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A Masterpiece from the Hand of the Divine Artist

Pastoral Fellowship In Church Member Transfer

By JOHN CAYLOR

One of the attractive features about Transfer Church Membership Week, September 14-21, is the fellowship pastors will enjoy as they contact one another relative to their members who have moved away.

Maintaining Interest

There are two ways in which pastors will show their continued interest in members who have moved away from the home church. Usually when church members are transferred to other sections of the country or move seeking better advantages, they are recognized by the home church before they leave. When they tell the pastor about the transfer it is a good time for him to encourage the family to move the church affiliation at the earliest possible moment. The pastor may not know a pastor in the city to which the friends are moving, but he is more likely to make a valuable church contact than the members would be and could get whatever information may be needed. This interest in the member who is moving will increase the likelihood of an early transfer.

Friends in the community from which the members are moving will give church parties and in other ways show appreciation for their friends before they leave the city. This gives the pastor the opportunity to help in making new contacts.

Another way in which interest may be maintained is through correspondence with a pastor in the city to which the friends are moving. A follow-up communication with the family itself would help the members who miss the church back home to find a place of service in the community to which the family has moved.

Correspondence

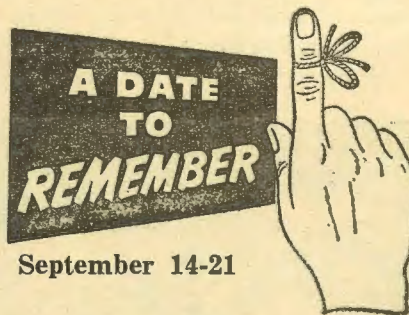
Many of us make the matter of letter writing a tremendous burden. It is not necessary for a pastor to have a secretary and a well-equipped office before he writes letters or becomes a good correspondent. Handwritten letters, brief and pointed, are more acceptable than long, formal letters. Why not write a letter?

For a number of years I was either associate pastor or pastor of a church. The fellowship I had with fellow pastors in the matter of church member transfers was a very pleasing experience.

When my friends were moving to another city usually I could look up in the Southern Baptist Annual an acquaintance in the city to which the friends were moving. A letter to such acquaintance brought a response that was gratifying and the assurance that my friends would be visited as soon as they arrived in the city. I tried to find out when the friends were moving so that I could give my acquaintance in the other city both the time and the address. This was helpful both to the friends and to the church which was sure to receive some new members.

Correspondence with pastors of people who had moved into my church community opened another avenue of pleasant experiences. In securing information about unaffiliated Baptists whom I was trying to enlist in the church I served, I found the name of the pastor and the church so I could write to him and tell him about the members who had moved to a certain address in my community. Often this resulted in a letter from the pastor to his members recommending my church to his family.

Another blessing which came to me through corresponding with a pastor in the city to which my friends were moving was in the receipt of a letter giving me the names of members who had moved from his community to mine and suggesting that I call on them. In such correspondence we increased the efficiency of our churches, the fellowship of friends, and the usefulness of members who moved.



Fellowship

From the continuing interest in church members who had moved away and the reciprocal interest in unaffiliated Baptists in the community revealed by correspondence from acquaintances in distant places, there developed a wonderful fellowship. Pastors got acquainted with one another and continued a pleasant correspondence which resulted in later contacts of good fellowship.

Not all the blessings in Transfer Church Membership Week will go to the members who move their membership. Pastors will enjoy rich fellowship as they get acquainted with one another and with members of one another's churches.

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"Rainbow South"

Albert McClellan, Author Broadman Press

In his book, "Rainbow South," the author opens wide the windows of greater understanding of Central America's mission fields.

Not only does Mr. McClellan give us valuable and interesting historical background of the tiny countries, but in graphic, realistic manner he makes the reader feel that he, too, is visiting Central America.

The author is quick to observe, and alert in capturing for us what he sees. In his pleasing style of writing he divulges the busy and interesting lives of the missionaries and vitalizes the presence of their spiritual comfort.

Mr. McClellan gives his reader a feeling that he is standing underneath the great arc of "Rainbow South" watching a busy program of missions in vital action.

The book will be widely read and appreciated by those who love missions.

Sam W. Scantlan, Supt.
Rural and City Missions
Baptist General Convention
of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something.

—The Watchman-Examiner

Peter The Backslider

A Devotion By the Editor

"... and the cock crew."

Peter was thoroughly frightened. Did they remember him as the one who had drawn his sword and cut the young man's ear off? If they established his identity, would they put him under arrest? And the bitter oaths of denial fell from the lips which only a few hours ago had professed such loyalty and which had declared that he was willing to go to prison or even to death with his Lord.

What a sorry sight it is to find one of Christ's followers among the irreligious and the enemies of Jesus, and afraid to acknowledge his relationship with Jesus, afraid to stand up for Him.

It was in the late hours of the night or the early hours of the morning; a familiar sound smote his ears, a sound which he had been cautioned to expect—the cock crew. This was the second time and it was heard even while he was denying with oaths that he even knew Jesus. And he remembered. He remembered that Jesus had predicted his denials, he remembered his own boastful declarations, he remembered his rash conduct, he remembered his pouting attitude—and memory did its work. In that moment of vivid recollection he could not hold back his eyes from looking in the direction of Jesus, and their eyes met, for Jesus was looking at him.

That look was enough, it broke his heart, and well it might. "And he went out and wept bitterly." I think there is another event which is related to Peter's denial and to his recovery. In one of the resurrection appearances by the lake of Galilee, Jesus asked Peter the third time, "Lovest thou me?" and Peter answered finally, "Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee." You know my weakness, you know my denials, you know my sins; but, Lord, you know I love you.

There is hope for one who weeps bitter tears over his denials and disloyalties. And if there were more weeping among Christian people and less pouting and fault-finding, there would be more service and more happiness and more souls saved.

"And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept." Mark 14:72.

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From The Editor's Desk

How Many Members In Your Family?

Are you a family of three—father, mother, and one child? But aren't you overlooking someone? There is another member of the family you are supporting, though he doesn't live under your roof. You are supporting one government employee. Each family of three is responsible for keeping up one government employee.

Or are you a family of six — father, mother, and four children? In that case there are two other members of your family—government employees—whom you are supporting, which makes you a family of eight. And these other members of your family, the government employees, on the average, live better than you do because it takes more of the national income per person to support them than to support the members of the family who live at home.

Can Democracy Survive?

How are these figures arrived at? And what is their source of authentication? Government bulletins are the source of information from which these figures are taken, figures which should shock the American people as deeply and as powerfully as they have ever been shocked.

The statement that every family of three is supporting one government employee and every family of six is supporting two government employees is based upon the fact that approximately one-fourth of the American people, or thirty-seven million of them, are drawing checks from government, either local, county, state, or federal. And further than that, government is taking one-third

of the national income to support this one-fourth of the population, leaving two-thirds of the national income for the support of the other three-fourths. And this one-fourth, it will be noted, consuming one-third of the national income is living better on the average than the rest of the population. But added to that one-third of the national income, taken by one-fourth of the population, there is other income received by many groups of people who are receiving money from some unit of government in the United States, and this means that perhaps forty per cent of the total national income is going to twenty-five or six per cent of the population.

It would seem to be perfectly obvious that democracy in the United States cannot survive this situation if it is continued. And if it is continued the definite trend is, not to decrease the number of persons who are receiving money from government, but to increase that number. It is a matter of impossibility for the American system of free enterprise to bear this load and survive; it is a matter of impossibility for democratic processes of government to be manacled by this system and survive.

The American people must make up their minds now—and we do mean now—whether they want this process of absorption by government to continue, or whether they want to halt the trend and recover at least a part of the responsibilities, the freedom, and the initiative which have been so liberally delegated to government.

The Simultaneous Stewardship Revival

A simultaneous stewardship revival in all the churches of Arkansas is planned for November 2-9. Lucien Coleman, assistant general secretary, and J. W. Buckner, pastor of First Church, Crossett, have been charged with the responsibility of promoting this simultaneous stewardship revival.

Preparation

We publish on page eight a suggested outline of preparation for a stewardship revival in the individual church. This outline of preparation is by J. W. Buckner, who has had a great deal of experience in conducting stewardship revivals. Buckner has not only had wide experience but signal success in stewardship revivals and his suggestions on the preparation for such a revival should be taken seriously by the pastors and churches throughout the state.

The one solution to the problem of advancing the cause of our Lord and carrying out His commissions is for Christian people to recognize, acknowledge, and accept their Christian stewardship obligations. When Christian people accept their stewardship obligations, they will meet every need and every demand of the cause of Jesus in the world.

It is hoped that every pastor and every church in the fellowship of Arkansas Baptists will co-operate in this simultaneous stewardship revival in November. Such a revival will give impetus to the whole program of Arkansas Baptists. It will also give impetus to the Southern Baptist program as Arkansas Baptists increase their ability to participate in the wider program of Southern Baptists.

Christian Growth

Christian stewardship, however, is not directed wholly toward church and denominational programs. That is, we are not promoting Christian stewardship and a simultaneous stewardship revival throughout the state for the sole purpose of getting more money to promote a greater program of Christian evangelism, missions, and benevolences. That is only one side of Christian stewardship; the other side is the development of the Christian who accepts his stewardship obligations. In accepting his stewardship obligations the individual Christian develops in his spiritual life, in his understanding of God's will and purposes, in his joy and satisfaction in Christian stewardship and Christian service. The full

Figures Documented

Now for the documentation of the figures given above! U. S. News and World Report in the June 20 issue reports that eighteen million people received checks drawn directly on the U. S. treasury; that six million people received checks drawn in part against funds from U. S. treasury. The figures are broken down as follows:

To 6.2 million workers: Pay checks.

To 5 million old people or survivors: Insurance benefits.

To 5 million needy old people or survivors: Pensions.

