was engaged in a revival meeting at Branch. The Lavaca Church is making great strides under the leadership of their pastor. They are carrying on a good Sunday School and have a great crowd for preaching services.

Sunday evening, it was our privilege to be in Glendale Church, near Booneville, where A. D. Kent is pastor. This church has accomplished some outstanding things in the last year. Under the inspirational leadership of Missionary C. C. Roberts, the church has built a new house of worship and a pastor's home. Also, the church co-operated

with two other churches in forming a pastoral field, with Brother Kent as pastor and living adjacent to the Glendale Church.

The church house is of rock veneer, with the old building arranged into an educational building. Part of the building has a basement which will soon be completed. The parsonage is modern and would be an asset to any church. Pastor Kent is happy in his work and is loved by all the people. The house was practically filled for the Sunday evening service. At the Training Union hour, I was in the Adult Union, with 30 in attendance. A splendid program was given on the Cooperative Program.

In my rounds during the visit to the above churches, it was my privilege to fellowship with Missionary and Mrs. Roberts. One of the fine things about being Superintendent of Missions is the privilege of having fellowship with our missionaries and pastors. Brother Roberts is a man of wide experience in mission work and is projecting a sound and wise program in Concord Association.

In speaking of missionaries, let me say that we have a fine corps of workers in the Missions Department. Practically all the associations now have missionaries. Some of the new employees have come from out of the state. The most recent is: Missionary Mark Browning in Clear Creek Association, who comes from Oklahoma. Woodruff Association has called Freeman McMenis of Norman, Oklahoma. Ashley County has as their missionary, Howard Barton.

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## Correcting An Injustice

If a proposal which was tentatively voted by the House Ways and Means Committee is approved by Congress, the Federal excise tax on sales of electricity will be imposed on all suppliers of power. That tax, which amounts to 3½ per cent, now applies only to the sales of privately-owned utilities. The Committee voted to extend it to municipal electric plants and all other public power agencies, including the Federal systems.

The extra revenue which this action would bring into the Treasury is not great — about \$14,000,000 a year. But it would be an important step in the direction of removing a long-standing discrimination against the customers of private power companies. And, of much greater importance, it would be a precedent for further legislation which would put all power suppliers, regardless of their ownership, on the same tax footing.

At the present time, the average private electric utility pays some 20 per cent of its total revenues in taxes. This is one of its largest single items of expense. By contrast, the great socialized Federal projects are exempt from all tax laws but in some cases "contribute" small sums in lieu of taxes. Municipal

systems are similarly favored. As a matter of actual fact, the so-called "cheap power" offered by the socialized power bodies is made possible only by tax freedom plus tax subsidization.

There is not a single valid argument why a government-owned business competing with private citizens should not stand on its own feet and assume the same tax burdens as a privately-owned business. If it can't do that, it should go out of business. The House Committee has taken sound action which has been long overdue.

—*Industrial News Review.*

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# Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

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## Hold That Associational Meeting!

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Hold that associational meeting! Hold it once each quarter. Work to get men there from every church in the association. Have a good program—one that will inform the men and challenge them to give faithful service unto their Lord through their church and denomination.

A good associational Brotherhood will help mightily to develop God's men throughout all the churches of the association; and thus to provide the association with capable leadership in all phases of its work.

Hold that associational meeting!

### WATCH THE EMPHASES OF YOUR BROTHERHOOD!

A Brotherhood will do its most effective work when its entire program of activities is comprehended within the program of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20).

We believe that the Great Commission constitutes the marching orders of the resurrected Lord to His church, setting forth exactly what He wants His people to do.

A church Brotherhood exists for the purpose of making the church a better and more effective church. So the program of the church is the program of the Brotherhood. The God-given tasks of the church show forth the character and the limits of the work of the church Brotherhood.

Any Brotherhood activity which is not comprehended in the Great Commission is an activity which will get in the way of the program of work that Jesus has given His church to do. So every emphasis of the Brotherhood, every item of work, every activity **MUST** fall within the scope of the work of the church.

Watch the emphases of your Brotherhood!

### DON'T FORGET YOUR FIRST LOVE!

The first love of a Christian is for the souls of others. This love generally shows forth immediately after conversion in deep concern for the salvation of one's own loved ones.

When a Christian gets away from concern for the salvation of other people, and begins to expend his energies and his influence on other interests, he is back-slidden.

