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—Eos Luoma Photo

**Four Minutes to Twelve
Transfer Church Membership Week**

Church Council On Evangelism Helps Reach Unattached Baptists

By C. E. AUTREY

If we are to reach an appreciable number of unaffiliated Baptists, September 14-21, throughout the South, we must use every agency in every church. The local church council of evangelism should be of untold help in this mammoth enterprise.

The council can be used by the pastor to make a survey of the community, using the recommended Individual Search Card. It will call upon the agencies to assist here. It will tabulate the results and make the results useable by the local church.

The detached Baptists must be visited many times before September 14 and during the week of the special effort. There will be no substitute for spiritual visitations. Since the council majors on visitation, it will be the logical organization to direct visitation. The council will ask the Training Union to mobilize the youth of the church for visitation. The Brotherhood will alert the men; and the W.M.U. will be expected to call upon the women to do their part, as they have always done so nobly in the past. The Sunday School, which is already set up for visitation, will be used very much. Thus, every agency will marshal its forces for concerted visitation. This visitation will be planned by the evangelistic church council in each church.

Visitation will not be sufficient. Apart from letters, which will be sent to every prospect, and newspaper articles and radio publicity, there must be a planned prayer effort. No move, however worthy, can ever succeed without the power of God. The local church council of evangelism is familiar with the plans for prayer efforts in connection with revivals and, therefore, would be the proper organization to sponsor a great prayer effort in every church and every community.

What shall we do with the several hundred thousand people who will come into the local churches that week in September? The council of evangelism has the answer. For one thing, we shall get them into a class each Sunday evening during the Training Union hour and let the pastor teach them the book, *Your Life and Your Church*, for five evenings; then graduate them into the Training Union at the close of the fifth evening's teaching. Some of the men will possibly prefer going into the Brotherhood, and, of course, they will be graduated into the Brotherhood. All who are not enlisted in the W.M.U. will be given to the W.M.U. for further contact, and all who are not enlisted in the Sunday School will certainly be classified and turned over to the proper department.

During the time of this class we will count everyone present in the class as present in the Training Union organization. The local council of evangelism has the responsibility of leading each organization to enlist the people. If they are not taught and enlisted, they will mean nothing to us, even after they unite with the local church. The Department of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Convention is very happy that it has such an organization as the local church council of evangelism to help us in this particular effort which Southern Baptists are at this time sponsoring.

It is not necessary for me or for anyone to argue the necessity of enlisting these detached Baptists into the fellowship of our

various churches. Dr. Porter Routh says, "If we can assume that most of \$223,000,000 in gifts to the churches were given by the 5½ million resident members, then if the non-resident members could be found and enlisted with the same sense of stewardship—or lack of stewardship as the resident members, Southern Baptist churches would have reported last year nearly eighty billion dollars in additional gifts." These nearly two million unenlisted and detached Southern Baptists are not only losing individually, and not only are the local churches losing their spiritual weight, but almost \$100,000,000 additional gifts each year, according to Dr. Routh's figures, are being lost also. Therefore, it is of great importance that every pastor and every Brotherhood and every individual put forth his best effort in winning and orientating these nearly two million detached Southern Baptists.

The Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board stands ready to do all within its power to assist in this great effort, and we believe that one of the greatest contributions we have to offer is the local church council on evangelism.

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Public Taxes and Parochial Schools

By T. W. MEDEARIS, Gen. Supt.
Missouri General Baptist Association

The following information has just been released by the Missouri Association for Free Public schools. What an amazing story!

"We present for the information of the taxpaying citizens of Missouri a record of the expenditure of public tax funds for the school year, 1951-52, as state aid to parochial schools, which have been given the status of public schools in Missouri, together with the salaries paid to nuns who served as teachers in these schools during the year, 1951-52.

"Total number of counties where such schools existed—18. They are: Ballinger, Chariton, Clark, Cole, Dunklin, Franklin, Henry, Lincoln, Montgomery, New Madrid, Osage, Perry, Pike, St. Charles, St. Genevieve, Scott, and Warren.

"Total number of such schools—25.

"Total number of nuns employed in such schools, their salaries being paid out of public tax funds—94.

"Total amount of salaries paid to said 94 nuns out of public tax funds—\$140,956.

"Total amount of state aid paid to these schools in addition to the salaries of the nun-teachers—\$470,269.62.

"Local taxes for the support of these 'parochial public' schools has been estimated at approximately—\$350,000."

It is readily seen, therefore, that total expenditure of public tax funds for the support and maintenance of Roman Catholic parochial schools which support themselves to be public schools in the state of Missouri, reaches the staggering sum of \$961,215.62.

We believe that every penny of this tax money has been used contrary to the constitution of the state of Missouri and contrary to the will of the overwhelming majority of our taxpayers.

—The Word and Way

Three Hours Of Darkness

A Devotion by the Editor

"Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour." Matthew 27:45.

It is a merciful darkness that veils this scene, and no human intelligence may penetrate the gloom into which Jesus descended.

Nature itself entered into sympathetic darkness as the Creator of nature entered the chamber of spiritual darkness. It has been proven conclusively that this was not an eclipse of the sun. It was more than an eclipse. It was a supernatural phenomenon, a miracle for which no natural cause has ever been found, nor will ever be found.

You may be sure that His tormentors hushed their voices and ceased from their derision and mockery. It is not difficult to imagine that, seized with fright, they jostled each other in the darkness in their efforts to quit the scene and find security in putting as much distance between themselves and Golgotha as possible.

Surely, during these three hours of darkness, Jesus suffered more than the physical torture from hanging on the cross. Would the suffering of physical tortures on the cross suffice to release immortal souls from eternal punishment? Did not that release require more than the physical sufferings of Jesus? "He tasted death for every man." Was it merely physical death He tasted or was it a taste of eternal death? May it not be that in the darkness He suffered the distilled essence of the torment which lost souls must suffer?

During the first three hours Jesus allowed sin to do its worst and to exhaust itself upon His person. May it not be that during the second three hours Jesus allowed Satan to do his worst and exhaust himself upon His person? Somehow I cannot get away from the conviction that in the darkness Jesus entered into personal combat with Satan and suffered the agonies which the lost souls of men must suffer.

Jesus became the sin-bearer for men, He accepted the place of a condemned sinner, and He submitted Himself to the tortures of the condemned sinner, and those tortures go far beyond mere physical suffering.

But even Satan could not destroy Him. And herein lies our hope, that after He had absorbed all that sin could inflict upon Him, and after He had absorbed all that the devil could inflict upon Him, He Himself was still not exhausted but possessed reserve power with which to defeat both sin and Satan.

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From The Editor's Desk

Attention! Non-Resident Baptists

We would urge non-resident Baptists to re-think the doctrinal basis for their Baptist faith and convictions. If the Bible doctrines as held by Baptists are basic and significant in Christian faith and living, then it is a hazardous thing for an individual to take these doctrines lightly or to ignore them to such an extent that he can live apart from and independent of a local Baptist church by failing to transfer his membership to the church in the community in which he lives.

Away From Home Baptists

The non-resident Baptist does not reflect credit upon the doctrinal basis of the Baptist faith and practice. The person who is willing to live away from home, and who takes up his residence somewhere else, casts reflection upon his home. By so doing he discredits the value of the home, the standards of the home and the principles upon which the home is based and by which it is maintained. By the same reasoning the person who lives away from his church home also discredits the values of the church, the principles upon which it is based and by the program of the church is maintained.

We would also appeal to non-resident Baptists to re-examine their obedience to the scriptures. Obedience is fundamental in Christian faith and in Christian living. Disobedience invokes several penalties. When a person violates the laws of spiritual life and growth, he will suffer the inevitable consequences just as he will suffer the consequences for disobeying the laws of the

physical life. God chastens His children. In the well-ordered home the disobedient child is chastised. God is our heavenly Father and He chastens every son whom He loveth.

Shun Responsibility

Baptists who are living away from their church home feel little or no responsibility toward the program of the church and its ministry of evangelism, missions, and service; and because they are not attached to the church in the community where they live, they feel no responsibility there.

Jesus and the apostles laid great stress upon obedience. Obedience, while not essential to salvation, is essential to Christian service and to the joys of Christian experience. Obedience is necessary to the carrying out of the commissions of Jesus, it is necessary to the co-operative efforts of our Baptist denomination, it is necessary to the promotion of the local church program. Without obedience to scripture instruction, our whole church life and denominational program would break down. Hence, it is necessary that non-resident Baptists should realize that their course of action, if followed by all our Baptist people, would completely destroy our churches and our denomination. They should consider their non-cooperative position in the light of their declaration of faith in Christ, in the light of scripture teaching, and in the light of the program of evangelism, missions, education and benevolence which their fellow Baptists are promoting both in the local churches and through the denominational program.

A Friendly Protest

We have had a friendly protest concerning an editorial in the August 7 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*. This editorial was headed "How Many Members In Your Family?" and dealt with the question of government employees and others receiving money from the government, and also the government tax take.

We welcome this friendly protest from a government employee, and we quote one sentence from the former editorial: "Of course, we recognize that there must be government employees, and that there must be assistance programs."

We put this situation in rather bold perspective in the August 7 issue, with the hope that it would provoke serious thought and arouse a personal interest in the situation in which we find ourselves.

A Just Tribute

Of course, it would have been more accurate to say that this extra member of the family, who is receiving government money, is costing us more than the members of the family who live at home than to say that government employees are living

better than we. The fact is that the tax dollars which leave our pockets on their circuitous route through the waste lands of bureaucratic government come back so depleted that the government employe, the aged and infirm, and others who have an honest and legitimate claim upon our tax funds, receive dollars, not only reduced in value, but reduced in amount far below the rightful expectation of the recipients.

We wish to pay tribute to the faithful, loyal, hard working government employees—employees of local, county, state, and federal governments. We value their services, we couldn't get along without them. We have personal friends among practically all groups of government employees—members of the police force; teachers in our schools; postal employees; congressmen and senators; and members of the executive and judicial branches of our government. The different classifications are too many to mention or to discuss in detail. They are our neighbors, our friends, and our co-workers.

