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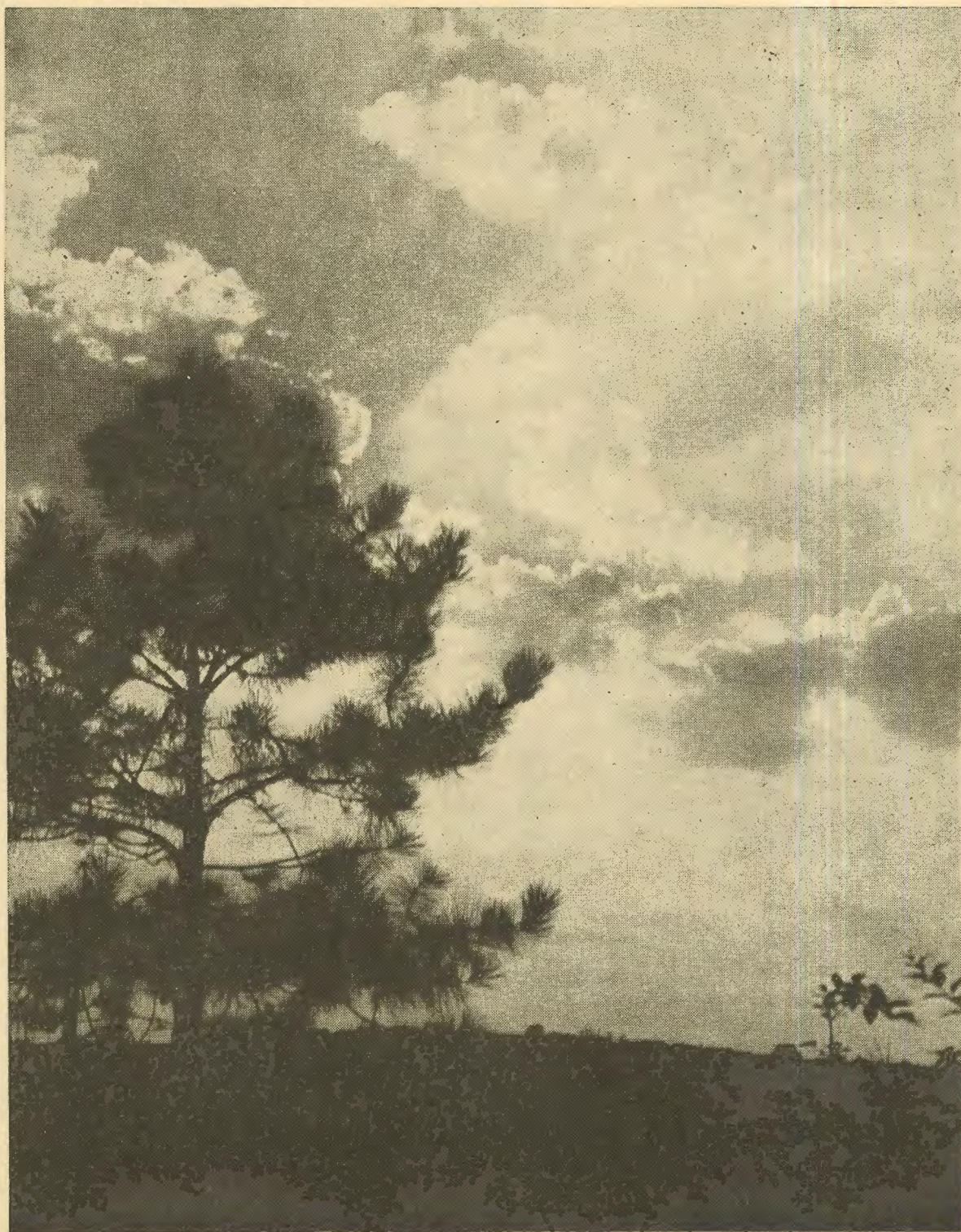
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—Eva Luoma Photo

**"Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth
Unto the Clouds."**

Psalm 36:5

Still Marching Together

By LLOYD A. SPARKMAN

Six months of our convention year have passed and Arkansas Baptists have raised the largest budget in our history with several thousand dollars in spare. We went over the top again in June. With the coming of the fall months the receipts should be much more than that required to reach the budget. Already we can see that we shall go beyond \$900,000 this year. With vigorous promotion in every church, association, from our general secretary's office, and by all our departments, we could approach the million mark for 1952. I say, "Let's try it." How wonderful if we could have fifty or even forty thousand dollars to give Ouachita College to apply toward the imperative need of a men's dormitory! All overage is to be divided 50-50 between Ouachita and south wide causes. It is a shame that so little of our money is going to agencies and mission causes outside our borders. Here is an opportunity for all of us who talk for Ouachita and missions to prove our real sincerity.

These six months prove what Arkansas Baptists can do when we stay together on the proven program of victory—the Co-operative Program. When you read this the Executive Board will have met to work out a suggested budget for 1953. It is my hope and prayer that you are in a spirit of prayer during these days. We must rise to the challenge. We must have vision and courage enough to plan for our institutions and agencies—capital needs and operating expenses—through the Co-operative Program,

which is the only way to keep faith with God's command for individual church members. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." 1 Corinthians 16:2.



If Baptists are scriptural in their giving from week to week, there will be little money in big sums to get in special campaigns. Baptists are Bible people. With our people giving scripturally there will be a large sum to be divided equitably for all our work.

Praise the Lord, we are still marching together.

Remedy This Alarming Condition

By BRUCE H. PRICE
Newport News, Va.

Soon after moving to a former pastorate I was called to conduct the funeral of a woman who lived within a block of the church. I learned she had lived there for 35 years and occasionally attended the services of the local church, but her membership was many miles away in a country church where she had been baptized as a child. A funeral is not a place to smile but when a relative explained the woman had not moved her membership because she had not known how long she would live there, it was all I could do to keep from laughing out loud.

It is tragic for a person to not be "all there." To say the least it is alarming for a church to be only "three-fourths there." According to reports of the best authorities an average of a little more than one-fourth of the membership in the Southern Baptist denomination are non-resident. Realizing the seriousness of this condition the annual Convention in Miami recommended to all the states, associations and churches that September 14-21 be observed as "Transfer Church Membership Week."

The Pastors' Conference

The Baptist pastors' conferences are in a position to have great influence for promoting this campaign in local churches. It is to these groups that I have been asked to offer some suggestions as to how they can help.

At the first opportunity in the pastors' meeting some time could be used to great advantage by discussing "Transfer Church Membership Week," and making plans to

secure the co-operation of all pastors and churches in the organization. Pastors are the key men. Success can be attained only with their enthusiastic support.

To use the general theme as an order of the day with a local minister or a visitor from a neighboring city in charge should prove helpful. Local promotion and publicity should be arranged to supplement that of general denominational publications.

Great stress should be placed on the necessity of a church census to locate unaffiliated Baptists, and the importance of using a visitation program to reach them.

Each pastor should be urged to write the non-resident members in his own church insisting that they join a Baptist church in their community. As an aid to this he can press upon local relatives of those who have moved away, the service they can render by writing these loved ones suggesting that they can be of greater service and receive greater blessings by transferring their church home to their community.

Before the pastors' conference adjourns an opportunity should be given all present to make a public committal to the aims and purposes of the campaign.

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Baptist churches of Mexico have reported more than 5,000 professions of faith resulting from a special evangelistic crusade, with reports from only 60 per cent of the churches.

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Blessed is the man who gives his own church services as service for the Lord Jesus Christ."

Judas The Pretender

A Devotion by the Editor

"And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve." I have called Judas the "pretender;" he betrayed Jesus pretending to be his devoted friend, and he did it with the sign of the most intimate relationship. The nature of pretense is always the same; its enormity will be determined by the enormity of the issues involved in each particular case.

Judas represents that class of people who join Christianity when it is the popular thing to do and when there is some prospect of deriving some personal advantage from it; but who desert the cause when difficulties arise or when it no longer serves their purposes. It is entirely probable that many of those who cried "hosana" in the triumphant entry also cried "crucify Him" when He was on trial before Pilate.

This class is evidently still among us. If there is any class of persons lower in the scale of human degradation, condemnation and woe, and whose conduct is more fiendish because more clever, it is the class that commercializes spiritual things and seeks to make profit out of Christ.

"It is good business to be a Christian and a member of the church." Perish the thought, and let those who think it repent in sack-cloth and ashes. It is the poorest and most disastrous and most dastardly business in the world and leads to the lowest perdition of a devil's hell.

You may be sure that those who seek to advance their social position by attaching themselves to Christianity; and those who seek to win their political fortunes by becoming allied with Christ; and those who seek to make gain by their adherence to Christ—the whole tribe will sell Him into the hands of His enemies when He no longer serves their purposes.

Those who join the Christian movement but do not join Christ will not suffer with Him, they will sell out when persecution arises, they will forsake the cause when difficulties appear. They have always betrayed the Lord; they are betraying Him today, and they will continue to betray Him so long as men allow themselves to be dominated by Satan.

"And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them.

"And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him." Mark 14:10, 11.

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From The Editor's Desk

Shall the Southern Baptist Convention Set Up a Doctrinal Test of Fellowship?

On page eight we publish the comments of other editors of Southern Baptist state papers on the question of a doctrinal test of fellowship in the Southern Baptist Convention, and on the report of the committee on Relations with other Religious Bodies.

Here we discuss certain problems relative to the observance of the ordinances and the autonomy of local Baptist churches.

One problem that is giving considerable concern to many churches in the Southern Baptist Convention is the problem of receiving members from the American Baptist Convention churches, formerly the Northern Baptist Convention. Alien immersion and open communion seem to be commonly practiced among the churches of the American Baptist Convention.

Joint Communion

In fact, at the recent meeting of the American Baptist Convention in Chicago, at which time the Disciples of Christ were holding their convention also, the two bodies, American Baptists and Disciples of Christ, joined together in observing the Lord's Supper. There were about 9,000 people present for this occasion. Gene E. Bartlett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Evanston, Illinois, presided for the ordinance and Dr. George A. Buttrick, a Presbyterian of New York, preached the sermon on "The New Commandment." As reported in the *Watchman-Examiner*, "The ministry of the Lord's Supper was carried out efficiently by the deacons of the Evanston church."

It is difficult to reconcile this type of observance of the Lord's Supper by our Brethren of the North with the prevailing practice of Southern Baptist churches. It is understandable that there should be considerable concern on the part of many Southern Baptist churches in receiving members from the Baptist churches to the north of us who not only practice open communion but by that very practice indicate that they do not adhere strictly to New Testament teaching on baptism.

