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### A prayer in distress.

9 Thou shalt make them as <sup>a</sup>a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them. 10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men. 11 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not <sup>a</sup>to perform. Therefore shalt thou make them turn their backs, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows, thy strings against the face of them. They shall sing and praise thy power.

### PSALMS, 22-24.

**PSALM 22**  
O God, why hast thou forsaken me? why so far from helping me, and from the roaring? in the daytime, but thou heardest not; and I am not silent. O thou that inhabitest the heavens, thou art they that trusted, and were delivered: they were confounded: they were as a reproach of them that scorn: they were as a saying of them that blasphemed in heaven: they were as a word of them that were upon my art.

21 Save me from the horns of the unicorns: heard me from the horns of the unicorns. 22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. 23 Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye seed of Jacob glorify him; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel. 24 For he hath afflicted the face of his enemies, he hath afflicted the face of his enemies.

### Confidence in God's

**PSALM 23**  
The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil, and my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**PSALM 24**  
The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein. It is founded upon the seas, and established upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, who shall not be lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor swear deceitfully. He shall bless himself in that day, and shall say, Alas, that I have not answered to these things.

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and loving-kindnesses; for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach the meek his way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, such as keep his covenant and his testimony for thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. What man is he that feareth the Lord? his soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him: he will shew them his covenant. Thine eyes are ever toward the righteous, and thou wilt bring down their enemies. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, O Lord, my God. I am desolate and afflicted, my heart is vexed, because mine enemies are multiplied. Turn thee, O Lord, and hear my voice: my prayer is unto thee, and my heart is lifted up. Do not let mine enemies blaspheme, nor let them that hate me wrongfully magnify themselves. For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. What man is he that feareth the Lord? his soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him: he will shew them his covenant. Thine eyes are ever toward the righteous, and thou wilt bring down their enemies. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, O Lord, my God. I am desolate and afflicted, my heart is vexed, because mine enemies are multiplied. Turn thee, O Lord, and hear my voice: my prayer is unto thee, and my heart is lifted up. Do not let mine enemies blaspheme, nor let them that hate me wrongfully magnify themselves.

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# Giving is a part of worship

GOD'S people, through the ages, have included giving in their worship of God.

Baptists have believed and taught that when one worships God it is proper and fitting, according to Scripture, to bring tithes and offerings.

But some congregations still use the worship service as a means of lifting the collection.

In these churches, due announcements will be made about why the church needs the money and then some men will be asked to come forward and receive the money. As soon as it is collected, the men (or tellers) will hurry to some secluded spot and count the money while the church service continues. In some instances, the secluded spot is not so secluded. The noise of clanging money can be heard by the worshippers who remain in the auditorium.

Instead of this bedlam, why not have the ushers notified as to when the offer-

ing will be taken. Then, when the time comes, without fanfare or apology, have the men come forward and after prayer or scripture reading, or both, the plates can be passed. After everyone has received an opportunity to give, the men will bring the tithes and offerings forward to be placed on the altar.

This may seem to be a small matter, for many churches have used gimmicks through the years to get money, and their leaders believe that they are doing their best. But, the fact remains that some church members average giving less than one per cent of their income to Kingdom causes and the church is not trying to help them do better.

The church member who gives one per cent, or less, of his income to the church is missing the real joy of giving. The church that does not try to help that member give more is missing an opportunity to minister to his need.

Try it—adopt a better plan than you are now using if the church members are giving less than 10 per cent of their incomes through the church. — Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary



DR. DOUGLAS

## 1962 Glorieta-Ridgecrest schedules

NASHVILLE—Schedules for Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist assemblies for 1962 have been announced by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

These schedules are planned in co-operation with Southern Baptist Convention agencies that have programs at the assemblies.

The assemblies are owned and operated by the Sunday School Board for all phases of the denomination's work. The purpose is to aid churches and individuals in the realization of God's will and work.

Date	Glorieta	Ridgecrest
June 7-13	Training Union Youth Assembly	Student Retreat
June 14-20	Training Union Leadership Assembly	YWA Conference
June 21-27	Training Union Leadership Assembly	Foreign Missions Conference
		Brotherhood Conference
		Writers' Conference
		Music Leadership Conference
June 28-July 4	Sunday School Conference	TU Youth Assembly
July 5-11	Sunday School Conference	TU Leadership Assembly
July 12-18	Sunday School Conference	TU Leadership Assembly
July 19-25	Music Leadership Conference	Sunday School Conference
July 26-Aug. 1	WMU Conference	Sunday School Conference
August 2-8	Home Mission Board Conference	
	Writers' Conference	
August 9-15	Bible Conference	WMU Conference
	School for Church Librarians	
	Church Administration Conference	
	Christian Recreation Conference	
	Christian Life Conference	
	Radio and TV Conference	
	Historical Commission Conference	
August 16-22	Foreign Missions Conference	Home Missions Board Conf.
	Baptist Brotherhood Conference	
	Young Men's Mission Conference	
August 23-29	Student Retreat	
		Bible Conference
		School for Church Librarians
		Church Administration Conf.
		Christian Recreation Conf.
		Christian Life Conference
		Radio and TV Conference
		Historical Commission Conf.

## July, 1961, income falls below mark

JULY, 1961, income at the treasurer's office of the Southern Baptist Convention failed to meet July, 1960, totals both in Cooperative Program and designated giving.


Despite this, both totals for 1961 to date remained ahead of 1960 for the same period.

Treasurer Porter Routh of Nashville said July, 1961, Cooperative Program receipts to support SBC agencies were \$1,462,379. Designations came to \$269,865.

In July, 1960, these totals were \$1,507,900 and \$318,261 in order.

For January-July, 1961, Cooperative Program income for the SBC reached the sum of \$10,108,746 contrasted with \$10,007,388 for the previous year. This is a 1.01 per cent gain. Designated gifts were running 7.38 per cent ahead —\$11,520,028 thus far contrasted with \$10,728,464 in 1960.

At this same point a year ago, Cooperative Program gifts were running 2.71 per cent ahead of 1959 and designations were 10.86 per cent greater. (BP)



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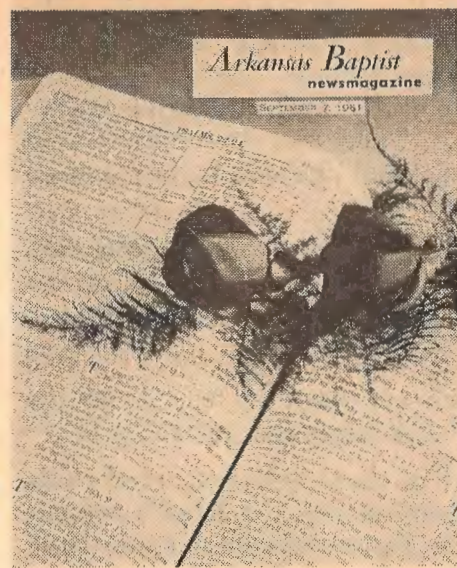
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# Harmony men hear missionary

RADIO and television are open doors for the preaching of the gospel to a world in which the population rate of increase is far greater than the advance of the Christian religion.

So declared Southern Baptist Missionary E. L. Holloway at a meeting of the Harmony Association Brotherhood the night of Aug. 29, in Union Community Building, near Greenlee Church, Pine Bluff.

"Christianity may be on the way to becoming one of the world's minor religions unless we live up to the motto, 'Win the World to Christ in This Generation,'" Holloway said.

While the airways offer an excellent opportunity for the preaching of the gospel, Southern Baptists are letting other groups outstrip them in the use of radio and television, Holloway said. He pointed out that one evangelical body other than Southern Baptists "gets

30,000 responses per month from its radio program."

Illustrating the need on his mission field in Japan, Holloway said that if Arkansas had churches on the same ratio to the total population as Japan has, there would be only two Baptist churches in the whole state.

In Japan, the Foreign Mission Board finds it necessary to pass up "villages" of 20,000 population because there are still cities of 100,000 which yield greater results from the missionaries' efforts, the missionary reported.

Others appearing on the program included Nelson Tull, state Brotherhood secretary; Amos Greer, missionary of Harmony Association; George Pirtle, pastor of Second Church, Pine Bluff, and moderator of the Harmony Association; Tom Graves, supply pastor of Greenlee Church; and Nelson Eubank, associational Brotherhood president.

THE Arkansas Baptist News-magazine this week features (on page 12) the first of a series on Baptist beliefs by Dr. H. H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. "The Bible" is the title of Dr. Hobbs' first article.

## Hamburg leader dies

MARVIN Stewart Bankston, 67, widely known Hamburg educator and Baptist layman, died Aug. 30. Funeral services were held Sept. 1, at First Church, Hamburg, by the pastor, E. E. Griever, and C. D. Wood, retired minister.

Mr. Bankston was a member of the Board of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello and was formerly a director of Boys State. He was a former commander of the 10th District of American Legion and a veteran of World War I.

A former president of Arkansas A. & M. College, Monticello, Mr. Bankston also served as superintendent of schools in several counties and as a railroad office clerk. He was a member of the Arkansas Athletic Commission, a vice president of the Arkansas Livestock Show Association, president of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, and a member of the executive committee of the Arkansas Agricultural and Industrial Council. He had been active in YMCA and Boy Scout work.

Mr. Bankston was a dean of the former Central College, North Little Rock, and at one time served as a field representative for Ouachita College.

## Midwestern adds three teachers

WITH the opening of the fall session on Sept. 5, three new professors will begin their work at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.:

Dr. Heber F. Peacock, who will serve as head of the New Testament Department, was graduated from Hardin-Simmons University and earned the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees at Southern Seminary. Later he did work in the University of California and the University of Zurich, Switzerland. He has served as pastor of churches in Kentucky and North Carolina. He was a chaplain in the Army, 1945-47. For five years he was professor in our Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. He taught New Testament in Southern Seminary for three years. He leaves his position as head of the Department of Religion at Baylor University to come to Midwestern. He is widely recognized as a leading scholar in the field of Greek and New Testament.

