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Texas Baptists accept Negro churches

TWO NEGRO Baptist churches have joined the Corpus Christi (Tex.) Baptist Association, which cooperates with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Meeting for the 50th anniversa ry session, more than 1,000 messengers to the Corpus Christi Association voted unanimously to accept as full-fledged members the two colored churches. As members of the Corpus Christi Association, the two Negro churches could become members of both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The churches, St. John’s Baptist Church and the Friendship Baptist Church, could become the fourth and fifth all-Negro Baptist churches cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention. The 800-member St. John’s Church, organized in 1874, is the oldest Baptist church in deep south Texas.

Corpus Christi Baptist Association Mission Superintendent W. H. Colson said the Negro race had been preaching the gospel in Corpus Christi longer than any other Baptists. There could be no better way to observe the 50th anniversary of the Baptist Convention than to accept Negro churches into its fellowship, he added. Colson said the move was not in any way forced upon the association, but rather had been developing unpressured by any group for a long time.

All seven pastors of Negro Baptist churches in Corpus Christi are members of the Corpus Christi Baptist Pastors’ Conference and attend the weekly ministers’ meetings regularly.

Both the St. John’s Church and the 300-member Friendship Church will keep their present ties with the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., maintaining a dual alignment in the Negro Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Three other Negro Baptist churches, one in Austin, Tex., the St. John Baptist Church in Las Cruces, N. M., and the New Hope Baptist Church in Albuquerque, N. M., were admitted to local associations affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention in 1965. The Nineteenth Street (Negro) Baptist Church in Austin was later dropped from the Austin Baptist Association rolls because it failed to send in annual reports. The association’s constitution and bylaws stipulate that if a church fails to send in its reports for two consecutive years, it is dropped from the rolls. The 800-member Ebenezer (Negro) Baptist Church in Austin is still active in association work.

Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, said there is no clause in the Southern Baptist constitution restricting membership according to race. Acceptance of Negro Baptist churches for membership in local associations is entirely a local matter to be decided by each autonomous association. (BP)

Study continued by SBC Executive Committee

THE Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has reported it has several matters under continuing study which are not ready for adoption.

Action on some of them will come at the next meeting in February, for presentation in June to the 1962 Southern Baptist Convention. Among these items under study are:

1. A world relief program.
2. The proposed week of prayer and study of the Cooperative Program, referred back to the Executive Committee for further study by the 1961 Convention at St. Louis.

3. Changes in the charters of some Convention agencies to allow more states to have representation.

4. Programs of another group of S.B.C. agencies to be included in the Convention’s organization manual. (Several programs are presented to the Convention each year for adoption. The process will continue through 1964 or 1965, when the roster of agencies will be completed.) (BP)
Fred H. Carter, Memorial Hospital chairman, dies

Fred H. Carter, 56, chairman of the Board of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, and a former member of the Board of Arkansas Baptist Hospital, died Sunday at his home in Jonesboro after a heart attack.

His services as a leading Baptist layman included terms as Board president of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge; as deacon of the Lake City Baptist Church and of Jonesboro’s First Church and as superintendent and chairman of deacons of the Lake City church. He was active also in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Carter had extensive land, industrial farming and financial interests. He was chairman of the Arkansas Bank Commission, president of the St. Francis Levee Board, an officer of the Citizens Bank and Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Jonesboro, and a director of insurance companies and a brick company. He was a former state Highway Commissioner.

The Carter family moved to Jonesboro about five years ago from Lake City, where he had organized a bank which merged later with the Citizens Bank of Jonesboro. He was a native of Lake City, was graduated from Conway High School, returned to Lake City where he was employed in various enterprises as a young man.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Frances Brownfield Carter; a son, Fred Marvin Carter of Jonesboro; a sister, Mrs. Joe Waddill of Conway, and two brothers, Alsia and Overton Carter, both of Lake City.

Hawaii calls 1962 SBC messengers

MESSENGERS to the 1962 Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco June 4-8 will find the shores of Hawaii beckoning.

Jet travel makes the short four and one-half hour hop too great a temptation for those who have journeyed from the Midwest and East Coast. Reductions in air travel to all of the Islands of Hawaii add another incentive for attracting messengers to the Paradise of the Pacific.

Inquiries have been pouring into the office of the Hawaii Baptist Convention. Stanton Nash, executive secretary-treasurer, reports that he has arranged with local travel agents to include a “church and mission” tour in their normal tour packages. Tentative arrangements have been made with the large hotels to reserve rooms for the expected influx of conventioners.

There are now 24 churches and 15 missions located in the Islands. The Convention has a 12-grade academy and a strategically-located Baptist Student Center at the University of Hawaii which ministers to the new East-West Cultural Center. A bookstore and the Pearl Kahea Baptist Assembly, located at Waianae on Pokai Bay, are Convention agencies.

Visitors planning to make the trip are cautioned that reservations should be made months in advance, preferably not later than Dec. 1, 1961, to insure good accommodations and the best of the traditional Aloha spirit of Hawaii.

—Hawaii Baptist Press

Call 21 chaplains

TWENTY-one Southern Baptist pastors have been called to active duty as chaplains as a result of the federal government’s recent move to strengthen its armed forces. (BP)
Editorials...

It's a small world

It's a small world when bombs exploded on one side of it can rain “ashes of death” on the other side of it.

It's a small world when one man and his regime can defy all of the nations that inhabit that world.

It's a small world when instruments of death can be launched anywhere in it and be delivered a few minutes later on select targets anywhere else in it. (Remember when the maximum weapon was a cannon called “Big Bertha” that could hurl a shell 75 miles—the distance from Little Rock to Russellville?!!!)

It's a small world when commercial transportation lines can circle it on regular schedule every few hours.

It's a small world when the way people treat one another in a “remote” community can be known immediately to that whole world.

It's a small world when the few who fare sumptuously every day are in many ways as close to the multitudes who are starving as was the biblical rich man to Lazarus.

It's a small world—this world you and I live in. But Jesus Christ died to save it. And in Him is to be found the Fallout Shelter that shelters from Death itself. Yes, it's a small world when one Plan of Salvation is adequate to save from Eternal Death every man, woman, and child in it (John 3:16).

It's a small world in which Christians of the present generation have the means of making the Saviour known to the people of all nations. Surely this is no time for Christians themselves to be small.—ELM.

A prime target

In the event of war with Russia, the city of Little Rock, well known to the USSR, as to the rest of the world, would be a prime target.

Aside from any effect our notoriety would have upon it, Little Rock is a military target for at least three reasons. These reasons, as given by William A. Price, District Coordinator, Office of Civil Defense, State of Arkansas, in a talk before the West Little Rock Rotary Club the other day, are:

1. The proximity of the city to the Little Rock Air Force Base;
2. The fact that Little Rock is the seat of the state government and the center of a population of more than 150,000;
3. Because Adams Airport has a runway of more than 7,000 feet, making it vital to air transportation.

But whether you live in Little Rock or somewhere else, you will be within easy reach of fallout, one of the greatest threats of nuclear war.

The Little Rock Civil Defense office has small cards for circulation, giving the following timely suggestions:

Warning signals include the alert signal and the take-cover signal. The alert will consist of a steady blast of sirens, whistles, horns and similar devices for three to five minutes. When you hear this:

- Tune your AM radio to CONELRAD station (1240 KC) if regular stations are off. This signal means the Government will give official information by radio.
- If evacuation is recommended, the choice is yours. No officers will be around to force you to evacuate.
- Regardless, be sure to obey traffic signals.
- Do not use the telephone.
- Do not become panicky if your radio is silent for a short time. This is necessary to switch to emergency broadcasting frequencies.

The take-cover signal will be a wailing tone or short blasts for three minutes on sirens, whistles, horns or similar devices.

Here’s what to do when the take-cover signal is given:

- At home, get into your home shelter immediately. If you have no fallout shelter, shut all outside doors and windows and take cover in the basement or in interior first-floor room.
- If outdoors, seek the best available cover.
- Stay put until you get word to come out.

IMPORTANT: If you see a bright flash of light, take cover instantly.

