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Mothers Of Blessed Memory

H. Armstrong Roberts

A Free Church For A Free People

By REUBEN E. ALLEY

People who have been reared in the United States usually have a poor conception about day after day life in Europe. It is sometimes erroneously assumed that because they have a common origin and culture, Americans and Europeans think and act alike. As a matter of fact there are many important differences in thoughts and attitudes which have come into being because of the separation of America from the social and political systems of Europe. Basically the same philosophy of civilization prevails in America as in western Europe but the old ideas have found distinctive expression in the new world. This is the chief reason why Americans are often surprised and dismayed when their "sure cures" fail to work in Europe. The new wine is dangerous in old wine skins.

A Free Church

Perhaps nowhere is the difference between Americans and Europeans more strikingly observed than in the matter of church relations. On this side of the Atlantic Ocean, where colonial theocracies ceased to exist after the adoption of the Federal Constitution, the Church reverted to the ancient pattern which required its members, as loyal disciples of Christ, to accept complete responsibility for the work of the Kingdom apart from support and protection by governments. Protestantism moved westward with the American frontier, and amid the rigorous experiences of that life the Church found adjustment in a free society. A free church evolved along with the vigorous agricultural and industrial order which is now the American way of life. The truly American church has always been independent of the State. Separation of Church and State is more than a principle in the United States. It is a description of a relationship within the American system. An American citizen accepts the free church as a matter of course, but in doing so he is strikingly different from his European cousin.

Free Churches

In Europe the Church in some form has a close alliance with the government of every state. These state churches receive large financial support from public tax funds, and they enjoy privileges which are denied the so-called free churches—the denominations not authorized by the government. Under these circumstances it frequently happens that the free churches meet for worship or carry on the normal work of their Christian fellowship through the tolerance or indulgence of the more favored hierarchy. Moreover the state church assumes the right to receive large grants from the government and to control various areas of public life, notably in education. Whenever the government of such a state initiates reforms in the areas of control claimed by the church, clergymen immediately make a protest that the church is being interfered with and deprived of ancient rights and services.

American citizens who are accustomed to worship and to express their Christian life in complete freedom and equality, can hardly appreciate the mental attitude of free churchmen who are accustomed to toleration in matters of religion. On the other hand many churchmen in America, who still look fondly upon the European system with its state church, would like to

change things in the United States in a way to bring the church and state into closer alignment. The American people might avoid serious trouble in the future if they would read thoughtfully and sympathetically from the many news reports containing stories about the unreasonable claims, arrogant attitudes, and oppressive practices used by the different state churches in Europe.

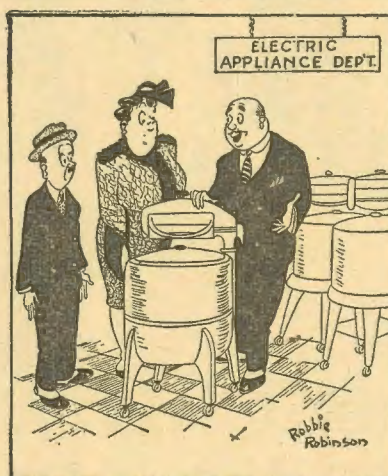
Questionable Victory

An incident which happened at Dusseldorf, Germany, will serve as an illustration. A few days ago churchmen in North Rhine Westphalia claimed that they had won a victory when the legislature enacted a law which recognized parochial schools as part of the state educational system. Hereafter, by the terms of the new law, there will be three types of schools—Roman Catholic, Evangelical, and interdenominational, with separate religious instruction in the respective faiths. Supervision of all these schools will be carried on by the State, but the churches will direct religious instruction. Church authorities rejoiced in the law as "a tremendous step" toward freedom of conscience. To an American "freedom of conscience" means something entirely different from the interference of the Church with the public school system in a manner to create division between children of different faiths. By making financial grants to parochial schools the state of Westphalia will encourage disunity and thereby contribute to its own weakness. Any system of education which provides for the grouping of children according to race or creed breeds prejudice, and prejudice breeds arrogance, and arrogance is an unreasoning enemy of "the freedom of conscience."

—Religious Herald.

TAKE TIME

Take time to live, it is one secret to success.
Take time to think, it is the source of power.
Take time to play, it is the secret of youth.
Take time to read, it is the foundation of knowledge.
Take time for friendship, it is the source of happiness.
Take time to laugh, it helps to lift life's load.
Take time for God, it is life's only lasting investment.



"Now this model works so easily that even your husband could operate it."

There Is Room

A Devotion by the Editor

"... and he called the name of it Rehoboth."

To understand the tremendous significance of Isaac's contribution to civilization, it is necessary to understand something of the importance of the wells which became the cause of conflict among the tribes.

Nomad tribes would lead their flocks and herds to pasture lands which were well watered, and where streams were not available wells were dug in order that the supply of water might be sustained.

A significant phrase is used here which has a fundamental bearing on civilized conditions: "And he (Isaac) removed from thence and digged another well; and for that they strove not; and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." The phrase which marks a tremendous advance in civilization is this, "For now the Lord hath made room for us."

Much of the world has not learned that there is room for all the peoples of the earth to live peaceably together. It is this failure which has produced, within less time than one generation, two world wars.

One well was named Esek-contention. The contentions of men over the resources of the earth still flourish, and the wells of contention are too numerous to catalogue. Another well was named Sitnah-hatred. The wells of hatred have multiplied in number. We may thank God that there is a well named Rehoboth—room. And the more of the wells by this name, the happier will be the peoples of the world and the richer they will be in the resources of the world. For the significance of this well is that the peoples of the world can share the natural resources of the earth and at the same time live at peace among themselves. There is yet another well named in this account, Beersheba—"The well of the oath." This well represented a pledge of peaceful relations.

It becomes evident that the people of God are to blaze the way of human progress in the world. And the real progress in civil, national and international life is dependent upon their contribution.

"And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not; and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. Genesis 26:22.

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From The Editor's Desk

Mother's Day

We undertake to write a word about Mother's Day with humble reluctance. We search for words that will adequately and appropriately express what we feel in our heart, and when the words are spoken they seem so weak and helpless. There is no word, in fact, or combination of words fully equal to the gigantic task of stating just what our mothers have meant to us or what we feel toward our mothers.

We have a distinct feeling that music is better adapted to the expression of such profound and character building impulses of the heart as have given rise to the institution of Mother's Day. For music has the power which words do not possess, a power to subdue the wild and errant tendencies of the human heart and to call us back to the beautiful and holy and pure, and to recall to our memories the experiences which we hold sacred and inviolate, and to inspire us to our noblest and best, and to harmonize all the potential elements of greatness and nobility in our lives.

However inadequately we may express our thoughts and our feelings toward our mothers, we have done a praiseworthy thing in dedicating a day to her and her ministries to us.

Grown-up Children

We may wonder why a day dedicated to our mothers has won such wide-spread approval and is observed with such evident devotion? The answer is simple, it is because we are all only grown-up children.

You know very well that no matter how big you grow, how great or famous you become, yet to your mother you are her boy or girl. We assume that you are worthy of your mother's love and appreciation. She is proud of you for all your attainments and accomplishments, and she will doubtless boast of them to her friends and acquaintances, but her deepest love and her most profound sentiments are twined around a boy or a girl, and her penetrating eyes look beneath all the external accomplishments to the child of her heart.