Government Waste

All these friends will recognize what we

are talking about — government waste, bureaucracy, and the trend toward socialism and the regimentation of business and personal life. And we claim that the loyal, conscientious government employees, and the beneficiaries of government assistance programs have as great a stake, if not greater, in sound government policies as those who do not receive any money from any governmental unit. If it were not for government waste and the use of public tax funds for political and socialistic purposes, those government employees which render a vital and necessary service could be better paid and given more adequate tools and facilities with which to work.

We all recognize that our public school teachers are underpaid and this is a reflection upon the whole people. In most cases the police force is underpaid and undermanned. Because of a lack of funds there are other employees of different branches of government who are underpaid. There are many old people and disabled people who get less than a bare subsistence from the welfare program of our government. And yet the government is taking more money from the people than ever before and is spending more money.

The question might well be asked by government employees from the local government on up to the federal government: Where is all this public tax money going and what is it being used for? The common answer is that it is paying the cost of war—the war that has passed and the war that is now being fought. But that isn't the whole explanation. The revelation of waste and graft, the connivance between government officials and business men, who conspire against both the taxpayer and the government employee, provide the real answer to the question.

Who Will Benefit Most?

The government scandals and the crookedness of government officials in high position which have been brought to light the last few years should outrage every honest government employee — every postal employee,—and cause them to go to the voting public and demand that the voters of the nation clean up and clean out the rottenness in government. It is to the interest of these government employees to do so. It will be in the interest of the legitimate and worthy people who are receiving government aid in their old age and in their disability to appeal to the American voters to exercise their franchise in the interest of honest and decent government.

It seems to us that it should be obvious to every government employee who takes his position seriously and in the interest of the public good that democracy cannot survive in the United States when government takes one third of the national income and when approximately one fourth of the people are drawing upon the public treasury.

Once more we say it is time for the American people to make up their minds whether they want this process of absorption by government to continue or whether they want to halt this trend and recover the private individual responsibilities which have made this country great.

Kingdom Progress

North Crossett Pastor



JOSEPH A. HOGAN

Joseph A. Hogan has accepted a call from the North Crossett First Baptist Church, and he and Mrs. Hogan are now living on the field.

For the past twenty-eight months Mr. Hogan has been the pastor of a mission in Osceola, sponsored by First Church of that city. During his ministry in Osceola, there were 94 additions to the membership.

Mr. Hogan is a graduate of Southern College, Walnut Ridge.

Liberty Church, Near Walker Has Good Meeting

W. V. Garner was the evangelist in a revival meeting with Liberty Church, Walker, from July 20 to August 3, which resulted in seven additions to the church by baptism. Three family altars were established.

Thomas Bray, the pastor, has resigned the Liberty pastorate, effective September 7, to enter Southern College, Walnut Ridge.

Youth Revival At Mena

First Church, Mena, had the services of a BSU Youth Team in revival services August 10-17. There were five professions of faith, and two additions to the church by baptism and two by letter.

The team was composed of Tommy Purnell, personal worker; Rhine McMurry, preacher; Don Moore, singer; Tommy Bruce, pianist; Dorothy Rogers and Bertha Mosely, booster band leaders; and Jack Cowling, publicity and fellowship director. The church is without a pastor.

Cove Church Has Revival

Cove Church, and Pastor Otis Mills, were recently assisted in revival services by Douglas Dexter, pastor of Dallas Avenue Church, Mena. Six persons were received into the church by baptism, and five by letter. Pastor Mills was in charge of the song service.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

New Hope Church, Jonesboro, had their first Vacation Bible School from August 11-15 with an average attendance of 65. The services were conducted at night. Pastor Harold B. Ray says, "It was a great success and a help to the church."

Wynne Baptist Church, and Pastor Boyd Baker, will have the services of Pastor Sam Reeves, First Church, El Dorado, and Mr. Frank Charton, Union Avenue Church, Memphis, in a revival campaign from September 21-28. Pastor Reeves will do the preaching, Mr. Charton will be in charge of the music program.

First Church, Fouke, and Pastor G. W. Hooten, are currently engaged in a Youth Revival assisted by Bill Everett, evangelist, and Archie Bryant, song leader.

Dr. J. E. Dillard, formerly the promotional manager for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, will assist South Side Church, Pine Bluff, and Pastor Lloyd A. Sparkman, in revival services from August 31 to September 7.

Black Oak Receives 42

Pastor Hal Gallop and Black Oak Church were assisted in a gospel meeting August 10-13, by Pastor Coy Sims of Rosedale, Michigan. There were forty-two additions to the church, thirty-three of whom came on profession of faith and baptism.

Pastoral Change

Pastor A. E. Webb comes from the Vine Grove Baptist Church, Vine Grove, Kentucky, to the pastorate of the First Church, Berryville.

The Executive Committee of the Severn's Valley Association in Kentucky, in which Vine Grove is located, adopted appropriate resolutions expressing appreciation for Pastor Webb's services in the Vine Grove Church and in the Severn's Valley Association, and commending him to the First Church, Berryville, and to the Arkansas Baptist fellowship.

First Church, Osceola Has Youth Revival

First Church, Osceola, had the services of a youth team from August 3 to 10, which resulted in 14 additions to the church; eight on profession of faith and baptism and six by letter.

The youth team was composed of the following: Tommy Purnell, preacher; Herschel McBay, song leader; Bertha Mosley, worked with Juniors; these workers are Ouachita students. Local talent used were, John Herring, organist, and Miss Billie Gaines Mann, pianist.

Percy Herring is pastor of First Church.

Maintain Excellent Attendance Records



MIKE

TOM

Mike Turner, 14, has not missed attending Sunday School in six years, and his brother Tom 12, has not missed a Sunday in four years.

Mike and Tom are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner, and all are members of Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock, Vernon E. Yarbrough is their pastor.

Move That Letter

By ANDREW HALL

Lake Wales, Florida

Only last week I received a personal communication from a lady who had just left our church two weeks before to move to a large Southern city. On the first Sunday they moved their letters to a church there.

Like a bolt of lightning her husband—in his middle thirties—had a severe heart attack. She knew one person to call—her local pastor. He came at once to the home, went to the hospital, and returned to minister to the wife and children in their anxiety. Her letter read: "He came right over and what a comfort his presence and his prayers were to me. I thank my God we had gone into the church." Would to God that two million other Southern Baptists would move their letters and line up with their local church.

Home Coming At Hardin

Hardin Church, Pine Bluff, and Pastor E. A. Richmond, announce home coming services for August 31. All friends and former members of the church are invited. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

LISTEN TO THE

BAPTIST HOUR

DATE—AUGUST 31

SPEAKER: Dr. J. D. Grey

SUBJECT: "Why Be Afraid?"

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.

Evangelist Available



SAYER CANOVA

Pastor B. H. Eustis of First Church, Siloam Springs, recommends Sayer Canova as an acceptable evangelist. He is preacher, singer, and uses the chalk drawing board.

Mr. Canova was reared a Catholic and spent his grade school years in a Catholic school. For many years he was an altar boy in the Catholic Church.

His wife, a devout Christian, was stricken with tuberculosis. It was through this act of divine providence that Mr. Canova was led to accept Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized into the fellowship of the First Church, Siloam Springs, November 15, 1950, and was ordained to the full gospel ministry June 12, 1951.

Baylor To Offer New Music Program

The Baylor University School of Music will inaugurate this fall a new curriculum program leading to a bachelor's degree in sacred music, according to an announcement from Dr. W. R. White, president. The direction of the sacred music curriculum will be under the leadership of Dr. Albert Venting, a leading teacher and writer in the field, who will join the faculty of the School of Music this fall.

Dr. Venting, who will head up the instruction in the new field, is a musician, clergyman, author, and teacher. He has been a student of William Jewel College, the University of Chicago, Harley College, as well as Oxford University in England. He has been a pastor in Iowa, Ohio, and Texas. More recently, he taught sacred music and the philosophy of religion at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth. He has written extensively in the fields of religion and religious music.

Salem Church Receives 8

First Church, Salem, conducted a tent revival from August 3-10 which resulted in eight additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism. W. A. Moody, Mammoth Springs, was the evangelist.

James B. Busby is the pastor at Salem.

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"We do not experience joy in living until we have walked with God."

Accepts Pastorate First Church, Booneville



JOHN W. JOHNSTON

John W. Johnston of Fort Smith has accepted a call to the pastorate of First Church, Booneville.

Mr. Johnston recently returned to civilian life from the chaplaincy, where he served four years, one year of which was served overseas.

Mr. Johnston is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He served as pastor at Raynors Grove and Rye Hill in Arkansas, and the Eules Church, Fort Worth.

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Baptists Plan Jubilee Congress In 1955

By Religious News Service

Plans for a Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, to be held in London, July 16-22, 1955, were mapped at the annual meeting of the Alliance's executive committee. The Alliance was organized in London in 1904.

The committee also discussed plans for the Baptist Youth World Conference, scheduled for Rio de Janeiro in July 1953 under the auspices of the Alliance's Youth Committee.

Robert Denny of Nashville, Tennessee, reported that Evangelist Billy Graham, Dr. Oscar C. Johnson of St. Louis, Missouri, and Dr. Duke K. McCall of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, will be speakers at this meeting.

Dr. Paul Caudill of Memphis, Tennessee, reported on the work of the Alliance's Relief Committee established in 1947. Mainly for aid in Europe, it has brought 3,041 DPs to the United States, 1,186 to Canada and many to Brazil and other countries.

Dr. Caudill said the relief committee sent to Germany 2,500,000 pounds of food, 3,710,985 pounds of clothing, and daily fed 2,743 people.

In addition he said, it has given assistance to Baptist pastors, the aged, widows and children and provided 16,603 Bibles for Russia. This aid, when last tabulated, was valued at \$9,060,310, Dr. Caudill said.

Victor E. W. Hayward, general foreign secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society of Great Britain, told the committee that "Christianity is facing its greatest challenge since Islam was in its heyday of advance."