Civil Defense urges:

Prepare your family shelter and equip with two weeks of food and water, first-aid kit, battery radio. An evacuation kit for your automobile should include food, water, first-aid kit, battery or car radio, blankets.

Learn:
1. Warning signals and what they mean.
2. Your community plan for emergency action.
3. Protection from radioactive fallout.
4. First aid home emergency preparedness.
5. Use of CONELRAD 1240 for official directions.

Although Civil Defense has not listed it, we'd like to suggest that each one include a Bible or at least a New Testament in each survival kit.

And since we know not what a day may bring, it would be wise indeed for each one to be prepared in his heart for any eventuality. Make a place for Bible reading and prayer each day, and take your family and go to church regularly, while you still have that great privilege.—ELM
We used to call it "doing the family chores," or, simply, "doing up the work." Somebody had to "slap the hogs" twice a day. This consisted of taking the cold, our electric dishwasher that accumulated in a corner of the kitchen every few hours, with an occasional cold biscuit floating on the surface—cornbread wouldn't float—and mixing a few double hands of "shorts" in it and dumping it over the hog lot fence into the hog trough. Then, if you had it, you might toss over a few nubbins of corn into the hog lot.

"Feeding the chickens" was another job that had to be done at least once or twice a day. If the hog diet included corn on the cob, the biddies were usually able to dine on what the awkward swine dropped as they bit the corn from the cob. Sometimes, if you had a part of a pole of cornbread that the family had not devoured with their buttermilk and turnip greens, you might cram this up and throw it to the chickens. (This was always a good "approach" when you wanted to lay hands on a fryer or two for your own table.)

"Milk ing the cows" was another twice-a-day task—early and late. At our house, Mama usually did the milking. There are not many pampered women down on the farm.

"Getting in the wood" was something that usually had to be done "before it gets dark." A big wooden box back of the kitchen stove held an awful lot of pine "stovewood." And it took a lot of "water red" to fill the corner of the living room next to the big, open fireplace in front of which you "froze on one side and burned on the other."

Time fails me to mention "feeding and watering the stock"; drawing and carrying water for cooking, drinking, bathing, and whatever else you use water for; doing the family washing (laundry); "gathering the eggs"; and such seasonal tasks as hoeing, plowing, picking cotton, gathering corn, digging potatoes, and so on, far into the days and nights.

As I lay up in bed this morning and heard the automatic heating system (gas) kick on, and I thought of our running water—hot and cold; our electric lights; gas cook stove; electric refrigerator; automatic washing machine, etc., etc., I caught myself praying:

"Lord, all this easy living isn't good for us. But I want you to know this is one oldtimer who really appreciates it!"

Erwin L. Bond

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Letters to the Editor

The People Speak

Value of Training Union

After sitting in a Training Union class last night and hearing some of the discussions on why more people do not attend Training Union than do, I feel like exploding, having heard some of the most unreasonable excuses.

One said there was something wrong with the program materials. It wasn't retaining the interest of the people. My suggestion was (in thought) to have Training Union on Sunday morning and Sunday School or Sunday night and we would realize that there is a trend to be just Sunday morning Christians. The Training Union has an unfortunate place in our church program.

When the thought came up about using other materials in addition to what is printed in the quarterly, many other suggestions were brought out; visual aids, interest centers, etc. I suggested the church take advantage of the Associational Training Union program.

Hornets began to fly. One responsible church leader said he couldn't get anything from the associational meetings he didn't already know. I readily pointed out that this was the kind of person that should be leading in the associational program; and that a church which has the good fortune of having a good individual church program is responsible to God to share that information with the less fortunate.

These kind of people are not seeing the true value of the Associational program. They go for inspiration only. They overlook some of the basic purposes of the meetings, namely: Inspiration, Information, Promotion, Fellowship, and voluntary cooperation.

Baptists have learned the hard way that we can do best that which we do together. I am reminded of the story of the little boy that was lost. After days of searching, one finally suggested that they all join hands and march forward. With this method they found the boy. I would like to suggest that our Baptist churches join hands and we shall win the world to Christ.—Loren V. Hanson, Bentonville

Church Chuckles

CARTWRIGHT

"Still think you're getting through to them about turning the other cheek?"

The Bookshelf

I Saw the Light, by H. J. Hegger, The Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, 1961, $8.75

A spiritual biography of a young Hollander trained for the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, this book appears eight years after the author's conversion from Catholicism to Protestantism. The book has been described as "a window from one man's soul looking in upon a religion and a way of life which he came to reject" and as "a door opening out into a new way of life...." It will be of interest not only for its light on Catholicism, but also for its study of the conversion experience.

The Story of the Christ Child, by Leon Morris, Eerdmans, 1960, $2.50

The author, in re-telling the story of the most remarkable happening in history, has endeavored to use the language of the general reader. He has taken the ancient writings and turned them into the language of our day.

Sermons on Soul-Winning, by Charles H. Spurgeon, Zondervan, 1961, $2.95

Billy Graham has said of The New Library of Spurgeon's Sermons, of which this is a volume: "Great messages from the Word of God." The great heart of Spurgeon glowed with compassion for lost souls. This volume reflects his warmth and zeal. Typical of the sermons included are: "The Whole Machinery of Salvation"; "Preach, Preach, Preach Everywhere"; "Harvest Men Wanted"; and "Christ and His Workers."


This annual volume of Sunday School lesson commentaries celebrates the 25th year of its study under Dr. Douglass and the 41st year of the lesson series.

The book will be valuable not only to teachers for lesson preparation and to ministers as a source book of study, but also to the individual in family study and devotion.

The Cokesbury Game Book, Revised, by Arthur M. Depew, Abingdon, 1960, $2.95

Long a valuable help to directors of recreation, this new Game Book includes 598 games and more than 100 illustrations. There are active games, quiet games, outdoor games, musical games, mental games, cultural games, writing games, games to make and play, games for special occasions, and activities for leisure time.

The Upward Calling, by R. E. O. White, Eerdmans, 1961, $8.50. This volume completes Mr. White's trilogy on Christ's life and passion and on the Christian's high calling. A valuable tool for use in building a better Christian life.
The right attitude toward Christmas

"Know you what it is to be a child?...
To see a world in a grain of sand,
Heaven in a wild flower,
To hold infinity in the palm of your hand,
And eternity in an hour."
—Francis Thompson

"If we work upon marble, it will perish;
If on brass, time will efface it;
If we rear temples, they will crumble into dust;
but if we work upon immortal minds, and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity."
—Webster

Question: "I want to instill the right attitude toward Christmas into our four-year-old. Could you give me some suggestions?"

"What should Christian parents teach about Santa Claus?"

"How can we stay within our budget and refrain from overspending on Christmas gifts without being considered "cheap-skates" or "screw-balls"?

Answer: Doubtless you make much of your child's birthday and other birthdays in your family. It is an easy step from there to plans for celebrating Jesus' birthday.

Your child will love to have told in his language the beautiful story of Jesus' birthday recorded in the second chapter of Luke. You perhaps already have, or will choose one or two of the books for little children that are well written, true to the facts in Scripture, and made charming with lovely pictures; such books as Jesus the Little New Baby by Lloyd or The First Christmas by Robbie Trent. You and your child both will revel in the reading of a few well chosen stories about Jesus' birthday, over and over again.

I am glad you want to lead your child into Christ-centered thinking toward and observance of Christmas, and now is the time to do it! The commercialized, tinsel-garbed gift-exchange concept of the world will "beat upon the house" of your child's Christian attitude soon enough. Unless you have laid well the foundation in his home-centered years, his ideals will "fall."

Here, as in all other patterns of thought and behaviour, your own example is basic.

We have found happiness through the years in planning and making our gift to foreign missions at least as large as our most expensive Christmas gift to any member of our family, thinking of the offering as our special gift to Christ.

We have also enjoyed having as a guest for dinner on Christmas someone who would have been alone but for an invitation to share the day with friends. The Christmas our children were in Hawaii, we had a student from Hawaii as our guest. At other times we have had widows whose children were away, or who had no children and lived alone.

One of the best things I can recommend to you is the chapter on "Christmas" in a little book that costs only 50 cents, Our Little Child Faces Life by Mary Clemens Odell.

