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—H. Armstrong Roberts.

"And God created every winged fowl after his kind."

Genesis 1:21

What Our Sunday Schools Can Do

By J. L. CORZINE, Director
Sunday School Work, South Carolina

Every Baptist living in one community with his church membership in another is a hindrance to kingdom progress. Many times, when taking a religious census in the interest of Sunday School growth, I have observed that the number of unsaved persons recorded in the tabulation was almost exactly the same as the number of unaffiliated Baptists. It would probably be wrong to say that each unaffiliated Baptist is keeping one person out of the kingdom, but the fact is that the correlation here is very high, and there is, therefore, some positive relationship between the number of lost people and the number of unaffiliated Baptists in a community. The probabilities are that if we reach our unaffiliated Baptists we shall open new areas for evangelizing the lost. Something should be done.

Get the Facts

What can our Sunday Schools do? First, our Sunday Schools can, through a census, discover and record the names, addresses, and present church affiliations for all Baptists who have membership outside our community.

If the census is not practical at this time, the Sunday School can promptly make a list of all non-resident church members now enrolled in its classes. Perhaps this list can be supplemented from a former census tabulation or from information furnished by class members, officers and teachers.

Second, the list can then be furnished to the pastor for use in the over-all program of enlistment of these persons, continuing from this time on to Sunday, September 21, when the climactic effort for enlistment of non-resident members is to occur throughout the South.

Get Responsible Helpers

The list can also be graded on the age basis so that an appropriate list can be given to each responsible person. Five copies of such listings should be made. A complete list could then be furnished the Sunday School superintendent. A second list could be assigned by departments to the department superintendents. A third list could be assigned to class vice presidents in charge of spiritual ministries. A fifth list can be further broken and distributed appropriately to group captains.

Third, with these lists distributed, every one should be prepared to take his part. This would include a conference for all departmental superintendents, class presidents, vice presidents in charge of class ministries, and group captains involved. (This would probably include all departments above the primary). The pastor could lay before them the challenges presented in this campaign of enlistment. The superintendent could emphasize the importance of the Sunday School making this a teaching campaign, purposing to develop in every person in the school a higher appreciation for the values in church membership in one's own community.

A selected department superintendent—preferably an adult superintendent, because there is where most of these people will belong if they are members or prospects for membership in the Sunday School—could emphasize the need for co-operative effort in all the classes in bringing these unaffiliated church members into the fel-

lowship of Baptists who are their closest neighbors.

The vice president should then explain just how he plans to locate responsibilities on his group captains, what they are to do, how and when they are to report results, and inform them of the time limit for the undertaking—when the campaign is to reach its climax throughout the South—September 21.



To September 14-21
"Transfer Church Membership Week"

Fourth, after this, every worship program in the departments co-operating should make mention of the effort and urge co-operation from all members. All can pray. Call for that. All can speak encouraging words. Suggest that. All can invite other persons to church worship services. Appeal for that.

Let us try to concentrate the attention of all our Sunday School forces on this one big and significant objective for the glory of God and the spiritual improvement of our church members. To work together in order to bless others in a specific manner is to learn the great truth stated by Jesus in this way, "Whosoever will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 9:35b).

The effort should be sustained throughout the year—not dropped after September 21. The Sunday School is our teaching agency. We must assume responsibility for teaching our people the full meaning of worthy church membership. Each Baptist should belong to the church where he can best serve Christ. That will be the church in his own neighborhood.

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At Home With The Lord

Brother Joe Sullivan has answered the final summons and is now at home with the Lord. He died of a heart attack on Sunday afternoon, August 3. He was in the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, from a heart attack in April. He had recovered sufficiently to do a limited amount of work and attended the Executive Board meeting in Little Rock, July 15.

Joe Sullivan was pastor of First Church, Bauxite, when we came to the pastorate of First Church, Hot Springs, January 1, 1939. We were closely associated in associational work and a friendship developed between us which grew richer and more meaningful through the years.

He was an earnest and sincere preacher of the gospel and perhaps the seriousness with which he took his responsibilities as a minister and pastor had something to do with the development of a heart ailment which finally took his life.

We express to Mrs. Sullivan and the family our sincere sympathy and earnest prayers in these hours of their grief and loss.

John The Loyal

A Devotion By the Editor

"Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved."

Perhaps you have seen a lone tree standing in the midst of the wreckage in the path of a devastating storm. All about were the splintered trunks and tangled branches of trees, small and large, which were victims of the storm. But here stands one tree unscratched, as if it led a charmed life, looking down upon its hapless comrades with calm serenity. Such a circumstance we sometimes call a freak of nature.

But it is no freak of nature, when all the followers of Jesus were felled by the tragic events connected with His crucifixion, that John stands as the lone sentinel in the path of the storm that had wrought such havoc and left the hopes and expectations of all the others a tangled mass of debris smouldering in the hot embers of disappointment, fear, and grief.

Judas, driven by greed, betrays Jesus into the hands of His enemies. Peter, falling from the dizzy heights of his boastful self-confidence, denies even knowing Him. The others, frightened by the sudden turn of events, seek the cover of secrecy and seclusion, concealing themselves as best they can in scattered confusion from the vengeance of the captors of their Lord.

John alone accompanied Jesus on the night of His arrest and stood by Him during His trial. He alone had the courage, in spite of his fears, to be known as one of His disciples and His bosom friend. He had not boasted that he loved Jesus more than the others, but he proved it by his actions.

John sits silent during the trial, he is close by as Jesus is ridiculed in mock acclaim of His Kingship, he follows the procession to Calvary with the mother of Jesus leaning on His arm, he stands by while Jesus hangs on the cross. We do not have one recorded word spoken by John during this whole time.

John gave his companionship to Jesus in His suffering and rejection, not unwillingly but as a voluntary devotion. And Jesus found in this voluntary acceptance of His suffering by John the norm of Christian sacrifice, devotion, and loyalty which reassured Him.

"And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest." John 18:15.

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From The Editor's Desk

Two Splinter Movements

We publish on page nine excerpts from an editorial appearing in the *Watchman-Examiner* of New York by Dr. John W. Bradbury, and Dr. Bridges inserts on page sixteen an editorial from the *Illinois Baptist* by Editor B. J. Murrie.

We urge our readers, both laymen and pastors, to read these two items and also to think with your editor concerning the two movements which are discussed in these items.

Presumption

There is only one reason for printing these editorials from these other honored publications and only one reason for our own comments, and that reason is to urge our Baptist people, our Baptist churches, and our Baptist pastors to look carefully into these movements before giving support to them.

Those who call themselves "Bible Baptists" are assuming a "holier-than-thou" attitude. The implications are that they claim for themselves the exclusive right to interpret the Bible and that all those who may disagree with them are not following the Bible. They are seeking to make capital out of two words which have great significance among a great host of Christian people—"Bible" and "Baptists." So, we would warn our people not to be taken in by their presumption.

The other splinter movement is dealt with by Editor B. J. Murrie of Illinois. Editor

Murrie effectively explodes the fallacy of orthodox interdenominationalism and shows that orthodoxy and interdenominationalism are contradictory in their very nature.

Udenominational Institutions Seek Support of Denominations

The danger which we would call to the attention of our pastors and our Baptist people in general and our young people in particular is the fact that these interdenominational colleges or udenominational colleges do not inspire loyalty to the denominations to which their students belong but rather do they seek to wean their students away from their loyalty and allegiance to their denominations.

The college which has no denominational affiliation seeks to popularize itself by virtue of its nondenominational affiliation. Then it seeks to place its graduates in churches which do have denominational affiliation. Since these graduates have been in the atmosphere of nondenominationalism, as it is called, and their training has been such as to discredit denominations, it is inevitable that these graduates will promote programs, in the churches, which are independent of the denomination and, therefore, are not likely to promote the denominational programs. Or to state the case in other words, these independent colleges seek to popularize themselves by their independence but seek their support from the denominations which they repudiate.

Baptist Churches Wrecked

We have personal knowledge of Baptist churches which have suffered tremendously from pastors who came from these non-denominational colleges. We have personal knowledge of members of these Baptist churches who sought to follow the programs of the denomination, and because they were loyal to the denomination and its doctrines they were persecuted by the pastor who had come from an independent college, and in some cases were actually excluded from the church.

Therefore, churches should be very careful and understand the problems which they are likely to face when they are considering a graduate of a nondenominational or interdenominational college as their pastor.

If these colleges and their faculties and their student bodies do not want to acknowledge denominational affiliation then let them start a program of their own and not try to steal the churches away from their denominational affiliation.

If the men at the head of these institutions and independent movements feel that they cannot affiliate with and join in the program of some denomination and therefore they start an institution or a movement of their own, we would have no quarrel with them so long as they do not undertake to draw their support from the denominations they criticize.

There are some people who seem to think that they are too big to channel their ministry and their Christian service through denominational channels. They have a perfect right to go their own way. But one who considers himself too big to channel his ministry and his service through denominational channels is too little for me to follow.

Georgia Editor Questions Wisdom of Texas Baptists

We reprint on page nine an editorial appearing in the July 31 issue of the *Christian Index* by Editor John J. Hurt Jr. We believe that there is a serious issue involved in the question which Editor Hurt raises.

As you will note, the Baptist General Convention of Texas plans to provide a working capital of \$2,500,000 to help Southern Baptist churches get new buildings started in ten western states. Editor Hurt points out that "the Home Mission Board has its own plan for increasing its loan fund. The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee recently gave authority for it to borrow \$500,000 on future income to add to this fund. Discussion is under way about providing other money."

Parallel Programs Unwise

We have always questioned the wisdom of an individual breaking away from his church and promoting a program parallel to his church program, or of an individual church breaking away from the denominational program and supporting a program parallel to the denominational program. We would also question the wisdom of a state convention breaking away from the denominational program and promoting a program parallel to the denominational program.

We believe that in the long run it would be better for our churches, our associations, and our state conventions to channel their work through the denominational program rather than to promote a work parallel to the work of any of our denominational agencies and institutions.

In questioning the wisdom of such an independent and parallel work, we would not question the sincerity of those promoting such a work, nor would we question the motives which have prompted such a movement.

Dangerous Precedent

As Editor Hurt points out, this very generous movement on the part of Texas Baptists may set a precedent which other states might be inclined to follow in promoting independent, even though parallel, programs.

We believe that the possible dangers involved in this movement should be pondered long and prayerfully. "We are working together," and it would seem that our "togetherness" has produced such results as would encourage all our churches and all our state associations or conventions to continue to work together on all programs of the Southern Baptist Convention.

You Need This Pamphlet

We commend to our readers a pamphlet by Harold R. Rafton and published by the Beacon Press.