"Four years ago," he said, "all that has

Cherry Assists South Highland

Evangelist Fred Cherry, of Oklahoma City, will assist South Highland Church, Little Rock and Pastor Ray Branscum in a meeting September 3-14.

Lucien Coleman Jr. will be in charge of the song service.

Services will be held daily at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Deacon Ordained

Enterprise Church, Big Creek Association, ordained Bernard Ford to the work of the gospel ministry on Sunday afternoon, August 17.

The ordaining council was composed of J. W. Shields, who questioned the candidate; Raymond Knox, who delivered the charge; Deacon Bryan Oliver offered the ordination prayer, and Missionary Claud Crigler delivered the message; and H. M. Dugger served as moderator. Other members of the council were the following deacons: Ray Phillips, Floyd McCandlis, Clarence Talbert, Clifton Roper, Drew Reasons, James Roper, and Lloyd F. Horton.

Facts Of Interest

The F.B.I. has released its final figures for 1951, which show that crime increased 5.1 per cent during 1951 throughout the United States, rising to a total of 1,882, 160 serious offenses or 92,130 over the 1950 estimates.

Major crimes during 1951 averaged 5,157 each day or 34 felonious homicides, 1,115 burglaries, 143 robberies, 3,064 larcenies, 46 rapes, 540 auto thefts, and 215 aggravated assaults.

The 831,288 arrests during the year exceeded by 4.7 per cent the number in 1950. Age 23 predominated in the frequency of arrests, followed by ages 22, 21, 24, and 26 in that order. Female arrests increased 11.3 per cent over 1950.

Drunkenness led in the number of arrests with 191,455. Others included criminal homicide, 6,522; robbery, 17,997; burglary, 42,415; sex offenses, 29,144.

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The Lord is my Shepherd, He makes me repose

Where the pastures in beauty are growing;
He leads me afar from the world and its woes;

Where in peace the still waters are flowing.
He strengthens my spirit, He shows me the path

Where the arms of His love shall enfold me;
And when I walk through the dark valley of death,

His rod and His staff will uphold me.

happened in the Communist revolution in China was unexpected and unpredictable. The significance of that event was that China was ripe for social revolution, and the Communists alone were able to provide the strategy and program for effecting a sufficiently radical change . . .

"The Christian alternative to Communism must come from a deeper active concern for social justice. Only a world-wide Church will be able to reveal that Christ holds the secret of true unity and has the truth which is the answer to mankind's desperate needs."

Christian Horizons

By Religious News Service

Makes Study on Federal Aid To Church Institutions

Roman Catholic hospitals have received a total of \$68,143,000 in grants under the Hill-Burton federal aid-to-hospitals act, according to a research project just completed.

This constitutes 78 per cent of the total of \$87,476,000 that has been dispensed to church-affiliated institutions under that act. Protestant and Jewish hospitals have received the remaining \$19,333,000.

The study was made by C. E. Bryant, director of press relations for Baylor University, Waco, Texas, on a grant from the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Mr. Bryant said that the ratio favoring Catholic hospitals "is not evidence of discrimination by the government, but rather of the hesitancy of Protestant groups to accept government aid."

He also reported that church-affiliated colleges have obtained more than one billion dollars in government aid under the GI Bill of Rights, providing for veterans' education.

This was mostly tuition payments from the Veterans Administration. Church institutions enrolled 19 per cent of all veterans attending college under the GI bill.

Church colleges also received more than 4,000,000 square feet of classroom space and housing facilities from war surplus at a transfer cost to the government of \$26,000,000, Mr. Bryant said.

An additional \$1,823,597 was given to church-related medical schools and hospitals in research and fellowship awards by the U. S. Public Health Service in fiscal year 1951, Mr. Bryant's study disclosed.

Ninety-three units of Reserve Officers Training Corps of the various branches of the armed services are now operating on church-related college campuses, he said.

Relatively little federal aid is given to parochial elementary and secondary schools, Mr. Bryant asserted. He said that aid to these schools is largely a local or state matter rather than one involving the federal government.

The only federal programs aiding parochial schools are the Department of Agriculture's school lunch program and, in a few instances, tuition and study grants for American Indian children by the Indian Affairs Bureau. This bureau in some cases pays parochial school tuition fees for its charges.

In the Social Security program, particularly the Children's Bureau, Mr. Bryant said he found that welfare funds are frequently paid directly to church hospitals and other church welfare agencies. He said it was impossible to measure the amount because all of these social security programs are administered on the state level, although federal grants are given the states.

Mr. Bryant reported that he found no desire in the federal government for a close relationship with church groups or any inclination to dictate their policies. Even on federal reservations where land and buildings are made available to religious groups for church purposes a hands-off policy prevails, he said.

He added that "persistent pressure groups" are operating in Washington to seek more

federal aid for church-related institutions, particularly parochial schools. Roman Catholics have been most active in this respect, he said.

President Not Considering Recess Appointment of Vatican Envoy

President Truman has apparently decided against making a recess appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

In response to a question at his weekly press conference as to whether he expects to make a recess nomination, Mr. Truman said that the matter is not being considered at this time. He said that he had no further comment to make.

Confirmation by the Senate would be required for any ambassadorial nomination. Unless Congress is called into special session, the Senate will not meet again until January 3, 1953.

Seek Views Of Presidential Candidates On Vatican Envoy Issue

Pressure is being brought by some Protestant sources on the Presidential candidates to give their position on the sending of an ambassador or other envoy to the Vatican.

President Truman's statement that he is not giving consideration to a recess appointment to the Vatican ambassadorial post apparently will leave the decision to the next President.

Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, has queried General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Governor Adlai E. Stevenson on their views.

In identical telegrams to the candidates, he said:

"In view of President Truman's statement that he is not giving any consideration to a recess appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican and in view of the American people's widespread expressed interest in this issue, what is your position on the question of sending a diplomatic representative to the Vatican?"

Baptists Note Gains In Religious Freedom

Gains in religious freedom have been made during the past several decades, according to the findings of a study group held in connection with the annual meeting of the Baptist World Alliance's executive committee.

At the same time, the group noted that in recent years "the world has suffered some of the direst assaults on human freedoms known to history."

An important religious liberty gain, the statement said, was the removal of civil disabilities from non-conformists in several nations where established churches exist.

"A striking example is to be found in Sweden," it said, "where Baptists have induced the Parliament to remove former restrictions on Roman Catholics as well as on those in the free churches."

The statement also listed as a gain "the fact that vast numbers of people around the world have become awakened to the peril to religious freedom."

A Smile or Two

A small boy with a cent tightly clutched in his hot little fist entered the candy shop and drove the proprietor to distraction asking to see this and that kind of candy without being able to make up his mind.

"Look here, my boy," said the store-keeper finally, "what do you want to buy for a penny—the whole world with a fence around it?"

The boy thought a moment and then replied cautiously, "Let's see it."

Two Indians had been very much interested in the construction of a lighthouse on the coast near their reservation. When it was completed they watched it every night. One night a fog rolled in and the fog-horn blew continuously. "Ugh," said one Indian to the other, "light she shine, bell she ding-dong, horn she woo-woo, fog she come in just the same."

—Quote

"Daddy, don't they ever give showers for the groom?"

"No, son. There will be storms enough for him after the bride begins to reign."

An elderly lady in the deep South found herself in a helpless state following the death of one of her aged servants. Not knowing how to replace her, she went out on the street and accosted a small Negro lad:

"Little boy," she said, "do you know where I can get a housemaid?"

"Yas'm," he replied, "my daddy's a good carpenter. He'll come around and build a house for you."

There are three things a woman can make out of nothing—a hat, a salad and a quarrel.

A long-winded lawyer droned on and on until the judge finally gave vent to a suggestive yawn.

"I sincerely trust I am not unduly trespassing on the time of this court," said the lawyer, with a touch of sarcasm.

"There is some difference," the Judge quietly observed, "between trespassing on time and encroaching on eternity."

—Clipped

A man saw his minister walking a hundred yards ahead of him. That was on Tuesday. The minister suddenly disappeared. He had fallen into an open manhole in the sidewalk. The man who had been following close behind ran to the police station and shouted: "Hurry to the rescue, our preacher has fallen into a manhole." But the officer refused to be excited about the matter.

"Well," he said, "This is only Tuesday. You won't need him until Sunday."

"I just got out of prison this morning," a traveler told a man on the train. "It's going to be tough facing old friends."

"I can sympathize with you," said the other, "I'm just getting home from Congress."

Magnate (to poor suitor): Young man, do you know how I made my money?

Young Man: Yes, but I can't permit that to stand in the way of Muriel's happiness.

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News From Baptist Press

Transfer Membership Week Promotion Gets Under Way

The state secretaries and editors of the Southern Baptist Convention are steadily leading the churches and pastors to victory in the Transfer Church Membership Week, September 14-21. A preliminary check last week reveals progress in most of the states. Definite reports were received from the following:

Alabama: Following the plan scheduled by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in its effort to enlist non-resident Baptists. All media of publicity have been used to promote this effort. Genuine interest prevails and definite results appear in sight. Besides using all the publicity sent in by the Executive Committee forces, special emphasis will be given to this effort in the August 14 issue of the *Alabama Baptist*.

Arizona: Twenty-four rallies, with visiting teams of three members each, will be held the last week in August. Churches are being urged to either post, print or read their church rolls and find the addresses of non-resident members. Goal: Net gain of 1,200 members.

Arkansas: Letters have gone out from Baptist headquarters to all missionaries and pastors urging full co-operation in this movement. Also a brochure has been mailed to all pastors. A special Transfer Church Membership Week issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* will be published August 28.

California: Moderators have been requested to organize associations. Pastors have been contacted and all literature and cards have been mailed. Churches are co-operating by sending names of non-resident members to headquarters where they are being processed. The *California Southern Baptist* is giving much of its space in publicizing the campaign.

Georgia: "We have worked through the associations toward appointment of committees to assist in the promotion," according to state secretary, Dr. James W. Merritt. "All the departments in our work are co-operating and we have appealed to the pastors through letters, in addition to the promotional emphasis being given by *The Christian Index*."