Baptism Before Lord's Supper

Baptism and the Lord's Supper are close-related, and, so far as we know, all Christian denominations teach that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper. This teaching is based upon the teaching of the New Testament and the practices found there. Hence, it follows logically that if there is looseness in the observance of the Lord's Supper there is looseness in the observance of the ordinance of baptism.

Referring again to the joint observance of the Lord's Supper by the American Baptists and the Disciples of Christ with a Presbyterian as guest preacher, who, we would assume, participated in the observance of the Lord's Supper, it would seem that Baptists in this case recognize the baptism of the Disciples denomination which

administers the ordinance as essential to salvation; they would also seem to recognize sprinkling by the Presbyterians as valid baptism. If these assumptions are not correct, then the Baptists would disassociate the Lord's Supper from baptism and make it a communion of saints or a fellowship observance. It would seem then, if the emphasis is placed upon Christian fellowship, that the emphasis on "discerning the Lord's body" is made secondary.

There is no denying it, the practices of the American Baptist churches with reference to the ordinances do pose a problem in the exchange of members for Southern Baptist churches.

There are pastors and churches in the Southern Baptist fellowship who say that they would receive members from American Baptist churches of the North without inquiring into their baptism or making alien immersion and open communion of the American Baptist churches a test of fellowship. While at the same time these pastors and churches do not practice receiving alien immersion or open communion in their own local fellowship. There are other pastors and churches in our Southern Baptist fellowship who will conscientiously inquire concerning the baptism of any person coming to them for membership from American Baptist churches.

Where Lies The Problem?

Now the issue turns on this question: Shall the problem be left entirely with the local churches or shall the Southern Baptist Convention undertake to guide in the indoctrination of Southern Baptists and Southern Baptist churches and eventually set up doctrinal tests of fellowship?

There are those who contend quite earnestly and sincerely that the local church is an autonomous institution and that the Convention is overstepping its authority and purpose when it enters into the discussion of doctrinal standards for the churches and their constituencies. To support this contention the Constitution of the Convention is quoted to the effect that the Convention was originated for the purpose of "eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel," and for the "promotion of Christian missions at home and abroad, and any other objects such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services which it may deem proper and advisable for the furtherance of the kingdom of God."

Article IV of the Constitution is quoted: "While independent and sovereign in its own sphere, the Convention does not claim and will never attempt to exercise any authority over any other Baptist body, whether church, auxiliary organizations, association, or convention."

On the other hand there are brethren just as sincere and loyal who feel that the Convention should adopt some method of

With Regrets

We regret the reference to Bob Hope, starring in "Son of Paleface" in the Arkansas Power and Light advertisement, in the issue of July 10. We have protested to the advertising agency.

These advertisements have been of a very high order and we have had no occasion to censure them heretofore. We wish to assure our readers that we try to keep objectionable features out of the *Arkansas Baptist*. However, it is like many situations that arise in our churches and other phases of our Christian work, occasionally an objectionable feature will slip in unnoticed.

Plagued By Faith

Returning to the Roman Catholic Church after sixteen years as a revolutionary communist, Grace Holmes Carlson made this significant statement: "Just as a Christian often may be plagued by doubt, an atheist is plagued by faith."

Mrs. Carlson was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church for following the teachings of Karl Marx and Leon Trotsky. She declares that her return to "a religious faith was a slow one, extending over several months." But the significant statement is, "An atheist is plagued by faith."

We believe this is a statement of a universal truth of human experience. We doubt if it is possible for the atheist to go through his entire life without at some time being plagued by faith. There is an eternity in the heart of man that cannot be satisfied, though it may be stifled, by the material and temporal satisfactions. The heart of man cries out for the living God in the midst of the satisfactions of life as well as in the midst of the privations of life.

The only chance of that heart cry receiving a satisfactory answer and a heart hunger being fed with satisfying nourishment is for that faith which plagues the soul to take hold of the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior.

safeguarding Southern Baptist churches against the spread of the apparent looseness in doctrinal integrity as indicated by the reception of alien immersion and the practice of open communion.

It doesn't seem likely that we will achieve unanimity on these questions, but it is to be hoped that the differences of opinion among our Baptist constituency may be so adjusted that we can remain in fellowship without compromising our doctrinal integrity.

It would seem the part of wisdom for the Convention to think long and seriously and prayerfully before it undertakes to impose doctrinal tests upon the churches and their constituencies. It would seem the part of wisdom for churches and pastors to think long and seriously and prayerfully before they let down the bars on baptism and the Lord's Supper and before they give more consideration to fellowship with other religious bodies than with their own Baptist brethren.

Kingdom Progress

Faculty Member Accepts College City Church



JOHN E. STEELY

John E. Steely, a member of the faculty of Southern Baptist College, has accepted the pastorate of the College City Church, Walnut Ridge. The College City Church serves the faculty and student body of Southern Baptist College. Mr. Steely assumed his duties as pastor of the church, July 6.

Formerly he was pastor of Bigelow and Norfolk churches, and Shiloh Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Illinois; also Oak Grove Church near Pochahontas.

Mr. Steely is head of the department of Bible and Religious Education at Southern Baptist College. He is a 1944 graduate of Ouachita College, and a 1948 Th.M. graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. He is now a candidate for the Th.D. degree from the same institution, having recently completed his residence work for that degree including his oral examination.

Mr. Steely is the son of the late D. E. Steely, a Baptist minister of western Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Steely have one daughter, Deborah. They will live in College City.

Evangelist Available

Pastor Emmitt Cross commends H. G. Richardson to the pastors and churches of Arkansas for evangelistic meetings. Evangelist Richardson may be contacted at Blytheville, Arkansas.

Pastoral Changes

Emmitt Cross has resigned the pastorate of Cushman Church to accept the pastorate at Concord. Mr. Cross went to be with the Concord Church on July 2.

Clifford R. Lyon assumed his duties as pastor of First Church, Judsonia, June 22, coming to Judsonia from Central Church, Mineral Springs, where he had spent one year as the pastor.

Conference Speaker, Ridgecrest, August 1-6

Dr. O. T. Binkley will help writers set their feet on bedrock foundations and challenge them to present dynamic Christianity through the written word as he opens each morning session of the Ridgecrest Writers' Conference, August 1-6.

In an effort to lead the writers to a fresh realization of the depths and power of Christianity, the Southeastern Baptist Seminary professor will talk on "A Positive Faith," "A Christian Estimate of Man," "A Christian Response to God's Grace," "A Christian Discipline for Creative Living," and "A Christian Leadership in Dynamic Communities."

By beginning each day's session with a consideration of the content of the Christian message, the conference leaders hope that writers will gain insights and convictions that will lead to a positive interpretation of Christian truth.

Religious editor of *Marriage and Family Living*, in addition to serving as seminary faculty member, Dr. Binkley has come to be widely recognized as a clear thinker and dynamic preacher.

Persons interested in Dr. Binkley's talks, as well as the fiction, non-fiction, and publicity sections of the Writers' Conference, can obtain a copy of the program from Clifton J. Allen, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

Hatton Church In Revival

Hatton Church and Pastor Orville Haley had the services of Paul Shipman, Mena, recently in a revival campaign which resulted in sixteen additions to the church by profession of faith and baptism, and four by letter; sixty per cent of these were above fifty years of age.

Immediately following the revival, a building program was launched which when completed will more than double the present floor space of the church property.

Friends Or Relatives In Michigan?

An appeal has come from Motor Cities Association of Michigan that those who have kinsmen, friends, and acquaintances who have moved to Michigan but who have not transferred their membership, to send the names and addresses to the pastors of churches listed below:

Flint: Chester R. Cole, 915 Crawford Street, Flint; Detroit or Roseville: Coy Sims, 17970 Glendale Avenue, Roseville; Antioch Church, Thomas Sivil, 15299 Park Grove, Detroit; Eber Memorial Church, Marion Boyd, 19001 Schoolcraft, Detroit 23; St. Clair Shores Church, Van M. Sledd, 23740 Elmire Avenue, St. Clair Shores; New Hope Church, Edgar Roberts, 1204 Harding Street, Detroit 14; Manoah Church, E. B. Pryor, 789 Emerson Street, Detroit. Pontiac: H. T. Starkey, 156 Colegate, Pontiac, Fred Hubbs, 125 Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

It would be well if you would also write these persons who have moved to Michigan without moving their church membership, giving them the name and address of the pastor nearest them.

Professor of Philosophy Ft. Worth Seminary



DR. JOHN P. NEWPORT

Dr. John P. Newport has accepted the position of Associate Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, President E. D. Head has announced. He will begin his teaching duties September 1.

For the past year Dr. Newport has served as Associate Professor of Philosophy of Religion and New Testament Interpretation at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to that, he was Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Religion of Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Ouachita Applies For Accreditation

Ouachita College has made application for accreditation in North Central Association, it was announced by Dr. H. A. Haswell, president of OBC. Dr. Haswell stated that he believes Ouachita has strengthened weak areas in the college program which caused Ouachita to be dropped from NCA in 1950.

"Ouachita College has made major improvements in the areas of instruction, curriculum, athletics and improvement of the physical plant. Efforts have been made to strengthen all phases of the college program," stated President Haswell.

Ouachita has Dr. John H. Russell, dean of Shimer College, Mt. Carroll, Illinois, and Dr. A. J. Brumbaugh, president of Shimer College, employed as NCA consultants. Recently Dr. Russell, who has visited the campus several times, wrote that he considered Ouachita's program in such condition that it would be wise to apply for accreditation.

Recently the college completed a self survey covering every phase of the college program. The entire OBC faculty has been working on the survey since October of last year. The 100 page document has been forwarded to the nine-member Self Survey Committee of NCA.

If the Self Survey Committee turns down Ouachita's application, it will take another year of study and survey before Ouachita can reapply. However, if the survey is accepted, as is expected, Ouachita will be called on to submit further written information in preparation for a visit by NCA committee to the campus. The final decision will be made during March, 1951, when OBC's president appears before the Board of Review.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

Central Church, Magnolia, and Pastor Loyd L. Hunnicutt, will have the services of John Haggai, pastor of Woodland Park Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, from September 14-21.

Pastor Charles Holland, Plumerville, has resigned, effective August 17, to enter Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California.

Dr. Albert McClellan, associate secretary of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and director of publications, delivered the graduating address at Southern Baptist College recently. The exercises were held in the college chapel building.

Eagle Heights Church, Harrison, had an enrolment of 170 in Vacation Bible School, average attendance 127. Their were several professions of faith. Hugh Cooper is the pastor.