### Remember your first love!

A wide-awake Christian is constantly aware of the purpose for which God saved him. This purpose can be fulfilled only if the Christian makes his new life in Christ Jesus count effectively (and directly) toward the salvation of those for whom Jesus died.

### Don't forget your first love!

### REMEMBER THAT GOD'S WORK IS WORK!

Accomplishment comes as the result of work. Effective Christian service is work within the will of God.

"We are laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9).

God's work is work!

God's people really work for their God when they do His expressed will. No other work can substitute effectively for God's work.

Christian service in its real meaning is working with Christ to do His will.

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A man might have the whole Bible in memory and not a word of it in his daily life. The Word abides in us when we have given it obedience.

*Courtlund Myers.*

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Those who believe—and hope—that corruption and graft in government will be a major issue in forthcoming elections on both the local and national level have found much encouragement in what happened in New York and Philadelphia on November 7.

In New York, the issue was absolutely clear-cut. The "reform" candidate for the presidency of the city council—second highest office in the metropolis—was Rudolph Halley, who made his name as counsel for the Kefauver crime committee. Mr. Halley is a Democrat, but the regular organization wanted no part of him. So he ran as a candidate on the liberal, fusion and independent tickets. His main campaign issue was municipal corruption. Mr. Halley won handily, by a plurality—over three other candidates—of better than 160,000.

In Philadelphia, the Republicans have been in political control of the city for almost 70 years. Recent developments indicated, to put the case mildly, that certain municipal affairs smelled to high heaven. The Democratic candidate for mayor, Joseph Clark, ran on a platform very similar to Mr. Halley's. He promised to clean things up. He too won decisively.

There was one curious circumstance in the Philadelphia elec-

tion. The Republican candidate for mayor, and a newcomer to politics, was Dr. Daniel A. Poling, the well-known clergyman and author. Everyone agrees that Dr. Poling is a man of the highest probity and moral character. However, the feeling seemed to be that the only cure for alleged municipal corruption was a complete change of administration, and political affiliation of the top officials. A number of leading Republicans publicly supported Democratic candidate Clark for this reason.

—Industrial News Review.

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### God's Protecting Arm

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Is the Christian doctrine of forgiveness out-of-date? Many have thought so, and yet today scientists and scholars who deal with human ills state almost unanimously that a sense of forgiveness is one of the basic necessities in restoring health to the distraught and tortured patient who has become overwhelmed by modern life. The consciousness of failure and weakness resulting from immoral and unsocial acts builds up in the mind a sense of separation and isolation from the warm heart of universal society. Getting right with God is the most modern scientific treatment for the broken spirit.

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El Dorado, First	934	270	6
Including Mission	1016	316	
Little Rock, First	880	431	2
No. Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	783	295	3
Including Missions	822	311	
Little Rock, Second	719	169	2
Forrest City, First	587	233	5
Paragould, First	585	274	9
Including Missions	971	415	
Pine Bluff, South Side	585	283	7
Camden, First	482	121	2
Including Missions	789	329	
El Dorado, Immanuel	579	384	3
Including Mission	639	451	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	566	260	7
Siloam Springs, First	565	332	2
Magnolia, Central	553	233	1
Including Mission	605		
Texarkana, Beech St.	529	234	11
Benton, First	517	100	
Including Mission	588	151	
Hope, First	501	114	12
El Dorado, Second	499	222	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	481	179	12
Paris, First	455	142	2
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	448	196	
Van Buren, First	441	173	2
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	432	212	3
West Helena	430	131	3
Rogers, First	425	178	4
Including Mission	499	209	
Booneville, First	419	69	2
Fordyce, First	418	197	1
Fort Smith, Calvary	405	167	1
El Dorado, West Side	401	144	7
Little Rock, So. Highland	376	200	2
Hot Springs, Park Place	373	155	
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	367	104	
Conway, First	363	103	2
Hot Springs, Central	354	182	2
Smackover, First	334	134	2
Bentonville, First	305	81	6
Including Mission	332		
Mena, First	321	146	
Fort Smith, So. Side	318	120	
Hamburg, First	311	156	
Texarkana, Calvary	307	133	
Stuttgart, First	297	188	
Including Mission	324	208	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	290	136	3
Bauxite, First	289	161	6
Little Rock, Calvary	270	69	
Wynne	269	59	
Gentry, First	267	181	1
No. Little Rock			
Park Hill	262	101	8
Hot Springs, First	263	117	3
Fort Smith, Spradling	247	130	6
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Pine Bluff, Second	238	119	
Jacksonville, First	236	116	5
Including Mission	273	121	
Levy	236	115	3
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Crossett, Mt. Olive	220	134	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	216	113	
Hot Springs, Piney	212	184	2
Luxora	208	78	1
Truman, First	202	78	14
Fort Smith, Trinity	200	72	1
Rector, First	196	100	24
Pine Bluff, Bethel	195	138	2
N. Little Rock, First	188	55	
El Dorado, South Side	186	76	
Lavaca	181	89	
No. Little Rock, 47th St.	179	113	1
Augusta, First	112	65	
Including Mission	178	128	
Gurdon, Beech St.	177	103	1
Dermott	173	52	1
Marshall	166	73	
Charleston, First	166	71	2
Star City, First	159	61	
Van Buren, Oak Grove	156	114	
Rose City, Calvary	153	73	
Sylvan Hills, First	148	76	7
Warren, Immanuel	140	125	1
Little Rock, Ironton	132	116	
Ft. Smith, Mill Creek	132	106	4
Nettleton	124	103	
Board Camp	101	55	
Little Rock, Grace	100	50	
Ft. Smith, North Side	89	89	7
Little Rock, Woodlawn	87	41	
Little Rock, South Side	86	75	2
Branch	80	55	5
Glendale	80	69	
Magazine	77	25	
James Fork	77	8%	
El Dorado, Galilee	72	35	1
No. Little Rock, Grace	69	31	7
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	68	55	
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Cedar Heights	67	59	
Lonoke, Steel Bridge	66	61	
Hatfield, First	64	34	
El Paso	63	50	8
Ft. Smith, Rye Hill	60	61	
Little Rock, Markham St.	59	33	
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# The Risen Lord