The title of the pamphlet is, "The Roman Catholic Church and Democracy." The subtitle is, "The Teachings of Pope Leo XIII."

Mr. Rafton lists eight principles from the Declaration of Independence of the United States. Then he quotes from Pope Leo XIII statements which contradict these eight statements from the Declaration of Independence.

To give one example, we take this quotation from the pamphlet regarding the censorship of the Roman Catholic Church relative to books which are published; "... The books of ... all writers whatsoever ... in any way attacking the foundations of religion, are altogether prohibited.

"... Moreover, the books of non-Catholics ... treating of religion, are prohibited, unless they clearly contain nothing contrary to Catholic faith." Page 412 of "The Great Encyclical Letters of Leo XIII."

If you want to know the Catholic position toward what we commonly accept as democratic principles, get this pamphlet from the Beacon Press, 25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts, price 35 cents.

Kingdom Progress

Crowder Begins Sixth Year At Trinity, Fort Smith

On Sunday, August 3, Pastor P. J. Crowder began his sixth year as pastor of the Trinity Church of Fort Smith. During his five year ministry at Trinity, 375 members have been received into the church. Number of baptisms increased over the previous five years 105 per cent.

The Sunday School has been departmentalized and the attendance has increased by 92 per cent. The Training Union has also been departmentalized with an increase of 60 per cent in attendance. The Woman's Missionary Society has increased from two to five circles.

Financial receipts have increased during the five year period of Pastor Crowder's ministry 197 per cent, with gifts to the Co-operative Program increasing 385 per cent. Thus, it will be seen that the Co-operative Program contributions have increased almost twice as much as the total church budget. This increase in Co-operative Program gifts has taken place while the church was engaged in a building program.

The Trinity Church moved its location and erected a new and modern church and educational building. The value of the church property has increased more than \$75,000.



P. J. CROWDER

The new building is air conditioned and is equipped with a modern heating system.

Elkins Church Has Revival

The Elkins Church recently had the services of Associational Missionary and Mrs. A. L. Leake, Fayetteville, in Washington-Madison Association in a revival campaign which resulted in 35 adults being added to the church membership, 25 of whom were received for baptism. Mrs. Leake worked with the young people. Missionary Leake says: "The B. S. U. of the University of Arkansas greatly helped in the services."

Decatur Bible School

First Church, Decatur, was engaged in a Vacation Bible School from July 14-25, using the facilities of their recently completed educational building. The enrolment was 143, with average attendance of 107, including 16 faculty members.

The mission offering of \$30.17 was sent to the Co-operative Program. The school closed with commencement exercises on Friday evening, July 25.

Pastor Robert A. Parker served as principal of the school.

First Church, Van Buren Enters Building Program

Dr. T. H. Jordan, pastor of the First Church, Van Buren, announces that the Van Buren Church has begun construction of the first unit of their new church plant.

Dr. Jordan recently assisted First Baptist Church and Pastor R. B. Middleton of Berne, Louisiana, in a revival meeting, which resulted in six additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism.

More recently, Dr. Jordan assisted C. S. Cadwallader and the Fellowship Church in a revival meeting which resulted in fifteen additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and one by letter.

Dr. Joseph M. Dawson Addresses World Baptists on Religious Liberty

Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs with offices in Washington, presented a 6,000 word paper on "The Church and Religious Liberty" when executive committeemen of the Baptist World Alliance met at Tullose, Denmark, August 4-8.

One of America's best students of the problems on church-state separation, and outstanding spokesman for religious liberty, Dr. Dawson was invited to declare the historic Baptist position for absolute freedom of all peoples in matters of religion.

Dr. Dawson left Washington by air July 27, for Copenhagen. He attended sessions of the All-Europe Baptist Federation the week of July 28-August 1.

Macedonia Receives Seven In Revival Meeting

Macedonia Number One, near Texarkana, and Pastor V. A. Bond, recently had the services of Leo Hughes, Genoa; J. T. Robbins, Ouachita College; and Tilman Hill, Calvary Church, Texarkana, in revival services, which resulted in seven additions to the church, all on profession of faith.

Mr. Hughes did the preaching; Mr. Robbins was the pianist; and Mr. Hill had charge of the music program.

Glen Wright, Louisiana Assists Conway Church

Glen Wright, Monroe, Louisiana, was the evangelist in a recent revival with Brumley Church, Conway. There were 13 additions to the church by baptism, and 20 home altars established.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

Pastor James H. Fitzgerald and the Park Place Church, Hot Springs, had the services of Pastor E. Butler Abington of Lake Charles, Louisiana, evangelist, and Mr. James Saunders of Memphis, Tennessee, as song leader in an open air two weeks revival. There were twelve additions to the church, seven on profession of faith and baptism and five by letter.

Missionary M. T. McGregor, associational missionary of the Hope Association, assisted Pastor J. O. Perkison and First Church, Cash, in a revival meeting which closed on July 27. Merle Johnson of North Little Rock directed the singing.

There were eleven additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and three by letter. On Sunday, July 27, the last Sunday of the meeting, all Sunday School records were broken.

First Church, Springdale, is currently engaged in revival services which began August 3 to continue through August 24. Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary for Arkansas, conducted the services the first week; Pastor Stanley Jordan, the second week, with Fouts Moreland in charge of the music. Milton DuPriest will deliver the messages the third week, with Frank Boggs in charge of the music program.

First Church, Bearcen, and Pastor John Hargett will have the services of Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, in a revival meeting September 21-28. Bill Lowery, associate pastor of First Church, Cullendale, will conduct the song services.

The Greene County Associational Brotherhood sponsored a mission revival in the Oak Grove community from June 30 to July 13, which resulted in ten additions to nearby churches: Friendship, Unity, and East Side. Evangelists for the revival were Jesse Holcomb and Russell Duffer.

Pastor F. F. Weaver and the Diaz Church were assisted in a revival meeting July 20-30 by Pastor Hal Gallop of Black Oak. There were eight additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism.

Dull Preaching Is Intolerable

By FINLEY W. TINNIN

There is nothing, we think more boring and less pardonable than dull preaching. The preacher has the most exciting and interesting things to preach about and when, from lack of preparation or pure bone-headedness, he fails to arouse the interest of his hearers, there is something the matter with him.

Simeon Stylites, who writes a column in the *Christian Century*, commenting on dull preaching, says:

"How about a jury of censors at public meetings or church services who have the power to announce: 'This is too dull, too boring. Stop the music!' In many Puritan churches there was a 'waker-upper,' called a tithing man, who went around and woke up anyone who went to sleep.

—The Baptist Message

Evangelism In Puerto Rico

Roman Catholics in the city of Adjuntas, Puerto Rico, walked out of the Rosary Service in their church on June 23 to listen to the preaching of the Gospel, as a great one-month evangelistic campaign got underway on the island. Priests, forced to close the church for lack of a congregation, also turned out to hear the news of salvation.

Earlier in the day, Dr. Walter M. Montano of Christ's Mission, New York City, evangelist for the campaign, was welcomed to Adjuntas by the mayor, who said:

"Although I am a Catholic, I admire the work of Protestant pastors and the noble Christian life of your believers inspires me. I see such a high level of conduct in Protestant people that I do not find among my own people of the Catholic Church. I extend this official welcome to our most distinguished visitor, Dr. Montano, with whose work I already am acquainted. The doors of this city are open to you."

The campaign, sponsored by all the Protestant churches of Puerto Rico, began on June 20, when Dr. Montano arrived at the San Juan airport from New York City. He was welcomed by a large delegation of ministers from all churches representing Puerto Rico's 200,000 Protestants.

That evening a huge Protestant rally was held in the city of Ponce.

Youth Team at Bald Knob

Central Church, Bald Knob, and Pastor V. E. DeFreece, had the services of a youth team composed of Tommy Purnell, Rhine McMurry, Don Moore, Bertha Moseley, Dorothy Rogers, Tommy Bruce and Jack Cowling in a week-end youth-led revival from July 31 to August 4. There were nine professions of faith, and a number of rededications.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As missionary of the Motor cities Association, it gives me great pleasure to announce the measure of success of the association. All the churches are experiencing a steady growth with added enthusiasm in all the organizations.

A new mission has been organized in Flint, Michigan, under the guidance of the Mt. Pleasant Church of that city. Chester Cole is pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Church. The mission started its first Sunday with a total attendance of 48 and a collection of \$65. The mission has a bright future.

First Southern Baptist Church of Pontiac, Michigan, has recently finished its building program for the present. They added more seats to the sanctuary and several rooms to their educational building. Pastor Starkey is very much encouraged about the work and progress.

New Hope Church of Detroit and Pastor Edgar Roberts are expecting to start their building of a new educational plant soon.

Antioch Church of Detroit and Pastor Thomas Sivil also expects to continue with the construction of their church soon.

Bethel Church and Pastor Coy Sims, East Side Church and Pastor Fox, Monoah Church and Pastor E. M. Pryor, First Church of St. Clair Shores and Pastor Van Sledd, Samaritan Church and Pastor A. J. Guess, Eber Memorial Church and Pastor Marion F. Boyd Jr. are all experiencing the miraculous power and work of the Holy Spirit.

This is a mission field. Pray for it.

Yours truly

—F. D. Hubbs

"The Firebuilders"

First Church, Batesville, C. D. Sallee Jr., pastor has a very active Training Union adult department with W. C. Wilbanks, Sr. as director. There are four unions as follows: "Go Ye," "The Firebuilders," "The Crusaders"; "The Pioneers."

To indicate the needs, the purpose, and the method of building spiritual fires Mrs. Roberta Stroud composed the following lines:

HOW TO BE A FIREBUILDER

*God gave us His Word to use for the spark,
And when properly used will release us from dark.
Then He sent His Son to show us the way
To use that spark and turn night into day.*

*We are the fuel that will make the flame.
If we open our hearts and call in Christ's name,
We can make the flame go higher and thus
Consume the evils that always surround us.*

*But only if our fuel is free from dregs of vice
Can we keep Satan from using us to entice
Others into his plan to make his own
That he (Satan) might sit upon God's throne.*

*Our actions will make our light so shine
That others might see and rise from behind
The ranks of Satan with his sin and stress
And his unceasing efforts for advertising worldliness.*

*Clean up your fuel and move the debris.
Let your light shine out that others might see.
Then go about telling others of His love so pure,
And, without a doubt, you will be a "Firebuilder" for sure.*

Facts Of Interest

Dr. R. M. Inlow, at one time a vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a denominational leader for many years died July 23, in Albuquerque.

Industrialist R. G. LeTourneau has leased 500,000 acres in the Liberian jungle in Africa, and is sponsoring a "modern ark" which will carry modern farm equipment to the site of his missionary expedition. He will try to reach natives with the gospel message by first introducing them to modern farm equipment and methods.