Illinois: Conferences and speakers are being used at all associational meetings of every kind. Emphasis is given in annual and district meetings of associations. Letter writing by all church members urging their friends and relatives to transfer membership has been encouraged. Weekly publicity carried in the denominational paper.

Louisiana: All associations urged to have a special program during the month of August, emphasizing this effort to reach Louisiana's 70,000 unaffiliated Baptists. Associational officers, with the organizers and chairmen of evangelism, asked to be responsible for promotion through the various organizations. Met in Alexandria July 15, for the presentation of this program.

Missouri: General superintendent has written to all associational moderators, suggesting that the matter be presented to the associations and fully discussed so that all may understand. He also enclosed a suggested program for associational conferences on the subject. The *Word and Way*, state Baptist paper, is publishing articles on various phases of the campaign from week to week. The evangelism department is mailing out cards to be used in locating unaffiliated Baptists.

Mississippi: Contacted every pastor by letter, distributed to every church the pamphlet

entitled "Transfer Church Membership Week," and sent out the "search cards" which were secured from the Sunday School Board. In addition, numerous articles have appeared in the *Baptist Record* promoting this program.

North Carolina: 200,000 "Search Cards" to pastors. State leaders and speaking on subject at annual associational meetings being held this month and next. Articles and editorials on subject have been published in *Biblical Recorder*.

South Carolina: Vigorously promoting Transfer Church Membership Week. The *Baptist Courier*, our state paper, is, and has been for weeks, "loaded" with articles, appeals, and reminders. Baptist headquarters in Columbia is sending out a stream of good material.

Texas: Conference held with 17 district missionaries and plans made for special emphasis on matter in 120 associational workers' conferences, meeting held in July. The *Baptist Standard*, going to 256,457 homes, dedicated the July 31, issue to this program of enlistment. We plan to have some ringing articles and editorials in each issue through September 21. No goals have been set, but confident that large numbers will be enlisted through concentrated efforts of all the agencies.

Virginia: Dr. James R. Bryant, state secretary, says, "We are striving to enlist the unenlisted and encourage every Virginia Baptist to transfer their membership to the church they are now attending and to make this not only a transfer of church membership but dedication of life. We are contacting every association in an effort to reach every church with an active campaign in the department of evangelism."

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A Message To The Baptists Of The World

From the Executive Committee of The Baptist World Alliance, Tollose, Denmark—August 4-8, 1952

The Baptist World Alliance, through its Executive Committee, meeting in Tollose, Denmark, August 4-8, 1952, would greet all Baptists everywhere in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In all our deliberations we have been mindful of our common heritage in the Lord and of our continuing mission in His name to the whole world. We would not glory in our numbers, but we cannot be unmindful that not fewer than eighteen million people today throughout the world are members of Baptist churches. Several million more cherish those convictions, attitudes, and purposes which by God's good grace have come to us from the New Testament. With all of these we have been bound together in a worldwide fellowship. This is all the Lord's doing, and it is in Him that we would glory and to Him that we would offer praise.

We as Baptists are set today in a world of revolutionary change. New paganisms, flushed with recent and notable victories, seek to bring all the world into captivity to concepts and to patterns of behavior utterly foreign to Christian life and thought. Old religions, also spurred on by rising tides of nationalism, are showing new life and new opposition to the ideas and ideals of the Kingdom of our Lord. Even in those lands where our churches have been long established and have enjoyed the manifold blessings of God, demonic powers have found new and alluring ways to entice people, young and old, into paths

which lead to moral and spiritual decay and death.

In this world, Baptists are commissioned of God to provide their own redemptive and revolutionary faith — a faith which centers in Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new", and who continually demonstrates His power to make of any man a new creature living in a new universe. We are not frantically searching for an alternative to any so-called way of life, because we believe with all our hearts and minds that we have found in Jesus Christ the One who is Himself the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jesus, the Living Lord and the Lord of Life, would we proclaim to a world which He loves and to which He would bring salvation, full and complete, in righteousness and peace, for both individuals and communities.

To this high purpose, God in Christ has called us all. He has set us in the world for such a time as this. We thank God that we are not working alone; that other men and women of many names also love our Lord in sincerity and truth and are faithful witnesses to His redeeming grace. But we would be less than true to ourselves and less than faithful to our Lord if we did not recognize His divine calling to us Baptists to proclaim by life and by word, in faithful witness and in loving ministry, the truth as God has given us to see it. This we shall, please God, continue to do in continuing hope and good cheer.

We are painfully aware that situations obtain in the world today which make impossible face to face contact with our brethren in some lands. No frontiers, however, separate us in the fellowship of the Spirit; and in prayer for one another we can continually renew our oneness in Christ. Accordingly we urge Baptists continually to pray for one another. We would urge them also to pray for the peace of the world and for the establishment and maintenance of those conditions of righteousness and justice in all the relations of life which make for peace.

We would remind all our people that we labor not in vain in the Lord — that we serve One who is not only all-loving, but all-wise and almighty, and One whose redemptive purpose will prevail. At a time when the hearts of many are failing them in foreboding and in fear, we would call on all Baptists throughout the world to be not fearful but believing, full of faith and hope:

"For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he has set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him, according to the counsel of his will, we who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1:9-12

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A DOER OF THE WORD

An old Scottish elder, who was faithful in church attendance, but the cause of a great deal of trouble among its members, told his pastor one day that he was going to pay a visit to the Holy Land, "And when I get there," he said with great enthusiasm, "I'm going to climb Mt. Sinai and read the Ten Commandments from the top of it."

"I can tell you something better to do," his pastor replied. "Stay at home and keep them."

"It's a grand thing to know Scripture by memory, but grander to know it by heart. 'BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY,' says James (1:22). It is an admonition that never grows old and is always needed.

Worse Than Death

As Told to Bruce H. Price by a Deacon,

Newport News, Virginia

When word reached me during World War II that my best friend had been shot down on a mission over northern Italy and all the crew killed, it was a great shock and personal loss.

Those who have received a similar message will understand something of my grief, but they cannot know all of it. For my burden since that day has been two-fold: the loss of a very dear friend and the loss of the greatest opportunity that comes to man. I have found comfort for the first, but there is no peace of mind for the second.

Our friendship began in high school where we played football. Coming from a broken family he had a very unhappy and unsatisfactory home life. However, he was determined to make a success in life and if he had lived I am sure he would not have been disappointed. He was handsome, strong, neat in appearance, and possessed a wonderful personality—the kind of person who made friends wherever he went.

Before we entered the service of our country in the early forties we came to Newport News and found profitable employment with the Newport News Shipbuilding Co. Rooming in the same home we were together day and night. I loved him as a brother and I am sure the feeling was mutual. Our association helps me to understand the story of David and Jonathan.

Being reared in a Christian home it seemed natural for me to find a church in Newport News. He was much interested in Sunday School and the worship services too, although in his early life this had been neglected. He was not a professed Christian.

From time to time I found it easy to talk to him about becoming a Christian and joining the church. He was interested.

One Sunday morning he asked me, "Are you planning to move your membership?"

"No," I replied. "I don't know how long I will be here."

Two weeks later he brought up the subject again by asking, "Have you thought

any more about moving your membership?" Without waiting for a reply he continued, "I think you ought to; you are attending this church all the time."

A week later before the morning services he approached me with a proposition. "If you will move your membership, I'll join by baptism."

Transfer Church Membership Week



I made some excuse. When the hymn of invitation began I stepped back and motioned for him to pass by me and go down the aisle, but he didn't go. Soon afterwards he was in the Air Corps.

All the time I had encouraged him to become a Christian, but I was pushing him instead of leading him. One little bit of leadership on my part would have brought him to the Lord that day. The memory of my falling him and failing my Lord is heavy on me. Few days pass without my thinking of him and how I missed my big opportunity—the greatest in life—winning another to Jesus.

Transfer Church Membership Week September 14-21 should be supported by all pastors and members. Local people moving their membership to a local church will often do much to lead others to Christ. In the future I am resolved that when I move, my membership will go with me.

Ouachita Students Reflect Credit On College

(Note: The following letter is self-explanatory. These young men were stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.—Editor.)

Dr. Harold A. Haswell, President
Ouachita Baptist College
Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Haswell:

I am dropping you a few lines to let you know what we here at Rose Hill Baptist Church think of you and your school.

Last year Webster Teague, Roy Carroll, and Bob Ward came to our church for four months. This year Calvin D. Austin, James T. Blackmon, Jack J. Bledsoe, William H. Edwards, Alfred W. Green, John R. Hagan, Hugh Hairston, James E. Harrell, Joe Martindale, Joseph O. Massey, Robert R. McCollum, Truman Keahy, and Lavell C. Nutt came for six weeks.

Dr. Haswell, words can't express the Christian influence these fine young men had on the people at Rose Hill Church. They were teaching, leading prayer meeting,

singing, and doing personal witnessing for Christ. We have never before seen a bunch of young men on fire for their Lord and Savior as these men were. In fact, they just invaded our church, doing all they could and anything they were asked to do. While they were here several young people dedicated their lives to Christian service. Jack Bledsoe did a wonderful job in holding that group together, in fact, he fathered them.

We will always be grateful to you and your staff for turning out such fine, Christ-like men and we thank God for sending them our way.

I know our pastor would like to thank you personally but he and his good wife are touring Europe and the Holy Land.

I pray God's blessings on you and your great work.

Respectfully,

John C. McCosh
Columbus, Georgia

Prayer In A Stewardship Revival

By J. W. BUCKNER

Stewardship is spiritual, very deeply and wonderfully spiritual. Every missionary movement must be supported by stewardship and the more and better the stewardship the more and better the missionary work. Every spiritual revival is supported by stewardship and the more and the better the stewardship the more and better the spiritual revival. Stewardship is never optional in missions and revivals, but always very essential.

Many missionary movements have starved and died because someone, somewhere, had not first learned the lesson of stewardship. Many a soul-winning revival has produced half results because some or all the people participating had not first learned to practice stewardship. All over America churches are playing second fiddle to other institutions and other organizations simply because our members have not learned the value of stewardship and the simple fact that stewardship is deeply spiritual.

