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—H. Armstrong Roberts.

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News Of Interest

By Baptist Press

Phoenix, Arizona: There will be no color line at the Grand Canyon Baptist College.

Dr. Willis J. Ray, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, said that the proposed college to be located at Prescott will not be closed to any student because of faith, creed, or color.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: A survey of Oklahoma Baptist pastors indicates that Southern Baptists in this area favor co-operation with other denominations on a local level if doctrinal beliefs are not violated.

Dallas, Texas: One thousand Texas Baptist churches will have the same speaker for their mid-week prayer services October 6.

He will be Dr. J. Howard Williams, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, speaking over a network of 15 FM-radio stations to which all the churches will have their sets tuned.

Dr. Williams will use the opportunity of this 45-minute broadcast to explain to the churches the \$10,000,000 program planned by the denomination for next year. His microphone will be in the studios of KRLD-FM in Dallas with 14 other FM stations picking it up for simultaneous rebroadcast.

Greenville, South Carolina: The Baptist Courier, state denominational paper, is urging South Carolina Baptists to qualify themselves for voting against proposed changes in the state's divorce statutes.

Under present law, "divorce from the bonds of matrimony shall not be allowed in this state."

Shanghai: Eight weeks of evangelistic preaching have been scheduled by the Shanghai Baptist Association for early 1949 with two Texas ministers as evangelists.

Dr. Charlie Chi, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shanghai, a Southern Baptist mission point, said that Dr. J. W. (Bill) Marshall, president of Wayland College at Plainview, Texas, and George E. Steward Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Marcos, Texas, will fly to Shanghai in late December to lead the crusade.

Nashville, Tennessee: Executives of Southern Baptist agencies and members of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee laid tentative plans in a called meeting here September 21 for an enlarged program of world evangelism beginning in 1950.

The session had been called to consider proposals of the Foreign Mission Board for a Program of Advance which would increase the foreign mission personnel from 670 to 1,750 and the Board's annual budget from \$3,500,000 to \$10,000,000.

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary for the Foreign Board, likened the need for expansion to a pyramid with foreign missions at the top and the local churches at the base. He pointed out that as the top of the pyramid is increased, so must the base be proportionately enlarged.

Time and again throughout the meeting, reference was made to seemingly inequitable division of funds by the local church. Figures and charts presented by Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, revealed that average local churches are retaining 78.5 per cent of the collection plate dollar—with all Co-operative Program agencies, State, and South-wide, receiving only 21.5 per cent. This is far from the projected goal of a 50-50 division of funds.

It was pointed out that the 50-50 plan of distribution throughout—figured on the basis of 1947 gifts of \$132,000 to the local churches

—would adequately meet denominational needs as presently stated. In fact, the 12.5 per cent of the collection plate dollar reaching the Foreign Mission Board in a 50-50 division throughout would have provided last year \$16,500,000 for foreign missions.

Louisville, Kentucky: The Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will, within the next few months, call a meeting of outstanding Negro Baptist leaders and white Baptist leaders to explore the field of race relations.

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, executive secretary of the Commission, said that the meeting of leaders of the two races will explore "ways and means by which better understanding can be achieved in this all important area of race relations."

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A Campaign for . . .

Family Altars

By JOE W. BURTON, Editor
Home Life Magazine

We are in a campaign to establish 100,000 new family altars. The slogan for the campaign is "Family worship in every Baptist home every day."

The challenge to this campaign was sounded by Chester E. Swor in the great message he delivered at the Memphis Convention when he said, "I propose that as a Convention we set ourselves to the business of establishing 100,000 family altars in the year ahead."

Those who heard Dr. Swor left the Convention feeling, as President Newton said, that they were a "committee of 5,000" to do the things proposed in the ringing address.

In South Carolina Dr. Charles F. Sims, acting General Secretary-Treasurer, has requested those who represent the General Board at the district associations to give strong emphasis to this campaign for 100,000 new family altars. "If this cause," Dr. Sims adds, "is carried into all of the associational meetings of Baptists throughout the South, it will be most helpful."

Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "The Firmament of the Believer," by B. H. Duncan.

All broadcasts are by transcription and may be heard every Sunday over the following stations:

- KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
- KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
- KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
- KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
- KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.
- KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:45 p. m.
- KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.
- KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.
- KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.
- KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.
- KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.

Christ in Gethsemane

The Cup

A Devotion by the Editor

"O My Father, if it be possible, let this pass from me."

The cup undoubtedly means the final agony of the cross. It was not an inviting prospect which lay before Him. Jesus did not want to go to the cross. In fact, He did not want earth to be crucified. He came to the earth to save men from sin and death to righteousness and eternal life.

And now He asks the father if it is possible to accomplish that purpose without going to the cross, then let the cup pass. But it is not possible to redeem men without the cross. Then "Thy will be done." Thrice He prayed and thrice He held to His purpose, and thrice He received strength to say, "Not my will, but thine be done."

The Gethsemanes of life are borne in the strength of that purpose that sustained Jesus. We sometimes hear it said of a person that he met his Gethsemane, usually referring to some tragic experience that has no kinship with the sufferings of Jesus. We do meet our Gethsemanes, but only when, in the strength of the purpose of divine redemption, we, our Lord, feel the burden of the sins of the world, and summon courage to move on to the cross and thence to Pentecost.

It was this purpose that carried Livingstone to Africa, Cary to the Orient, and Lottie M. to China. When the salvation of the lost became the passion of our hearts, the redemption of men has become the compelling purpose of our lives, and the will of God is one and only law of life, we too shall go through our Gethsemanes from which we shall go on to bear our crosses.

Without such a purpose, we will avoid the crosses of Christian living; we will shun the hardships of Christian service; we will resist against the exactions of Christian righteousness; we will murmur and complain against the demands of Christian missions. With such a purpose our faith will grow dim, our courage will grow weak, our hope will fade, and our obedience will fluctuate.

If we do not possess this redemptive purpose of God we will waver in our loyalty and wander from the will of God, seeking ease and delights offered by the tempter and trying to divert us from the path and the challenge of Christian opportunities. In next week's devotional reading and reading Matthew 26:36-46).

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From The Editor's Desk

Let The Whole Bible Speak

One of the most difficult, yet one of the most rewarding, mental and spiritual exercises is to come to the open Bible with an open mind.

The powerful human tendency is to read one's own preconceived ideas, prejudices, likes and dislikes, and even hatreds into the Bible text. Therefore, the Bible message is colored, twisted, and distorted to conform to the concepts of the reader, or to substantiate his theories, and fortify his attitudes.

Miniature Bible

It is shamefully true that the Bible which many people have adopted for themselves is only a miniature Bible, made up of a few choice passages which do not conflict with their own ideas, or which seem to support their attitudes and practices. The rest of the Bible is neglected or, worse still, definitely discredited and explained away.

Those who have substituted sprinkling for baptism undertake to explain away the Bible teaching on baptism. The advocates of centralized church government read their own ideas into the Bible and ignore the New Testament norm of a democratic body. People who are unwilling to tithe their income set aside all the teachings of the Bible on tithing. If a person harbors an unforgiving spirit toward another person, he argues that the teaching of Jesus on forgiveness does not apply in his case, which is exceptional.

Fixed and unelastic theories will cause the reader to force all Scripture to conform to his pet theory, and will cause him to be intolerant toward others who may not agree with him. Thus the reader not only sets limits upon his own intellectual expansion, but he also sets limits upon the revelation of God, saying in effect, that God must not reveal any truth which will not fit into his theory.

Revelation Through Experience

Whereas, no human concept, nor all human concepts combined, however accurate and true they may be, can exhaust the teachings of the Bible or encompass its full meaning. A Bible, which could be exhausted by human concepts or confined within the limits of human theories, would be entirely too small and inadequate for human needs.

The Bible is not theoretical or abstract. It is intensely practical, personal, and experimental. God has given His revelation through the vital experiences of humanity, otherwise it would be entirely unintelligible to us. Therefore, the more completely we yield ourselves to Him, the more of His revealed truth we are able to perceive and understand. We may be sure of this, that God will reveal to us just as much of divine truth as we prove

ourselves capable of receiving by the degree of our personal surrender to Him.

It becomes obvious that when we limit our own intellectual grasp and understanding of divine revelation by unelastic theories, prejudices, and the like, we put a limit on God's revelation to us and cut ourselves off from vast realms of truth into which we might enter. For no revelation of God is complete until there is a mind to understand and a heart to respond.

Try An Experiment

Suppose you try an experiment in reading the Bible. Take a passage of Scripture, not merely an isolated verse, but a complete passage which gives a story or an event, or one which develops a particular thought or principle. As you read the passage, let God speak to you. Don't try to tell God what to say, but listen with every sensibility of your being to what God has to say to you.

Now, read the passage again, and again, perhaps a dozen times. Read it until every word pulsates with a divine message and every truth throbs with divine energy. Read it until every character mentioned seems to come to life, for these characters in the Bible are real flesh and blood characters like yourself. As the scene becomes increasingly vivid, alive, and dramatic, you will be held spellbound in the consciousness that you are witnessing one of the great events of all time: An event in which God is making Himself and His truth known to men through the common experiences of life.

The reader will come from such a session with the Bible in possession of new revelations, with a new interest in Bible study, and with new incentives to Christian living and Christian service.

Try it, won't you?

Don't Fail To Vote

The liquor interests of the State of Arkansas are proposing an amendment to the Constitution to be voted on in the November election. If this amendment should carry, it would practically kill the local option law of the State by making it impossible to vote for local option except at the general elections every two years. Any local option issue would be over-shadowed by other issues in the general elections.

Therefore, the Christian people of Arkansas should understand just what the issue is and vote against this proposed amendment. We must be vigilant and never lax our efforts in behalf of sobriety, decency, and good citizenship.

"Principles of the Kingdom"

Elsewhere in this issue you will find several commendations of Dr. Wallace's book, "Principles of the Kingdom." We suggest that you read these statements by outstanding Baptist leaders.

Dr. Wallace has for many years been a member of the faculty of Ouachita College. He is professor of Greek, philosophy, and ethics. Dr. Wallace is prepared by training and experience and by personal Christian devotion for the writing of such a book as "Principles of the Kingdom."

The Bible student will find this book to be an invaluable aid to the study of the Kingdom of God. The preacher will find it to be a rich source of suggestive material for sermons on various phases of the Kingdom. Every reader will find it to be an interesting and fascinating discussion of one of the most vital themes of the Bible. We commend it to you with the assurance that you will not only enjoy reading this book, but that your own Christian knowledge and experience will be immeasurably enriched by it.