Correction

Cache Valley Baptist Church in Greene County Association has changed its name to the Light Baptist Church.

LISTEN TO THE BAPTIST HOUR

DATE—AUGUST 17

SPEAKER: Dr. J. D. Grey

SUBJECT: "Whom Do You Choose?"

ARKANSAS STATIONS

KHOZ, Harrison, 8:15 a. m.
KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
KENA, Mena, 2 p. m.
KDRS, Paragould, 10 a. m.
KUOA, 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.

Father Preaches Ordination Sermon For Son

Pastor Leamon D. Eppinette of the East Avenue Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri, preached the ordination sermon for his son, Leamon D. Eppinette Jr., when the latter was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry on June 26, by the Caddo Valley Church near Arkadelphia, where young Eppinette is pastor.

Paster Floyd Simmons served as moderator, and Pastor Jay Graves as clerk of the ordaining council. Pastor S. M. Cooper of Second Church, Arkadelphia, conducted the examination, and A. W. Upchurch Jr. led the ordination prayer.

Leamon D. Eppinette Jr. is a senior in Ouachita College, and was licensed to preach about a year ago by Second Church, Arkadelphia.

Mr. Eppinette served three years in the armed forces before entering college, two years of the three were spent overseas. He is married and has one child, a son, one year of age.

Telegram Glorieta, New Mexico

News breaks from Glorieta of an additional four building ground breaking ceremony on afternoon, August 12, Oklahoma Building, all southern building and two others to be announced at the time. Governor Meechem of New Mexico, Santa Fe Railroad officials, city mayors, and the executive secretaries from seven states participating. The special service will be under the direction of Secretary Holcomb of the Sunday School Board and Manager Herron of the Assembly. Services concluded at five p. m. will be followed by a giant chicken fry to which the public is invited.

—Lewis A. Myers

Park Place, Hot Springs Observes Semi-centennial

Park Place Church, Hot Springs, James H. Fitzgerald, pastor, will observe the 50th anniversary of the organization of the church on Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31. All former pastors of the church and all present members and former members are extended a cordial invitation by the pastor and the church to attend these services.

The program will feature a brief review of the history of the church and plans for the future. Reminiscences of the past will be given by former members; remarks by the charter members; talks by former pastors; and special music will also be feature of the program.

A basket lunch will be spread on the church lawn at the close of the Sunday morning service. A unique feature of the program and what the pastor and the church hope will be a profitable feature will be the opportunity given all persons present to make a birthday or anniversary contribution to the church in multiples of fifty: One tenth of fifty; one fiftieth of fifty; one-half of fifty; or a whole unit of fifty dollars. However, contributions will not be limited to fifty dollars, it may be a unit and a half seventy-five dollars; two units or one hundred dollars. It is not likely that any limit will be put on the amount of the contribution because the church hopes to add "fifty hundred dollars" (\$5,000) to its building fund on its fiftieth anniversary.



Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

Baptists Hear America Is World Evangelization Center

Europe, once the center of world evangelization, has "yielded its task to America," Dr. Bredahl Petersen of Copenhagen, president of the European Baptist Federation, reported to the Federation's congress in Copenhagen, Denmark.

"Atheism and materialism have swept over the majority of the people, leaving fully 75 per cent of Europe's population pagan," Dr. Petersen said. "And if Europe turns pagan the whole world will feel the effect."

Asserting that "the task is beyond the powers of State churchism," he urged Baptists everywhere to "relight the fires of religion where the Gospel light has gone out."

The Danish churchman expressed regret that not a single delegate from the Iron Curtain countries had answered the roll call of nations at the opening of the congress.

Russian Baptists sent a letter saying, "We considered your invitation. We trust you may help to bring peace to the world."

"They should have been here," Dr. Petersen commented. "Conditions should have made it possible for them to be here, and we deplore the fact that they are not here."

Dr. F. Townley Lord of London, England, president of the Baptist World Alliance, presided over the congress session.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, Missouri, a former president of the Alliance, told the meeting, "the fact that divided peoples sing together argues that they can find a way to live together in peace."

Non-European members of the World Alliance executive committee, which also met, attended the congress as guests and speakers.

Dr. W. O. Lewis of London, secretary-treasurer of the European Federation, said that, despite the "sad disunity" of Europe, "the phenomenon of Baptist unity in nations of diverse languages, moneys and laws" offers proof that religion can "bring a living federation to the distressed countries."

Newspapers and the public showed unusual interest in the presence of Dr. W. H. Jernagin of Washington, D. C., the only Negro attending the congress. A member of the World Alliance executive committee, he is president of the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.

Young Baptist Soldier Sets Up Music Scholarship Fund For Japanese

An American soldier pianist with the U. S. forces in Japan has established a scholarship fund for young Japanese musicians that will enable eight of them to take full four-year courses at Tokyo Conservatory beginning this fall.

He is Cpl. Thomas Talbert, 24, graduate of Mississippi College (Southern Baptist) at Clinton, who has just returned to Jackson after his discharge from service with the Chaplain's Section of the U. S. Army Headquarters and Service Command in Tokyo.

Corporal Talbert used the proceeds from a piano recital he gave at Tokyo's Hibiya Hall to set up the Talbert Scholarship Fund in June. He plans to return to Japan shortly as a civilian and give more concerts to augment the fund.

Ask Candidates State Position On Vatican Envoy

A request that the Republican and Democratic Presidential nominees clearly state their position on United States diplomatic relations with the Vatican was sent to General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of the organization, told the two party standard-bearers in identically worded letters that the American people expect each candidate "to made known his position on the most significant issues now before the nation." The Vatican-recognition question, he said, is "one of particular interest to all Americans who wish to preserve the democratic concept of Church-State separation."

"I earnestly hope that after examining this question on its merits," Dr. Archer said, "you will issue a forthright statement indicating that you are opposed to diplomatic relations with the Vatican on any level, high or low."

He said that President Truman's nomination of General Mark W. Clark as Ambassador to the Vatican last October gave rise to "a violently divisive national controversy," and made it "apparent that large numbers of Americans were resolutely opposed to any kind of U. S. diplomatic tie-up with any church organization."

Japanese Protestant Leader Warns On State Shintoism

Prime Minister Yoshida and other Japanese politicians are encouraging a revival of State Shintoism "to gain political support," the Rev. Michio Kozaki, chairman of the Japan National Christian Council, charged in Tokyo.

Mr. Kozaki, spokesman for 90 per cent of Japan's Protestants, said that one of the greatest results of the last war "was the abolition of enforced State Shintoism."

He accused Prime Minister Yoshida of "having no firm Shinto convictions," but showing a public interest in shrine worship "to take advantage of the trend toward the old State religion."

He further alleges that the Japanese Premier had "sent a representative to the Ise (Sun Goddess) shrine to report to the ancestral war dead that the Peace Treaty had been signed."

The Protestant spokesman, who also is Moderator of the United Church of Christ in Japan, said that his fear of the revival of State Shintoism was shared by many Christian businessmen "who frequently are forced to donate to shrine funds under pressure of a boycott of their concerns."

"One Christian leader," Mr. Kozaki said, "when he refused to donate to his community shrine, was told that the police authority was behind the request."

He also said that the chairman of the Japan Buddhists Association was equally concerned over the rebirth of State Shintoism. The Buddhists are the largest religious group in Japan.

A Smile or Two

Woman Driver to companion after parking car: "That's close enough . . . we can walk to the curb!"

One moron asked another moron: "Why is the hand of the statue of Liberty only eleven inches long?" And the other moron replied, "If it was another inch longer it would be a foot."

A farmer hauled a load of produce to an asylum. One of the inmates was assigned to help unload the produce. Pausing for a rest, the farmer asked, "You ever do any farming?" "Oh, yeah, I've farmed," the helper replied and went back to work. After while he said to the farmer, "You ever live in an asylum?" "No." "Well, I can tell you this much," said the inmate, "it beats farmin'!"

—Capper's Weekly

Triumphant Suitor: "Well, Willie, your sister is going to marry me. How's that for news?"

Willie: "News? You mean you're just finding that out?"

A nun was telling with evident glee of a geography test among her 2nd and 3rd grade students in which she asked where the German people came from, the French people, the Italian, the English, etc. All went well until she finally asked, "And where do the Irish come from?" Then came the answer with resounding certitude: "From Notre Dame!"

—Information

The lady of the house has entertaining her club when the pattering of tiny feet was heard on the stairs. She raised her hand for silence. "Hush," she said softly, "the children have come to deliver their goodnight message. It always gives me such a feeling of reverence to hear them . . . Listen!"

There was a moment of silence, then shyly came a small voice from the hallway: "Mama, Willie found a bedbug."

Wife: "Don't you think, dear, that man has more sense after he's married?"

Husband: "Yes, indeed, but it's too late then."

POINT OF VIEW

A lady with two sons in the army and a daughter in the WAC was visiting a farm and saw a youth of draft age milking a cow.

"Young man," she said sternly, "why aren't you at the front?"

"Cause there ain't no milk at that end, missus," was the reply.

Mother: "Charlie sit down and tell your sister a story."

Charlie: "I can't sit down, mother; I just told Father a story."

At a village store in the Blue Ridge country the old proprietor was trying to sell a wastebasket to a hillbilly. Sales resistance was in the set of the bearded man's chin. "How come I need a basket? It'll need emptyin' ever' month or so."

"Not this one," said the proprietor. "Ain't got no bottom to it. Just move it a jot."

News From Baptist Press

Expect 500 At Rio Meet From North America

An estimated 500 people from North America are expected to attend the Fourth Baptist Youth World Conference in Rio, July 15-22, 1953, according to Robert S. Denny, chairman of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. Thirty-five or forty young people are expected from Canada.

Added to the 500 more expected from South American countries, another 500 from the Rio vicinity and the many representing European and Asiatic Baptists, the delegates should number close to 1,700 at the meeting next summer.

"The real promotion for the conference will be in assuring the presence of at least one young Baptist from every nation in the world where there are Baptist people," Denny said. This will be done by groups financially sponsoring such representatives. Many will be unable to attend without this provision, although their national Baptist groups can help them partially, he pointed out.

The Alliance Youth Committee started the drive early with \$500 left over from a similar fund at the Third World Meeting of Baptist Youth at Stockholm and to this has been added about \$1,500 contributed by Baptist students at the 1952 Ridgecrest Student Week. Provisions must be made soon so that the representatives can be named and prepare for the trip, Denny explained.

Going To Rio In '53 Now Is Time To Inquire

Because of the extra provisions necessary to transport the many North Americans who will be going to Brazil next summer for the Fourth Baptist Youth World Conference in Rio, July 15-22, Robert S. Denny, urges that plans be made in the fall this year if sufficient provisions are to be had.