Millcreek Baptist Church recently conducted a Vacation Bible School with an enrolment of 101 and an average attendance of 92; with an offering amounting to \$23.60. B. D. Smith is the pastor at Millcreek Church.

Pastor Ray Branscum, South Highland Church, Little Rock, is now engaged in a revival meeting with Pastor H. G. Starkey and Memorial Baptist Church, Corsicana, Texas, from July 20 to August 3. Pastor Starkey was formerly pastor of Friendship Church, Jacksonville.

Pastor Leo Hughes of First Church, Genoa, is to be the evangelist in the revival meeting assisting Pastor Harold Hightower and Canfield Church, August 6-15. Mr. Laney Ambrose, the church chorister, will be in charge of the music.

First Church, Montrose, in a two week Vacation Bible School, had 148 enrolled, with an average attendance of 111. The offering was \$25.21 which was sent to the Cooperative Program. Mrs. Julia Williamson was principal of the school.

Youth Team Assists Central, Bald Knob

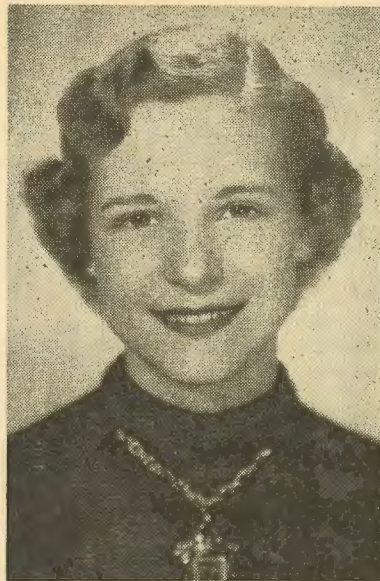
Central Church, Bald Knob, and Pastor W. E. Defreece, will have the services of a youth team from July 30 to August 3. Don Moore, University of Arkansas, will have charge of the music; Tommy Purnell, Ouachita student, will be team leader; Rhine McMurry, Ouachita, will do the preaching; Jack Cowling, Southern State College, Magnolia, will do personal work and conduct the publicity; Tommy Bruce, Arkansas University, will be pianist; Dorothy Rogers and Bertha Moseley, Ouachita students, will do personal work and conduct the Booster Band.

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First Baptist Church
Jacksonville, Ark.

Scholarship Winners At Ouachita



ANNE SUGG

Awarding of two Theodore Blake Scholarships, amounting to \$250 each, were announced by President H. A. Haswell of Ouachita College. Miss Joan Gore of Hot Springs, and Miss Anne Sugg of Helena were announced as recipients of the scholarships, awarded on the basis of "intellect and character."

Miss Gore, a graduate of Hot Springs Senior High School, was co-editor of the



JOAN NAOMI GORE

school paper and a member of the National Honor Society. She was also president of the Hot Springs Chapter of Quill and Scroll.

Miss Sugg rated second in her class of 88 at Helena. Her school activities included student council, band, choir and Dramatic Club. She was first-place winner in the Mid-South Piano Audition held in Memphis last year. The scholarship winner will major in piano at Ouachita College.

Book Review

Scattered Abroad

Author, E. C. Routh Price, 60 cents
Publisher: Broadman Press

In the foreword Dr. Routh gives the scope of this book as follows: "In this study we shall give attention to the score or more of new countries we (the Southern Baptist Convention through the Foreign Mission Board) have entered during the last twelve years. In the closing chapter we shall look at improved missionary methods and techniques which would enable us the more effectively to 'build highways for our King'."

The table of contents indicates these new fields which the Foreign Mission Board has entered in recent years: Crossroads of the Pacific, Hawaiian Islands; Everywhere Preaching the Word, along the China Coast; Completing the Circle, in Latin America; So Little Done . . . So Much To Do, expansion in Africa; Among the Children of Abraham, new ventures in the Holy Land; Training for Service, in Zurich and Rome; Highways for the King.

Dr. Routh has again brought Southern Baptists into his debt by making available to them this information gathered from many sources, condensed and practical, concerning the expanding field of foreign mission endeavor undertaken by Southern Baptists through the agency of their Foreign Mission Board. This book should be read by every pastor, it should be taught in every church, and should be in every church library.

—B. H. Duncan

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The mind seeks, but it is the heart that finds.

—George Sand

Grafton Returns To Mississippi

Pastor W. W. Grafton closed his ministry with First Church, Booneville, on Sunday, June 29, and assumed the duties of his new pastorate with the Providence Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on July 1.

Pastor Grafton came to the Booneville church in September, 1941, from the pastorate of Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he had served for eight years.

During the ministry of Pastor Grafton at Booneville, 470 persons were received into the membership of the church on profession of faith and baptism and 474 by letter; the indebtedness of the church has been liquidated; contributions to the Cooperative Program have increased from \$10 per week to \$80 per week; gifts to associational missions have increased from \$2.50 to \$7.50 per week; weekly receipts have increased from \$125 to \$300. Additions to the facilities of the church include a Hammond electric organ, a grand piano, chimes, and a public address system.

Mrs. Grafton has been particularly active in the program for the development of the young people of the church.

The Graftons have three sons, all of whom are married. Don and his wife are graduates of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, where he is studying for the doctor's degree. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grafton and their two children live in Little Rock; and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Grafton live in Houston, Texas.

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"True religion is not only a comfort but a claim; not merely a refuge but a resource; not only a doctrine to be believed but a way of life to be lived."

—Perry F. Webb

★ ★ ★ Christian Horizons ★ ★ ★

By Religious News Service

Manual Advises Corporations On Aiding Religious Groups

A 400-page book of questions and answers as to how corporations can set up a long-range program to give five per cent of their annual income to tax-exempt religious, educational, and charitable organizations has been issued by the National Planning Association.

The planning group said that the new publication has been prepared in response to heavy demand from business organizations which literally "gobbled up" 75,000 copies of a booklet titled "The Five Per Cent," issued by NPA last year.

The association has been urging business executives to give the maximum five per cent to charitable purposes allowed by present corporation income tax laws and to do so on a comprehensive long-range program rather than merely as piecemeal "hand-outs."

Entitled "The Manual of Corporate Giving," the new volume has been edited, as was the first, by two eminent business economists, Beardsley Ruml and Theodore Geiger.

Corporate donations cost the companies making them as little as 18 cents on the dollar, the manual emphasizes, and bring tangible as well as intangible rewards to American business.

Congress Approves 20 Per Cent Deduction Measure

Congress has given final approval to a bill raising to 20 per cent the amount of an individual's income that may be exempt from income tax because of contributions to religious, educational, or charitable organizations.

The measure was passed in the final rush for adjournment as the House accepted a House-Senate conference report approving the increase from 15 to 20 per cent. The Senate previously had voted in favor of the bill.

The liberalization of the tax laws was in the form of an amendment to a minor House bill exempting from tax athletic events sponsored for the benefit of the Red Cross.

In approving the legislation, the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee said the new 20 per cent limit would give much needed relief to private schools, colleges, hospitals and other organizations which are becoming more dependent on contributions to balance their budgets.

Ministers Ask Ban On "High Pressure" Liquor Advertising

The Birmingham Methodist Ministers Association adopted a resolution calling on Governor Gordon Persons to ban "high pressure" liquor advertising on billboards and in newspapers, radio and television programs.

Commending the governor for his current campaign to reduce traffic accidents, the resolution cited figures from the National Safety Council to prove that a great number of traffic accidents are caused by drinking drivers or pedestrians.

Congressmen To Take Up Religious Liberty Question

A group of congressmen agreed informally to take up the question of religious liberty in Spain with President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson at "the earliest possible moment."

The decision was made at a luncheon, sponsored by Rep. O. K. Armstrong of Missouri, at which congressmen from various sections of the country heard Paul E. Freed, Baptist evangelist from Greensboro, N. C., report on the situation of Protestants in Spain.

Mr. Freed recently visited Spain where he received promises from Interior Minister Blas Perez Gonzalez that Protestants would be granted more religious freedom.

At the luncheon, the evangelist said that he believed Spanish government officials were acting in good faith when they talked with him.

"However," he added, "extreme pressure from certain radical and medieval-minded sources did much to make the desired action on the part of the Spanish government almost impossible."

Selective Service Cautions On Exemption Of Lay Workers

A 4-D (ministerial) classification will be given by draft boards to unordained laymen only on the basis of special consideration of individual cases, Selective Service headquarters said.

A Selective Service spokesman noted that a number of appeals had been received following a recent liberalization of this classification to include lay workers for religious groups. The spokesman said that no comprehensive national ruling has been made on the subject nor is one anticipated.

"In some particularly meritorious cases 4-D classification may be granted," he said. "However, each individual case is to be weighed on its own merits. The local draft board has merely been given discretion to do this, and it does not follow that each and every young lay worker will be classified 4-D. For obvious reasons we are not going to make such a blanket exemption."

Church Construction Starts Drop In First Half

With the effects of the nation-wide steel strike yet to be recorded, starts on construction of new churches in the first half of 1952 were 19 per cent under the value of such construction started in the first half of 1951.

During the first six months of this year new church edifices to cost an estimated \$179,000,000 were begun, according to a report prepared by the Departments of Commerce and Labor. This compares with \$221,000,000 worth of construction started in the first half of 1951.

New churches to cost \$32,000,000 got under way in June, the report disclosed, compared with \$41,000,000 in June a year ago.

A Smile or Two

A youngster stood gazing at his father's visitor, a homely man of large proportions. At length the portly one, becoming a bit embarrassed, said, "Well, my boy, what are you looking at me for?"

"Daddy told mother that you were a self-made man and I wanted to see what you look like."

"Quite right," said the gratified guest, "I'm a self-made man."

"But what did you make yourself like that for?" asked the boy with considerable surprise.

I need ten dollars, and I have no idea where I'm going to get it.

That's good. I was afraid you thought you could get it from me.

Back in the days when agents representing the interests of the newly formed Erie Ry were buying land for right-of-way in upstate New York, they encountered some shrewd bargainers among the Indians. One Algonquin chief was asked whether he would sell a small eroded parcel of land. "Sure, me sell for \$50,000," said the chief.

"Fifty thousand!" the agent exclaimed. "Why that land is no good for planting or pasture. It's just no good for anything."

The chief grunted, "It heap good for railroad."

—Quote

A spry old gent was smoking in the bus. The conductor said to him, "Don't you see the sign that says, 'No smoking allowed?'"

"Yes, I do," replied the old man, "but how can I keep all your rules? There's another sign that says: 'Wear Star-red Lipstick.'"

Doctor: "Was your wife's reducing diet a success?"

Bewildered Husband: "Seems like it was. She disappeared completely last Thursday."