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.*

It has become our custom to have a "resurrection" lesson once each year at Easter, possibly others during the year. It is our candid opinion that more thought should be given to this great truth by every child of God, and possibly more teachings about it by our ministers and leaders.

The resurrection spells hope for believers in Christ Jesus. We live with the idea, and know for a fact, that the graveyard awaits us at the end of this life. The cemetery is too prevalent in the minds of some. They cannot see beyond the cemetery. To most of us this life only is reality, and death is the end of our reality. Because of this, too many live only for the present, for that which they can see and experience now.

The resurrection means life—even though a new life.

God has planted in us a love for life. The normal thing is to cling to this life tenaciously. The only logical answer to a suicide is insanity, temporary or otherwise. It isn't our nature to desire death.

## OUR HOPE— THE RESURRECTION

But the resurrection is something else. The resurrection goes farther than this life; it visualizes eternity. Christian people should think life — not death. Christian people should educate themselves to live in the light of hope, to think in terms of eternal living. Jesus said that whosoever believeth in Him should never die. But do we really believe His statement to the point that we will appreciate its truth, allow it to permeate our minds, and give us the joy that Jesus would have us to experience here? He did not intend for us merely to exist in this world; He came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly, not only in this world but the one to come.

In raising Lazarus and two others from the dead during His ministry, Jesus proved that He was the resurrection. He holds the power of life. He told Thomas that He is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the way because He is the only power who is able to give life. He is the truth because He is the only power who desires to give life. Satan has great power, but he desires destruction and death. God does not desire the death or destruction of any.

The lesson text tells us that Jesus stayed away from Bethany deliberately till Lazarus had died,

## Sunday School Lesson for

April 13, 1952

John 11:14-16; 14:1-6;  
20:24-29

then he went back and raised him from the dead in order to teach His disciples a lesson and to strengthen their faith in Him as the resurrection and the life.



In the light of all this, "Let not your heart be troubled." Dr. R. Paul Caudill says in **Broadman Comments** that the "heart" as used here has "reference to the solar plexus of our total being—intellectual, moral, spiritual, and physical." Do not be troubled in any way, "Ye believe in God" why not rest completely in His Son? Trust Him, rely on Him to care for your whole need, because He hath the wherewithal to care for all our needs. Having all knowledge, and being ever present, He knows our needs. Because He is love personified, He desires to supply our needs. Having all power, He is able to supply all our needs. So, "In my Father's house are many mansions" should be most meaningful to His children. All children are "at home" in the father's house; all children speak of the father's possessions as "ours." For example, when I was a child, the family car was "our car."