Is not that just as you want it to be? To your mother you want to be her boy or her girl. And don't you revel in the memory of those days of the old home, days that were three or four times as long as the days are now, and when it seemed

that Christmas would never come? You remember the spankings you got and appreciate the love and wisdom with which they were administered. You recall the authority of the home and understand now that it prepared you to submit to the constituted authority of society and civilization.

You recall the sacrifices of your mother and understand better the meaning of the sacrifices in all life. You remember the love of your mother and her care and solicitude, and you realize now what a protection they were and

how they shielded you from a thousand dangers.

Young In Spirit

To live again in memory those childhood experiences with mother keeps one young in spirit. Did you ever notice how refreshing it is to visit with the aged and hear them talk of their childhood and the old home? Perhaps you can see the boyish mischief in the sparkle of their eyes and you can hear the laughter of little children in their reminiscent chuckle. They are young again and enjoying the experience immensely.

The men and women who are old are those who have forgotten their childhood and mother, it matters not how many years or how few years they have lived. The memory of childhood experiences and a mother's love cushions one's life over the hard jolts which he is bound to receive. He still feels the vicarious protection of a mother's arms and a mother's love. It will keep alive in us a tenderness of heart without which would grow hard and calloused.

The grim face set in hard lines from too long and constant contact with the stony surfaces of life is not a very pleasant or inviting picture. But appropriate thoughts and memory of mother will relax those hard lines, soften the features, and cause a broad, generous smile to spread over the face. And it is unlike most other experiences, it touches the very fountain of life and brings refreshing from within.

To express our love and appreciation to our mothers on the occasion of Mother's Day will do us good as well as them. Let us not cheat either ourselves or them out of this blessing.



What Shall The End Be?

A government agency threatens to sound the death knell of a multi-million dollar private industry in Arkansas! President Truman seizes the steel industry! The government is already operating the railroads of the country! Billions of dollars of the taxpayer's money are invested in Federal projects which are in direct competition with private enterprise!

Monkey Wrench

Back to the multi-million dollar aluminum plant near Arkadelphia which is to be constructed by Reynolds Metals Company. The Reynolds Company, the Arkansas Power and Light Company, and the Interior Department of the Federal government have come to an agreement on electric power which the proposed aluminum plant would require. But the Federal Power Commission has thrown a monkey wrench into the works. And what do you suppose that monkey wrench is?—A higher rate for electrical power than agreed upon by Reynolds Company, Arkansas Power and Light Company, and the Interior Department of the Federal government.

Senator McClellan has said that he is concerned for the whole southwest area because if higher rates must be charged for electricity, produced from the multiple purpose dams, then the power from these government dams will be priced out of the market, since private industry can make electricity cheaper in steam generating plants.

Senator McClellan continues, "An adverse decision on the aluminum contract obviously means a tremendous increase in rates to rural electric co-operatives when their present contracts expire and come up for revision in about 18 months.

"The issue involved does not concern just parties to this contract. The effect can be most harmful to the REA groups and to future industrial expansion. Without cheap power, Arkansas and the Southwest cannot attract new industry."

Ultimate Dictatorship

So we are driven unwillingly to the question, "What shall the end be?" If a government agency can overrule another government agency, a private utility, and a private enterprise; if the President can, by executive decree, take over a major industry of the nation while at the same time spurning the laws which he has sworn to execute; if the government can confiscate practically all profits out of business and industry; if the government succeeds in its proposal to take over the security of the citizen from the cradle to the grave, it would seem that the answer to the question, "What shall the end be?" lies on the surface—some call it the welfare state, some call it statism, but it is nothing less than absolute dictatorship.

(NOTE: Since the above was written, we are glad to note that the Federal Power Commission has signed the contract with the Reynolds Company, but the warning of this message is still applicable.—EDITOR.)

Kingdom Progress

Bellefonte Worships In New Building



The Bellefonte Church near Harrison is now worshipping in its new \$20,000 church building.

It was early in 1951 that the church set out to construct a new church building which would more adequately meet the needs of this growing church and its Sunday School and other organizations. The first objective was to secure a site on which to construct the new building. Starting with less than \$500 in cash, the Bellefonte Church now has its new building with help from the State Mission Department in the amount of \$350 and with less than \$1,500 indebtedness on completion of the structure.

The seating capacity of the auditorium is 281 and the Sunday School facilities will accommodate the same number.

During the past two years there have been 54 additions to the church, 21 of these were received on profession of faith and baptism. Three young men have surrendered to the gospel ministry and two for mission service.

One Day Youth Retreat

The young people and intermediates of the First Church, Mena, Arlie McDaniel, pastor, enjoyed a one day youth retreat at Shady Lake, near Mena, on Saturday, April 26.

The activities of the day included religious services with Pastor Tom McLain of the Spradling Church, Fort Smith, as guest speaker, and Kay Mansell music and education director of the Mena church, as director of activities. Pastor McLain delivered three messages to the group during the day. There were 76 in attendance.

Recreational activities included boating, softball, and hiking.

Arkansan Moves To Louisiana

Claude D. Hughes recently moved from the North Crossett Church, Crossett, Arkansas, to the pastorate of the Epps Baptist Church, Epps, Louisiana.

Pastor Hughes had been with the North Crossett Church fourteen months. During that period there were 68 additions to the church, 38 of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism.

Successful Revival

There were 65 additions to the church membership of the First Church, Fayetteville, in a recent revival meeting; 47 came on profession of faith and baptism, and 18 by letter.

Milton DuPriest was the visiting evangelist, and Fred Ellerbe directed the music.

Pastor Walter L. Johnson states that the Baptist Student Union under the leadership of Jamie Jones did splendid work in the revival.

Among those who rededicated their lives to God was Miss Joyce Peterson, a senior in the University of Arkansas, who surrendered to the Lord's call for the foreign mission field; two others surrendered to the gospel ministry, and still others indicated their acceptance of God's call to full-time religious work.

Revival At Pike Avenue

Chaplain R. H. Dorris, former pastor of Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, and now en route to Korea, assisted the Pike Avenue Church and Pastor Taylor Stanfill in revival services which closed Sunday evening, April 27. Mr. Raymond McDaniel of Little Rock directed the singing.

There were 38 additions to the church during the meeting, 20 of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism.

The Pike Avenue Church has recently completed a third floor to their present building, providing additional Sunday School facilities which made it possible to completely departmentalize the Sunday School. The auditorium has been remodeled and new modern floors have been added to make seven new classrooms for adults.

Pastor Stanfill reports that during the last few months 92 have been added to the church.

Revival at Central Church, Bald Knob

Pastor V. E. Defreese and the Central Church, Bald Knob, were assisted in a revival meeting recently by Pastor W. R. Vestal of Searcy. As a result of the meeting there have been added to the church membership 42 persons on profession of faith and baptism, and 16 by letter.

In preparation for the meeting Pastor Defreese had taken a census of the community to discover the possibilities, and teams were organized for prayer and visitation during the meeting.

Pastor Vestal says, "I congratulate Pastor Defreese for his leadership of the Central Church of Bald Knob."

