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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, SEPTEMBER 19, 1957

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Home Mission Board Photo

HARRISON JOHNS of Bonham, Tex., is the new director of Baptist missions in Independence County, succeed-



MR. JOHNS

ing R. R. Shreve, who served the association five years. Mr. Johns was reared in Mississippi. He has the BA degree from Ouachita College and the BD degree from Southwestern Seminary. and held pastorates in Texas and Arkansas. Mrs. Johns, a native of Harrisburg,

is a registered nurse. The couple has one child and reside in Batesville.

- E. T. CARRUTH has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Dermott, to accept that of First Church, Tullos, La. Mr. Carruth had been with the Dermott church since January, 1954. (DP) *
- JESSE REED assisted Naylor Church, near Conway, in a recent revival. Five were added to the church by baptism and one by letter. Pastor Doyne Kelly led the singing.

The Cover

Arkansans at Ridgecrest

ARKANSAS WAS well represented at the Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest this year, as this group picture indicates.



Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Wright and children; C. W. Caldwell; Chaplain Glenn M. Harbin, Fort Roots: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Guthrie and children; O. C. Robinson; Mr. and Mrs. Noel Barlow and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wiles; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cloud; Amos Greer; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Miller; J. D. Seymour; Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Douglas; Don Williams; H. S. Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McGill; Mr. and Mrs. John Gearing; Erma Lou Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Suddeth and daughter; Mrs. W. F. Couch and daughter.

We regret that we were not able to secure the identification of all who are in the picture. (Home Mission Board Photo)



THE 47TH STREET Church, North Little Rock, has broken ground and construction has begun on a new auditorium. The groundbreaking service was preceded by dinner on the grounds. Harry Hunt, pastor of the Levy Baptist Church, offered the dedicatory prayer.

The building committee and the pastors, front row, left to right, are: Ralph Dodd, pastor; A. B. Vines, chairman of the building committee; C. W. Harrod, Mrs. Harold Coker, Mrs. Dewey Lane, Mrs. Margie Wilson, Mrs. Ben Powell and Hogan Dodd, associate pastor.

Second row, left to right: M. H. McClendon, Lonnie Mahan, James Tyler, Harvey Norman, and Harry Hunt, pastor of Levy Church.

DR. A. E. PRINCE, who has been receiving his copy of the Arkansas Baptist in Monroe, La., writes: "After serving three months as interim pastor of First Church, Lafayette, La., and at their unanimous request, I have agreed to come out of retirement and serve as pastor of this good church for a year. Please change my address on your mailing list — I do not want to miss a copy of your excellent paper."

Chicago Asks Help

Dear Editor:

We believe that some Southern Baptists from your state are moving into the Chicago area. We want to reach them for our Lord. Please help us by running the following in your paper:

All Pastors and Churches who know people moving to the Chicago area, please help the Churches there to reach them. Please send their name and address to:

Cornell Avenue Baptist Church 8200 S. Cornell Ave. Chicago 17, Illinois William A. Powell, Pastor

This Church was organized in 1950 as the First Southern Baptist Church of Chicago. They recently changed their name, but are still actively participating in and cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention.

This Church will contact them if possible, or give their name to some other Southern Baptist Church.

-William A. Powell

 EVANGELIST PAUL E. WILHEL and Singer Bill Tripp assisted Cedarville Church, Clear Creek Association, and Pastor David L. Land in a revival campaign from August 25 to September 8. There were 11 additions by baptism and one by letter. Four others made professions of faith.

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Little Rock Air Base to Dedicate Chapel

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Jacksonville—Major General Charles I. Carpenter, chief of Air Force chaplains, deliver the main address at a patriotic, non-sectarian service to dedicate the \$210,000 Little Rock Air Force Base chapel at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 22. The public is invited.

Assisting in the dedicatory service will be Brigadier General Joseph J. Preston,



CHAP. CARPENTER

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Civilian representatives of the three major faiths will include the Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, representing the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Association; Rt. Rev. Msgr. James E. O'Connell, rector of St. John's Seminary; and Rabbi Irwin Groner of the Synagogue Agudesh Achim, Little Rock.

The Little Rock Air Force Base chapel is constructed almost entirely of Arkansas products, featuring laminated wood trusses, natural color wood pews and other decorative work, and a Roman type brick exterior.

The structure also contains a fully-equipped kitchen, religious education room, a high fidelity system, a set of modern chimes, and other facilities. The chapel auditorium seats 400.

Under the direction of Chaplain Hewitt, the base chaplains carry out an Air

Force-wide program of worship and pastoral functions, religious and moral education, personal counseling, humanitarian services and public relations and cultural leadership. In addition, the chaplains are responsible for the moral and spiritual welfare of base personel, advising the local commanders on matters of this type.

The Little Rock Air Force Base Southern Baptist chaplain, Captain Donald K. Duncan, is a graduate of William Jewell College and Southern Baptist Seminary. A member of the Park Hill Baptist Church in North Little Rock, he is a former Baptist pastor in Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee.

In addition to conducting services and rendering aid to Baptist personnel on the base — which, incidentally, comprise a majority of LRAFB's Protestant population—Chaplain Duncan has conducted services in churchs in the Little Rock area.



NEW CHAPEL to be dedicated at Little Rock Air Force Base is made largely of Arkansas materials, including bricks and timber. Auditorium is on the left, with religious education rooms in right wing.

MRS. RICHARD G. WOOD has assumed her duties as Baptist Student Director at Ouachita Baptist College and Henderson State Teachers College, it was announced by Dr. Ralph Phelps.



president of Ouachita
College and Dr. Tom
Logue, State Student
Director. Mrs. Wood
is a graduate of Howard-Payne College
and Southwestern
Seminary. During the
summer of 1951 she
worked with the Home
Mission Board in Oregon and Washington.
She was State Youth

MRS. WOOD She was State Youth cretary for Illinois WMU from 1952 to 1955. Mr. Wood has recently joined the Ouachita faculty. The Woods have a two-year-old daughter.

THERE WERE 11 professions of faith, 12 surrendering for special service, and 50 rededicating their lives during the Baptist Vista camp in Clear Creek Association. Lonnie Lasater, pastor of Temple Church, Cullendale, delivered an evangelistic message each evening to the 238 campers. Kenneth R. Grant, pastor at Alma, preached at noon each day, and Evangelist Paul Wilhelm, Lamar, conducted a daily conference on soul winning. Sunday school, Training Union, Mission Study and Church Music classes were conducted each morning. Associational Missionary S. A. Wiles was camp director and David L. Dryer, business manager.

For just slightly more than a 3¢ postage stamp a week per family your church can send the Baptist state paper to all its members.

● VISITING RELATIVES AND friends in Little Rock and Arkansas recently were Pastor and Mrs. Robert A. Wells, of Narbonne Avenue Church, Lomita, Calif.

Pastor Wells and Mrs. Wells, the former Miss Sarah Biggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Biggs, of First Church, Little Rock, are both graduates of Ouachita College. Mr. Wells is enthusiastic about the progress Southern Baptists have made in California since he went to his present pastorate 7 years ago. At that time there were 45 churches and one Southern Baptist Association in Los Angeles County. Now there are 4 Associations and 120 churches and missions. His own church has grown from 200 to 850 members and to a Sunday school enrollment of more than 1,000. Mr. Wells is currently serving as moderator of the Los Angeles Association.

Guest Editorial

Under-Girding All the Work

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, Pastor

Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Newton, a former editor of a Baptist paper, served for several years as chairman of a special Southern Baptist Convention committee to promote circulation of Baptist state newspapers.)

In 1920, I offered a motion in our deacons' meeting that Druid Hills Church put The Christian Index in our church budget. I had talked to our pastor, Dr. F. C. McConnell, before the meeting, and he gave me his blessing, but said: "You'll have to give them a reason that will stand up under cross-examination."

I used one sentence as my argument for the motion: "It will undergird all the work of our church and denomination in our effort to further the Kingdom of God." The deacons voted unanimously to recommend that the church put the paper in its budget for 1921, and the church unanimously adopted the recommendation. There has never been any question about this investment in Kingdom work in our church during these 36 years.

Putting our Baptist papers in our church budgets has increased the circulation of these papers from less than 200,000 in 1940 to the present impressive figure of 1¼ million. It is the most effective method Southern Baptists have discovered by which we may inform, enlist, indoctrinate and enthuse our people in the program of voluntary cooperation in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

Now is the time to put your Baptist state paper in the budget of your church. Ask your Editor to give you the details of how your church may put your Baptist state paper in every home in your church. I believe you will find it a vital factor in determining the future usefulness of your church in the work of the Lord.