Dr. Alan W. Gragg, a native of Georgia, a graduate of Furman University, and of Southern Seminary will teach in the Department of Theology as a colleague of Dr. Mor-

ris Ashcraft. He has just received his Ph.D. degree from Duke University. He was a top-ranking student in all three schools. He has had pastoral experience and has worked for the Sunday School Department in North Carolina and with the Home Mission Board in California. He gives promise of being a brilliant and competent teacher in his chosen field.

Dr. J. Glenn Morris, also a native of Georgia, is a graduate of Mercer University and Southern Seminary where he earned the Th.D. degree. He spent one year in Yale University studying the Chinese language. He was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1946. He is president of the Baptist Seminary in Bangkok, Thailand, and is now on furlough. He will teach classes in missions, along with Dr. Lavell Seats, for this school year. His work here should serve in strengthening and deepening the already keen interest in missions among the faculty and students at Midwestern.

The coming of these three professors increases the teaching faculty to a total of fifteen members.



# The Lord's Supper

**C**LOSED communion, restricting the observance of the Lord's Supper to a local church or to a given denomination, is not now and never has been an official position of the Southern Baptist Convention. Nor can it ever be, for that would take away from local churches their autonomy or self-government and would place the convention over the churches.

Some interesting things about the observance of the Lord's Supper by Southern Baptist churches is revealed in a survey reported in the October-November-December 1960 issue of *The Quarterly Review*, published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

Detailed questionnaires were mailed to 528 Southern Baptist churches in California, Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Virginia and 361 of these, or 68.4%, replied. The churches represented three different categories as to size: under 150 members; 400-750; and 1500 or over.

## **Many varied viewpoints**

It was found that the expression "closed communion" has widely varying meaning for the pastors queried, ranging from "only Christians may partake" to "only members of the particular Baptist church in which the ordinance is being observed may partake."

Likewise, the term "open communion" had different meaning for different pastors. Some described it as "any individual may partake" and the range in the other direction went to "any Baptist may partake."

The survey tabulation revealed that 40.4% of the pastors make no reference as to who may partake, when presiding for the observance of the Lord's Supper. Twelve and two-tenths percent indicated they invite all Christians present to partake; 8.6% said they invite only Baptists who are present to partake; 18.3% stated that only members of the particular Baptist church in which the ordinance is being observed are eligible to partake; 16.9% gave other answers; and 3.6% failed to check this part of the questionnaire.

Most of the churches (80%) observe the ordinance quarterly and 13.9%, monthly. None observe it as frequently as once a week. The vast majority of the churches customarily designate the ordinance as "Lord's Supper." Three and six-tenths percent call it "Communion," and .3% call it the "Lord's Table."

As to the elements used, 98.9% indicated they use grape juice and .6%, wine. For the bread, 59.6% use unleavened bread; 23% use crackers; 12.2%, regular bread.

Individual glasses are used by 99.4% of the churches, with only .3% using one goblet for all.

As has been said in these columns before, this editor holds that Baptism and the Lord's Supper were given to the New Testament church by the Lord Jesus as the church ordinances and that the local church is entrusted with the responsibility for their observance according to the teachings of the Scriptures. Therefore, the only consistent and logical plan, as he sees it, is for the ordinances to be observed only by the members of a local church. If a Baptist happens to be visiting in another Baptist church other than the one to which he belongs at the time that church is voting on a pastor, the visitor would not expect to vote. Why should he expect to join the church to which he does not belong in observance of the Lord's Supper?

## **No restrictions practiced**

But for all practical purposes, and this too has been said here previously, the average Southern Baptist church makes no restriction at all in the actual observance of the Lord's Supper, passing the elements to all who happen to be present at the time, even including any who do not claim to be Christians. This leaves much to be desired.

Some churches dismiss their regular service and invite their own members to remain for the Supper. This eliminates all to whom the observance could be a witness.

A plan one of the pastors reported at the recent Bible conference at Ouachita College seems to have much to recommend it. Instead of dismissing the service or excusing all but the members of the local church, the pastor asks his members to stand as the elements are being served and the elements are then passed to those who stand.

But above all of these things, the spirit in which the ordinances are observed is the all-important thing. Certainly the ordinances should not constitute a battle ground.—ELM



Arkie at Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST, N. C., Aug. 26.—Despite the superlatives Southern Baptists have been using across the years to describe Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, this highly-touted spot here in the North Carolina Smokies did something less than take the breath away from one conference attendee here this week.



ERWIN L.

"Dear Katy," he wrote, on a Ridgecrest scenic card, "this place is sorta a let down, but is o.k. We're having a good time. Yesterday I fell in a mud puddle. Great! I'm in a church meeting now and should be listening, but the guy talks on and on and on and won't shut up. See ya.—Andy"

But Andy was so concerned over mud puddles and long-winded speakers he forgot to address his card! Poor little Katy may never get the low-down—unless Andy comes by the Ridgecrest post office, on the second floor of Pritchell Hall, and sees his undirected epistle, as I saw it, thumbnail-tacked to the bulletin board.

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PREACHERS are so thick here at Ridgecrest they are about a dime a dozen. A lady who was having difficulty finding the meeting place for her particular conference—one of many meetings going on at the same time—exclaimed bewilderedly, "I'm lost!" Immediately three preachers were at her elbow quoting scripture on how to be saved.

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LEST my committee try to charge this Ridgecrest week up as a week of my vacation, here's our daily schedule: Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.; Bible exposition, 8:45 a.m.; recess, 9:45 a.m.; conferences, 10, 10:45, and 11:50 a.m., with adjournment at 12:30 p.m.; lunch, 1 p.m.; conferences 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.; supper, 6 p.m.; conferences, 7 p.m.; worship, 8 p.m.; lights out, 11 p.m., and nothing more till the next morning, when it starts all over again.

Sunday, I thought, would surely be a day of rest, but before the day was over I had served as usher for the two worship services, led the singing in my Sunday School department, taught a Sunday School class, and served as department superintendent in Training Union.

I am beginning to wonder—with becoming modesty, of course—how they would ever have gotten through the week if I hadn't come.

Erwin L. McDonald

A backward look at parenthood

I KNOW beyond the shadow of a doubt that I am saved, that God's Holy Spirit dwells within me, and that my life and soul is dedicated to service for Christ. I have a fine family, a wonderful wife who has turned her life over to God's holy will, and four fine children, two of which are saved and working for Christ.

Yet, I feel that I have been a failure as a Christian parent. This I say because I have two teen-age boys that I failed to show the way to Christ when they were in the conformable years, when it would have been easy to have led them.

The first place that I realized that I had failed was when my wife started working to help stretch a meager salary that still does not make ends meet today.

Our oldest children were small then, and we left them constantly in the care of my mother while we both worked. I know that my mother looked after them very good, but a grandmother can't be expected to give the loving attention that children demand and expect from their own mother and dad.

There was the drab, cold, winter evening when the two boys slipped away from their grandmother's care and started a fire on our neighbor's grassy hillside. Also the time when one of the boys crawled up inside a sewer pipe and couldn't get out.

I found out by bitter experience that any time you fail to give your children, the time out of your life to play with them, to love them, to show them the way to Christ while they are young and tender, you are failing in the responsibility of parenthood.

I know that any time a parent neglects his or her children, or lets them solve their own problems in their own way, they are failing in their obligation to God as a parent. Many times have

I been guilty of carrying my children to Sunday school and going back home to bed. This, I think, is a failing that many parents have today, the failure to give their children the proper attention in regards to their Christian education, and of going to church with their children instead of sending them.

When children learn that their parents are not in accord, in exercising authority over them, then they fail to respect the authority of either parent. Too often, one parent tells a child to do one thing, and the other parent comes along and tells him to do something else.

Our home must be a Christian home if we would show our children the love and respect they are due, and if we do have a Christian home then most likely our children will show us the love, and proper respect that we, as parents, are due.

There would be very little juvenile delinquency if homes were Christian, if parents were God-loving, God-fearing, and let their own lives speak out as a testimony.

I do not speak from hear-say when I warn parents about juvenile delinquency. I know the bitter agony that parents experience when they face the Juvenile Court, face the judge, and pay for the property that their children have destroyed, not maliciously perhaps, but by being misguided, or by not being guided at all.

I can only pray now, as a Christian parent, that maybe my life before them as a guide, from this day on, or my prayers from a sincere, clean heart, can guide my two teen-age boys to Christ eventually, and I beg you parents that are neglecting your children, you mothers that are working, if you don't really have to, don't do it.—Signed, but name withheld

The last bulwark

Dear Mrs. Street:

YOUR refreshing and helpful pages in the Arkansas Baptist come to my attention every time there is a visit back to Arkansas. This contribution is most helpful to the readers of one of our best state papers.

It is commendable of the Arkansas Baptist that they have selected you for this contribution to the paper. It is also commendable, I think, that they have placed an emphasis on this area. It is my impression that the Christian home may be not only the best, but . . . perhaps the last effective bulwark against communism in our country.

We appreciate the quality and value of this contribution to the need of our land through the Arkansas Baptist.—James D. Reed, St. Louis Baptist Mission Board, 3526 Washington Blvd., St. Louis 3, Mo.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT. A cartoon showing a man in a suit sitting on a bench in a church, looking thoughtful. A caption reads: "He may just be feeling extra devout, but I think he's having trouble with his old football knee!"



# COURTSHIP,

# MARRIAGE *and the HOME* . . .



By MRS. J. H. STREET

## Turn about is fair play

*"Each morning he stacked up the letters he'd write,  
Tomorrow.*

*He thought of the souls he would fill with delight,  
Tomorrow.*

*But the fact is he died and faded from view;  
And all he left here when living was through  
Was a mountain of things he intended to do—  
Tomorrow!"*

**T**HE WEEKS go slipping away. I am having such a good time visiting with you on "our page." I can hardly realize that we are nearing the end of our *trial period*.

"Turn about is fair play." This week I want to ask *you* the questions. The future of our page will depend in large measure upon your replies. And do please reply!

*My questions:* What is your reaction to our page, "Courtship, Marriage, and the Home"?

Does it increase the reader percentage for *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*?

Is it meeting a need? Does it merit a permanent place in the make-up of our Baptist state paper?

If your vote is for its continuance, will you please write in suggestions that you believe would improve the readability and value of our columns?

