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The Testimony of the Empty Tomb

By DAVID M. GARDNER
Editor, Baptist Standard

The empty tomb of Jesus has stood through the centuries giving mute but mighty testimony.

It testifies to the truthfulness of His claims as the Messiah. Over and over again He declared that He was the Son of God and had made the fact of His resurrection a test of His claims to deity. They did not fully understand His teaching, but lived in "hope that it was he who should deliver Israel." In His resurrection "he was declared to be the Son of God with power."

It testifies as to the purpose and power of His death. Paul tells us (I Cor. 15:3) that He died for our sins according to the Scripture, and that He was buried and rose again the third day; therefore, our faith in Him as a full and complete Saviour is not in vain.

It testifies to the fact that we have a living Saviour. Joseph's new tomb is empty, and our Lord Jesus lives. He ever lives to make intercession for the saints according to the will of God. He lives, and because He lives we shall live also.

The empty tomb testifies to the certainty of final victory over sin, over death, and the final overthrow and destruction of the devil.

Every Lord's day, every first day of the week is the Christian's Easter, telling the glad story of our risen, living, and reigning Lord.

WORLD LOOKS MORE TO CHRIST

'LIFE OF CHRIST'—"The Life of Christ" is to be filmed in technicolor, at a cost of about \$2,000,000, according to plans of the Royal Crest Productions, a company of young men in Hollywood, headed by John Shelton. Associated with Shelton are Anthony Quinn, actor son-in-law of Cecil B. De Mille, producer, Marc Lawrence, formerly of the Group Theater, and H. J. McFall, publicist.

Plans for the lavish spectacle, most of which will be filmed in Imperial Valley, Calif., call for a liberal treatment of the life of Jesus. George McReady Price, author of "How Did the World Begin?" "Genesis Vindicated" and other religious books, will be technical adviser on the production.

"The picture we intend to make will serve a double purpose," said Mr. Shelton. "It will tell a beautiful story and will present to the public, for the first time, the life of Jesus in its entirety. The lives of most great men of history have been filmed, but the life of the greatest man has not yet been properly picture-

My experiences overseas with the Army and Air Forces, convinced me that there is a trend on the part of young people toward an international religious movement. Motion pictures are our greatest educational medium and should be utilized to elevate the standards of the public. I believe that a picture of the type we plan to produce is a duty that we in the motion picture industry owe to the world."

I. H. Prinzmetal, attorney for the company, is drawing up papers of incorporation, and production is expected to get underway within the next month.

BAPTIST RADIO—Lauding the work of the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio Committee in its south-wide broadcasts the first three months of 1946, Christian Frontiers, an independent Baptist journal, urged that the broadcast further be improved by selecting a single speaker to bring all addresses in a series. Heretofore, the broadcast has featured a variety of speakers, usually a new man every Sunday.

The editorial reported that fan mail for the last 13 weeks' series averaged 3,583 pieces a week, an 18 per cent increase over the previous year.

OPPOSES DRAFT EXTENSION—Dr. J. M. Dawson, of Waco, chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention committee on world peace, was one of a number of witnesses who appeared before the House military affairs committee in Washington to protest extension of the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940, as amended, which expires May 15. He said in an extemporaneous statement that his committee believes the Army's needs can be obtained through voluntary enlistments.

FCC AND RELIGION—Observers in Washington insist that the Federal Communications Commission is not only willing, but anxious, for churches and religious organizations to apply for construction and operating permits both for standard broadcast and FM (frequency modulation) stations.

The recent FCC report which was strongly critical of stations which do not give more time to religious and cultural programs was one indication of the attitude of commissioners, but the ease with which church groups which do apply are able to get construction

permits and the obvious pleasure with which commissioners grant these licenses are an even better indication.

Latest church group to get a permit to build and operate a standard broadcast station is the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

YOUTH TO CHURCH—The Little Rock Council of Parents and Teachers has launched a program to encourage church attendance by pupils in the public schools, it was announced by Mrs. J. W. Walton, president of the council representing 20 Parent-Teacher Associations.

Mrs. Walton said that it is estimated that fewer than half the 13,000 pupils in Little Rock's public schools attend religious services regularly. The movement is designed to encourage regular attendance of religious services by young people and thereby stimulate and promote their spiritual growth, Mrs. Walton said.

In the elementary schools each child will be awarded a gold star each Monday morning to be placed on a chart by his teacher for attending a religious service of his choice during the week-end.

In the junior and senior high schools, attendance will be stimulated by awarding service credits to students who attend 60 percent of the Sundays, Mrs. Walton said.

FREE BUSES TO CHURCH—With the backing of local business men, the Fort Myers, Fla., transit company has arranged free "church buses" to provide transportation to the city's churches each Sunday morning. The buses go to outlying sections and pick up would-be worshippers on a regular schedule, returning them to their homes at the close of the services. The project is announced as a response to President Truman's recent appeal for a national spiritual awakening.