To 4.2 million veterans or survivors: Pensions, benefits, aid.

To 2.8 million farmers: Conservation checks.

To 1 million unemployed: Unemployment benefits.

The other thirteen million people who receive checks from government are those on the receiving end of the line from municipal, county, and state governments. The twenty-four million reported by U. S. News and World Report are receiving checks either directly from the federal treasury or from funds supplied jointly by the federal government and state governments.

But a more detailed analysis was reported by Representative Ralph W. Gwinn in the House of Representatives on April 2 of this year. Representative Gwinn reports the figures of Mr. Paul O. Peters, editor of News Bulletin, who also gives the sources of his information.

Of course, we recognize that there must be government employees, that there must be assistance programs. But by the wildest imagination it is impossible to conceive that there is need for thirty-seven million American citizens drawing money from the government. We give the analysis of Mr. Gwinn on page nine. Turn and read it and study it and see if you can find a remedy for the situation.

joys and satisfactions of the Christian experience cannot be had without the acceptance of one's Christian stewardship obligations. The Christian life grows to full fruition only in the acceptance and the practice of Christian stewardship.

Enemies Of The Home

Under the above heading, Report from the Capitol, monthly newsletter published by Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, gives some figures on liquor advertising, taken from the National Temperance and Prohibition Council.

During 1951 Life magazine received \$9,912,087 for liquor ads; Time received \$2,914,880; Colliers received \$3,375,370.

A full page, full color ad in Life sells for \$30,935.

Magazines which refuse liquor advertising include: Reader's Digest, Ladies Home Journal, and Saturday Evening Post.

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The men who signed our Declaration of Independence came from a total population of 3 million, including Negro slaves. Today, in a country of more than 150 million, it is difficult to bring to mind a score of men who have inspired the people with their qualities of national leadership.

Kingdom Progress

South Side, Little Rock Calls First Pastor



G. E. NETHERCUT

G. E. Nethercut has accepted the pastorate of South Side Church, Little Rock, and is now on the field.

South Side Church was organized January 20 of this year with 98 charter members. Rural Evangelist R. A. Hill served the church as supply pastor the first four months. The church membership is now 112; 26 members have been received by baptism. The Sunday School is fully organized, the Young Peoples' department being the most recent addition. The Sunday School enrolment is 137, with an average attendance of 100. The church also has the Training Union, W.M.U. and Brotherhood organizations.

The Vacation Bible School was held recently, with 122 enrolled, average attendance of 88, and there were eight professions of faith.

Mr. Nethercut was the pastor of Plainview Church, near Pine Bluff for six years and eight months prior to coming to Little Rock. During that time 233 members were received into the church by baptism and 193 by letter. The building was enlarged twice.

Mr. Nethercut is a graduate of Ouachita College. He and Mrs. Nethercut are natives of Saline County. They have one daughter, Mrs. H. A. Taylor of Benton.

Youth Revival At Cotton Plant

First Church, Cotton Plant, had the services of a youth team in a revival meeting July 20-27. There were thirty-five additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism.

Members of the team were Rhine McMurry, Tommy Purnell, Don Moore, Tommy Bruce, Dorothy Rogers, Bertha Moseley, and Jack Cowling. Ray Tatum is the pastor.

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He who parades his virtues seldom leads the procession.

Calico Rock Has Bible School And Revival Meeting

Calico Rock Church had a Vacation Bible School from July 7-11, with an average attendance of 45.

Summer field workers, Shirley Joplin and Jessie Nutt, assisted the church in the interest of the Training Union department from July 19-26.

Rayburn Bone will assist the church in a revival campaign beginning August 11.

J. D. McNair is the pastor.

Calvary Church, Texarkana Has Successful Meeting

Calvary Church, Texarkana, and Pastor C. C. Ussery, had the services of Evangelist Fred Cherry and Evangelistic Singer Mark Short in revival services from July 13-27, which resulted in 52 additions to the church, 29 of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism.

Ministers Licensed

Pastor Garland W. Morrison of Immanuel Church, Fayetteville, reports that on July 13 the Immanuel Church licensed four young men to the gospel ministry: Forrest Johnson, Max Alexander, Harold G. Gateley, and Garland Allen Morrison, son of Pastor Morrison.

Formerly the Immanuel Church had ordained to the gospel ministry Cooper Marshall, who is now in the Southwestern Seminary, and Leo Caylor, now a missionary in Japan.

Immanuel Church is less than three years old but it is actively engaged in promoting mission work at various points in the county. In the mission services the young people of the church provide the music and one of the four licensed young preachers brings the message.

Returned Chaplain Available For Revivals And Pastorate

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, director, chaplains commission, Home Mission Board, sends an information sheet to the Arkansas Baptist concerning Chaplain John W. Johnston of Fort Smith.

Chaplain Johnston attained the rank of captain and served from September 15, 1948, to March 9, 1952. He was overseas approximately one year.

Chaplain Johnston is a graduate of Ouachita College and the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He served as pastor at Raynors Grove and Rye Hill in Arkansas; and Eules and Fort Worth, Texas.

Doctor Carpenter comments, "This young chaplain performed an aggressive, constructive ministry in the military. We commend him to you as one of our promising young preachers."

Mr. Johnston was reared in Fort Smith, and has been a member of First Church there for many years. He may be contacted in care of First Baptist Church, Fort Smith. He is available for pastoral or evangelistic work.

Dean Appointed At Ouachita



DR. D. M. SEWARD

Selection of a new dean of the faculty and a dean of students at Ouachita College has been announced by Dr. H. A. Haswell, Ouachita College president. Dr. D. M. Seward, a professor at OBC for ten years, has been appointed faculty dean, and Dr. T. D. Vaughn, coming to Ouachita from Southern State College, has been appointed dean of students.

Dr. Seward taught three years at the University of Tennessee before coming to Ouachita as professor of mathematics and physics. He has studied in Stetson University, University of North Carolina, Harvard and Duke Universities. He received his Ph. D. degree in mathematics from Duke.

The new dean stated that his first goal was to work with the college administration in regaining accreditation by North Central Association, and to strive toward constant improvement of Ouachita's instructional program. The deanship at Ouachita has been vacant since January of this year when Dr. Haswell was promoted from dean to president of the college.

Ouachita's first student dean, Dr. Vaughn, received his master's and doctor's degrees in education from Oklahoma University. He has been in charge of student personnel at Southern State College for three years. Dr. Vaughn will head Ouachita's modern student counseling program.

LISTEN TO THE BAPTIST HOUR

DATE—AUGUST 10

SPEAKER: Dr. J. D. Grey

SUBJECT: "Does Your Faith Satisfy?"

ARKANSAS STATIONS

KHOZ, Harrison, 8:15 a. m.
KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
KENA, Mena, 2 p. m.
KDRS, Paragould, 10 a. m.
KUAO, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.
KOSE, Osceola, 5:30 p. m.
KUMA, Magnolia
KOTN, Pine Bluff, Sat., 8:30 p. m.
KRLW, Walnut Ridge.

Consult local paper for time.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

Alden Peterson has resigned the position of music director with Calvary Church, Little Rock, and accepted a similar position with Central Church, North Little Rock.

Dr. D. A. Ellis, Memphis, was guest speaker for First Church, Blytheville, July 27, in the absence of Pastor E. C. Brown, who was engaged in revival services with First Church, Truman.

Boyd Eldridge, First Church, Bauxite, is currently engaged in a revival campaign with the Eudora Church and Pastor Dillard S. Miller. Harold Tedford, Little Rock, is in charge of the music.

Donald Roberson, son of C. E. Roberson, pastor of the church at Success, participated in a youth revival in the First Baptist Church of Goree, Texas, July 4-6.

Millcreek Church, Concord Association, has taken a forward step by placing the **Arkansas Baptist** in the home of every member of the church. Seventy four names were sent in to receive the state denominational paper.

B. D. Smith is the pastor.

The Jessieville Church in Central Association and Pastor Tommy Tedford were assisted in a revival meeting, July 21-30, by State Missionary S. A. Wiles. There were two additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and two by letter. A Vacation Bible School was conducted simultaneously with the revival. The enrolment was 50.

The Jenny Lind Church near Greenwood, W. Trueman Moore, pastor, had the services of Miss Dorothy Weaver in a church music school recently. The recent Vacation Bible School of the Jenny Lind Church reached an enrolment of 101. There were seven conversions during the school and the offering of \$21.79 was given to the Cooperative Program.

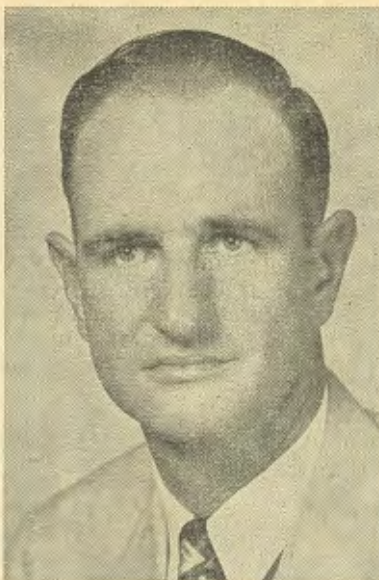
Pastor Tommy Tedford of the Jessieville Church, Central Association, will close his ministry with the Jessieville Church on August 10. He is entering Louisiana State University and expects to study in that institution for the next two years, after which he plans to enter the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Pastor Tedford has been with the Jessieville Church since September, 1949.

The First Church of Ward, Ernest Baker, pastor, opened their new church library on August 3. Contributions of books by the church and by individuals totaled 42 volumes. The Sunday School Board gave an additional 10 volumes making a total of 52. These 52 volumes are of such variety as to be suited to every age group.

Roland Baptist Church, and Pastor Marion Scruggs, recently had the services of Pastor Guy Wilson, Reynolds Memorial, Little Rock, in a revival which resulted in 16 additions to the church, 14 of whom were for baptism.