Planning To Build?

Churches which are planning to build might do well to investigate the Broadway Plan which is advertised in the Arkansas Baptist. This plan might provide just the opportunity which is needed to make possible the construction of new churches and educational buildings. Of course, you will judge the plan from your own point of view and decide whether it is practical in your case.

We only call attention to it here with the suggestion that it might be well for you to explore its possibilities.

"The Book of All Nations"

The above caption is the theme adopted by the American Bible Society in its promotion of the fifth annual World-wide Bible Reading Program, scheduled for November 25 to December 25, 1948. Literature and posters concerning this world-wide Bible reading campaign and the list of Bible selections proposed may be secured from the American Bible Society, 1914 Main Street, Dallas 1, Texas.

New Broadman Books

The following books are just off the press and may be secured through The Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock.

A Source Book of Interbiblical History: by W. Hersey Davis and Edward A. McDowell; price \$5.75.

A Day For God-Called Men: by Zeno Wall; price \$1.75.

Foreign Mission Graded Series, 1948: Study Course Books: Adults: **Light For the Whole World, A symposium,** price \$.50; **Torchbearers in Honan** by Annie Jenkins Sallee, price \$.60.

Young People: It Happened In China, by Buford L. Nichols, price \$.60; **For Christ in China,** by Archibald McMillan, price \$.75.

Intermediates: Three Pairs of Hands, by Elizabeth Ellyson Wiley, price \$.60.

Carved On Our Hearts, by Saxon Rowe Carver, price \$.40.

Juniors: Whirligigs in China, by Anna S. Pruitt, price \$.40.

Primaries: Chopstick Children, price \$.40.

Kingdom Progress

Pastor William H. Travis and the **Riverside Mission, Little Rock**, recently had the services of Evangelist Eddie Wagner in a revival meeting. There were nine additions to the church by baptism and one by letter. Among those who came upon profession of faith was a 73 year old man.

W. F. Couch was the visiting evangelist in recent revival services at the **Wilson Baptist Church**, Pastor A. F. Muncy reports. There were 48 additions to the church membership, 30 by baptism and 18 by letter.

Harvey Elledge, pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, preached in revival services at the **First Church, Ashdown**, one week in September. There were 11 additions to the church, seven by baptism and four by letter. Lawson Hatfield, pastor of the church, directed the music.

A new church has been organized in North Little Rock, the **Forty-seventh Street Baptist Church**, with R. D. Harrington as pastor. This church grew out of a mission established by the Levy Baptist Church, O. A. Greenleaf, pastor.

The church was organized on September 12 with 102 charter members. The pastor, R. D. Harrington, who worked with the mission from its beginning, is attending Central College.

Pastor H. A. Nettles has resigned from the **East End Baptist Church**, Pulaski County Association, and is moving to Texarkana. Under his pastorate the church has built a pastor's home and installed a choir loft, and made considerable progress in its program.

Glenn LeRoy Archer has accepted the post of executive secretary of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Mr. Archer is resigning the position of Dean of the Law School, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, to accept the invitation to lead the steadily expanding work of POAU. This gifted young man, 42 years old, turns away from a career in the educational field which has already brought him into national prominence. An active and devout member of the Methodist Church, he possesses all the qualities which we have earnestly and prayerfully sought in selecting the man who will spearhead this vital movement.

Permanent headquarters of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State is now located at 1835 K Street, N. W., in the Harwill Building, Washington, D. C. Mr. Archer may be reached, after September 1, at this address.

Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, pastor of the **First Church, Springdale**, since May 2, 1945, has resigned to become superintendent of evangelism for the Southern Baptist State Convention of California. Dr. Wilbanks came to the Springdale church from Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he had served as pastor of the First Church.

No successor to Dr. Wilbanks has been named. Lucien E. Coleman, assistant to the pastor, will be in charge of the church activi-

ties and the worship services until a new pastor is called.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilbanks went to their new field of service the first of October. They will live in Fresno, California, where his headquarters, with those of other Convention officials, will be maintained.

Pastor J. Talmadge Tippit and the **Sedgwick Baptist Church** recently had the services of Billy Walker, Turrell, in a revival meeting. There were 36 professions of faith, including one 73 year old man, and 33 additions to the church membership. E. O. Downs, pastor at Grubbs Baptist Church, and student at Southern Baptist College, led the singing.

In a special business meeting held soon after the revival the church voted to go into a full time pastorate, to organize a Training Union, and to have weekly prayer meeting services.

The **Second Baptist Church, Douglassville**, Robert Parr, pastor, observed its first anniversary Sunday, September 19, with an all-day service and dinner on the ground. A special message was brought by E. A. Ingram, superintendent of missions for Pulaski County Association. Paul Brown, music director of Capitol Hill Church, Little Rock, conducted the music for the afternoon service.

The church was organized Sunday, September 14, 1947, with 53 charter members. Since that date there have been 25 additions by letter and seven by baptism. The Sunday School enrolment has increased from 66 to 86, and the Training Union enrolment has increased from 52 to 67. The regular church offering during the church's first year was \$2,115.47. In addition to this, \$2,146.54 was received for the building fund.

The new church auditorium is expected to be ready for use within six weeks and plans are being made to add suitable Sunday School rooms at the rear of the auditorium for immediate use.

Pastor C. C. Ussery, **Calvary Church, Texarkana**, reports that J. C. Crabbe was recently ordained to the Gospel ministry by the church, and is now attending Ouachita College. On September 22 Leo Hughes was licensed to preach by the church. He plans to enter Ouachita in January.

Pastoral Changes

R. B. Crotts has resigned the pastorate of the Cross Roads Church, Liberty Association, to accept the pastorate of the Harvey's Chapel Church, Central Association.

Roy Fowler, Golden City, Missouri, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Foreman.

R. W. Woodell, Hot Springs, has accepted the pastorate of the Crawfordville Baptist Church, and began his work there September 19. Mr. Woodell was formerly pastor of the First Church, Wynne.

Alfred E. Grigsby, Longview, Texas, has accepted the pastorate of the Beech Street Church, Gurdon.

Two Year Old Church Has 850 Members

Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, observed its second anniversary August 30-September 12. A special service commemorating founding of the church was held on the night of August 30. The speaker was Gordon Carpenter, pastor, Centropolis Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. At the close of service scores of people re-dedicated their lives to Christ. Other features for that week were special prayer meetings and an fashioned basket picnic attended by 300 persons.

A revival meeting was held September 1-12 with Pastor Charles E. Lawrence preaching and Volus Norsworthy, educational director of Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, leading the singing. There were many re-dedications and 16 additions for baptism during the week.

During the two years of the church's history 160 persons have been baptized and total membership has reached 850. Receipts for the two years have totaled over \$120,000. Buildings, grounds, and equipment are valued at \$115,000 with a very small debt on the church plant. A beautiful and commodious educational building has been erected when completely finished will be air-conditioned throughout. The first floor of the building is now being used for an auditorium seating 700 people. Capacity crowds are attending both the Sunday morning and Sunday night services of the church. The church plans to erect an auditorium seating 1,000 people within the next three years.

Charles E. Lawrence, pastor, led in the organization of the church August 30, 1945, and has been pastor of the church ever since.

The Pulaski County Association annual meeting will be held in the church October 11-14.

Yes, I Tithe

"I tithe because it is God's plan for financing His church and His world-wide missionary program. It is His plan for me as a Christian. It assures me that I am giving a worthy portion of my possessions to all the work of the Lord. I find that it is practical in that it is a sound and logical plan for financing regardless of how much or how little money I am making.

"Tithing brings real joy and satisfaction to me, because I am conscious of the fact that I am a part of a great company of faithful Christians who bring their tithe to the Lord's treasury on the Lord's Day for all of the Lord's work. I would commend tithing as the best plan of financing the work of our Lord because it is God's plan and God's plan is always the best.

"If every Baptist would bring his or her tithe and place it in the storehouse of the Lord, His church, each Lord's Day, and every church would in turn allocate twenty to twenty-five per cent, the ideal being fifty per cent of their budget receipts to the Co-operative Program, then our great Baptist denomination could and would meet the challenge of a world that is poor and needy world."

-E. C. Brown

Every Baptist a Tither

New Pastor at Gurdon



Alfred Grigsby

Alfred Grigsby is the new pastor of Beech Street Church, Gurdon, moving on the field the first part of September. He has held pastorates at Iowa Park, and Henrietta, Texas, and was associate pastor at First Church, Duncan, Oklahoma, just prior to coming to Beech Street Church. Mr. Grigsby has an A.B. degree from Baylor and a Th.M. from Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. Grigsby says, "We are happy to join hands and hearts with Arkansas Baptists, and look forward to carrying on a challenging program at Beech Street Church."

Evangelist Morris

W. J. Morris, Pine Bluff, is re-entering the evangelistic field. Evangelist Morris has had wide experience in revival meetings, both as preacher and singer. A little more than a year ago he was prevailed upon to accept the pastorate of the church at Altheimer. During this pastorate the program of the church has been recast and the organizations of the church have been revitalized. Among the accomplishments during the past year are the purchase of a church bus, the purchase of a lot on which to construct a new church building, the beginning of construction of the building, which will be of concrete blocks and buff brick.

Evangelist Morris is available for supply work or evangelistic meetings, and may be reached at 1415 West Sixteenth Avenue, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

A. B. Pierce, First Church, Pine Bluff, was the visiting evangelist in a revival meeting at the First Church, Batesville, September 12-26, Pastor E. P. J. Garrott announced. There were three additions to the church by baptism and three by letter. D. D. Murray, Rogers, directed the music.

First Church, Little Rock, organized a new class for men on October 3 to be known as the DOWNTOWN MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. The class meets each Sunday morning in the NEW THEATRE, 112 Main Street. Mrs. Roland Leath is the teacher. Pastor Campbell said the purpose of the class is to reach men who are not in Sunday School and to offer traveling men a convenient place to worship.

Orphanage Superintendent

Pastor Harold C. Seefeldt has resigned the pastorate of the First Church, Paris, to accept the position of superintendent of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage at Monticello. Mr. Seefeldt succeeds L. B. Snider who recently resigned as superintendent of the Orphanage to accept a similar position in Chicago.

Mr. Seefeldt comes to his new position from a successful pastorate at the Paris Church. During the past year there were 100 baptisms and many other additions to the church membership.