Denny, an associate in the Student Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, announces that information on Rio is available from his office for anyone writing for it. Also available will be names of party leaders who will conduct tours to the Conference. Three definite itineraries are now available through the department, each with a specific route and price.

"Any party leaders who have not registered their intentions of conducting a group are urged to communicate with the Student Department," Denny says.

As an estimate of the prices of the tours, via air travel, Denny announced a round-trip fare on Pan American, routed from Miami to San Juan, Port of Spain, Belen, Rio, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Lima, Balboa, Miami, as \$610. Other expenses of hotels, meals, sightseeing, trips and incidentals should be added. Total cost would be, of course, in proportion to the length of the trip and the type of accommodations secured, as the tours are arranged to take from two to six weeks, depending upon the length of stops in various places.

Parties of all conducted tours will remain together throughout the trip, Denny pointed out. This is the reason for urgency in a centralized information point. Information may be secured from Robert S. Denny, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

July Receipts Put Cooperative Program Total Over Five Million

Southern Baptists have given over five million dollars to Convention causes and agencies through the Cooperative Program since January, according to the monthly report coming from the office of Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, at the end of July.

The Cooperative Program receipts for July, \$699,234, brought the total thus far in the year to \$5,145,668, an increase of \$558,694 or 12.18 per cent over the total amount given at the same time in 1951.

July's receipts enabled this year's budget distributions to move from the operating budget of the Convention's agencies and institutions to the capital needs allocations.

All but three of the twenty-three co-operating states and territories have increased Cooperative Program gifts this year over last year. All of the states increased their designated gifts channeled through the Executive Committee office.

Designated gifts for the seven months totaling \$4,355,201, an increase of 21.34 per cent over 1951, brought the grand total of gifts coming through the Nashville office by July 31 to \$9,500,869. This is 16.2 per cent, or \$1,324,561, more than the total gifts through July last year.

Ashcraft Among Few Chaplains With Wings

Chaplain Jesse M. Ashcraft, LtJG, U. S. Navy, is one of the few active chaplains wearing aviator's wings as a part of their uniforms. The Southern Baptist chaplain, a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, says he knows only two other chaplains who were naval aviators.

Ashcraft, a native of Malvern, was a naval aviator in World War II. He was too young to enter the Chaplain Corps when called for duty while a ministerial student at Ouachita. He is a graduate and former instructor in Biblical archaeology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

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Dr. Goerner Of Southern Seminary Named President, New Mission Assn.

The fellowship of missionary professors has named Dr. Henry Cornell Goerner, Professor of Mission and Comparative Religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as its first president.

The group of missionary professors met on the campus of Southern Seminary, in Louisville, Kentucky, June 11-12, in conjunction with the American Association of Theological Schools during their eighteenth biennial meeting.

Noting the successes of various local groups, the group stated it believed an enlarged association on a national level would afford an opportunity to integrate and disseminate beneficial results of the local groups. The tentative constitution for the Association of Professors of Missions provides for biennial meetings on a national basis.

Dean Earl Cranston of the School of Religion, University of Southern California, led the group discussions which resulted in the establishment of the new organization and the subsequent election of Dr. Goerner as its first president. Speaking to the group, Dean Cranston stated, "Had I been in a

Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Gets New Laboratory

Baptist Memorial Hospital will open soon a specially designed laboratory where for the first time in the Memphis area diagnostic tests for brain tumors will be made using radioactive dye. The laboratory (adjoining the EEG lab) has been approved by the Atomic Energy Commission and arrangements have been completed for the purchase of the radioactive material from Oak Ridge.

The hospital has been planning to add an isotope unit for more than a year, Dr. M. L. Turnbull, pathologist, pointed out. Dr. Carl Nurnberger joined the staff as consultant for the project and Martin Green, EEG technician, spent several weeks at Northwestern University last summer studying the methods used in the test and talking with research workers who were using the radioactive dyes there. Orders on the specialized equipment have been delayed for some time, but the lab is fully equipped now at a cost of about \$5,000.

Localize Brain Tumors

This isotopic unit has been set up at BMH to aid staff surgeons in finding before surgery the exact location of tumors within the brain. When the doctor orders this test, the patient is injected with the dye, which will concentrate in the area of the lesion. A scintillation counter is connected to a recording machine then which indicates the greatest area of concentration as the counter is moved over various areas of the brain.

Because the dye gradually loses its radioactivity, it will be flown here from Oak Ridge in small amounts. Though this material will not be extremely "hot", precaution is taken in its handling. It will be shipped in lead containers and kept behind a wall of lead bricks in the lab here.

Expansion Planned

Although only the one test will be offered now, the hospital hopes to add others to keep pace with the new field of atomic medicine. Equipment for the handling of more potent materials have already been purchased to avoid future delay as the hospital looks ahead to expanding services.

—The Baptiscope, BMH Bulletin

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S. B. C. President On Overseas Preaching Mission

Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, left by plane on an overseas preaching mission.

He will visit Norway and Scotland and then attend a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee in Denmark. After the meeting he will preach in Baptist churches in Germany.

On August 20, Dr. Grey will fly from London to Nigeria, British West Africa, to preach at the Baptist Pastors' Conference there. Subsequently he will go to Recife, Brazil, to address Baptist gatherings. He is scheduled to return to New Orleans on September 5.

—Religious News Service

position to make a nomination, Dr. Goerner would have been my first choice. It was largely at the insistence of Dr. Goerner that this group met for the purpose of determining the feasibility of such a national organization, and it is fitting that this honor should be extended to him."

Trends That Bring Death

(Excerpts from a sermon by Dr. John H. Buchanan of the Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, reprinted from the Christian Economics.)

We're thankful to God for this blessed land; we're thankful for a heritage that has guaranteed to us the fullest measure of freedom and the greatest blessings that any generation of people have ever known in human history. I want it conserved for my children and my grandchildren. But there are certain trends and certain tendencies that perhaps unwittingly and unconsciously we are permitting to develop, that if unchecked, are as certain to bring death to this nation as the night follows the sunset. I want to read you a quotation from the speech of Lenin outside of Moscow before World War I, when the totalitarian philosophy of government as taught by Karl Marx was just beginning to be implemented in Germany, in Russia, and Italy. Lenin was the apostle of the socialistic philosophy of communism, which is simply one form of socialism — the last form. As we read history we discover that a socialistic state is the next step below the communistic state. Now I quote this from Dr. Preston Bradley. I haven't been able to check it, but I'm informed that he is a man of integrity and this is an authentic quotation. I quote his full remarks:

"Did you read the address that Lenin gave outside the walls of the Kremlin in the city of Moscow? Of course, you didn't. It is in English and it is published. That address outlined the pattern and everything that Lenin said outside the walls of Moscow has worked out according to the pattern, and what was it? He concluded that address by saying, "We will win the western world for communism without shedding a drop of a single Russian soldier's blood." And he said, "How?" and he went on with his unprecedented eloquence before a quarter of a million Russians who were underpaid and were hungry and were in revolt, and said, "We will bankrupt the western world. We will create fear, suspicion; we will work inside by creating racial hatreds, religious antagonisms; we will pit father against son; wife against husband; we will inaugurate campaigns to hate Jews and to hate Catholics and to hate Negroes; we will inspire strikes and riots; we will plant the seeds of turmoil and we will cover it all with an inflation which will lead to economic disaster until we have fourteen million unemployed people on the streets of the democratic country of imperialistic America. We will break their economy; we will send their dollar down until it is not worth ten cents. We will destroy the future security from life insurance, from old age pensions, until a life annuity that someone felt would be substantial for the last of life will buy but a loaf of bread. We will break their currency; we will break their spirit. We will frighten them; we will scare them. We will create political chicanery; we will confuse international diplomacy; we will do these things."

Now that was the manifesto that Lenin delivered as the way communism and the social state would destroy American democracy.

Characteristics of Socialism

Some friends of mine have gone back into the decades before the rise of the totalitarian state and enumerated twenty characteristics which were obtained in those European lands where the totalitarian state has

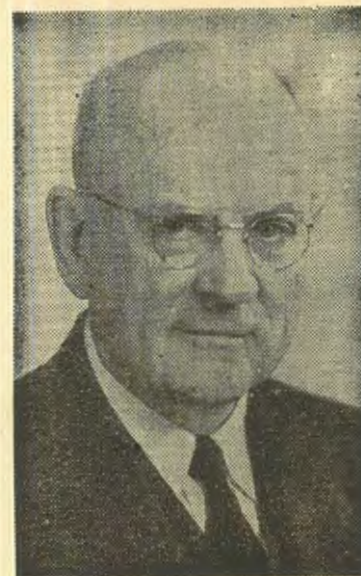
come into existence. It is the claim of those historians that these twenty characteristics implemented the philosophy of Karl Marx and Lenin producing the totalitarian state. We of America have fought two wars and perhaps stand on the verge of a third global war to defend our democracy against the threat of the totalitarian philosophy. I believe a careful reading of the last seventy-five years of recorded history will reveal that these twenty characteristics produce the totalitarian state. As I list them, you determine for yourself how many of them have already infiltrated into our American way of life. How foolish we are to spend our billions in fighting the results of a philosophy and then permit the same results. If these trends produced the totalitarian state in Europe by the law of cause and effect the same trends if unchecked will produce the same results in America. I quote them:

1. Excessive borrowing.
2. A huge national debt.
3. Unbalanced budgets.
4. Deficits piled upon deficits.
5. Confiscatory taxation.
6. Extravagant public works.
7. Subsidies to various groups of citizens.
8. Concentration of powers in Chief Executives.
9. Sapping the independence of the courts.
10. Administrative laws, regulation by men rather than by written statutes.
11. A planned economy for the nation.
12. A greatly enlarged bureaucracy.
13. Private investments restricted.
14. Individuals denied the freedom to own gold.
15. Subversive forces encouraged.
16. Class conflicts stimulated.
17. Thousands of publicity experts to carry out the government's program of indoctrination.
18. Encroachment upon freedom of the press ending in complete control of the press.
19. Attacks upon industry which destroyed its morale and created antagonisms on the part of consumer and worker.
20. Gained control of educational system.

Stop, Look and Listen

Now these historians tell — and as far as I have been able to check back since I got them and read the history which produced the totalitarian state, I have found that they are correct — that they were the characteristics, they were the trends, they were the innovations that took place within the nation; and as a result there evolved your totalitarian state. Since it is a fact in human experience that history does repeat itself and that certain causes always produce the same effect, isn't it wise and well for everyone of us who love this nation, this blessed way of life, to stop and look and listen, and see how many of these characteristics that implemented the totalitarian philosophy have already infiltrated themselves into our American way of life? These trends are in perfect harmony with the pattern that Lenin said would be the way would conquer the western world without shedding a drop of Russian soldier's blood. By destroying the economy and the freedoms of the nation from within, he said, they would produce a condition where the

Dr. M. E. Dodd Passes Away In California



According to an Associated Press report, Dr. M. E. Dodd died on August 6, in a Long Beach, California, hospital, following two heart attacks.