Lonnie Doucet has resigned the pastorate of Nutt's Chapel to become the pastor of St. Francis Church, both in Gainesville Association.

Minister Ordained



JACK PARCHMAN

Mr. Jack Parchman of Jacksonville was ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday afternoon, June 15, by the First Church of that city. Pastor H. W. Ryan of Marvell, and former pastor of the Jacksonville church, preached the ordination sermon. Mr. Parchman surrendered to the ministry while Mr. Ryan was pastor of the Jacksonville church. Dr. E. A. Ingram, associational missionary of Pulaski County Association, conducted the examination, and Pastor J. R. McMillan of the Jacksonville church served as moderator.

Mr. Parchman is pastor of the Holly Springs Church, Pulaski County. The Parchmans live in Jacksonville; they have two children.

Yellville Baptists Enlarge Church

By L. G. CLEM

The new sanctuary for the Yellville Baptist Church is nearing completion and is to be dedicated August 10. Ben Kelley is pastor.

The 35 x 70 addition joins the old building on the west side. Both are being rock-faced with native red marble. The estimated value is \$25,000, much of which has been secured by donation of labor and materials.

The growth through the years has been quite slow for, like so many rural and small town churches, it has been a feeder for large churches. Under such conditions church interest has risen and fallen many times. A few permanent members, however, have ever prayed for an enlargement of Baptist work in Yellville, county seat of Marion County. This began to be realized two years ago when a revival program, aided by the State Mission Board, was launched which has resulted in more than 300 per cent increase in church membership. Likewise Sunday School and B.T.U. attendance has grown, filling the old building to overflowing capacity, necessitating a larger place of worship.

The church moved into its new sanctuary August 3, at which time a 10-day revival, conducted by the pastor, began and will extend over dedication day the following Sunday.

Friends of the church are invited to all these services. All former members and pastors who read these lines may consider them as a special invitation to be guests of Yellville Baptist Church on August 10.

A Continuous Building Program

Calvary Church, Little Rock, is engaged in a long range building program with new building construction under way almost continuously.

Three years ago the church constructed a one story thirty by seventy foot educational building which houses the Intermediate and Junior departments. During the past year the second floor of this unit was completed and provides, in addition to heater and closet space, three Nursery departments and two Beginner departments. The crib nursery is air conditioned.

Construction is again under way. This time a two floor addition to the educational unit providing a large storage and recreation room, church offices, and two Primary departments. A small loan of \$15,000 has been secured for the completion of this latter unit.

The next step in the building program provides for the moving of the present frame auditorium to the back of the lot to make way for the construction of a new auditorium. The auditorium will be built in two units, a basement and the auditorium proper. The financing of the program is mainly through the church budget with very little emphasis given to special money raising campaigns.

Bruce R. Anderson is the architect and the work is contracted by the building committee. Mr. John P. White is chairman of the building committee and serving with him are: Rea McCorkle, Wayne Ellison, Burkett Travis, and Orville Ray, with Duke Faight, chairman of the board of deacons, and Lawson Hatfield, pastor, as ex-officio members.

The building program expresses the conviction that the overall church program will invariably follow the pattern of its building. This statement, of course, assumes the church follows the New Testament patterns and doctrines.

As space is provided, more departments and classes will be organized, with adult grading and promotion as the ultimate aim in the Sunday School.

SBC Education Commission Has Interesting Conference

Dr. H. A. Haswell, president of Ouachita Baptist College, and Dr. E. A. Provine, head of Ouachita's Chemistry Department, recently attended the joint meeting of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges. The conference was held in Nashville, Tennessee.

Ouachita College featured a display of bulletins, posters, and other public relations material during the meeting. Dr. Provine, the Arkansas representative to the Education Commission, is a member of the resolutions committee.

Dr. Haswell stated that a closer understanding of problems facing Southern Baptist colleges was a big result of the conference. "The main spirit was that of presenting a united front throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory for the benefit of all our Baptist colleges," he added. A co-operative southwide public relations effort was discussed.

There are three things a man can do with himself and his possessions. He may selfishly hoard them; he may lavishly waste them; he may intelligently spend them.

—Henry Van Dyke



Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

Montreal To Appeal Ruling On By-Law

A recent Superior Court ruling holding Montreal's holy day store closing by-law to be illegal will be appealed by the city.

The province of Quebec will be asked by the city to support the appeal.

The City Council decided to take the action after Emery Beaulieu, who represented the provincial attorney general's department, said he considered the court decision badly founded.

Claude Choquette, attorney for the city, said he believed the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court of Canada could arrive at other conclusions.

Under the by-law, stores ordinarily required to close on Sundays also were obliged to shut down on New Year's, Epiphany, Ascension, All Saints, Immaculate Conception, and Christmas days.

Seven large department stores jointly initiated the action in Superior Court to have the by-law declared illegal.

Southern Methodists Plan Drive For 200,000 New Members

A goal of 200,000 new church members was set by Methodist leaders of nine states who met in Atlanta to draft plans for a South-wide evangelistic campaign next spring.

"Our aim," said Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, "will be to combine preaching, prayer, and visitation to carry the Gospel outside the church."

The drive was set for April 17—May 24, 1953. The planning committee, comprising eight bishops and 24 laymen and ministers, announced that the campaign will be climaxed by approximately 200 mass meetings on the closing date.

General Baptists Mark Centenary

The Baptist General Conference of America held a three-day observance of its centenary in St. Paul, Minnesota, after concluding business sessions of its annual meeting.

Beginnings of the 47,000-member denomination go back to August 8, 1852, when three Swedish immigrants stepped into the waters of the Mississippi River near Rock Island, Illinois, and were baptized by the Rev. Gustaf Palmquist, also a newcomer.

A few days later, the three converts, with Mr. Palmquist as their pastor, organized themselves as the first Swedish Baptist congregation in this country.

One of the major changes that has taken place in the 100 years is the movement away from the "old country" identity.

Until 25 years ago, no Conference church would call a pastor who could not preach in Swedish. Even the minutes of the General Conference sessions as late as 1927 were kept and printed in Swedish.

Now Swedish is heard only in a few of the Conference churches and about one-fifth of the pastors are of non-Swedish heritage. The word "Swedish" in the name of the denomination was dropped in 1945.

Teen-Agers Ask Mississippians Vote Dry

Three hundred teen-agers marched down the main street of Louisville in a demonstration calling for the defeat of a county option on liquor sales in the forthcoming statewide referendum.

Banners carried by the students urged the electorate: "For our sake vote dry on August 26."

Mississippi is one of the two dry states in the nation. The referendum, authorized by the state legislature last April over the opposition of church and prohibition leaders, will present voters with the choice of retaining the state's present universal prohibition law or instituting county option.

The student parade preceded a rally of dry forces addressed by Dr. Robert G. Lee of Memphis, Tennessee, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"No man can say as bad things about a rattlesnake spurring poison into the body of his child as he can truthfully say about the legalized beverage liquor traffic," Dr. Lee told his audience.

Church Membership Gains 59.8 Per Cent In 24 Years

Church membership in the U. S. increased 59.8 per cent in 24 years and now includes some 57 per cent of the nation's population, the National Council of Churches reported. In the same period the country's total population rose only 28.6 per cent.

A survey, by the National Council's Department of Research and Survey, of the 67 religious bodies which have more than 50,000 members showed that they increased from 53,397,575 in 1926 to 85,319,274 in 1950. Membership of the 67 religious bodies represent 98 per cent of the total of 256 religious groups in the U. S.

The totals given, the survey noted, were compiled from membership reports of the various religious groups themselves. Jewish congregations usually report all Jews as members from birth, the Roman Catholic and some Protestant Churches report all baptized persons as members, while many Protestant communions report only confirmed persons or those over 13 years of age as members.

Because of these varying methods of defining church membership, the survey said, precise comparisons are difficult to make. It calculated, however, that in 1950 there were some 45,000,000 Protestants, 22,000,000 Catholics and 3,750,000 Jews over 13 years of age.

Prayer Group To Aid Mississippi Drys

Formation of women's prayer groups across the state to work for defeat of a county option liquor referendum to be held August 26 was announced by the United Dry Association of Mississippi.

The referendum, authorized by the legislature last April over the opposition of church and temperance leaders, will present voters with the choice of retaining the state's present prohibition law or instituting county option on liquor sales.

A Smile or Two

A fond mother received the following letter from her son:

"Dear Mom: I joined the Navy because I liked the way the ships were kept clean and tidy. But I never knew until this week who keeps them so clean and tidy.—Love, Jimmy."

BY A HAIR'S BREATH

Little Willie—"Mamma, don't men ever go to heaven?"

Mother—"Of course they do! What makes you ask?"

Willie—"Because I never saw any pictures of angels with whiskers."

Mother—"Oh, that's because most men who go to heaven get there by a close shave."

A young soldier from Washington, D. C., home after 3 years of duty in Hawaii, was caught driving too fast on one of the capitol's boulevards.

Deciding to outsmart the cop, he answered the question, "What's your name?" with "Kamehameha Haleakala Laupahoe-hoe."

The policeman moved closer. "What's that again?"

"Kamehameha Haleakala Laupahoe-hoe," repeated the soldier.

"Look bud," the policeman said, "Kamehameha was a king, Haleakala is a mountain, Laupahoe-hoe is a town—and I was an MP in Honolulu. Now quick, what's your name?"

An old mountaineer and his son were sitting in front of the fire, smoking their pipes, crossing and uncrossing their legs. After a long period of silence, the father said, "Son, step outside and see if it is raining." Without looking up the son answered, "Aw, Pop, why don't we just call in the dog and see if he's wet?"

Wife to henpecked husband: "Of course I want you to have opinions of your own. I just don't want to hear them!"