He has been a member of the Orphanage Board and, is therefore, familiar with the operation of the Home. Under Mr. Snider the population of the Orphanage increased from 40 to 100. Housing facilities and other property have been improved during the past two years in order to take care of the increased number of children cared for in the Home.

Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign In Fort Smith

Ten churches in Fort Smith are co-operating in a simultaneous evangelistic campaign under the direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews, head of the evangelistic department of the Home Mission Board.

The campaign opened October 3, and will continue for two weeks. In preparation for this revival effort, each of the 10 co-operating churches took a religious census in its own territory. The number of prospects discovered in this census totals several thousand. Dr. B. V. Ferguson, pastor of the First Church, was general director of the census.

An effort will be made to break all records in Sunday School attendance in these 10 churches on October 10. Goals have been fixed and plans formulated for reaching all the people now enrolled in Sunday School and the thousands of prospects discovered by the census.

Summer Field Work In Caroline, Woodruff and Carey Association

In 15 churches of Caroline and Woodruff Associations, training schools were conducted by the Summer Field Workers during the week of August 14-21, under the leadership of Ralph W. Davis, State Training Union Director. In these 15 training schools 750 were enrolled in the classes with an average attendance of 536. Ten new Training Unions and three Story Hours were organized. There were 13 conversions, 16 additions to the church and 97 re-dedications. There were 312 people who agreed to read their Bible daily.

Carey Association was the scene of the closing of the summer's work for these colleges of students, where 610 were enrolled in the training schools in as many churches with an average attendance of 420 during the week of August 21-28. There were ten new Training Unions and four Story Hours organized. As a result of the training schools and evangelistic efforts 7 conversions, 13 additions to the churches, and 63 re-dedications were reported. There were 363 people made commitments to read the Bible every day.

Dr. E. F. Haight, head of the department of Religion at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, was the visiting evangelist for revival services of the Marion Baptist Church, September 5-12. Since the Marion Baptist Church was destroyed by fire two years ago and is now in progress of reconstruction, the Marion Methodist Church opened its doors to the Baptists for this revival meeting. There were ten additions to the church by baptism and ten by letter.

Since January of this year there have been 31 additions to the church by baptism and 22 additions by letter, making a total of 53 additions in nine months.



Baptizing for the Steel Bridge Church, Lonoke

Pastor Arthur S. Howard, Steel Bridge Church, Lonoke, reports a successful revival meeting August 8-21, in which E. O. Martindale, student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, did the preaching. The pastor directed the music.

There were nine additions to the church upon profession of faith and baptism, four from other denominations by baptism, four by letter, and two by statement.

★ ★ ★ Christian Horizons ★ ★ ★

Called "The Temperance Tornado," a "wagon train" of trucks from 12 southwestern Kansas counties is making an eastward sweep through the State to campaign against repeal of the State liquor amendment. Manned by nearly 100 boys and girls, the wagon train has a 60-piece band, floats depicting the evils of strong drink, and other features. "Gil" Dodds and Glenn Cunningham, championship mile runners, and other well-known public figures have joined the train to speak against repeal.

Protestant Leaders Stress Value of Church Papers: Three leading Protestant churchmen have issued statements in connection with the observance of October as "Church Press Month" emphasizing the value of church papers in the lives of Christian Americans.

They were Charles P. Taft, president of the Federal Council of Churches; Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance; and Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the National Lutheran Council.

Declaring the people today "are more and more interested in the problems of Christian living," Taft said they were eager for intelligent discussion on the basis of their religious faith.

"This creates an unusual opportunity for the church press," he stated. "At the same time it places upon church periodicals a very heavy responsibility. If they consider their task merely the cultivation of a professionally religious group, as I suspect many of them do, then they will miss the opportunity almost completely."

Taft said religious publications should be increasingly conscious of their lay audience, for "it is the real laymen who are not part of the ecclesiastical operations of the various communions who need to be reached, and they are very readily overlooked." He urged that the material in the church press be "substantial and intellectually stimulating."

Dr. Johnson said the church press was one of the great strengths as well as one of the prime weaknesses of Christian endeavor. He asserted that its strength lay in the "marvelous things that can be wrought and have been wrought" by it. Its weakness, he stated, "is in the fact that so many in our churches have never seen the value of having a religious paper coming into their homes."

Dr. Johnson urged that people of all the churches co-operate in extending the influence of the religious press "to thousands and thousands more homes."

Dr. Empie declared that the importance of the church press in "our daily life can scarcely be exaggerated."

Pointing out that church members must be aware of what is going on everywhere, he said that religious periodicals should not limit their horizons to their own particular body or their own communion.

"National and world-wide news of religion must be featured and events must be evaluated in the light of the Christian conscience so the church may be strong and flourishing," he stated.

—Religious News Service.

Church Schools Nationalized: More than 4,500 Catholic priests, nuns, and lay teachers have become "unemployed" as a result of legislation nationalizing all church schools in Hungary, Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, declared in a pastoral letter read in Catholic churches throughout the country. All indications are that when the former Catholic schools reopen this month they will have no Catholic teachers on their staffs. It is recalled that early in June a group of Catholic teachers began negotiating with the Ministry of Cults and Education for some agreement that would permit the teachers to resume their work, but these overtures were disavowed by Cardinal Mindszenty and the negotiations were ordered stopped immediately. The teachers have been offered opportunities to teach by the government.

—Watchman-Examiner.

Baptists Crusade Against Vice District: Representing Nevada Baptists, Missionary Robert A. Lundy, an appointee of the Home Mission Society, appeared before the Reno City Council and spoke against the opening up of a regulated vice district in Reno. There is a strong faction favoring such an action in the city, and over 3,000 names have been signed to a petition supporting such action. The mayor of the city has called upon the churches to secure as many names against it, thus equalizing the strength of the adherents' petition. The Baptists of the city have joined in the crusade for signatures opposing the establishment of a "red-light" district.

Wins Prize For Best Christian Novel: Argye M. Briggs of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, is the winner of a \$5,000 first prize for her novel, "Root Out of Dry Ground," awarded by the William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. of Grand Rapids for 1948.

The award is given for the best Christian novel submitted to the publishing firm every year. The winning manuscript already has been selected as the "choice of the month" by the Sears, Roebuck and Company book club, Eerdmans said.

Mrs. Briggs' novel, her first, is laid in the east Texas oil country and "depicts the lives of the common people of the great American southwest." She is a part time librarian and wife of an oilfield engineer.

Reward Offered: The Protestant Truth Society of England offers \$5,000 reward to any Roman Catholic who shall produce a text of Scripture to prove any one of the following ten points: That prayer should be made to the Virgin Mary; that the wine at the Lord's table should be taken only by the priests; that Peter had no wife; that priests should not marry; that we should pray to or for the dead; that there are more mediators between God and man than one; that Peter was bishop of Rome; that the Virgin Mary can save us; that the church at Rome is the oldest church; and that the pope is the vicar of Christ or the successor of Peter. In all, \$50,000 is offered to anyone from the Catholic church who can prove from Scripture that the tenets of that church are valid and not mere man-made superstitions.

—Watchman-Examiner.

A Smile or Two

Two rival insurance agents were tall about the prompt payment of their claim.

"If a man died tonight," one boasted, widow would receive the full benefit in first mail tomorrow morning."

"That's nothing," exclaimed the other, office is on the twenty-fourth floor of State buildings. The other day a man jumped from the thirtieth floor and we handed his check at he went past the window."

Teacher: "Give me a sentence with an object."

Boy: "Teacher, you are very beautiful."

Teacher: "What is the object?"

Boy: "A good mark."

It isn't in any of the records that a masterpiece was ever created in the presence of the genial caller who plunked him down beside the writer's desk and remarked "Don't let me interrupt you—go right ahead with your work."

The nervous little man glanced hurriedly at his watch, grabbed his bag, and rushed to the station platform. The effect on other travelers was all that could be desired. They also picked up their luggage and shortly afterward, the little man returned, picked out the best seat in the station, sat down to wait for the train—which was not due for thirty minutes.

"Doctor, can you cure me of snoring?" snore so loud that I awaken myself."

"Well, in that case I certainly advise to sleep in another room."

A celebrated vocalist was in an accident one day. A paper, after recording the accident, added: "We are happy to state that he was able to appear the following evening in three pieces."

Many people follow instructions and directions like the hired man who was discovered painting the board fence one hot summer all bundled up in two coats and two sweaters. When someone asked him why he was wearing so many clothes he replied:

"The label on the paint can says, 'To obtain best results put on three coats,' when I could find only two coats I thought two sweaters would be as good as the third coat."

"Tches," reports Colonel Stoopnagle, something that when a soldier is standing attention his nose is always."

An Irishman who was very proud of his intelligent nephew wrote the youngster as follows when he heard that he had entered theological seminary.

"I hope that I may live to hear you preach my funeral sermon."

"What's this item—ten dollars for overhead expenses?"

"I bought an umbrella."

Professor: "You don't know the first about syntax."

Student: "Now, don't tell me they're talking that."

Baptists and Their Institutions

By SELSUS E. TULL

—Centennial Address at Tulip, Arkansas, September 21, 1948.

Baptists are the original institutionalists. Christ set up the institution of the New Testament Church. The world has never seen a more simple, yet a more enduring organization than the church which Jesus founded. The simplicity of this institution is matched only by its flexibility. Christ gave this institution a world-wide mission, and an age-long perpetuity of operation; yet its genius of organization is made adaptable to the needs of all races of men under every changing aspect of history. Among all institutions and establishments which have been set up among men and governments, history records no example or parallel to the New Testament Church.

Along with other characteristics of this institution Christ bestowed upon His church the right to plan and to organize auxiliary agencies and institutions which might be found necessary in carrying out His Commission. Everywhere in the history of the New Testament Churches, as recorded in The Acts of The Apostles and in the Pauline epistles, we find that in carrying forward their missionary and benevolent activities, the churches commissioned agencies and representatives to carry their plans into effect.

We find also that these churches co-operated to unite their common efforts in carrying out their objectives in the administration of money, and in directing those policies by which to serve the needy and to hold the churches in a common unity, for the advancement of the Gospel, and for the defense of the common faith once for all delivered to the saints.

Our Baptist people have been alert to the need of adopting policies which would best hold the churches in unity, and serve best in advancing the evangelization of the multitudes. Through all Christian history we find the Baptists organizing associations and conventions among themselves through which to facilitate the co-operation of the churches in promoting enterprises which no one church could maintain at its own cost.