Let me answer your question about Santa Claus with a quote from Mrs. Odell.

"In answer to Dicky's question we replied that of course there is a Santa Claus. He is a pretend-person, just like the frost fairies, the elves, and the pixies. Because of the lovely stories told about him, and because he is the Christmas Fairy, we like him best of all of our pretend-people. Perhaps, too, it is because we can really be make-believe Santas ourselves. For everyone who does something especially nice for others on Christmas is a Santa Claus."

"Then we told him the legend of St. Nicholas, who lived long ago in Germany."

"You will find the chapters on 'Where Did I Come From?', 'This Problem of Death', 'Christmas', and 'Creative Activity' worth far more than the little price of the booklet.

Let me mention here my strong personal feeling that all departments of church life should keep Christmas Christ-centered. Santa Claus in our parties, on a game basis, yes, but not in our assemblies and Sunday activities. Let us feature Christ in pictures, stories, creches and gifts.

About staying within your gift budget: Have the courage to do it, but do it graciously, without apology. Give something with warmth, friendship, and love. See that you have a generous heart although you have a limited budget. Be selective rather than extravagant. Attractive wrapping adds so much to an inexpensive gift. Do not be critical of those who are extravagant and avoid a defensive attitude about your gifts.

Enjoy your child.

Build well.

Rosalind Street

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

JORDAN—Ajloun, Baptist Hospital; Dr. and Mrs. August Lovegren, missionaries, and patients.

COLUMBIA—Barranquilla, Baptist Hospital; laboratory technician at work.

MEXICO—Guadalajara, Baptist Hospital; l. to r.: unidentified man, Dr. Bertha Mariscal, Dr. F. Laman Cole, missionary, and Dr. Jose Gonzales.

INDONESIA—Kediri, Baptist Hospital; l. to r.: missionaries Everley Hayes, Frank B. Owen, C. W. Applewhite, and national assistant.

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Southern seminarians
meet at Downtowner

THE annual meeting of Southern Seminary alumni, held each year at the time of the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will be a breakfast meeting Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 a.m., at the Downtowner Motel, in Little Rock. Those planning to attend are requested to make their reservations with Dr. Andrew M. Hall, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, who is president of the Arkansas chapter of the Southern Seminary Alumni Association.

Dr. R. Inman Johnson, veteran speech and music teacher at Southern Seminary, will be the featured speaker. Other highlights will include the election of a Eureka man, President Hall hints.

New Orleans alumni
plan annual meeting

ALUMNI of New Orleans Seminary will hold a luncheon meeting Wednesday noon, Nov. 8, in the Arkansas Baptist Hospital cafeteria, Ray S. Nelson, pastor of First Church, Heber Springs, who is president of the Arkansas group of New Orleans alumni, has announced. Representing the New Orleans Seminary at the meeting will be Rev. Malcom Talbert.

New education unit

FIRST Church, Gravel Ridge, on Highway 5, North Little Rock, has voted to build a new educational building. Building Committee members are C. D. Bailey, chairman; Oscar Debusk, and George King.

Floor plans for the 40 by 90 ft. building were obtained through the Church Architecture Department of the Sunday School Board. The building, to cost approximately $15,000, will provide classroom space for 292 persons. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Oct. 22, following the morning worship service. Rev. Jack Livingston is pastor.

MRS. COONEY

Centenarian at church

MRS. PHIL Cooney, of Humphrey, celebrated her 100th birthday, Oct. 1, by attending the morning worship service at her church, Humphrey. Her pastor is Rev. L. E. Jolly.

Mrs. Cooney was born October 1, 1861, in Logansport, Ind. She was married on her 24th birthday and moved with her husband to Indian Territory, locating near the present city of Ardmore. From there the family moved to Faith community, south of Pine Bluff, and then to Sheridan, where they brought up their children. Shortly after the death of her husband, in 1940, Mrs. Cooney moved to the home of her daughter and son-in-law, the Carl Vanlandinghams, in Humphrey.

REV. WILLIAM H. Travis, formerly pastor of Oak Grove Church, Caddo Gap; Riverside Church, Little Rock; and Chickasaw Church, McGehee, recently moved to Dodge City, Kan., to become pastor of First Church. He left the pastorate of First Church, Comanche, Okla., to take the new field. A graduate of Ouachita College, Mr. Travis will keep up with Arkansas Baptist affairs through the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

Webb to speak at Pastors' Conference

DR. PERRY F. Webb, well known Baptist minister now retired and living in Little Rock, will be the inspirational speaker for the annual Arkansas Baptist Pastors' Conference, Nov. 6, at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. The meeting will open at 2 p.m., with Rev. Leslie Riherd, pastor of West Batesville Church and president of the conference, presiding.

Rev. Burton A. Miley, pastor of First Church, Springdale, will speak on, "The Preacher Saving Himself," and Dr. C. Z. Holland, pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, on, "If I Had It to Do Over."

Music will include numbers by the Preachers' Quartet and a solo by William J. Sewell, pastor of First Church, Searcy. Rev. David T. Cranford, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, will give a devotion.

Pastors' wives to meet at Immanuel

A BOOK review and a playlet will constitute the program of the Pastors' Wives' Conference at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m., Mrs. Roy Hilton, Harrison, president, has announced.

Mrs. Ladd Davies, Little Rock, will review the book, The Nation on the Flying Trapeze, by James Childers.

"First Church Seeks a Minister's Wife," a playlet written by Mrs. F. M. Wolff, of Wabash, Ind., and adapted by Dr. W. C. Fields, of Nashville, Tenn., will be presented by a cast of four.

Members of the cast will be: Mrs. Harold Hightower, Little Rock, as "Mrs. I. M. Critical"; Mrs. Paul Barnard, Little Rock, as "Mrs. I. B. Worldly Wise"; Mrs. James Brewer, Helena, as "Presiding Officer"; and Mrs. S. A. Whitlow, Little Rock, as "The Perfect Wife."

A fellowship tea will be held at the close of the program.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST
New church formed in Jacksonville

A NEW church to be known as Marshall Road Church was organized the afternoon of Oct. 22 at the Youth Center in Jacksonville. Rev. A. W. Upchurch, until recently pastor of Second Church, Jacksonville, was unanimously elected pastor.

Verner Toney was elected deacon and Mrs. George L. Simon, treasurer and clerk. A total of 105 were received by letter from Jacksonville Second, to compose the new church roll. The roll will be kept open for charter members through Dec. 31.

Rev. R. H. Dorris, pastor of Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, who was recently elected moderator of the new North Pulaski Association, was named moderator of the constituting council, and Rev. Bunyan Wallace, pastor of Highway Church, was elected clerk. Mr. Dorris spoke briefly on a devotional theme and Rev. Harry Hunt, pastor of Levy Church and treasurer of the North Pulaski Association, led in prayer.

The church voted to affiliate with the North Pulaski Association, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Prior to the constitution of the church, the organizers held Sunday School, with 103 present. Training Union attendance on the night following the organization was attended by 77.

According to Pastor Upchurch, the church hopes to erect a building on Marshall Road, near the Rebsamen Memorial Hospital, in the next few months. Bonds will be sold to help finance the project.

The new church will receive the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine free for three months, under the standing policy of the paper to help new churches to establish themselves in the Baptist work.

EARLE Church, Rev. Homer A. Bradley, pastor, recently elected the following to serve as deacons: Ben Balcom, Howard Bowling, Max Elms and Leroy Hodges.

Brotherhood organized

ELMDALE Church organized a Brotherhood Oct. 17. Harry Parker, Fayetteville, president of the Washington - Madison Association Brotherhood, was guest speaker.

Officers are: Rev. Weldon Barnett, pastor; Dr. Rogers Edmondson, president; Earl Sherry, vice president; Fred E. Reed, secretary-treasurer; Perry Hollis, stewardship leader, and Edgar E. Harris, world mission leader. To be installed at a later date are Adrian Harrington, RA leader, and W. T. Pitts, Jr., Christian witness leader.