"We can put the Cooperative Program in the Church

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

TO ALL SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

Re: Increasing the Cooperative Program

Dear Friends:

There are two ways we can join in increasing the amount of funds available for missions through the Cooperative Program during this year:

1. We can be more effective in our own personal stewardship. On an average Southern Baptists give less than 2-1/3 per cent of their income. Everything we have comes from God. Jesus gave himself for us. We can give at least a tithe as an expression of our gratitude to God.

2. We can put the Cooperative Program in the church budget on the basis of a definite percentage. Also, we can help plan our church budget to make possible a larger percentage of total gifts for missions through the Cooperative Program. Missions is the business of every Baptist Church.

Please prayerfully and earnestly join with me in taking these two steps this fall.

With World Concern,

Porter Routh
Executive Secretary

Budget on the basis of a definite ...

Percentage.



Porter Routh is executive secretary of the Executive Committee and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a layman of great personal dedication, a journalist in background and a man who has a personal commitment to missions. His office is in Nashville, Tennessee.

Personally Speaking . . .

The Issues of Life

WHEN A MODERN fath took his five-year-old son aside a announced: "I want to talk with you about 'the birds and the bees,'" the son is reported to have re-

sponded: "O. K. Dad, what do you want to know?"

The hush, hush that used to keep many of the facts of life from children and even young people as they grew up has given place to a frankness that

MR. McDONALD frankness that shouts sex education from the housetops.

It may be that today we are too frank or that we need to be more discreet, but the new plan of giving facts to inquiring minds is no doubt better than the old practice of suppressing facts and leaving young minds in the darkness of ignorance.

But wholesome enlightenment is one thing and lewd contamination quite another. Because of the depravity and lewdness of many, the word "sex" itself is still more less on the black list. Much the Hollywood produces, much that continues to be written and pictured in magazines, books, and periodicals, and much that is said in public talks and addresses, and on television and radio shows, is downright immoral and by its nature degrading.

Many an "after-dinner" speaker intersperses his remarks with suggestive "stories" that should never be spoken in men's meetings, let alone in meetings where there are women present as well as men.

Still another form of depravity that generates to degrade and tear down character instead of build it up is the modern "jazz" and "rocke and-roll" music (?) which, like the evil effects of alcoholic beverages with which it is so frequently linked, takes the morality brakes off when they need most to be kept on. Honky-tonk joints have brought jungle life to the bright lights of America.

Christians are called to live separated lives — not of prudery and self righteousness, but of Christian comliness and genuine piety.

Keep thy heart with all dilgence; for out of it are the issues of life.—Proverbs 4:23

-Erwin L. McDonald

ARTHUR H. HOTTEL, pastor of First Church, Star City, for the past



four and one-half years, resigned effective September 10, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Hottel came to Arkansas from First Church, Commerce, Okla.

During his ministry in Star City, the

church has had 313 MR. HOTTEL additions, and the Northside Mission of the church has expanded into a fulltime program with a student pastor, Wesley Womack, from Ouachita College. The facilities at the Mission were more than doubled a year ago and educational space was provided; also 5,060 square feet of educational space was added to the main church three years ago, in addition to extensive renovation of the present facilities, both of the church and parsonage. Sunday school average attendance in the main school alone advanced from 199 to 280, and Training Union from approximately 50 to 105. Total receipts during Mr. Hottel's pastorate at Star City amounted to \$118,-722.42. The church budget was increased from \$17,000 to \$28,000 for the current year and the offerings are above the budget requirements.

TWO DEACONS, Robert Andrews and Eugene Melton, have been ordained Second Church, Arkadelphia. Thom-W. Dove, pastor, served as moderator. Missionary C. S. Conner questioned the candidates. Dr. S. A. Whitlow, pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia, led the prayer. Joe Melton delivered the message and the charge.

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A recent Vacation Bible School in Second Church resulted in 27 making profession of faith and the enrollment was 153.

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- FORMER ARKANSAN Dr. Millard Ross Cherry resigned a six-year pastorate with Little Mount Church, Spencer County, Ky., to become professor of systematic theology at Arcadia University, Nova Scotia, Canada. Dr. Cherry is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Seminary.
- EARL HUMBLE, pastor of Eastland Street Church, Fort Worth, Tex., assisted North Maple Church and Pastor Mason Craig in a revival campaign August 19-28, resulting in 14 additions to the church, ten by baptism. Mr. Humble is a former pastor of First Church, DeQueen.
- NEISWANDER CHURCH, near Trumann, has added four rooms to the auditorium for educational purposes, according to Pastor William White.
- FLOYD PAINTON, pastor of Hartman and Union Grove churches in Clear Creek Association the past 18 months, has moved to Colorado. Union Grove

Chaplain Ferguson Given Army Promotion

DENVER — Chaplain Norman E. Ferguson, who has served churches in Fort Smith and Little Rock, Ark., as well as Chattanooga, Tenn., has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Army's Chaplains Corps.



Chaplain Ferguson, center, as he receives new epaulets from Maj. M. E. Griffin, left, and Lt. Col. Floyd W. Shipley.

Chaplain Ferguson, who has been a chaplain at Fitzsimons Army Hospital, Denver, since 1954 soon will return to First Church, Fort Smith, as associate pastor and director of visitation and missions. Chaplain Ferguson and his wife, Dora F., will live at 909 N. 35th St., Fort Smith. Their son, Jeremy N., 18, is with them. A daughter, Mrs. Jean C. Matthews, lives at 310 W. Lynn St., Stuttgart, Ark. Another son, David J., 25, is attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. A third son, Ronald, 33, lives in Chicago.

The 55-year-old chaplain, who entered the Army from Tennessee in 1918, is a 1922 graduate of the University of Chattanooga. In 1924, he was a licensed minister with the Chattanooga Baptist Church. From 1926 to 1929 he was associate minister at the Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

In Arkansas, Chaplain Ferguson served as associate minister and director of church activities from 1929 to 1938 for the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, and from 1938 to 1942 in a similar capacity for the First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, and again from 1946 to 1950 when he became associate pastor of that church.

During World War II, Chaplain Ferguson served in the Southwest Pacific actions. After leaving active duty in 1946, he remained with the Reserve Officer Corps until his recall in August 1950. He served in Korea and Japan before coming to Fitzsimons, in 1954.

Among his decorations are: American and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medals, American Defense Medal, Reserve Medal, World War II Victory Medal, United Nations and Korean Campaign Medals, Korean Presidential Citation Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Chaplain Ferguson is a member of Kiwanis and the Masonic Lodge.

Church erected a new building under his leadership. (CB)

THOMAS M. McCLAIN, who has been pastor of Spradling Church, Ft. Smith, since it was started as a mission of First Church, Ft. Smith, has resigned to enter Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

A native of Ft. Smith, Brother Mc-



Clain began his pastoral ministry at Spradling while a senior at Ouachita College. Upon his graduation from college, in 1951, he became full-time pastor at the mission. The mission was constituted a church on December 30, 1951, with

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of 276. There have since been 303 additions by baptism and 270 additions by transfer of membership. Today the church has a net membership of 573. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 545 and an average attendance the past year of 288. The Training Union enrollment is 206, and the average attendance for last year, 119. Receipts of church offerings since the church was organized total \$129,606.90. Of this amount, \$10,286 was spent for missions through the Cooperative Program and a total of \$11,396 went for missions outside the church. The church gives 11% of its non-designated gifts to the Cooperative Program, and has in its budget the Arkansas Baptist.

The church owns property valued at \$115,000 including the old auditorium, an elementary building, an auditorium seating 600, a parsonage, and a new nursery building which was dedicated in August of this year debt-free. Indebtedness of the church is reported to be less than \$36,000. The church has completed three building programs in the last six years.

Under Brother McClain's ministry, four men have entered the ministry and are now preaching.

Mrs. McClain is the former Mary Lou Lowder, also of Ft. Smith. The other member of the family is David, age four.

OUACHITA COLLEGE, as a member of the Arkansas Foundation of Associated Colleges, recently received \$36,-204 as its share of \$185,655.00 distributed by the foundation to the seven colleges comprising its membership.

The funds were donated by 402 Arkansas firms and individuals, which earmarked them for one of three categories. Funds in the unrestricted category, to be used at the discretion of the member college boards of trustees, totaled \$122,204. Donations for faculty fellowships amounted to \$41,950 and, for library enrichment, \$21,000.

DR. J. P. McBETH, Dallas, Tex., will be the evangelist in a revival at Providence Church, Washington-Madison Association, September 22-29. September 29 is annual Homecoming Day at Providence Church. Walter Jesser is pastor.

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Arkansas Gifts Remain Ahead of Those in 1956

NASHVILLE (BP) — Arkansas Baptists are ahead of 1956 in their contributions to work of the Southern Baptist Convention both in Cooperative Program and designated gifts.