Denominational enterprises were never intended to do work different from the work of the churches, but to provide any one church, however small, with the opportunity, by co-operation with other churches, to accomplish what it could not do by itself. No one church can build a college, a hospital, an orphanage, or send missionaries around the world; but by pooling its funds with other churches, each church is afforded the means to participate directly in all such enterprises.

When the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845 it immediately set up the institutions of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board and prescribed their endeavors. These two great Boards are our original "South-wide Institutions." As our Baptist populations grew in the Southland, many other institutions were established.

The alignment of Baptists today with respect to their established institutions, both South-wide and under separate State auspices, presents an ideal Scriptural picture of the accomplishments of a great people to cover the whole commission of Jesus in observing the "all things" which He commanded. The highest tribute which can be paid to any people is represented in the historic fact that our great Baptist institutions, whose

impact is felt around the world, were created and are perpetuated by and through the simple yet sublime principle of co-operation!

The institutions owned and patronized today by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention were only a dream in the minds of our fathers who set up this Convention here in Tulip, Arkansas. The developments in Baptist affairs in these one hundred years is an enchainment of events filled with spiritual inspiration, but it has all been the working out of the fundamental preaching, teaching, and healing program of Christ by a people who have believed that these things should be accomplished by the churches through funds derived only from the gifts of the members of these churches.

Our institutions which are now flourishing only illustrate the development of a people who strive to follow God's purposes. It has taken a hundred years to embody in our present-day institutions the architectural outlines portrayed in the faith of those who on these grounds prayed and covenanted together in setting up our Convention as an instrument through which to construct and steer the policies for the future.

Today as we commemorate that faith, we refuse to accept the idea that any of the work is finished or that any of our institutions are grown. We have just now arrived at a time when we can work through our establishments for an ever-widening conquest. The day of pioneering may be over, but the day of maximum production is upon us. In these past hundred years we have come through the lessons on how to build.

Another hundred years will see the State of Arkansas highly industrialized and otherwise transformed commercially and politically. That day will doubtless witness not less than 20 million people as citizens of this State. Great social and racial issues are to be met and solved. This contemplation contains no dismay or wavering hesitation as we lift up our eyes towards this complex future. We know that the Baptist message contains the exponent by which to resolve all the changes in human affairs and relationships. It deals basically with the re-generation of the individual. It marches under the banner of the absolute liberty of conscience. It defies all tyrannies whether they be political or ecclesiastical. It fosters all the elements which make and keep men free. Every Baptist church is a bulwark of liberation and freedom against every power which would enslave the world!

Hitherto the Lord hath led us! The light of the past emblazons the way ahead while the face of our Great Commander-in-chief is looking straight down the annals of the future.

(Read by Lloyd A. Sparkman, due to the absence of Dr. Tull.)

There are many people who, like Felix, feel the force of the influences and appeals which urge upon them the immediate necessity of yielding their lives to God; but they try to salve their conscience, allay their fears, and answer the undeniable longings of their souls by an ill-advised and fatal delay which will cost them the life of their immortal souls.

Sinning is the most popular practice in the world—all have sinned; and it is the most expensive—come short; it always leaves one in the red.

Scholarship Winn



Vivian Shelton

Miss Vivian Shelton, Little Rock, has awarded the Fannie Breedlove Davis scholarship for Arkansas to Mary Hardin-Baylor College, according to President Gordon Singleton. She is one of four winners Arkansas, Arizona, and Oklahoma.

The scholarships are given in honor of Fannie Breedlove Davis, a former student of Mary Hardin-Baylor, who led in the organization of the Texas Woman's Missionary Union. She also led in organizing the South-wide W. M. U. Scholarships valued at \$1000 each year to a girl in Arkansas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and New Mexico. This year there were two winners in Arizona, one in Oklahoma, and one in Arkansas.

Miss Shelton is the daughter of Mrs. M. Burke Shelton, 2206 Louisiana. She is a graduate of Little Rock high school, where she was a member of the band, glee club, National Honor Society. She was also a member of the A Cappella choir, won first prize in the United Daughters of the Confederacy essay contest, and was finalist in Arkansas Fur Enterprise association essay contest. Miss Shelton plans to major in music education or voice at Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

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Could We Qualify?

Suppose that the membership of your church were limited to 100 people. Would you be in or out? Suppose you had to run for church membership as a candidate for political office. Would you win or lose? Suppose that membership were good for one year and that re-election depends upon how good you had done in the church during that time. Would you be re-elected or not? Suppose that every member of the church did as much for the church as you are doing. Would more seats be needed or would the doors be shut and nailed?

Suppose the church had this set of rules: All dues must be paid in advance. Regular attendance at all services is required. Each member must serve in one of these capacities: Sunday School teacher; member of the Board of Deacons; member of the choir; member of regular standing committee; participate in some other organized church work.

How long could you qualify?

—Selected

Press Report Explained by President of Ouachita

(The Editor's letter to Dr. Grant.)

Dear Dr. Grant:

Following the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College, a news item appeared in a Little Rock paper with this headline: "Government Makes Gift to Ouachita."

It was explained in the article that, "Property and equipment which Ouachita College at Arkadelphia has been renting from the government since the war has been donated to the school, and the school's Board of Trustees voted at a meeting at the Hotel LaFayette yesterday to accept it. Dr. J. R. Grant, president of the college, described the offer in his annual report to the board." The gift is described as "Three large two-story steel buildings, 25 trailers, 43 apartments and a large quantity of equipment are included in the gift."

Is this news report in error? If so, what is the real situation with regard to the transactions in question. If the report is true, how can the acceptance of a gift from the government by Ouachita be justified in the light of the historic American principle of separation of church and state, and in the light of the traditional and unwavering opposition of Baptists to government support for sectarian schools?

In all fairness to the Baptists of Arkansas, to Ouachita, and taking into account the fact that Baptists have always protested against gifts from the government to churches and religious institutions, this situation should be clarified. I shall greatly appreciate any information you can give me regarding this situation.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

—B. H. Duncan.

(Dr. Grant's letter to the Editor.)

Dear Brother Duncan:

In reply to your letter of recent date, let me say that the press report to which you refer, "Government makes gift to Ouachita," is misleading. The statement, "Government makes bargain with Ouachita," would be more nearly correct.

The basis of this bargain between the government and Ouachita is the government's educational program for World War II veterans. At the close of the war the government proposed to provide educational opportunities for the veterans. However, the college facilities of the country were not adequate to provide the educational opportunities which the government proposed.

In order to meet the situation, the government proposed to co-operate with the colleges in the enlargement of their facilities. The government had on hand an abundance of surplus war material which it offered to the colleges at nominal cost in order that they might provide housing accommodations for the veterans and provide them the educational opportunities which the government proposed, and on condition that preference be given to veterans.

Eighteen colleges in Arkansas have participated in this program. In no other way could they have met the educational demands placed upon them by the government's program for the education of veterans.

Ouachita College has spent more than \$100,000 on the equipment received from the

government. The original contracts obligated us to tear down the trailers and apartments after the G. I. program is over. The government is now proposing to all institutions of higher learning in America that they keep and use these trailers and apartments with no further obligation to the government.

As the situation now stands, the government has relinquished any claim it had upon this equipment, and the colleges may use it or not, as they like. Obviously, if the equipment were removed from the campuses, the colleges would have to bear the expense, and since there is no one to claim it, they would have to junk it or give it away. Therefore, the Ouachita Board of Trustees voted to act in accordance with the government action and leave the equipment on the Ouachita campus for the use of the college.

Cordially yours,

—J. R. Grant, President.

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Important Policy Adopted By The Radio Commission

By S. F. Lowe

The important policy of placing all employees, including those in executive capacity, on a "cost of living index" basis as reflected in the Bureau of Labor Statistics was unanimously adopted at the recent annual meeting of the Radio Commission in Atlanta, Georgia. The matter was presented to the Commission by a special finance committee, Dr. Allen W. Graves, Chairman, as follows:

"We recommend that the policy of the Radio Commission be to adjust salaries at least annually in direct relation to the upward or downward changes in the 'cost of living index.'"

This simply means that without embarrassment either to the Commission or its employee's salaries, which are essentially higher than in normal times can be adjusted downward when and as the dollar value rises. Undoubtedly, the adoption of such policy by all South-wide and State agencies as well as local churches would save the causes represented in the Co-operative Program a sum that would re-enforce all that the denomination is doing in the name of our Lord.

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Gospel by Touch

The enlistment of numerous new readers to the Braille Evangel, Baptist monthly for readers by touch, asserts the urgent need and the continuing opportunity for this special channel of Gospel service. During the summer 8,500 additional braille readers were contacted.

A \$10 gift subscription makes it possible to send The Braille Evangel, with its devotional, doctrinal and inspirational material to three touch readers for one year, says Editor Edwin Wilson, of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

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"Pilate sayeth unto them, 'What shall I do with Jesus which is called Christ?'" This is the question of a political opportunist who sought to wash his hands of any responsibility towards Jesus.

A New Educational Policy

A new educational philosophy for Southern Baptists was proposed by Dr. Findley B. Edge in his inaugural address as a member of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Major emphasis of the proposal is on the carry-over of the teachings of Christ into the daily life of professing Christians.

Dr. Edge, assistant professor of religious education, spoke at opening exercises at the seminary, oldest of Southern Baptist pre- or training institutions, began its ninety-second session.

Setting forth what he called "an experimental philosophy of religious education," Edge called for a vital connection between "what goes on in the church on Sunday" and "what takes place in the lives of the people during the week."

"We reject the liberal theological philosophy which holds that there is no need for a conversion experience," Dr. Edge said, "but the weakness in the traditional approach of churches lies in an emphasis on the conversion experience almost to the exclusion of the development of Christian personality character. True evangelism includes both initial experience with Christ and the development of Christian character."

"A drunkard who is won by the church readily understand that he must give up drink but he must also be led to see that embracing Christianity means giving up shady business deals, the paying of starvation wages, everything else not in harmony with the teachings and the spirit of Christ," Dr. Edge said. "It is the responsibility of the church," he continued, "to make clear the meaning of the conversion experience and also to lead converts to develop into active and aggressive Christians."

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Folly Comes Home to Roost

During the second world war, which followed the first world war and preceded the present "cold war," which is preliminary to the third (or vodka) war, the United States government went to extreme limits to cooperate with the brewers in teaching the boys in the armed services to drink beer. They taught them to drink the stronger liquors.