The teacher was a big blustering hulk of a man whose vituperations had his class in a constant state of uneasiness. "Tell me," he barked one day at his smallest, shyest boy, "tell me how you can prove that the world is round."

"Please, sir," said the boy, "I didn't say it was round!"

In the heart of the Ozarks I once lost my way and inquired of a native, "Am I on the road for Kansas City?"

"Well," he said, "not exactly, bud. That road just moseys along for a piece, then it turns into a hog trail, then a squirrel track, and finally runs up a scrub pine and ends in a knothole."

—Quote

Girl to suitor: "I think a double wedding would be nice. You marry someone else and so will I."

The defendant acknowledged that he hadn't spoken to his wife in five years and the judge put in a question.

"What reason have you?" he asked severely.

Replied her husband, "I didn't want to interrupt her."

The Progressive Farmer

News From Baptist Press

Arkansas Training Union Growth In 1951

Arkansas Baptists enrolled 3,312 new members in Training Union during 1951, according to figures from the office of J. P. Edmunds, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The 1951 increase brought the total membership at the end of the year to 72,269 in 761 Training Unions in the state.

Training Unions in the small town churches in Arkansas grew the most, gaining 13.5 per cent during the year to make the total 13,672. Training Unions in the city churches advanced 5 per cent over last year's figures to bring the 1951 total to 30,853. City suburban churches had 449 enrolled in Training Union, the village churches reported 8,373 and in the country churches 18,922 are enlisted in Training Union.

Training Union, a church membership training organization for all ages, meets preceding the Sunday evening worship service.

Churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory reported 1,554,660 Training Union members in 1951, over 113,000 more than the 1950 enrolment.

The great percentage growth for the year was in the city church organizations which grew 7.4 per cent even though many of their members were reclassified during the year to be part of the city suburban church class. The year's enrolment for the city churches was 685,776 while the city suburban churches had 33,691 in Training Union.

The small town churches reported an enrolment of 238,369 in Training Union last year, an increase of 3.9 per cent over 1950, while village churches advanced 5.4 per cent to have an enrolment total of 178,822.

In the open country churches, 418,002 Training Union members in 1951 represent a growth of 3.7 per cent in the membership during the year.

Year-Old Christian TV Program Scores Tops On Hooper Survey

"Christian Questions," religious question and answer television program sponsored on Ft. Worth's WBAP-TV by the Tarrant County Baptist Association, celebrated its first anniversary recently with the news that it has more viewers than any other religious program seen in that area, either local or network.

The rating, a report of the official Hooper TV Survey, comes as a timely encouragement for beginning the second yearly series of the weekly program, according to A. B. Van Arnsdale, chairman of the Association's radio and television committee.

The program, appearing at 1 p. m. each Saturday, has drawn questions for its past fifty-two programs from over twenty-five cities other than Ft. Worth and Dallas. A panel of three representatives from various denominations handles the many questions and problems sent in by listeners. The panel rotates every week.

Kansas Baptists In New Office Home

Kansas Southern Baptists now have a new headquarters building at 231 North Main Street, Wichita. The ground floor of the new building will house the Baptist Book Store with the state offices located on the second floor.

Explosion Injures Tennesseans Enroute Home From Ridgecrest

Thirty-eight Baptists returning to their homes in Memphis were stopped for a prayer service by the roadside in the Smoky Mountains Wednesday evening, July 23, when their bus exploded and eighteen of the passengers were injured.

The group was enroute home from the second Training Union week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. The accident happened near Newfoundland Gap, the mile-high peak of the Smokies.

As the driver, A. B. Nesmith of Scottsboro, Alabama, investigated the bus to find a leak, the gas tank exploded, throwing flaming fuel upon the eighteen passengers who had gathered around. The bus was completely demolished.

Most seriously hurt were the driver, a seventy-six year old woman, Mrs. Etta Rhodes, and eighteen-year-old Charlotte Morgan, a deaf girl.

S. A. Carl, leader of the group, said that the prayer meeting undoubtedly saved the lives of the Tennesseans, as had they traveled on down the mountain, the explosion would have happened with all passengers aboard the bus.

Jackson Churches Reap Graham Revival Results

Practically all the churches in Jackson felt the influence of the Billy Graham revival in their services Sunday, July 13, with nearly 500 joining Baptist churches in the city.

Graham named that Sunday as "Join-The-Church Sunday" for those who had previously made professions of faith and dedications during the revival campaign. All Jackson churches were reported full and "running over" in spite of hot weather.

Fourteen Baptist churches were among those receiving members as a result of the campaign, with First Baptist counting 114; Calvary, 82; Parkway, 60; Daniel Memorial, 50; Van Winkle, 31; and Alta Woods, Crestwood, Griffith Memorial, Northside and Southside, from 20 to 30.

The others were Elaine (8), Forest Hill (10), West Jackson (6) and Westview (7).

The report is for the one Sunday only and does not include the many uniting with the churches on the other Sundays of the crusade.

Devotional Transcriptions Available

The Southern Baptist Radio Commission has announced the availability of some new fifteen minute devotional transcriptions in their Chapel Upstairs series. These recordings have been used extensively in the past by veterans' hospitals, local churches, and many radio stations.

Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Radio Commission, says plans have been made for a greater number of these programs. One set of six new programs is now available, with others in the production stage. Dr. Sam C. Reeves, pastor of First Church, El Dorado, is the speaker on the broadcasts already prepared. Dr. W. P. Everson, Jacksonville Beach, Florida, and Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Alexandria, Louisiana, will be featured on the next two sets, with still others to follow.

Further information about these recordings can be obtained by writing to the Radio Commission, Box 8, Station E, Atlanta, Georgia.

Southern Baptists Plan Expansion In Colorado

Plans for more than eighty new churches and a denominational college, announced by the Rev. D. A. Bryant, moderator of the Colorado-Wyoming Association, meeting in Denver, reveal a major expansion program by Southern Baptists in the Colorado area.

Bryant is pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado's first Southern Baptist church. There is now Southern Baptist work in Colorado Springs, Boulder, and Casper, Cheyenne and Wheatland, Wyoming.

D. A. McCall Resigns Tabernacle In Chicago

Dr. D. A. "Scottie" McCall has resigned his pastorate of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chicago to accept the position of promotion secretary of the Sword of the Lord Foundation, independent evangelistic organization with headquarters at Wheaton, Illinois. The Foundation publishes a weekly newspaper by the same name, edited by Dr. John R. Rice, well-known evangelist.

Dr. McCall was executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for eleven years and is a graduate of the University of Mississippi.

Atlanta Pastor On CBS Network

Dr. James P. Wesberry, pastor of the Morningside Baptist Church in Atlanta, will be featured on the Columbia Church of the Air broadcast on Sunday, August 10. His subject will be "The Call of the Cross."

The program, a regular feature of the CBS radio network, is heard each Sunday at 10:00 A. M. (EDT). Music will be provided by a special choir from Dr. Wesberry's church, with the program originating in the studios of Baptist Radio Center in Atlanta.

Dr. Wesberry is a native of South Carolina, has served as pastor of several churches in that state, in Georgia, and Massachusetts. He began his present pastorate in 1944, has just completed a new \$750,000 church plant.

Educated at Mercer University and Andover Newton Theological Seminary, he has done graduate work at Harvard, Yale, and Union Seminary, holds AB, MA, BD, MST and LLD degrees.

Dr. Wesberry has served on numerous state and southwide boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and is active in several civic and social organizations in Atlanta. He has published two books, and is a frequent contributor to a number of religious periodicals.

Facts Of Interest

The Navy has announced that the Sky-rocket research airplane has flown more than 1300 miles an hour, twice the speed of sound, and faster and higher than any other piloted aircraft. To keep the pilot from being roasted and the airplane metal from turning soft, it was necessary to carry enough refrigeration equipment to cool a theatre of 3,000 seats.

The old question of "who gains when an industry is paralyzed by strikes?" may be partially answered by the current steel strike. Already the loss of steel from this year's strikes has been enough to build 4,518,000 autos; or 1,768,000 six room homes, or 126,500 M-47 tanks. And, the average steelworker has lost \$312 in wages.

—Survey Bulletin

Preparation For Stewardship Revival

By J. W. BUCKNER

As you prepare for a stewardship revival, be sure that you call it by its proper name, stewardship revival. I have found that it is always best to be perfectly frank about it. The evangelist will preach on stewardship definitely and as frankly as he knows how and we shall all pray stewardship and talk stewardship from the beginning of preparation until the revival is over.

Begin your preparation about five weeks in advance. Secure many posters of the Cooperative Program, tithing, and missions, and begin posting them about the building five weeks in advance, mentioning them to the congregation as occasion permits. Call upon the people to pray for the revival from the very beginning. During the second and third weeks of the preparation, place more posters about the building and call attention to them in the bulletin or from the pulpit. Express your views on tithing in your bulletin. The third week of the preparation have the revival announced in all organizations and call the people to prayer for it.

The last two weeks of preparation should be the most intensive. Have cottage prayer meetings if at all possible. Teach the first Sunday School lesson on tithing one Sunday before the meeting. The pastor should teach this lesson to the officers and teachers beforehand. The second lesson on tithing should be taught the Sunday the

meeting begins. Teach these lessons to every class. It will be unfair to omit anyone.

On the Sunday of the beginning the meeting, the pastor and evangelist will set goals for attendance and offering for the next Sunday. The attendance goal should be a very worthy one and the offering goal should be at least double what you normally receive on a Sunday. On this demonstration Sunday the people usually bring in at least two dollars per person in Sunday School, sometimes more. However, the goal should be figured according to the income of the people, asking every member of the Sunday School and church to bring in the whole tithe for that week to demonstrate what the church can do when all members actually tithe. Sometimes this demonstration day offering is three or four times the usual offering. All expenses of the revival are covered by this offering alone.