KANSAS BAPTISTS—Southern Baptist churches of Kansas who for several months have maintained a temporary organization known as the Kansas Southern Baptist Fellowship, met at First Church, Chetopa, Kans., March 19 and 20, and organized the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptist Churches. Rev. Ray Walker, Burden, was elected state president; Orbie R. Clem, Ness City, vice-president; Mrs. Clem, recording secretary; R. W. Preboth, Wichita, statistical secretary; and Archer Gillaspie, Burden, historical secretary.

The Executive Board in session invited Rev. N. J. Westmoreland of Coffeyville to become Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention. His decision is pending.

Mrs. J. D. Williamson, Burden, was elected state president of the Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. R. W. Preboth, state young people's leader; and Mrs. Geo. Mitchell, Coffeyville, recording secretary-treasurer.

Convention officials are interested in securing the names and addresses of all Baptists and prospective Baptists who have moved into Kansas. Letters giving them the desired information will be sincerely appreciated. Address: Orbie R. Clem, Vice-President, Kansas Convention of Southern Baptist Churches, Ness City, Kans.

Mr. Truman is one of eight presidents whose mothers have lived to see a son in the White House.

Threatening Jesus

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"Knowest thou not that I have the power to crucify thee?"

A puny man threatens Jesus for not answering his question. "I have power," he says. "And yet you sit silent, refusing to answer me when I speak." What brazen presumption! What boastful arrogance! What unwarranted pride!

But before we say too much about I we would do well to examine our own attitude to Jesus and His kingdom program. It is sometimes difficult to detect in ourselves what we condemn in others.

There are hosts of people who threaten to withhold their tithes and offerings from Christ's kingdom program in the world, and they can have their own way. There are those who threaten to withhold their time from the Lord's service, if things do not suit their fancy. Some there are who threaten to withhold their talents from His church, if they don't get what they want. And still others threaten to draw their loyalties on the least provocation.

Is there any difference in principle between these attitudes and the threat of Pilate?

Jesus admitted that Pilate had power to order Him crucified. He also admitted that we have the power to withhold from our tithes and offerings, our time, our talents and our loyalties. But whatever power we have, and whatever power we have, is the gift of God. And boastful, selfish, self-righteous men are still threatening the Lord with the very power which the Lord has bestowed on them.

"Then saith Pilate unto Him, Speakest thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have the power to crucify thee, and have the power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above." John 19:10

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The Arkansas group at Southern Seminary, Louisville, has named the following officers for the 1946-47 session: John Ashcraft, Bluff, president; Carl Overton, Arkadelphia, vice president; Miss Jean Prince, Camden, secretary; John Ed Steely, Mountain View, treasurer; Leland Hall, Little Rock, pro chairman; Lehman Webb, social chairman; Erwin L. McDonald, Russellville, pub chairman; T. N. Shaddox, Harrison, chor leader; and Mrs. Lehman Webb, pianist.

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Across the Editor's Desk...

Easter

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means the place of a skull, they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a

sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.



And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said, "Truly this was a son of God!"

There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him; among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb, and departed. And Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

Next day, that is, after the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone,

and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you."

So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed; and this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Matthew 27:24-28:20, the Revised Standard Version.

The need of more foreign missionaries is urgent and grows more urgent every day. Preachers and teachers, doctors and nurses are needed now for tragically under-staffed foreign stations. If you know a volunteer, tell him about this. If you are a foreign mission volunteer, write to J. W. Marshall, Secretary of the Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond 20, Va.

National advertising for magazines, newspapers and radio for 1945 reached a new all time high of \$686,000,000. Of the total, \$305,000,000 went to 107 national and regional magazines. It is pitiful how little religion spends in public relations in comparison with commercial interests.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Dr. Otto Whittington, director of the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign, announces that the gifts to the college's building and endowment funds are coming in fast. The first to reach Dr. Whittington was from Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Rogers of Conway who have been so much a part of Arkansas Baptist history during their long lives in this state. Several thousand dollars have been received to date, Dr. Whittington said.

Harold Dye, editor of the Baptist New Mexican at Albuquerque and one of the most talented writers among Southern Baptists, is leaving the editorial work to reenter the pastorate. Dye is best known nationally for his book, "Robes of Splendor."

The cause of Christianity and good citizenship lost a valiant champion in the death of Fred W. Allsopp, business manager of the Arkansas Gazette. A Gazette employee for 62 years and business manager 58 of those years, Mr. Allsopp possessed the conviction that his paper had a spiritual duty to the community—a duty of upholding morality and establishing ideals of Christian citizenship as well as promoting the state industrially and materially. Fred Allsopp is one who has made Arkansas great.

Five Central College girls have been selected as members of the summer staff of the Southern Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C. Only 100 college students from over the South serve customarily on this staff which is under the direction of Perry Morgan, manager of the assembly. Central girls who have been selected are Antoinette Welch, Joyce Franks, Judy Pierce, Ida Hunt, and Betty Renshaw.

There were 2,115 registered messengers in the first meeting of the Tri-State Sunday School convention held at El Paso, Tex., with representatives from Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. J. N. Barnette, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, told the messengers that "500,000 additional officers and teachers must be trained in the post-war era."