What approach would stimulate more prolific response in *my-question* communications? And interchange of ideas?

*Your answers:* Copy for our page must meet a deadline. So don't delay. Just reply spontaneously, *now*. Beware of procrastination—until "tomorrow"!

I'd like to send you a stamped, self-addressed postal or envelope, but that is not practical.

Be sure to note my new address—2309 Fillmore, Little Rock.

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Gordon H. Schroeder has "wrapped up" in a wonderful way some fundamental principles of homemaking. He calls it "Beatitudes for the Home."

Blessed are the husband and wife who continue to be affectionate, considerate, and loving after the wedding bells have ceased ringing.

Blessed are the husband and wife who are as polite and courteous to one another as they are to their friends.

Blessed are they who have a sense of humour, for this attribute will be a handy shock absorber.

Blessed are the married couples who abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages.

Blessed are they who love their mates more than any other person in the world and who joyfully fulfill their marriage vow of a lifetime of fidelity and mutual helpfulness to one another.

Blessed are they who attain parenthood, for children are a heritage of the Lord.

Blessed are they who remember to thank God for their food before they partake of it, and who set apart some time each day for the reading of the Bible and for prayer.

Blessed are those mates who never speak loudly to one another and who make their home a place "where seldom is heard a discouraging word."

Blessed are the husband and wife who faithfully attend the worship services of the church and who work together in the church for advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Blessed are the husband and wife who can work out the problems of adjustments without interference from relatives.

Blessed is the couple who has a complete understanding about financial matters and who has worked out a perfect partnership with all money under the control of both.

Blessed are the husband and wife who humbly dedicate their lives and their home to Christ and who practice the teachings of Christ in the home by being unselfish, loyal and loving.

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Concluding today's visit with you in a lighter vein, let me share some lines my husband has been quoting to me. I don't know where he found them. In somebody's garden magazine, maybe. We think the lines will be a good sequel to our editor's story about his new powermower.

The neighbors who moved in next door

Have made us early settlers sore. Their lawn is smooth and emerald green.

No horrid crabgrass can be seen.

Their diligence begins at dawn. And we are greener than their lawn.

They mow and weed. They weed and mow.

They snip and clip. They spray and hoe.

They spare no effort or expense To make ours look like thirty cents!

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Please get your answers to my questions mailed in right away.

I'm counting on you!

*Rosalind Street*

[Mail should be addressed to Mrs. Street at 2309 Fillmore, Little Rock, Ark.]



# ARE we missing the mark?



By GLENN E. CROTTS

Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Tucson, Ariz.

A PULPIT committee came to see me and, as every pastor does, I considered their coming an honor. They invited me to dinner and were willing to pay the bill. They were complimentary about the friendliness of the church, getting "out on time," comfort of the seats, Sunday School attendance, excellent offering, et al.

They observed our church had more than 200 additions last year (where they got the figures I do not know). They asked about our committees (24 of them). Did we have a standard Sunday School? Do we grade on age basis?

They wanted to know if I promoted the Training Union, the Royal Ambassadors, the Girls Auxiliary, and did I get along with the Women's Missionary Union? They were especially interested in knowing of my success in "raising the budget."

Indeed, they asked about every organizational and mechanical contrivance known to a Baptist church.

For nearly three hours, they queried me as a business firm might a prospective administrative vice president. Apparently satisfied, they challenged me with the status "opportunities" which I would have as pastor of their church (admittedly a large one).

After the conference, I had a terrific letdown. I have never felt more disappointed. Those noble men, elected by a great church to seek out and recommend a pastor, had asked about all the mechanical organizations of our church but they did not ask anything about its spiritual growth and development.

They did not ask if the people had come to love the Word and grown in spiritual maturity under my ministry. They did not inquire of my doctrinal beliefs or ethical practices. Nor did they inquire about my convictions, about moral and social issues which confront our world. They apparently had not noticed the prominent use of the Bible in our worship.

Now, I have always thought that a part of the preacher's calling was to build the Kingdom of God by helping people to whom he ministered to grow in Bible knowledge, Christian love, the practice of faith, prayer, and obedience to the Holy Spirit's guidance in all of life.

Does the Kingdom of God come with budgets, organizations, numerical increase, committees, administrative cleverness, and promotional gimmicks?

Have we made the mechanics of church operation ends in themselves?

Is the spirit of competition to be dominant in church life?

Must the preacher, like the sports coach, have a winning team or else?

God forbid! We must never yield to the pressure for bigger budgets and larger enrollments as primary objectives. To do so will diminish the spiritual devotion and Christian living. Rather, we should be deaf to the pressures of cheering mobs but ever sensitive to the operation of God's Holy Spirit in us.

Now, I am aware of the value of committees; they use people and distribute responsibility. I am a believer in programs, budgets, and goals. But, please, let us not make these the sole criteria of spiritual progress.

*[Pastor Crotts, a native of Arkansas and graduate of Ouachita College, is currently serving as president of Baptist General Convention of Arizona.—ELM]*

## ... And there was light

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

President, Southern Baptist Convention

THE PROPOSAL of Southern Baptists to increase the circulation of our Baptist State Papers to 1,750,000 by 1964 is a challenging effort worthy of our heartiest commendation and undivided support.

A reading Baptist is an informed Baptist. An informed Baptist is an interested Baptist. An interested Baptist is a cooperating Baptist. A denomination which is expanding its territory and increasing its numbers needs a strong heart at the center. This is the function of our Baptist State Press.

History proves that the pen is mightier than the sword. The dedicated pens of our able editors are sacred weapons to guard us against error, to guide us in effort, and to goad us toward excellence in spiritual conquest.

Baptists thrive upon enlightenment. Through this current endeavor our pastors and churches can turn on spiritual lights in 1,750,000 Southern Baptist homes by 1964. God is still saying, "Let there be light." May our children look back to 1961-1964 and say, "And there was light."



## Family affair at Ouachita

THREE members of the Clyde H. Farnsworth family from Tennessee have been elected to the faculty at Ouachita College. Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president, has announced.

They are Dr. Clyde H. Farnsworth, head of the department of economics and chairman of the division of business administration; Mrs. Clyde H. Farnsworth, associate professor in elementary education, geography, and remedial reading; and their daughter, Miss Carolyn Farnsworth, assistant professor of English.

Dr. Farnsworth served as head of the department of business administration at East Tennessee State College during 1957-61. He is listed in Who's Who in American Education, Leaders in American Science, Who's Who in the South and Southwest, American Men of Science, Who's Who from

Tennessee, and the Directory of American Scholars.

Prior to serving at East Tennessee State College, he was head of the marketing department at Mississippi State College from 1947-51 and previously served as the head of departments at Mississippi College and Union University.

Mrs. Farnsworth, who has taught many years in public elementary schools, holds a B.S. and B.A. from Union University and an M.S. from Mississippi State College. She has done postgraduate work at Wake Forest College, Mississippi State College, University of North Carolina, Ohio State University, and Duke University.

Miss Farnsworth received her B.A. from Wake Forest College, her M.A. from East Tennessee State College, and has done additional graduate work at Queens College, Lamar Tech, and East Tennessee State College.

## Former students on Ouachita staff

TWO former students have been added to the staff of Ouachita College, President Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., has announced.

They are Wayne Williams, bookstore manager who will serve also as assistant football and track coach, and Henry Whitlow, assistant librarian.

Williams, a 1957 graduate, won the 440-yard dash in the AIC state meet and placed second in the broad jump with a leap of more than 23 feet. He was an end on the football team.

He is married to the former Beth McClung, an ex-Ouachitoni-an. The couple has a son, Jeff, age 4. Williams was formerly in the insurance business in Camden.

Whitlow, a 1960 graduate, has completed residence work on a master's degree at East Texas State College. He is married to the former Betty Krudwig, a 1960 graduate of Ouachita.

## Robert Crockett licensed

WYNNE Church licensed Robert Crockett of Parkin to the Gospel ministry Aug. 16. Mr. Crockett has been serving as Wynne's youth director during the summer months. He will begin his sophomore year at Ouachita College this fall.

Rev. R. B. Crotts, pastor of Wynne Church, said, in his report, "he has led our youth work in a wonderful way during the summer and we would like to recommend him highly to some church which would like to have a student pastor."

## Missionary Taylor speaks

PRESTON Taylor, of El Dorado, Southern Baptist Convention missionary to Argentina, who is home on furlough, supplied the pulpit at Trinity Church, Little Rock, where he was formerly pastor, Sept. 3. A reception was held in the afternoon honoring Mr. Taylor and his family. Rev. Harold Clowers is pastor of Trinity.

## First, El Dorado expands property

A \$23,000 contract has been awarded by First Church, El Dorado, for remodeling a newly-acquired building into an education annex and youth center.

The building, across the street from the church, will house two Sunday School and Training Union departments. The Adult department will be composed of the assembly room and six classrooms. The Senior department will have the assembly room and eight classrooms, one of which can also be used as a kitchen. The two assembly rooms can be thrown into one large recreation room. The entire building will be centrally heated, and air conditioned.

## To lay cornerstone

FIRST Church, Hot Springs, Rev. James H. Fairchild, pastor, will lay the cornerstone for a new church building at a new location, 2350 Central Ave., Sunday, Sept. 10. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held last Easter Sunday. An old-fashioned church-wide picnic will follow the late afternoon cornerstone service.

## V.B.S. report

VISTA Heights Chapel, mission of Second Church, Hot Springs; enrollment, 103 (25 more than year ago); average attendance 84 (20 more than year ago); high attendance, 94; mission offering, \$22.75; three professions, one by letter; Rev. Bill Williams, mission pastor.

WARD Baptist Church has organized a Young People's Fellowship Club. Each member pledges to read his Bible daily, pray at least twice daily, try to win others to Christ and attend every meeting. Officers are Carol O'Bryan, president; Betty Smythe, vice president; Shirley Walker, secretary; Katie Hobbs, treasurer; Patsy Scruggs, song leader; Johnnie Reverly, pianist, and Mary Coker, social leader. Rev. and Mrs. Hous-tin Austin are club sponsors.