If your stewardship revival is going to be spiritual and effective in the highest degree, there must be much prayer from many hearts. Prayer for the Lord's blessing means the difference between a series of messages on tithing and a real, vital, throbbing stewardship revival. This revival should be prayed through just like any other revival must be prayed through.

In my revivals, I have found that we had the best revival in the churches where most time had been given to prayer. The minister should carry the burden always in his heart, from day to day, from service to service, and the people will inevitably catch the feel of it. If the pastor tarries long at the throne of grace about the stewardship revival, God will honor his requests and grant the revival.

But all members of the church should be praying the same way and definitely called to a program of prayer for the meeting. It is good to have cottage prayer meetings for weeks ahead of the revival. If not practical to have cottage prayer meetings, have special prayer services at the church and through the organizations. But definitely call all the members to earnest prayer.

We should pray big when we prepare for a stewardship revival. Remember, you are going to seek to enlist every member of your church in tithing and it will mean an immense increase in income if it is even half a success. Show your people what needs to be done and how badly people need to tithe and then ask Him definitely to give you the big things needed in your work. Perhaps you can ask Him to increase your church income 100 per cent and, if we ask according to His will, He will so increase it.

I would urge all churches to pray much for pastor and evangelist, for everything depends upon them in this meeting. Pray for power in the stewardship messages. Pray the Lord to give the evangelist grace and wisdom so that the people will be won to God's plan for the financing of His church.

Arkansas Baptists should now be praying earnestly for this statewide stewardship revival. If we can have a real revival of tithing, our work will never be the same again and a great spiritual awakening will inevitably follow. Imagine how pleased God would be if one thousand of His churches would call their people to prayer for a mighty revival of tithing practice? Then let us call them to definite, purposeful prayer for a phenomenally successful stewardship revival.

The Message Of The Revelation

By M. T. MCGREGOR, *Texarkana, Arkansas*

The Book of the Revelation has a message for us all. Too long have most of us felt that the treasures of the book belonged only to the scholar and the theologian and by avoiding it we have allowed the ordinary student of the Bible to become a victim of the absurdities perpetrated by the self-styled interpreter of the Scriptures—neither scholar nor theologian—whose chief stock in trade consists of a ranting endeavor to unravel the mysteries of all obscure prophecies. In this connection, he finds the book of the Revelation a prolific field for his efforts.

If we dig beneath the surface of the obscure language in which the book is couched we find some outstanding thoughts presented: thoughts which are amazingly simple when translated into words, and yet they are thoughts which are tinged with profundity so far as their relationship to eternal values is concerned. A few of these thoughts are here presented.

Book Of Practical, Christian Living

It is a book for this year and next year and for every day in the year. How we need this message for the days in which we live! Revelation 22:11, when rightly interpreted, tells us that we are going to die as we live. In other words, our religion is not just a Sunday religion. Merely attending church on Sunday and sitting in the amen corner and making our contribution does not discharge all our duties and responsibilities as God's children and give us the right to live as Satan would have us live six other days out of the week. Not long ago a speaker in one of our young people's services said, "What we need today is more people whose hearts keep up with their feet as they walk the aisles for Christ."

Christianity will come to the world only as Christians live it in their everyday lives. The prophet's prayer, "Let me die the death of the righteous," was a worthy one and one which could profitably be incorporated in our own lives. But let us remember that the only way we can die the death of the righteous is to live the life of the righteous.

The message of the Revelation is neither theoretical nor visionary. From a theoretical standpoint, many consider Christianity something to preach but not to practice; something to profess but not something to live. Their attitude reminds us of the mother who was delivering a lecture on truthfulness to her 12-year-old daughter. The telephone rang and she said, "Daughter, answer the phone, and if it is Mrs. So-and-So and she wants me, tell her I'm not at home." The message of the Revelation would insist that we practice what we preach.

From the standpoint of the visionary, we receive a lesson from the story of Lowell's "Vision of Sir Launfal." The knight thought that to obtain the Holy Grail he must venture forth into a world of abstractness and intangibility and mysticism. Disappointed and disillusioned, he returned home to find that it consisted in definite and concrete service to his fellowman. Likewise, Christianity is not an abstract, intangible something floating around in the air somewhere. It is a definite, positive, dynamic attitude of life.

Book Of Prophecy

It is just here that many of us make our

mistake. We know that it is a book of prophecy but we fail to take into account the nature of the prophecy. We seek to project the consummation of its prophetic message into a dim and unknown future, little realizing that the unfolding of the events described is taking place in our own lives and in the life of each and every one of God's children throughout all ages. For, underneath the obscure language of types and symbols and visions, the message of the book sets forth two very distinct thoughts. One is the emphasis placed upon the divine intervention in the world of human affairs; and the other is that the Revelation points out the ultimate triumph of God's will.

As to the Divine intervention in the lives of God's people, the Bible is full of such instances. Noah, and Moses, and Abraham, and Joshua, and David, all saw it, and the time would fail to tell of the countless other Bible characters who saw and experienced it. And the man who lives today and cannot see the guiding hand of God in the world of human affairs is heavily lidded, indeed, with the drowsiness of the world. There are those who seem to feel that all that is necessary today to bring order out of chaos is just a wave of God's hand and the action is accomplished. They are wondering just when He will step in and bring this all about. Perhaps God could do this without considering us—we are sure He could if He deemed it necessary; but there is something we must realize: We brought this present world condition upon ourselves by our own sinfulness and disobedience and God may have to lead us by devious paths of hardship and suffering and tribulation until we are ready to fall on our faces before Him in heart-broken repentance before He is ready to provide relief.

The Revelation also points out the ultimate triumph of God's will. Perhaps it would help us as Christians if we could realize this. Though it may not be entirely accomplished within the scope of our own lives, we are helping to bring it about by living lives in conformity to His will. We may not see the result ourselves but let us be assured of this fact, that His will is being worked out and our lives will either help or hinder it in the process.

Book Of Permanent Spiritual Values

What constitutes the important things of life, anyway? Is it material wealth such as houses and lands and cattle and stocks and bonds and money? We think not. Truly has it been said by someone that "a shroud has no pockets in it," and the worldly wealth we have accumulated will stand us in little stead when we approach the hour of death. The Revelation points out those things of abiding spiritual value which will carry on over into eternity.

Jesus instructs us in the things of permanent spiritual value. They are found in Him. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," He said. He is the beginning and the end. He is all and in all. He is the Lord of lords and the King of kings. Sorrow and tears and pain and death and all things of such nature will not be known in heaven because they have no permanent spiritual value.

At the fellowship hour for young people held at the close of the evening service in

800 Foreign Students Begin American Orientation

Approximately 800 students have arrived in the U. S. from 41 foreign countries as far apart as Finland and Japan and have begun a six-weeks program at American institutions of higher learning to get better acquainted with the U. S. language, educational system, history and social institutions before starting their regular course work for the year.

These youths are making their first trip to the U. S. under the Educational Exchange Program, International Information Administration, U. S. Department of State. Since the purpose of the program is to promote a better understanding of the U. S. in other countries, the orientation period, is designed to help the students adjust more quickly to their new environment so that they can get the maximum benefit out of their year of study here.

The program at the 17 centers will include English refresher courses, lectures and first-hand observation of our educational system, and discussions of important aspects of American life and institutions. Opportunities will be provided for the students to visit in American homes and to join in community activities.

American colleges which are religious-affiliated to which these students will go in groups of about 40 each include Duke University (North Carolina), Haverford College (Pennsylvania), Bucknell University (Pennsylvania), William and Mary (Virginia), and Yale University (Connecticut).

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Character is the product of daily, hourly actions and words and thoughts; daily forgiveness, unselfishness, kindness, sympathies, charities, sacrifices for the good of others, struggles against temptations, submissiveness under trial. Oh, it is these, like the blending of colors in a picture or the blending of notes of music which constitutes the man.

J. R. McDuff

one of our churches a high school girl was asked this question, "What is it that attracts you to the church?" Her answer was contained in this one word: "God." The leader tried to get her to elaborate; to say that it might result partly from the sermon, or the music, or the flowers, or the friendliness of the people. But she had spoken and she clung to that one monosyllable, "God."

When the day comes that men and women shall turn from the vain, empty, unsatisfying things of the world and shall turn to God's house, attracted there by the Spirit and presence of God Himself, then we shall be well on our way to a solution of our problems and difficulties as we measure them by the yardstick of permanent spiritual values by making Him supreme in our lives.

In conclusion, then, may we suggest that the thoughts which have been presented are some of the obvious truths of the Revelation. Let us read it and study it, and instead of looking for the difficult and the unfathomable—which in many instances may be reading something into the Scripture that is not even there—let us look for the plain and understandable teachings of God's word, that we may conform our lives to the pattern therein revealed. When we do this, the message of the Revelation will come alive for us and will vibrate with the inspiration which marks the very presence and power of the Spirit of the living God.

Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, *Secretary*

The Sunday School— And Transfer Membership Week

Here's a golden opportunity and a worthy challenge to every Sunday School to intensify every effort for putting into practice the fundamentals of Sunday School work in the Transfer Church Membership Week, September 14-21.

The Sunday School operating as an integral organization in the church is admirably adopted to aid other organizations in this worthwhile concentrated task.

In order to reach the 2,000,000 non-resident church members whose names are on the rolls of Southern Baptist churches, or who have their church letters in their possession, it is necessary to conduct a search for them, to visit them, and to enlist them in active church membership.

This search should be made by all Southern Baptist churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, on September 7. Special cards for this purpose have been prepared by the Sunday School Department, and may be obtained free of charge. Mail your request to the Sunday School Department, 215 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

An effective and thorough house to house canvass in search for these unaffiliated Baptists can be made by each Sunday School teacher and officer, and member canvassing under the direction of church and pastor.

Special Visitation Day, September 13, fits into the pattern of the Baptist churches and the Sunday School program of regular reported visitation. A little extra effort on the part of the Sunday School forces, co-operating with all the other organizations of the church, could well result in a personal visit, and a warm, urgent invitation to every unaffiliated Baptist in the state of Arkansas to transfer his

church membership to where he is now residing.