Husband, pacing the floor with howling baby: "Isn't it about time, dear, to take him back to the doctor for the thousand-mile check up!"

The old-time girl was contented with one spinning wheel. The modern girl wants two and a spare.

—Quote

The story is told that the King of Denmark was attending a concert in company with his small son. One of the singers was a woman, whose efforts were—shall we say—unsatisfactory. "Papa," said the little boy, "is it true that this lady sings for the convicts in prison concerts?"

"Yes, my son, quite true," replied the King. "And bear it in mind if you ever feel tempted to do anything wrong."

—Quote

A man asked his doctor quite frankly what was wrong with him. "Well," said the doctor, "you eat too much, drink too much and you're terribly lazy."

"Thanks," the patient replied, "but would you be kind enough to put that into Latin. Then I can have a week off from the office."

—Quote

Pioneer Week At Glorieta

By LEWIS A. MYERS

Glorieta Assembly in its Pioneer Week, August 7-13, is offering, among many highly selective features, a strong Bible course. Dr. Kyle M. Yates, First Church, Houston, will begin at 9 o'clock each morning with an interpretation of significant passages, each fitting into the general scheme of making complete units of the day by day programs.

Beginning Thursday evening, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, presiding, Manager Herron and Architectural Secretary Harrell will be presented for a summary of camp achievements and camp plans. The first special message will be brought by Dr. Porter Routh on "Southern Baptists at Work." The variable features—conferences, Bible study, Unit discussions, music and fellowship, and special addresses will fill full the balance of Pioneer Week which will terminate at noon on the following Wednesday.

Meanwhile, speakers and conference leaders particularly from the Western area will be heard by the 5,000 expected to be present for the week. Among the speakers are: W. R. White, H. H. Hobbs, Jerome Williams, Harry Stagg, James Sullivan, W. A. Criswell, John Hill, Howard Williams, Willis Ray, T. W. Medearis, Harold Ingraham, Vaughan Rock, and W. F. Powell, tops among any group. Well-known conference leaders will intersperse the daily features. Kearney Keegan will direct the music.

The registration fee of \$2 per individual will provide the necessary receipt for meals, chuck-wagon style, on the assembly grounds. Tenting and trailer areas will be assigned free; bunk houses with 3 meals will be offered at \$3 daily; hotel rooms with meals will be \$5.50 daily. Nights and days are exceptionally pleasant. The assembly is within a 20 minute drive of Sante Fe, a 10 minute drive of Pecos and those desiring accommodations outside of camp will find hotels and motels in abundance. For camp accommodations write: E. A. Herron, Glorieta, New Mexico.

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Enroute To Europe

By JOE W. BURTON
Editor, Home Life

With the study of home life in Scandinavia and other European countries as our goal, our party set sail from New York on the good Norwegian ship Stavangerjord. We are due to call at Bergen, Norway, eight days later, and thence to Stavanger, Kristiansand, and Oslo.

There is a reason for the selected areas of our family study-tour. After two days in Oslo, we spend five in Finland, then back to Stockholm for two days in Swedish homes, and thence to Copenhagen for five days. There will be three days in Holland, one in Hamburg, two in Paris, and a concluding period of five days in London.

Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Holland—nowhere in the world (with only one exception) has there been so much interest and activity related to the family. With great energy the people of northern Europe have built stability in their civilization by building strong homes. Only in New Zealand has there been greater political and social interest in the family.

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It isn't hard times that makes collections scarce, it is hard hearts.

—Quote

Registrar-Professor New Orleans Seminary



DR. JAMES C. TAYLOR

Dr. James C. Taylor, formerly Assistant Dean and Professor of Bible at Louisiana College, has begun his duties as Registrar and Associate Professor of Homiletics at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Taylor is a native Mississippian, received his B. A. degree from Mississippi College in 1935, and the Th.D. degree from the New Orleans Seminary in 1947. Before going to Louisiana College, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Point, Mississippi.

Dr. Taylor is married to Miss Ida Mae Wilkins of Hugo, Oklahoma. They have one son, Paul Scott, age seventeen months.

During World War II, Dr. Taylor was a navy chaplain, serving eighteen months aboard a troopship in the Pacific.

"A most important place in the life of New Orleans Seminary is being admirably filled by Dr. Taylor," said President Roland Q. Leavell.

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Congress Appropriates Funds For Church Hospitals

Congress passed an appropriation bill containing \$9,055,000 in federal aid for two Washington, D. C. church hospitals to help them erect new buildings.

The hospitals are Providence (Roman Catholic) and Sibley Memorial (Methodist). A total of \$3,500,000 was earmarked for construction costs of a new 350-bed hospital to replace Sibley Hospital; and \$5,555,000 was allotted to Providence Hospital for a new eight-story medical center near Catholic University of America.

The grants are part of an \$11,400,000 supplemental appropriation request by President Truman asking funds for five hospitals, the other three of which are non-sectarian.

Congress previously had authorized federal aid to the privately-operated District of Columbia hospitals and approval of the money bill now gives the institutions assurance that the government will contribute one-half of the construction cost.

Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, had said earlier that attorneys for his organization were mapping a legal suit in the event that Congress authorized the appropriation to the two church hospitals.

—Religious News Service

News From Baptist Press

Utah Baptists Plan Fifth Annual Camp

More than 300 Southern Baptists in Utah are expected to gather at Uintah Canyon July 28 to August 2 for their fifth annual encampment, according to George M. Williams, president of the camp and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Provo.

The camp has grown from an enrollment of sixty its first year (1948) to a registration of over 200 last year. During the services of the four week-long camps, ninety-six professions of faith have been made.

Kentucky Leader To Retire As Sunday School Secretary

Dr. W. A. Gardiner, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky for the past thirty-two years, has announced his retirement as of November 1, because of ill health.

Oklahoman Gets Edinburgh Degree

An Oklahoma Baptist pastor, Luther Joe Thompson, First Church, McAlester, was among the many receiving degrees from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, July 4. He earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Dr. Thompson is in his third year as pastor at McAlester. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Brimm On Kentucky Group Named To Study Alcohol

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, secretary of the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, has been named by Governor Wetherby of Kentucky as a member of an eleven-member commission to study alcoholism in the state.

Dr. Brimm was instrumental in promoting the creation of the commission by the state's 1952 legislature and is one of two clergymen on the group.

Sunday School Workers Honor J. N. Barnette

Southern Baptist Sunday School workers, pastors, educational workers and others attending the three weeks of Sunday School conferences June 19 to July 9 at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly honored their leader, Dr. Jasper N. Barnette, on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary in Sunday School work with a love offering of \$1,400.

Dr. Barnette is secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee.

"Bible On The Table" Wins 1951 Film Award

Christian Youth Cinema, Inc., has named Broadman Films to receive the 1951 award for producing the most outstanding religious motion picture on family worship, announces Earl Waldrup, secretary of the Audio-Visual Department of the Sunday School Board.

The film winning the award, "Bible On The Table," was among the first of Broadman Films' productions. Broadman is the trade name of Baptist Sunday School Board film productions.

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Shall The Southern Baptist Convention Set Up Doctrinal Test of Fellowship?

(Note: Last week we promised to bring to our readers the comments of other editors of Southern Baptist State Papers on this important question and on the report of the committee on Relations with other Religious Bodies. These quotations follow.—Editor)

"New Testament Sole Guide" Editor Carpenter

Editor L. L. Carpenter, of the **Biblical Recorder** of North Carolina in the June 7 issue of that publication, has this to say in his discussion of the Miami Convention: "This we say with all earnestness. The work of this Committee (the Gardner Committee) should be discontinued. There is no rhyme nor reason for the continuation of this agitation as to whether a doctrinal test shall be applied to local churches for membership in the Convention. Such questions as 'alien immersion' and 'open communion' have been avoided previously by a declaration that the New Testament is the sole guide of Baptists, and if we are wise we will continue this policy."

"Detrimental and Offensive Statements" Editor Alley

Editor Reuben E. Alley of the **Religious Herald** of Virginia has this to say concerning the Gardner Committee in the May 29 issue of his paper: "The contents of the report proved conclusively that the Committee had ended its usefulness; yet the body of the report and the recommendations contained statements detrimental to the Convention and offensive to some of the messengers."

"Convention Not Disciplinary Agency" Editor Tinnin

Editor Finley W. Tinnin of the **Baptist Message**, Louisiana, writes: "While the rank and file of Southern Baptist churches adhere to the practice of receiving members from other denominations only when they are willing to submit to Baptist baptism—nor do they practice 'open communion'—still the Convention was not organized for the purpose of disciplining churches that do not conform to that practice. Some churches in Maryland and Virginia were practicing 'alien immersion' and 'open communion' before there was a Southern Baptist Convention."

"The Convention has gotten along very well for one hundred and seven years without resolving itself into a legislative body to discipline 'recalcitrant' churches on issues of practice. Democracy is one of the priceless heritages that has come down to us. Beware lest we lose it."

"Committee No Longer Needed" Editor Jones

Editor S. H. Jones of the **Baptist Courier**, South Carolina, referring to the Gardner Committee observes: "The objections, as we gather, are twofold: (1) Many feel that this Committee should be discontinued because it is no longer needed to serve the purpose for which it was created. (2) There seems to be implicit in the instruction of the Committee a move in the direction of some sort of Convention action in the realm of doctrine and local church policy. Those who object do so on the ground that this is not a proper function of the Convention."

"In Direction of Hierarchy" Editor Leon Macon

Editor Leon Macon of **Alabama Baptist** says in part: "It appears to us that every Convention will result in division. These things should be safeguarded through our seminaries and other agencies of the Convention. Here the Convention has a perfect right to give directives. When we bring issues to the Convention floor, we run the danger of a commotion. The Convention has every right to consider some individual church's lack of conformity looking toward correction within the church or withdrawing fellowship from it. We will move definitely in the direction of a hierarchy if we seek to give Convention directives directly to individuals."

"Make Convention Ecclesiastical Institution"—Editor Garrett

Editor W. Barry Garrett of the **Arizona Baptist Beacon**, Arizona, has this to say: "If those who insist on making our convention an ecclesiastical institution continue their agitation, the Southern Baptist Convention is headed for stormy weather, very stormy weather, and much damage may result."

"Please do not misunderstand this editor on the question of alien immersion and open communion. He is opposed to both practices, but he is just as strongly opposed to the Southern Baptist Convention or any other Baptist denominational body trying to set the standards of orthodoxy for churches and individuals. A careful application of the principles set forth in President Grey's address will save us from disaster."