## ALL HOPE— DEPENDS ON RESURRECTION

Because of sin in the world and in individual lives, this life has fallen far short of what God intended for it to be for us. However, He will not be defeated in His purpose to bless mankind. He is now preparing another place for His own: "I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am there ye may be also." But get this point: this new place He is preparing for us is offered to us on the condition of the resurrection. We cannot get away from the resurrection truth in salvation, for Paul said, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall **BELIEVE IN THINE HEART THAT GOD HATH RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD**, thou shalt be saved." It is necessary that we trust a living Savior if we expect to live.

There were many eye witnesses to the resurrection of our Lord. He appeared to His own several times during the forty day period between His resurrection and the ascension back to glory; but if

He ever appeared to unbelievers during that period we have no record of it. Their decisions were already made, they had denied His teachings and falsely accused Him, now they could accept the word of the future witnesses or do without the truth. But how gracious was Jesus in showing Himself and proving Himself beyond any shadow of doubt to His beloved.

One of the apostles was absent when Jesus first appeared to the group, and Thomas doubted the resurrection story. He strongly objected and vowed "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." And we look down upon Thomas for that statement; he has been called "doubting Thomas" through the ages; he refused to believe the other apostles, he had to have all the evidence there was before he would accept the resurrection story.

## PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH RISEN LORD REMOVES DOUBT

The Lord has always been patient with honest doubters. When Thomas saw the Lord and had his request filled, he bowed

in awe stricken reverence and said, "My Lord and my God." Many another since the day of Thomas has doubted, but honestly sought the answer to the question, "What will ye do with Jesus, who is called the Christ?" No honest seeker has ever failed to find "My Lord and my God" in the person of Jesus Christ.

While Thomas openly stated his doubt, he was no more a doubter than were the others. None of them believed the resurrection story until they had seen the Lord. He showed all of them his nail print hands and scarred side. Those identification marks He will wear throughout eternity.

We of today are surprised that His own apostles and co-workers could doubt the words of Jesus, after all they saw Him do. Yet we many times doubt His word; He promises to do certain things for us if we believe His word to the point of taking action. Too many are like Thomas, they cannot believe until they have seen.

Thomas received a great blessing when he saw; but the Lord promises us a special blessing for believing what He says, though we have not seen. The just shall live by faith—faith in "The Risen Lord."

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## You Can Preach Baptist Doctrine

There is a tremendous need for doctrinal preaching in this crucial hour. You can preach it, my dear brother, because it is all in the Bible and the Bible is IT. It is perfectly natural to interpret the scriptures in terms of Baptist doctrines and practice, and it is difficult to preach the Bible without preaching what Baptists practice, and it is impossible to preach the Baptist doctrine without going right along the line on the Bible pronouncements.

Other denominations are pushing their causes now, from the Roman Catholics on out. A great effort is being made to enunciate and clarify the doctrines and dogmas of the various denominations. Baptists are not measuring up along this line as we ought to do it. We are finding it too easy to pick up some "sugar stick" and offer it to the people and to urge a piety that will condone all 'isms under the guise of love. It is not love, brethren, it is a misguided tendency that the devil has urged us to substitute for the principle of love. A sentiment, that covers up part of the truth and passes it by, is not love. Do not be deceived. Love is characterized by a clear pronouncement of the truth.

This is the year in which all Baptists are urged by our denominational statesmen throughout the South to emphasize Baptist doctrines. Do not be afraid to declare the doctrines as the Bible reveals them. Of course, you must study the Bible in order to be able to defend and properly emphasize the Baptist doctrines as the New Testament teaches them. Dr. Truett used to say that Roman Catholics have gained and maintained their prominence and their distinctiveness by two dogmas. One is the dogma of the church and the other is the dogma of the Mass. We think this is absolutely true. Baptists can only maintain their integrity and their distinctiveness by giving pronouncements to their distinctive doctrines, and when they are preached in clarity and in the spirit of love they are effective and the people are hungry for them. In a recent issue of the *Baptist and Reflector* under the title "Denominational Integrity" the writer says that awareness of this is reflected in letters responding to inquiries made October 1951, of 65 persons representing leadership of Southern Baptist life. The inquiries were made by Editor W. Barry Garrett of the *Arizona Baptist Beacon*. The following excerpts from five replies give the general trend of thought concerning denominational integrity.

"There is a great need to indoctrinate our Baptist people on fundamental Baptist principles and distinctives, not from an apologetic standpoint nor from a defensive viewpoint, but rather an aggressive, positive, and dignified manner. Everywhere I go I find that people do not know why they are Baptists. Our democratic environment and the general principle of our American constitution coincides with some of our Baptist doctrines to such an extent that people take our distinctives too much

for granted. I even find that our current books and pamphlets on Baptist doctrines are rather inadequate."