It is reported that Dr. and Mrs. Dodd had been visiting relatives in Long Beach since July 15, and that they planned to return to Shreveport, Louisiana, early in September.

For more than thirty years Dr. Dodd served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, and was at the time of his death pastor emeritus of the church. He was one of the outstanding leaders among Southern Baptists and was known and loved throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Dodd was also internationally known, having traveled extensively in Europe, the Near East, India, China, and Japan; also, Central and South America and the Southwest Pacific.

Dr. Dodd was a Tennessean by birth and was educated at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, and Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He served pastorates in Kentucky before going to the pastorate of First Church, Shreveport, from which he retired August 15, 1950.

In the counsels of the Southern Baptist Convention Dr. Dodd was one of the outstanding leaders, having served on many of the boards and commissions of the Convention. He was president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1933 to 1935. He also served as president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, 1925 to 1928. Dr. Dodd presided over the session of the Baptist World Alliance in Berlin in 1934 and at the time of his death, he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Alliance.

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Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.

—Henry Clay

next step in the crisis would be the emergence of the totalitarian state to take over. I am disturbed because I love this land.

My friends, as certain as God is on His throne, if we continue to emulate and incorporate into our own philosophy of life these characteristics that produced a way of life which now threatens free people around the globe, we shall lose what has been handed to us as a glorious heritage.

"Baptist Bible Churches"

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

An interesting development of the period is the naming of churches "Bible Baptist Churches." This presumes that there are Baptist churches which are not Bible churches. If that is the desired impression, its reality can be challenged. Any Baptist church which causes to be Bibliocentric would automatically cease to be a Baptist church. Likewise, any Baptist fellowship which ceased to be centered around the Bible would cease to have a right to use the name "Baptist."

There must be an ethical content involved in the use of titles. For Christian bodies to give an impression which is untrue or unreal is unworthy of the use they make of any religious title. If there are Baptist churches which are not Bible-centered, or are not founded on the Bible, or do not take the counsel of the Bible, we are not aware of them. We know all types of churches, but we have not found one which does not claim the Bible as its norm and states that it is governed by it as a rule of faith and practice. The efficiency, quality, or degree of the profession may be different, but the fact remains. Therefore, to give to the public the impression that there are churches which are distinctively "Bible Baptist churches" or "Bible Baptist fellowships," distinctive in the sense that there are other churches and fellowships which are not Bible-centered and yet named Baptist, faces those who make use of this with an ethical problem in which accuracy is involved . . .

We believe that the whole matter should be rethought. "Bible-believing-Baptists" are just simply Baptists to us. When we meet a Baptist who is not a Bible believer, we challenge his right to the name. If he per-

mits us, we will inform him more thoroughly, as did Priscilla and Aquila in the case of Apollos concerning the Word. (Acts 18:24-26.) Some are the result of their educational processes. If any man has light on the truth as revealed in the Word, we are glad to receive it, and if we are willing to receive, he must also be willing to give and receive. We mutually benefit only when the gifts and light God bestows are shared.

This practice of separating Bible-believing people under the assumption that some have a particular blessing from the Lord which sets them apart from their cobelievers is one of the strangest doctrines afflicting our time. It cannot produce a great united body of witnesses to the truths of the Word of God. Rather, it conveys the impression that evangelical truth divides those who mutually believe it.

We, therefore, wish to throw this matter into the forum of our Baptist opinion, that the brethren may let their minds and hearts dwell on this problem. We love the name Baptist. We love it because of what it stands for. To us, it means a people who accept the Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice for all Christians under the Lordship of Christ and the tuition and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. What other kind of Baptists can there be? Until the Lord shows us some better way, we shall continue to believe in our Baptist people as loving the Word of God, the Gospel of Christ, and the Lord himself as Head of the true church; and that His truth, when earnestly believed, unites His people in one true fellowship.

—The Watchman-Examiner

Texas' Danger

By JOHN J. HURT, JR.

Be merciful, Ye Texans, and we'll make bold to question your wisdom while continuing to bow low in tribute to the most progressive of all our Baptist state conventions.

Be kind and know it may not be proper for us to question what you do with that which is yours. Neither does it make sense to raise the flag of caution for one who is running a good race and at a pace far superior to ours.

Thus, hat in hand and with all humility, we reluctantly inquire:

Is not your Baptist General Convention of Texas breaking precedent with its plan to provide a working capital of \$2,500,000 to help Southern Baptist churches get new buildings started in ten western states?

The Home Mission Board has its own plan for increasing its loan fund. The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee recently gave authority for it to borrow \$500,000 on future income to add to this fund. Discussion is underway about providing other money.

The Texas action is highly significant in that such an extension program normally is considered a denominational task — and privilege. If Texas, acting independently even though in a special campaign, gives priority to western missions what will prevent another state from "adopting" Africa, or Japan? What, too, about selecting one of

the seminaries as a favorite child from the family? Where will it all end?

We are all for winning the West. Some of us would like to share in the responsibility. But, if Texas is going ahead on so vast a scale there may be little need for us.

There may be a problem in our now moving forward too slowly. There also can be a problem in a too rapid advance.

Now, having said that, we head toward the safety of the storm cellar with a renewed plea for mercy from the Texans.

Again, we bow low to the progressive spirit of the Texans. They gave last year \$2,649,236 to Southwide causes compared to Georgia's \$466,551. There are, however, 1,220,172 of you. We claim 702,382, a little high if you want to emphasize the missionary record for some. And, Georgia's per capita income on our last published figure was \$876, compared with your \$1,205.

But, you still have us beat. We admit it. We point it out that you may know we question our own wisdom in daring to question yours.

—The Christian Index

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"We can never repay in full the debt we owe to Jesus, but we can keep up the interest."

The truth doesn't hurt—unless it ought to.

Ridgecrest Speaker



DR. CHRISTOPHER CRITTENDEN

One of the outstanding features of the Baptist state history workshop, under the sponsorship of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, to be conducted at Ridgecrest on Friday, August 22, will be an address by Dr. Christopher Crittenden, Director of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History, on the subject, "The Mutual Interests of Baptist and State History Groups."

Dr. Crittenden's address will be followed by a panel discussion that will be shared by Dr. G. W. Paschal, North Carolina; Mrs. Ollin J. Owens, South Carolina; Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky; and Dr. Norman W. Cox, Tennessee.

Dr. Crittenden is one of the most distinguished leaders in the field served by the state departments of archives and history. His grandfather, Dr. Charles E. Taylor, was President of Wake Forest College. His mother was librarian of that college for thirty years.

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Book Review

The Religion of a Mature Person.

R. Lofton Hudson, author.

Broadman Press, 1952, Price \$1.75.

In his preface Dr. Hudson states his purpose in writing this book as being: "A presentation of God's truth — the fact about self, God, and the situations in which we find ourselves — with a hope that others may see and feel its pertinence to life." Reading these interesting and helpful messages convinces me that he has been successful for each one makes life more meaningful to both minister and layman.

Each of the ten chapters is a complete message based on Bible truth. The chapter titles indicate the nature of the contents: "Is It Wrong to Love Yourself?" "When Temptation Comes" "Are You Pushed or Pulled?" "Cultivating a Christian Conscience" and "On Getting Our Fingers in Too Many Pies."

—Bruce H. Price
Newport News, Virginia

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"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving."

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

Winner At Ridgecrest



TOMMY PURNELL, left, and R. MAINES RAWLS, director of Young Peoples' work, Training Union department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Tommy Purnell, senior in Ouachita College, whose home is in Pine Bluff, won first place in the Southern Baptist Speaker's tournament during the third Training Union week. Mr. Purnell won in the Arkansas Speaker's tournament which was held at the State Training Union Convention in March.

The State Training Union Secretary, Ralph W. Davis, taught the TRAINING UNION MANUAL at Ridgecrest during the third Training Union week. There were 8,925 in attendance during the three weeks.

REMEMBER YOUR ORPHANAGE IN FALL PROGRAM PLANS

Attention—

Pastors, Deacons, Leaders in Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, W. M. U. . . .

As you plan the Fall Program of your church Include the Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage.

Remember . . .

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.

Any amount received more than actually necessary for operations will go in capital needs funds.

H. C. SEEFELDT, Superintendent,
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage

Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

Superintendent Reports From Missouri

These paragraphs are written while engaged in a revival meeting in Hornersville, Missouri, where Carl Bunch, former associational missionary in Mt. Zion Association, is now the pastor. The revival has begun with large attendance and good interest. The church has made great progress since the coming of Pastor Bunch and has already received one hundred additions. And we are expecting many during this revival.

The revival in Hornersville is part of an Associational Simultaneous Crusade. In the fellowship meetings we have met so many former Arkansans that it seems to be an Arkansas association instead of Missouri. In addition to my host pastor, the following men have come from Arkansas into this association: Claude Jenkins, former pastor in Clinton and now pastor in Parma; Bill Ward, of Hughes, is clerk of the pastors' conference and is the pastor at Stanfield Church; Seth Compere lives at Clarkton and is pastor of New Prospect Church; Hugh McGehee, from Boone county, is pastor of Peach Orchard Church and moderator of associational pastors' conference; George Bugg, from Mississippi county, serves Varner River Church; L. G. Scott, also from Mississippi county, is pastor at Arbyrd and clerk of the association; Carl Wright, who served Emmett Church while in Ouachita College, is now pastor of Everett Street Church in Kennett; Frank Waite, former pastor of Fisher Street Church in Jonesboro, is pastor of Campbell Church. All these men are doing a great job in their respective churches.

CHURCHES WITH NO BAPTISMS

Last year there were nearly 200 churches in Arkansas with no baptisms reported. What will the record for 1952 show? Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing to be able to report that every church in Arkansas baptized someone during the year? The associa-

tional year will soon close. What is done must be done quickly. Just as soon as the annual associational meetings are over a thorough study will be made to discover what churches failed to baptize someone during the year, and why the failure. We will discover whether or not the churches have regular services. Are they pastorless? Did they conduct revivals? Did the missionary offer his services? Did the officers of the association manifest an interest? Was there an Associational Simultaneous Crusade? Did these churches participate?

Certainly there must be a cause if a church goes a whole year without one convert and baptism. Which association is going to have the best record? It may not be too late for your association to improve the record by conducting a number of revivals in churches where none have been held. There are 45 associations. Let's not have more than 45 churches reporting no baptisms. But, how many of the associations will have one hundred per cent of the churches reporting baptisms?