# Arkansas All Over

## Four Arkansans study for Mexican service

FOUR Arkansans are among 18 Southern Baptist missionary appointees for Spanish America now beginning a year of language study in Costa Rica.

They are Sallie Dollins Franks, of Paragould; J. T. Harvill, of Humphrey, who just recently left the pastorate of Lonoke Church, and Mrs. Harvill, the former Catherine Crum of Pine Bluff, and Geraldine Dugger Walsh, of Beebe. All are appointees for Mexico.

Their address in Costa Rica is Apartado 4035, San Jose, Costa Rica.

MISS DeVellyn Oliver, Southern Baptist missionary who has been in the States on furlough, is returning to her work in the Philippines and may be addressed at Mati Baptist Hospital, Mati, Davao, Philippines. She is a native of Hampton, Ark.

MISS Josephine Harris, Southern Baptist missionary, is resuming her work in Hawaii after furlough and may be addressed at 1414 B. Heulu St., Honolulu 14, Hawaii. She is a native of Brinkley.

CHARLES Hall of Texarkana, a recent graduate of East Texas Baptist College at Marshall, has been called as pastor at Springhill.

## 50th anniversary

MAGNOLIA Church, in Northwest Crossett, will celebrate its 50th anniversary Sept. 10 with a Homecoming program following morning worship services.

Lunch will be served at noon, and, after a fellowship hour, there will be a special program. Charter members, former members and pastors, and deceased members will be honored. Former members and pastors and all others interested are urged to attend.

The pastor is Rev. W. Braswell.

## New pastor at Dardanelle

REV. O. Damon Shook, a native Arkansan born in England (Ark.), graduated from Little Rock (now Central) High School in 1953 and Ouachita College in 1957, has accepted a call to become pastor of Dardanelle Church. He will come from Argyle, Tex., to begin his pastorate



MR. SHOOK

Sept. 10.

A 1960 graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Mr. Shook pastored Nall's Memorial Church while a student at Ouachita, served in Harrodsburg, Ky., while at Southern Seminary for one year, and then pastored the Argyle church while attending Southwestern. His mother, Mrs. V. M. Shook, is an employe of the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock.

S. C. SWINNEY, Sr., Jonesboro, supplied the pulpit of Philadelphia Church both services Aug. 27. Brother Swinney is again physically able to do supply work after undergoing surgery July 6 at St. Bernard's Hospital.

## Revivals

LIBERTY Church, Dutch Mills, Washington-Madison Association, Rev. Preston Baumgardner, pastor; Aug. 6-18; Peter L. Petty, Vandervoort, evangelist; 16 for baptism.

FIRST Church, Star City, Rev. Pat Tittsworth, pastor; July 30-Aug. 6; Jesse S. Reed, evangelist; Bill Nimmons, Pine Bluff, music; nine by letter, seven for baptism, two other professions of faith.

DANIEL Chapel, Delta Association, Rev. Jim Bolding, pastor; Harold Taylor, Little Rock, evangelist; 10 additions, eight by baptism, two by letter.

FIRST Church, Dumas, Rev. Minor E. Cole, pastor; Aug. 13-20 with Alvis Moore, Washington (Ark.), evangelist; Hoyt Mulkey, Pine Bluff, music; 22 additions, 14 by baptism, four by letter, four by statement; one for special service.

WINSLOW Church, Rev. Bill Massey, pastor; July 23-30 with Guy Ward, Wetumka, Okla., evangelist; four by baptism, three by letter, 12 rededications.

RISON Church, Rev. Phil J. Beach, pastor; Dr. T. L. Harris, North Little Rock, evangelist; Mr. Beach, music; 17 additions, 11 by baptism, six by letter.

BECK Spur Church, Forrest City, Rev. Vernon Bradley, pastor; Aug. 14-20 with C. N. (Shad) Rue, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, evangelist; Mr. Bradley, music; 25 additions, 18 on profession of faith, seven by letter.

OAK Grove Church, Greene County; Aug. 6-13 with J. W. Gibbs, evangelist, H. W. Johnston, interim pastor and song leader; two conversions, one rededication, one by baptism.

WATTENSAW Church, Caroline Association, pastor, John O'Neal; Aug. 6-13 with J. M. James, association missionary, evangelist; Kent Strum and Bob Hamons, music; one by letter.

COCKLEBUR Church, Caroline Association, pastor, Paul Hall; Aug. 18-20 youth led revival; John O'Neal, pastor, Wattensaw Church, evangelist; Kent Strum, music; five rededications, one profession of faith.

FIRST Church, Gravel Ridge, Jack Livingston, pastor; Don Evans, Tulsa, Okla., evangelist; Robert Hall, minister of music, Levy Church, North Little Rock, music; nine for baptism, two other professions, two by letter.



# Association News

## Clear Creek Association

By Paul E. Wilhelm, Missionary

WMU officers for Clear Creek Association for the coming year are: Mrs. S. A. Wiles, First Church, Ozark, president; Mrs. Charles Duncan, First Church, Mulberry, Treasurer; Mrs. Ernest Parish, First Church, Mulberry, secretary; Mrs. W. T. Arnold, Kibler Church, prayer chairman; Mrs. Faber L. Tyler, of First Church, Ozark, Community Missions chairman; Mrs. Lena Hooper, First Church, Ozark, Stewardship and Jubilee chairman; Mrs. Paul E. Wilhelm, of First Church, Ozark, Missions Study chairman; Mrs. Charles Graves, First Church, Van Buren, Y.W.A. director; Mrs. W. H. Cole, First Church, Alma, Intermediate GA director; Mrs. Charles Chessner, Kibler Church, Junior GA director; Mrs. Leslie Atkinson, First Church, Van Buren, Sunbeam director.

TWENTY-THREE GA Girls were recognized in a coronation service Aug. 13th in First Church, Ozark. Theme for the program was "Christ for the whole wide world."

REV. A. D. Corder, pastor of First Church, Mountain View, was the evangelist for a revival which closed Aug. 12 at the East Mt. Zion Church. Dewey Woodard, music director for the church, led the singing. There were 5 additions by baptism and 1 by letter. Rev. Arch Wheeler is pastor.

## Concord Association

By Jay W. C. Moore

THREE men were ordained as deacons recently in Excelsior Church. They were Orville Boone, Bob Wallace and Loyd Plunkett. Pastor Gerald Schleiff served as moderator of the council and Mrs. Jim Solsbee as Clerk. Harold Plunkett, pastor, First Church, Hartford, preached the sermon; Pastor Warren Butler of Northside, Charleston interrogated the men, and Pastor Arnold Combs of First Church Hackett offered the ordination prayer.

FIVE hundred and forty two registered for the second annual associational assembly held in the Kiamichi Assembly grounds near Tahlinia, Okla. There were 140 decisions which included conversions, surrender to special service, the ministry, nursing, home and foreign missions and rededications.

Charles Graves, pastor, First Church, Van Buren, served as camp pastor; Don Sears, minister of music, Grand Avenue Church, directed the music. Moses Goems of Portugal and recent graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University served as mission speaker. David Huffstetler was the organist and Mrs. Howard Hamilton of Jenny Lind was the pianist. Missionary Moore was the director and Dr. Andrew Setliff was chairman of the Program Committee.

Grand Avenue led the 16 churches with 79 campers. Calvary was second with 71 and Trinity third with 68.

## Hope Association

By M. T. McGregor, Missionary

FIRST Church, Canfield, put the big pot in the little one Tuesday night, Aug. 15, to take care of the Associational Brotherhood Rally. A special barbecue pit was built. The Canfield ladies provided beans, potato salad, and cakes.

Guest speaker was Mayor Clyde Fant of Shreveport, La. His message was missionary in tone, and was very challenging and inspiring.

Rev. G. C. Ivins, Texarkana, is serving as supply pastor at Canfield. Leo Hughes, pastor at Trinity, Texarkana, had charge of arrangements and the program.

Approximately 175 persons were present for the occasion.

BILL Myers, formerly pastor at Springhill, Rt. 1, Fouke, has been called as pastor of the Shiloh Memorial Church, Rt. 4, Texarkana.

## New Arkansas Baptist subscribers

### New budget:

Church	Association	Pastor
Cocklebur	Caroline	Paul Hall
El Dorado, Caledonia	Liberty	Dale Shirey
Hatton	Ouachita	Harold H. Green
Hulbert	Tri-County	Frank H. Stamps
Lee Chapel	Central	H. E. Kirkpatrick
Macedonia No. 2	Hope	A. F. Worley

### New budget after 3-month free trial as new church:

Springdale, Elmdale	Washington-Madison	Weldon I. Barnett
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### One month free trial offer:

Anderson-Tully	Trinity	James L. Tallant
Conway, Second	Faulkner	William West
Hicks	Little River	Ray Bostain
Kingsland	Harmony	O. N. Wehunt
Little Rock, Trinity	Pulaski	Harold Clower
Malvern, Gilead	Central	Bob Bacon
New Hope	Caroline	Pastorless; Elmer Mitchell, clerk
North Point	Pulaski	Randolph M. Smith
Ogden	Little River	Pastorless; Mrs. Melvin Kelly, treasurer
Parkdale	Delta	Harry G. Noble, Jr.
Pee Dee	Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	Audry L. Emberton
Shell Lake	Tri-County	L. C. Edwards

### Three month free trial for new church:

McCormick	Trinity	Roy A. Cragg
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### *Family budgets and birthday gifts*

**R**EPUTABLE publishing houses, in an effort to be scrupulously honest, keep a staff of competent people with excellent training and alert minds in an adequate library for the purpose of trying to fit quotations to proper circumstances and interpretations lest the comments of the writer be misused or misrepresented. It is a worthy and needed practice.

Because of the copyrighting of hymns, books, poems, and manuscripts, all publishing houses must diligently check and doublecheck sources. Not only must the quotes be examined for exactness, but they must be made to mean what the author himself meant.

We remember hearing Mr. Brooks Hays, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, now with the State Department in Washington, tell of a newspaper which used his name in awkward headlines.

Mr. Hays, concerned about a tragic increase of beverage alcohol over the United States, was hitting the liquor industry hard and constantly.