The brewing trade was grateful. Speaking to the Wholesale Beer Association of Ohio on February 7, 1947, Mr. Kenneth Laird said, "Ten million GI's have learned to know like beer much earlier than they would have as civilians. For five years there has been no need to sell. Uncle Sam has been your sales manager and the best you ever had." (Brewers' Journal, March, 1947.)

And now for the aftermath:

A Washington dispatch, appearing in the Chicago Daily News of November 21, 1947, quoted Dr. Paul R. Hawley, Veterans' Administration Medical Director, as saying that Veterans' Administration hospitals are being seriously burdened with alcoholics and that the problem is "increasing by leaps and bounds." The average cost to the Veterans' Administration of maintaining one such patient is \$8.70 a day. The facts are not so surprising but particularly disquieting as a rule the onset of alcoholism is more gradual.

—The Clipsees

A Century of Organized Activity

By DR. J. S. ROGERS

Shakespeare wrote about "a century of prayers." Has not 1848 to 1948 been just that for our Arkansas Baptist people? I am to try to bind together the fleeting elements of 100 years of Baptist activities in this State. History presents a rational process. God unfolds events. Christianity is a historic religion and Baptists are a historic people.

Convention Organized

The date of the organization of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, September 21, 1848, in Brownsville Baptist Church here at Tulip, marks a memorable epoch in Arkansas Baptist life. There were 72 messengers, 71 men and one woman, besides a good number of visitors, at this momentous meeting. There were far-seeing prophets here, a galaxy of Isalahs, Jeremiahs, Johns, Pauls, and men after the type of Peter and James. Dr. W. H. Bayliss, the pastor here at Tulip, presided until the organization was completed with Reverend Isaac Perkins as president; Reverend Samuel Stevenson, secretary; and General Nat G. Smith of Tulip as treasurer. Reverend Edward Haynes preached the introductory sermon and Reverend Bayliss preached Sunday at eleven. There were more than 40 conversions in this two-day meeting. What a token and prophecy of future millions that this Convention would be used by the Holy Spirit to win to the Savior through the centuries.

Other Outstanding Conventions

The Charleston Convention in 1858 was famous because of two great ventures: it established the first Baptist State Paper, the "Arkansas Baptist," with Reverend P. S. G. Watson as chief editor; and a movement was launched, with Reverend W. R. Trawick as agent, to raise \$100,000 for a Baptist school. They raised \$75,000 in two years. The paper did well, but the war ended all.

The Arkadelphia Convention in 1870 emphasized three basic courses: Sunday Schools; Ministerial Education; and Missions. That year Arkansas Baptists had 539 churches and 30,000 church members.

The Hope Convention in 1885 was marked by unity, love, fellowship, and co-operation, and that makes nearly anything possible. The destiny-determining action of this Convention was the momentous decision to establish a college, and Ouachita College was opened with 100 students on the first day, September 6, 1886. That year there were 45,000 Baptists in the State and 3,400 baptisms.

The Arkadelphia Convention in 1891 was marked by the attendance of 200 messengers, a great report for the women by Mrs. Eagle, a fine report from Ouachita College, a vote to establish Central College in 1892, a resolution concerning the Orphanage to be founded in 1894, and the fact that there were 1,138 Baptist churches in the state with 56,000 members. It was a crowning convention. Churches had more than doubled in 21 years.

The Paragould Convention in 1901 is still wormwood. Yet it was a notable meeting. Factors and factions were present which could have set the Baptist denomination in this State back fifty years. Landmark opposition to boards, secretaries, and conventions made a powerful effort to capture the Convention. But it failed, and has not gained a foothold in the Convention since. The Paragould Convention in 1901 really began a new era for

Arkansas Baptists.

The Little Rock Convention in 1924 measured new strides for the Convention and the churches.

The churches reported 9,888 baptisms; total membership of Baptist churches reached 120,000; value of church property was listed at \$4,000,000; the churches gave \$439,000 to denominational causes; the women of the W. M. U. gave \$119,000 to denominational causes.

There were many other achievements worthy of mention, if time allowed.

By 1945 the Convention, meeting in Little Rock, had reached new heights. Dr. B. L. Bridges, executive secretary, reported \$630,000 given by the churches to the causes fostered by the denomination. The contribution of the women had climbed to \$181,000. Subscription to the Arkansas Baptist totaled 26,500. The Hospital had treated 11,121 patients during the year, and the churches reported 10,000 souls baptized.

Such a record means that multiplied hundreds of thousands shall walk in white in the eternal day. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with our Baptist people during the next century!

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Southwestern Seminary News

Construction began September 20 on the Religious Education Building at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. The structure, consisting of two stories and basement, and to be erected at a cost of \$356,270, will be the first of its type ever built in the United States.

Additions to the Faculty: Arthur King, of Midwest City, Oklahoma, assumed his duties as head of the organ department in the Southwestern Seminary's school of sacred music, September 1. He is a graduate of the De Shazo College of Music, Memphis, Tennessee, and studied organ under Ernest Hawke, English organist, and organ and choir work under Dr. Franklin Glynn, international English concert organist, composer, and editor. He studied piano and composition under Arne Oldberg, of Chicago.

Cecil M. Bolton, of Carbondale, Illinois, assumed his duties as head of the piano department in the seminary's school of sacred music, September 1. Mr. Bolton is a graduate in music from the University of Mississippi and holds a Master's degree from the American Conservatory in Chicago. He has also studied under the world-renowned organist, Marcel Dupre.

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Baptist Baby Home Makes First Placement:

The work of the Woman's Emergency Home, New Orleans, under plans approved by the Home Mission Board, has added a new department. The new division is called the Baptist Baby Home. Under this program the first child was placed in an approved home August 27, 1948.

The Woman's Emergency Home has been in operation for fifteen years. More than 800 babies have been born to the young women who have sought help during the terrible days of their disgrace in bearing unlawful children. This new work is the natural expansion of maternity home care.

Co-operative Program Gifts Set Record

1948 Co-operative Program receipts of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here have exceeded \$4,000,000—meaning that disbursements to Convention agencies the remainder of 1948 will be used to supply desperately needed buildings and equipment.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, said that the point for the switching of percentage tables was reached September 9 with receipt of a check from Mississippi.

Action of the Southern Baptist Convention had provided that the Convention agencies would receive a designated percentage of Co-operative Program receipts up to \$4,000,000 for their current operating budgets; and thereafter when receipts reached the \$4,000,000 figure plus \$79,800 for the Convention Operating Budget, all additional receipts should be used to supply capital needs revealed in the extensive survey of the agencies made in 1945.

Capital need gifts through 1947 totaled \$3,772,000, applied against the overall goal of \$20,750,000. Dr. McCall estimates that during the remainder of 1948, an additional \$2,000,000 of capital needs funds will be provided the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, the Relief and Annuity Board, and the four seminaries.

Dr. McCall pointed out that Co-operative Program receipts in Executive Committee offices have exceeded a half-million dollars per month for six of the first eight months of 1948. Only three other times in all the history of the Convention have undesignated funds exceeded a half-million dollars in a single month.

"Charts comparing the Co-operative Program undesignated receipts with designated receipts indicate a very healthy trend on the part of Southern Baptist churches," Dr. McCall said. "With the exception of the special Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong mission offerings, Southern Baptists have apparently been willing to give their money without specially preferred designations to individual objects. They have supported the work of every agency of the denomination in proportion to its needs through the Co-operative Program.

"Explanation of the increased gifts through the Co-operative Program are to be found in the denomination's emphasis upon 'Every Baptist a Tither' and the half-and-half division of funds between the work of the local church and the Co-operative Program objects emphasized in the slogan 'Fifty-Fifty' since 1950."

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Honor Guest

By BILL AND PEN LILE PITTARD

We are indebted for the following story to our friend Buck Ridgley, Singer's Glen, Virginia.

During the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt, a woman from a small Virginia town was visiting with friends in Washington. Like all other such visitors, she was anxious to catch a glimpse of the chief executive, there was any possibility. Thinking that perhaps the most likely opportunity would be to find him at church, the hostess called the rector on Sunday morning and inquired, "Do you know whether or not the President will be at church this morning?"

"Madam," the rector replied, "I could not tell you, I'm sure, but I'll promise you that the Lord will be here!"

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Dixie Jackson Offering For State Missions

Many women seem confused about the offering for State Missions and have called to make inquiry. We wish to clear up any confusion regarding the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions. This offering has gone to supplement the State Mission Funds for several years and will go wholly for that purpose again this year.

The annual State Mission Offering through the Sunday Schools and churches in October has been designated for the Baptist Honor Club this year with the hope that we can complete payment of balance due on our denomination's moral obligation.

We urge every W. M. U. member to make a worthy gift through the Dixie Jackson Offering to help assure sufficient funds for the mission program in Arkansas. We likewise urge you to give your loyal support through your church to the Centennial effort to "Clean the Slate in '48," thus releasing our denomination from the burden of debt for a more intensive world-wide mission program.

Glean for your Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions and remit to your State W. M. U. Treasurer at your earliest convenience.

W. M. U. Enlistment Chairmen

October is designated as "Enlistment Month" in all W. M. U. organizations. Now is the time to plan for an intensive effort to enlist women and young people for membership and participation in the activities of your organizations. It is a real missionary service to persuade someone to become wholly enlisted in Kingdom service.

A Reminder of District W. M. U. Conferences

We would remind you of the eight District W. M. U. Conferences to be held in the near future. Mrs. J. A. Abernathy, missionary to China, will be the inspirational speaker. Check the date and place of your District Conference, announce it at every meeting, and urge your women to attend in large numbers.

1949 Guide Books and Year Books

The 1949 Guide Books and Year Books are now available. Free copies to the W. M. S. presidents are being sent next week. Each W. M. S. president will also receive a questionnaire to be filled in with the names of other officers who are entitled to free copies of these books. We urge the presidents of all societies to give careful and prompt attention to furnishing us this necessary information in order for other leaders to receive their free copies as soon as possible.

Those entitled to free copies other than the president are: all circle chairmen, young people's director and counselors of all auxiliaries. We look to the W. M. S. president to supply us with the

names of the above officers so that they receive their copies at once.

The Guide Books are adaptable for local year books and may be had for 10c each, 12 copies for \$1 or \$2 for 30 copies. Please send remittance with order. Year Books are 15c each. No tax.