OBC student named

Republican proxy

MIKE Huckabay, senior Ouachita College law major from Clarksville, was elected president of the Arkansas Young Republicans at their convention in Hot Springs recently.

Huckabay is president of the Ouachita Young Republicans' Club, a member of the Blue Key, Beta Key, Beta social club, BSU and first vice president of the Student Senate. He is the son of Mrs. Dorothea Huckabay of Clarksville.

Perfect record

SIX members of Chickasaw Church, McGehee, Mrs. W. R. Nelson, Mrs. Hugh Whitaker, Mrs. Joe Cobb, Benny Glosup, Shirley Cobb and Mike Bynum, have a perfect Sunday School attendance record for the past year. Rev. Forest D. Bynum is pastor.

THE Education Department of George Peabody College for Teachers has announced that Myrtle Lucille Long, a graduate of Southern Baptist College, has been accepted as one of 30 selected students to enter a new program of teacher education in the fall of 1961.

Dale Cowling chosen Bible Study leader

NASHVILLE — A prominent Little Rock, Ark., minister has been selected as Bible study leader for a nation-wide youth assembly at Glorieta, N. M., in the summer of 1962.

Dale Cowling, pastor of Little Rock’s Second Baptist Church, will lead the Bible period at the June 7-13 assembly when Southern Baptist Intermediates and Young People (ages 13-24), and adults who work with them, meet.

The youth assembly is one of two to be conducted by the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. The other will be July 5-11 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly.

Deaths

Mrs. Harriett E. Brashier

FUNERAL services were held Oct. 19 at First Church, Waldron, for Mrs. Harriett Elrod “Ma” Brashier, who died Oct. 17 at the age of 96. She was born Oct. 4, 1865, at Ringgold, Ga.

She came with her family to Scott County as a child and lived in that area until her death. She was married to John Brashier Dec. 12, 1884. On April 25, 1909, she became a member of First Church, Waldron, when she moved her letter from the church at Winfield near Waldron. Her pastor, Rev. Truman Spurgin, writes, “Her service to her church was indeed faithful being filled with those things that are not noticeable to many but which are so much in the spirit of Christ.”

Her husband who survives her is a deacon in First Church. Though almost 95, he was able to be faithful in his attendance at worship services until about five years ago. Mr. Brashier was a member of the building committee when the original part of the Waldron Church was constructed in 1917.

Other survivors include two sons, four daughters, eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.
Kuhl new ROTC commander

DAVID Kuhl, senior accounting major from North Little Rock, has been named commander of the Ouachita College ROTC brigade.

Kuhl assumes the rank of cadet lieutenant colonel. He is serving as president of the Scabbard and Blade honorary military fraternity this year. The new commander was Ouachita's top ranking cadet at the ROTC summer camp at Fort Hood, Tex., last year and ranked fourth in the entire complement of 1,400 men.

Other staff positions and their ranks include Walter Rose, S-1, captain; Johnny Jackson, Waldo. first battle group executive officer, captain; Bob W. Sanders, Arkadelphia, battle group executive officer, captain; Teddy O. Stanton, Little Rock, S-2, first lieutenant; James R. Tyson, Dermott, S-3, first lieutenant; Edward A. McBrayer, Arkadelphia, S-4, first lieutenant; James A. Estes, Arkadelphia, adjutant first battle group, first lieutenant; and Dee E. Webb, Mineral Springs, adjutant second battle group, first lieutenant.

Seven men were named company commanders and promoted to rank of first lieutenant: Loyd Clary, Pine Bluff; George Nicholas, North Little Rock; Lynn R. McClung, Hot Springs; Thomas Niemeyer, St. Louis; Kenneth Davenport, North Little Rock; Thomas Turner, Little Rock, and John M. Carney, Dexter, Mo.

Training School chaplain named to national office

E. A. Richmond, chaplain and state missionary at the Arkansas Boys' Training School, and Mrs. Richmond have just returned from a meeting of the National Association of Training School Chaplains at Rochester, N. Y., where Mr. Richmond was elected secretary-treasurer of the organization.

On their way Mr. and Mrs. Richmond stopped at the Ohio training school, making 24 of such schools he has visited since his affiliation with the state Missions Department.

"Of all the schools I have visited," Mr. Richmond writes, "from New York to Florida—from Louisiana to Wisconsin, I truthfully believe our program is equal to the best and better than the rest."
**New Arkansas Baptist subscribers**

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**OBC theater season begins November 9**

**THE CAST for “The Maiden Voyage of the Jennifer Castle,” the first major production of the year by the Ouachita College Theater, has been named by writer-director Joe Downs. The play will be staged Nov. 9-11 in the Ouachita Little Theater.**

Playing the role of Jennifer Castle will be Sandra Cahoon, a junior from Ft. Smith. Her mother, Margaret, the first Mrs. Castle, will be played by Lela Chavez, a senior from Norwalk, Calif. Dewey Watson, a junior from Arkadelphia, will play Lee Roy Bradley, a friend of Jennifer.

Bailey Smith, a senior from Dallas, Tex., will play the role of Mr. Castle. The second Mrs. Castle, Grace, will be played by Chris Price, a senior from Little Rock.

Johnny Wilson, a freshman from Morrilton, plays Chris Barter, Grace’s son.

Joy Sawyer, a sophomore from Ft. Smith, plays the role of Delilah, the counter girl at the Castle Cafe. Mr. McAnders, her friend, is played by Gene Spearman, a freshman from Dallas, Tex.

This will be the fourth production of Downs’ writing at Ouachita. The first was a pantomime staging of a short story “The Black Lace Mantilla” in Summer Theater 1959. Last year, Downs, as a student director, staged “Autumn Leaves,” a one-act play, and “Never Is a Long, Long Time,” a full-length drama.

**A BIRMINGHAM, Ala., layman, M. L. O’Neal, was the guest speaker on a recent Sunday morning as First Church, Ola, observed Laymen’s Day. Joe Dawson, a deacon in the Ola Church, was the speaker for the evening service. Pastor Marvin Keenen reports two additions during the day, one by baptism and one by letter.**

**LEVY Church, North Little Rock, Rev. W. Harry Hunt, pastor; Oct. 8-15; Rev. Jesse Reed, evangelist; Robert A. Hall, Levy Church music director, music; 36 for baptism, 22 by letter.**

**FIRST Church, Yellville, Delbert L. Garrett, pastor; Oct. 15-22 with Billy Walker, evangelist; 19 additions, 11 by baptism, eight by letter and statement.**

**SPRADLING Church, Ft. Smith; Oct. 15-22; Rev. Henry M. Evans, pastor, evangelist; Paul Parker, Ft. Smith, music; six by baptism, 20 rededications.**

**PIKE Avenue Church, North Little Rock, Rev. R. H. Dorris, pastor; Nov. 26-Dec. 3 with Rev. Don Hook, pastor of Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock, evangelist.**

**VISTA Heights Chapel, Hot Springs, Rev. William L. Williams, pastor; Oct. 1-8 with Doug Cheatham, Ouachita College, evangelist; Gene Stacko, Ouachita College, music; seven by baptism, one by letter, two for special service.**

**New mission planned**

**SOUTH Side Church, Pine Bluff, Rev. Ben M. Elrod, pastor, has voted to extend its mission work to Tucker. It is negotiating for purchase of a four-room schoolhouse and an acre of land and expects to get the work under way within six weeks.**

The church’s mission at Shannon Road, opened April 2, now has a Sunday School enrollment of 49. A recent revival resulted in 14 additions to the mission church.

**MRS. Jake Shambarger has accepted the position of minister of music for First Church, Piggott, on a part-time basis. She will divide her time between Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, where she teaches English and voice, and the Piggott church. Her husband is coach at Southern Baptist College. Rev. E. Clay Polk is pastor of First Church, Piggott.**

**MRS. Cecil B. Elkins of Springdale is the new house mother of the Women’s Dormitory at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge. Mrs. Elkins is a member of First Church, Springdale, and a graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., and Kansas City Conservatory School of Drama, Kansas City, Mo.**
Foreign Mission Board reports to the people

Missionaries now total 1,545

By IONE GRAY

In its annual full meeting, Oct. 10-11, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board:
- Appointed 10 missionaries to bring its total to 1,545;
- Added its 47th mission field with the naming of a couple for the French West Indies;
- Re-elected Dr. L. Howard Jenkins, Richmond, Va., to his 30th year as president (he also begins his 47th year as a member of the Board);
- Adopted a record budget of $13,270,929.51 for 1962, an increase of $871,805.85 over that for 1961;
- Heard its executive secretary say Southern Baptists must accept responsibility for increasing its commitments both in personnel and finance.