Mr. Khrushchev of the Soviet Union was bothered at the same time about the alcohol problem in the USSR. He, too, was making vigorous public comments against drunkenness.

An alert newspaper correspondent who noticed written accounts of the similar emphasis from opposite sides of the ocean came out with an article captioned "Brooks Hays and Mr. Khrushchev Get Together on Liquor." That could have meant most anything, and doubtless did to some readers. —James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, in "Keeping Words in Context," Newsletter of S.S. Board

We are all aware of the need for regular and adequate provision for the food, clothing and housing budget of the family. Each one of us will try to see that such needs are met through consistent support of some type of basic budget, whether we call it that or not.

Most of us also like to provide for special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas with extra love gifts. A husband would not expect his wife to buy her own anniversary gift with money from the regular weekly household allowance. He wants to provide for that himself as something special.

Now, both the regular allowance and the special gift are of significant value. In this connection, it was the late Dr. J. E. Dillard whom we first heard twenty-odd years ago making comparison of the Cooperative Program to the regular family budget allowance and special offerings to the love gifts for birthdays and Christmas. Both are important. We need both to properly express our love and our concern for our families.

If however, the multiplication of special gift occasions should ever reach the place where they took more money than the regular family budget and began to endanger adequate provision for the basic needs of the family, such a situation would be ridiculously tragic. Wise families would set out to correct such imbalance, hold the special gifts in line and begin to put more money into the regular budget.

### *A peril for Southern Baptists*

We Southern Baptists are drawing perilously close to a comparable situation. We believe it is time for both individual Baptists and individual churches to really face this dangerous trend and do something about it. The amount being given to designated offerings is rising at a much greater rate than are Cooperative Program receipts. We are approaching the point at which our special interest in a few causes will begin to deprive the other children in our family of institutions and agencies of the support needed for healthy sustenance and growth.

For example, the report of receipts for the first six months of 1961 has just reached us from the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. It shows that receipts for the Cooperative Program have been \$8,646,367 as compared with \$8,499,488 for the same period in 1960, an increase of \$146,879. At the same time Designated Gifts rose to \$11,250,163 from \$10,410,727, an increase of \$839,436. Thus, while Cooperative Program receipts were rising 1 7/10 per cent, the Designated Gifts grew more than 8 per cent—or nearly five times as fast. . . .

We believe in a reasonable number of well-promoted special offerings, but we believe they should supplement and not overshadow the Cooperative Program. In other words, we do not believe the annual birthday and anniversary and Christmas gifts should overshadow the family's enjoyment of its daily bread and raiment and housing.

So, when Designated offerings begin to approach or to surpass Cooperative Program offerings, we think it is time to hold the level on the "specials" until regular gifts through the Cooperative Program are brought to catch up. With equally intensive promotion and equally clear understanding as is effected for the special offerings, we believe this catching up process could be hurried along and all of our work be strengthened in the process.

The best plan we know to help accomplish this is for every church to set a worthy percentage of its receipts to go regularly to the Cooperative Program and at the same time set some goal for growth by increasing that percentage each year. . . .—Editor W. G. Stracener, in *Florida Baptist Witness*



# The Bible



[This is the first article of a series prepared for this magazine by Dr. Hobbs.—The Editors]

By **HERSCHEL H. HOBBS**  
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**T**HE Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God. "All scripture is God-breathed," says Paul (II Tim. 3:16, author's translation). It is, therefore, our one sufficient and authoritative rule of faith and practice. The Bible does not *contain* the word of God. It is the written Word of God.

Through men who were guided by the Holy Spirit God has progressively revealed Himself and His will to men. Progressive revelation does not refer to God's inability to reveal, but to man's ability to receive. Thus we find a greater picture of God in John than in Genesis. But the God of the one is the God of the other.

No one part of the Bible is more inspired than any other. But certain elements of God's revelation are more clearly seen in certain places than in others. This is due not to God's limitation, but to His divine pur-

pose. For instance, God's redemptive love and will are clearly discernible throughout the Bible. But they are more clearly delineated in the New Testament than in the Old Testament.

Thus the New Testament is the fruit of which the Old Testament is the root. In this light Baptists accept both the Old and New Testament as God's Word. But they regard the New Testament as the final and fixed revelation of God. Through the Holy Spirit our understanding of it increases day by day. But its message is complete and unchangeable.

An old man asked a preacher to identify a leaflet which he had found. When told that it was a page out of the Bible, he said, "I knew that it was something special. For nothing I ever read affected me as it did."

## Downtown church prospers

T. D. McCULLOCH, former Arkansas state Baptist Student Union Secretary, recently observed his fifth anniversary as minister of education with First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas.

The church is one of the few downtown churches in the Southern Baptist Convention that is continuing to grow. Two new buildings occupied recently have made it possible to return to one Sunday School and to enlarge the Sunday School to 55 departments.

The church holds the distinction of having 42 of the 60 classes of married young people and adults using the informal method of teaching. Teachers use a table rather than a speaker's stand and the pupils are seated in informal arrangement. This will be featured in an article in the *Sunday School Builder*, February issue.

The new educational building provides on the first floor a mod-



McCULLOCH

ern church library, 16 nurseries and five beginner departments with the finest and latest equipment.

The second floor houses five adult departments and one married young people's department that double for choir and orchestra practice rooms (14 choirs, two orchestras) during the week.

From a storage room in each department children's furniture is set up for music education and Sunbeams on Wednesday nights during Prayer Meeting and Teachers' and Officers' Meeting. A music office, a music library, and robing rooms are adjacent to a large adult department, which is used as the adult choir rehearsal room.

During the 19 Sundays in the new educational building leading up to Mr. McCulloch's anniversary on Aug. 6, there were 301 new members in the Sunday School, boosting the enrollment to 3,254 not counting the missions, Cradle Roll or Extension Departments.



The new activities building includes a full-size college gymnasium, equipped for basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, skating for 100, and has showers and locker rooms for men and women.

The bowling area has six new lanes with automatic pinsetters.

The playroom includes an area for ping pong, a lounge, snack counter and office.

A comprehensive program of Christian recreation for the entire family is under the supervision of an activities director and a youth director serving on the educational staff.

During Mr. McCulloch's five years with the church the Royal Ambassador program has grown from one man working with eight boys to 30 men working with 125 boys; the monthly Men's Night program (Brotherhood) has grown from a handful to as many as 200 in attendance.

The training program for leaders and workers that jumped from 195 to 845 awards in four years is expected to go to 1,000 this year. The church led the state last year in training awards in Sunday School principles and methods; a new building has been built at the district Baptist encampment; the Nursery, Beginner, and Primary departments have been completely reorganized and modernized; the revised Wednesday and Sunday night schedules trebled prayer meeting attendance and increased Sunday evening about 400.

Mr. McCulloch is a son of Deacon and Mrs. W. L. McCulloch and the brother of Deacon E. L. McCulloch, all of Central Baptist Church, North Little Rock.

Mrs. McCulloch (Patsy) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Caldwell (deacon and Sunday School teachers) of Ashtown. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch are graduates of Ouachita College, and Southwestern Seminary, in Ft. Worth, Texas. They have two sons, Tommy and David.



*THIS building for English-language Central Baptist Church, Machinato, Okinawa, was dedicated June 18. The picture was taken just after the service, which was attended by 480 people. (Photo by "Blackie the Photographer," Okinawa)*

## English-language church attracts

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE Central Baptist Church in Machinato, Okinawa, dedicated its new building June 18, with a crowd of 480 people participating. Pastor Alvin E. (Bud) Spencer, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary, presided.

Main speaker was Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, which provided financial aid in the purchase of land and in construction. The prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. E. E. Bollinger, missionary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, who was first pastor of the church.

Organized in August, 1959, Central Church grew out of English-language meetings which began in January, 1959, in Naha Baptist Church (Machinato is just north of Naha, the capital). Mr. Spencer reports that attendance is now averaging 350 in Sunday School and 400 in morning worship services. In the midst of a severe tropical storm one Sunday evening in July there were 170 in Training Union and 199 in worship service.

"Every time the invitation is given we see a ready response," Mr. Spencer says. "God is truly blessing, and soon our new church building will be too small to accommodate the people."

## Undeserving plea

APPEALS being made to Baptist churches in the United States by three Americans imprisoned in Guatemala City, Guatemala, are not worthy of any charitable consideration says Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Means's statement follows investigation of the men by the American Consul and Southern Baptist missionaries in Guatemala City. They were found to be im-

prisoned for fraud. There seems to be evidence, Dr. Means says, that the men have set out to raise a huge sum of money by means of this scheme of bombarding churches. The appeals have been set forth in a letter, copies of which have been forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board.

"People who have compassionate hearts could be inclined to respond to such appeals," Dr. Means says, "and many have written either to our missionaries or the American Embassy in Guatemala City."





# Gleanings from the Greek New Testament

by V. Wayne Barton

## Addiction at its best

ADDICTION is on the increase, especially among teen-agers, so the police reports have it. This is a frightening thought to parents of youngsters in large cities where the traffic in narcotics is heaviest.

But addiction is not necessarily bad. Indeed, *dope* addiction is bad. But we sometimes forget that there are other kinds of addiction. So much so that the English word "addiction" itself normally carries an evil connotation.

That this was not always true may be observed from the history of the word. It is derived from the Latin *addicere* which means "to give assent." Moreover, in I Cor. 16:15 "addict" translates the

Greek *tasso* which literally means "to subject oneself to." Paul said there of the household of Stephanas: "They have *addicted* themselves to the ministry" (KJV). The RSV translates the same word by the less objectionable "devoted."

Come to think of it, I have known quite a few "addicts" in my time. My wife is addicted to motherhood and wifehood, although she would modestly deny it; my son is addicted to good character, I proudly think, and to baseball (except in the fall and winter when it's football and basketball); my daughter is addicted to being an ambiguous but lovable nine-year-

old. Most of my friends in the ministry are addicted to the proposition that the whole gospel is for the whole man without respect of persons. Some of them, like their Lord before them, are suffering even now for such selfless but ever unpopular devotion. I work with men and women in higher education who are addicted to the truth, wherever the truth may lie and whatever it may cost to discern it and to learn it. My late colleague of the music faculty, Plunkett Martin, yesterday's "songbird" of Southern Baptists, was addicted to gospel singing and thereby contributed inestimably to the benefit of man and glory of God. His wife, at one time our next door neighbor, was addicted to being just that: "neighbor" in its noblest Christian sense.