Convention Treasurer Porter Routh said here that Arkansas Baptists through August this year gave \$356,120 through the Cooperative Program compared with \$297,353 at the same time a year ago. Designated offerings for the eight months are up from \$182,607 to \$202.291.

Arkansas Baptists also gave more during August, 1957, than in August, 1956. Their total gifts for the past month were \$44,166 compared with \$38,-082 a year ago.

Gifts from all states during August totalled \$1,412,078. Of this \$1,212,347 was through the Cooperative Program and \$199,730 designated offerings.

None of these figures, of course, includes money kept by local churches and state Baptist conventions for their own activities.

Gifts in August, 1957, in both Cooperative Program and designated categories ran higher than for the corresponding month the year before. Total August, 1957, offerings were \$1,189,559.

To date this year, the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office reports total receipts of \$17,526,564 which is 9.23 per cent greater than that received through August, 1956.

Total Cooperative Program gifts for the eight months are \$9,465,278 (up 7.25 per cent) and total designated gifts are \$8,061,286 (up 11.65 per cent).

A \$630,000 disbursement to the Foreign Mission Board was the greatest amount paid out to a Convention agency in August. It brought the total Foreign Mission Board disbursement this year to \$10,063,415.

Next greatest disbursement for the month was \$210,000 to the Home Mission Board. Its total for the year increased to \$3.153.747.

Dates Named For 10th Baptist World Congress

HAMILTON, Ont. (BP) — The 10th Baptist World Congress, calling together the leadership of 22 million Baptists in 101 nations, will meet at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3, 1960.

Arnold T. Ohrn of Washington,

Arnold T. Ohrn of Washington, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, announced the date following a meeting of the BWA executive committee here. The last Congress met in London in 1955.

Rio hotels have assured accommodations for at least 4,000 delegates from outside Latin America, Ohrn said. The Congress sessions will be held in the 20,000-seat gymnasium, adjacent to Rio's famed 150,000-seat municipal stadium.

Kentucky Church On The Air 25 Years

IMMANUEL CHURCH, Paducah, Ky., is now making plans to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of broadcasting



the Gospel directly from the church auditorium. Ray Mofield, executive vice-president of radio station WPAD, says that the station has records to show that Immanuel has been on the air with a continuous radio broadcast of the morning services since 1932 and the begin-

DR. NORFLEET 1932 and the beginning date could possibly go back to the year 1931.

Frank F. Norfleet, a native of Arkansas, has been pastor of this church for the past seven years. He has also served as the moderator of the association, a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and of the Georgetown College Board of Trustees, and is at present president of the state Baptist Pastor's Conference. The church, which is noted for its emphasis on stewardship and evangelism, has consistently led the association in additions and has pushed into the top ten churches in the state in the number of baptisms reported.—Reporter

Southwestern Seminary Names New Teachers

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY, Fort-Worth, Tex., will have five new faculty members and two instructors added to the teaching staff this fall, according to information from President J. Howard Williams.

In the School of Theology, two professors will begin teaching duties at the Seminary. They are Dr. C. W. Brister, pastor of Haltom Road Church, Fort Worth, for the past few years, and Dr. V. E. Gideon, formerly on the faculty of Hardin-Simmons University.

Dr. Brister has been elected as assistant professor of Pastoral Ministry. He has held pastorates in Louisiana and Texas, and received his doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1957. He is married and has one son.

Dr. Gideon is associate professor of New Testament in the School of Theology. He also has his doctor-of-theology degree from Southwestern, while studying at the Seminary he was a student assistant, and in the absence of Dr. Ray Summers, head of the Department of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary, taught Greek. For the past three years he has been a teacher at Hardin-Simmons University. Dr. Gideon is married and has one son.

Frank Stovall comes to Southwestern Seminary from Bluefield College, Bluefield, Va., where he has been head of the Department of Music since 1952. He has his bachelor-of-music degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss, and a master-of-arts in Music Education from the University of Alabai He studied voice under Theodore Harrison at the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, in the summer of 1951, and was Minister of Music and Youth Activities, First Church, Canton, Miss, for one year. He is married and has two sons.

Miss Jo Ann Shelton has been employed as Minister of Music of the Evans Avenue Church, Fort Worth, and will begin as instructor of voice with the School of Church Music this fall. She has the bachelor-of-music degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, and master-of-music-education degree from North Texas State College. She was music and youth director, First Church, Durant, Okla., and held the same position at Calvary Church, Denison, Tex. For the past two years, she has appeared with the Baptist Hour Choir.

John E. Woods joins the faculty of the School of Church Music as associate professr of Piano. He has his bachelor-of-music degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and studied at the University of Oklahoma. He received his master-of-music degree from Indiana University and has studied toward a music doctorate there. He has been professor of piano and theory at Union University since 1953, and has served as choir director at churchin Oklahoma and Tennessee. He married and has three sons.

Two instructors have also been added to carry some of the additional teaching load in the School of Theology for the coming year. Kenneth L. Chafin will teach courses in preaching and William L. Hendricks will teach theology.

Mr. Chafin has his bachelor-of-divinity degree from Southwestern Seminariand has been pastor of the James Street. Church in Fort Worth since 1952. Mr. Hendricks also has his bachelor-of-divinity degree from Southwestern and has completed his residence work for a doctor-of-theology degree. For the past three years he has been pastor of South Church, Dodson, Tex.

Graham in Times Square

NEW YORK — The New York Billy Graham Crusade, after three and a half months of "unbelievable reality," came to a triumphant conclusion Sunday evening, September 1, when some 200,000 persons jammed into the Times Square area of New York City for a mighty farewell rally. Like Madison Square Garden before it, Times Square for one brief hour became like a hallowed cathedral. Unnumbered hundre—perhaps thousands—made soulsaving decisions or spiritual recommitments in that brief hour. The world had never witnessed such a spectacle.



NORTHEAST AIRLINES has anunced in Washington, D. C., that it ill grant a 50 per cent discount on passenger fares to clergymen traveling in the United States, effective September 15. Northeast is the largest line so far to grant reduced clergy fares since Congress passed a law last year authorizing airlines to do so.

ARNOLD TOYNBEE, famous historian, has listed nineteen civilizations which have flourished and disappeared. He points out that only three of these were overcome by outside forces; sixteen of them decayed from within through drunkenness, idleness, and impropriety.

JUDGE CECIL CURDY, Miami, Florida, stated recently that "Alcohol causes 90 per cent of the troubles brought to this court... I've seen liquor increase the woes of the people and the business of this court year after year." Police Chief George Eastman, Seattle, Washington, says 70 per cent of all arrests in Seattle are for drunkenness. In Washington, D. C., the official figure is 77 per cent. In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 85 per cent of arrests brought before the morals court have drinking as the basis of the trouble.

ROME — Police have been instructed advise tourists wearing "immodest clothes" not to visit churches and other public places in Italy's capital city. Tourists wearing shorts, bathing costumes, and similar clothing are being stopped by police and told to go back to their hotels and don suitable attire before entering a church.

BANGKOK, Thailand — The American Presbyterian Mission in Thailand ended its 130-year history when it was integrated into the Church of Christ in Thailand. Leaders of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. A. turned over the mission's assets to the national church, which is a union of Presbyterians, Baptists and Disciples. About 90 per cent of the 10,000 members are Presbyterian.

MILTON, Wis. — Delegates to the annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference elected the Rev. Earl Cruzan of Adams Center, New York, as Conference president and adopted a budget of \$90,000 for next year. They also adopted a resolution expressing the denomination's "deep appreciation" to President Eisenhower for the "consistent manner in which he has planned to keep us out of war and provided for a national defense."

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — "77 a Minute" will be the theme for the annual Dollar Day, to be observed by the Christ's Ambassadors, the youth divi-

Baptist Crosscurrents

Biblical Preaching

THERE SEEM TO BE at least two false illusions as to biblical preaching. Apparently there has crept in a belief that a topic from current events with a Scripture attached is preaching. This perhaps is a result of "problem preaching" in our generation. This age has been beset by so many complexities that much sermonizing has of necessity had to be dedicated to encouragement and to lift. But too many times this has degenerated into a challenge to "get hold of oneself and do better" rather than the giving of the biblical answer to the problem. Often this has created the belief that all problems can be swept out of the way if that magic key can be found. One forgets that there are some mountains which just will not be moved! Paul found this to be true in his "thorn in the flesh" experience. Psychological and moral essays do not form the content of a kind of preaching that is spiritually nutritious and biblically sound. Nor are "program peddling" and "administrative push" sermons any better. Topical discussion headed by a text which may or may not have any relation to the topic is hardly the answer.