Rev. and Mrs. William H. Cain are the first appointees for the French West Indies. Mr. Cain is a native of Alabama and Mrs. Cain, the former Violet Sharpe, is from North Carolina.

Other new missionaries, their native states, and fields of service are:

Max N. Alexander and Betty Nickell Alexander, both of Arkansas, appointed for Thailand;
John D. Cave, South Carolina, and Laura Carden Cave, Tennessee, for Argentina;
Jimmie D. Hooten and Peggy Ratcliff Hooten, both of Texas, for East Africa;
Jasper L. McPhail, Mississippi, and Dorothy Binford McPhail, Arkansas, for Nigeria.

Mr. Alexander will be business manager of the Thailand Mission. Dr. and Mrs. McPhail are a medical doctor-nurse team.

Missions inherent in Gospel

In giving his report just prior to the appointment of missionaries, Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen asked: "What does it mean that men and women shall turn aside from valuable positions of service at the home base to cross the world to distant lands as messengers of Christ? What does it mean..."
that this Board is called upon to adopt a budget of more than $18,000,000 to provide for the current expenses of a world-encircling labor? What does it mean that in addition to this very large budget more than $5,000,000 will be used in 1962 for the construction of buildings in many lands?

"Is all this mere expenditure of life and effort without basis and genuine purpose? Or does it have a meaning vital to the discharge of our Christian function in the world of our day?"

"Thoughtful Christians perceive that this enterprise is inherent in the very nature of the gospel we believe," Dr. Cauthen answered. "To embrace this gospel creates in us a sense of obligation to all the people of all the world. It is a stewardship. To receive this gospel means that we must communicate it in word, deed, and manner of life.

"We cannot evade the meaning of that purpose as Christ said, 'As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.' The definition of our discipleship must be in terms of worldwide obligation. The concept of ministry in any church must be in world terms . . .

"We must not draw back from the increasing responsibility of large-scale commitment both in personnel and finance. Year by year the budget for current operations must be increased $1,000,000 to enable advance to be sustained. We must remind people in the age range for missionary service that there are calls which have not been answered and needs which are pressing and urgent."

Increased radio-TV use

"Radio and television offer possibilities for gospel proclamation which we have hardly begun to exploit," Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, told the Board in his report. In view of these possibilities, the Missions of Latin America are creating radio and television committees and studying ways in which these mass communications media can be used to better advantage in Baptist work, he said. Increased appropriations for this ministry were included in the Board's budget for 1962.

Dr. Means said that in many places radio and audio-visual aids are already being used. For example, the Brazilian Baptist Convention has its own radio program in Portuguese, called "Baptists on the March." The Argentine Baptist Convention is organizing for a stepped-up program of radio and television work.

Dr. Means also reported on plans for two separate Billy Graham crusades in Latin America during 1962. The first is scheduled for January and February in Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Chile. The second is scheduled for September and October in Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

Expansions of the Board's work in the Caribbean is planned, Dr. Means reported. In addition to the couple appointed at this Board meeting for the French West Indies, it is hoped that soon there will be entry into Trinidad and other areas, he said.

Missionaries for Sumatra

"PROBABLY no event of Southern Baptists' entire Orient program this year will rate as high as the projected entry of Sumatra, one of the major islands of Indonesia, Dr. Winston Crawley, area secretary, said as he reviewed for the Board current developments in Baptist work in Asia. A missionary couple is expected to move from the island of Java (where Southern Baptists have worked since late 1951) to Palembang, an important city on Sumatra, within the next few weeks to begin evangelistic work. Baptist medical work on this island of 14,200,000 people is expected to be started within the next year or two.

In Thailand, three doctors and a nurse are already studying the language in preparation for beginning medical work in a city east of Bangkok. Establishment of medical work is also being considered by missionaries in Pakistan. The medical ministry in Korea is being expanded by the addition of dentistry at Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital, Pusan.

Other projects in the Orient which Dr. Crawley noted include plans for a major evangelistic crusade in Japan in 1963; preparations for a television ministry in Japan and the beginning of radio work in Thailand; developments toward an English-language church in Seoul, Korea, and a second English-language church for Okinawa; expansion of work among the Taiwanese people of Taiwan (Formosa) and among the Indians of Malaya; and entry into a second city of Vietnam.

Two overseas travelers

"DR. H. CORNELL Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, is in Ghana, beginning nine months' residence in various cities central to the areas for which he is responsible.

Immediately following the Board meeting, Dr. Rogers M. Smith, administrative associate to the executive secretary, left on a two months' trip to Africa and Europe, with visits scheduled in Portugal, Liberia, Ghana, Central Africa, East Africa, Italy, Switzerland, and Germany.

Board re-elects officers

"IN ADDITION to Mr. Jenkins, the Board re-elected Dr. Fred T. Moffatt, Frankfort, Ky., first vice president; Rev. C. Bailey Jones, Suffolk, Va., second vice president; Dr. Herman P. Thomas, Richmond, recording secretary; and Miss Mary Elizabeth Fuqua, Richmond, assistant recording secretary."
Washington-Madison Association

By Alexander Best, Missionary

The 43rd session of the Washington-Madison Association convened with First Church, Fayetteville, Oct. 12-13. Rev. Terrel Gordon was re-elected moderator for the ensuing year. Preston Baumgardner was elected vice moderator, and Lloyd Alexander, treasurer.

The sessions were well attended and an excellent spirit prevailed throughout the entire meeting. The reports revealed that splendid progress had been made during the past associational year. The records show that 355 had been added to the churches by baptism during the year. This was an increase of 98 over last year, a gain of 38 percent.

Three new churches were organized last year: Ridgeview, Fayetteville; Elmdale, Springdale; and Mt. Zion, Madison County. Our associational objective for the three remaining years in the Baptist Jubilee Advance, 1962-1964, is nine new missions and nine new churches.

The association is now in the process of organizing a Seminary Extension Center. Enrollment for the Center was to be held Oct. 30. Classes will begin Nov. 13.

Rev. Jay W. C. Moore, superintendent of missions in Concord Association, represented extension work at the meeting.

Calvary Association

White County and Woodruff Associations, which have been combined into one, have taken the name of Calvary Association.—E. E. Boone, Missionary.

New missionary

Rev. Al G. Escott, Ft. Smith, has been elected associational missionary of Ouachita Association succeeding Rev. Lewis McClendon, who resigned to take a church in Las Vegas, Nev.

Rev. Escott, with his wife and granddaughter, Deborah Sheryl Dermois, who temporarily makes her home with them, have moved into the missionary home in Mena.

The new missionary has served several churches in Arkansas. He has been a pastor for 25 years, serving the Bluff Avenue Baptist Church in Ft. Smith for 20 years. He was pastor at Cedarville, the Oak Grove Baptist Church of Van Buren, the Baptist Church at Coy, and interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mansfield, which position he resigned to accept the work here.

While in Ft. Smith Rev. Escott served as president of the Ministerial Association; treasurer of the Concord Association and was a member of the executive board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Mr. Escott was born in Hillsboro, Tex., finished high school at Ashdown, Ark., junior college at Ft. Smith, and completed two years extension work at the Seminary Extension Center in Ft. Smith.
July 1963 date for world youth meet

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(BWA) Date for the Sixth Baptist Youth World Conference has been set for July 15-21, 1963. Beirut, Lebanon was previously announced as the site.

The date was set by vote of the Baptist World Alliance administrative committee on recommendation of Dr. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary and youth secretary of the alliance.

An attendance of about 4,000 young people from 50 or more countries is expected for the meeting. Tours to Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and other well-known Bible places are being arranged for conference delegates.