Plan to send a letter to all church members and all Sunday School members (not families) on Thursday of the revival with an offering envelope and your goal for the day. It might be well to address these envelopes beforehand since it is quite a job and everyone will be very busy this week. Be sure to address an envelope to each member of Sunday School and church. You will receive much more money that way. It is the only way to reach the masses.

For a stewardship revival, it is usually

best to decide beforehand what you will pay the evangelist. Remember that this meeting will far more than pay its way the first Sunday. If you decide the evangelist's remuneration beforehand, it will prevent the necessity of a drive for money during the revival. Results of this campaign will last for years and forever.

The evangelist will preach stewardship at every service, but will do so in such a way that no one will be offended or driven away. Actually, the crowds usually grow service by service. Remember that Friday night is Adam and Eve Night. Then we actually re-enact the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden and show how the story teaches stewardship.

Any good advertising methods will help here as in any other revival. Above all, try to reach all your people.

Wednesday night should be church night and we should have a meeting of all officers of the church, Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., Brotherhood, deacons, and all others of whatever capacity. This meeting should be either before the service with a supper or after without the supper as best suits your church.

It is good to widely distribute stewardship tracts before the revival. Clipping them to the bulletin is often profitable as is mailing them. Be sure to have a good tithing tract to enclose with your demonstration day letter, which is sent out mid-week of the revival. You may secure these tracts from your Baptist Headquarters or from Dr. B. C. Land, Baptist Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi. May I recommend very highly Dr. Land's, "What Is The Tithe."

Books Received

We have received a number of books from publishers for review in the *Arkansas Baptist*. Good books are indispensable to ministers and laymen alike. The reading of good books enriches one's own ideas and gives him a broader acquaintance with current religious thought and trends. One may not wholly agree with all that he finds in these books and one should read discriminately. Therefore, we are not recommending these books because you will agree with everything the authors say, but because we believe you will find some things in them that will be stimulating and inspirational as well as informational.

The Baptist Faith and Roman Catholicism
By Wendell Holmes Rone

Pastor of the First Baptist Church,
Middlesboro, Kentucky

\$2 postpaid, order direct from the author

We publish the comments on this book by Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. R. T. Skinner, editor of *The Western Recorder* of Kentucky.

Dr. J. D. Grey: "In his book, 'The Baptist Faith and Roman Catholicism,' Wendell H. Rone has rendered a service of inestimable value to the cause of New Testament truth. He discusses a timely subject in a frank and straightforward, though friendly manner. The logic of his presentation is irresistible. His work is rendered most valuable by authenticated documented evidence. Baptists and all lovers of truth should read it."

Dr. R. T. Skinner: "The Baptist Faith and Roman Catholicism," by Wendell H. Rone, is easily the greatest book so far examined in this general field, by the editorial department of *The Western Recorder*. It is scholarly, thorough, well authenticated. All documentary evidence is well chosen and

convincingly presented. We would say with a sense of urgency that no pastor, no home, no church library can afford to be without this book. It is destined to be rated as one of the really decisive works of our day."

Here are two books by Dr. Basil Miller, published by Zondervan Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan: **Twenty Missionary Stories From India**, \$1.50; **William Carey, Cobbler to Missionary**, \$2. You can get these books by ordering them from the Baptist book store.

Here is a book from the pen of a former Arkansas pastor, Dr. Douglas M. White, now pastor of First Baptist Church, Bassett, Virginia. Douglas M. White is a brother to Dr. K. Owen White, pastor of First Church, Little Rock.

The title of the book is: **He Expounded—** a guide to expository preaching.

The book is published by the Moody Press and is priced at \$2.50.

Part one of the book deals with the origin, progress, and appraisal of exposition; and part two deals with the expediency, the technique, and the outgrowth of exposition.

Parallel reading and reference works are also suggested.

Dr. G. B. F. Hallock, for many years pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester, New York, is the author of **"Five Hundred Sermon Themes,"** published by Fleming H. Revell Company and priced at \$3.75.

While we would not recommend to preach-

ers the use of "hand-me-down" sermons, yet we feel safe in recommending this volume for its suggestive material.

Here is a volume entitled, **"Best Sermons: 1951-52 Edition."**

The book is published by the Macmillan Company and is priced at \$3.75.

"Best Sermons" is edited by Dr. G. Paul Butler and the fifty-two sermons it contains have been selected from 6,985 sermons submitted to Dr. Butler for consideration.

Dr. Butler states, "A sincere attempt has been made to choose the sermons that represent the best sermonic efforts of the great preachers of our day, as well as to discover and recognize unusual excellence in the sermons submitted by younger men who may be the great preachers of tomorrow."

"As You Pass By" is the story of Old New York; it is written by Kenneth Holcomb Dunshee, public relations director and manager of the advertising department of the Home Insurance Company of New York, and published by Hastings House, price \$10.

This is a fascinating story of New York City of old, and should be interesting reading for those who enjoy the portrayal of early American life in the big city.

This is a large book. The pages are 8½ inches by 11 inches. The large pages provide space for picture display, and the book is abundantly illustrated with pictures.

Your book store will be able to get any of these books for you. If the store does not have them in stock, it can order them for you if you will give the title of the book, the author, and publisher.

—The Editor

37 Million Persons Now Get Government Checks

EXTENSION OF REMARKS
HONORABLE RALPH W. GWINN, NEW YORK
IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1952

Mr. Gwinn. Mr. Speaker, when members of this House first reported that 17,000,000 persons were getting checks for service, relief, hand-outs, and so forth, it was shocking enough.

Now they have risen to 37,000,000 checks from Federal, State, and local governments. The figure is so unbelievable that I have asked Paul O. Peters, editor of News Bulletin, to state the figures and the sources of the information, as follows:

I. Number of persons receiving checks for services:

Federal civilian employees, December 1951	12,871,200
State and local employees	4,028,000
Teachers in the public schools, 1948	2,883,512
Total	7,782,712

¹Source: P. 212, Labor Review, February 1952.

²Source: Report, Federal Security Agency, Statistics of State School Systems.

II. Persons receiving checks under public-assistance programs:

Old-age assistance, October 1951	12,710,297
Aid to dependent children	2,056,176
Aid to the blind	97,173
Aid to totally and permanently disabled	114,232
General relief assistance	312,000
Total	5,289,838

¹Source: Social Security Bulletin, January 1952.

III. Persons receiving aid under Federal social-security programs:

Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Act:	
Old-age benefits	12,231,141
Wives' or husbands' benefits	634,319
Child benefits	830,577
Widows and widowers	374,460
Mothers' benefits	201,437
Parents' benefits	18,847
Total	4,290,791
Unemployment Insurance Act:	
Beneficiaries under State laws, November 1951	2,939,900
Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act	921,200
Total	202,400

¹Source: Social Security Bulletin, January 1952.

²Source: P. 214, Labor Bulletin, February 1952.

³Source: P. 23, Social Security Bulletin.

IV. Beneficiaries under Civil Service Retirement Act:

Retired Federal personnel	1169,200
Survivor benefits	33,200
Total	202,400

¹Source: P. 23, Social Security Bulletin, February 1952.

V. Railroad Retirement Act:

Retired personnel	1,263,900
Survivor benefits	150,600
Total	414,500

¹Source: Table on p. 23, Social Security Bulletin.

VI. Veterans' Administration:

Veteran benefits (noneducational)	12,385,500
Veteran survivor benefits	1,018,600
Veteran educational benefits, 1949-50	2,272,000
¹ Source: Same bulletin as cited above.	

VII. Health, welfare, and educational programs for Indians: Total number of beneficiaries, 54,729.

VIII. Agricultural benefits and subsidy programs:

Soil Conservation Service, number of payes	12,813,167
Sugar subsidy payments, number of farms	65,000
Employees on county agricultural programs	90,000
Subsidies to miscellaneous producers of agricultural commodities exported, diverted, or removed from markets	2600,000
Total	3,568,167

²Covers apples, prunes, raisins, walnuts, butter, eggs, potatoes, peanuts, flour, etc. In 1949, these programs cost: For diversion and export, \$32,693,000; for purchase and distribution, \$41,760,000; total cost in 1949, \$74,453,000.

IX. State and local government retirement programs:

Source: P. 228, Statistical Abstract, 1951	200,000
Survivor beneficiaries	38,000
Disability benefits	29,000
Total	267,000

X. Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, unemployment and sickness benefits, fiscal year 1949. Number of benefits payments, 3,475,121. (Source: Table 287, p. 243, Statistical Abstract, 1951.)

XI. Unemployment benefits, State and local programs, 1949, 1,244,100.

XII. Personnel in Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard (latest figures), 3,369,190.

XIII. Unemployment allowables to veterans, 378,500. (Source: Table 268, p. 228, Statistical Abstract, 1951, compilation covering 1949.)

Grand total, 36,983,248 persons.
PAUL O. PETERS.

Dated March 25, 1952.
The amount in dollars paid out is so many fantastic billions we cannot get accurate figures at this time.

For Sale—\$350

One 1,000 gallon butane tank, slightly used. Excellent for church or school. Reason for selling — converting our church to natural gas.

Contact: Rev. R. J. McMillan
First Baptist Church
Jacksonville, Ark.

Dr. Grey Thrills Northwest

By R. E. MILAM
Executive Secretary, Baptist
General Convention of Oregon-Washington

Thrilling and meaningful was the impact on the Northwest of the eleven day whirlwind visit (June 13-23) of Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The hub of his activity was Seattle, Washington, where he electrified 10,000 Kiwanians and spoke to a state-wide rally of Washington Baptists just off the campus of the University of Washington in the building of the University Congregational Church, which building had just been purchased by the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington for Bible Chair and church purposes.