"Such Authority Transgresses Constitution of Convention" Editor Owen

We quote from Editor Richard N. Owen of the **Baptist and Reflector** of Tennessee: "We sincerely hope none of the brethren will interpret this action as a mandate from Southern Baptists to consider this Committee as the doctrinal arbiter of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention."

"No such authority can be exercised without transgressing the Constitution of the Convention . . . we believe that there is a very real need for doctrinal integrity and we are against alien immersion and anything else which weakens our denominational solidarity. But at the same time we are also against any inclination to set up any group who may be supposed to say authoritatively what Baptists are to believe and practice. . . ."

"So, whatever the new duties of the Committee on Relations with Other Religious Bodies, it cannot be construed as having authority to declare what the churches must teach and practice. That is within their own sovereign right as churches, in the light of the word of God and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to determine for themselves."

"Result In Authoritarian Convention" Editor McGinty

Editor H. H. McGinty of the **Word and Way** of Missouri remarks that the Convention will have twelve months for the consideration of the issues involved before the Convention meets in Houston next May. He notes that there is nothing necessarily

alarming in asking a committee to study the observance of the ordinances in the churches; that the Southern Baptist Convention is a free and autonomous body, and that it can determine who shall be seated in the Convention and who shall not be seated; that creedal or doctrinal standards for membership would pose many serious problems. He concludes with this paragraph:

"Southern Baptists have faced questions before and have solved them. This question will also be met and the answer will be determined. But it will be a mistake to assume that the answers will be found without study, effort, and prayer. This is certainly a good time to ask: Where will this course take us? Will it be in the direction of an authoritarian Convention?"

"Not A Committee On Orthodoxy" Duke K. McCall

Dr. Duke McCall, president of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in the May issue of **The Tie**, has this to say:

"The Southern Baptist Convention's instruction to the Committee on Relations with Other Religious Bodies to study the effectiveness of Southern Baptist teaching regarding the ordinances is going to challenge the Baptist principles of the members of that Committee. They will find it hard to confine their study to the effectiveness of the teaching and not engage in a discussion of what ought to be taught. The two are not one and the same thing."

"It will be hard for the brethren to be Baptists in the face of their own personal convictions about the ordinances, but I, for one, will be praying that they will do a constructive job of investigating the effectiveness of our teaching methods without succumbing to the temptation to become a committee on standards of orthodoxy among Southern Baptists."

Newton Reviews Purpose And Acts of Committee

Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Georgia, in the May 29 issue of the **Christian Index** sketches briefly the history of the committee in question and its reports through the years. We quote from Doctor Newton:

"Southern Baptists are just now in danger of an ancient error, namely, forgetting history—forgetting to read the minutes of the previous meeting. I refer to the so-called Gardner Committee, dating back to 1947, when a committee was appointed to confer with the Baptists of the North on comity. The action in 1947 reads: 'That a committee of seven be appointed to meet with a similar committee from the Northern Baptist Convention to consider our common problems.' The committee reported in 1948, without recommendations. The committee was continued by vote of the Convention 'to study common problems for another year.'"

"In 1949, after recommending that certain general principles be affirmed with reference to Baptist independence, the committee assumed to enter the field of 'organic union with religious bodies. . . .' which was a definite departure from the purpose for which the committee had been appointed. And without any authority from the Convention, the committee in 1950 went all out into the field of indoctrination, with the recommendation that doctrinal books be taught in all ages, that sermons on doctrines be delivered each day for a week, that we do not join the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and that we be careful how we change the Constitution of the Convention."

"Without explanation, the committee was

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listed in 1950 as the 'Committee on Relations with Other Religious Bodies,' though appointed originally for the sole purpose of conferring with and reporting back on matters relating to the Northern Baptist Convention. The only report ever made by the committee on any conference held with the Northern Baptist Convention was in 1948. By 1951 the committee was declaring that SBC agencies were to have a free hand in promoting their work anywhere in the United States—this without any conference with Northern Baptists (by that time Northern Baptists had changed their name without conference with Southern Baptists.)

"After its 1951 declaration on ecumenicity, doctrines, etc., the committee came in this year with the announcement that since it had previously dealt with 'unionism, liberalism, ecumenicalism, intellectualism, formalism, and socialism,' (none of which matters it had been instructed to report on), the committee extended its scope of declarations this year to include mixed marriages, separation of church and state, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and church loyalty, thus duplicating the assigned work of the Committee on Public Affairs and the Committee on Social Service. My point is simply this: Why does the Convention continue a committee that hasn't touched its assigned subject since 1948?

"After the above review of the committee's departure from its original responsibility, we now have the Milam amendment for its work in 1953, calling for a study on: 'How effective is the present teaching program of our denomination on the question of the church ordinances in the light of present day conditions?' It is my hope that this matter will be kept before our people during the year through discussion in our papers and that the Committee on Order of Business will place the report of the Gardner Committee early in the 1953 Convention, when the messengers will all be there, and that the Gardner Committee will publish its 1953 report in the Baptist state papers at least two months before the Convention. If this is done, the committee will, I believe, be dismissed at Houston."

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Dr. Reagan Explains Illness At Siloam

Dr. L. D. Reagan, the assembly physician, states positively that there was no "ptomaine poisoning" from the food at the recent session of the Siloam Assembly. He further states that "those who ate their meals regularly were not sick, but those who did not eat regular meals in the dining hall, but who ate 'sweets,' 'junk,' 'snacks,' and 'trash,' were sick. Heat and not enough of the right kind of food caused the sickness."

We are glad to pass on to our readers this report from the assembly physician and so to relieve the anxiety of parents and others who became concerned or perhaps alarmed by the sickness at the recent assembly.

The Executive Board in its recent meeting made provision for improving the water system and also kitchen facilities. This was a requirement of the Public Health Department of the state. With the assurance of these improvements and with more care in the eating habits of the boys and girls, we do not anticipate a recurrence of the illness next year.

—Editor

Let's Keep The Goal Out Front

By the Editor



The Executive Committee, in its meeting July 15, set a worthy cooperative goal for 1953. Yet it is a goal that is not out of reach of Arkansas Baptists.

You will note above that the total Cooperative Program goal for 1953 is \$1,071,566.67. You will find on Dr. Bridges' page a complete analysis of this budget.

Viewed in the light of this year's budget and the response of the churches, it was felt by the members of the Executive Board that the budget for 1953 is only keeping pace with the growth of the interest of Arkansas Baptists in the denominational program. As the interest of our people grows and as the response to the challenge of the denominational program increases the Cooperative Program financial budget must increase proportion-

ately. It would seem, therefore, that this increased budget is the measure of the increase in the interest of our Baptist people and their responses to the challenge of Christian stewardship and Christian missions. Should the Cooperative Program goal fail to keep pace with growing interest and responses of our people, then that interest and those responses would be stifled. In fact, the goal must always be out in front of the people as an objective for which they are striving, and never behind as an objective which they have surpassed.

Arkansas Baptists can look forward to 1953 with a definite assurance that God has promised to enable His people to accomplish that to which they dedicated their lives in service to Him.

Burroughs Library Bequeathed To Historical Commission

Dr. Norman W. Cox, executive secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Commission, announces that Mrs. P. E. Burroughs recently decided to bequeath the library of Dr. Burroughs to the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. At the same time she invited Dr. Norman W. Cox, executive secretary, to visit the library in her home and select for immediate use the books that, in his judgement, were most important.

Paper Carries Baptist Doctrines

Southern Baptist missionaries and national Baptists of San Jose, Costa Rica, have contracted with the largest newspaper in circulation in the country for a full page of space each Sunday for ten weeks. The space is being used to cover the major doctrines of

Baptists.

Missionary Van Earl Hughes sent a tear-sheet of the paper to Dr. Everett Gill Jr., the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Latin America, with the following comment: "We have already had a very favorable reaction from many outstanding Catholics congratulating us on this type of work."

The Filipino Call Is "Send Us Missionaries"

"Tell them to send more missionaries!" That is the plea of Filipino Christians.

Mr. W. A. Solesbee wrote Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient for the Foreign Mission Board: "While hearts are hungry and while there is still freedom's light in this country, may Southern Baptists answer the Filipino call, 'Come over and help us.' It is not a glamorous work, it is not an earthshaking work; but it is a needed work."

Church Music Department

Mrs. B. W. NININGER, Director

Meet The Faculty—Leadership School
Ouachita College, August 11-16



FRED BECKER

Fred Becker, director of the Ouachita Symphonic Choir and head of the Voice Department, will teach the class in **Conducting** at the Church Music Leadership School. This class meets three hours each day for six days in order to fulfill the requirements for One Hour of college credit. Many of the people coming to the Leadership School have expressed a desire to do some work toward a college degree. This course is outlined for this purpose. However, those not interested in getting credit may take two hours work daily for five days.

Mr. Becker is to conduct the **Choral Laboratory** during which a study will be made of much music material suitable for choirs of average ability. All of this music can be put to use in your own church. A package containing the entire set of anthems will be on sale at the Baptist Book Store display at the school, cost not to exceed \$2.



ERNEST MOSLEY

Ernest Mosley, recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, and presently associate pastor, First Church, Arkadelphia, is to teach two courses during the Church Music Leadership School.

Church Drama is closely allied with Church Music and is being more and more widely used in making music more meaningful. In directing this class, Mr. Mosely brings a dynamic appeal to the spiritual power of Church Drama, speaking out of a rich experience. He majored in Speech and Dramatics as a student in Ouachita College. While studying at Southwestern, he portrayed the part of James, brother of Christ, in the production of "The Brother."

A class in **Oral Bible Interpretation** promises to be very popular with pastors as well as those people who are called upon to lead in all sorts of devotional services.

Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary

Imporant Coming Events

Women, please check the following dates and make plans NOW to participate in every activity which relates to you and "yours." There is still time for your girls to attend camps. (The boys have had glorious experiences at Ferncliff under the direction of Russell Duffer of Paragould, and Cecil Guthrie of Newport, and in fellowship with many missionaries, pastors, boys of like ages.) Registration fee of \$1 per person should be sent to W.M.U. Headquarters, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock, in order that necessary preparation may be made for every one anticipating attending any camp.

July 26-27—B. W. C. Conference, Ferncliff.

July 28-August 1—Intermediate G. A. Camp, Ferncliff.

August 1-3 — Y.W.A. Camp, Ferncliff.

August 4-8 — Junior G. A. Camp, Ferncliff.

August 11-15—Junior G. A. Camp, Ferncliff.

August 7-13—W. M. U. Week, Ridgecrest.

August 7-13 — B.W.C. Conference, Ridgecrest.

August 14-20 — Young Men's Mission Conference, Ridgecrest.