This rambling list of "addicts I have known" would seem to have no end. In my more optimistic moments I'm inclined to think that their kind of addiction is on the increase too. Doubtless God wills it. So may it be.

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## Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.  
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### Evangelists and churches

MANY Baptist churches are the result of evangelistic efforts. This has been true since the early days of our nation.



DR. SELPH

Evangelist Paul Palmer organized the first Baptist church in North Carolina at Chowan (near present town of Sisco), 1727, with 32 members. It had

no building and apparently met in homes of the members. It disbanded in 1730. He also organized Shiloh, oldest church of continuous history in the state.

Preacher Palmer moved around quite a bit before settling in North Carolina. He was a native of Maryland . . . baptized in Delaware . . . ordained in Connecticut . . . moved to New Jersey . . . back to Maryland . . . to North Carolina. Here he met Joanna Peterson,

widow of a prominent planter, and married.

This zealot was a popular preacher, quite successful. Governor Richard Everard complained to the Bishop of London in October, 1729, that Palmer was causing a great tide of religious enthusiasm to sweep over the state.

The evangelist was a General Baptist. This group of that day did not require an experience of grace as prerequisite for baptism but baptized all who requested it.

In his *History of Baptists*, Dr. Thomas Armitage insists these weren't thoroughly spiritual churches. He says, "They held to the scriptural authority of the ordinances of Baptism and the Supper, but some did not demand faith and conversion before receiving these, and they added to them, as of about equal authority, the rites of love feasts, laying on of hands after baptism, washing of feet, anointing the sick, the right hand of fellowship, the kiss of charity, and public denoting of children without christening."

Before the close of the 1750's, most of the General Baptist churches had accepted the Particular Baptists' views.

## Annuity Department

### Goose and gander

WHAT is good for the Goose is good for the Gander.

We would strongly urge all churches to seriously consider putting all the salaried personnel of the church in at least one of the Protection Programs of the Annuity Board.



DR. RUCKER

If such protection is needed by the pastor and his family, the other church staff members need the protection just as badly.

The wise church leadership will take a good look at the responsibility of the church to all of its staff members, and not do for one and leave out the others.

We have a flexible program that can be adapted to the needs of the individual as well as the church. The Annuity Board offers the three plans to our churches and their paid personnel—"The Southern Baptist Protection" plan designed for the pastor, associate pastor, minister of music, or minister of education. This is primarily a Pension Plan for retirement. There are two additional areas of protection that are provided by the plan: Disability, and Widows Protection in the event of the husband's death.

The second plan is "The Age Security Plan." This is the basic plan for all the other staff members, such as church secretaries, custodian, etc. This is a purchased annuity plan.

The third plan that is offered is a supplementary plan to one of the above basic protection plans. This is a mutual fund. The individual participates in this alone. The church does not have to share in the contribution as they do in the two basic plans above.

The churches that are interested in these programs of providing for the protection of your staff should call upon us for fuller explanation in your church at the appropriate time. We will be happy to help. We wait for your invitation. —T. K. Rucker, Field Representative

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### Missions - Evangelism

#### 'We have to say no'

THE FOLLOWING letter written by Cecil Guthrie, missionary in Black River Association, is typical of many inquiries and requests which are being received by the Department of Missions.

The church mentioned in the letter may be worthy of help and should receive our attention but our budget cannot permit any additional help for church buildings this year.

In other words, we are going to have to say "no" to all additional requests for the rest of this year. In the last meeting of the Missions Committee aid was granted to a number of churches and the amount was for less than requested. Letters have come asking if it could not be reconsidered and the full amount given for the needs are so urgent that it is felt that larger amounts should be given.

We regret that we cannot grant additional aid unless some of the churches which have been approved already fail to qualify in this calendar year to receive the amount promised.

Read the letter and think not only of that church but of the Mission Department, and the position which we are placed in for the lack of funds when such requests come.

"Dear Dr. Caldwell:

"The Pitts Baptist Church under the leadership of the pastor, Bill Garner, formerly a member of North Main Church in Jonesboro, has voted to erect a building if aid can be obtained. The building they plan would cost a little over \$6,000. Their present membership after several are baptized following a revival will be between 30 and 40.

"They have \$700 in the building fund. Pitts has a population of between 100 and 200. There is not a church of any kind in the community. Since the church was organized in 1953 the members have held services in an old community building. You preached there in December, 1960 during our schools of missions.

"At present they hope to obtain a loan from the Home Mission Board. In my opinion \$1,000 from the State Mission Dept. would be well spent in order to help them build.

"If any amount can be given them, will you kindly send application form to the pastor.

"Sincerely, Cecil Guthrie" — C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions



DR. CALDWELL



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# The Memphis men's meeting

## Some timely emphases

BECAUSE of the pressures of so many events of importance in the near future, the Brotherhood Department is mailing out a special issue of the "Brotherhood Challenger" to the nearly 2,500 men on the "Challenger" mailing list.



MR. TULL

The list includes all pastors and associational missionaries, all state, district, and associational Brotherhood officers, all church Brotherhood presidents of record, and all Royal Ambassador counselors; and several hundred "worthy laymen" whose names were submitted by their pastors; also, other men who have made request for the bulletin.

If you are not on the "Challenger" mailing list, and you desire to receive this quarterly publication of the Brotherhood Department, send your name and address to the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

### ONE LAST CALL TO MEMPHIS

Sept. 13-15 is the period when the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men will be held in Memphis, Tenn., at the City Auditorium. We take this last opportunity to pull upon Arkansas Baptist men to make any necessary adjustments of their affairs to make possible their attendance at the conference.

Not only will the conference have many men in attendance (10,000 are expected), but the conference will offer the men who come a variety of wonderful opportunities to learn of Southern Baptist work around the world, and also to learn more of their part and responsibility and privileges as men of God in everyday walks of life.

They will have the privilege of hearing some of the world's greatest speakers, opportunities for fellowship with Baptist men from nearly every state in the Union and from many other places around the world, and a suitable season for "tuning in" on the very heart-beat of the various program of work carried on by Southern Baptists everywhere.

Registration for the conference is \$3 per man. Send your reservation to the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. The Commission will then locate a place for you to stay while in Memphis.

Heed this last call to the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men!—Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Department

By JAMES SAPP

Program Director

Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men

WHAT can I expect at the men's conference?

That question is foremost in the minds of men who are considering a trip to the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men, Sept. 13-15, at Memphis, Tenn.

The answer? It will depend primarily on the man himself—his open-mindedness, anticipations, past experiences, felt needs, physical and emotional condition, the congeniality of his roommate, and many other factors.

But here is a starter:

1. He can expect a carefully planned program. A strong program geared to the needs of men has been assembled.

2. He can expect to get new ideas. During a three-day period with 10,000 men from throughout the nation, any man with an open mind and the ability to ask questions and listen will hear suggestions that will make him exclaim, "Say, we could do that in my church."

3. He can expect to make new Christian friends and experience warm fellowship. Real Christian fellowship will grow out of the discussion of mutual problems and concerns by the thousands of men.

4. He can expect some heart-searching, some self-examination, some high resolve. During the conference men will be brought face to face with the following questions:

Can I honestly say that I am the Christian I need to be in order that the world may know my Christ and the gospel?

Can I afford to be content any longer with the kind of service I have been rendering my Lord and my church?

Am I truly a steward and a disciple of the Christ?

5. He can expect a fresh concept of what it means to be a Christian layman. The role of the Christian layman in today's world

is at the heart of every program feature, address, and seminar.

## 63 Arkansans attend

Thirty-one more Arkansas men have registered for the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men Sept. 13-15 at Memphis, Tenn.

These men bring to 63 the number of Arkansas men who will see such conference features as a missionary commissioning service under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board, three dramatic presentations, and attractive displays.

They will hear the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band of Abilene, Tex., a 300-voice men's choir, seminars, and major addresses from such outstanding religious leaders as Charles Malik of Lebanon, a former president of the United Nations General Assembly; Roy McClain, pastor of Atlanta Georgia's First Baptist Church and past president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference; Louis Hadley Evans, Sr., minister-at-large of the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church; Gregory Walcott, a movie and television actor, and W. W. Adams, professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Seminary.

The newly registered are D. W. Fischer, Van Buren; S. A. Bynum, Concord; B. F. Bates, J. A. Johnson, and Benny Bates, all of Jacksonville; Joe Chumley and Elbert Wilson, both of Batesville; Denny Wilson, Blytheville; Reese Howard and R. S. Moore, both of Arkansas City; J. T. Smith, J. H. Abel, Jr., and Leonard Beasley, all of Forrest City; J. A. Abernathy and I. A. Cain, both of Hot Springs; C. W. Bird and C. N. Lusby, both of Camden; J. D. Wells, Leachville; W. W. Warmath, M. E. Mayfield, L. F. Smith, and C. A. Noble, all of El Dorado; Ben Powell, John Angeletti, and Pat Joiner, all of Crawfordsville; Clarence Wacker, Kyle Johnson, A. R. Smith, V. H. Webb, Charles H. Brown, and Harold H. Brockett, all of North Little Rock.



# Negro student missionaries

SIX Negro Baptist college students, upon our recommendation, were appointed by the Home Mission Board to do mission work in Arkansas. These students were appointed to serve for a period of ten weeks. They served in the two camps for Negro children and spent nine weeks conducting Vacation Bible Schools.

The final reports are in and their work was a glorious success! These six students conducted Vacation Bible Schools in 27 churches; enrolled 1,881 children; witnessed 124 professions of faith and 63 dedications. Six of these schools were for 10 days and 21 for five days. Many were conducted in small rural churches or churches that had never had a Vacation Bible School. In many places these student missionaries had no adult help—they had to do it all.

The following quotations are from their reports:



DR. HART

"The people lived on the average of six miles from the church, no transportation other than horses. Because of a heavy rain before the school began, it was impossible to have a preparation day. There were 27 who attended the school every day. I taught two classes, furnished the music and acted as Principal."