"We are facing a serious problem in the area of denominational integrity. We have the infiltration of too many men accepted by churches from non-denominational and/or non-Baptist professional training centers. In practically every instance there is a lack of consciousness of the significance of our denominational work and a weakening of our Baptist structure. Our papers need to educate their readers concerning this important area."

"One of our chief problems or issues is that of the indoctrination of our people. If our Baptist people are to continue to do effective work for the Lord we must stay together. We must keep our people of the same mind and heart if we would make a real impact on the life of the world. I do not see that this can be done aside from continuous effort on the matter of Bible teaching and indoctrination."

"Maintaining oneness of purpose is a constantly expanding and varying clientele (clientele is not quite the word, but you know what I mean) this, I think, is our greatest problem. We see constant evidence of conflicting outlook and strategy, which if promoted without understanding of the general purposes that have held us together since 1845 can quickly destroy our solidarity. Here, as in so many other instances, the denominational paper is the main source of hope."

"I have the conviction that no church would ever go modernistic or liberal if some preacher did not lead them into it. We need to see to it that our preachers are grounded in the faith of the Bible and in Baptist doctrine. Our churches and denomination will be what the pastors and leaders make them."

### The Stricken Churches In The Storm Area

In last week's issue of *The Arkansas Baptist* (Page 8) we gave some pictures and an appeal for financial aid in rebuilding church houses that were destroyed or damaged by the recent storms. Checks are coming in fine fashion for this cause.

Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, Charles E. Lawrence, pastor, sends \$500 with prayers for the on-going of the work in these churches. The Church at Lavaca sends a large offering. The Church at Urbana, Claude Bumpas, pastor, gave \$300. A good church in Oklahoma City, Dr. Rupert Naney, pastor, sends \$125. At this writing, we have not had time to have reports from collections made last Sunday to any great extent, and we cannot publish each gift separately, on and on, but these offerings set the pace for your church.

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The fruit of an apple tree is an apple; the fruit of a peach tree is a peach; the fruit of a Christian is another Christian.

### Mrs. W. A. Jackson

A few days ago Mrs. W. A. Jackson of Benton passed to her reward. More of our Baptist people know Mr. W. A. Jackson, an honored deacon and a long time active servant of the Lord in denominational circles. Mrs. Jackson was not as widely known as Brother Jackson, but she was a very useful woman and a faithful servant of her Lord.

Mrs. Jackson was Myrtle Middlebrook of Hope, before marrying Brother Jackson. She along with brothers and sisters attended Ouachita College and graduated there. It is often said that a college has produced so many great servants of the Lord, and a college does have a glorious opportunity and privilege in doing that very thing. In this particular case, Ouachita College not only had a part in making a great woman, but a fine young woman graced Ouachita College by her attendance and activities in the school and by her loyalty to the school after graduation. Mrs. Jackson was a woman of fine personality and she was distinctly consecrated to the service of the Lord. She was a leader in First Church in Benton and she was a constant worker and soul-winner in the town. When Brother Jackson receives his rewards in heaven, part of them will be due to the fine help and association and comradeship and wifehood of Mrs. Jackson. Benton is missing this great Christian woman, but she is in heaven.

### Mrs. J. W. Buckner Goes to Heaven

On Sunday, March 30, this writer conducted the funeral services of Mrs. J. W. Buckner, wife of the honored pastor of First Church in Crossett. Mrs. Buckner suffered a heart ailment and although she had been ill, more or less, for some time she was still active until a few days before her departure.

Mrs. J. W. Buckner was an outstanding woman, and a vigorous worker. She was talented and accomplished and cultured. She was endowed both by nature and by grace to be a great servant of the Lord and her talents were definitely and intensely consecrated to the service of the Lord. The town of Crossett is in mourning because of their loss in the home going of Mrs. Buckner. Mrs. Buckner and Brother Buckner are the parents of five excellent children, three boys and two girls. The oldest daughter is about 17 and the youngest about 9. First Church and the town of Crossett have lost a treasure in the departure of Mrs. Buckner, and of course her family can never evaluate the loss that they have sustained along with the grief that accompanies an incident of this sort. We earnestly pray God's blessings of providence and care and direction and comfort upon each member of the family and especially upon this preacher man who leads the saints in Crossett.

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We get nothing better out of the mind than the thoughts we put there.