The second illusion about preaching is that biblical preaching is a conglomerated pottage of Scripture quotations. Some of the sermons which have the most Scripture in them are the most unscriptural. One passage that the hearer can take home with him is better than numerous passages which confuse or which cause the listener to think, "My, what a knowledge of Scripture this preacher has!"

The weakness of present-day preaching demands that the road of sermon making lead to hours of agonizing with God and to hours of scriptural spade-heaving in the study. The preacher cannot allow administration to replace what ought to be his true love. The minister who not only spends time with the Lord but who also becomes a skilled artisan with every tool at his command will soon be preaching the Scriptures again.

But perhaps here lies a weakness. Often expository and textual preaching have had poor reception because the tools used in the study of the Scripture were too obvious when the sermon was preached. The finished house nowhere exhibits the instruments which brought it into being. When the man of God, coupled with his own effort, allows the Holy Spirit to breathe over the record of revelation and bring further revelation, neither the minister who is the instrument in the process nor the mechanics used will show. The point of the sermon is not to direct attention to the one who has prepared it but to point to another who is "greater than he!"

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Biblical preaching, however, is not done by running into the study and asking, "Well, what shall I use for Sunday?" Expository and textual preaching demand a constant and planned program of meditative study and work. A running study of Bible books, Bible themes, a file of sermon outlines and ideas—all of this is a part of the preparation but it is worth it!

Something easy to overlook is that the people are hungry for biblical preaching. Some may not accept it, but even they expect to hear what the Bible has to say. The preacher must fear neither the labor nor the reception involved but fear God and receive, and give the Bible!

-Ralph H. Elliott, Southern Seminary

sion of the Assemblies of God. Dollar Day is a feature of the young people's Speed-the-Light campaign to "motorize the missionary." In the past 12 years the young people have raised over \$2,268,000 to buy airplanes, motorcycles, station wagons, jeeps, trucks, motor boats and other equipment to speed up the work of foreign missionaries.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — According to the Southern Baptist Handbook, "Mr. Average American" spends only 5c a day for religious and welfare causes. In contrast to this nickel, each day, he spends 9c for tobacco, 15c for alcoholic beverages, 22c for recreation, 58c for transportation including foreign travel, 59c for taxes, \$1.12 for food and \$2.30 for other household expenses such as rent, clothing, savings, medical and miscellaneous expense.

Southern Baptist and Arkans

This tentative calendar combines dates suggested by the Southern Baptist Convention's Calendar Committee and dates from the departments and institutions of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to assist churches and associations in making plans for next year. Proposed emphases for each month are listed first.

JANUARY

Special Emphasis

Church Schools of Missions American Bible Society Regional Brotherhood Conventions

January 5-Commitment Day for every church in Arkansas for personal soul winning

6-10-Bible Study Week

12-17-WMS Focus Week

17-18—Southeast Area Royal Ambassador Congress

27-29—State-wide Evangelist Conference, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock

27-29—Second Semester Registration, Southern College, Walnut Ridge

FEBRUARY

Special Emphasis

Theological Seminaries and Carver School of Missions and Social Work

Regional Brotherhood Conventions

February 2-Baptist World Alliance Snday

3-4-State Vacation Bible School Clinics, Immanuel Church, Fort Smith

3-7—Southwestern Seminary Music Workshop

5-6-State Vacation Bible School Clinic, First Church, Malvern

7-8-State Vacation Bible School Clinic, First Church, Jonesboro

7-8-Southwest Area RA Congress

9-15-YWA Focus Week

10-14-Mid-winter Bible Conference, Lonsdale

17-21—Associational Sunday School Group Schools

24-25—State Brotherhood Convention, South Highland Church, Little Rock

24-27—Southern Baptist Rural Life Conference 25—State WMU Board Meeting

28-Adult Choir Festival, Second Church, Little Rock

MARCH

Special Emphasis

Home Missions

March 1-Youth Choir Festival, Second Church, Little Rock

3-7-WMU Week of Prayer for Home Missions

3-7-RA Week of Prayer for Home Missions

7-8-Northeast Area RA Congress

8-Junior Choir Festival, Second Church, Little Rock

10-North Central District Training Union Convention, West Batesville

11-Northeast District Training Union Convention, First Church, Paragould

11-Bottoms Baptist Orphanage Board Meeting

13-East Central District Training Union Convention. First Church, Forrest City

13-14—Graded Choir Workshop, Second Church, Little

14—Central District Training Union Convention, First Church, North Little Rock

15-Primary Choir Festival, Second Church, Little Rog

17—Southeast District Training Union Convention, Fig. Church, Warren

18—Southwest District Training Union Convention, First Church, Hope

20-Northwest District Training Union Convention, First Church, Rogers

21-West Central District, Training Union Convention, First Church, Paris

21-22—Central Area RA Congress

24-26—Campus Pastor's and Directors' Retreat, Petit

-Home and Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School offering

APRIL

Special Emphasis

Baptist Colleges and Schools

April 1-3-State WMU Annual Meeting, First Church, Fort Smith

4-5-Northwest Area RA Congress

6-Easter Youth Week

12-Youth Night in every Association

14-20—Jewish Fellowship Week 25-27—BSU State Spring Retreat, Ferndale

-Training Union State Youth Convention, Second Church, Little Rock

27—Christian Education Day

MAY

Special Emphasis

Hospital Ministry and Nurse Recruitment

May 2-3-State RA Congress, Tabernacle Church, Little Rock

2-4-Intermediate GA Houseparty, Petit Jean

4-11-Christian Home Week

5-WMU Day of Prayer for Community Missions

11-17—GA Focus Week

18-20-WMU Annual Meeting, Houston, Tex.

18—Baptist Hour Sunday

21-23—Southern Baptist Convention, Houston, Tex.

26-Graduation-Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge

JUNE

Special Emphasis

Relief and Annuity Board Life Commitment

Vacation Bible School Month

Assemblies: Ridgecrest and Glorieta

June 2—Summer School Registration, Southern College, Walnut Ridge

5-11—Student Week, Ridgecrest

10-State WMU Board Meeting Bottoms Baptist Orphanage Board Meeting

9-13—Brotherhood, RA Leadership Week, Arkansas Baptist Camp

12-18—YWA Conference, Ridgecrest Arkansas Training Union Week, Glorieta

16-20—First Intermediate RA Camp, Arkansas Baptist

16-20—South Arkansas Music Conference, Ouachita Col-

23-26—Audio Visual Workshop, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth

Baptist Calendar for 1958

23-27—First Junior RA Camp, Arkansas Baptist Camp June 26-July 1-State Assembly, Siloam Springs, first session June 26-July 2-Ridgecrest Music Conference

June 27-July 2-Baptist Youth World Conference-Toronto, Canada

June 30-July 4-Young Men's Conference, Arkansas Baptist Camp

JULY

Special Emphasis

Assemblies: Ridgecrest and Glorieta

July 3-8-State Assembly, Siloam Springs, Second session

7-11—Second Junior RA Camp, Arkansas Baptist Camp

10-16-Glorieta Music Conference

14-18—Third Junior RA Camp, Arkansas Baptist Camp

17-23-WMU Conference, Glorieta.

17-23—Arkansas Training Union Week, Ridgecrest

21-25—Second Intermediate RA Camp, Arkansas Bap-

21-25-Intermediate GA Camp, Ferncliff

24-30—YWA Conference, Glorieta

25-State RA Baseball Playoff

26-27—YWA House Party, Ferncliff 25-26—State Brotherhood Encampment, Arkansas Baptist Camp

July 28-Aug. 1-Junior GA Camp, Ferncliff

July 28-Aug. 1—Eight-year Boys Camp, Arkansas Baptist

AUGUST

Special Emphasis

Assemblies: Ridgecrest and Glorieta

August 4-8-Junior GA Camp, Ferncliff

7-13-WMU Conference, Ridgecrest

10-16—Sunbeam Focus Week

11-15-Junior GA Camp, Ferncliff

12-14—Convention-wide RA Congress, Fort Worth, Tex.

16-17-BWC Conference, Ferncliff

18-22-Junior GA Camp, Ferncliff

North Arkansas Music Conference, Siloam Springs Assembly Grounds

21-27-Student Week, Glorieta

SEPTEMBER

Special Emphasis

Church Music Month

Foundations: Southern Baptist and State

WMU Season of Prayer for State Missions and Offering Student Join-the-Church Day Emphasis

September 8—State Associational Sunday School Officers Planning Meeting

8-10-Fall Term Registration, Southern Baptist College

9-19—One-night Associational Sunday School Planning Meetings

9-Bottoms Baptist Orphanage Board Meeting

15-WMU Season of Prayer for State Missions RA Season of Prayer for State Missions

18-19—WMU Leadership Conference for Youth Workers

19-20—Southeast District Music Festival, First Church, Warren

21-28—Sunday School Preparation Week

26-27—East Central District Music Festival, First Church, Forrest City

30-State Training Union Leadership Workshop, First Church, Little Rock

OCTOBER

Special Emphasis

Cooperative Program

Associational Mission Rallies

Sunday School Group Training Courses

October 15-November 15, Regional Brotherhood Leader-

October 3-5-State Student Convention, Arkadelphia

3-4—Southwest District Music Festival, First Church.