Revival In New Auditorium

Pastor John V. Terry and the First Church, Ozark, entered their new auditorium on April 13 and also began their revival meeting which continued through April 27. They had the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Leake of Fayetteville during the meeting which resulted in 32 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and 9 by letter.

Pastor Terry reports that the auditorium with a seating capacity of 450 is already being filled for the worship services, and that the Sunday School reached an all time high in attendance on Sunday, April 13.

Armed Forces Week

May 12-18 has been designated as Armed Forces Week. All branches of the military forces will participate in "open house" activities at Adams Field on Armed Forces Day, May 17. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine displays will be featured.

Throughout Armed Forces Week it is expected that military speakers of different branches of the services will address civic and other organizations in the city.

All churches are requested to remember the Armed Forces in their Sunday services, May 18. Special emphasis is placed upon the need for prayers for the Armed Forces, especially those on the battle field.

More attention is being given to the spiritual needs of the men in the Armed Forces than ever before, and it is thought that the churches can give impetus to that emphasis on May 18 by remembering the boys in the services.

Applies For Mission Appointment

Pastor J. L. Boyd Jr. of the First Church, DeWitt, and Mrs. Boyd, are in New York City consulting with the candidate committee of Sudan Interior Mission for possible mission work in Africa.

They will make their final appearance before the board May 9. If accepted, they will go to Africa, probably sometime this year. If not, they plan to return to the DeWitt church where Mr. Boyd has served as pastor for nearly three years.

If they are accepted by the Sudan board, they will remain in DeWitt, probably until the middle of June. They will leave New York to return to DeWitt either May 9 or 10.

Hubb Accepts Position In Michigan

F. D. Hubbs, former pastor of Calvary Church, Rose City, North Little Rock, and since January 1 a student at Baylor University, has accepted the position of associational missionary in the Motor Cities Association of Michigan and will assume his duties there on June 1.

The Motor Cities Association joined the Arkansas Baptist fellowship last November at the meeting of the State Convention.

This association includes the Detroit, Pontiac, and Flint, Michigan, areas.

Fifty-Two Added To Arkansas City Church

Fifty-two members were added to the Arkansas City Church, 41 of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism, 8 by letter and 3 by statement, in a recent revival meeting.

Pastor Edward E. Harris and the Arkansas City Church were assisted in the revival by Wilfred M. Lee of the First Baptist Church, Leland, Mississippi. Mr. Robert McAfee of McGehee was in charge of the music.

Virginian In Revival At Hot Springs

Dr. John L. Dodge and the First Church, Hot Springs, were assisted in revival services, April 13-27, by Dr. H. M. Fugate Sr. of Lynchburg, Virginia.

There were 15 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and 12 by letter.

Doctor Fugate, now retired from the active pastorate, has held pastorates in Georgia and Virginia. Now in his 80th year, Doctor Fugate is quite active and is kept busy as interim pastor, in revival meetings, and supply work.

Summers And Landes Ouachita Speakers

Dr. Ray Summers, director of the School of Theology, Southwestern Seminary, is to be the baccalaureate speaker, and Dr. James H. Landes, pastor of First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, commencement speaker at Ouachita, May 18-19.

Dr. Summers is a graduate of Baylor University, and received his Th. D. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has been teaching in the seminary since 1938. "Essentials of New Testament Greek," and "Worthy is the Lamb" are two books written by Dr. Summers.

Dr. Landes is a graduate of Ouachita College. He did graduate work in chemistry at the University of Arkansas before going to Southwestern Seminary where he finished in 1940. Dr. Landes is active in Baptist denominational work.

Alabamans in Meeting at Monticello

Pastor N. Roscoe Griffin and the First Church, Monticello, were assisted in a revival meeting recently by Dr. Henry A. Parker, First Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama, as evangelist, and Mr. Donald McCollum, minister of music and education, First Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama, as song leader.

There were 23 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and 10 by letter.

Carlisle Pastor in Revival At Armored

Pastor William Edmonson and the Armored Church were assisted in revival services March 16-23 by Pastor L. G. Gatlin of the First Church, Carlisle. There were 16 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism.

Pastor Gatlin states that thorough preparation had been made for the revival and commends Pastor Edmonson and his people for the evangelistic spirit of the Armored Church.

Revival At Hope

Pastor S. A. Whitlow and the First Church, Hope, were assisted in revival services, April 13-20, by Dr. Dale Cowling of Little Rock, State B. S. U. Secretary, Archie Fray and Phil Lewis, Ouachita students.

There were 27 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, 8 by letter, and 2 by statement. Four persons surrendered for definite Christian service.

A. E. Prince In Honolulu

Dr. A. E. Prince is serving as interim president of the Baptist Academy of Honolulu while President McCormick is on twelve months furlough.

Doctor Prince was invited to the Hawaiian Islands by the Executive Committee of the Hawaiian Baptist Convention to serve as an independent evangelist. During the little more than two months he has been in the Islands he has visited three islands and held four revivals which resulted in 318 decisions for Christ.

Southern Baptist Handbook, 1952

The Broadman Press announces the publication of the 1952 Southern Baptist Handbook.

The book may be secured from the Baptist Bookstore—price, \$1.00.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

Pastor Quincy D. Mathis of Immanuel Church, Warren, did his own preaching in a revival meeting, March 30 to April 9, which resulted in 37 additions to the church, 22 on profession of faith and baptism, and 15 by letter.

Pastor W. E. Perry and First Church, Nashville, had the services of Dr. O. L. Bayless, pastor, Second Church, Hot Springs, in a recent revival meeting, April 13-27.

The First Church, Springdale, observed Parent's Night, 7:30 p. m., Monday, April 28.

The revival crusade at the First Church, Smackover, April 13-20, resulted in 23 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and 12 by letter.

Pastor Dell Hames and the First Church of Ashdown were assisted in revival services recently by Pastor Arlie McDaniel of the First Church, Mena. The meeting resulted in 23 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and 5 by letter. One young man made public his surrender to the gospel ministry.

The greatest path is the one that leads from your house to your church door. Keep it clean and use it regularly Sunday mornings, Sunday nights, and Wednesday nights.
—Bulletin, First Church, Wynne.

Pastor Jack Hogue and the Steel Bridge Church near Lonoke had the services of Evangelist Ken Chapman of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in revival services, April 6-13. There were 33 additions to the church.

Pastor Harold H. Coble and the First Church, Strong, were assisted in revival services April 13-20, by Blake Woolbright, a third year student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, as evangelist. There were five additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, eight by letter, and one decision for special service.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxfield Garrott, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, are now in the states on furlough. They may be addressed at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville 6, Kentucky. Mr. Garrott is a native of Batesville.

Missionary and Mrs. Hugo Culpepper were guests of the First Church, Alma, Sunday, May 4, Mr. Culpepper preaching at both the morning and evening services of the day and Mrs. Culpepper speaking to the junior, intermediate, and young people's departments at the Sunday School hour.

Dr. J. F. Queen, hospital pastor at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, was with Pastor William C. Bird and First Church, Hampton, in a revival meeting from April 13-27. The meeting resulted in 19 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and 3 by letter.