From Seattle, Dr. Grey spoke in such distant points as Eugene, Oregon, at a state-wide Baptist rally; Vancouver, British Columbia, to the annual convention of the Regular Baptists of British Columbia; Spokane, Washington, for servicemen at the Fairchild Air Base and at the Driscoll Boulevard Baptist Church; and Bremerton, Washington, where a new Southern Baptist Church is meeting in a quarter of a million dollar theatre building on which they have an option.

Everywhere Dr. Grey spoke the interest was high and results good. At Spokane and Bremerton there were eleven additions to the respective churches. At Vancouver, British Columbia, some twenty young people responded, some for salvation and some for special service. It is reported that many service men responded in Spokane, and at the state rallies Southern Baptists were encouraged and inspired. Certainly the Kiwanians and the Seattle press received our president in a great way.

Foreign Mission Notes

MISSIONARY CHILD IS IMPROVING

The condition of David McRae, missionary child who was stricken with polio, is encouraging. David is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McRae, Southern Baptist missionaries to Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Hollingsworth, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina who have been in the States following completion of language study, have gone to their field of service and may be addressed at General Urquiza 186, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mrs. Hollingsworth, formerly Minnie Sullivan, is a native of Monticello.

Miss Ruth Randall, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil since 1914, will retire in July. She may be addressed: P. O. Box 176, University Station, Fayetteville.

Religious Education Association Meets In Ft. Worth

The Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association meets August 26-27-28, at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. The program begins Tuesday at noon, August 26, and closes Thursday afternoon, August 28. Rooms may be secured at the Seminary by writing Mr. D. A. Thornton, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Meals will be taken in the Seminary cafeteria.

A most helpful program has been planned for all those serving in the field of religious education. More than fifty outstanding leaders from over the entire Southern Baptist Convention will appear on the program.

Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, Secretary

State Planning Meeting

Southwide and Statewide personalities will conduct the four sessions of the State Planning Meeting, September 2-3, at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock. Letters to the associational leadership are in the mails.

Dr. J. N. Barnett, Secretary of the Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Edgar Williamson, Secretary, Sunday School Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and Associate Secretary, George H. Hink, will conduct the conferences. This is one of the most significant meetings that the Sunday School Department sponsors.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Vacation Bible School reports are in every mail. Reports from forty-two of our forty-five associations reveal 234 schools held with 554 professions of faith. We are far short of our goal for 1952, keep the reports coming our way!

HELP FOR ASSOCIATIONAL WORKERS

Some helpful tracts for Associational Sunday School workers are: **The Place, Power and Purpose of the Association**, by Barnette; **An Associational Program of Training**, by Washburn; **The Associational Sunday School Standard (1952)**. These tracts, and others are available free of cost, upon request. Write to your State Sunday School Department for these helps.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2-3—Associational Sunday School Leadership Conference.

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

TRAINING FOR FUTURE LEADERSHIP IS IMPORTANT

A vital step in preparing leadership for an expected, continued growth in our Sunday Schools would be to encourage more older Intermediates to take our training work.

The book, "Tomorrow You Lead" by G. S. Hopkins, written especially for this age group, could be included in church, group, or association-wide training schools this fall. A thoughtful, long-range approach to our training work would require that we enlist these older Intermediates and Young People in serious training now.

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WHERE TO LOOK

- If you want to be distressed . . . Look within.
- If you want to be defeated . . . Look back.
- If you want to be distracted . . . Look around.
- If you want to be dismayed . . . Look before.
- If you want to be delivered . . . Look to Christ.
- If you want to be delighted . . . Look up.

Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary

On The Record, August 10-16

In the August issue of *World Comrades*, pages 8-9, Miss Margaret Bruce, convention-wide Young People's Secretary, reminded us that certain "records are to be played" during the week of August 10-16. Those are the dates for Sunbeam Focus Week, and we would make it a record week in our churches. Here are some of the suggestions:

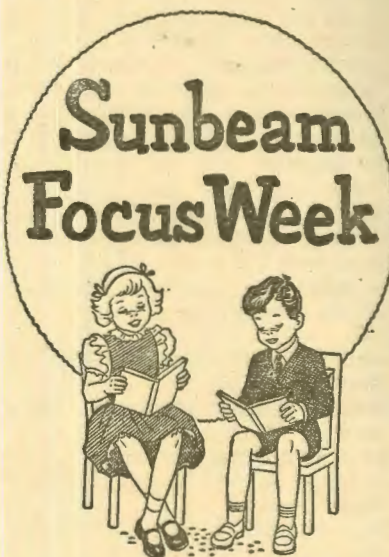
WORSHIP: Sunday should be a day of worship with emphasis on these Sunbeam aims: "talking with the heavenly Father" and "hiding God's Word in our hearts." Plan with the Sunday School superintendents and pastors for children to participate in services by quoting stewardship scripture verses, telling short missionary stories, and singing Sunbeam songs. Announce the week's activities in the church bulletin.

LEARN: Include a "World Comrades Day" in the week's activities. Encourage mothers to subscribe to the magazine for their children, to read the stories and poems to their children and to teach them of the children of the world.

A "Book Party" would please the children! Let them come dressed as characters in one of the mission study books they have recently studied. Let the Sunbeams guess the character and tell the stories they have learned in their mission study classes. Some will want to study **Bonnie Baptist and the Sunbeams**, the new stewardship book. This should be ordered from the Baptist Book Store. The price is 35 cents per copy and teaching helps are 15 cents.

HELP: Helping others for Jesus' sake may include collecting outgrown clothing (good clean clothing) for needy families, children's hospital. School supplies may be provided for some needy children (pencils, tablets, notebooks, etc.) Visit a shut-in and tell a missionary story, sing several songs, take him a small gift.

GIVE: A Christmas tree in August! Whoever heard of such a thing? The Sunbeams have, for that is an annual event in many Bands. Have the children bring gifts to be sent to missionaries for distribution at Christmastime. This will stimulate the spirit of giving. Gifts may include washcloths, soap, pencils, toys, toothbrushes, piece goods, thread, crayons, combs, hair ribbons, socks, and other articles. See the inside of the cover page of the August issue of *World Comrades* for addresses, further suggestions. The program for the summer Christmas tree may include playing Christmas records, singing carols, reading the Christmas story, playing Christmas games. Wrap gifts attractively and send very soon to the missionaries so they may know



whether or not they have plenty of articles for "their" children and grown-ups as well.

August 10-16, **SUNBEAM FOCUS WEEK**. Do focus on them and on the plans for their organization. "On the Record," worship, learn, help and give.

REMEMBER!
SEASON of PRAYER for
STATE MISSIONS
Dixie Jackson Offering
September 15

ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Associational and district officers are reminded of an **IMPORTANT DATE**, September 30-October 1. The 1952 Annual Conference for those who will lead in the year 1952-53 will be held at that time. Special conferences will be held for the following: District presidents and young people's leaders; associational superintendents, young people's leaders, associate superintendents, chairmen of community missions, mission study, stewardship. At the request of the state BWC Advisor, Mrs. J. C. Fuller, the group is being enlarged this year to include BWC Advisers (associational).

Intensive consideration of the duties, and methods to be employed will fill the hours the group spends together. There will be devotional leaders, missionary speakers, state officers and fellow workers in attendance. Associations should provide expenses for their officers, but where not otherwise borne the state W.M.U. will take care of them for this is **AN IMPORTANT MEETING** that will pay dividends in the months ahead.

Remember, this is designed for those who will be leading during the year October 1952 through September 1953. Encourage attendance. Come, if you are one of the above.

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News From Home Mission Board

Dr. Corder Honored



illness. He had retired from the service of the Home Mission Board upon his return from Panama at the end of last year. He underwent a number of operations for brain tumor in January and never regained his health.

Missionary Bell was employed by the Home Mission Board from 1919 until his retirement at the end of 1951. Previously he had served with the Baptist General Convention of Texas in work among the Spanish-speaking of that state.

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Figures To Inspire

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Sunday, July 27			
Little Rock, Immanuel	1313	381	12
Including Missions	1405	431	12
Fort Smith, First	1267	585	13
Including Missions	1415	608	
El Dorado, First	929	214	6
Including Missions	1044	274	
No. Little Rock, Baring Cross	891	332	5
Including Missions	956	371	
Little Rock, Second	752	181	5
Fayetteville, First	643	200	
Pine Bluff, South Side	630	236	4
El Dorado, Immanuel	621	314	6
Including Mission	670	359	
Benton, First	618	100	6
Including Mission	609	142	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	582	193	2
Texarkana, Beech St.	542	234	5
Forsyth City, First	541	182	2
Magnolia, Central	533	172	4
Including Mission	576		
Camden, First	515	125	22
Including Mission	631	213	22
Crossett, First	512	193	4
Hope, First	497	118	
Sioam Springs, First	492	271	
Hot Springs, Central	487	159	
Paragould, First	477	209	
Including Missions	668	326	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	475	164	
Hot Springs, Park Place	459	151	
Springdale, First	451	149	1
Including Mission	200		
El Dorado, Second	446	203	2
Texarkana, Calvary	446	148	25
El Dorado, West Side	411	115	6
Rogers, First	395	127	1
Including Mission	491	167	9
West Helena	392	135	
Cullendale, First	389	172	
Stuttgart, First	388	164	
Including Mission	420	194	
Little Rock, So. Highland	373	138	
Paris, First	368	115	
Fort Smith, Calvary	358	145	3
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	352	73	
Hot Springs, First	340	125	1
Mena, First	331	88	
Including Mission	358		
Hamburg, First	323	158	
Paragould, East Side	307	134	4
Smackover, First	304	120	
Monticello, First	293	146	
Fort Smith, South Side	291	82	
Alma, First	251	96	
Wynne	250	50	
Hot Springs, Piney	241	197	2
Bentonville, First	238	51	
Including Mission	283		
Pine Bluff, Second	241	89	
Including Mission	255		
Gurdon, Beech Street	227	104	

Dr. Loyd Corder, secretary of the Department of Direct Missions of the Home Mission Board, delivered the commencement address at Howard Payne College on Tuesday, July 29, at summer commencement and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, according to Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president, "in recognition of outstanding service to the Home Mission Board." Dr. Corder is an alumnus of Howard Payne College. As a student in the college he gave special attention to the study of Spanish so as to minister to Mexicans in the area of the college. His ability to speak Spanish is of great help to him in directing the work of missionaries to the Spanish-speaking people.