7—Preparation Day for Associational Music Leaders

10-Northwest District Music Festival, First Church, Fayetteville

12-Layman's Day

13-17—Five Regional Sunday School Conferences

17-18—North Central District Music Festival, First Church, Mountain Home

21-State WMU Board Meeting

24-25—Central District Music Festival, First Church,

Oct.26-Nov. 2-Christian Stewardship Week

27-Training Union State Planning Meeting for Associational Officers, Little Rock

28-31—WMU District Meetings

Oct. 28-Nov. 1-Training Meeting for Associational Music Officers

NOVEMBER

Special Emphasis

Christian Literature: State Papers; Denominational Publications; Missionary Magazines; Church Libraries

Orphanage Day and Offering

November 15-December 15, Associational Brotherhood Leadership Clinics

November 2-Pledge Day

2-9-RA Focus Week

2-7-Religious Emphasis Week, Southern College, Wal-

4-State-wide Meeting of Associational Officers, Little Rock

4-7—WMU District Meetings

-Northeast District Music Festival, First Church, Jones-

17—Brotherhood Convention Night State RA Fellowship Supper

18-20—Arkansas Baptist State Convention

23—Bottoms Baptist Orphanage Thanksgiving Offering

DECEMBER

Special Emphasis

Foreign Missions

December 1-Training Union "M" Night

1-4-Rural Church Workshop, Southern College, Walnut

1-5—WMU Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

1-5-RA Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

9—Bottoms Baptist Orphanage Board Meeting

25-Christmas Day

28-Student Night at Christmas

Baptist World Alliance Executive Meeting 'By W. J. Grant, Leicester, England

BAPTISTS FROM every part of the world enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of their Canadian brethren in general, and of McMaster University in particular, as the delegates met in Executive Committee in Hamilton, Ontario,

from August 26-30. They were welcomed by Dean Parker, who represented Dr. Gilmour, president of the University, who could not be present. There were 120 delegates present.

The comprehensiveness of the gathering was indicated at the public meeting



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held in the Convocation Hall on Wednesday evening. Dr. T. F. Adams, president of the BWA, whom everyone rejoiced to see after his recent illness, described it as "the BWA in miniature." The speakers were E. Schroeder of Germany, E. A. Payne of Great Britain, Mrs. Iversen of Norway, A. Kircum of Poland, Y. I. Zhidkov of Russia, T. A. Adejunmobi of Nigeria, M. Kano of Japan, W. L. Jarvis of Australia and O. Rodriguez of Cuba. C. O. Johnson of St. Louis concluded the meeting with an address. No wonder Baptists sing John Fawcett's hymn, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Canadian Baptists are symptomatic of the spirit of the Baptists of the world today. They are accomplishing great things. The three Conventions of the Maritimes, Ontario and Quebec, and the West united in The Baptist Federation of Canada 12 years ago. They have constituted one new church per month throughout Canada since the war. Eight new churches have been built in Hamilton, and 17 in Toronto. The first Baptist Church has been built in their newest State of Newfoundland at St. Johns. The giving per member is \$70 in Ontario, and \$52 throughout Canada.

This is indicative of Baptists everywhere. Their advance has been wonderful, and it is continuing; but there is no sense of complacency. Reports of advance come from America, Germany, Great Britain, Poland, Russia and elsewhere. The roll call reveals "more than 21,000,000 Baptists in a hundred countries speaking a thousand dialects." The Alliance itself has grown in size, organization and function since it was formed in England's London in 1905. At this very meeting the Baptist conventions of Lebanon and of Malaya were received into membership, and the application of others was reported. Baptists are in the grip of the spirit of advance. Their eye is on Rio de Janeiro, where they hope to hold their next World Congress from June 26 till July 3, 1960, and record still further progress. The outlook was finely put by Dr. Bentall of Toronto, who chaired the welcome banquet at McMaster, when he said that Ontario now reads "ON TO RIO."

(Editor's Note: Mr. Grant, general superintendent of the East Midland Area of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, 1B Salisbury Road, Leicester, England, visited in Little Rock and preached at Immanuel Church on his way to attend the BWA executive meeting recently. He prepared this report for our readers at our request.)

Much of the strength of the Alliance depends upon the personality of its president and secretaries. They are men beloved of their fellows and given to journeyings oft. The ex-president, Dr. F. Townley Lord, was absent, but his predecessor, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson. was present to support Dr. Adams, and it was easily seen that these men give powerful leadership and confidence as they visit the Baptist groups about the world. Of the competence of the secretaries, Drs. Ohrn, Denny and Bryant, there can be no doubt. Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn undertook the general secretaryship in 1948. He announced that he would relinquish the office after Rio in 1960. This will be regretted, for he is an able officer.

The Alliance has done much fine service by way of relief. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the relief committee, reported on the vast amount of goods and money that has been given to the distressed, and of the thousands of refugees who have been rehabilitated in new lands. It had been decided to close down the relief office at Washington, but in view of continued need this decision has been rescinded, and this valuable service still continues. It is made possible by the generosity of the members of the churches.

The Baptists of Australia appealed to the Alliance to send a preaching mission to their country. Such service is part of the purpose of the Alliance, and it was decided to accept the invitation and to send a team of 15 to 20 men to the antipodes.

Five commissions sat for two days to grapple with subjects of practical import. The setting up of commissions is part of the expanding pattern of the Alliance. At the beginning it was set up to bring Baptists together, and to arrange the next Congress. Some 25 years ago Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, then secretary of the Alliance, set up commissions to enable Baptists to state their convictions more authoritatively. The five commissions at Hamilton were on Religious Liberty, Baptist World Missions, Evangelism, Bible Study and Membership Training, and the Doctrine of the Church. Three things were

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson DON'T RUN AWAY

QUESTION: I'm 34 years of age, married for my second time and I'm not in love with my second wife. I have been



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thinking of entering the Air Force and making a career of it. My wife doesn't want to go along. Would it be right for me to go? I have no future here and I am miserable. Do you think I could live a Christian life in the Air Force where so many people are not Christians?

Answer: I am not aware that the per cent of non-Christians is greater in the Air Force than elsewhere. Living the Christian life is not who you are with but how you stay in the will of God. You must accept God's guidance. He still makes His will known to people,

Yours is the old story. If you cannot love one woman, the next one will be little different. You say that you are not "in love" with your wife. The real question is, do you love her as a person? Can you give of yourself to her and receive from her?

You will not likely solve any problem by running away. You will still be miserable. If I were you, I would find some marriage counselor who could help me to see what is wrong with my present marriage and with me, and then try to change the things that are wrong. God will help you.

O. C. ROBINSON, associational missionary for Pulaski County, assisted Edith Street Church, Albuquerque, New Mex., in a revival September 8-15.

EWELL LOGUE has resigned the pastorate at Farmington. While there, he led the church to purchase new pews, build a baptistry, and remodel the church basement for class rooms.

LYNWOOD PETERSON, pastor of First Church, Lincolnton, N. C., will lead First Church, McGehee, in a revival campaign October 6-13. Cline D. Ellis is the pastor. (CB)

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obvious to an observer as the commissions reported:

Baptists have practical motives. They enquire, not merely to know but to do.

Their text-book is the Bible. In everything they sought the biblical basis for what they hoped to do. It was not surprising, therefore, that they passed a general resolution to ask every Baptist around the world to read the whole Bible next year.

They feel that the doctrine of the church is vital, and that they have not done as much about this as they ought. They had a weighty commission working at this, and their work continues.

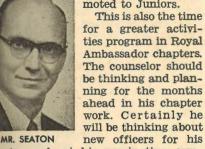
BROTHERHOOD

By C. H. Seaton

New Church Year

A NEW CHURCH year is almost upon us. New officers are being elected and plans are being made for the new year. Promotion day is not far away and many

Primaries will be promoted to Juniors.





chapter and get his nominating committee working.

The Royal Ambassador committee and the counselor should make some long-range plans for the year ahead. The committee should be sure there are enough counselors to take care of the boys who will be promoted from the Primary department to Juniors. Each one is a prospect for the Royal Ambassador Chapter. There will also be promotion from Juniors to Intermediates. There should be counselors provided for Intermediates. If there has never been an Intermediate Chapter in your church, now is a good time to organize the Intermediate Chapter when the boys are promoted. Under the proper leadership, Intermediates will respond to the Royal Ambassador Program of work, with an emphasis on work.