Ninety-four Chartered Royal Ambassador Chapters

Of the 296 Royal Ambassador chapters in the State of Arkansas only 94 are real Royal Ambassador organizations. You may think you are Royal Ambassadors but any organization which cannot meet the requirements for a charter is not doing the work that R. A.'s should be doing and so cannot be recognized. These requirements are a minimum for real R. A. work:

1. The chapter must be organized with counselor and officers according to the R. A. Manual.
2. The chapter must meet at least three times within the three months' period prior to application for the charter.
3. The counselor makes a statement of intention to carry out the purposes of Royal Ambassadors as given in the R. A. Manual and the programs carried in *Ambassador Life*.

Your 1948 charter is available now if you can meet these minimum requirements. Write the State Office for your application. New charters will be issued for 1949 but you still have time to get your 1948 charter if you have not done so. Only chartered chapters will be counted when we list the full-graded W. M. U.'s in the State at the end of this year.

New Ranking and Attendance Charts

Attractive new Royal Ambassador Ranking Charts are available

Europe Still Needs Relief

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Europe still desperately needs food, clothes, medicine, and immediate assistance in dealing with the problem of displaced persons.

That was the unanimous opinion of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance which met in London less than sixty days ago for the purpose of mapping out and giving direction to the relief program for the coming winter, and to correlate more effectively the efforts of the various contributing Baptists during the coming year.

The objectives for the immediate future may be briefly stated:

1. The committee agreed that it is necessary to continue the 25 feeding centers in Germany through March 1949. These centers care principally for children and students, though in a number of instances no few adults are fed. In order to carry on this program it will be necessary to provide no less than \$9,000 to \$12,000 per month for food alone, depending upon the fluctuation in prices. In addition to this, it is thought necessary to provide no less than \$50,000 for food to be distributed through the various Baptist churches. There are yet vast numbers of persons in the occupied zone without adequate nourishment.

2. The committee feels, unanimously, that the campaign for clothes must be accelerated during the winter months.

3. Next to and along side the need for food and clothing comes the problem of displaced persons. There are at this moment approximately 3,000 Baptists among the multitudes of displaced persons in Germany. Some 800 of these are Latvians, with at least twice as many Slavs, and among them are to be found some of our noblest servants of Christ.

It is our sincere hope that we may eventually be able to assist in the reconstruction of some of the churches and institutional buildings of our Baptist brethren of Europe, but our first is to provide food, clothes, medicine, and assistance for the displaced persons who look wistfully to us to help as they dream of the day when they too can have a home in a fatherland in which there is

freedom such as we know in America.

Those of us who were stumbled amongst the moldy debris of bombed Europe, and led into the faces of hordes of people who are yet undernourished and poorly clothed, were made to think again and again of words of John who said, "But ever has this world's goods, beholds his brother in need, shuts up his heart against how can the love of God count to abide in him?" (1 John 3:17 Centenary translation).

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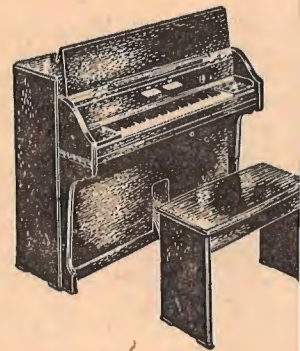
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the major city-wide youth revivals in Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Tulsa, Birmingham, New Orleans, and was member of the youth revival team that went to Hawaii during December, 1946. While enroute to the Olympics this summer was asked to preach at the ship's service to the entire group of Americans going to the Olympic games, had the opportunity of preaching many times in England and Scotland. Spoke on a coast-to-coast radio broadcast, and had an interview with the king of England.

Other outstanding speakers and leaders include: Dr. Frank E. Leavell, South-wide Baptist Student secretary; Dr. Joe Cooper, director of Baptist Youth work in Sweden; Dr. and Mrs. Harold K. Graves, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Dr. Ben L. Bridges, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Dr. Edgar Williamson, director of the Religious Education Department; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, host pastor, First Church, Fayetteville; Marlin Gennings, B. S. U. president and senior at Ouachita College, Arkansas student representative in summer mission work in the Hawaiian Islands; John McClanahan, State B. S. U. president; Baptist College president, College Center pastor and other State and local B. S. U. officers. Tom Landers, Ouachita College, will lead the music.

Special attractions at the State Convention will be the University of Arkansas-Baylor football game, a youth rally on the University of Arkansas campus, forums, seminars, conferences, two college choirs, an orchestra, missionary emphasis, and Christian fellowship at its best.

"Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life," will be the theme when Baptist College students and high school seniors of Arkansas gather at Fayetteville October 8-10, for their annual Baptist Student Union Convention. Registration will begin Friday noon, October 8. The opening session will be at 2:00 o'clock.

Jackie Robinson, the Saturday night Youth Rally Speaker, is the proud owner of the trophy awarded for the most outstanding athlete of Baylor University, 1946-47; was Texas State Baptist Student Union president in 1948-49; selected on all-American Olympic Basketball team which played in England this past summer, has the distinction of being on the world championship basketball team, has participated in all of

A gain of 600,000! What could it mean? Soul winning opportunities greatly extended; mission work strengthened; Bible teaching work enlarged; many additional church members enlisted; confidence strengthened; homes helped, and much more.

And, oh, the urgency of the task. We must fight the subtle temptation now abroad that many Sunday Schools cannot grow any more until a new building is secured. Every Sunday School can grow now—grow in the Extension Department, in the Cradle Roll, in a new Sunday School. One church has just organized two additional Young People's Departments, by using two adult class rooms for assembly rooms during the Adult assembly period. Class rooms were found on the balcony and in the corners of other assembly rooms.

This church has four new classes and two new departments, when the majority said it was impossible. Fortunately one man had the two departments and four new classes going before he heard that it was impossible for this Sunday School to grow. Yes, every Sunday School can grow now.

To gain 600,000 in one year is an average of only 23 per church. Southern Baptists can average 23 gain per church in the Extension and Cradle Roll Departments alone, departments that do not require building space. Again, 20,000 churches have space not now occupied—large rooms that should be divided; unfinished floors; halls; rooms in open auditoriums for more classes. In many places near-by space can be secured or provided.

If Southern Baptists increase the Sunday School enrolment 600,000 in one year, much of the preparation must be completed in October and November. Prospects must be discovered, additional classes started, Cradle Roll and Extension Departments organized, new Sunday Schools established, and visitation intensified. Action prompted by love for God and concern for lost people is imperative. Read, study, and pray about John 4:35 with your workers. Make the theme "Spare not, lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes" the text for a message, followed by a conference and action.

Sunday School Gain Keyed to Evangelism

Why must we reach more people? "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). This command is the authority.

The Southern Baptist Sunday School Program for the year October 1948 to October 1949 has three parts: (1) an enrolment goal—600,000 net gain; (2) an expanded Bible teaching program, including the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, the January Bible Study Week, a family altar in every home, at least one week of Bible study, using one of the Bible books in the Sunday School Training Course; (3) a soul winning emphasis—key all Sunday School efforts to winning to Christ

What is back of this three-point program? Our 2,500,000 unenlisted church members; 26,000,000 lost people (white) nine years of age and up in our Convention territory; 2,000,000 babies in non-Christian homes; 4,000,000 parents trying to build homes without Christ; a lost world waiting for the churches to win and enlist people who will help send the Gospel to every creature. Surely there is sufficient reason why we ought to enroll, teach, and win 600,000 additional people in one year.

Can Southern Baptists add 600,000 net gain to their Sunday School enrolment? If each class will enroll just one additional pupil net, it will produce a gain of 300,000. If 10,000 churches will each organize a Cradle Roll Department 100,000 more would be added. If 10,000 churches each will organize Extension Departments another 100,000 will be enrolled. If each one of the 26,000 Southern Baptist churches will organize just one additional class it will produce a gain of 250,000. If Southern Baptist churches will organize an average of just two new Sunday Schools per association, it will produce a net gain of 120,000.

It is not a question of "can we," but one of "will we!" Ah, there is the vital question! Jesus said "Pray for workers." How many new classes have you started? Will you obey Jesus in this respect? Jesus said "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Have we? Jesus said, "Preach the Gospel to every creature." Have we done our best, even in our own community? Jesus requested Peter to feed his sheep.

Conferences on Church Library Success

For the FIRST time our State will be privileged to have Miss Florida White, South-wide church library secretary, and Dr. J. O. Williams, secretary of education and promotion, to visit us in the interest of church libraries. Church Library Service is sponsoring a Library Tour of Arkansas October 17-22. This is an effort to increase the efficiency of our libraries and encourage new ones to start.

Be sure that your church is represented at one of the six conferences. Certainly every church librarian and library staff will feel that this is their opportunity to get a new zeal for their Christian service.

Note the schedule printed below and select one to attend:

October 17; 2:30-4:30—Jonesboro, First Baptist Church.

October 18; 3:00-9:30—Hot Springs, Second Baptist Church

October 19; 3:00-9:30—Little Rock, Immanuel Baptist Church.

October 20; 3:00-9:30—Fort Smith, Grand Avenue Baptist Church.

October 21; 3:00-9:30—El Dorado, First Baptist Church.

October 22; 3:00-9:30—Pine Bluff, First Baptist Church.

Proposed New Orleans Seminary Building



The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has let the contract for four apartment buildings, which will house 50 families of married students, according to an announcement by President Roland Q. Leavell.

These apartments will be erected on the new 75-acre campus which was purchased in 1947 and will be ready for student occupancy before the 1949-1950 session. The contract for these buildings, together with a concrete road, drainage, and utilities, calls for an outlay of \$750,000. The major portion of this sum is expected to be provided from the Co-operative Program receipts.

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A Mission Program And Church Growth

Five years ago the membership of Lake City church was 102 resident members; the average Sunday School attendance was less than 75; the average Training Union attendance was less than 60. The budget of the church was then \$53 per week. The church was \$3,000 in debt on the building.

Then two years ago the church launched a mission program in an effort to win the lost and reach the unenlisted. Two mission houses are now owned by the church and a school house has been secured for the third mission. Two mission pastors are employed to direct the work and although each mission has its own budget, the mother church sees that all needs are provided.

Did this mission program hurt the Lake City church? No. Instead everything in the church program has prospered. The membership has gone above 500, the Sunday School averages 250, the Training Union 136, the weekly budget is \$265 with over fifty per cent going to missions. A \$4,000 pastor's home has been built and an educational building constructed at the cost of \$20,000. The church is debt free and plans to start two more missions.