More available for loans

THE Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has received permission to borrow $1.8 million for its church extension loan fund. The action of the Executive Committee of the Convention, required under Convention fiscal policy, was considered an important boost to the Convention's goal of establishing 30,000 new churches or missions.

The assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, G. Frank Garrison of Atlanta, indicated 127 churches have requests in for about $1.8 million.

The Home Mission Board will re-loan the money to these churches, most of them in pioneer areas of Southern Baptist growth. Most of these churches do not have credit ratings on which they can secure money through normal commercial channels.

That present requests total $1.8 million and the amount of authorized borrowing is the same is simply coincidence, according to Garrison. The board decided several weeks ago the amount it would ask to borrow.

The board's funds will be borrowed from Atlanta banks, under certain conditions agreed upon in the Executive Committee's action. The sum will be repaid in yearly amounts of $200,000 through Dec. 31, 1971. (BP)

Hays to speak

BROOKS Hays, assistant secretary of state in the U. S. State Department, will be the speaker at dedication services, Nov. 12 at Abilene, Tex., for Hardin-Simmons University's new chapel-auditorium. (BP)
ELECTION

By Herschel H. Hobbs
President, Southern Baptist Convention
First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The doctrine of Election is one of the most vital in the Bible. It is also one of the most misunderstood. The word “election” does not appear in the Old Testament (KJV), and is found only in six verses of the New Testament (Rom. 9:11; 11:5; 7,28; I Thess. 1:4; II Pet. 1:10). The word “elect” appears four times in the Old Testament, and sixteen times in the New Testament. The word translated “elect” is sometimes rendered “chosen.”

“Election” does not mean that God acts out of His own will to the neglect of man’s will. Nor does it refer to the salvation of a few or the election of individuals. It is no excuse for fatalism. Election is not mechanical. It involves a God who is love and a man who is morally responsible. It never appears in the Bible as a violation of human will.

Thus there are two elements involved in election. God is sovereign in that He can do that which He wills and which is in accord with His nature. He is not only omnipotent; He is love. Furthermore, man, made in God’s image, possesses free will. He has the power of choice (Gen. 3:1-6), is capable of a sense of guilt (Gen. 3:7), and is responsible for his choices (Gen. 3:8-24). To our finite minds God’s sovereignty and man’s free will appear to conflict. But in the infinite mind of God, there is no conflict.

Doctor E. Y. Mullins describes the God-side of election. He “keeps the reins of government in his hands. He guides the universe to his own glorious end, That end embodies the highest ideals of holiness and love.” But on the man-side, man by his free will may accept or reject God’s sovereign will. He is responsible for his choices.

When reduced to its simplest elements election is twofold. First, God elected a plan of salvation which He accomplished in Christ. Man may either reject this plan or accept it. Romans 8:29-30 means that an omniscient God knew beforehand who would reject or accept His salvation. But His foreknowledge does not make Him responsible for man’s choice. God proposes to justify, or declare righteous, all who accept His plan. He will glorify all such in the end.

Second, God elected a people to make known His plan of salvation (cf. Gen. 12:2-3; Ex. 19:5-6; Matt. 21:33-41; I Pet. 2:4-10). Salvation is not merely a privilege to be enjoyed. It is a gospel to be shared. To refuse to do so does not deprive a Christian of his salvation, but he loses the privilege of being used in God’s glorious redemptive purpose.

Thus election is to both salvation and evangelism. In both the free will of man determines the final result. By free will men can elect to be saved, but elect to be barren Christians. God forbid! Men can also elect to be both saved and fruitful Christians. In these the sovereign will of God and the free will of man find their divinely intended relationship (John 15:16).

The rashness of irrational fear

RASHNESS is sometimes rooted in fear. That was the case with Peter. He, along with James and John, was awe-stricken by the mystery on the mountain. Jesus was talking with “dead” men. And, according to Luke 9:31, He was talking with them about His own fast approaching death. No wonder the three disciples were afraid. So, in a fit of rashness born of fear Peter suggested to Jesus that tents be erected on the spot. Could Peter have desired a sort of protracted meeting on the mountain top? At any rate, Mark (in 9:6) recognized the folly of Peter’s suggestion. “For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.”

The word wist, translating the Greek oida, is Old English for “knew.” Peter didn’t know what to say because he was so afraid. Doubtless we should sympathize with him. For which of us, under the circumstances, would have done better than he?

Which causes one to wonder about rashness in our time. Could it be that the one who speaks the loudest is not after all the one who trumpets without uncertainty the undiluted voice of God? Could it be rather that such a one, like Peter, is but echoing a rashness rooted in his own irrational fear?
TOP RUNG—These officers along with Pastor Jeff Campbell (last one on the right in picture) and others not pictured led the Sunday School of First Church, Lepanto, to become one of only two in Arkansas and only nine in the Southern Baptist Convention to reach Advance Standard requirements.

Sunday School
One for One

MANY people who heard the testimony of "The Lepanto Story" have requested materials for two things which helped give guidance to the growth of First Church of Lepanto over the past years and months.

Sunday School Superintendent C. D. Henderson and Pastor Jeff Campbell told their story to the State Sunday School Convention last month and sparked anew the interest of workers in Standards and in a growth project called the One for One Campaign.

Have you considered what it could do for your Sunday School to adopt and work toward the Standard of Excellence for this new Sunday School year?

Here is a tremendous encouragement for churches to work toward ADVANCED Standard. Herefore it has been required that every department in a Sunday School be Standard for the church to be recognized as Advanced Standard. Now the requirement has been changed to 75 percent of the departments must be Standard, including the Cradle Roll and Extension Departments."

Study, adopt and work toward standard recognition. This will improve your

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Lepanto First Church Sunday School
meets Advance Standard requirements

A CHURCH that meets the requirements for Advance Standard Sunday School will see many side benefits, according to Rev. Jeff Campbell, pastor of First Church, Lepanto.

The Lepanto church is one of nine churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, and one of two in Arkansas, whose Sunday School this year has reached the Advance Standard set up by the Southern Baptist Convention. (As previously announced, the other Arkansas church is West Batesville Church, Rev. Leslie Rieherd, pastor.)

In a report to Rev. Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School secretary for Arkansas, Pastor Campbell pointed out that his church had prospered in spite of economic and population losses to the church community.

Describing the growth of his church as "a modern miracle," the pastor reports that the Sunday School of the church has had a 35 per cent increase since 1950 to a present enrollment of 468. The church has received 53 new members during the current year by baptism.

Value of the church's property has increased from $44,000 in 1950 to $160,000 today. The church budget has risen from $10,000 in 1950 to $33,000 for the current year.

Sunday School officers and teachers assisting in reaching the Advance Standard were: Gen. Supt. C. D. Henderson, Assoc. Superintendent Bill Cole; Superintendents; Roland Smith, Mrs. Houston Brewer, Mrs. Franklin Oates, Mrs. D. Casey, Mrs. Dean Hattie, Mrs. Norman Pumphrey, Mrs. Roland Smith, Mrs. Robert Chambers, Mrs. Tom Hunt, Kenneth Gibbs, Mrs. H. C. Bradford, Sr., Mrs. Violet Elzy, Mrs. Pat Patterson, Mrs. Frank McMurry, Mrs. Billy Hill, Carey Eason, Alphas Anderson, Mrs. Lola Williams, H. C. Bradford, Jr.
Questions asked about church music

THIS is the time of the year when the Associational Music organization begins to function. The music ministry in our churches will be determined to a large extent by the quality of the work of the associational music organization. There are many questions that come to mind about the work of this organization. It is my belief that if we find answers to these questions, we will have a more inclusive function of the associational music ministry. We will use our article for the next few weeks in answering questions relative to the associational music ministry.

Question—Does every association need a music ministry? When is one needed?
Answer—To answer this question, let us imagine two extremes. First, let us imagine an association with fully trained, qualified music ministers in every church. Although these men promote exhaustive and complete music ministries within the churches, there is obviously great benefit in sharing of ideas, materials, and programs. Even in this so-called ideal situation, one director will be more proficient in choral work, another in instrumental areas, another in history of music, another in theory. So, it is easy to see that a pooling of efforts will provide for a more comprehensive program for the individual church.