DR. LAWRENCE HOSPITALIZED

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, since 1929 executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, underwent an operation at Georgia Baptist Hospital on July 23. He expects to be able to attend Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest August 14-19.

SPANISH-SPEAKING MISSIONARY DIES

Paul Bell, of Lufkin, Texas, died July 24, after a lingering

An Open Letter— To Southern Baptist Pastors

Dear Pastor:

Schools will be opening in September all across our Convention. Through the portals of colleges and universities will walk many of our choice young people. Are they prepared spiritually for this new venture?

May I join the Department of Student Work of your state in urging you to observe off-to-college day in your church some Sunday or Wednesday between now and the opening of school? The program might include:

(1) testimonies of the effective ministry of the Baptist Student Union given by students now in college;

(2) an urgent appeal for your young people to become active at college in this movement designed for and led by Baptist students;

(3) encouragement for them to transfer their membership to a church in the college community, (the B.S.U. magnifies the ministry of the local church);

(4) a word of challenge and a prayer of consecration and dedication.

Prior to the opening of college you will want to send the names of your young people to the pastor and student secretary at the college center. On the occasion of your off-to-college program a gift subscription to the state Baptist paper and *The Baptist Student* magazine would be appropriate and appreciated. These will serve as constant re-

mindings to the students of the abiding, prayerful interest of the folks back home. Should further program helps be desired, write your State Student Secretary or the Department of Student Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Tomorrow's missionaries, pastors, deacons, Sunday School teachers, community leaders, government officials, world personalities are in the group entering college this Fall. May we help them set their spiritual compasses through the Convention-wide observance of off-to-college day.

Sincerely,
G. Kearnie Keegan, Secretary
Department of Student Work.

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What The Spring Retreat Did For Me

By JACK COWLING

Southern State College, Magnolia

Since April in the Spring Student Retreat at Camp Couchdale I have been able to sing "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and mean it. But since God gave me the highest honor He can give men—calling them to serve Him—that song has taken on a new meaning for me. I have for two weeks had the wonderful privilege of being a member of a youth revival team, and since becoming a member of the team, God has become more real to me than I thought He ever could be. He has become my constant friend upon whom I can call for help at any time. I have realized that the only thing on earth that matters is serving Jesus. The fact that I am just a sinner saved by grace has come to my realization more vividly than ever before. I have been made aware of the wonderful and awe-inspiring fact that God loved me enough to save my soul and honored me enough to give me an opportunity to serve Him with all that I am for a whole summer. The least I can give in return for such marvelous love is my life.

I never cease to thank God for giving me an opportunity to serve Him in such a wonderful way. Jesus, truly is all the world to me. Pleasing Him is all that matters to me; He is my joy and my song. He has called me to serve Him with all I am or ever shall be; I give those things to Jesus Christ. I would never stoop to become a king.

Springdale, Caudle Ave.	227	135
Crossett, Mt. Olive	223	112
Fort Smith, Trinity	194	98
N. Little Rock, First	191	75
Star City, First	185	32
Including Mission	209	
Augusta, First	175	64
Including Mission	221	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	152	86
Benton, Calvary	140	80
North Crossett	119	73
Including Mission	130	
Melbourne	117	77
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	99	53
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	37	28

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SIX THINGS TO KNOW

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Junior Memory Drill

People are beginning to ask about the Junior Memory Drill which will be held at the State Training Union Convention next March. The Scriptures to be used at that time are the memory verses found in the Junior Union quarterly from April 1, 1952 to April 1, 1953. These memory verses for the six months from April 1 to October 1, 1952 have been mimeographed and a copy of these verses with the memory drill rules have been sent to every Training Union director in the state. All Junior leaders should contact their Training Union director to get a copy of these Scripture verses and rules.

A large number of Primaries will be promoted into the Junior department on promotion day in September. Now is the time for these Primaries to get these Scriptures for six months from April to October and memorize them before they are promoted into the Junior Department.

The Intermediate Sword Drill tracts will not be available until this fall, but the sword drill should be conducted regularly in the Intermediate unions. The materials that will come out in the Sword Drill tract this fall are found in the Intermediate quarterlies each quarter.

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SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT SUBJECTS FOR 1953

The July, 1952 issue of the *Baptist Training Union Magazine* gives a list of the subjects to be used in the Speakers Tournament, 1953. These subjects are:

"Learn from Me"

The Value of a Life

"I am the Way"

The Way of Salvation

The Meaning of Discipleship

God's Title to Me

The Path to Power

Sowing and Reaping

The Meaning of Church Membership

The Meaning of Christian Stewardship

How Great is God's Love?

Thanks Be to God

Preparedness and Service
(Christian Education)

The Wisdom of Total Abstinence

"Jesus Calls Us"

Does God Care?

How Can We Keep Our Freedom?

Can Democracy Survive?

The Supremacy of Christian Character

The Christian and His Money

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Three Brotherhood Department Publications

The Brotherhood Department is currently publishing three quarterly pamphlets. They are:

BROTHERHOOD NOTES, a full presentation of Brotherhood work in all its phases, with emphasis on Brotherhood development and expansion throughout our state: (The latest issue of *Brotherhood Notes* was sent out in June.)

BROTHERHOOD NEWSLETTER, featuring *Brotherhood News* from over the state; (The first Newsletter was mailed out in July.)

BROTHERHOOD WAYS AND MEANS, a quarterly pamphlet setting out the HOW and WHY of an effective Brotherhood activities program. (The first issue of *Brotherhood Ways and Means* will be mailed out this month.)

The publication (and distribution) of these three Brotherhood promotional instruments means that this Department will be able to maintain frequent contact with Arkansas Baptist pastors and the Brotherhood lay leadership throughout the state, as we altogether drive onward and upward to make Brotherhood work more effective, and to realize our ultimate goal of a Brotherhood in every Baptist church in Arkansas.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE MAILING LIST NEEDED

Our present mailing list for the above publications includes:

- All Arkansas Baptist Pastors
- All Church Brotherhood Presidents
- All Associational Brotherhood Presidents
- All Associational Missionaries
- All Department and Institutional Heads

Every person who has written

this office and asked to be put on the mailing list.

We would like to expand our mailing list to include every person who is interested in the progress and prosperity of Brotherhood work in our state.

If you would like to be placed on our mailing list, let us know!

EXCELLENT PROGRAM MATERIAL

Much of the material included in both *Brotherhood Notes* and *Brotherhood Ways and Means* can be used in the building and presentation of excellent programs at Brotherhood meetings; thereby supplementing the *Brotherhood Journal*, quarterly publication of the Brotherhood Commission. The *Journal*, you know, is our prime source of Brotherhood program material.

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LAYMAN'S DAY IS OCTOBER 12

We have on hand a thousand or more attractive posters advertising Layman's Day, which, in 1952, falls on October 12.

Layman's Day is observed on the Second Sunday in October, throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

In due time your church will receive one or more of the Layman's Day posters, with some good suggestions about a proper and effective observance of Layman's Day in your church.

Layman's Day should be used to point the church to the work and worth of the laymen; and to point the laymen to their work as men of God.

YOUNG MEN'S BROTHERHOOD MANUAL

The most recent publication of the Brotherhood Commission is a little booklet with the title, "Young Men's Brotherhood."

All over the Southern Baptist Convention young men's Brotherhoods are springing up, almost spontaneously. The Young Men's Brotherhood Manual has been produced in order to set out the type of organization and the range of activities for a Brotherhood made up of young men in the 17-24 age group.

Send for a free copy of "Young Men's Brotherhood."

REMEMBER YOUR ORPHANAGE IN FALL PROGRAM PLANS

Attention—

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This is a regular part of the Arkansas Baptist Program.

We receive part of our support through the Cooperative Program, but must depend upon the Thanksgiving offering for the most of our support.

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By Mrs. HOMER D. MYERS

Sunday School Lesson for

August 10, 1952

I. Sam. 9:1-2; 10:24-27;
13:5-7, 18-22

Lesson based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

INTRODUCTION

For approximately 400 years, Israel's national leadership was in the form of judges, who were usually prophets also, receiving their orders directly from God. Israel was an infant nation; their character was weakened by their strange background, since the nation was born in Egyptian bondage. It is possible that they were few in number as compared with other nations. They were an immature people; they strayed easily and often after heathen idolatry, which was learned from their neighbors. Their neighbors had gods whom they could see—Israel claimed a God who was invisible, a Spirit. Because of their juvenile tendencies, they found it difficult to follow a leader; like some church members today—they distrusted God's men and were easily confused and upset by those around them.

ISRAEL DEMANDS A KING

It was Israel's desire to be like the heathen nations about them that caused all their trouble, first and last. The other nations had kings; royal blood to run their political affairs. They very likely lived in palaces and wore king's garments. Samuel had grown old, and had turned a great deal of the judgeship of Israel over to his two sons, who were not righteous men like their father. They accepted bribes and perverted judgment. So the elders of Israel went to Samuel and said: "... make us a king to judge over us like all the nations."

Samuel was heart broken. He felt that he had failed. But God told him that the Israelites were rejecting the rulership of God, not the leadership of Samuel. And through the centuries, many has been the man of God whose heart has been broken and his life crushed because people have persistently rejected God's message and the Spirit's leadership. The prophets of old, Jeremiah, Elijah, Moses, and others, were the most hated men the world has known. Yet, the world did not hate them, nor persecute them so much as did the children of God.