TRANSFER CHURCH MEMBERSHIP WEEK

Many splendid articles are appearing in the Arkansas Baptist from week to week about the Transfer Church Membership Week, September 14-21. Certainly every Arkansas pastor and church will give full co-operation to this movement. Read all the articles and project this program in your church.

Write this office if you need any prospect or census cards.

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM

The State Executive Board has voted its approval of a Department of Evangelism. We believe this is a forward step for Arkansas. The Department of Missions will be relieved of some of the responsibility it has been carrying and your Superintendent will be able to do a better job in our great State Mission Program.

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Music Camp at Ferncliff

Jack Ballew, graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, is to direct the Intermediate Choir and also teach the Piano Class. He is one of the most consecrated and beloved church musicians in the South and has been a favorite in Arkansas for several years for his outstanding organ accompaniment for the Youth Choir Festivals.



Jack Ballew

W. A. Herring, field representative of the Baptist Children's Home, is to serve as Camp Pastor. Mr. Herring has had a wide experience in counseling with young people in various camps in New York, Florida, and elsewhere. He has planned a Morning Devotional Service and a Lakeside Vesper Service for each day.



W. A. Herring

Young people from all over the state have registered for the First Youth Music Camp at Ferncliff, August 18-22. Everything is in readiness for a happy and profitable week of fun, fellowship, and musical activities.

BE SURE TO BRING

Bible, notebook, pencils, camera, sweater, rainclothes, musical instrument, and simple washable

apparel. You will need sheets, pillows, towels, cover, and toilet articles.

PLAN TO ARRIVE

As early as possible on Monday morning, August 18. Registration will begin at 8 o'clock. Ferncliff is eighteen miles west of Little Rock on the Twelfth Street Pike. Camp will adjourn immediately after lunch on Friday, August 22.

Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, Secretary

To Every Church

The challenge is for every church to enlist more people for Bible study to teach the Bible better, to enlist more workers in training, to provide for every member of every family in Sunday School, and to establish new Sunday Schools in needy areas.

The attainment of this five point program of work is entirely possible. It will render advance planning, adequate praying, and abiding persistence on the part of every leader in every church.

Associational Sunday School organizations are prepared to answer the challenge of reaching every church with this Bible-centered and God-honoring program of work.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING

Leaders from the Associations in Arkansas will gather at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, September 2 and 3, to discuss plans to reach every church with a vital church-centered Sunday School program for the new year.

The aim is "All Sunday School Efforts Centered in Winning People to Christ, and in Building New Testament Churches."

Dr. J. N. Barnette, Sunday

essee; Dr. Edgar Williamson, State Sunday School Secretary; and Associate George H. Hink, will be the program personalities.

This Planning meeting will be the stimulus for the Simultaneous Associational Planning meeting on September 16, and the Church Planning meeting in September and October.

COMING EVENTS

September 2-3 — Associational Sunday School Leadership Conferences.

September 16 — State-wide Special Associational Planning Rallies.

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

OUR WORLD

Our knowledge of science has clearly outstripped our capacity to control it. We have too many men of science; too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount.

Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying precariously with the secrets of life and death. The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom; power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants.

—Omar Bradley

Coronation Service, First Church, Bauxite



The W.M.S. of First Church, Bauxite, sponsored a coronation service on Wednesday evening, July 23. Helen Reed was crowned queen; Norma Dale Whitley and Ann McQueen were crowned queens with scepter. Mrs. S. H. Daggett is president of the W.M.U. Mrs. Steed Huggins is the young people's leader. Mrs. Frank Burns and Mrs. Hazel Stewart are Intermediate G. A. counselors, and Mrs. T. H. Williams, Junior G. A. counselor.

Streams of oratory do not always flow from oceans of thought.

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A true religion never is in the way of anything a man ought to desire.

—Beecher

They say that the object of war is a more perfect peace. The Russians' object of war is a bigger piece.

—Quote

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They never sought in vain that sought the Lord aright.

Announcing . . .

OUACHITA'S FALL SCHEDULE!

FRESHMEN: For entrance examinations, orientation, pre-registration, all freshmen entering Ouachita College this fall should be on the campus—Wednesday, September 10.

TRANSFERS: All transfer students should be on Ouachita's campus by the morning of September 15 (Monday). This is registration day for freshmen and transfers.

UPPER-CLASSMEN: Registration for upper-classmen is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16.

CLASSES BEGIN: Classes will officially begin Wednesday, September 17.

"A WONDERFUL YEAR IS AHEAD FOR EVERY STUDENT WHO PLANS TO ATTEND OUACHITA."

What Made America Strong?

All Americans agree that the United States is the world's strongest nation—and that our economic might is the main bulwark of the Free World in the fight against communist aggression.

Many Americans, however, have no clear idea of what made America strong. Some accept the theory that we are powerful merely because our land is rich in natural resources. This belief obscures the fundamental truth that Americans built a strong, productive country because they were free to utilize those resources under a private enterprise system that was not hamstrung by bureaucratic restrictions on energy and ambition.

For example, a tiny oil business, christened The Texas Company, was launched half a century ago by a handful of employes and 113 stockholders. If this young company had been caught up in the governmental interference that harasses all business today, would it now be a world-wide enterprise with millions of customers, 40,000 employes and more than 113,000 stockholders—or would the infant company have strangled in its

crib on a mass of red tape thrown at it by the bureaucrats?

The answer is obvious. Because Texaco's founders, like all American businessmen in the past, were free to spend their time developing the business—instead of battling government restrictions—they were able to transform rich natural resources into products that are vital to the nation in both peace and war. Today, the American petroleum industry produces 51 per cent of the world's oil—oil that helps strengthen America but could not fuel a single car, battleship, or defense plant if men were not free to take it out of the ground, and refine and market it.

All of us must learn that free enterprise made our country strong and use this knowledge in the domestic battle against creeping socialism. If we do not win this fight at home, our resources, productivity, and strength will, under encroaching bureaucracy, degenerate into stagnation and poverty here—and the Free World's defenses against tyranny and enslavement will be fatally weakened.

—*Industrial News Review*

How Can America Be Save?

Man answers, "Military might, est in missions that would provide an army of home and foreign missionaries. But the greatest plan with the greatest power is useless unless it is used. The Holy Spirit answers, "Arise therefore, and get thee down . . ." (Acts 10:20).

Yet the great historian, Arnold Toynbee, declares that no civilization on earth has been destroyed by a military force from without until that civilization had already decayed morally within. A nation can only be saved as its individual citizens are saved. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). God answers "Go ye therefore and disciple all nations, etc."

If we as Christians continue to work as we are working now, our America will not be saved! If the seven and one-half million Southern Baptists will obey the Lord and go out in soul-winning, marching ten each, in two years the nation would be evangelized. This revival would stir an inter-

est in missions that would provide an army of home and foreign missionaries. But the greatest plan with the greatest power is useless unless it is used. The Holy Spirit answers, "Arise therefore, and get thee down . . ." (Acts 10:20).

—*Baptist Bulletin*

After failing the second time to pass her road test required for a driver's license, the tearful young woman admitted that the very thought of driving in traffic bothered her.

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—*Quote*

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A GOOD CONFERENCE!

The crowd grew in number and interest! A total of 75 persons attended the third annual B.W.C. Conference held at Ferncliff, July 26-27. The brief time was crowded with consideration of organizational methods and missionary inspiration. Mrs. Lucille Reynolds, state federation president, presided over all sessions. The following churches were represented: Crossett, First; Fordyce, First; Forrest City, First; Fort Smith, First; Helena, First; Little Rock, First; Little Rock, Gaines Street; Little Rock, Immanuel; Little Rock, Pulaski Heights; Little Rock, Second; Malvern, First; North Little Rock, Pike Avenue; Pine Bluff, South Side; Texarkana, Beech Street; West Helena, First.

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ATTENTION 1952-53 ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS!

September 30-October 1 are important, very important dates for those who will serve during 1952-53 as any one of the following: ASSOCIATIONAL superintendent, young people's leader, associate superintendent, B.W.C. adviser, chairman of mission study, stewardship, community missions; DISTRICT president and young people's leader.

The annual LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE will be held at Hardison Hall, Petit Jean, when methods and plans for the coming year will be carefully considered. Attendance will add to the understanding of the task, to the effectiveness of service, to the inspiration of the challenge. If you are being entrusted with one of the above places of leadership, come. If not, send those who should attend. The kingdom will be blessed through you.

The organizational year is fast drawing to a close — only six more weeks! Although this is a brief span of time, it offers golden opportunities for service. Carefully check each item on the Standards of Excellence for all your W.M.S. organizations. Intensify activities for a victorious year.

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Events In Eternity

By W. R. CULLOM
Wake Forest, N. C.

This is the title of a book. "But what manner of book can it be to bear such a title?" That is the question I asked myself until I got into the book itself. When this was done I found that the author's concept of God, of eternal verities, and of an "event" was identical with my own. And my own can be gathered from a recent personal experience. While visiting in the home of friends some months ago, I asked my hostess whether she had ever come to realize that she is now in eternity. "No, Mr. Cullom," said she, "I never thought of such a thing." Then I said to her, "My understanding is that the word eternal means that which has no beginning and no end. If that be true, why are we not as truly in eternity right now as we shall be when our bodies have gone back to the dust?" She said, "That is certainly true." It is not only true, but in my judgment our next real revival of religion is coming to us from a discovery, an apprehension, an appreciation, and an application of this great truth to the details of our daily routine.

"GOD IS NOW HERE"

A so-called atheist (for in my judgment there is no such thing as a real atheist) is said to have gone one day into a school of deaf mutes. He took a piece of chalk and wrote on the blackboard, "God is nowhere." A little girl read his sentence, thought he had made a mistake in grouping his letters and got permission from her teacher to correct it. With the same piece of chalk she wrote, "God is now here." That little girl stated the truth that I am here trying to suggest.

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen tells a story in one of his books of a group of college boys who were in a "bull session." The topic under consideration for the moment was, "What's wrong with religion?" One boy ventured the assertion, "There's nothing the matter with religion, I believe in God." Whereupon they took a vote and practically every hand went up in an affirmative vote. Then came the chilling question from another boy as to how many of them could say that God was a present reality to them. When the vote was taken on this question, only one or two hands went up, and they in a feeble, half-hearted sort of way.

These stories show plainly what I am talking about. Religion can never be an effective force in men's hearts, consciences, and lives until God shall become and be a living reality to them. And when this has come to pass, the revival of which I speak will be here and will be a vital reality.