Pastor B. E. Eldridge and the First Church, Bauxite, had the services of W. D. Edwards of First Church, Carrollton, Missouri, in a recent revival meeting. Dick Medford, music director of the Bauxite church, had charge of the music. There were five additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and two by letter.

Pastor Claud B. Chism and the Immanuel

Chaplain Halsell Transferred

Chaplain Aubrey C. Halsell (Lt. Col.) has been transferred from the Air Force base in Memphis, where he has been chaplain for the past 15 months, to Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, New York, where he will be staff chaplain and will supervise, co-ordinate, and plan all chaplain activities for 34 chaplains and 37,000 officers and airmen. The Sampson Air Force Base is said to be the largest Air Force base in the world.

Chaplain Halsell is the oldest son of Pastor and Mrs. W. C. Halsell of Little Rock. He is a graduate of the Little Rock High School, Ouachita College, and the Southern Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky.

Following his pastorate in West Memphis he moved to Memphis and organized the Poplar Avenue Baptist Church of which he was pastor until he returned to the chaplaincy 15 months ago, having spent five years in the chaplaincy during World War II.

Church, Rogers, were assisted in a revival meeting recently by Pastor C. O. Bigbie, First Baptist Church of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, which resulted in 10 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, one by letter, and one decision for special Christian service. Mr. D. D. Murray of the Immanuel Church had charge of the singing.

The First Church of Hughes entered their new building, May 4, and celebrated the event with a week of services continuing through May 11. Neighboring pastors were used each evening of the week of services.

The Sunday School of the First Church, Piggott, E. Clay Polk, pastor, has qualified for the Standard of Excellence and has made application to the Sunday School Board in Nashville for this recognition.

Pastor Rel Gray of the First Church, Rogers, assisted Pastor Claud Stripling and the First Church, Norphlet, in revival services recently which resulted in six additions to the church by baptism and two by letter.

Pastor J. Harold Smith of the First Church, Fort Smith, was recently engaged in a revival meeting in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

A recent revival meeting at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, resulted in 34 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and 31 by letter. Dr. Morris Ford of First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas, was the visiting evangelist.

Pastor Theo T. James of the First Church, McGehee, recently assisted Pastor Jack Gullledge and the Eastview Church, Hope Association, in an eight day revival meeting which resulted in seven additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and one by letter.

The First Church, Eudora, Dillard Miller, pastor, has called Joe Ed Scutter, Southern State College and youth revival leader, to be director of activities for the church during the summer months.

The Genoa Church at Genoa, Arkansas, Leo Hughes, pastor, has recently added two new Sunday School classrooms and is expecting to add a third room in the near future.

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By Religious News Service

Associated Church Press In 33rd Annual Meeting

There were nearly 100 Protestant editors in attendance at the three day session of the Associated Church Press in Washington, D. C. the middle of April.

OPPOSITION TO UMT

The editors expressed opposition to compulsory Universal Military Training, stating that UMT "actually constitutes a permanent form of regimentation which is utterly inconsistent with the democratic process."

Therefore, the editors said, they approved the "stalwart opposition" to UMT which has been carried on by their representative church bodies.

PRESS MONTH

Protestant Press Month will again be observed in October, according to action taken at the 33rd annual meeting in Washington, D. C., of the Associated Church Press.

The organization also instructed its president, Dr. George W. Buckner Jr., editor of *World Call*, to ascertain the stand of the Republican and Democratic presidential nominees on the question of an American embassy at the Vatican.

Earlier, the editors reaffirmed their opposition to the appointment of an ambassador to the Holy See, asserting that it would "upset the balance between religious groups in this nation and incite endless religious controversy."

Concern over "low moral standards" in television was expressed by the ACP. It said the matter of TV standards "should not be left entirely to the control exercised through legislation," but that it is "the duty of the churches to concentrate on the maintenance of high moral standards, both personal and social."

IMPROVEMENT NOTED

Bouquets and mild brickbats were received by religious periodicals from a quartet of experts who judged a contest for member publications of the Associated Church Press in connection with its 33rd annual meeting here.

Dr. Frank Luther Mott of the University of Missouri School of Journalism expressed the consensus of the judges by saying he was "much impressed with the improvement of the church press as represented by these periodicals over what I observed when I made some study of them in the late 1930s."

Willard E. Shelton, former editor of the *Christian Evangelist*, staff member of the *St. Louis Star-Times*, *Chicago Sun*, *PM* and *Nation*, said it was "a pleasure to observe the generally high standards of the church press" in editorial writing.

John T. Stewart, church editor of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, judged the periodicals for news coverage. He said most writers of church news would benefit from a study of English verbs, and also emphasized that a news story ought to be complete.

Prof. Clifton C. Edom of the University of Missouri School of Journalism said he

Victory Won For Public Schools In Missouri

Circuit Judge Emmett J. Crouse of St. Joseph, Missouri, has ruled against the use of public funds for the support of Roman Catholic nuns as teachers.

Judge Crouse said he had decided in favor of the plaintiffs (public school patrons) in a suit to restrain two Franklin County, Missouri, school districts from employing nuns as teachers. He added, however, that it would be several days before he hands down his final order in the case.

The court's decision will be filed with the circuit clerk of Franklin County at Union, Missouri. It will then be made public.

Seven Franklin County taxpayers were the plaintiffs. They charged that the use of public tax money to pay the salaries of nuns as teachers violated provisions for the separation of church and state in both federal and state constitutions.

Three schools in two districts were involved. Catholic nuns teach in two of the schools and Catholic lay women in the other. The school buildings are owned by the Archdiocese of St. Louis. A majority of the children in the districts are Catholic.

Judge Crouse took the case under advisement March 24.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs argued that the employment of nuns created an atmosphere that favored Catholic religious influence.

Prior to this decision by Circuit Judge Emmett J. Crouse of St. Joseph, Missouri, and perhaps in anticipation of such a court decision, Roman Catholic nuns will be withdrawn from other schools in Missouri.

Mother M. Evangela of St. Louis, Provincial of the Notre Dame Sisters of the Southern Province, has notified two Cole County school districts that no contracts for 1952 will be signed for nuns teaching in those districts. The nuns are members of the order of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Meanwhile, eleven nuns have notified a district in Osage County that they will not be permitted to sign contracts for next term.

At O'Fallon, Missouri, a spokesman for the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood said her order was taking nuns out of one unidentified district. She explained, however, that no general withdrawal was planned by her group.

was "pleasantly surprised" with the church magazine illustrations.

"Many of these publications were colorful and appealing—not the drab-looking papers of ten or fifteen years ago," he said. "Church papers, too, have learned the value of showmanship and salesmanship. That is good."

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Oh, brethren, be great believers! Little faith will bring your souls to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your souls.

A Smile or Two

A gruff elderly man accused Dan of stealing his handkerchief. When he found it in his vest pocket he offered to make amends.

"Forget it," said Dan, disgustingly. "You thought I was a crook and, I thought you were a gentleman. We were both wrong."

Parson: "You saw some boys fishing on Sunday. Did you do anything to discourage them?"

Tommy: "Yes sir; I stole their bait."

The Duke of Windsor's recollection of his great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, was that of a lofty and somewhat forbidding monarch who was every inch a queen.

One day when he was about six, he asked his teacher how people lived in heaven.