Special invitations should be made to all unaffiliated Baptists to transfer their membership on Sunday, September 14; on Wednesday, September 17, and Sunday, September 21.

Round-up Visitation Day is on Saturday, September 20. This visitation is to have the definite aim of obtaining commitments from these unaffiliated Baptists looking forward to fruitful services on Sunday, September 21. The Sunday School forces could well lead out in this visitation and make it exceeding meaningful.

We unite with all of the leaders and the organizations in the Southern Baptist Convention, and Arkansas in particular, in this challenging task of seeking, visiting these unaffiliated Baptists in the interest of winning and enlisting every Baptist to active membership in the local Baptist church.

CONCERNING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

To date 304 Vacation Bible School reports are in hand. Keep up the good work—let's have a report from every school held.

COMING EVENTS

September 2-3 — Associational Sunday School Leadership Conference.

September 16 — State-wide Special Associational Planning Rallies.

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

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When it comes to coddling imaginative wrongs, the average person is a faithful nurse.

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Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, *Executive Secretary*

Transfer Church Membership Week September 14-21

GLORIOUS RIDGECREST CONFERENCE!

"Laborers Together" was the meaningful theme of the W.M.U. Conference held at Ridgecrest, August 7-13. The program and conference personnel numbered nearly seventy-five and many were the high hours of inspiration and challenge that came during that fellowship. Daily Dr. Ray Summers, teacher at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, led in a study of the book of Romans. Space does not permit the naming of the many who brought missionary messages at other times. All sessions were presided over by Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Southern Woman's Missionary Union.

Registration totaled 1,739. The offering for Korean relief amounted to \$1,547.15; the one taken on Sunday for the expansion of Ridgecrest's auditorium was \$1,008.18; and contributions for the staff were \$915.13.

Between thirty and forty Arkansans were in attendance at this W. M. U. conference.

Numbered among the missionary speakers were Mrs. Hugo Culpepper (nee Ruth Cochrane), Mrs. Albert I. Bagby (nee Thelma Frith), and Maxfield Garrott — all of whom we definitely claim for Arkansas. Mrs. Davis served on the teaching faculty. Mrs. Jones represented the book store in many activities. Miss Cooper presided over a missionary group each day.

A PIONEER CLAIMS HER REWARD

Perhaps no other among Southern Baptists' womanhood has served with a more determined spirit and unshakable faith than Miss Emma Leachman. After many years of suffering and residence in a nursing home in Louisville, she was called to her heavenly home during the early days of August.

Miss Leachman championed the cause of missions wherever she went. She pioneered with the Woman's Missionary Union Training School. Her latter years of active service were spent as field worker with the Home Mission Board of which Board she was missionary emeritus until her death. Through her ministry many patterns of thinking were changed in regard to mission work and her memory will ever be revered by those who knew her.

Mrs. Charles Gordon of Pine Bluff was Miss Leachman's niece and is one of few surviving relatives.

Additional caption on a leaflet sent to all departments and agencies of each state in the Southern Baptist Convention reads "Southern Baptist Convention Emphasis; promoted by Evangelistic Department, Home Mission Board; in co-operation with All Southern Baptist Agencies." That includes Woman's Missionary Union, and if we have a desire it is to co-operate with every evangelistic and missionary-hearted-centered activity of our Convention. We, therefore, urge full participation in plans that will be projected by your church. The women can be important instruments of the Lord in such an effort! Let's do it!

Unfortunately the week set by our convention conflicts with the observance of the Season of Prayer for State Missions, BUT it can be made a very vital part of the special activities of the week. After all, the unenlisted of your community are numbered in the opportunities of state missions. Your community is a state mission field! Claim it for the Lord! We need to do exactly what the plans propose to do—enlist those two million non-resident church members whose names are on the rolls of Southern Baptist churches or who have their church letters in their possession. It is an overdue effort to claim them for the Kingdom. See other section of this issue, as well as recent copies, of the *Arkansas Baptist* for additional information.

The women are asked by our state secretary, Dr. B. L. Bridges, to hold prayer meetings, participate in visitation and in locating these detached Baptists. What better community mission project could your Society have for the month of September?

Let's claim the many AWOL Baptists for the Lord! We can! We must!

CHURCH PEWS

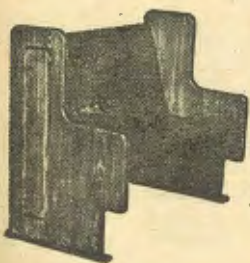
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Transfer Church Membership Week

The Brotherhood Department joins heartily in all of the purposes and activities of "Transfer Church Membership Week."

"Transfer Church Membership Week" is September 14-21, throughout the whole of the Southern Baptist Convention. Every Baptist church is asked to reach out into its own church-field during those days in a consecrated, concentrated effort to enlist Baptists who live there, but whose church membership is elsewhere.

MANY UNAFFILIATED BAPTISTS

More than one-fourth of all Southern Baptists are unaffiliated, that is, their church membership is not in a Baptist church in the community in which they are now living. This means two million Southern Baptists out of service; two million Southern Baptists who are out of position to do anything for the advancement of the Kingdom of God; two million Southern Baptists who have divorced themselves from God's program of work and who thus are having little or no part in God's work anywhere; two million Southern Baptists who are robbing themselves of eternal reward; two million Southern Baptists whose influence for Christ is being lost; two million Southern Baptists whose children are growing up, many of them outside church and Sunday School. These two million Southern Baptists make up one of the greatest tragedies of this generation.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE?

There are several major reasons why so many Baptists have become unaffiliated. The chief cause, of course, is the Devil. Satan doesn't want anybody to do any work for God; and when a Baptist moves from his old church-field to a new field, the Devil immediately seizes upon the situation in a mighty effort to keep that Baptist from ever being tied up with God's work again.

The displacements brought about by war are responsible in some measure. Thousands of Baptists have moved from their church-field to work in war industries, leaving their church membership behind. Many of these started working on Sundays, with terrible damage to their spiritual lives.

The general shifts of population from rural to urban areas is another contributing cause.

WHY DO BAPTISTS REMAIN UNAFFILIATED?

The answer to this question shows up in the excuse nearly all

of them give for not joining a local Baptist Church: "I don't know how long I'm going to be here." And the tragic truth is that a Baptist will never feel settled or anchored anywhere as long as he leaves God back where he came from.

THE TRAGEDY OF TRAGEDIES

The author of this article has processed many a census taken of a church field. He always uses a family group card so that each family can be seen in perspective. He has seen thousands of cards representing families where both husband and wife are unaffiliated Baptists, and where every child in the family is LOST and goes nowhere to church or Sunday School. Unless papa and mama are awakened from their spiritual sleep, many of these children are going to be lost forever.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

We can VISIT the unaffiliated Baptists in our church field; SHOW THEM PLAINLY what they are doing; INVITE them to join our church; PRAY with them; and KEEP AFTER them until they transfer their membership.

Another approach is through their children. Win them to Christ! Then maybe mama's heart and papa's heart will be warmed to the point where they will be willing to come back into active church membership.

Some years ago the author of this article was asked by an Arkansas pastor to go with him to try to enlist an unaffiliated Baptist man and his unaffiliated Baptist wife. Looking at the family census card, we discovered that there was a 13-year-old lost girl in the family. We decided to go after her first.

So we went to the home and talked with the girl in the presence of her mother. We found the girl under conviction. She yielded to Christ. The immediate result was that all three came and presented themselves for church membership.

In another town, the author found an elderly couple who had been unaffiliated for twenty-five years. Before this couple could be moved from their stubborn refusal to come back into church membership, the Lord had saved their two daughters, one son, a son-in-law, and a grand-daughter.

It was on the last stanza of the invitation hymn after all their loved ones had been saved and had joined the church, that the old couple came down the

Church Music Department

MRS. B. W. NININGER, Director

Look At The Music Calendar

Arkansas Baptists may justly be proud of the progress being made in the field of music education. Many churches made it possible for their musicians to attend the **Leadership School** at Ouachita College, August 11-16, and also the **Youth Music Camp** at Ferncliff, August 18-22. These two events demonstrated, beyond question, the value of training for music leadership and also the enthusiasm and gratitude of all those engaged in church music for the splendid curriculum and faculty which was planned at both places. Finer leadership training could not be obtained any where than was offered at the Leadership School. The Choral and Dramatic Festival, which was the closing feature, was a thrilling example of the effective use of music and church drama.

Young people from age 9 to 24 co-operated in the happiest spirit during the all-too-brief period at Music Camp. They busied themselves from early morning till bedtime, playing,

aisle. They ought to have led the way for their children; but they didn't. The children led the way!

SPIRITUALLY HARDENED

Christian workers must know that it is a spiritually hardening experience for a Baptist to remain out of service year after year, and neglect or refuse to identify himself with the church of the Lord Jesus Christ in the community where he lives. It is a denial of Christ; it is a refusal to do the will of Christ; it is a tragic neglect of the work of Christ.

LET'S PRAY FOR THEM

Let us pray for the unaffiliated Baptists in our own community and throughout the land; and that God shall use Transfer Church Membership Week to re-enlist thousands of them in His service.

And let's join hands with those who shall GO after them!

singing, studying music theory, and participating in church drama, recreation, and worship. The camp staff assembled for this first such occasion was of the highest caliber, musically, as well as in consecration and Christian example.

YOUR MUSIC BUDGET

Along with plans for all the work of the church for the coming year — your music budget will need consideration. Make it adequate for an enlarged use of Church Music.

What is an adequate Music Budget?

Salaries for director and accompanist.

Funds for the tuning and repair of all musical instruments.

A sum for new music for all your choirs.

Money for costumes, lighting, and such for special music programs. (Christmas and Easter.)

A fund to send Youth and Junior Choirs to festivals.

A sum to send hymn playing representatives to state hymn playing tournament.

Funds to send your musicians to the State Leadership School and to Ridgecrest.

If your association does not, as yet, have a full music organization, please urge upon your Executive Committee to arrange for this important business at the Annual Meeting. A director, a Youth Choir director, a Junior Choir director, and a pianist should be elected. These four people form the Associational Music Committee and could do a great deal to further the effective use of music in all associational activities.

The ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC PLANNING MEETING is to be held in First Church, Little Rock, Monday, September 8, and should be attended by the entire Church Music Committee. The Church Music Department will pay 6 cents a mile for one car from each association, provided at least four music workers occupy same.

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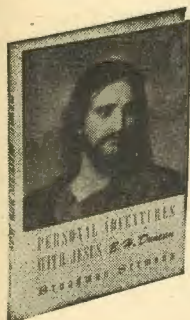
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If I Were A Missionary — I would try to make Transfer Church Membership Week click in every church. It will almost be like a revival in each church, if it is taken seriously and proves a success. The churches will receive new blood and those joining will receive a new zeal in their church home. The work of the entire association will be stimulated. So, if I were an associational missionary, I would try to explain to the pastors and churches that the purpose of the movement is to strengthen the churches and help the non-resident members. I would have someone speak on it in a Workers' Conference. I would talk or write to all pastors and church clerks about the importance of it.

If I Were A Pastor — I would have two objectives in mind as I pushed Transfer Church Membership Week in my church. My first objective would be to find and enlist every non-resident Baptist in my town or church field. Through various means I would try to locate all possibilities for membership by letter, and then through a definite visitation program try to get them to join my church. My second objective would be to get the names and addresses of those who have moved away, but have not moved their membership, so I could write to them suggesting that it would be a blessing to them and to all churches concerned if they would join the church where they live.

If I were pastor of a small church, I would ask the clerk to read the names of the non-resident members before the entire church. Then, those present could help the clerk get their addresses. If I were in a large church I would carry the names of non-resident members in the church bulletin, asking for their correct addresses.

I would not only write to the individuals, but I would write to the pastors where they are now living, giving those pastors their names and addresses. I would do this because I would appreciate other pastors writing to me if their members have moved to my town.

Yes, if I were a pastor I would welcome the privilege of pushing Transfer Church Membership Week in my church.

If I Were a Church Clerk—I would welcome the emphasis on Transfer Church Membership Week for it would help "clear up" the church roll. I would check up on my own records to see if they are up to date. I would check up on several things: Have the names of deceased members been removed? Did I write for church letters for those who joined by letter or did I just record their names and fail to write? Has the church granted letters which I have not forwarded? Yes, if I were a church clerk I would take time out to make a good church roll with proper entries, dates, etc. I would also prepare a list of non-resident members and ask everyone's help in getting their correct addresses. If I were clerk I would report to the church, each month, the number of additions, the losses, the present resident membership, and the non-resident membership.

If I were church clerk I would be happy to receive requests for letters for those members who have moved away.

If I Were A Non-Resident Member — I wouldn't be one long. I would consider it a reflection on my church and on my religion if I moved to a town and waited months or years before joining the church. I'd want to be a good Baptist and have my membership where I live.

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Four Dates We Face

By C. E. MATTHEWS

1. DAY OF SEARCH . . .

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4. FINAL DAY . . .

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2. SPECIAL VISITATION . . .

Saturday, September 13, and continued daily all through the next week. Teams should be organized and sent out from the church. If practical, lunch should be served.

3. TRANSFER CHURCH MEMBERSHIP WEEK

This is the big week. Opening Sunday will be used to enlist all possible non-resident members. Visitation to follow in the week. Special Wednesday evening service.

Religious Institution Ordered To Alter Advertising By FTC

Bethany College and Divinity School, formerly at 123 Eighth Street, North St. Petersburg, Florida, and two of its officers have been ordered by the Federal Trade Commission to stop representing, in connection with the sale of its courses of study and instruction, that the school is recognized by any standard or accepted accrediting organization, or is an accredited educational institution.

Noting that the school owned no buildings and had never had a permanent location, the FTC's findings further stated that it fell far short of meeting the minimum requirements for an institution of higher learning, and that the enterprise was not an institution of higher learning or a college but essentially a correspondence school. Contrary to the representations found to have been made in the advertising used for soliciting students, the school was not recognized by a standard accrediting organization and its work and credits, moreover, were not and could not have been recognized by reputable educational institutions, the findings added.

As to academic degrees which respondents, in the school's advertising, offered to grant and confer upon students, including those students completing its courses of home study, such purported degrees, according to the findings, had no academic value

whatsoever and were not recognized in the educational field. The offer in the school's advertising to grant and confer a degree, the findings added, in and of itself constituted a false representation that such degrees were accepted, recognized, and accredited by accredited institutions of higher learning.

The FTC's order also prohibits respondents from using the word "college" as a part of corporate respondent's name or from otherwise representing that the enterprise is a college or institution of higher learning. It further forbids respondents from representing, by offering to grant or to confer, or through conferring, any academic degrees, that such degrees are accepted, recognized or accredited by accredited institutions of higher learning.

Named as parties to the order to cease and desist, in addition to the corporation, were Carl M. Kilmer and Lulu M. Kilmer. Dismissed as parties to the proceedings for the reason that they did not share in the conduct of the school or in formulating its policies were William Potter, Grace Sercomb, Ted Victor Vorhees, J. Frederick Doering, William Morgan Keller, Jesse J. Coody, Richard H. Crowder, Merle P. Estabrooks, Edith C. Sheetz, and John W. Oliver.

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By RACHEL QUATTLEBAUM

Recently a friend asked me if I moved my membership when I went away to college. Upon my reply of yes, she wanted to know why I did. It seemed rather unnecessary to her. Her questions started me to thinking. Just why does a student want to move his membership when he goes away to college? After all you won't be there every Sunday and in the summer time you will return to your home church. But for about nine months out of each year while attending college you are going to be away from your home church. Since you cannot attend your home church, you will want to attend one in your college town. You will not want to feel like a stranger but will want to feel that you are a vital part of the church life and organization. No doubt you will join other organizations such as clubs, social units, and societies; therefore you should find time to participate in the activities of the local church. You will want to know the townspeople, enjoy

the fellowship, and feel the closer union that comes with being a member of the church where you attend.

Without joining the local church you will not assume the obligations, nor rightly enjoy the privileges of church membership while in college. Perhaps you will want a specific responsibility in your church such as teaching in the Sunday School or singing in the choir or participation in the varied activities of a church. To do this you will certainly want to become a member of the college church.

Avoid becoming a "church tramp" or a "spiritual derelict" while in college. In your church covenant you agreed that you would join the church in any new center to which you moved. Joining the church at college will contribute to your spiritual growth and development. Now while you are making plans to begin your college "daze" include the plan to join your church in your first days of college life.

Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, Secretary

What The Training Union Can Do

September 14-21 is Transfer Membership Week. The purpose of the emphasis is to find a large number of church members in every community who are not members of the local church and lead them to transfer their membership in the local church. The Training Union can do much to help:

(1) Work with the other church workers to get a list of unaffiliated church members. If a church census is taken, help take the census.

(2) The Training Union Director should call a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Training Union and explain the work to be done and see that each union has a list of unaffiliated Baptists.

(3) Make definite plans to have all of these people visited.

(4) The main thing to do is to get a list of names and start visiting them. The Training Union should be of great help at this point.

reached and ministered to by our Training Union than ever before. In large numbers of our churches we still have what is called a "Story Hour," in spite of the fact that there is no such organization as the "Story Hour" in the Southern Baptist Convention. The idea is so prevalent in many of our churches that we should throw all the children below nine years of age in one room with one woman to "meet with them." We no longer have a Story Hour but instead we have the Nursery Department of our Training Union for the children two and three years of age, the Beginner Department for children four and five years of age, and the Primary Department for children six, seven and eight years of age. The purpose of this workshop in October will be to lead the workers from different churches to learn how to prepare units of work for the children, how to prepare the materials for the units, and how to minister to the needs of Nursery, Beginner, and Primary children.

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LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP OCTOBER 7

There is a definite need for the Statewide Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Leadership workshop to be conducted at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, on October 7. There has been a significant change in age groups between 1940-1952. There are now 62 per cent more children under five years of age, and 45 per cent more children, five to nine years of age. This shows that a larger number of children below Junior age should be

FROM FOREIGN FIELDS

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The Reign of David

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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CONQUERING THE ENEMIES

We continue to think of leadership in this lesson, and human instrumentality in the hands of God.

Israel was still a young nation when David became king, having had only one king previously. Saul did a good deal of fighting but not much conquering, because he did not follow the leadership of God. It took David a long time to conquer Israel's enemies. He had long and bloody wars with the Philistines, the Moabites, the Syrians, the Ammonites, and others. But we read that, "David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him."

There are enemies to conquer in every realm of life. The baby is born into this world fighting for its life. Life and death are the competitors in this battle, and wise mothers boil baby's water, sterilize everything it touches, and take many other precautions in the battle against death.

In youth there is ignorance to conquer and to overcome, and to be substituted with knowledge and experience.

In the business world there is competition on every side. It is a constant battle for a business man to hold his own in this world. He must use every instrument at his command, he must use wisdom and ingenuity to "grow great" like David did in Israel.

The farmer has his enemies to conquer. Nothing grows so rapidly as weeds, grass, and briars; nothing can destroy so thoroughly and so cruelly as insects, bugs, and worms. It is a constant battle for the farmer to compete with his enemies if he succeeds in tilling the land.

SPIRITUAL ENEMIES

But Paul describes another conflict, our spiritual battle as a WARFARE. A war is a conflict to the death. A war does not end until one side is beaten and subdued, if not actually conquered. He described the two natures in mankind as being in just such a fight against each other, and urges the Christian to develop the spiritual personality that it might REIGN over the carnal nature that is in each of us. We as individuals have enemies to conquer; first, ourselves. And because Satan has access to our hearts and minds, that warfare is with us unto death. How true are the words of the poet who

Sunday School Lesson for

August 31, 1952

2 Sam. 5:6-10; 8:13-18

said: "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above." Life would be futile and fatal were it not for the keeping power of our God! The enemy never leaves us. Why should God? "Nay, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee," saith the Lord of hosts.