The book in question is seven years off the presses of Harper and Brothers and sells for \$2. Its author is Dr. Paul Sherer. Those who are wise will sell their shirts if necessary to get the message of the book into them if they don't have it already. Those who are otherwise, and I have been, will pay no heed to what is here said.

CLOSING WORDS

(1) The "event" referred in this book is the experience of God's people when they were in Babylonian exile as pictured in Isaiah 40-55. (2) I would remind myself and everyone else that every event of every day is an "event in eternity." (3) When this fact shall become a vital, controlling reality with us, I repeat, the revival of real religion will be here. (4) The greatest teacher of Greek that I have known told me on one occasion that wherever in John's writing we come to the words "true" and "truth" they should uniformly be translated by the words "real" and "reality" respectively. Which is to say that the days of shadows and mere figures of speech are past; the day is here that we are in touch with the real thing, which is indeed a real Person, the real Person, the supremely real Person! (5) When our Lord came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, He said to those about Him, "repent," change your whole outlook on life, "for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." It is not something to be looked forward to in "the sweet bye and bye," but "is at hand." (6) I insist once more and finally that when we can persuade people to see this great and precious truth and adjust themselves to it, the revival will be here.

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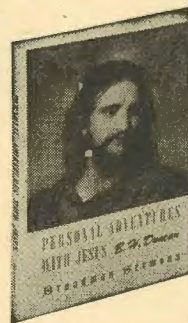
A noted psychologist was asked recently to give the reasons why so many people fail in their efforts to make life successful. The great scientist penned ten frank reasons. Try them and see if they fit into your life:

1. Finding fault with the other fellow but never seeing our own faults.
2. Doing as little as possible, and trying to get as much as possible for it.
3. Spending much time showing up the other fellow's weak points, and too little time correcting our own.
4. Slandering those we do not like.
5. Procrastination — putting off until tomorrow something that we should have done day before yesterday.
6. Deceit — talking friendly to the other fellow's face and stabbing him in the back as soon as he turns around.
7. False belief that we are smart enough to reap a harvest of pay before sowing a crop of honest service.
8. Disloyalty to those who have trusted us.
9. Egotism — the belief that we know it all, and no one can tell us anything.
10. Last, but not least, lack of necessary training and education to enable us to stand at the head in our line of work.

—Baptist Bulletin

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On Giving Invitations

By ROSS EDWARDS, Pastor

Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri

In this country many churches make it a practice to give an invitation for people to respond to the gospel appeal at the close of our messages. In most Baptist churches the invitation is for people to make a clear-cut public declaration of their decision to become Christians, to unite with the local church, or to come for special Christian service. Sometimes we ask people to "re-dedicate their lives to the Lord. Even though the practice is rather general, it is misleading. After all, when one is saved, he gives himself to Christ. A Christian is not an "Indian-giver," taking himself back and offering himself again. Fortunately, most people mean by the practice of "re-dedication" that they are pledging themselves anew to do a better job of living for Jesus Christ.

Our church has been careful in the men that have helped in revivals. Sane, sensible invitations have been given. We fear that some men do much harm with their invitations. Some evangelists are very inconsistent. They berate churches for allowing worldly people to hold membership with them, and close with an invitation that tends to fill churches with unsaved and worldly people.

To get people to start moving, some evangelists ask fine Christian to come forward as if they were making decisions, to shake the minister's hand and be seated. For instance, one such evangelist has ten people lined up to come on the first stanza, ten to come on the second stanza and ten more on the third. "By that time, others have begun to come," he testi-

fies. Still another method is to get everyone with a "felt need" to hold up his hand, then stand, then come forward. If he should start to sit down, someone has been appointed to that section of the auditorium to usher him to the front. Then, he is sent back to a committee room where he is dealt with. Sometimes evangelists do not want ministers to do personal work. (Say, what would you think of a hospital with no trained physicians allowed to serve therein?)

Still another method is to have everyone to stand, and then have the members of the church to be seated. Those left standing are asked to come to the front and occupy certain seats prepared for them. The evangelist then proceeds to tell them within a few minutes what it means to be saved (the crowd has been dismissed). Then, he gives a decision card for each one to fill out. One pastor having such a revival in which they reported more than 100 for baptism, actually had less than ten people to go through with baptism. Others slammed the door in his face when he called to see why they did not report for baptism.

Some evangelists attach little importance to the local church, denominations, and church organizations. Without efficient church organizations training new members, they drift in their Christian lives. For this, too, evangelists berate both members and churches. Let us remember that Jesus asked us to "make disciples" and not "trap people." He then asked us to "baptize them," and not forget them as we search for others that we might "win." Finally, before promising to be with our efforts, Jesus said, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We need to go back and study the teachings of Jesus and teach them to His followers.

Even though we believe in revivals, we are persuaded that the most effective kind of evangelism is that which goes on day by day and from week to week. Bring your lost friends to the services of the church, beginning with the Sunday School, where they may be introduced to the facts of

God's book. Visit them and seek to lead them to a saving knowledge of Christ. Sit with them in the worship services, and pray that they might make decisions that would be for their good and for the glory of Christ. You may help with the invitation by doing all you can for the salvation of the lost. Read about Jesus and would-be followers in Luke 18:18-23; Luke 9:57-62; and Luke 14:25-35. His invitations are quite different from what some give today.

-Swope Park Baptist Voice
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FIGURES TO INSPIRE Sunday August 3

	S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1217	317	39
Including missions	1364	404	
Fort Smith, First	1002	492	13
Including missions	1189	512	
Little Rock, First	929	410	4
El Dorado, First	899	205	4
Including missions	1009	272	
North Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	845	304	6
Little Rock, Second	806	183	8
Paragould, First	495	232	3
Including missions	675	366	
Pine Bluff, South Side	612	210	
El Dorado, Immanuel	601	297	
Including missions	649	348	1
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	578	194	4
Texarkana, Beech Street	578	279	6
Fayetteville, First	553	163	2
Including missions	601	190	
Benton, First	563	91	2
Including missions	620	128	
McGehee, First	510	142	13
Including missions	652	60	13
Forrest City, First	554	209	
El Dorado, Second	491	221	5
Camden, First	486	120	
Including missions	769	324	
Siloam Springs, First	475	276	10
Little Rock,			
Baptist Tabernacle	470	178	4
Springdale, First	467	184	3
Including missions	598	234	
Crossett, First	463	168	
Hot Springs, Central	461	147	2
Warren, First	440	93	3
Hope, First	435	114	
Hot Springs, Park Place	431	149	5
Cullendale, First	431	178	1
Stuttgart, First	370	161	6
Including missions	423	189	
West Helena, First	405	135	
Little Rock			
South Highland	403	140	
Paris, First	394	132	2
Star City, First	216	43	
Including missions	229		
Hot Springs, First	364	135	
Texarkana, Calvary	363	87	4
El Dorado, West Side	362	92	
Conway, First	360	71	3
Fort Smith, Calvary	359	141	1
Jonesboro,			
Walnut Street	334	73	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	316	137	5
Fort Smith, South Side	315	95	3
Hamburg, First	314	144	
Smackover, First	312	111	
Jacksonville, First	267	116	2
Including missions	306		
Monticello, First	302	134	
Paragould, East Side	286	137	3
Alma, First	257	104	
Pine Bluff, Second	251	75	5
Including missions	270	80	
Wynne	247	50	
Levy	245	179	3
Mena, First	243	104	
Including missions	278		
Lavaca, First	234	105	1
Hot Springs, Piney	234	165	
Greenwood, First	225	97	
Gurdon, Beech Street	215	92	
Springdale,			
Candle Avenue	212	121	
North Little Rock, First	199	70	1
Crossett, Mt. Olive	195	101	
Augusta, First	194	98	
Including missions	242		
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	192	113	1
Fort Smith, Temple Hill	188	162	1
Trinity	171	86	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	141	89	1
Charleston, Harmony	131	100	10
Fort Smith, Millcreek	112	64	
Jenny Lind, First	91	80	2
Magnolia, Immanuel	81	48	
Board Camp	83	73	
Branch	80	70	
Eye Hill	58	55	1
Booneville, Glendale	54	43	
Hot Springs, Immanuel	48	39	
Booneville, Mixon	42	39	5

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The Roman Catholic Church In France

By DR. W. O. LEWIS

Associate Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance

At the end of March this year in *Le Monde*, which has been considered the most influential newspaper in France, an influential Roman Catholic discussed the question, "Is there uneasiness (malaise) among French Catholics?" He is of the opinion that there is a certain tension and discontent among intelligent Catholics in France.

As is well known, certain young Catholic laymen and priests have done much to bridge the gulf between the laboring classes and the church. Priests work in factories with factory laborers. They have begun to make an impression on the proletariat. In France one could not say the proletarians were hostile to the church — they were totally indifferent. But now some of the higher clergy are opposed to this movement to reach the working classes. It is no wonder that some of the finest spirits in the church are puzzled and discouraged.

We are also told in this article in *Le Monde* that there are certain leaders in the Catholic Church who wish to enter into friendly relations with Protestants and with the ecumenical movement represented by the World Council of Churches. This is discouraged by the Vatican. There are both priests and laymen in the church in France who are dissatisfied with this attitude of the highest authorities in Rome.

According to recent statistics, about 2,000 Roman Catholic priests have left the Church in France since 1945. And the movement still continues. Those leaving the church have an organization called "The Bereans" which carries on an energetic propaganda to encourage Catholics to break with the church and turn to a personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Recently the paper published by the Baptist young people of France *Croire et Servir* (Believe and Serve) printed a number of testimonials of priests who had left the Church. Soon after this number of our Baptist paper appeared there was such a demand for it that 10,000 extra copies had to be printed to fill the orders for that number.

It would seem that there is at present more uneasiness in the Catholic Church in France than there has been for some time. May God grant that this may result in real conversion to a living faith in the living Saviour Jesus Christ.

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The Tragedy Of Saul

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DISOBEDIENCE

Saul's career was marked from the very beginning with rebellion toward God. We have never been able to understand how one can accept power, honor, and glory from the Lord, then persistently rebel against such a friend.

Saul had only been king in Israel two years when he presumptuously offered a burnt sacrifice, which duty belonged only to a priest. Samuel informed him at that time that he was not a man after God's heart.

It was sometime later that today's lesson occurred. God sent Samuel to tell Saul that the Amalekites had persecuted the Israelites earlier, and the time had come when He wanted them to be completely destroyed. And it fell Saul's duty to carry out God's command. He would go to war against this enemy and completely destroy every being among them, men, women, children, and all their possessions. Nothing, man nor beast, was to be spared.

Saul went to battle and won the victory. But he spared the king, Agag, as a trophy of war; he killed only the poor cattle, that which was fat and fine he drove toward home for himself.