"In heaven, all people are equal," said the teacher.

"All people?" asked the boy.

The teacher nodded.

"Even great-grandmama?" demanded the unbelieving youngster.

"She will be no different from anyone else."

"Oh, my," sighed the lad. "She won't like that a bit."

During a fire in the middle of the night, the tenants of an apartment-hotel rushed into the street carrying their most prized possessions. One woman noticed that the gentleman who lived directly above her was carrying a large, covered birdcage. "What have you there?" she asked out of curiosity. "That's my pet rooster," said the man. The woman gasped and fainted. When she was revived, she told her anxious neighbors, "I'm sorry I fainted, but you see, I've been under treatment by a psychiatrist for the past year because I kept hearing a rooster crowing."

—Quote.

Small girl, rebelliously practicing the piano: "And another way for me to be popular, Daddy, is for you to be rich!"

—Quote.

It now costs more to amuse a child than it once did to educate his father.

—Quote.

Barber: "Well, my little man, how do you wish to have your hair cut?"

Little Man: "I'd like it cut just like my daddy's, and please don't forget to leave that little round hole on the top where his head comes through."

He arrived when there were other guests, and his hostess had to arrange for him to sleep on the couch in the living room. The next morning at breakfast she wanted to know if he had had a good night. "Fairly good," he told her. "I got up from time to time and rested."

So you're the young man with both feet on the ground, are you? And what do you do for a living?

I take orders from a man with both feet on the desk.

Heard in a cafe: With all that is going on in these United States, you had better steal a million dollars; you'll be called a crook, if you don't!

News From Baptist Press

Child Under Six? There's A Nursery For Him In Miami

Children under six years of age are being well provided for at small cost during the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, May 14-18, according to Mrs. F. G. Davis, chairman of the nursery committee.

Mrs. Davis announces that children under three years will be cared for at the Central Baptist Church in downtown Miami. Three-year-olds and their brothers and sisters through six years will have the facilities of the Riverside Baptist Church, 900 S.W. 1st Street. The Riverside provision includes a large fenced playground and supervised out-door play.

A fee of 25 cents per hour plus 25 cents for each meal served the child will be charged. Meals will be well-balanced and well-prepared, Mrs. Davis says. The children will have morning and afternoon refreshments of fruit juices, and a proper place is available for rest periods during the day also.

The chairman assures parents that capable and responsible women will be on duty to care for the children. A list of women available to stay with children in hotels and homes will be available at convention time through Mrs. Davis.

Committee Calls For Step-Up In American Seminary Program

The Committee on Negro Ministerial Education will make a full report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami in May, calling for a vigorous program at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville with the aim of accreditation for the seminary.

The report and recommendations are based on a study by a corps of workers headed by Dr. Ira de A. Reid of Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania. The group included representation from the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, Inc. The Southern Baptist committee consisted of Edward A. McDowell, chairman, Robert L. Cousing, Victor Glass, Ryland Knight, Mrs. Irvin Lawrence, Mrs. C. DeWitt Matthews, Stewart A. Newman and H. Clayton Waddell.

Texas Pastor Pioneers In Land Stewardship

Olen E. Waldrip, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Groesbeck, deep in the heart of the East Central Texas farm lands, believes in stewardship of a special kind—the stewardship of "God's good earth."

A story of Waldrip and his people in the Groesbeck community—and how they have pioneered in soil stewardship—is featured in the May issue of *Farm and Ranch*—Southern Agriculture magazine. The article will appear in special connection with the annual Soil Stewardship Sunday, May 18, when the magazine sponsors an effort through the churches in teaching a God-given responsibility to the conserving of farmlands and soil throughout its territory.

The magazine, through its editorial offices in Dallas, Texas, furnishes materials and helps to pastors interested in promoting Soil Stewardship Sunday in their churches.

Many Displaced Persons Still Scheduled To Arrive

There are a number of Baptist displaced persons for whom assurances have been submitted, but who have not yet arrived in the United States, according to Charles R. Gage, former director of the recently closed Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office in New Orleans. "Those d.p.'s for whom assurances were signed and whom visas are being issued are scheduled to immigrate in due time," Mr. Gage said.

Approximately 150 cases were covered by a blanket assurance issued by the Baptist World Alliance to avoid the possibility that some deserving d.p.'s might remain unsponsored past the deadline. Persons interested in offering employment to these cases, or who desire information on the d.p. program in general should write Displaced Persons Office, Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

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Billy Graham To Preach At Miami For Giant Saturday Youth Rally

Billy Graham, nationally famous evangelist, is the preacher for the giant Youth Rally Saturday night, May 17, at the Southern Baptist Convention, announces Dr. T. L. Holcomb, chairman of the rally committee.

Music director for the rally will be Dick Baker, music director of the Birchman Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, and an experienced youth revivalist. A massed 500-voice choir of youth from the Greater Miami area will sing at the service. Maurice Fain, pastor of Miami Beach Baptist Church, is chairman of the local music committee.

Florida School Adds Missionary To Faculty

Dr. J. T. Williams, long-time Southern Baptist missionary to China, will serve on the faculty of Baptist Bible Institute in Lakeland for the 1952-53 school year, announces Andrew M. Hall, president of the institute's board of trustees.

Dr. Williams will teach courses in missions. He has recently been working on a special assignment for the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia.

Revival in Germany

Word has been received that two Southern Baptists serving with the United States Air Force in Frankfurt, Germany, began a revival meeting there Easter Sunday, April 13.

Chaplain Fred Willhoite, former pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Lawton, Oklahoma, is preaching and Curtis Cheek, a 1950 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, leads the singing.

Dr. J. D. Grey on CBS Church Of The Air

Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, will be the speaker on the Columbia Church of the Air broadcast May 11.

His message on this Mother's Day program will come just before the opening of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, May 14. The broadcast will be carried by

Kansas Board Assumes Parochial School Cost

Questioning the sleight-of-hand procedure by which St. Anthony's Roman Catholic parochial school at Garden Plain, Kansas, has become entirely tax supported, a group of farmers in the area have moved to obtain a court injunction to halt the expenditures. Their attorney is Robert C. Allan.

The technique used in Garden Plain conforms to the general pattern of Roman Catholic encroachment on the public school system in communities all over America. First, a parochial school is established, in exercise of a liberty which POAU upholds. Second, the public school is attacked for "godlessness" and at the same time the assertion is made that the parochial schools "save the taxpayers money." Third, clerical power is brought to bear in school board elections in order to "pack" the board with officials favorable to the parochial school interest. Fourth, the "packed" board votes to operate the parochial school at public expense. The narrow monetary objective of the parochial school is thereby attained, but only at the expense of the peace and harmony of the community, which becomes divided into warring religious camps which bring their battle into court.

Garden Plain's parochial school attained its present "public" status in almost magical fashion when the local school board, at its annual meeting on May 5, 1951, voted 2 to 1 that District No. 102 should pay all costs of educating the pupils at St. Anthony's for the scholastic year 1951-1952. To the outward eye, there was no change at St. Anthony's—classes continued to be held in the parochial building, and the same Sisters conducted them. (One Roman Catholic lay teacher was added to the staff.) The only change was an invisible one—the taxpayers were now footing the bill! In the public records, the parochial school was designated as "School No. 2."