August 10-16—Sunbeam Band Focus Week.

September 14-21 — Transfer Church Membership Week.

September 15—Day of Prayer for State Missions.

September 30-October 1—Leadership Conference for Associational and District Officers, Petit Jean.

October 28-November 7—District W.M.U. Meetings.

"Advance" is the "battle cry" of Southern Baptists. Inspiration undergirded by information guarantees extension of the Kingdom. The above activities offer both. May we be diligent to "capture" our opportunities.

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Dr. John A. Abernathy,
Baptist Mission
Nan Po Dong No. 22
Second Street, First Place
Pusan, Korea.

NEW LEAFLETS

Enlistment is not new in Woman's Missionary Union, but the leaflet entitled "Enlistment Committee" is new and most helpful. It was prepared by Mrs. George R. Martin, president of Southern Woman's Missionary Union. The question has been dealt with under the four general topics of: The Task, Techniques, Tools, Triumph. A postal card to your state WMU headquarters will bring one of these to you.

Another new leaflet, entitled "W. M. U. Plan of Giving" and prepared by Mrs. H. P. Claus of Maryland, has just been released. In unusual clarity the author has set forth the plans and purposes of Woman's Missionary Union's efforts to enlist members in the support of Kingdom causes. This also can be secured from your state WMU headquarters without charge.

The new leaflets are punched to be placed in a three-hole looseleaf notebook. You can soon build a WMU library by "building" a notebook of leaflets, bulletins, etc.

TRI-COUNTY RALLY

The Tri-County WMU Rally will be held at the First Baptist Church of Parkin, July 31st at 10 A. M.

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Department of Missions

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Dr. L. B. Golden Joins Mission Staff

Dr. L. B. Golden, pastor of the First Church, Corning, will become associated with the Department of Missions on August 1. His work will be in the interest of establishing mission stations and organizing churches in the larger towns and cities of the state.

Dr. Golden is a graduate of Mississippi College, holds a Th.M. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and a Th.D. degree from Central Seminary, Kansas City. He has served as pastor of a number of good churches, including Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Festus-Crystal City, Missouri. He has been pastor at Corning for a number of years during which time the church has paid off its building indebtedness and advanced in other lines.

Dr. Golden's work in helping to establish missions and organizing churches will be at the invitation of pastors and mission committees. Many of the larger churches are interested in establishing missions in some growing section of their towns and need some help in getting the work started. Dr. Golden will meet with the pastor and mission committee and help to outline the steps to be taken in any new mission project and give some of his time in helping to begin the work.

Any pastor who desires the services of Dr. Golden may write to him, 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

TRANSFER CHURCH MEMBERSHIP WEEK

All departments and agencies of our Baptist work are co-operating with the Evangelistic Department of the Home Mission Board in the promotion of "Transfer Church Membership Week" September 14-21.

Our General Secretary, Dr. B. L. Bridges, has met with the department heads and asked each to assume some responsibility in

pushing this program. He has asked the Superintendent of the Mission Department to assume the leadership in carrying this work on to completion. The main task, of course, is left with the pastors and churches. We urge, therefore, that pastors and churches use the following program:

1. That each pastor in the Convention be urged to make a study of his own church roll and write to all his non-resident members, urging them to unite with a Baptist church where they live.

2. That on Sunday, September 7, all the churches of the Convention engage in a visitation search for unaffiliated and non-resident Baptists, using the information card to be supplied by the state executive secretaries.

3. That the information thus obtained be used by the pastors in writing to the church to which these unaffiliated members belong, requesting that church and pastor communicate with these people urging them to unite with the Baptist church of their choice during "Transfer Church Membership Week."

Church members are urged to write to relatives and friends who have moved away from their home churches, and encourage them to join Baptist churches where they now live.

4. That the following calendar of activities be adopted and followed by each church in making this program effective:

(1) A search to locate non-resident Baptists, Sunday, September 7.

(2) Visitation—to begin Saturday, September 13, and to continue daily throughout the next week, with round-up visitation day, Saturday, September 20.

(3) Reception of members—Sunday, September 14; Wednesday, September 17; Sunday, September 21.

(4) Prayer and invitation night, Wednesday, September 17.

(5) Climax Sunday—September 21.

Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, Secretary

Plan Now to Attend Leadership Workshop

A Nursery, Beginner, Primary Leadership Workshop will be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Tuesday morning and afternoon, October 7. This is one of the most important meetings of the year to be promoted by the Training Union Department.

All pastors and Training Union directors should bring their Nursery, Beginner, and Primary leaders and prospective leaders to this workshop. Many Training Unions have only one or two workers with children under Junior age when there should be 10 or 12 workers working in three separate departments—Nursery, Beginner, and Primary departments.

In the workshop the people of Arkansas will "learn by doing" how to plan a unit of work and how to prepare the materials for the unit.

Outstanding workers will direct the workshop. Miss Ann Huguley of the Sunday School Board will lead in the Nursery Workshop. Miss Ann Bradford of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will lead in the Beginner Workshop. Mrs. Doris Monroe of the Sunday School Board and editor of the Primary Leader will

lead in the Primary Workshop.

This workshop is a "must" for all who are interested in working with children below the Junior age. Make your plans now to attend this one day-two session workshop.

Another important Training Union event for this fall is the state planning meeting for all associational Training Union officers and associational missionaries, to be held at First Baptist Church, North Little Rock, October 27. The Sunday School Board will help care for the expense of one or two cars from each association.

ATTENTION, BROTHER PASTOR

Associations are soon to meet. The church letters will soon be made out. Be sure to include your Training Union information in your church letter. This will be our only way of knowing the Training Union enrolment of the churches of Arkansas this fall.

The Ouachita Baptist Associational Training Union meeting was held June 16, with fourteen churches represented and eighty-seven in attendance.

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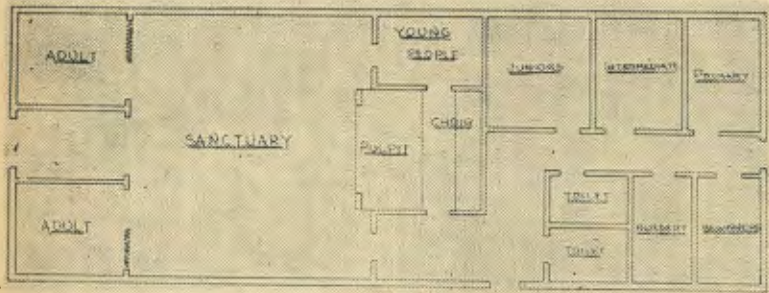
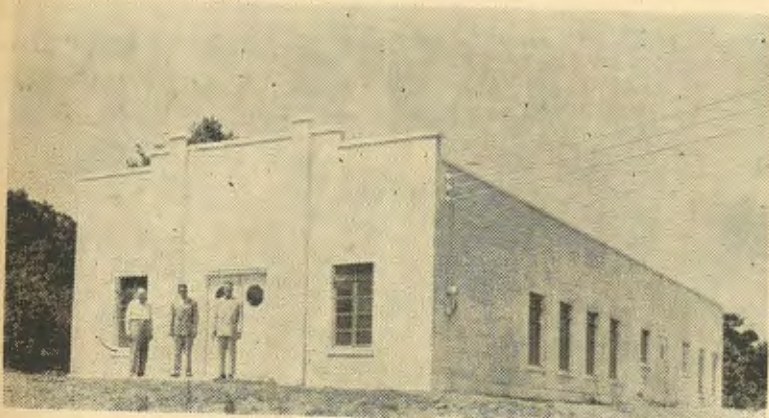
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Garland Heights Mission Of First Church, Fayetteville



FLOOR PLAN

Pictured above is the new mission building, Garland Heights, sponsored by First Church, Fayetteville. The first service was held on Sunday afternoon, July 6, with several out-of-town guests on program, which included Dr. J. M. Price, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth; Dr. B. L. Bridges, Little Rock; and State Missionary M. E. Wiles.

Glenn Steel, former pastor of Liberty Church, Dutch Mills; Berry Street Church, Springdale; and the Sonora Church, is the mission pastor.

Walter Johnson is pastor of First Church, Fayetteville.

The drinker drinks alcohol to "escape" the hard realities of life. His wife does not escape, his child does not escape, society as a whole does not escape. In the end the drinker does not escape.

"Religion, after all, is expression, not repression."

The only male who rules his household these days, methinks, is the one who sleeps in a crib.

REMEMBER YOUR ORPHANAGE IN FALL PROGRAM PLANS

Attention—

Pastors, Deacons, Leaders in Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, W. M. U. . . .
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Any amount received more than actually necessary for operations will go in capital needs funds.

H. C. SEEFELDT, Superintendent,
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage

Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, Secretary

In August '52

EMPHASIS: Promote the Use of the Standards

In the Association:

1. Teach in the churches books on Sunday School administration
2. Encourage and help new Sunday Schools
3. Arrange for associational officers to attend state planning meetings
4. Complete plans for enlargement in connection with Promotion Day
5. Hold Sunday School workers' meeting:

Theme: "Completing plans for Bigger Work Next Year."

In the Churches:

1. Have Sunday School training school—books on Sunday School administration.
2. Elect department superintendents.
3. Complete plans for Promotion Day.
4. Win lost members in the Sunday School.
5. Enroll all church members.

CORRECTION

In the July 10, issue of the Arkansas Baptist, we gave the name of Mrs. Homer Heath as teacher of the "Friendship" class, Adult Department, First Baptist Church, Little Rock. This was in error. Mrs. J. J. Freeman is the class teacher; Mr. Homer Heath, the department superintendent. We are glad to make this correction.

COMING EVENTS

September 2-3—Associational Sunday School Leadership Conferences.

September 16—State-wide Special Associational Planning Rallies.

October 13-14—State Sunday School Convention, South Side Church, Pine Bluff.

NOMINATE ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS NOW!

A number of associations will have their annual meeting in August; others in September and October. A nomination committee should present the Sunday School officers of the association for the new year to the Executive Committee at least a month before the annual meeting of the association.

Every officer should be approached personally before he is nominated and should not be elected unless he consents to serve. It is best not to change officers often, if the present officers are working. It takes some time for the associational Sunday School workers to familiarize themselves with their duties. Time is needed for studying the churches and their needs.

Nominate your associational Sunday School officers now and provide for them to attend the STATE PLANNING MEETING, September 2-3, at Little Rock.

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Some folks tithe their mite,
Other folks tithe with their might.

And some folks don't tithe—
WHO MIGHT!

—OOO—

A hot temper will never melt a hard heart.