Another: "Dr. Hart, I truly can't tell you how happy I am over the 11 professions of faith."

Another: "My greatest experience was teaching the students about Christ, and seeing how eager they were to learn of Christ. It seemed as if I couldn't tell them enough. It would make me want to cry because some of them didn't know how to find scripture. I had some sinners during evangelistic service, they couldn't make up their minds to accept Christ, and again I wanted to cry . . . I really hated to leave knowing that their souls might be lost."

The above personal comments in their reports should give you an insight into the depth of dedication of these college students.—Clyde Hart, Director, Race Relations

## Sunday School

### Convention - workshop

PLANS FOR an unusual joint Convention-Workshop are underway for Sunday School workers in Arkansas.

The week of Oct. 9-13, 1961 is scheduled for the multi-purpose meeting which will open in First Baptist Church, Little Rock.



MR. HATFIELD

This meeting is unusual in that it provides in one program both a State Sunday School Convention and a Workshop in Better Bible Teaching.

Monday and Tuesday will be full days of Convention conferences and meetings with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. The program provides generous age-group conference time and interesting, helpful general periods.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday program will continue in morning and evening sessions as an age-group workshop for all Sunday School workers. The same faculty will continue to lead the sessions for the full five-day period.

Features in the Convention-Workshop will be age-group conferences providing preview studies in the mornings and age-group conferences in the evenings as workshops in Better Bible Teaching. Other features include Audio Visual Clinics, general period, "quiz" the panel features, and other practical demonstrations in class and departmental functions.

Dr. Robert Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is the featured inspirational speaker.

See you in Little Rock the week of Oct. 9-13 for part or all of the Sunday School Convention-Workshop. — Lawson Hatfield, Secretary

## Training Union workshop near

AT THE big state-wide Training Union Leadership Workshop Sept. 26, at First Church, Little Rock, there will be three sessions. The morning session will run from 10 a.m. to 12:20 at noon. The workshop will begin with a general meeting in the auditorium, followed by eleven workshops for a period of two hours that morning.



MR. DAVIS

The afternoon session will begin at 2 p.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. The eleven workshops will continue from 2 to 4 p.m., and from 4 to 4:30 the entire group will assemble in the auditorium to hear Mrs. Agnes Pylant speak on the subject "The Serious Side of A Merry Business." Mrs. Pylant is the secretary of the Church Recreation Service of the Sunday School Board.

The night service will begin at 6:30 and will close at about 8:45. At 6:30 the entire group will assemble in the auditorium for a brief meeting, after which they will go to the workshops for one and one-half hours. At 8:15 the entire group will assemble in the auditorium to hear Mrs. Pylant's message on "Stewards of Leisure."

Many Training Union workers who live within 100 miles of Little Rock and who work during the day can take advantage of the night session. From any section of Arkansas people can get to Little Rock in time for the opening session at 10:00 and stay through the night session, which closes at 8:45. Make your plans to attend every session.

Of course, if you cannot attend every session, attend all that you can. This workshop is the biggest event that has been planned for Training Union leaders in Arkansas in 17 years. — Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

## Annie Armstrong Offering \$8,000 over goal

THE annual Annie Armstrong Offering for Southern Baptist home mission work has gone over the goal of \$2,470,000, according to Courts Redford of Atlanta.

Redford, executive secretary of the denomination's Home Mission Board, reported total receipts of \$2,478,064.

The offering, sponsored by Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, does not close until Dec. 31. "Judging from the rates funds have come in during recent years," said Redford, "it looks as though the offering may exceed the goal by \$50,000 to \$100,000." (BP)





## Student Department calls all students

THE BAPTIST Student Union would like to have information on students in college this fall, especially freshmen or transfers. Please send name, home address, and school address (if known) to local BSU.

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Darrel Coleman  
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## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

(Author of the book, "Sir, I Have A Problem," at your Baptist Book Store.)

### Family leaves church

QUESTION: My husband and I belonged to a church which we helped organize five years ago. We love the church and the people but



DR. HUDSON

a new pastor we have had for the last six months has started to clean house. He turned people out if they did not agree to his program, or got the church to, and wouldn't even talk to my husband and me. He said the deacons were only to wait on tables and visit the widows.

After a few months of this we left and went to another church, a large one. Did we do wrong? Should we go back and ask forgiveness of the small church? We are not happy.

ANSWER: You probably did right. It is a very thankless job opposing the pastor of a church. Most people who get mad at a pastor first stop their offerings, then start going home after Sunday School and Training Union, and finally undertake to run the pastor off by gossip and other types of criticism. I admire you for not using these tactics.

Throw yourself into the larger church. The Lord is using larger churches too. If after a few months of work and prayer you are not happy, look for other open doors.

Most people who oppose a pastor in one church will do so in the next. I'm glad you are not that kind. Loyalty to a church involves loyalty to the divinely appointed leaders also.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th St., Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

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## James C. Peck dies

JAMES C. Peck, 45, of Atlanta, a pioneer in industrial and institutional chaplaincy for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was killed Aug. 13 in an automobile accident near Dallas, Ga.

Peck was 30 miles from home when he evidently lost control of his car and it went over an embankment sometime shortly after midnight. He was returning from Glorieta Baptist Assembly in New Mexico, 1500 miles away, where he had attended the annual Home Missions Week.

In his brief career, Peck pioneered in the field of civilian chaplaincy, as a student in New Orleans Seminary, as a chaplain intern at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and as a chaplain in the Broyhill Furniture Co. in Lenoir, N. C.

In 1959, he was elected the first secretary of industrial and institutional chaplaincy in the chaplaincy division of the mission board. He worked with prisons, industry and institutions other than hospitals in seeking to establish chaplaincy programs. (BP)

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# Where four-leaf clovers grow

By MARY HELM CLARK

DID YOU ever lie down in a patch of clovers and try to find a four-leaf clover? Remember how exciting it is to hold one high for others to see and say, "I've found a four-leaf clover! I'm going to have good luck!"

Kathy Daniels and her playmates in St. Petersburg, Florida, don't have to hunt for four-leaf clovers. They go out and pick them, as many as three hundred a day. They don't even have to stoop. They pick them from boxes on stilts, called hydroponic boxes, and they pick the clovers by the spray instead of by one stem. What luck!

Because Kathy's grandfather discovered how to grow four-leaf clovers by the hydroponic boxful, the Daniels Clover Specialty Company is the only place in the world where one can order a million four-leaf clovers and have the order filled.

It all happened because Kathy's great-grandfather, a florist, wanted to see whether he could make three-leaf clovers into four-leaf ones by grafting one on the other or by pollinating one from the other.

Kathy's great-grandfather didn't get very far with his experiments with clover, but her grandfather, C. T. Daniels, took up this same hobby. Sure enough, he found that he could grow a lot of four-leaf clovers in one patch.

Kathy's aunt, Marion Daniels, used a four-leaf clover to make a birthday card. She pressed the clover with a hot iron and glued it to a card. Then she lettered her message: "Good fortune, good luck, good faith, good wishes, and good will."

She sent this card to a friend, who was so delighted with his lucky card that he asked Marion whether she could make 350 more to send to his friends.

What would you do if someone asked you to make 350 four-leaf clover birthday cards?

This is what Marion and her family did: With Mr. Daniels working hard to produce that many clovers, Marion and her two brothers, William and Charles, went to work picking clovers. Mrs. Daniels pressed them between two blotters with a very hot iron. Then everybody helped to glue the four-leaf clovers to

the cards. Those who could letter well added the greetings.

This was a tremendous job. When it was all finished, the Daniels family flopped on chairs, sofas, and beds to rest, but not for long.

One of these 350 cards was sent to a man who had a greeting card business, and that really started something. One day a cablegram, signed by the Rustcraft Greeting Card Company, came to Panama Canal Zone where the Daniels family was living. It read: "Can you supply us with a million four-leaf clovers?"

This was something to pray over. Should all in the Daniels family give up their jobs in Panama and concentrate on the growing of four-leaf clovers? Up to this time the four-leaf clovers had been Mr. C. T. Daniels' hobby, not his business.

The whole family decided to move back to the United States and go into the four-leaf clover production on a full-time basis. That is why Kathy Daniels' grandfather and grandmother, her Aunt Marion, her father William, her Uncle Charles, and all the grandchildren are interested in growing, picking, drying, and preserving table after table of four-leaf clovers.

The clovers are growing in pebbles and soil with their roots in water treated with a life-giving chemical. They are kept cool and moist with an overhead spray which is no heavier than a mist or fog. A strong spray would bruise the tender clover leaves. The rays of the Florida sun, shining through the mist, add vitamins to the growth of clovers just as wheat adds vitamins to the food of young children.

Now when the Daniels Clover Specialty Company gets an order for a million four-leaf clovers, they call for Kathy and her playmates to pick the clovers by the hundreds each day, that is, when they aren't in school, practicing music lessons, or something like that. When we see Kathy spread a spray of four-leaf clovers across her wide white collar, we can all say, "We know where the four-leaf clovers grow. Good luck, Kathy, and good health!"

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## MY CHOICE

By JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

*It is no use to grumble and complain;  
It's just as cheap and easy  
to rejoice;  
When God sorts out the weather  
and sends rain—  
Why, rain's my choice.*

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## God's wondrous world

# Pebbles at mealtime



By THELMA C. CARTER

THE rabbit and mole nibble food with cutting, chisel-shaped teeth. The dog and cat crunch and grind their food with long, spikelike teeth. Many kinds of fowls, however, swallow whole hard grains of corn, seed, worms, and insects.

Birds have no teeth. That is why they appear to gulp their food. If you watch for a few moments, you will see birds and chickens swallowing not only grains and other foodstuffs but also occasionally small stones and pebbles.

The wondrous natural world is filled with more knowledge than a person can ever hope to learn. Strange though some of the ways of Nature appear to us, they are wise and prudent for the health and well-being of living things. "O Lord, how great are thy works!" (Psalm 92:5).

Birds and many other fowls swallow stones with their food to help digest the food. The stones are a means of "chewing inside" in the second stomach or gizzard.