PRIEST'S LETTER

The school board's action followed receipt of a letter from the parish priest in which he indicated that the church felt unable to continue operation of St. Anthony's parochial school on its own. No published notice was given to the voters of the purpose of the school board meeting. The board resolution, passed over the strong objections of one member, had the effect of adding 89 parochial school pupils to the "public school" rolls while leaving their education entirely in the hands of church agents. The regular common school ("School No. 1") has 23 students.

This case is similar to many others which have previously been reported in the *Church and State Newsletter* (e.g., November and December, 1951, issues).

—Church and State Newsletter.

the CBS radio network, and will be heard at 10:00 a. m. EST.

Dr. Grey will also be speaking on the Baptist Hour during July, August and September. These programs are heard each week over some 300 stations all over the country.

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In a report to the National Committee on Alcohol Hygiene, Inc., in Baltimore, Dr. Robert V. Seigler reported there are 1,000,000 chronic alcoholic addicts, 4,000,000 heavy drinkers, and more than 40,000,000 social drinkers in the United States.

—The Survey Bulletin.

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The Mother's Day Love Fund helped many Arkansas people to better health last year. That number was small in comparison to the number who made application to the Arkansas Baptist Hospital for desperately needed service.

So look at yourself in the mirror. Are you in good health? If you are, then thank God for your blessings and make plans to do your

good turn for humanity in 1952 by giving at least one day's care for one patient in the Arkansas Baptist Hospital. This gift will be God's answer to the prayers of many unfortunate people who are ill but cannot pay for frantically needed hospital care and attention. May 11 is your opportunity to be your brother's keeper in 1952.

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Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

Four Great Brotherhood Meetings



W. R. ROBERTS

W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood Secretary of Mississippi, will be the main speaker at a series of Brotherhood meetings in Arkansas, May 26-30. The schedule is as follows:

May 26: Tabernacle Church, Little Rock; the regular quarterly meeting of the Pulaski County Associational Brotherhood.

May 27: First Church, Batesville; Regional Brotherhood Rally for Independence, Little River, Rocky Bayou, and Big Creek Associations, and Jackson County in Black River Association.

May 29: First Church, Harrison; Regional Brotherhood Rally for Boone County, Carroll County, Newton County, White River, and Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Associations.

May 30: Central Church, Hot Springs; Regional Brotherhood Rally for Central, Conway-Perry, Buckville, Caddo River, and Red River Associations.

Each of the above meetings is scheduled for 7:00 p. m. All of the meetings will feature good congregational singing, devotion, special music, good speaking.

W. R. Roberts has done an outstanding job of Brotherhood promotion in Mississippi. His specialty has been the development of a strong associational Brotherhood program.

Baptist men will attend the above meetings with profit to their own spiritual lives. We trust that every church in every area will be well represented.

The women and boys and girls are cordially invited!

Another series of Regional Brotherhood meetings is scheduled for Western Arkansas in December of this year. The

speaker will be G. A. Ratteree, Brotherhood Secretary of Florida. Announcement will be made about these meetings in due time.

Mr. Ratteree has recently published a fine tract on "Men and Boys and Missions." The opening words of this tract are a quotation from Phillips Brooks: "He who helps a boy become a strong man makes a contribution of the first order to humanity."

The theme of the tract is, "The Brotherhood and the Royal Ambassador Program."

A copy of this tract will be mailed free to anybody, anywhere. Write the Brotherhood Department, 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Don't postpone that summer Associational Brotherhood meeting!

Some associational Brotherhoods pass up their quarterly meeting in the middle of summer. Don't do it! If it's too hot to meet indoors, then meet outdoors. Have a fish fry, or an encampment, or a Man-Boy gathering out on the bank of a stream. But have it!

And now is the time to plan for it! Such a meeting can be made one of the best meetings of the whole year. Some folks will be away on vacation, but most of them won't.

Plan your summer rally now, and plan to make it BIG. Plan a spiritual feast!

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A man has to have a lot of courage to admit that sometimes he doesn't have it.

Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary

Help Build Ouachita's Library

A consciousness that one of Ouachita's greatest needs to become accredited is one about which the women of Arkansas can do something, prompted the Executive Board of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union to recommend the following, which was adopted at the Annual Meeting in El Dorado, April 3.

"That each Woman's Missionary Society contribute the price of at least one book for the library at Ouachita College, same to be remitted to State W.M.U. Treasurer by June 9."

This action came as a result of the alertness of the Christian Education Committee of the Executive Board of which Mrs. H. L. Robinson of Jonesboro is chairman.

Ouachita's library does not have many volumes needed, not only for accreditation, but primarily for proper study and research by the students. THIS IS NOT A CALL FOR BOOKS, BUT FOR MONEY! Certain books are needed, and for that reason it would only work a hardship to have a book "shower"

Information is being sent to each W.M.U. president URGING each society in the state to give AT LEAST the price of one volume. It is the hope of the committee that many societies will do much more than that, that even each circle will give the price of a book.

It is understood that money given will be used for the library, but may not be used to purchase the particular type book "priced," should the supply of that type already be supplied.

It will be impractical for the books to bear the name of the donor, but every contribution will be acknowledged not only

by the State W.M.U. office, but by the college.

Miss Cooksey, librarian, furnished the following information:

Art	\$1.95-15.00
Audio-Visual Aids (books)	1.00- 3.50
Business	1.00- 6.00
Conservation	1.30- 8.75
General Education (Biography, Travel, fiction, etc.)	1.50-10.00
History	5.00-60.00 (per set)
Language	1.75- 6.50
Literature	1.25- 6.00
Music	
Scores	4.95-17.85
Recordings	4.00-17.11 (opera)
Books	1.25- 8.00
Physical Education	1.50- 8.50
Psychology	1.25- 5.50
Reference books for reading room	.75-37.50
Religion	2.00- 6.00
Science (includes encyclopedias)	1.00-175.00

This list was taken from requisitions for books submitted by the various teachers on the campus in March of this year. They are needed now!

All gifts for this purpose should be sent to Miss Nancy Cooper, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock, and designated for "Ouachita College's Library Fund." It is requested that such gifts be made immediately and remitted by June 9. This is done to enable the college to get the books as soon as possible.

STEWARDSHIP INSTITUTE

Liberty Associational W.M.U. pioneered in conducting a Stewardship Institute. Mrs. M. L. Summers, associational stewardship chairman, was in charge of the meeting, and Mrs. Ford Maggard, state stewardship chairman, was conference leader.

The day's program included periods of meditation and devotion, two conference periods in which stewardship plans of Southern and Arkansas Baptists' were discussed—not only W.M.U. plans, but denominational ones which W.M.U. organizations promote and support wholeheartedly. The film, "Beyond Our Own," was shown depicting the far reach of missions and the universal need of the gospel.

Mrs. Roy Snider is superintendent of Liberty Association and Miss Exie Seright is young people's leader.

Superintendents, it worked in Liberty! Would you like to plan for such a day?

Little By Little

The members sleep a little late. They go truggling into assembly a little tardy. Some of the members chew gum a little, joke a little, and doodle a little.



Brethren in the class argue a little, figure a little, laugh a little, listen to the sermon a little, commune a little, and then give a little.