I believe the promises of God enough to venture an eternity on them.—Watts

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Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

By IONE GRAY, Press Representative

DR. CAUTHEN TO RETURN TO STATES

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will make his headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, after September 1, 1952. The move from Tokyo, Japan, to Board headquarters in Richmond is made at the request of the Board.

Commenting on the move, Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary, said: "Because of shifting conditions in the Orient, Dr. Cauthen has made his headquarters in that area for the past several years. The Foreign Mission Board believes the time has come for the secretary for the Orient to be stationed at the headquarters in Richmond, along with the area secretaries for Latin America and for Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

"From Richmond, Dr. Cauthen will maintain direct contact with the field by personal visits as conditions may necessitate. At the same time, he will participate with the secretarial staff of the Board in the over-all planning which must be done at the headquarters in Richmond.

"In establishing his headquarters in Richmond, Dr. Cauthen will strengthen the contacts between the Foreign Mission Board and the work in the Orient and will strengthen the over-all administration of the Board."

Dr. Cauthen will attend the meeting of the Japan Baptist Convention in Kokura, July 22-24, and the mission meeting in Kyoto, August 4-8, before leaving for America with his family.

TEN NEW MISSIONARIES APPOINTED IN JULY

The Foreign Mission Board named ten young people for overseas mission service at its July meeting, bringing the total for the year to 65.

Four of the July appointees will go to Brazil: Nadyne Brewer, Texas; Catherine Flo Chappell, Georgia; and George Bagby Cowser and Hilda Kathryn Bean Cowser, North Carolina. Four will go to Spanish-speaking Latin America: William Hasel Ferrell and Opal Miriam Young Ferrell, Mississippi, to Argentina; and Matthew Anderson Sanderford and Dora Jean McDonald Sanderford Texas, to Uruguay. The other couple, Earl Martin Fine and Roberta Marie Fine, Kansas, will go to Nigeria.

LATIN AMERICA

Dr. Everett Gill Jr., secretary for Latin America, reported that the Board's first sea-going vessel has been dedicated in ceremonies in Freeport, Texas. The 50-foot craft, christened "Dorcas," will be used by Missionary and Mrs. C. W.

McCullough in work among the English-speaking inhabitants of a group of small islands, lying off the east coast of Nicaragua, which belongs to Colombia. The two missionaries have made their headquarters for the past ten years on San Andres, a two-by-seven mile island of the group, which has about 5,000 inhabitants.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough, who have been in the States on a year's furlough, sailed July 9 with their children from Freeport, Texas, aboard the new vessel for the 500-mile voyage to San Andres.

Churches on the islands asked the Foreign Mission Board, through Mr. McCullough, for assistance in facilitating transportation of the missionaries between the islands and the Nicaraguan mainland. The boat was purchased with funds provided by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Dr. Gill read the plea of Missionary Dan Sharpley, Santa Maria, South Brazil, for more missionaries. Although the state of Rio Grande do Sul has 34 co-operative churches with a membership of approximately 3,000 and 28 national pastors and missionaries serving the area, there are still 72 out of 92 counties without any Baptist work. Missionary Sharpley listed six cities with a population of 20,000 each, 12 cities with a population of 10,000, and 11 with population of from 5,000 to 10,000 without any Baptist work. He wrote: "We come again to voice our hopes for more missionaries. This state is wide open to missionary aid. The churches ask for it. The missionaries beg for it. The state demands it."

THE ORIENT

The July report of Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, stressed the need for Bible schools for the training of national leadership on new mission fields. "On every field, evangelism and leadership training go hand in hand," he said.

Dr. Cauthen recently spent ten days with the Hawaiian Baptist Mission and wrote of the work there: "Excellent houses of worship have been constructed and splendid property has been provided for Bible school, academy, assembly, and student work. Many young people have dedicated their lives to special Christian service and some will soon assume places of responsibility in the work, adding a great deal of strength."

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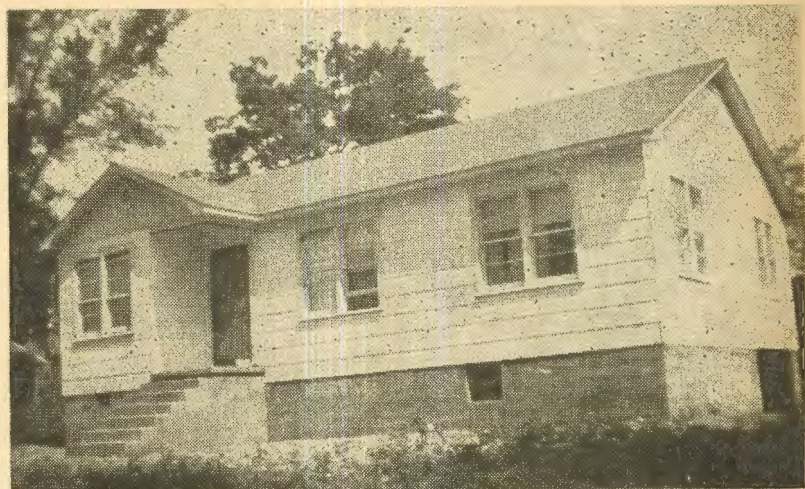
Willingness without action is like a cloud without rain; there may be lots of thunder and lightning, but no parched ground is watered.

—O. B. Blackledge, Way of Truth

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You can't put your sins behind you until you face them.

Valley Springs Dedicates Parsonage



Valley Springs Church, Boone-Carroll Association, and Pastor S. W. Wilkerson, dedicated their new parsonage on Sunday, May 25. Missionary Claude Crigler was guest speaker. A basket lunch was served at the noon hour.

Figures To Inspire

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Fort Smith, First	1286	597	17
Including Missions	1428	622	
El Dorado, First	908	203	2
Including Mission	1010	241	
No. Little Rock			
Baring Cross	828	301	2
Including Mission	912	336	
Little Rock, Second	715	160	2
Pine Bluff, South Side	610	239	2
El Dorado, Immanuel	597	298	2
Including Mission	649	349	
Benton, First	575	73	
Including Mission	628	116	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	557	168	6
Camden, First	554	131	10
Including Missions	905	345	
Texarkana, Beech St.	545	233	2
Little Rock, Tabernacle	520	217	5
Paragould, First	505	201	
Hope, First	495	122	
El Dorado, Second	492	200	1
Springdale, First	490	199	3
Including Mission	601	246	
Forrest City, First	488	179	
Warren, First	484	134	2
Crossett, First	472	140	
McGehee, First	460	120	8
Including Mission	627	183	
Siloam Springs, First	454	282	2
Hot Springs, Park Place	428	127	
Conway, First	420	93	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	417	173	1
El Dorado, West Side	413	127	
West Helena	410	136	
Cullendale, First	408	204	2
Paris, First	388	118	
Rogers, First	377	173	1
Including Mission	442	204	
Texarkana, Calvary	375	128	2
Little Rock, So. Highland	370	173	5
Stuttgart, First	364	140	1
Including Mission	401	174	
Smackover, First	350	108	
Fort Smith, Calvary	342	130	
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	332	82	
Hot Springs, First	318	128	5
Hamburg, First	313	141	2
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	299	118	1
Mena, First	289	88	2
Including Mission	320		
Wynne	285	65	
Bentonville, First	231	60	
Including Mission	277		
Jacksonville, First	266	100	1
Including Mission	300		
Fort Smith, South Side	262	73	
Paragould, East Side	251	111	5
Gurdon, Beech St.	238	98	
Pine Bluff, Second	235	87	1
Including Mission	247		
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	230	137	
Hot Springs, Finney	228	201	
No. Little Rock, First	199	67	
Crossett, Mount Olive	176	100	
Star City, First	166	45	
North Crossett, First	152	90	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	146	92	2
Nettleton, First	145	93	
Bauxite, First	294	137	
Kibler	135	98	1
Paragould, North End	119	69	
Paragould, South Side	87	32	
Board Camp	86	58	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	75	51	
Hot Springs, Emanuel	49	34	

SNATCHING OUR BANNER

By CHARLES A. WELLS

We are losing much ground in our struggle with communism because we will not face the nature of the Marxist appeal. In plain words, they take what we urge as the ultimate aims of God's kingdom—and which we often do little in a practical way to accomplish—but they offer to fulfill these aims here and now. However, human society cannot be changed so quickly and unalterably without violence, oppression and tyranny, so the Communists freely admit the use of these forces. We make much of their evil excesses but often dodge the fact that their basic premise is but a distortion of the aims and promises emblazoned on our banners. To meet their violence with more violence, their tyranny with the surrender of our freedom to military extremism and political fanaticism, will bring us no victory.

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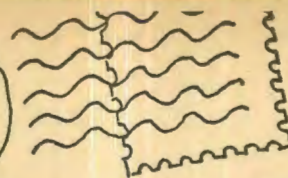
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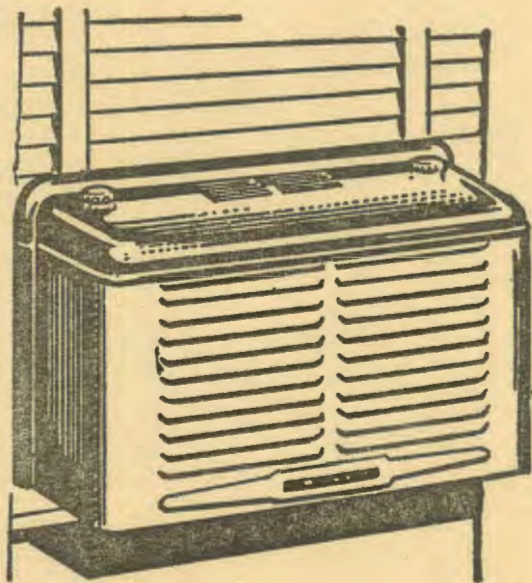
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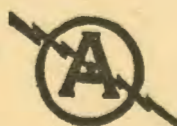


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HELPING BUILD ARKANSAS

God Prepares a Leader

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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Some men are born to be leaders, but leaders are never born ready made. Leaders must be prepared, developed. This truth is emphasized by a study of history, and by personal experience and observation. Some people have more natural ability for leadership than others, for the same reason that some have more musical ability than others. But like the musician, the leader must learn the technique before he or she can lead others.

We have an interesting combination of events in this lesson showing God's leadership in developing men; His use of human instrumentality in the progress of His plans; and the reward of human desire to be of service to the Lord. First, God needed a leader in Israel; second, Hannah desired a son more than anything else in the world, and her persistent prayers did the seemingly impossible; third, she wanted a son for the glory of God, so when God gave her a son, she gave him back to the Lord.