On the other hand, let us imagine the association with no trained, or perhaps even qualified, music leaders. In this situation, it is the policy of our department to provide music leaders to conduct music schools, hymn sings, and music conferences if such help is needed. Conclusion—every association needs an associational music program.

Question—Do all associational music officers have to be musicians?
Answer—A few of the most successful programs I know are promoted by associational music organizations with few, and in many cases, no qualified musicians on the committee. It is better to think of the officers as representatives of the five areas of the music ministry rather than being especially proficient in one area or another.

Question—What is the difference between a Training-Planning meeting and a One-Night Officers’ Clinic?
Answer—A Training-Planning Meeting is conducted by the District Music Man for the purpose of presenting the association materials such as the association music officers plan book and the officers personal booklet, completing the organization of the music committee, suggesting and helping plan a calendar of activities, and discussion and promotion of the state and convention music programs.

The One-Night Officers’ Clinic is conducted after the Training-Planning meeting for the association music officers. It is the first music officers committee meeting of the new year and is conducted by the association director. A suggested agenda is found in each officers personal plan book.

Question—How can officers be looked upon by churches as spiritual leaders and not only promoters and planners?
Answer—Spirituality is a condition that is caught rather than transmitted. The possession of the Spirit means the spiritual presence of Christ. Our task is to make Christ real through the associational music ministry. We will become spiritual leaders when our relationship with Christ is all that it should be. The people will sense the right relationship. Attitudes will be reflected in every line, in every piece of promotion, and in every plan we make.—LeRoy McClard, Secretary

DEPARTMENTS
Training Union

To reach more, increase enrollment
WE MUST forever be interested in reaching more people. If we expect to have a larger average attendance in Training Union we must increase the enrollment. As the enrollment goes up, the average attendance goes up. In Central Association during a ten-year period the enrollment of all the Training Unions increased from 2,127 to 4,344. During that same time the average attendance of these Training Unions increased from 1,132 to 2,565. The average attendance never would have gone up if the enrollment had remained at 2,127.

We need to face the facts. We need to go after more people and enroll them in Training Union. This often calls for additional departments and unions. We need to enlarge before we expect to enlist many people. If our people were half as interested in knowing how to get names on the roll as they are in getting names off the roll, we would have a new day in our Training Union work.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Student Union

Attention: Mr. Purtle

YOUNG John Purtle, a former BSU'ler at the University of Arkansas who is just beginning his law practice in Batesville, accosted me recently in his bailiwick and said, "Why don't you write articles in the Arkansas Baptist? All you do is use pictures. Why don't you tell the people what you do?"
So for you, Mr. Purtle, and for other Arkansas Baptists who will read along with me, let me attempt in outline form to set forth some of the duties of this office.

1. To interview, check references, and employ eight local Baptist Student Directors and to direct their work.
2. To supervise the work of 15 local Baptist Student Unions.
3. To work with architect, contractor, and decorator in the erection and furnishing of Baptist Student Centers. We now have seven such centers.
4. To hold an annual student convention in the fall and planning retreat in the spring. Annually approximately 750-1,000 attend these meetings.
5. To hold an annual Directors' Workshop for Arkansas BSU Directors.
6. To hold annually, if possible, (a) a Medical Missions Conference in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board; (b) a Campus Pastors' Retreat; (c) a Leadership Retreat for BSU presidents.
7. To minister to the approximately 160 International students with an International Retreat and with other personal contacts.
8. To administer the details of sending seven to 10 summer missionaries overseas and in the United States with approximately $6,000 raised each year by students for this purpose.
9. To provide the youth teams for approximately 10 youth-led revivals each year.

We will soon begin a series of articles on work on individual campuses.—Tom J. Logue, Director
"It was worth it"

YESTERDAY I received my monthly check from the R. and A. Board. It comes as regularly as the months roll around. And we are grateful for it... We never thought we would be looking forward so anxiously toward the first of the month. We are grateful for this payment.

"Of course, it is not as much as a salary check. It was never meant to be—it could not be. But it helps to keep the proverbial wolf from the door, and with a little other help from various sources we can 'get by.' It helps to put the necessary food on the table and the necessary clothing on our backs. With many who are in retirement this annuity check spells the difference between dire want on the one hand and assurance on the other hand.

"As soon as the 'Retirement Plan' was made available for denominational workers the Board made it possible for us to join and pay back-dues to the..."

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**Fellowship Supper**

HAVE YOU made reservations for boys from your chapter to attend the State Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper? The supper will be held on Monday night, Nov. 6, in the dining room of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, beginning at 5 p.m. Following the supper and fellowship there will be a brief program for information and inspiration. This is a wonderful meeting for Royal Ambassadors, and we always have a great time together.

Following the Fellowship Supper, the boys move to the auditorium of the church for the special Brotherhood services. There will be a section of seats reserved for all the boys and counselors attending the supper. The program will be of interest to all boys and men and will include a special presentation of the new Royal Ambassador program. There will also be a great inspirational message.

The material for the new Royal Ambassador program is rapidly being made available through the Book Store. All the manuals and the Counselor's Guide for Crusaders, boys 9-10-11 years of age, are available. The Counselor's Guide and manual for the Pioneer Group, boys 12-13-14, are also available. Much of the other material for chapter use is available or will be soon.

The Counselor's Guide and the manual for Ambassadors will not be available until after the first of the new year. However, there will be helps and material for the Ambassador Program in the Ambassador Leader Magazine and in Ambassador Life. This material and helps will enable an Ambassador chapter to carry on a very good program for the next two or three months.

If you have boys of Ambassador age, don't fail to begin the new program with them. There is much that they may learn and accomplish even though they may not have had any previous Royal Ambassador experience. The entire new Royal Ambassador program is designed to offer a greater challenge and also a greater opportunity for service for each of the three groups: Crusaders, Pioneers, and Ambassadors, than anything ever before offered to boys in our churches.

Each of the three programs have one common goal, to make better boys and to help them to grow into consecrated, dedicated, mission-minded men that God may use to carry out his work in the churches and throughout the world.—C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary
Children's Nook

Praise Him

By Hannah Kohs

WHEN America was young, her people took along their foot stoves when they went to church. They did this to keep their feet from freezing through the long sermons that sometimes lasted for hours. Not all the worshipers had foot stoves. How cold their feet must have been! The meetinghouses were cold and drafty. Some had a fire burning in another smaller room for "such as are weak through sickness or age or otherwise." These people were to slip out, warm themselves, and "come in again modestly."

On some meetinghouse lawns were shelters called "sabbath-day houses." These were built for families who came from a distance. They could have lunch there and thaw out between morning and afternoon services. These sabbath-day houses often included a stall for the family horse.

A worshiper wrote in his diary in 1806, "This day was so cold the breads tasted so as it is broken into the plate."

People did not stay away from church because of the cold. God had given them a good land, and they had come to it to worship "as they pleased." They were faithful to keep his day holy.

An important person in the service was the tithingman, who went about with a long pole. He had a knob on one end with which he rapped the heads of sleeping men. He used a foxtail on the other end to tickle the noses of women who dozed off through the long sermons. The tithingman was also authorized to keep order among the boys of the congregation. This he did with the help of long, limber birch rods.

Few of those early church worshipers had watches or timepieces of any kind. The meetinghouses were built atop hills, and flags were flown from the roof tops. These were a signal to those who lived beyond the sound of the drums and horns used to call the people together. Surprisingly, the people were almost never late to service, even those who came from beyond the sound of the call to worship.

Hymnals were almost as scarce as watches and clocks. The people were dependent on some member of the congregation who had a good memory for words and tunes. Sometimes when visitors came from other churches, they did not recognize the songs being sung as the ones sung in their own churches.

One who had a good memory for words and tunes was the Lord's Day. They built our first churches. They sang, worshiped, and praised God for a new land where they could worship as they pleased.

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One Smile

By Joe Basham, Jr.

Someone gave me a smile today;
I tried my best to give it away
To everyone I chanced to meet.
As I was going along the street,
But everyone that I could see
Gave that smile right back to me.
When I got home, besides one smile
I had enough to reach a mile.