B. S. U. Convention

The Baptist Student Union Convention will be held in Fayetteville October 8-10. T. D. McCulloch, the State B. S. U. secretary, will be in charge. McCulloch is a vigorous, progressive, pointed leader. He will lead Baptist students through a splendid Convention.

A Plea For Prayer

By ELLIS A. FULLER
President, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

I have just returned from Europe. I had almost a week of intimate fellowship with the German people in their homes and in their institutions.

Dr. Duke K. McCall and I traveled by automobile through the countryside from town to town and visited in the homes of German people. We not only visited the bombed cities, but we saw the crushed people.

When one visits the cities of Europe, he gets a conception of the destructiveness of war even his imagination cannot grasp. Even in the light of what has happened we have no way of anticipating the disaster and the death of another war. We know that we now have lethal instruments of warfare that mean destruction beyond anything we have ever known.

One cannot visit Europe without getting the impression that another war is probable. Regardless of how optimistic one may be, regardless of how repulsive the thought of another war, the facts of human nature, as they now operate in human relations in Europe, lead us to know that depraved human beings left alone are utterly incapable of solving their problems and working out ways of peace.

It is our habit to call people to prayer after war starts. We set apart special days and call Christians of all nations to kneel in prayer to God for victory. Why not go to prayer now, all of us who have faith to believe that our God is able to intercede against the imminent doom which threatens civilization? If we begin to pray now we may not have to shoot later.

We must pray as individuals and as groups. We must pray in a way to make it possible for God to answer our prayers. We must recognize our sins, turn from our wrong ways, and rest our case with God.

I should like to see every church of every faith make provision for its order of service on the Lord's Day for special prayer to God for guidance, for direction, for protection in this hour of crisis. It would be wonderful if all the churches could unite their hearts to pray on every Lord's Day that the leaders of this earth may somehow grasp and accept the fact of God's holiness and righteousness and the power of God; and under the leadership of his Spirit resolve to stand together in a recognition of the mercy and justice of God.

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Brothers In Christ

By A. JUDSON BURRELL

John Mark was a man with a big heart, but a big heart is not enough. He possessed a Christian spirit, the mind of Christ, and courage to do His Heavenly Father's will. Paul was a man of strong convictions, but willing to correct his mistakes as they were revealed to him. John, Mark and Paul reconciled their differences. They were brothers in Christ. Christ made the difference.

Therefore, let us forget injuries, slights, unkind words. Be too big to be hurt, too great to be unkind, too busy to quarrel, too wise to gossip, too strong to permit little annoyances to turn you from life's big road, too clean to stain your character with muckraking. Then you will be near the inner circle.

Strictly speaking, we are not our brother's keeper—we are our brother's brother.

Look out—to better things, to progress, to improved work, to greater fields of service and to the reward which shall come sometime to all good workmen.

—Harold E. Ingraham,
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The Brotherhood, Executive Secretary Lawson H. Cooke has announced, will collaborate with the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in an effort to put a million men before their radios to hear W. Maxey Jarman, prominent Southern Baptist layman, as he speaks on the regular Baptist Hour on Layman's Day, Sunday, October 10. S. F. Lowe, director of the Radio Commission, has announced that Jarman will speak on the subject "With Christ In Business."

According to advance reports, many of the Brotherhoods throughout the Convention are planning to hear Jarman at especially planned "radio breakfasts." Other Brotherhoods are planning telephone chains in which the men will be asked to call their friends early on the morning of the broadcast and ask them to tune in on the program. Still other Brotherhoods are planning to use a variety of ways to reach the people of their church and community to hear Jarman as he speaks.

The South-wide broadcast on the Baptist Hour is to open what should prove to be the greatest Layman's Day ever witnessed in the Southern Baptist Convention. This broadcast is to be followed by special services in thousands of the Southern Baptist churches in which the laymen will be honored, Cooke stated.

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The Men and the Church Library

By JEROME O. WILLIAMS

All members of a church should be interested in a church library. In this brief discussion we will seek to point out how the men, who are members of a church, can serve to a good advantage in interest of the church library. They can do more than any other one group of people in the church when they unite and work together. They can do the following things:

Evaluate the Church Library

Men have the responsibility as the heads of families of a community and the responsible persons in the church of the community. The men of a church should have a high appreciation of good literature. They should be able to see the value of having an adequate number of good books for a church library which can serve all the members of a church. When men highly evaluate good literature and purchase it for the family, the cultural life of a community will be on the upgrade.

Locate a Library

Unfortunately most churches which have been erected in the past have not provided a place for the church library. The men of a church could make a close survey of the building and find some place which would be suitable for taking care of the library. The size of the church library would necessarily be determined by the size of the church, and the size of the library would determine the place necessary to take care of it. Men could find such a place somewhere in the building.

—Church Library Bulletin.

My Hopes for . . .

Southern Baptists

By R. G. LEE, President
Southern Baptist Convention

I have hopes as to our Baptist people, of which only a few are mentioned here.

My hopes are that wherever we are mentioned, we shall be known as a people, without any Jehoiakim among us—a people who believe that the BIBLE is the Book above all books as a river is beyond a rill in reach — a people who read and study the Bible, adorn its righteous injunctions in our daily lives as the book which God has magnified above all His name (Psalms 138:2) — the Book we teach our children — the Book divine in authorship, infallible in authority, infinite in scope, eternal in duration, personal in application, regenerative in power, inspired in totality, inexhaustive in adequacy, harmonious in infinite complexity — the Book possessing the wonder of self-authentication, validated and confirmed by the Spirit of God with a divine certainty that is incommunicable by reason and impervious to the assaults of doubt.

As to our BAPTIST CHURCHES, all these local, self-governing, independent, democratic bodies, my hopes are that they will be army camps of Christian soldiers, not play grounds—where co-operation with our denominational causes will be practiced on the widest scale with perfect safety to the independence of the churches — churches never earthly-minded but with spiritual power to counteract the spirit of worldliness — churches where the preaching, devotional spirit, earnestness, religious experience, and purpose are identified by the print of the nails and the mark of the Cross.

As to our BAPTIST DOCTRINES, my hope is that we, with simple goodness and greatness as our all-sufficient adornment, shall have power to declare them without the spirit of evil contention or uncharitableness — never animated by the spirit of envy, strife, or denominational conceit.

As to MONEY MATTERS, my hope is that Southern Baptists will honestly earn much and generously and gladly give much for home causes and world-wide needs — making money serve our Christ in all the corners and continents of the world.

As to our EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, that they shall be — academies, colleges, universities, seminaries, all — definitely, declaratively, undeniably Christian institutions where the faith of all students in the Bible and Christ be strengthened and not weakened, fortified rather than weakened, praised rather than derided.

As to ALL DEPARTMENTS of our Baptist Convention, my hopes

are that they shall be able to clothe themselves in more vigorous realities, reach heights as yet attained, and have heavenly visions to which they will never be disobedient—with all our people in loyal fellowship of wise leadership, working together, praying together, giving together.

As to PRAYER, my hopes that our Baptist people will advance on their knees, will have time to pray and, in the time when, really pray—remembering that as Andrew Murray says, "in relation to His people, God will only in answer to their prayer." Dr. Jowett said: "I'd rather see one man to pray than ten men preach."

As to our own PERSONAL LIVING, my hope is that we shall be "always bearing about in our body the dying of the Lord Jesus" — that the life also of Jesus shall be manifest in our mortal bodies. Moreover, marvelous would it be if all, in high places, would hear and respond to the call for deeper spirituality.

As to the MILLIONS OF THOUSANDS UN-**SAVED**—at home and abroad — that millions of Baptists shall become burdened and concerned and seek to win them to faithful Christ.

As to ALL THINGS, that we shall advance the distance to meet the approval of Christ's heart and will — and that Christ shall be glorified in Southern Baptist as the sun is glorified in millions of flowers.

—The Baptist Program

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The Way to Build

Last Sunday morning the pastor was walking down the hall a few minutes before the Sunday School hour and heard one of the loyal teachers say to the superintendent, "I have talked to the women in my class and urged them to become teachers. I hope you can get some of them to accept classes."

That is the kind of spirit which builds great Sunday Schools. I often teachers of adult classes as if to say "I dare you, Mr. Superintendent, to ask any of the members of my class to teach."

A good teacher is one who teaches class members to serve.

A report comes from another adult class to the effect that the teacher on last Sunday made an appeal for members to become teachers. We need many, more teachers and this spirit will reach them.

—Bulletin, First Baptist Church Newport News Virginia.

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Biography In The Bible

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

We noted last week that God's Word contains many forms of literature; the Bible is the Christian's textbook and one of the outstanding forms of teaching is biographical study. We shall observe that a large portion of the Bible is given over to biography, revealing God's emphasis upon this important type of study. Someone has cited these interesting figures: "there are 2,930 different men and women mentioned in the Bible, 256 of which are in the New Testament. We find 30 different men named Zechariah, 25 different men named Azariah, nine in the New Testament named Simon."

We realize from last quarter's study that we know nothing about some of these Biblical characters except their names and that others are "unheralded" or lesser known characters. Some few are widely known because of the facts given in the Scriptures concerning them. The character of this particular study is in this latter group; 15 chapters of Genesis are given to the life of Abraham. Certainly he is the most logical one to be chosen for this study of biography in the Scriptures. Dr. T. B. Meyer wrote: "No human name can vie with Abraham's for widespread reverence amongst all races and throughout all time. Apostles so opposite as Paul and James united in commending his example to the imitation of primitive Christians, in an age which had seen the Lord Jesus Himself."

Abraham occupies an unusual place in sacred writ, for he is the "father of all them that believe." Through Abraham God established his chosen people and gave the covenant of promise. Abraham, though he sinned and displeased God in some instances, was a man called the "friend of God" because of his faith and obedience.

His life was too full for us to consider much of it in one brief lesson; we study the call to Abraham and the everlasting promises of God.

God's Call to Abraham

Our lesson opens with the closing verses of Genesis 11, in which the impression is gathered that Terah, the father of Abram, led the journey from Ur of the Chaldees to the land of Canaan. As the head of the Hebrew household Terah was in leadership, but the leaving of the home in Mesopotamia was in obedience to the call of God to the one whom He had chosen to be the father of the Israelites, Abram. As we read the words of this call in Chapter 12 we recognize the reference to them in Acts 7, and Hebrews 11, and we see that the call was given to Abram while he dwelt in the land of the Chaldeans. God called Abram, and by faith Abram answered the call.