PROPER PREPARATION IMPERATIVE

In Bible times when the Lord began to develop a leader, that person was placed in the position and surrounded by the proper circumstances to train and develop him. Take Moses for example. He was born during a period when all male babies were being slain, yet Moses was spared. And the very circumstances that prevailed made it possible for Moses to be reared by his own mother who taught him the precepts of God, but as an adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter, which gave him access to the Egyptian palace, and no doubt during the years he learned many things he needed to know about the Egyptians. Some day he would lead Israel out of Egypt, and all his knowledge and experience would be an instrument that could be used to the advantage of God's people.

David's career is another interesting study. David was called in from herding sheep, a teen age lad, and anointed king of Israel by Samuel. This was done secretly for Samuel feared King Saul. But events developed, King Saul had a nervous breakdown. Someone sent for young David, the musician, to live at Saul's palace and make music for the sick king. Further events compelled David to flee for his life; the king became suspicious of David, he somehow suspected that David would inherit his throne. In the end, David gathered himself a small army and lived in the wilderness for some years,

Sunday School Lesson for

July 27, 1952

I Sam. 1:20-28; 3-1, 16-4:1

fleeing for his life from one place to another while Saul persued him. David learned the habits and policies of the government through those years he spent in the king's palace; he learned how to manage an army in his efforts to save his own life; he learned how to cope with difficult problems; he learned how to get along with other people and how to handle people. And during those trying times, he learned a great deal about the God of heaven. Those experiences and trials were the basis of many of his psalms.

David was chosen to be a leader under the direction of God, but David had to be trained for the place which the Lord had for him to fill.

Samuel had long years of training before he became the great man about which we study. He was taken to the tabernacle to live when he was a small child, he literally grew up in the Lord's house, was instructed throughout his youth by Eli the priest. He was allowed to do the things that a child can do, such as lighting the candles. He watched Eli make the animal sacrifices on the altar for many years and learned just how the religious rites were conducted. He grew up in the environment that would train him for the priesthood. He had all the advantages that the priest's own sons had.

He seemed to have become a prophet, also, at an early age. The indications are that he was a teen-age lad when the Lord first spoke to him, and gave him his first difficult assignment: Eli and his sons had committed an unpardonable sin. Eli's sons were vile men, they assisted him in the tabernacle services even in their sins, and Eli did not correct them nor reject them, therefore, Eli's entire generation was to die and no amount of sacrificing could atone for their sins. It fell Samuel's lot to deliver this death warrant to his dear friend and foster father, Eli. The priest made it easier for the lad and warned him to always do the things that God commanded.

GLEANINGS FROM THE LESSON

God is still developing leaders. The world will never have too many of the right kind of leaders. From the local church throughout our denomination and in our national life we need more consecrated Christians in places of leadership.

2. Hannah is a beautiful example of womanhood and motherhood. She wanted a son, but not for selfish reasons. She desired a

son more than anything in the world; she agonized over her desire. But when Samuel was born she dedicated him to God, then God gave her a family for her own pleasure. There is no greater investment to society nor to eternity than for Christian couples to rear a family for the glory of God. It is not an easy task but it is a happy one and profitable one.

3. All children should have the benefit of Christian environment like Samuel had. It is nothing short of a CRIME to bring children to this world and make no provision for their spiritual welfare. It is heartbreaking to see the streets and highways filled with children on Sunday mornings when they should be in Sunday School and church. The least we can do for our young people is to provide equipment for their spiritual growth and training, then do all in our power to see that they get the full benefit of it. Like Samuel, children should be permitted to do the little things around the church that they can do. Children should be reached for the Lord while they are young.

Someone has said: "Suppose Paul had been converted at 70 instead of 25. There would have been no Paul in history. There

was a Matthew Henry because he was converted at 11 and not 70; a Dr. Issac Watts because he was converted at 9 and not 60; a Jonathan Edwards because he was converted at 8 and not at 80; a Richard Baxter because he was converted at 6 and not 60."

4. Hannah aspired to have a son in the ministry of the Lord. Do you? Jesus commanded us to pray the Lord of the harvest that He send forth more laborers into the field, for it is white unto harvest. Christian parents should encourage their children to go "where the Lord would have them to go, and to do what He would have them to do." We are willing to ask God to call the neighbor's children to special service or to foreign fields, but "You can just leave mine alone Lord; I would have them stay closer to home." Hannah gave her only son to the Lord—she had no assurance that she would have other children.

5. Again, the fact is brought out in this lesson that cannot be emphasized too much, and that is that God must have clean vessels in His service. Eli and his sons came to an early death because of their sins. Their sins have been exposed and held up as an example to others for hundreds of years!

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Executive Board Recommends Larger Budget

By DR. B. L. BRIDGES, Executive Secretary

The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention met in an all day session Tuesday, July 15. The main purpose of this meeting every year is to adopt a tentative budget for the following calendar year. The budget is to be recommended to the State Convention which meets in November, and the Convention will approve it or change it, and then approve it, as the messengers of the churches see fit to do.

The meeting last week was one of unusual interest. Arkansas Baptists are facing a new day. We are clearing out the debts of the Convention this year, and by the end of the year the Convention should not owe one dime. Of course, the Arkansas Baptist Hospital has recently erected an office building, and will owe for that, and there is a possibility that the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College will borrow some money to complete a boys' dormitory, but the corpus of the college's property will not be mortgaged for such a loan.

With the Convention free of debt, we may look forward to a great period of expansion and improvement. For the last year and a half we have been making great strides and the churches have been giving more money than we had actually asked for the operation of our work. This year and a half of marked progress has given us every confidence that Arkansas Baptists are ready to do bigger and better things than we have ever done before. This confidence and assurance and hopeful outlook was reflected in the deliberations and vote of the Board last week on great issues and great programs. The Board voted that every active agency should expand its operations, and recommended an increase in budgetary items to support the work.

The Board voted to recommend a budget of \$1,071,566.67. This, of course, is for the year 1953. The recommendation is to give for the Southern Baptist Convention work 40 per cent of the distributable items in the budget. The funds for Administration and W. M. U. work and Retirement Plan operations are used to promote both Southern Baptist Convention Work and the Baptist state work. After that the operating budget is divided between the state and Southern Baptist Convention causes. This is in accord with the suggestions of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The percentage of this division in Arkansas and in several other states has, for several years, been 60 per cent for state causes and 40 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention causes. This is the plan we are following in Arkansas for another year. After another year we should give a better percentage for Southern Baptist Convention work, and we believe we will be able to do so. But we have reasonable assurance that we will give more than the \$916,566.67 next year. It is hoped and believed that we will give at least \$155,000 extra that can be used for capital needs, that is for permanent buildings and improvements for our institutions, and the Executive Board recommends that it be divided as follows: The Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, \$40,000; Arkansas Baptist Hospital, \$40,000; Ouachita College, \$50,000; Baptist Student Union Buildings, \$25,000.

Please study these proposals carefully, and at the proper time voice your feeling and faith about them.

The Executive Board also elected another state missionary. He is Dr. L. B. Golden who has for several years been pastor of First Church, Corning.

1953 Proposed Budget As Recommended By The Executive Board

OPERATING BUDGET

DIVISION I

NON-DISTRIBUTABLE ITEMS:

Administration	\$ 36,000.00	
W. M. U.	27,000.00	
Retirement Plan	25,000.00	\$ 88,000.00

DIVISION II

STATE CAUSES

Music Department	8,942.00
Training Union Dept.	14,200.00
B. S. U. Department	22,500.00
Sunday School Department	21,298.00
Brotherhood Department	17,600.00
State Missions Department	90,000.00

Churches Destroyed By Tornadoes

The Baptist Churches that were wrecked by the March tornadoes were First Church in Judsonia, the Negro Church in Judsonia, the building in which the Midway Church was worshipping between Judsonia and Bald Knob, the Georgetown Church, Trice's Chapel Church at Cotton Plant, a colored church, and also a Negro church in England. We made an appeal for donations from sister churches to help these churches in rebuilding. Upon our faith in this appeal we advanced \$2,000 to help First Church in Searcy raise enough money to build a temporary building for the Judsonia saints whose homes were torn to pieces, and which congregation had no place to hold any kind of a service. This temporary building was immediately constructed and the Judsonia Church has had a place to worship while they are getting their new building. This \$2,000 advanced to them was refunded by the offerings that the churches have given. The receipts for this fund to rebuild these church houses has amounted to \$30,462.52 at this writing. The Judsonia Church had sufficient insurance to rebuild their houses and have said to us that it wants no more than the \$2,000 that was advanced to them immediately after the storm, except, of course, such designations that were given specifically for the Judsonia Church.

The committee appointed by the Administration and Finance Committee in April to recommend the division of this storm relief fund recommended that after Judsonia was taken care of as has been stated above that 36 2/3 per cent of the fund be given to the Church at Midway, and 10 per cent of the fund be given to the Negro Church in Judsonia, and that 16 2/3 per cent of the fund be given to the church in Georgetown, and that 18 1/2 per cent of the fund be given to the Eudora Church in England. The Executive Board approved this division of the funds. These churches all are profuse in expressing their appreciation for the warm hearted response of the Baptists throughout the state in supplying funds to help them rebuild. We also thank the brethren for their generosity. We asked for \$25,000, more than \$30,000 has been given, and it is well that that much was given because it is costing more to build than was first anticipated.

Storm Contributions

Plumerville, Charles Holland, \$33.20; Caney Creek, \$30.00; Spring Valley, Jack Taylor, \$30.00; Wilson, D. B. Bledsoe, \$20.00; Smackover, Dale Taylor, \$11.00; Arkadelphia, David Moore, \$5.00; Grannis, \$289.34.

Arkansas Baptist	10,000.00	
Promotion & Convention	10,500.00	
Reserve	7,000.00	
Evangelism Department	8,000.00	
Ministerial Education	5,000.00	
Orphanage	36,000.00	
Arkansas Baptist Hospital (Charity Fund)	15,000.00	
(School of Nursing)	30,000.00	
Memorial Baptist Hospital Memphis, Tennessee	10,000.00	
Arkansas Baptist Assembly	11,100.00	
Southern Baptist College	30,000.00	
Ouachita College	150,000.00	497,140.00
Total Operating Budget for State Causes		585,140.00

DIVISION III

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CON- VENTION CAUSES	\$331,426.67	\$331,426.67
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$916,566.67

DIVISION IV

CAPITAL NEEDS: (No dis- tribution until operating budget met).		
Arkansas Baptist Hospital	40,000.00	
Orphanage	40,000.00	
Ouachita College	50,000.00	
B. S. U. Department	25,000.00	155,000.00
BUDGET		\$1,071,566.67