The counselor should be sure that the recruiting Embassy is on the job to contact every boy that is promoted from one department to another. Especially should the Juniors contact every boy promoted from the Primary department. Invite them to a chapter meeting and plan some kind of special meeting and program for them. This is a good time to have a picnic or outing of some type. By all means see that they are contacted and invited to attend the chapter meeting.

At the annual associational meeting the associational Royal Ambassador leader will be elected. In many instances he will be the same as the one who served this year, In others a new man will begin the work. In some instances it will be the first time that an Associational Royal Ambassador leader has been elected. In any event it is hoped that each association will elect a Royal Ambassador leader for the new year.

The associational leader is very important in helping promote the work in each association. He has the responsibility of promoting the associational conclaves and also the leadership training program. He assists in organizing chapters in churches that do not have Royal Ambassador work and also new chapters in churches that need to expand their work.

This will be the first year that Brotherhoods over the entire Southern Baptist Convention have had the sole responsibility of sponsoring and promoting Royal Ambassador work. Let's work together to promote the work for our boys in every association and church in the state. Our goal and slogan is "A Royal Ambassador leader in each association and at least one Royal Ambassador chapter in every church in the state."

Your Brotherhood department will try to help in any way that we possibly can.

MUSIC

LeRoy McClard, Director

District Music Festivals

Festival dates and locations:

September 20-21, First Church, Marjanna:

September 27-28, Central Church, Magnolia;

October 4-5, First Church, Springdale: October 11-12, First Church, Bates-

October 18-19, First Church, Malvern; October 25-26, First Church, Russell-

November 1-2, First Church, Tyronza; November 8-9, First Church, Crossett.

Choose the Festival nearest you or the one that works into your church calendar.

Festival schedule: Friday evening, 7 p. m., Adult Festival; Saturday morning, 9 a. m., Youth Festival; Saturday afternoon, 1 p. m., Junior & Primary Festival.

Rules:

- 1. The district festivals will be district eliminations only with no festival program.
- 2. The eliminations will be for choirs, ensembles, sextets, quartets and trios.
- 3. Each organization will sing two selections of own choosing.
- 4. Each group must hear every other group sing.
- 5. The twenty-five adult choirs, twenty-five youth choirs, twenty-five junior choirs, ten primary choirs, ten ensembles, ten sextets, ten quartets, and ten trios receiving the highest rating will be invited to the state festivals in February and March.
- 6. The cost: there will be no charge for the district festivals!

NEW YORK - The American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel announces that voluntary contributions of American people to religion, education, health and social welfare in 1955 amounted to an estimated six billion dollars, which was approximately two per cent of the national income. About half of all these gifts (one per cent of the national income) went to organized religion.

TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Training Union Dates-1958

District Training Union Conventions. 2:30 to 9 p. m.: North Central District, West Batesville, March 10. Northeast District, First, Paragould, March 11. East Central District, First, Forrest City, March 13. Central District, First, North Little Rock, March 14. Southeast District, First, Warren, March 17. Southwest District, First, Hope, March 18. Northwest District, First, Rogers, March 20. West Central District, First, Paris. March 21.

March - Observe Vocational Guidance Week, (avoid conflict with District Conventions), teaching the new books: (1) Junior, When I Grow Up. (2) Intermediate, Is This My Life? (3) Young People, Christ in My Career. (4) Adult, God Calls Me.

April 25 — State Youth Convention (for Intermediates, Young People, and Leaders). Second Baptist Church, Little Rock. Chester Swor, Speaker. (10:00 a. m.-9:00 p. m.).

June 12-18 - Arkansas Training Union Week - Glorieta.

July 17-23 — Arkansas Training Union Week - Ridgecrest.

September 30 - State Training Union Leadership Workshop (Nursery through General Officers) — First Baptist Church, Little Rock. Eight separate workshops for all leaders. Sunday School Board workers for each department. (Note: In the denominational calendar, this date is September 23. The correct date is September 30.

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MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Mexican Missions

WE ARE ENDEAVORING to project an extensive mission program for the more than 20,000 Mexican cotton pickers who will be in our state this fall. Spanish-speaking preachers are being



contacted to conduct evangelistic services in the Delta areas where these workers will be employed in our state. Dr. Lloyd Corder, of the Home Mission Board, is giving full cooperation in this program as well as Andrew Foster, Migrant worker of the Home Mission

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Board. Seven men from New Mexico will travel to Arkansas in a station wagon and will work with a number of associational missionaries in conducting special services in churches and bunk houses. A number of individual churches and a few associations are employing their own missionaries.

One missionary will serve in Caroline Association, one in Harmony, one in Woodruff, two in Black River, two in Trinity, two in Mt. Zion, and in Mississippi County, two will serve for four weeks and six for three weeks.

A number of sixteen millometer movie films in Spanish have been purchased and will be available to the missionaries who have projectors. In addition, Spanish tracts have been ordered in large quantities to be distributed among these foreign people. Thus, through preaching, visual aid and printed literature, we are trying to give the gospel to these people while sojourning in our state.

Schools of Missions

FIVE ASSOCIATIONS have plans set up for schools of missions this fall. They are: Buckner, October 28-November 1; Greene County, Boone County & Benton County, all to be engaged in schools of missions at the same time - November 3-8; Mt. Zion Association will have their schools of missions November 11-15.

Foreign, Home and State Missionaries are being committed as speakers for these schools of missions. How fortunate the churches in these five associations are in having missionaries to speak in their churches this year. It will be several years now before any new schools of missions can be set up for Arkansas. A number have already set the date and have commitments for missionaries; but those who do not, will likely have to wait until after 1960 before they can be assured of any missionary speakers.

Associational Meetings

September and October are the months when most of the associations

City Missions Growth

WE OBSERVE some interesting facts in the promotion of city missions through the Missions Department of our state work.

Out of 25 missions, which we assisted in the establishing and developing, only two failed to live and grow. Eleven of them have been organized into churches. Of the 23 thriving "new works," there are some quite interesting tabulations, according to the most recent reports obtained from them:

In Sunday School _____ In Training Union ____ Number baptisms 773 Value of property ___ \$468,000. Annual contributions

through Cooperative

Program \$ 15,448.38 (We don't have the latest figures on six of the missions)

Brethren, should your church sponsor one or more missions? If we are truly "mission-minded," the money necessary for a new mission can be

We have made completed surveys for one new mission in Springdale, for First Church; surveys for two missions in Texarkana, for Beech Street Church; one for Meadowbrook area, in Little Rock; and one for First Church, Con-

We have made preliminary surveys in the following cities: Hot Springs, one; Paragould, one; Blytheville, two; West Memphis, one; Jonesboro, one.

There are dozens of other towns in the state that could most profitably establish one or more missions.

Yours for Arkansas' share of 30,000 new churches and missions in the immediate future, Leo B. Golden, City Missions.

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Facts of Interest

The nation's traffic deaths in the first six months this year were 17,620, a decrease of 2 per cent compared with the first half of 1956 which had 18,020 highway deaths.

The findings of a nation-wide study of the meaning of work show that four out of every five American men now working want to go right on working.

There are estimated to be fourteen thousand direct and indirect uses for salt. Only about 3 per cent of the salt consumed in a year is used in homes.

One person in every 37,000 in the United States is one hundred years old or older, or about 4,500 men and women.

have their annual meetings. The department of missions is happy to participate in the programs when requested. We do not try to make the associations unless there is an invitation. If any of the employees are desired for speakers in the annual meetings, the requests should be made as soon as possible.

Says Louisianans Need Not Have Died

FORMER CIVIL Defense Administrator Val Peterson, who inspected the Louisiana hurricane-flood disaster area for President Eisenhower, informed him that the estimated 500 victims "perished needlessly."

"Not a single life need to have been lost," he said, "if people had only heeded the warnings of the weather bureau and moved to places of refuge."

"Instead," Peterson reported, "those who were drowned or crushed to death by the hurricane winds and the wall of water which swept 25 miles inland, refused to leave their homes

"There are probably about 500 dead in Louisiana, and all could have been saved.

"The thing is to convince people that it is just common sense to take refuge from impending disaster."

The Civil Defense expert said that the people who caught the brunt of the disaster in and around Cameron, La., were warned by the weather bureau two days before the catastrophe struck.

He said that about 1,000 people took refuge in the concrete court house at Cameron and were saved because the structure withstood the winds and water, but all who remained in their homes perished.

Immediately upon reading the Defense expert's words, two Scriptures came to mind. They are: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the Truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

There is a false philosophy advocated by many to the effect that it is cowardly to allow fear to move us to action; whereas it is true as Val Peterson said: "The thing is to convince people that it is just common sense to take refuge from impending disaster."