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God's Wondrous World

God made a wind

By Thelma C. Carter

WINDS, or moving air masses, have often puzzled men. We know God created this powerful natural force. In the Bible we read: "God made a wind to pass over the earth" (Genesis 8:1).

Because of the puzzling behavior of winds, men plan their explorations, sea voyages, jet and propeller flights according to the winds. Even space flight is scheduled according to wind behavior in relation to other natural elements of our world.

The behavior of winds often is unruly and irregular. We must remember that the great planet on which we live is continually spinning from west to east and that winds are thrown outward, upward, and down. Then we realize that only a great Creator could have kept our wondrous world spinning with accuracy and constancy for thousands of years.

Even in Bible times we find that people spoke of the winds according to the direction from which they were blowing. Each wind was believed to bring some particular weather, cold, warm, heat, or moisture.

If someone should ask you about the winds and the climate of the United States, what would you answer? Do you know that the United States lies wholly in the Temperate Zone? Look this up on a world map or globe. Our country is within the so-called belt of prevailing westerly winds.

This does not mean that the winds always blow the same way, but only that the general tendency is for our winds to blow from west to east. Yet easterly winds move in at unexpected times. When you feel a stirring of air about you, hold out your hand and feel the wind against your palm. Usually, it will come from the west.

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INTRODUCTION: A young man attended church for the first time in his life. He was in the military service of his country during the second World War. He claimed to be an atheist. The first few times he attended church he did not realize what was going on. He heard the singing, praying, and the pastor's message, but he was not deeply impressed. However, the influence kept drawing him to the church and he began to become more and more aware that his life was a void and a waste. The Holy Spirit convinced him of his need and he gave his life to Christ, followed Him in tism and said to his pastor, "I am going home to tell my people my story and try to win them to Christ."

When we hear of experiences like this our hearts are awakened to the many factors involved. In the salvation of a lost soul God is involved, Jesus is involved, the Holy Spirit is involved, the Word of God is involved, in most cases the church is involved in one way or another, and in the majority of instances, if not all, a human instrument is involved.

Our study for this week is on the subject, "Growth in Christian Concern." We approach this matter in the following way:

I. Who needs to be concerned? Gal. 6:1

WHEN we speak of concern and indifference we note a puzzled look on the face of people. In amazement, it seems, they turn and look toward the speaker and then point their finger at themselves and exclaim, "Who, me?" And we have to reply, "Yes, you." Individuals need to be concerned. When individuals are concerned we see things as they are created by the necessity of the case.

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II. How do we grow in concern? Gal. 6:2-6

OUR LESSON topic implies this question. We grow in concern when we come to renew our vows unto the Lord. This may well be a call to consecration. Consecration was defined by Dr. G. Cumberly Morgan as, "the perfect discipline of life as it submits to the law created by the necessity of the case."

We grow in concern when we pray for divine guidance and help in meeting our needs and the needs of others around us. Prayer changes things, it is said. But more than that, prayer changes us. We grow in concern when we acknowledge the Lord as the influence of our lives. He owns us because he bought us. Things that affect us are of interest to Him.

III. Why should a Christian be concerned? Matt. 25:31-34

CHRISTIANS should manifest concern because of the disturbing moral conditions of our communities, our nation, and our world. Some have said we do not live any longer in a world where black is black and white is white, but that we live in a world where all is gray.

When Israel was in the height of her power, and when her influence was felt more than any other time, she set out to change moral conditions by the help of God. Many times she fell for Satan's temptation, and found herself in the enemy's hand, captive and in servitude. But her God came to her rescue when she repented, and she became powerful and influential again.

Neither time nor space will permit our pinpointing every condition that exists at the present time that disturbs us. The graft, corruption, drunkenness and its attendant vices, murder, lust, jealousy and idolatry are a few.

We should be concerned more and more because of our indifference regarding iniquity. Church members are paying an extremely high price for their indifference to spiritual needs. If we are indifferent to iniquity it is as if we are regarding it in our own hearts and lives. David said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalms 66:18).

We should be concerned because of the suffering and distress among the people here and abroad. We are disturbed when we read of suffering peoples. It is appalling to us when we see it. Millions have no place they can call home. There is no place for little children, the aged nor the sick. Poverty and ignorance and physical pain abound.

Our missionaries face the heartbreaking task of trying to do so much with so little. These people need help. Bodies need physical treatment, minds need to be freed from superstition and ignorance; hearts need to be freed from fearful devotion to an idolatrous image, or other false deities. This can only be accomplished through the personal trust in a living God. Remember the words of our Lord, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

It has been our experience that many people are reaching in their soul when they have been given physical treatment in our hospitals, when their minds are illuminated to the truth through training, and when there is a loving interest felt in their welfare by Christian men and women.

Conclusion.

Matt. 25:34-46

THERE are blessings untold for the Christian who will take time to help in world betterment, community betterment, and church betterment. To help the

ARKANSAS BAPTIST
The military life

RELIANTLY, the hard-boiled general allowed an electronic computer to enter his vast department. The manufacturer's sales representative appeared to convince the skeptical brass hat that such machines were the thing our defense setup needed.

"Just ask it some questions," the representative said. "Will there be another war?" barked the irascible general.

"Yes," replied the machine. "Yes, what?" the general shouted. "Yes, sir!" was the answer.

Risky invitation

LITTLE Butch, toughest kid in town, was having a birthday party. His mother insisted that he invite little Fauntleroy Whittington III, with whom he had recently had a fight.

Came the party, but little Fauntleroy failed to show.

"Did you invite him?" Butch's mother asked.

"Of course I did," retorted Butch. "I not only invited him — I dared him to come!"

Wandering money

THE big-voiced wife seemed really angry. She glared at her meek little hubby. Then she bellowed:

"Horace, look at me! The ten dollars that was in your pants pocket last night. . . . Did you steal it out of my purse this morning?"

Time marches on

CIVILIZATION, contends our crack-barrel philosopher, is mostly an advancement from shoeless toes to toed shoes.

A wee bit tight

JOCK the Scot, the Tightest man we know, had just told his neighbor some good news.

"So your fourth daughter's getting married, eh, Jock? Congratulations! She's the last of your girls, isn't she?"

"Aye," said the canny Scot, "and I'm glad she's the last. The confetti's beginning to get mighty dirty!"

Slick work!

A CHARWOMAN was telling a friend of hers just how good she was at polishing floors.

"When I started to work in this building, she said, "the floors were in a bad shape. But since I've been doing 'em . . . well, those of the lady clerks have fallen down in the past week!"

Self service

LIFE is like a cafeteria. There are no waiters to bring success to you: you must help yourself.

Definition

DIETS are for people who are thick and tired of it.
Louisiana Baptists

EARLY Baptists in Louisiana came from South Carolina by way of Mississippi.

Glowing reports of the Natchez country had spread north and east before the Revolutionary War. It was described as "land of promise." Men turned that way on the slightest provocation.

During the Revolutionary War a Curtis family near Charleston, S. C., found themselves in a dangerous position because of their zeal for the American cause. Time and again their Tory neighbors and British conquerors plundered their homes. The Curtis men were hunted like wild animals from their hiding places in the swamps. They decided to flee to Natchez country.

Richard Curtis, his wife, his three sons and their wives, and three other families set out for the Mississippi country, 1780. Others followed later.

It was a hard trip. They travelled most of the way by boat. Tennessee and Alabama were infested with Cherokee Indians. These attacked the boats on the Tennessee River. All hands aboard fought for their lives. One 12-year-old son steered while his father used the rifle. A woman, wounded in the back, guided the boat while her husband fought off the attackers. One boat and its occupants were lost. The Curtis family made it safely.

The newcomers settled about 30 miles above Natchez. They were Baptists. Richard Curtis, Jr., was a licensed Baptist preacher.

When they had built their houses and settled, they met for worship. They agreed to meet regularly for worship and to exercise discipline over one another. This body later became known as the Salem Baptist church.

The church was constituted without a presbytery or ordained minister present. However, the validity of its constitution was not affected. The essential fact was observed: the voluntary association of persons qualified for church membership.

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