God sent Samuel the prophet to meet the king, with a message. Samuel was to remind Saul, first, that he was king only by the permission of God. He was just a timid, backward, young man whom nobody knew, until the Lord exalted him to the throne of Israel. God gave him the honor of being Israel's first king.

Samuel was to remind Saul that he was sent to fight a battle, to utterly destroy God's enemy with all their possessions. Why did he not do as he was told?

RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

But Saul insisted to Samuel that he had obeyed the Lord to the letter! He did exactly as he was instructed. He told Samuel that he had destroyed the Amalekites, had brought home the king as a prisoner (as though that were a part of his instructions), and "The people (who were with him, the army) took the spoil, the sheep and the oxen which should have been destroyed, TO SACRIFICE UNTO THE LORD IN GILGAL."

Saul was the king; he was the authority; he was the one responsible to obey God; yet he had

Sunday School Lesson for

August 17, 1952

I Sam. 15:17-22; 18:6-9;
31:3-4

the audacity to pass the buck and try to blame his soldiers with his own disobedience.

In the first place, he brought the cattle home because of his own greed. If, indeed, he used them for offerings — it was in order to save his own. That was religious hypocrisy he was using for a cloak. Is God hungry that He needs anything the enemy has? The cattle of the Amalekites belonged to the Lord in the first place, and He said destroy them, Samuel asked Saul: "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings as in obeying the voice of the Lord?" "To obey is better than sacrifice," Samuel reminded us.

Sacrifice is a personal thing, like praying, and being baptized. I cannot give to God what belongs to another, I can only give what is my own. An oblation, or gift, must have spiritual values. A gift to God must be accompanied by love, faith, devotion, or it is merely a "burnt offering" and just what is a burnt offering to the Lord? It was nothing more or less than a symbol. Just the burning of an oxen did not add anything to heaven's glory, it was the spiritual aspect that counted. The giver had to see the suffering of the Lamb of God for his own sins, in his sacrifice upon the altar, ere the offering profited him anything.

JEALOUSY

Time went on, and Saul was plagued by the Philistines all the days of his life. Young David had been secretly anointed king in Saul's stead, but it was unknown until Goliath, the Philistine giant, challenged the Israelites to send one man against him to fight instead of both armies engaging in battle, and whoever won that duel would win the war. No man could be found who would meet Goliath's challenge till David heard about it. He finally gained permission to meet the giant, and going in the name of Jehovah, David surprised them all by killing Goliath. This was when David met King Saul the first time. Saul kept David in service when he perceived his usefulness.

Later David and Saul were returning from battle when the people met them with a great celebration. The bands were there, the people were there to welcome the warriors home. The women composed a song: "Saul has slain his thousands, but David his ten

thousands." And the king was overcome with jealousy. "And Saul eyed David from that day forward," that is, Saul watched David, he became a bitter enemy. He reasoned with himself that David would have the kingdom next. He resented David's popularity.

Jealousy drove Saul crazy. He became possessed with evil spirits. Jealousy will do the same for you and me. The devil has no more effective nor destructive weapon than jealousy. Jealousy is a weapon Satan can use in every walk of life; he tears up homes with it; he ruins careers with it; he has wrecked more churches with jealousy than possibly any other tool. Jealousy, tolerated, turns love to bitter hatred. The Bible says "Jealousy is as cruel as death." It is merciless.

BEYOND REDEMPTION

Saul sinned beyond the point of forgiveness; Samuel's great heart was broken for Saul. He prayed for the man till God told him to stop it. John says there is a sin unto death, and there is no need to pray for such a one. Moses, good man that he was, did the same thing; he was forbidden the pleasure to cross into the promised land because he had sinned once. He disobeyed God when instructed to SPEAK

to the rock, he struck it the second time. He sought forgiveness three times; God told him not to mention it again.

One lesson for us from Saul's life is: Disobedience does not pay. There is no substitute for obedience to God.

Another lesson: God wanted to bless Saul, but Saul wouldn't let Him. God cannot bless rebellion and stubbornness. He cannot bless disobedience. We wonder how many of us are standing in the way of untold blessings from the Lord—by our own stubbornness. If we could know our Lord's heart, no doubt but we would hear Him say many times: "Oh my child, how I long to bless you, how I yearn to exalt you, but your own littleness and petty mindedness forbids. How I would love to give you all the desires of your heart but you refuse to commit your ways unto me—so that I can."

We have known people who craved to be leaders in the church, who wanted to be exalted before others, who had the qualifications to lead, except for their own selfish ambition. They could not accept what they wanted, the way God does things, through hard work and humility.

The devil will make tragedy of every life if we let him. It is entirely up to us.

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Does It Make Any Difference About Non-Resident Members?

It does make a difference about absentee church members. It does make a difference about "displaced Baptists." Even the New Testament gives a great deal of space to recording an incident of an absentee church member. Ten verses in the greatest document on earth, the blessed and outstanding gospel of John, are given over to recording the tragic incident of a church member that was absent when the people had gathered to worship. On this blessed Lord's day the disciples were gathered for worship and counsel, speaking to each other softly of the hope that was growing brighter and brighter each passing hour — the hope of Jesus' resurrection. All the disciples were there except Thomas. He was one-eleventh of the group, and his absence was so tragic and outstanding and noteworthy that the Holy Spirit gave these ten big verses in describing the ignominious incident. For 1900 years men and women over the world have read with pain and pathos the delinquency of Thomas, the absentee church member.

Yes it was a grave and serious matter, otherwise the Holy Spirit would not have taken this precious space to record and leave on record the account of a Baptist man staying away from church. Thomas was a delinquent church member, even though he had not moved to another community. He was an "absentee" church member. Thomas was needed at church that day because there were great issues at stake.

First, there was a great soul-winning campaign in the making. The Master of the first New Testament church on earth was planning an evangelistic campaign, and was meeting with His disciples and

fortifying their spiritual lives and briefing them in the methods and procedure of the movement.

There was a stewardship movement in the making. Jesus was saying to His church "Little flock, it is the Father's good pleasure to give unto you the kingdom." The New Testament church that day became a steward of the things of the kingdom of God. They were to go out and enlist the people and win the lost and set up a system of activities, properly financed, that would result in winning many, many people to the Lord Jesus Christ. Thomas needed the briefing and the encouragement and the strength that Jesus was giving to His fearful, and wavering disciples, but Thomas being absent missed (1) the peace of mind and soul that Jesus gave the disciples that were at worship that day, and (2) he missed being commissioned along with the other disciples, and (3) he missed for a whole week the blessed assurance that Jesus was alive, and (4) he missed the greatest blessing of all — fellowship with the resurrected and living Christ. With greatest and sublimest delight Mary Magdalene had told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken "These things unto her." What soul-refreshing blessings Thomas missed that day as an absentee Baptist! He missed the gift of the Holy Spirit which Christ breathed upon those that were present that day.

From that day on Thomas was known, and has been known through the ages as "Doubting Thomas." It was his absenteeism that caused all this reproach upon his Christian Character. Yes, it does make a difference!

My dear fellow preacher, it makes a difference in your church. Why do you report so many members when you know that there are many that cannot be located? This is a reflection upon the rest of the members because when contributions are reported it brings the per capita gift down to a lower ratio, thereby reflecting upon the ministry of the whole church. It is not fair to you, either, my dear pastor, because people read that you have a multiplicity of church members, and that the per capita giving is at a very low ebb. They conclude that your church is dying because so great a number of members reported are doing so little in soul-winning and in giving. It isn't fair to you, it isn't fair to the church.

Something ought to be done about it. We ask you now to do something about it. Take a census in your community, and locate all the people that are Baptists and that have been Baptists but have left their membership undisturbed where they once lived and are doing nothing about their membership. They are delinquent. Why not do something about it now? Join in with the rest of us on the simultaneous movement that culminates the second week in September and on September 14 have a great day for joining the church by the people who have allowed their membership to default. Write their home church for a letter and have the letter on hand the day they come to join. "Buttonhole" them and stay with them until they promise to be there that day, and to join your church by letter or by promise of a letter. Let's enlist our absentee Baptists in September.

Then write a letter to your members who live in other communities and ask them to call for their letters and join the church where they live and where they can attend every Sunday.

Get census cards for this movement free by writing to: B. L. Bridges, 200 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Can Any Interdenominational School Be Orthodox?

An "ad" in a religious paper declares that a certain college is interdenominational and orthodox. The word interdenominational really means "between denominations." I don't know which denominations it is between, but I know one thing, it isn't for any of them. It is for itself and all it can drain out of all the denominations. Interdenominational colleges never appeal for loyalty or support of the individual's own denomination. They want the individual for what they can get out of him and what he can pull out of his denomination.

NO INTERDENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL IS GOING AROUND AND HELPING ESTABLISH CHURCHES. IT BUILDS NO DENOMINATION. IT WILL SEND STUDENTS INTO THE CHURCHES AND GET THEM ESTABLISHED AS PASTORS AND WORKERS TO PULL ALL THE MONEY AND INFLUENCE TO THE SCHOOL. "Interdenominational" "undenominational" are other words for "denominational." The denomination is themselves. They claim to be between denominations, but in fact they are

a denomination in themselves.

To say that a college is "inter" denominational and "orthodox" at the same time is to state a fallacy. How can a college be orthodox and between denominations? If a college is orthodox, it ought to stand for something and not be between denominations. **BAPTISTS OUGHT TO LEARN THAT INTERDENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES DO NOT SUPPORT THE THINGS THEY LOVE AND STAND FOR.** It will not make a better Baptist out of a student but switches him from his own denomination by the title of "interdenominationalism." An "interdenominational" college cannot be orthodox on baptism. There is no middle ground on baptism. Some will say that pouring is between sprinkling and immersion. Even if it is, it is not orthodox.

—B. J. Murrie in *The Illinois Baptist*
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We used to be merely pressed by high prices — now we're being taken to the cleaners.

—*Indianapolis Times*

Pastor Joe Sullivan Goes To Heaven

Joe Sullivan, pastor of First Church, Earle, passed to his reward, Sunday afternoon, August 3, 1952. For several weeks Brother Sullivan had been suffering heart attacks. An acute attack came Sunday afternoon, August 3, and he died while being rushed to the Baptist hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

For several years Brother Sullivan has been pastor of First Church in Earle, and had led the congregation in directing and moving into a new church edifice several blocks further out from the old church building. The congregation grew and taxed the capacity of the new building. The writer visited Brother Sullivan on Stewardship day earlier in the year, and preached on stewardship the day the congregation signed the tithers cards.

Brother Sullivan was an earnest preacher and a hard worker. He loved his congregation, and their troubles were his troubles, their heartaches were his heartaches. He carried their difficulties and their burdens to the Lord in prayer. Surviving Brother Sullivan are his wife and three children.