When hard corn kernels or seed reach the gizzard, the muscles of its walls begin to work. This squeezes and presses the stones and foodstuffs together until the food is in tiny bits. Thus the food values are obtained.

Baby birds and tiny chicks are taught by their mothers to eat stones. What a fuss baby chicks make! If you observe baby birds and chicks, you will find the mothers scolding their babies until they swallow the small stones. Sometimes the mothers even pick out pebbles for their babies to swallow.

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## Aquila and Priscilla: able teachers

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Acts 18:1-3, 18-21, 24-28; Romans 16:3-5a  
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**I**T IS always inspiring to see a husband and wife work together. A pastor needs an efficient helpmate; a deacon can serve his church much better when his wife is fully in sympathy with the Lord's work; and many husband and wife teams do remarkable work in our Sunday School and Training Union leadership. When husband and wife can work together in the church, their own home and children will be blessed with harmony, peace, love, and righteousness.

Many young people will never receive the Christian nurture and training they need unless they get it at the church from dedicated men and women. Our lesson relates the story of Aquila and Priscilla, a man and wife team who gave much time, effort, and influence unto the Lord.

### Displaced tentmakers Acts 18:1-3

**M**ANY believe that Paul was disappointed in the response to his ministry at Athens. The Athenian philosophers had not accepted his preaching of the resurrection. Thus Paul felt that the Lord was leading him to leave Athens and go to Corinth which was some forty-five miles away. Corinth was a very important seaport of Greece. It was made up of a mixture of people from many nations. Its morals were exceedingly corrupt and "to live like a Corinthian" meant the blackest immorality. Yet the Holy Spirit was directing Paul and he was obedient.

But the Lord did not leave Paul alone in the wicked city. Soon he "found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla."

They had fled from Rome because of the command of Claudius, the Roman Emperor, that all Jews should leave Rome. Here the Lord brought these together which had much in common. They were both Jews, they had both traveled much, they were both tentmakers, and they were displaced from their home.

Had God worked in His providence to bring Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla together? Surely it looks that way. There are

millions of displaced people around the world today. Will God have His missionaries to meet them and give them the Gospel?

It is uncertain whether Aquila and Priscilla were Christians before they met Paul. They could have been converted in Rome and become members of the church there. On the other hand, Paul may have taught and preached Christ while the three of them made tents, leading them to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Paul lived in their home and under his teaching they developed quickly into mature Christians.

Paul continued to preach the Gospel in Corinth and when the Jews turned against him, he turned to the Gentiles. For eighteen months he labored. Many believed, and a strong church was established.

### Tentmakers teachers Acts 18:18-21, 24-28

**W**HEN Paul departed from Corinth, Aquila and Priscilla went with him. The Bible does not make clear whether it was Paul's request or whether it was Aquila and Priscilla's desire to move. Evidently, they wanted to go with Paul to Ephesus to begin a new work for the Lord. This city was the capital of Asia and the location of the temple of Diana.

Paul went to the synagogue "and reasoned with the Jews" (Acts 18:19). When the Jews asked him to continue, he refused, saying that he must go to Jerusalem to keep a feast. He did promise that he would return if it was God's will. Thus Aquila and Priscilla were left in Ephesus where they found a task to do for the Lord.

About this time there came to Ephesus a young Jew named Apollos, whose home was in Alexandria. The Scripture says that he was "an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures" (Acts 18:24). The Bible goes on to say that he was an effective teacher and was "fervent in the Spirit" (Acts 18:25). But he had one shortcoming, his knowledge was lacking; "knowing only the baptism of John." Evidently, he had accepted Jesus as the Messiah but did not know of Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection, and the promotion of His Kingdom under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

This was where Aquila and Priscilla came in. They heard Apollos preach in the synagogue, and God had them there

for a purpose. When they heard him preach, they realized immediately that his knowledge of Christ was limited. So they took him home with them and took him into their hearts "and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly" (Acts 8:26).

Thus we see two humble servants of God teaching and training a brilliant young man to prepare to preach the whole Gospel. Is there a finer work than this?

When Apollos expressed a desire to go to Achaia, the brethren in Ephesus, along with Aquila and Priscilla, wrote a letter to the believers in Achaia, urging them to receive him. In Achaia Apollos did a great work in convincing the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. Yet the glory of his preaching must be shared with his two humble teachers at Ephesus.

### Tenacity of tentmakers Romans 16:3-5a

**P**AUL began his third missionary journey by returning to Ephesus and remaining there for nearly three years. No doubt Aquila and Priscilla worked faithfully with him and the church at Ephesus. From Ephesus, he returned to Corinth and spent three months with the church there. Here he wrote his famous letter to the church at Rome. In the closing chapter of this letter he sends greetings to Priscilla and Aquila. Evidently they had returned to Rome to make their home.

But Paul did not stop with a greeting. He expressed appreciation for his co-workers by passing a sincere compliment. Do you express gratitude to the people that work with you in the Lord's work? Paul called them "my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks" (Rom. 16:3-4). We are not sure when the two had risked their necks for Paul but it was likely when Paul had experienced the riot in Ephesus.

Thus we see the tenacity of these tentmakers—they held on to the truth concerning Christ Jesus; they stayed with Paul when the going became rough and dangerous; they served the Lord wherever they lived. In this letter he also mentions the fact that a church was meeting in their house.

### Concluding thoughts

1. ARE there some misplaced people that have moved into your community that you should point to Jesus?
2. Is there a youth in your Sunday School or Training Union that will be called to preach? Will he receive the correct teaching concerning the Gospel from you?
3. Do you stay with God's servants and share their burdens?
4. Is your home open to God's children?



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Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alma, Kibler	148	101	
Alpena, First	93	47	
Beirne, First	85	61	
Benton, Highland Heights	127	82	
Berryville, Freeman Heights	172	100	
Camden			
Cullendale First	438	205	2
First	530	220	9
Conway, First	460	85	
Cove, First	40	25	
Crossett, First	530	197	1
El Dorado			
Caledonia	38	40	3
East Main	303	143	2
First	849	257	5
Immanuel	584	290	
Cook Street Mission	19	14	
Parkview	263	98	
Fayetteville, Providence	114	58	
Ft. Smith			
Calvary	368	148	3
First	1,075	390	4
Missions	258	86	
Grand Avenue	667	299	3
Mission	20		
Kelley Height	159	87	2
Oak Cliff	141	114	3
Townson Avenue	159	103	1
Trinity	325	122	1
Gravel Ridge, First	166	107	10
Harrisburg			
Calvary	214	167	
First	225	91	10
Mission	80	50	4
Hot Springs			
Park Place	482	179	2
Second	743	157	
Vista Heights	67	26	2
Huntsville, First	109	54	
Kingston	20	20	
Combs	22	17	
Jacksonville, First	708	503	4
Jonesboro, Central	413	161	
Little Rock			
First	877	397	11
Berea Chapel	119	77	
White Rock Chapel	39	42	
Immanuel	1,197	446	11
Forest Tower	50	20	
Kerr	35	35	
Martindale	157	80	3
Tyler Street	251	107	3
McGehee, First	533	179	10
Chapel	40	25	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	707	241	4
Central	335	136	
Highway	222	108	
Levy	532	225	
Park Hill	704	218	4
Rogers, Sunnyside	111	72	
Smackover, First	301	138	3
Springdale, First	498	140	
Van Buren, First	462	150	2

Selective group

"TO tell the truth," confessed the rattled speaker, "this is only the second time I ever attempted to do any public speaking. The first time was back in Iowa when I proposed to my wife over a rural party line."

Non-golfer's view

SAM, innocent of all golfing lore, watched with interest the efforts of the man in the bunker to get himself out. At last the ball rose in a cloud of sand, hovered in the air and then dropped on the green and rolled into the hole.

"Gosh," said Sam with a chuckle, "he'll have a tough time to get out of that one."

Poor provider

YOUNG chap to friend: "He just doesn't plan for the future at all. He's getting married next month and hasn't even found her a job."

Soft answer

JIM: "What happened when you asked the boss for a raise?"  
George: "Oh, he was like a lamb."  
Jim: "What did he say?"  
George: "Bah."

Good advice

THE belligerent husband demanded, "I want to know once and for all who is the boss in this house."  
His wife replied, "You'll be happier if you don't try to find out."

Child psychology

A YOUNG father was wheeling his baby through the park. The baby was howling with rage, but the father was just repeating softly, "Control yourself, James. Just remain calm, James." A child psychologist approvingly said, "Fine, that's the way to reason with little Jimmy." "He's Herbert," corrected the father. "I'm James."

Definitions

ADD Student Boners (taken from test papers): Natural immunity is being able to catch a disease without the aid of a physician. Ambiguity means having two wives living at the same time. The letters M.D. mean mentally deficient. Matrimony is a place where souls suffer a while for their sins.

Can she dance?

LIKE many loyal ministers' wives, I sing in our church choir. One Sunday the father of an eight-year-old in our congregation asked the child if he knew the minister's wife.  
"Oh, yes," came the reply. "She's one of the chorus girls."—Contributed

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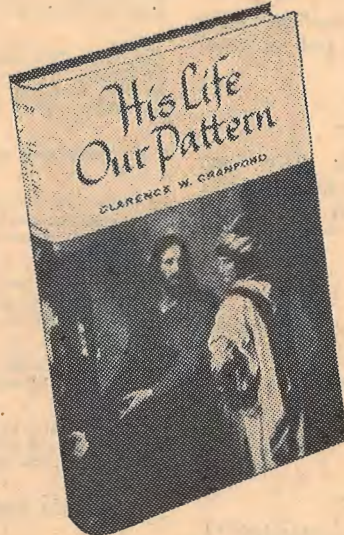
## Miss Alma Hunt back after medical leave

MISS Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, returned to work the last week of August after a three-month medical leave of absence.

Miss Hunt had been recuperating in Roanoke, Va., after her doctors discovered a heart condition which could have resulted in seri-

ous heart damage without proper treatment.

One of Miss Hunt's first official duties was to participate in a week-long staff meeting. Together with Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex.—the organization's president—and 12 staff personnel from the Birmingham office, she conducted the meeting to make plans for the coming year. (BP)



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