A person living in the path of a tornado, or hurricane, who pays no attention to the warnings given him, is not considered courageous but

A person who does not fear the just judgment of God against his, or her, sins is even more foolish.

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The Best way to get the Baptist state paper read by the people is to put it into the church budget to go to all families.

EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

Commitment Day

AT THE SUGGESTION of the state secretaries of evangelism, Sunday, January 5, is to be placed in the calendar of the Southern Baptist Convention as "Soul-Winning Commitment Day."

The objective is to lead every member of every Baptist church to make a per-



sonal and decisive commitment to be a winner of souls. This commitment day can be one of the most historic days in the history of Southern Baptists. It is one of the greatest potential movements ever undertaken by Southern Baptists in evangelism. The most sub-

lime task God has entrusted to believers is the winning of the unsaved to faith in Christ through personal testimony.

Every pastor should preach several Sundays in November and December on the obligation and joys of soul-winning.

Streamers with the motto, "Every Baptist a Soul Winner," will be supplied by the Department of Evangelism.

Pastors can use bulletin and personal letters to members to plead with them to become winners of souls.

Church Council of Evangelism should lead out in the promotion.

Place commitment cards in the hands of every member before the services on Sunday, January 5. Have extra cards for the services on this day of commitment. Commitment cards can be secured from the Baptist Book Store.

The pastor should preach again on this subject.

At close of sermons on commitment day, morning and night, there should be a period of prayer and decision, asking every member to sign the commitment card, writing names of unsaved people for whom they are especially concerned on the card.

Those who have signed should be asked to come to the front and remain standing there for prayer of dedication. (Before the prayer the pastor will have opportunity to appeal to other church members to make this commitment and join those already committed.)

Immediately begin a training class for those who have pledged themselves to soul winning.

Give names of prospects to everyone. Pray and lead everyone to constant prayer for guidance and power.

Send them out two by two to definite prospects — and train them to use their unexpected opportunities to witness for Christ.

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Bears Are The Smartest People

By MURRAY T. PRINGLE

When you look at a bear, you might get the idea that he is just a poor old clumsy, not-so-bright fellow. How wrong you are! Bears only look that way; actually, they are very bright people. Well, at least some of them are.

In Yellowstone National Park bears, large and small, are great attractions for the tourists. Baby bears, especially, are loads of fun to watch as they play with each other, tease their mothers, and engage in all sorts of bear activities.

If you're a camper, you may find they can be very annoying, too. When campers wish to chase bears away, they do so by banging some pans together. The noise sends the bears on their way.

When the bears feed, they gather at their "outdoor dining room" near Old Faithful, the famous geyser. Here they form a sort of "chow line" and eat according to their importance. The old grizzly, who considers himself very important, always eats first. After him come the grown-up black bears and finally come the cubs, who have to eat whatever is left.

One little boy bear didn't seem to like this arrangement. He must have thought about it for a long, long time until at last he had an idea.

One evening the grizzly bears had just started to eat their supper when a terrific banging began. Instantly, without even waiting to look around, all the bears ran off into the woods. They all ran, that is, except one.



The one who was left was the little boy bear who didn't like to eat leftovers. And the reason he hadn't run away with all the others was because he was the one who had made all the noise! This clever little bear, believe it or not, had learned the trick of humans to scare away bears and had decided to use it himself.

Now he dropped the two cans he had been banging together to scare the other bears and he sat down to enjoy a very fine meal. He made happy noises to himself as he ate and ate. And why not? This was one day when the clever little boy bear wasn't going to eat any old leftovers!

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A Smile or Two

Deer Hunters, Note

ARKANSAS Baptist A NORTH preacher was explaining his precautionary hunting measures for safeguarding himself against being fired upon by trigger-happy hunters during deer sea-

"I find me a tree bigger around and thicker than I am," he said, "and keep my back against it. That way they have to shoot me in the face, and they won'tdo that."

"But what do you do to keep from being shot as you go to and from your tree?" a friend asked.

"I pray," replied the preacher, "and sing at the top of my voice!"

FATHER OF offspring at college: "My son is getting a lot out of college and his college is getting a lot out of me!"

WIFE WHO has her stringer full of big bass she has caught, to husband as he brings in another of the small ones he is catching hardly big enough to use for bait: "It isn't fair! You are catching all the cute ones!"

CHUCKLE: The incriminations and counter-incriminations by Republicans and Democrats over the performance of this Congress remind me of the boys who slipped away from their parents to learn how to play cards. Early in the game one looked across the table and said, "Now play the cards fair, Jarvis, I know what I dealt you."

-Brooks Hays

THE MOTHER, putting Billy and Bobby to bed, noticed that both boys' feet were dirty - but the elder boy, Billy had the dirtiest feet.

"Billy, you should be ashamed of yourself. You're a big boy now and you have even dirtier feet than Bobby." "I've been livin' longer than him."

A DOG'S bark may be worse than his bite, but it never seems as person-

-Watchman-Examiner

AN AUSTRALIAN was trying to impress a Texan with the wonders of his country but then the Texan saw a kangaroo. Drawled the man from the Lone Star State: "Ah'll grant you one thing, that's for sure. Your grasshoppers are bigger'n ours."

THOMAS EDISON hated formal dinners, which always seemed stuffy affairs to him. One night, at a particularly dull gathering, he decided to sneak away and return to his laboratorv.

As he was pacing back and forth near the door, waiting for an opportune moment to escape, his host came up.

"It certainly is a delight to see you, Mr. Edison," he said. "What are you working on now?"

"My exit," replied the inventor. -Christain Herald

God's Wondrous World

By THELMA CARTER

Can you imagine a zoo without steel fences, double-locked gates, cement safety islands and tunnels, a zoo where lions, leopards, gazelles, monkeys, water buck, wild pigs, and hippos run

Parc (Park) National Albert, in the Belgian Congo, Africa, is known as the world's only completely natural zoo. It is a giant national park, 3,000 square miles of plains, surrounded by mountains and volcanoes. Big gorillas make their homes in its bamboo forest. Birds of all kinds live in this natural set-

It is the plan of the park officials that nothing be permitted to change unless it comes about by an act of nature!

We are reminded of the beautiful natural world God created. As it is recorded in Genesis 1:11, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb . . ., and the fruit tree." In the same chapter God commands "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth."

Nature works in strange ways to protect God's natural world. For a time, the park officials were greatly disturbed by the increasing herds of hippopotami, 20 to 40 in a herd which were consuming tons of water plants. These great animals were even going on shore and destroying trees and shrubs. As a result, smaller animals, fish, and birds were deprived of food.

Some strange events took place within a few months. First, the herds of hippos were struck with an epidemic and many died. Second, the streams and lakes once more filled with plant life and the small animals and birds returned to their favorite lake-front homes

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Daniel: A Faith Undaunted

By DR. RALPH A. PHELPS, Jr. President, Ouachita College

September 22 Daniel 1-6

DANIEL WOULD have been an A-plus student in any school, but against the dark backdrop of pagan Babylon he appears even more outstanding. He was a man of learning, ability, and achievement: but above all he was a man of

all he was a man of faithfulness to God.



Of either royal or noble birth, Daniel was a young man of perhaps 20 years of age when carried captive by Nebuchadnezzar in 605 B.C. Together with King Jehoiakim and the princes of Judah, he was taken to Babylon where his faith was

DR. PHELPS where his faith was soon tested. Had he not been thoroughly grounded in right living as a boy, he would as a young man have had great difficulty staying on the right track; for Babylon was anything but a school of rightcoursess.

A Dangerous Resolution

Impressed by Daniel and his companions, Nebuchadnezzar ordered that special training and provision be made for them. Since they were "children in whom was no blemish, but well favored and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science," he directed that they be taught the learning and language of the Chaldeans and provided that they be given daily the meat and wine from his own table.

But when Daniel heard of this arrangement, he purposed in his heart not to defile himself with the food and drink of the royal table. Whereas some young men might have congratulated themselves upon such an opportunity to live it up, Daniel had a conviction that this sort of fare was not for him. Without any show of prudery or self-righteousness, he made the simple request of the men in charge of him that he not be forced to defile himself but instead be permitted to eat vegetables and drink water.

When Ashpenaz hesitated for fear that he might lose his own head if the king's order was not carried out, Daniel made a proposition to Melzar, who had been given his immediate care. "Give us a ten-day trial," he said in effect, "then compare us with those who have eaten the diet from the king's table."

At the end of the trial period, Daniel and his companions were brought before the king. This was the showdown, the time when Daniel and his young friends must prove that their actions had not been just a fanatical show by zealous but misguided youths. Nor did their faith go unrewarded. Since they

had been faithful in their personal living, "God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom," and the king upon examining them found them "ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm."