Sunday School Lesson

For October 10, 1948

Genesis 11:31-12:5; 17:1-8

Genesis 12:1 will ever be a lesson within itself; in those ringing words God called to the faith of a man, giving a genuine test of his willingness to obey. It was decidedly a call of separation from all that Abram had known and loved, but God told him he would guide him to a "land that I will show thee." He wasn't going to call Abram out and turn him loose to grope and blunder in darkness. Remember faith in God is "walking in light."

An old Negro once said of faith, "If de Lawd tells me to jump thru' dat brick wall down yander, it's my bizness to jump and de Lawd's bizness to see me thru'." He does see us through.

Abram obeyed the call of God but the completion of the journey was delayed, some time being spent by the family group in Haran. Many believe that Terah was so old and worn by the traveling that it was necessary to stop before going on to Canaan. Many see in this a partial obedience and Terah as a type of those things which keep us from wholly following God.

God's Covenant With Abraham

The call of God to this man carried with it a mighty covenant, one which has changed all spiritual history. This amazing promise embraces six great divisions: "I will make of thee a great nation," "I will bless thee," "I will make thy name great," "Thou shalt be a blessing," "I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee," "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." This latter one is a Messianic promise. Our Lord Jesus Christ descended from Abram and through the Gospel of our Lord all nations are blessed. After God spoke these words Abraham, his wife, Sarah, Lot, and all who were with them came into the land of Canaan and Abraham built an altar to Jehovah.

In the intervening years many events happen in this man's life; he fails to trust God in some instances, as his going into Egypt re-

veals. The Bible does not attempt to cover up a person's life but gives us the truth, both good and bad. Lot and Abraham part; later Abraham with courage and bravery rescues Lot when the warring kings overthrow Sodom and Gomorrah. The first reference to the priesthood is given when Abraham meets Melchizedek and pays his tithe of the spoils of battle. God again appears to him after this with the assurance of protection and the certainty of the fulfillment of the covenant. God tells Abraham that he shall have a son from his own loins and his seed shall be as the stars of the heavens. "He believed in Jehovah" or "Abraham said Amen to the Lord."

We again are reminded of Abraham's frailty as he counsels with Sarah and allows her to influence him to have a child by the handmaid, Hagar. Thus Ishmael, father of the Arab race, is born but it was not the way of God. At the age of 99, 13 years after the birth of Ishmael, Abraham hears again the voice of Jehovah saying, "I am God Almighty." The title is El Shaddai, meaning "I am powerful and strong enough to do as I said I would." In this revelation God confirms the covenant made to Abraham, and demands that he "walk before me and be thou perfect." He was to be the father of a multitude of nations. Each part of this covenant God kept and is keeping. Literally the 12 tribes of Israel, 12 princes of Ishmael and the dukes of Edom came from Abraham. God changes Abram to Abraham here and states that this covenant is an everlasting one and Canaan is an everlasting possession. Humanly speaking it was impossible for a man and his wife, both in their nineties to bear a child, but the all-powerful, all-sufficient God spoke and Isaac, the Seed of Promise, was born to these two.

Through Abraham and his posterity, we have a Bible, a Savior, a Gospel. God gave a call, a covenant, and never once did He fail to do what He said He would! He is El Shaddai!

Figures To Inspire

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		S.S.	T.U.	Ad
Little Rock, Immanuel	1224	389	1	
Including Missions	1544	608	1	
Ft. Smith, First	1104	385		
El Dorado, First	928	217		
Pine Bluff, First	763	207		
Paragould, First	719	272		
N. Little Rock,				
Baring Cross	707	280		
Including Mission	767	303		
Hot Springs, Second	676	198	3	
Arkadelphia, First	632	285	1	
Fayetteville, First	603	259	2	
Including Mission	639	281		
Little Rock, Tabernacle	559	154		
El Dorado, Second	521	208		
Benton, First	519	140		
Camden, First	518	127	1	
Including Mission	717	332		
Hope, First	506	97		
Russellville, First	464	141		
McGehee, First	460	148		
Including Mission	492			
Malvern, First	452	90		
Including Mission	485			
Little Rock, Gaines St.	449	265		
Warren, First	443	115		
Hot Springs, Central	441	125		
Including Mission	488	181		
Magnolia, Central	435	140		
Including Mission	474			
Little Rock, Pulaski				
Heights	434	84		
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	411	116		
Hot Springs, Park Place	401	162		
Paris, First	392	141		
Fordyce, First	390	193		
Springdale, First	383	211		
Including Mission	494			
Conway, First	381			
Cullendale	379	157		
Ft. Smith Calvary	375	80		
El Dorado, Immanuel	373	179		
Hot Springs, First	353	84		
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	337	118		
Rogers, First	337	105		
Stuttgart	332	129		
Including Mission	382			
Smackover, First	328	121		
Hamburg, First	310	136		
Little Rock, South				
Highland	290	109		
Gentry	284	111		
Monticello, First	278	120		
Siloam Springs, First	277	181		
Harrison, First	270	116		
Including Mission	359	152		
El Dorado, West Side	262	112		
Mena, First	262	82		
Including Mission	372	143		
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	237	119		
Pine Bluff, Second	233	96		
Stamps, First	232	170		
Ft. Smith, Southside	232	51		
Dumas, First	223	81		
Including Mission	294			
Texarkana, Calvary	221	94		
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	216	99		
Greenwood, First	203	78		
Jacksonville, First	201	131		
Mt. Ida, First	174	143		
Monticello, Second	158	117		
El Dorado, Joyce City	145	89		
Little Rock, Hebron	144	94		
Pine Bluff, Matthews				
Memorial	128	75		
Warren, Immanuel	106	79		
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	101	41		
El Dorado, Parkview	96	50		
Texarkana, Trinity	79	51		
Hot Springs, Lake				
Hamilton	75	39		
Douglasville, Second	67	34		

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Many churches are engaged in erecting new buildings of some description. Many of them are burdened with the necessity of building. Some of them almost quit the mission business in order to build for themselves. Others have marked time with missions while they increased their contributions for buildings for themselves. A number of churches are now seeing the mistake in a policy of this kind. Nearly all of our churches have been recently engaged in erecting buildings, or are now in the process of building, or are facing the immediate necessity of a new building.

A number of churches are coming to see that if we cut down on Co-operative Missions in order to build at home we shall never, never lift the missionary causes.

With almost one-third of our churches at one time or another new buildings are necessary. If our churches piddle along with a small percentage for Co-operative Missions until buildings at home are erected we shall come to the judgment day to meet the frown of our Savior on our failure to provide for carrying out the great commission in a commendable measure.

Let us try to carry on our Mission Program while we build. We do not believe, after all, that any church has a Christian right to dwarf its spirit and contributions for missions in order to build for itself. We can do it all at the same time better than we can do the one and neglect the other.

Dear Dr. Bridges:

I have heard many remarks about the fine way in which you helped my church before I came. I want to thank you personally for it, and I am sure the membership of my church is grateful to you for your help. We had a great day yesterday. There were 423 in

Sunday School, 200 in Training Union, four additions to the church. Please print this in the Arkansas Baptist.

Sincerely yours,
JAY J. TOLLESON,
Immanuel Baptist Church,
El Dorado, Arkansas

State Mission Day

The annual State Mission Day is rapidly approaching. It is the custom of our Baptist people in the Southern states to emphasize and take a collection for State Missions in October. This year the offering is to go to our Honor Debt, which was created by State Causes. It is hoped that every church and Sunday School will make a special offering. The committee is asking that the offering amount to as many dollars as you have members on your church roll. Not Sunday School members, but church members. Sunday School lessons are being sent to all superintendents.

Not the Dixie Jackson Offering

This offering mentioned above does not apply to the Dixie Jackson offering. The Dixie Jackson offering is an offering sponsored by the State W. M. U. and is made by the women of the churches. This offering is promoted in September.

The regular State Mission offering the latter part of October is sponsored by our State Boards, and there is usually an appropriate lesson in the Sunday School quarterly giving facts about the State Mission Work of the State Convention. It is this offering that we are turning in to the payment of our Honor Debts, and not the Dixie Jackson offering.

Watch Pulaski Do It

The Baptist Pastor's Conference in Pulaski County Association last week took up the question of the Co-operative Program for 1949. A number of the brethren indicated what they hope their churches will do for Co-operative Missions next year. Pastor Campbell and Missionary Ingram were appointed to contact the pastors who were not present.

The objective is to get the churches in this one association to increase their budgets sufficiently to take care of 25 per cent of the state budget increase, that is 25 per cent of the difference between what we hope to collect this year on the one hand, and what the budget will be next year on the other hand. Won't your associational leadership do likewise?

The General Secretary appreciates this action more than he can

say. Usually when the General Secretary speaks on the Co-operative Program the brethren say, "It was a good message. We thank General Secretary. A motion is in order to adjourn." But a pastor Little Rock said, "I like the speech. Let us preachers get together and see what we can do about asking our churches to increase our allocations in proportion to the increased needs of Co-operative Program Budget. We felt like Moses must have been when two fine supporters came along beside him and gave support to his weary outstretched arms. Can't we have support from this from the other association

Osceola and Pastor Cl...

Look what the Osceola Church is proposing to do. This is another one of our churches that propose to do something to alleviate distress in our mission work. The church is proposing to increase allocation for the Co-operative Program nearly 40 per cent. This year it is giving \$3,600. It proposes to give \$5,000 next year for Co-operative Program. What increase. Won't your church do likewise? In 1946 the Osceola Church gave \$2,875 for the Co-operative Program.

Wilbanks and Springdale

Recently the First Church Springdale, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the beloved pastor C. E. Wilbanks. The church is enjoying a remarkable growth. They have baptized nearly 200 disciples and the enrolment and average attendance in the Training Union and in other organizations are increasing all the time. Pastor Wilbanks is a lovable pastor, a progressive leader, and a strong preacher. His work is reinforced by the work of a number of very fine laymen. The church has recently employed Lucian Coleman as pastor's assistant.

This article about Brother Wilbanks was written sometime ago but due to lack of space it has not been published. Brother Wilbanks has now resigned the church at Springdale. He is leaving the State. Brother Wilbanks is a great preacher. We regret so much to lose him from our work and fellowship.