After dismissal they gossip a little; go home and forget what little they heard, and act a little like they cared but little for the greatest, grandest, holiest and most precious institution on earth—the church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I may have exaggerated a little, but very little, and I

think in some things have omitted a little. Brethren, will you think on this a little?

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After The Storm

By W. R. VESTAL

Our work was hurt by the tornado. Many of our people, including myself, suffered serious loss, and some of our churches will be set back in their programs. But through the prayers and generosity of our friends over the state, and the help of the State Convention, we will recover.

With the backing of the First Church, Searcy, I took on myself the responsibility of erecting a temporary house of worship for the church at Judsonia. Within two weeks we raised \$6,000 and the building was erected and is now being used by the Judsonia church. It was thought that providing the Judsonia church with a temporary house of worship would do more to lift the spirits of these friends and keep their work together than anything else.

The First Church of Searcy not only raised \$2,300 cash for this project, but loaned their associate pastor, Paul McMillan, to the Judsonia church to help carry on, since the church is without a pastor at this time. I am sure that not only the people of Judsonia but other friends appreciate the generous contribution and service rendered by the Searcy church. The people of Judsonia have expressed their profound appreciation for this service. They are a great and gracious people and their church, though seriously

hurt by the loss of their building and their pastor's home and by the death of a number of their members, will rise again.

The Central Church building at Bald Knob was damaged but not seriously; the injury to their people was more serious than to the church building. Some of the members of the Bald Knob church lost their lives.

The church at Georgetown was destroyed, but under the leadership of our associational missionary, Homer Adkins, they are already rebuilding.

The church at Midway had no building and was worshiping in a school house which was destroyed. The Midway church is now planning to buy a plot of ground and construct a building.

The churches of our association, White County, have done a noble work in helping the Red Cross and Salvation Army in preparing and serving food and distributing clothing to the needy people all over the tornado area. Our churches were used as first aid stations as well as distribution centers. We are still on the job and will continue after the Red Cross and others have left the area.

I have never seen people respond so readily and labor so sacrificially and continue to help their neighbors as was manifested in this recent storm experience.

I feel that God spoke in the voice of the storm and it has brought us close to Him.

Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

First Anniversary, Third Street Church, Arkadelphia

The first anniversary of the Third Street Church, Arkadelphia, April 15, was a time of rejoicing as the members reviewed the past and faced the future. It was our privilege to be the speaker at the morning service. In spite of inclement weather, the house was filled and a good hour of fellowship enjoyed, with dinner spread on the ground at the noon hour.

During the afternoon program we had the history of the church reviewed. Following a religious census, several became interested in establishing work in the vicinity the church is now located, as the census revealed that the majority of the people were going to no church. The interest of the volunteer band of Ouachita College was secured and services begun in the homes of the people. A tent was purchased but no ground could be secured to put it in use. It was stored for two years and finally a permit from a landowner was secured to place it. It was under the tent that the people met during an entire winter. No church seemed to be interested in sponsoring the movement but a rural church several miles away extended an arm and became the sponsor of the movement. Later, a little building was erected which was largely built by women. It was purely a mission project and when the church was organized it took the name of Mission Baptist Church. Recently, however, the name has been changed to Third Street Baptist Church.

C. R. McCollum was called as the first pastor and now the church has 107 members. Another location has been purchased and

it is expected that a permanent building will be begun within the next few months.

As we left the afternoon service to go to the bus station, the man providing transportation to the station remarked, "This church has meant everything to me." We inquired if he had become a Christian since the establishing of the mission there and he stated that he had only been a Christian for ten months. Then, he added, "I was the worst drunkard that ever walked the streets of Arkadelphia but now I am a new man and my home is different."

Revival in Calvary Church, Texarkana

Southwest Arkansas has just closed its Simultaneous Revivals. This was the last of the sectional crusades. Reports have not, as yet, been received to determine the results.

It was our privilege to be in the Calvary Church of Texarkana. Pastor Calvin C. Ussery had made thorough preparations and the splendid results of the revival were due, in large measure, to his leadership and the esteem in which he is held by the people.

There were 42 additions to the church, 34 for baptism and 8 by letter. In addition, there were three professions of people visiting in the city who could not remain for baptism. There were many rededications and one surrendering for special service.

The music was led by David White, a seventeen year old high school ministerial student, and a member of Beech Street Church. He led like a veteran. He is already a power for the Lord and plans to enter Ouachita College this fall.

The Calvary Church is a marvel of grace. It is only five years old and has over seven hundred members. One Sunday during the revival the Sunday School attendance was 525—and it was raining. They first built an educational building, using one floor for the auditorium. Soon, they outgrew this building and erected the auditorium and additional educational space. Now they are saying, "We are in need of another building."

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We Walked With The Lord

By DALE COWLING

The Baptist Student Spring Retreat, which met at Camp Couchdale April 25-27, will long be remembered by more than four hundred students who were present for at least part of the program. Three hundred sixty-five of these were registered and spent the entire weekend at the Retreat. Thus, attendance was almost double that of any previous time.

From the very beginning of the program on Friday evening we all knew we were in the presence of the Lord. After dinner we enjoyed a period of fun and fellowship under the direction of Mr. Tommy Tedford, the student secretary at Ouachita College. Rudy Sullivant, a student at Ouachita, led us from this period of fellowship to an attitude of worship as he directed the song service. Pastor J. W. Buckner, First Church, Crossett, then challenged our students with a great message on "The Abounding Joy of Tithing." At the close of this message a large number of students stood to indicate the fact that they were beginning at that moment the practice of tithing. These students will some day be successful business and professional men. Just think what these decisions to tithe may mean to the Kingdom of God!

Saturday morning we started the day with thirty minutes of personal prayer time. This devotional period was followed after breakfast by each student meeting a prayer mate for a period of devotion together. Our hearts were challenged and thrilled beyond measure as we listened to a quartet composed of three laymen and one lay woman giving testimony on "The Abounding Joy of My Dedicated Vocation." Mrs. Vernon Hall, housewife; Mr. Tom Digby, lawyer; Mr. Raymond Lindsey, businessman; and Mr. Buford Bracy, contractor, were the speakers on the subject. Our students truly caught a real vision of dedicating every vocation to Christ.

The Saturday morning service was brought to a grand climax as Pastor W. R. Vestal, First Church, Searcy, filled our hearts to overflowing with a message on "The Abounding Joy of My Eternal Salvation." We all left that service greatly humbled and thankful to God for the saving and keeping power of our Lord Jesus!

Saturday afternoon was given entirely to directed recreation and informal fellowship. As one student stated in a testimony meeting, "If there is any joy greater than making new Christian friends, it is to meet old friends again." We experienced both of these joys.


As we started the Saturday night service one fine Christian student said, "If the Holy Spirit becomes any more evident and any more precious than It is here right now, I don't know what we will do." It was truly a glorious experience as we listened to God's message poured out through the Ouachita College Choir and then heard Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor, Second Church, Little Rock, speak on "Christ and the Youth of Japan."