Moving on to another realm, the missionaries have enemies to conquer. Well, we expect that. The Devil doesn't like for the gospel of salvation to be spread, so he prepares the people who need the gospel to oppose themselves in gaining eternal life. Paul says we are our own opposition. We limit God in blessing us when we refuse to go all out FOR Him and WITH Him.

In studying Bible history, it seems strange that Gideon and the other prophets had to conquer their own people, had to convince their own people of the truths of God, before they could go out and conquer the outside enemies whom the Lord commanded to be destroyed. But the same principle still prevails. The pastor today has more difficulty convincing God's people what they COULD DO IF THEY WOULD, than he has in convincing the sinner of the way of salvation. A Christian can be just as stubborn as a sinner.

STRIKES FROM WITHIN

So we see that the pastor has enemies to conquer. The world cannot hurt a church in our nation; but Satan goes to church every time the doors are opened. Sometimes he sits on the front pew; sometimes on the back. His first business there is to plant doubts in the minds of God's children; his business is to discourage God's children; his business is to block all progress. He opposes Christian progress. He doesn't like new Sunday School classes to be organized. We wonder if ever a Sunday School class was organized without some opposition, and sometimes under very unpleasant circumstances. Satan opposes Training Unions, the W.M.U., the Brotherhood, and sometimes uses LEADERS, so-called, in the church to prevent these organizations from coming into being.

But where Satan shines brightest is when a new building is in progress. More church rows have probably developed over building procedures, or over the financing of a new building, than any oth-

er phase of our work. He will choke all kingdom work, in every department, from every angle, if people allow him to. **His success is in our hands! We can cooperate with him, or defeat him.**

Thus we see the pastor, too, has his competitor—the devil. As David was king over Israel, each of us is a king, and we should rule our bodies, and our own little dominions with as much wisdom and good sense as David reigned over that great nation, and we may be assured that the "Lord of hosts will be with us."

DAVID'S CHARACTERISTICS

David showed his courage in dealing with the Lord's enemies. It will take great courage for us to deal with our enemies, in whatever realm of life we meet them. David conquered in the Master's name; so must we.

We also read that "David executed judgment and justice to all his people." David tried to be everybody's king who lived within his kingdom. He was fair in his dealings with all his people. They were all his people, both great and small. And may we suggest that the pastor of the church should strive to be "everybody's pastor" within his ministry. The preacher will be accused of having his pets—but he can see to it that it is a wicked accusation.

David had eleven sons whom he used as his cabinet members.

He offered promotions to those of the laity who were willing to work. So, a good pastor is ever alert to find new material, new leaders to develop, both for the good of the individual and for the church.

David had a compassionate heart, as is shown in the story of Mephibosheth, the crippled son of Jonathan. When David learned about the young man, his affliction, and his poverty, he brought him to the palace, and he "sat at the king's table," and was provided for as one of the king's sons the remainder of his life.

After David had reigned in Hebron seven years, he sought out a better location for the capitol city, and moved to Jerusalem. Later the Temple was built there also, and through his efforts, Jerusalem became the city of Zion, still known as the holy city.

David was a good man and a good leader. Though he lived several thousand years ago, his works live on. So it is with any good person. But so it is with the wicked. Though one dies, "Our works do follow us," our works continue for good or for evil in the world.

All cannot be great like David, nor rule a kingdom like David, but each of us can have the faith, the courage, the fighting spirit against evil, the determination to live in the center of God's will, as did David of old.

Remember Your Orphanage In Fall Program Plans



H. C. SREVELDT
Superintendent

We are depending on you to put the THANKSGIVING OFFERING for the Orphanage in your program for this Fall.

We need more space for more children.

We need to build three cottages as soon as possible.

YOU may want to build one as a memorial.

Suggestions

1. Gift of "One Day's Pay" by as many as possible.
2. Set a goal of \$1 per member of your church as reported to your association:
If you report 300 members try to raise \$300 for Orphanage.

Remember, the Orphanage receives part of its support from the Cooperative Program, but our main support comes through the Thanksgiving offering.

BOTTOMS BAPTIST ORPHANAGE
Monticello, Arkansas

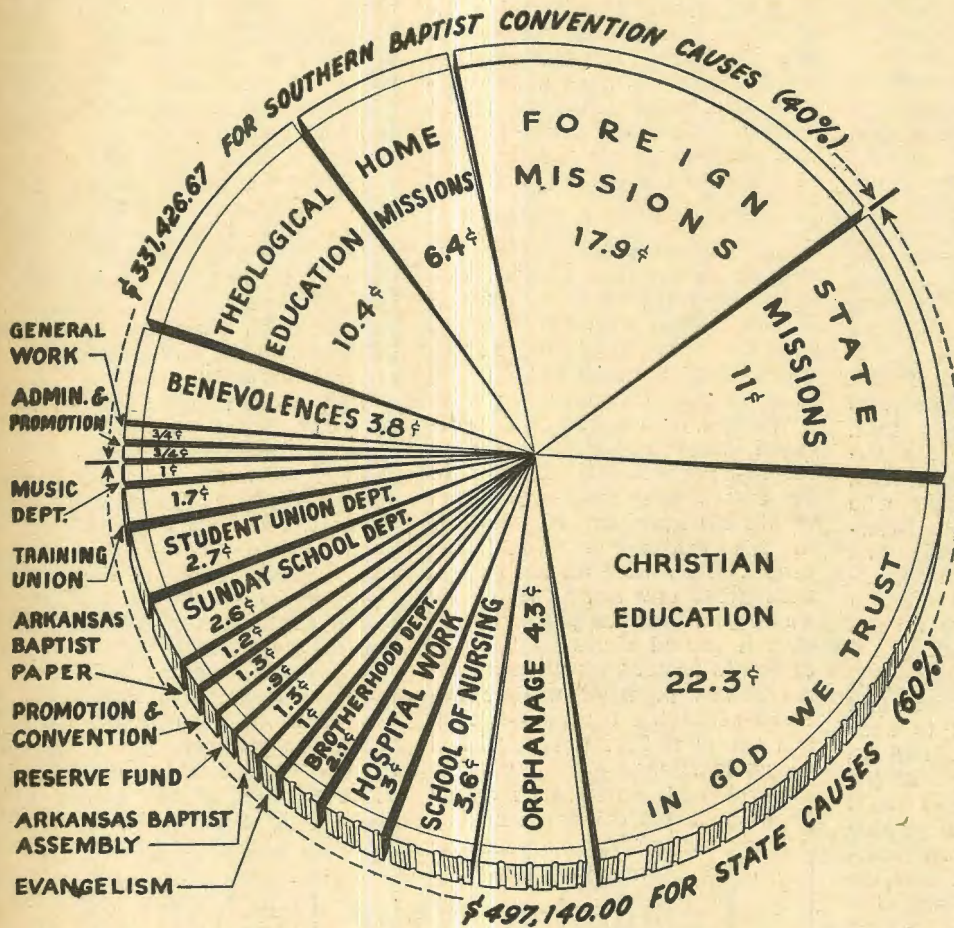


Executive Board STATE CONVENTION



B. L. Bridges, General Secretary, 200 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark.

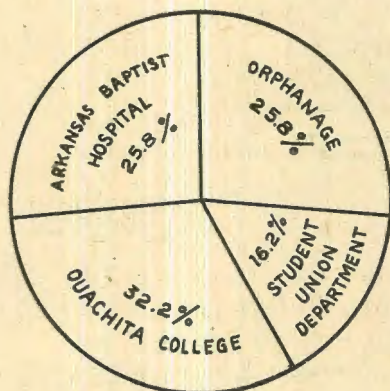
Proposed Division of Your 1953 Cooperative Program Distributable Dollar



The expenses of promotion of entire Cooperative Program are by agreement shared equally by Southern Baptist Convention and Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The following items are included:

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| ADMINISTRATION | \$36,000 |
| W. M. U. | 27,000 |
| RETIREMENT PLANS | 25,000 |

All money received above operations budget needs will go into capital needs division of budget to be distributed as indicated below.



Percentage Distribution of Capital Needs Budget, \$155,000.00

1953 PROPOSED BUDGET

As Recommended by the Executive Board

OPERATING BUDGET

DIVISION I

NON-DISTRIBUTABLE ITEMS:

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

DIVISION II

STATE CAUSES:

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| Music Department | \$ | 8,942.00 |
| Training Union Department | | 14,200.00 |
| B. S. U. Department | | 22,500.00 |
| Sunday School Department | | 21,298.00 |
| Brotherhood Department | | 17,600.00 |
| State Missions Department | | 90,000.00 |
| Arkansas Baptist | | 10,000.00 |
| Promotion and Convention | | 10,500.00 |
| Reserve | | 7,000.00 |
| Evangelism Department | | 8,000.00 |
| Ministerial Education | | 5,000.00 |
| Orphanage | | 36,000.00 |
| Arkansas Baptist Hospital (Charity Fund) | | 15,000.00 |
| (School of Nursing) | | 30,000.00 |
| Memorial Baptist Hospital (Memphis) | | 10,000.00 |
| Arkansas Baptist Assembly | | 11,100.00 |
| Southern Baptist College | | 30,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 497,140.00 |

DIVISION III

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION CAUSES

\$ 331,426.67

DIVISION IV

CAPITAL NEEDS—For Building Purposes. No distribution until operating budget met.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Arkansas Baptist Hospital | \$40,000 |
| Orphanage | 40,000 |
| Ouachita College | 50,000 |
| B. S. U. Department | 25,000 |
| TOTAL BUDGET | \$1,071,566.67 |

Corrections

Liberty Association will meet with Immanuel Church, El Dorado, October 9-10.
 Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association will meet September 4-5 in Mountain View Church.
 Black River Association will meet at Swifton, October 30-31, instead of 20-21.

Morrison and Immanuel, Fayetteville

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

Facts of Interest

The Commerce Department reports that 9 billion dollars were spent by the American people in 1951 on liquor, wine and beer—or \$59.80 for every man, woman and child in the community. This was approximately 400 million dollars in excess of the 1950 consumption. Beer accounted for \$4,490,000 of this amount.