Some people find it difficult to be loyal to their church. They are critical of everything and everybody. They never think of saying something encouraging in a business meeting; if something encouraging needs to be said, they keep very silent. If they get to their feet at all, it is to oppose something; to raise doubts in the minds of the people by asking

questions. They want the church to prosper and progress — if it doesn't their pastor is no good. But to stand with the pastor while he leads the progress doesn't seem to enter their minds.

FOREWARNED, TO NO AVAIL

The Lord forewarned Israel concerning their desire for a king. A king would confiscate their sons for his personal service, to reap his crops and build implements of war; he would conscript them for his army. Their daughters would be taken for cooks and house maids. The king would take the choice land for himself; he would tax them to the limit to finance his kingdom in its extravagance. "But the people said Nay; but we would have a king over us; that we may be like all the nations." And a king was given to them.

God sent Samuel to find a young man named Saul, the son of Kish. The only qualification the Bible tells us he had was his good looks: he was tall and handsome. Israel was like most of us today, they were too greatly impressed by appearances. They would not have accepted a king who "didn't look the part." They wanted a king to go out before them, to fight their battles for them, one who could also impress their enemies, so the Lord gave them what they wanted. We soon see the results of such shallow thinking.

Saul had been king in Israel two years when the Philistines came up to battle against them. Saul's army became so frightened they fled into every sort of hiding place they could find and many even left the country, crossed the Jordan into other nations. Those who stayed with Saul "followed him trembling."

FEARFUL AND UNBELIEVING

The most pathetic thing on earth must be for a coward to find himself on the firing line. We do not recall that battles were ever won by fear and trembling. The government does its best to keep up the morale of its fighting men—and for good reasons. But a spiritual coward looks no better to God than a frightened soldier does to us. The Christian who "follows Him trembling," yelling all the while, "We can't do that, its too much for us, we'll never reach the goal," that Christian is really saying that God is too limited, too weak and puny to build His own kingdom, or in fact, just one little unit of His kingdom.

The kingdom of Israel had a

miserable beginning. Saul died in disgrace, he was not successful during his reign. But God built a great kingdom during the next generation in Israel. Saul had the opportunity to have built that kingdom, but he failed because of disobedience. A more glorious, a richer kingdom has not been known than was Israel. God is able. He is still in the kingdom building business. He will get the job done by and by, but He offers us the privilege and opportunity of helping Him build. He offers us a worthy part in His building. We are limited only by our lack of faith. We are limited by a lack of loyalty to the church that Christ died for. We limit ourselves by lack of Bible study and prayerful meditation. Many people who are otherwise intelligent refuse to do constructive thinking, reasonable thinking concerning the church. People hide behind all sorts of silly excuses to keep from doing their duty in the Lord's work.

ALL LEARNING IS FROM GOD

We use our God given talents in the scientific world, to build bigger and better machinery, to make people healthier, wealthier, and wiser in the worldly sense. But we try to keep the church relegated to the horse and buggy days. We think nothing of dis-

carding a worn out suit, or worn out automobile, or worn out tractor. But we cling tenaciously to worn out techniques, worn out furnishings, worn out buildings, in our church work. God gave man the knowledge to advance. God gave man the intelligence to improve himself and his surroundings. We want every comfort and convenience money can buy at home, but when it comes to parting with said money to make the Lord's church more comfortable, more convenient, more useable, someone will complain.

Saul was not a coward, but his failure was in trying to do everything his way; he refused the leadership of God. He failed because his people would not stand with him against the enemy. They wanted a king to show off to their neighbors, one who would fight their battles for them, but alas, each of us must fight our own battles. There is no easy road to success. Neither can another be successful for us.

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With The Secretary In Northwest Arkansas

We preached at 11 o'clock to the congregation at the Siloam Springs Assembly the first Sunday in July. Immediately we set out to Fayetteville where we participated in the dedication of the new building of Bethel Church. This church was a mission of First Church and was organized into a church, and Glen Steele has become the pastor. During the service that day Brother Steele's youngest boy joined the church on profession of faith. We were impressed with the progress that Baptists are making in Fayetteville under the leadership of the consecrated, efficient pastor of First Church and the other leaders in Fayetteville. Dr. Johnson is a missionary soul. His heart bleeds for the furtherance of the cause and for the salvation of the lost. You can detect that in every appearance that he makes.

Dr. Johnson is well prepared for the work and is forward in his decisions in making the plans and in executing them. He is intellectually able to minister to any of the professors and doctors that come to the University. He can tell them "why ink is black." The First Baptist Church in Fayetteville is a great, great church indeed, and Johnson is an intrepid leader of that faithful flock. The work there is growing by leaps and bounds.

At 4 o'clock we took the highway again and by 6 o'clock we were in Van Buren. There we participated in the dirt turning ceremony as pastors and deacons and people launched out on a building program. They are planning a very elaborate and beautiful building which will include both auditorium and educational buildings. We understand that the final cost will run to about a quarter of a million dollars. It is a great and ambitious program for the glory of Christ.

Then at 8 o'clock we were in Brother Jordan's pulpit in Van Buren. Brother Jordan has been pastor of First Church in Van Buren for 6 or 8 years. He is stronger in the hearts of the people than ever, and has the best program for forward movement that Van Buren has ever had. He is one of our greatest gospel preachers, and he is a builder. If a congregation does not want to expand and grow and build wherever building is needed they will not keep Jordan interested too long. After the evening preaching hour we took the highway again and were in the office next morning to attend to emergency matters that always come up the first few days in the month.

Correction

Black River Association will meet at Swifton, Arkansas, October 30-31, instead of the 20-21.

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"The most you can make of yourself is the least you can afford to be."

Morrison And Immanuel, Fayetteville

Immanuel Baptist Church in Fayetteville is making great progress under the leadership of Pastor Garland W. Morrison. They have recently experienced signal blessings from the Lord in their Vacation Bible School. There were eight professions of faith, and the church made an offering for the Cooperative Program. This church has recently ordained two men to preach, and have licensed four. The Baptist work in Fayetteville is looking up.

Correction

In the Quarterly Report published in the July 31 issue of *The Arkansas Baptist* Corinth "A" Church in Ashley County Association was listed as having contributed \$5 to the Cooperative Program, and Corinth "B" Church in Bartholomew Association was listed as having contributed \$10. This is an error. Corinth "A" Church should be listed as having contributed \$15, and Corinth "B" Church contributing nothing to the Cooperative Program for this quarter.

Polio Victims

Brother Louis Gustavus is pastor at Glenwood. His little boy has been stricken with polio and at this writing is in St. Vincent's Infirmary in Little Rock. We shall remember the Gustavus family in our prayers.

The young son of Edgar Looney of the Southern Baptist paper of Fresno, California, was also stricken with polio, and his left leg will always be smaller than the other. These are some of the permanent disastrous results of polio. We shall be in prayer, also, for the Looney family.

We also learn that two children of Southern Baptist missionaries in the Near East are believed to have polio, and prayers are requested in their behalf. They are David McRae, six year old son of Dr. and Mrs. T. J. McRae, of Jordan, and Carrol Elaine Baker, one year old daughter of Missionary and Mrs. Dwight L. Baker of Israel.

Cooper And Monroe

The Baptist Church at Monroe is making fine progress under the leadership of Pastor T. F. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper. Last Sunday, July 20, they had 105 in Sunday School, and on last Sunday, July 27, there were 119 in Sunday School. Brother Cooper led in a revival in which there were 14 additions by baptism and 4 by letter. One by statement and by rededications. The church building is too small and offerings were taken during the revival which resulted in \$1,315.10 for the building fund. There was 79 enrolled in the Daily Vacation Bible School. We learn that Mrs. Cooper was to come to the Baptist Hospital for an operation on July 29. We hope to visit her while she is in the hospital. We pray the Lord's healing touch. God bless the Coopers and Monroe.

Reasons Why It Is Wrong

Five reasons stand out why it is wrong to take public tax money for parochial schools, whether to buy textbooks, subsidize teaching staffs, or furnish transportation.

1. It would mean that the non-religious, the unbelievers and those of contrary belief must help pay the bills of special groups, an imposition clearly contrary to the God-given right of every man to be religious and support religious institutions as he chooses.

2. It would mean the disintegration of our present high public school standards through the simple process of robbing their coffers to support parochial schools, a thing that cannot possibly contribute to the good of the whole.

3. It would encourage the organization of more parochial schools. Not only Catholics and Lutherans but many other denominations not now in the parochial school business would endeavor to set up schools for their own particular groups.

4. In many communities it would mean that the minority religious element would have to send their children to parochial schools or be greatly inconvenienced. Catholics, Lutherans or even conceivably Baptists would control the schools where they were the dominant sect without consideration of minorities. The country would be opened finally to a state church with the most ruthless group, whichever that would be, in control.

5. But before that would come the decay of the great American public school system, with a corresponding decay of democracy.

Baptists and most Protestants are willing to take their chances with the public schools, even if they have become strongly secularized.

We believe that there is manifestly more freedom and even religious progress possible if the schools are left open and not made vehicles of indoctrination by institutional churches.

It looks like any group ought to be willing to take their chances with the free public school, but of course, this is not the case.

And why? Simply because non-free religions cannot thrive without a regimented controlled education. If they were denied their private day schools (and God forbid any wanting to do that) they would die altogether. Institutional Christianity in the sense that has prevailed for so many centuries would disappear from the face of the earth and there would be a new day of New Testament prosperity.

—Baptist Messenger

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The delicate duty of devising schemes of revenue should be left where the Constitution has placed it — with the immediate representatives of the people.

—William Henry Harrison

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"I am a total abstainer from alcoholic liquors. I always felt that I had a better use for my head."

—Thomas A. Edison