Just as it does today when a person is on the spot in a delicate social situation, it took courage for Daniel to say "no" to that which was wrong. But today, as then, God will stand by the person who sincerely wants to do what is right.

A Narrow Escape

The second chapter of the Book of Daniel relates another incident in which God helped Daniel in a marvelous way. King Nebuchadnezzar, having had a dream that troubled his spirit and caused him insomnia, ordered the great host of magicians, enchanters, and sorcerers who were hangers-on at his court to interpret what he had dreamed. This they would gladly have done except for one slight hitch: he refused to tell them what he had dreamed! They claimed supernatural abilities, but their prowesses did not extend this far, and the hollowness of their claims was quickly apparent.

In a rage the king ordered the execution of all the wise men in the land. In the course of their roundup of those who were to receive the executioner's axe, the king's soldiers came to Daniel and his companions - an indication that they were classed among the "wise men" of the kingdom. Learning of the cause of Nebuchadnezzar's wrath, Daniel went straight to him and asked for a stay of execution until he could give an interpretation himself. The stay was granted, and Daniel went quickly to his house where he asked his companions "to seek mercy of the God of heaven concerning this mystery." He asked for their prayer support, and together they sought God's help in an hour of crisis. Their prayer pact reminds us of the famous haystack prayer meeting in which a group of students on their knees launched a world mission movement.

That night in a vision God revealed the mystery to Daniel, who the next day told the king what his dream about the great image signified. So impressed was Nebuchadnezzar that he praised Daniel's God, set the young man up as ruler over all the province of Babylon, showered gifts upon him, and made him prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. The young man who had been a student not only graduated that day but was also made president of the university!

A Forthright Interpretation

During Nebuchadnezzar's reign Daniel apparently remained in high position, but for a number of years following no more is heard of him until Belshazzar's rule over Babylon. A great feast attended by a thousand of the king's lords, his wives, and his concubines, was being held in the royal palace. The revelers in their drunken orgy sank to such profane depths that they took the sacred vessels which had been brought from the temple in Jerusalem and guzzled liquor from them.

As the drunken brawl roared on, a mysterious hand suddenly appeared and wrote on the palace wall, tracing letters which no one present could read. A hush fell over the throng; the king grew pale and his knees knocked together at this supernatural manifestation. He called for the court astrologers and promised them the highest possible reward if they would interpret the writing.

When the wise men could not translate the words, near-panic resulted until the queen reminded Belshazzar that there was a man in the kingdom who had been quite successful in such matters during Nebuchadnezzar's rule. Daniel was brought in and without mincing words told the monarch that his godless, licentious conduct was going to be punished and his kingdom divided between the Medes and Persians.

That very night the prediction was borne out. Belshazzar was slain, and Darius the Mede received the kingdom.

A Fearless Faith

Daniel was quickly elevated by Darius to a position of great responsibility, but his troubles were far from over. Blinded by jealousy, other officers of the kingdom set a trap with which they hoped to destroy this man of ability and honor. They persuaded Darius to issue a decree that for a period of thirty days no one should make a petition to anyone except the king; penalty for violation was to be cast into a den of lions. This they did, knowing that Daniel got down on his knees three times a day and prayed to God.

Although he knew that it might mean death, Daniel did not vary from his daily routine but prayed to God as usual. Like countless godly men through the ages, he preferred death to betrayal of his faith. He was arrested and cast into the lions' cage, where he was left through the night. But again God watched over his servant, and the mouths of the beasts were held shut so that no harm befell him, "because he had trusted in his God."

Conclusion

The scriptures declare that Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and also during that of Cyrus the Persian. He is one of the classic examples in history of a man who is faithful to God in the most difficult of circumstances and is, because of his undaunted faith, protected and blessed. God can and will help any one of us as he did Daniel if we will trust him as this stranger in a foreign land did.

A Look At 1958 Budget

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD will present to the Arkansas Baptist Convention



a proposed budget of \$1,500,000 for 1958. This is the largest budget ever proposed in the history of our Convention. But, if this budget is adopted and the full amount given, our people will only be "scratching the surface" and "touching the fringeedge" of what we

DR. DOUGLAS

should be and could be doing.

The Picture

IN ORDER TO reach the goal of \$1,500,000, each Arkansas Baptist will be asked to give \$4.55, for the year of 1958, through the Church, to the Cooperative Program. This is an average of 38 cents per month or 21/4 cents per day. In other words, if Arkansas Baptists will give the price of one cigarette per day, through the Cooperative Program, we can satisfy the needs of all Kingdom causes. In reality, this is not asking much of our people, when we consider what Jesus said to his disciples about giving.

In Luke 6:38 we read. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Here we have a principle of life that is just as much a part of the Gospel as any other teaching of the Bible. This passage shows that our Lord put the emphasis on giving instead of receiving. He always said, "If you want to live, you must give; if you want to live the abundant life, you must be done with that which most people covet." Those ideas and principles were not just words uttered, but truths supported by the supreme sacrifice of Self on Calvary.

Let's Be Fair

SOME CHURCHES are now giving more through the Cooperative Program than 38 cents per member per month. After reading this article some of the members might say, "Well, we are giving more than our share already." But, before that suggestion is made, we make an appeal for you to look at the facts.

Our church people in Arkansas do not all have the same amount of in-

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MANY OF OUR Arkansas Churches are using, or planning to use, the Forward Program of Church Finance. We are making a survey to find out the exact number.

A letter has been mailed to every Church asking that this information be sent to our office just as soon as possible! If all of those who received the letter will check and mail the enclosed card, we will appreciate it very much. This matter will not take much of your time, but it will help our office and the Nashville office in promoting Kingdom work.

DO IT TODAY! DO IT WITH-OUT DELAY!

-Ralph Douglas

come. The residents of some counties and cities have higher incomes than in other counties and cities. For instance, the residents of Little Rock had a per capita income, in 1956, of approximately \$2,174. For the same period, the residents of one section of our state had a per capita income of \$717. You can readily see that the church members of Little Rock should give a little over three times as much as the church members in the low-income territory,

We cannot believe that the Executive Board is asking too much of Arkansas Baptists in a proposed budget of \$1,500,000. Any Baptist who makes as little as \$717 per year ought to be able to give \$71 to the Church and that Church, in turn, should be able to give \$4.55 of that amount to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

One tenth of \$2,174 (the per capita income in Little Rock) would be \$217. or almost three times \$71. Therefore, the average church in Little Rock should be able to contribute three times as much per member through the Cooperative Program as the churches in some other sections.

Another Example

THE BAPTISTS IN the city churches of Arkansas had an income in 1956 of \$1,767, while the Baptists in the noncity churches had an income of approximately \$1,000. The average income was about \$1,050 for the entire state.

If the Baptists of Arkansas will give a tithe of their income to their churches, next year, they will give \$37,-710,000 instead of \$11,059,387. Then, the Churches could give one tenth of that through the Cooperative Program and we would have a State Convention Cooperative Program budget of \$3,771,000, instead of the \$1,500,000 proposed by the Executive Board.

Different Attitudes

MANY PEOPLE OF wealth and influence, during the time of Jesus, listened to His Gospel of giving with scorn. We know that the Herods had absolutely no interest in a principle of stewardship that said, "Lose your life and find it; give and it shall be given unto you;" or any other emphasis on giving. We also know that the high priests like Pilate and Caiaphas wanted all the advantages that material possessions could give without giving anything in return. Therefore, they clashed with a fundamental doctrine of our Lord.

On the other hand, a group of disciples surrendered to Jesus and found an unparalleled sense of unimpeded life. Those disciples were lifted to a new level of living and dying. They believed, with all their souls and minds, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." We would like to challenge each and every Baptist in Arkansas to prove to the world that the disciples of 1958 believe the very same thing. We can do this by tithing our incomes through our churches and then leading our churches to share through the Cooperative Program.

This kind of stewardship will open the windows of Heaven and we shall be able to accomplish more for our Master than ever before. So mote it

> -Ralph Douglas -000-

DR. E. F. HAIGHT resigned recently as president of Anderson (S. C.) College to become head of the Religion department at Louisiana Baptist College, Pineville. Dr. Cort R. Flint, pastor of First Church, Anderson, S. C., has been named interim president of Anderson College, according to press reports.

JOHN T. TIPPETT, formerly pastor of Tabernacle Church, Carrolton, Ga., has accepted a call to the pastorate of Southside Church, Spartanburg, S. C.

CORRECTION

THE HARDY Baptist Church, Big Creek Association, should have been credited with \$50 for the Arkansas Baptist College in our report. This amount was credited to the Cooperative Program. -Clyde Hart.

The ARKANSAS BAPTIST in every church home will help the church to raise its budget.

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