Words fail in describing Sunday morning. Miss Billie Russell turned our eyes upon Jesus in a sunrise service. After breakfast, prayer mates met and prayed earnestly for their problems to be solved. As we came back to the auditorium, Miss Billie Barr, a student at Southern State College, Magnolia thrilled us with a genuine testimony on "He is My Joy." Around four hundred of us then participated in a Sunday School lesson. As we came back into the auditorium for the closing service, we were caught up in the spirit of testimony which lasted well over an hour as students spontaneously stood to their feet to share spiritual experiences with all of us. Major R. Allen Brickey then brought us to a climax as he spoke on "The Abounding Joy of Bearing Good News." As Major Brickey opened the invitation, students came from all over the auditorium making great and life determining decisions with the Lord. Some were called to preach, some to be missionaries, many to publicly dedicate their chosen vocation to the Lord and then as the Holy Spirit worked, individuals started coming up confessing sins. It was well after one o'clock when we were finally dismissed. When lunch was finished, prayer mates met again and prayed for one another to have traveling mercies home.

There is no question but that we truly walked with the Lord. Not one person disobeyed any rule. No one was out of order in any way. God moved upon us and we shall never be quite the same any more. We are deeply grateful to Arkansas Baptists for making such an experience as this possible for us as students of Arkansas colleges.

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Anyone who still believes that, lives in a world of sheer fantasy. We have finally reached the point where the cost of gov-

ernment is so huge that even the confiscatory taxes paid by people in the high-income groups hardly make a dent in the total—and the people of small and moderate means must carry the bulk of the burden.

Early in 1951, Secretary of the Treasury Snyder presented some revealing facts to a House committee. They concerned the distribution of surtax net income—which is the income left after

deductions for personal exemptions and dependents. In that year, Mr. Snyder said, surtax net income totaled \$90,000,000,000. Of this, \$82,000,000,000 was in the brackets of \$10,000 and under (\$62,000,000,000 being in the under—\$2,000 classification) and only \$8,000,000,000 was in the brackets above \$10,000.

This should certainly take care of the illusion that we can keep on meeting the cost of government by "soaking the rich." If we expropriated every nickel of income the rich have, the result-

ing revenue would carry the government for only a matter of weeks. It's the "small man" who must pay—as tens of millions learned last March 15. And it's the "small man" who has the most to gain from efficient, economical government, and reduced taxes.

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Right Use Of The Lord's Day

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THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Exodus 20:8-11

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

From the dawn of creation the seventh day of the week was set aside, or sanctified, as a day of rest, Genesis 2:2-3. When God finished creation, He rested, and hallowed the seventh day, Exodus 20:11. Thus a day of rest was instituted for all mankind, for every nation.

Some 2,500 years later, the Hebrew nation was born; God was giving them their laws at Sinai, through Moses. And He incorporated into the newly written law, the law of the Sabbath the day of rest and worship.

If nothing else is gained from this Bible lesson, please get this one point: **THE SABBATH WAS SET ASIDE FOR REST AND WORSHIP—NEVER FOR RECREATION.** "Keep it holy," He commanded. There is nothing HOLY about Sunday movies; nor Sunday ball games; nor Sunday fishing and hunting. Nor shall we leave out Sunday canasta or bridge or golf. God says it is His day and should be dedicated to His service, and to the performance of good deeds for others, if we follow the example of Jesus.

Six days are yours. The Lord gave mankind six days of each week, which He deemed ample time, "to do all their work." Whatever cannot be done in one six day period should be postponed until the new week has arrived.

While we have gone to one extreme in ignoring and desecrating the Lord's day, and are paying for it in bloodshed and heartaches, ancient Israel went to another extreme and made the Jewish Sabbath a thing of bondage. They were so legalistic they charged Jesus as a law breaker when He pulled an ear of corn and ate it on the Sabbath. Again, when He merely spoke the words that healed the sick, possibly without lifting a hand, He was charged with being a transgressor of the law.

He taught them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." The Sabbath was not merely a law to be kept. God never set up an arbitrary law; all law is for the good and blessing of the human race. Law was created for our good and our protection, never to antagonize us. The Sabbath was ordained to bless us with a rest

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Exodus 20:8-11; Mk. 2:27-28;
Luke 4:16b; 13-10-17

period, with an opportunity to worship our Creator-Redeemer.

Jesus said He was Lord of the Sabbath. He knew what was desecration and what was not, for after all, He created the Sabbath. It would be like trying to tell the man who invented the elevator—how to operate it.

A REGULAR HABIT

Luke 4:16

"And he came to Nazareth, . . . and, as his CUSTOM WAS, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day."

The regular habit of Jesus, His custom from childhood, was to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath; that was the Old Testament place of religious observance, and the Old Testament day of worship. He lived under the end of the Old Testament dispensation and kept the Old Testament law, as well as in the beginning of the New Testament order. Following His example, the New Testament saints met on the first day of the week, in a New Testament church, and taught the people the New Testament doctrines, just as the Pharisees kept the law of Moses in the synagogues.

Even though He knew He would be denounced, ridiculed, persecuted, and mocked when He went to church, Jesus went regularly. **DO YOU?** We often wonder just what kind of excuses many modern church members, and many Christians are going to offer the Lord when they meet Him, concerning their Sunday laziness; their negligence of church attendance; their indifference toward His work in general, and particularly on the Lord's day. Many will realize in that day, too late, just how flimsy most of the excuses are that are offered for absence from the worship services.

GOOD DEEDS— ALWAYS IN ORDER

Luke 13:10-17

One of the most pathetic pictures in all the Bible is painted for us in this passage. A poor, frail woman with arthritis or rheumatism, something that had drawn her body double, had attended the services at the synagogue regularly for eighteen years. One day she encountered Jesus, the great Physician. He was moved with compassion when He saw her condition, and called her to Himself, laid His healing hands upon her and declared her to be well.

That occasion should have made any human heart to rejoice. But not the Pharisees. The ruler of the synagogue became indignant. He asked, did they not have six days in the week to do their **WORK**—therefore, such **LABOR** should not be done on the holy Sabbath.

Jesus looked at the man and said, "You hypocrite."

What Jew was there in the audience who would not every Sabbath untie his animals and lead them to water, then lead them back to their stalls and tie them up again. Was there more work involved in caring for an animal than in laying a hand upon the sick and pronouncing them well?

Or, was there a person present who would see an animal suffer on the Sabbath day and not do something about it? But here was a human being, a sister in the flesh, not a common Gentile, but a daughter of Abraham, who was sorely afflicted, her life's usefulness impaired, bound by Satan for eighteen years, and they were indignant to see her healed.

Formal religion can be just that cruel. Only souls that are warned

by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, only hearts that are dedicated and consecrated to the Master, can render a loving service to Him, or to others.

"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Jesus worshiped and did good on the Sabbath. How do **YOU** spend your Lord's day—in worship? or desecration? In rest? or recreation? In doing good for Christ's sake? or doing evil for carnal pleasure?

An executive of a great corporation in Detroit, a company which works its employes five days each week, recently said something like this: "We would not think of so working our employes that they would be as tired at quitting time on Friday evenings as they are on Monday mornings, after an American week-end."

But payday is coming in America. God will not forever tolerate the wickedness, the desecration, and the indifference toward Him that is now taking place in our fair nation. He has always collected back the stolen time that humanity has usurped. We have the "say so" temporarily, but God will have the last word.



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