G. W. Bray, 89, a Baptist minister for sixty years, died at his home in Hampton April 4.

Twenty-one new members were added to the Sunday School roll of Third Church, Malvern, during March. There was an average attendance of 148 out of an enrolment of 202. A special offering of \$25.93 was taken for Bottoms' Baptist Orphanage on March 31, the birthday of the Sunday School superintendent. The church had five additions during March. Mission work is being planned. Russell Duffer is pastor.

College Hill Church, Texarkana, bought property the last of February on which to establish a mission. Work began March 1 with Missionary Otis Denney preaching in a series of evangelistic meetings. There were 21 additions, eleven for baptism. There have been two additions since the revival and a full-time pastor has been called. The Sunday School has an enrolment of sixty and had an average attendance of 44 during its first

month. Pastor Rogers M. Baxter of College Hill Church says: "This is the type of mission work that pays off. The missionary can plant a solid foundation when he was the backing of a church. Brother Denney is one of our best missionaries and is doing a great work."

Marjorie Lee Crowder is the baby daughter, born last week, of Associate Pastor and Mrs. Rowland Crowder, First Church, Shreveport, La. Bro. Crowder was pastor of First Church, Stamps, until his recent resignation to accept the work in Louisiana.

Southern Baptist College, Pocahontas, has secured 158 apartments at the Walnut Ridge Air Base near by for the use of students. They are nice brick apartments with all modern conveniences and hardwood floors. Rent runs from \$9 to \$15 per month. Also the college has the promise of a bus to transport those students who do not have cars. Enrolment of the school has reached 125 for the year. President H. E. Williams says present prospects indicate better than 175 next year.

Pastor W. O. Vaught, Jr., Immanuel Church, Little Rock, conducted the spring revival for the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, recently. He was there for a similar meeting a year ago.

Calvary Church, Batesville, had 31 additions, 24 on profession of faith, in a revival March 4-15 in which Lloyd A. Sparkman, pastor, Southside Church, Pine Bluff, was evangelist. Pastor Byron King said the church was helped in every way by Pastor Sparkman's preaching.

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, has returned to the state from Tulsa, Okla., where he led Springdale Church in a revival resulting in more than seventy additions, with the majority by baptism. He is conducting evangelistic services at Galilee Church, Memphis, and will be with First Church, Winnsboro, La., April 21 to May 5. He has an open date following the Winnsboro meeting.

First Church, Glenwood, had a spring revival in connection with a Training Union study course March 25-29. Don Corley, a Ouachita College student, taught the study course and directed the music and W. T. Byrum, also of Ouachita, did the preaching. C. C. Ussery is pastor. Bill Watt is director of the newly organized Training Union.

Rev. J. R. Barnett, 1024 Parkland Road, Memphis 2, Tenn., is available for supply work.

Ozone Church plans a remodeling program which will remove the old floor of the building, using it in Sunday School rooms across the back of the present building; make the auditorium floor concrete, plaster all walls, and put stone veneer or stucco on the outside. It is estimated that the work will cost \$1,000. Missionary W. O. Taylor, Clear Creek Association, is acting pastor of the church.

Arkansas gave \$10,851.16 to Southwide causes during March according to the monthly

report of the Executive Committee Southern Baptist Convention. Of this \$621.86 was given through the Cooperative program and \$164.30 to designated causes. Centennial Offering received \$65. Southern total was \$464,396.12.

First Church, Siloam Springs, had a Training Union study course with an attendance of 99.

Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. V. Edwards, First Church, Warrensburg, Mo. the birth of a son, James Douglass, April 1.

The annual Rural Church and Pastors Conference held at Southern Baptist College, Pocahontas, April 2-3, was well attended. Pastors and their wives were entertained by First Church, Pocahontas. The program was planned to be of practical help to pastors in entering a new era. Speakers included Dr. Redford, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Wallace Hall, professor of Rural Church, Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kan.; Dr. R. C. Medearis, president of Missouri Baptist General Association.

First Church, Atlanta, Ga., James W. Dleton, pastor, is planning a special service in honor of Jacob Gartenhaus of the Mission Board, who has completed 25 years of splendid ministry to the Jews.

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Forty-Eight Years a Preacher . . .

He's Still Going Strong

By **BRUCE H. PRICE, Pastor,**
Beech Street Church, Texarkana

From farm hand to the presidency of Arkansas Baptist State Convention is a long distance. No one knows it better than Rev. W. Hinsley who has traveled every foot of the way, receiving the highest honor within the ranks of the state's 180,000 Baptists at the last annual convention in Little Rock. Long active in Baptist affairs and after 48 years as a devoted preacher of the Gospel in the state, it is a fitting climax to a useful life.

Recently I met Bro. Hinsley at a Bible Conference in First Baptist Church, DeQueen. We entered a class room and taking chairs I began asking about his life and ministry. He looked very much as he did 22 years ago when I first met him on the campus of Ouachita College. The years have dealt kindly with him.

Deeply Appreciative

In a barrage of questions he raised his hand, his cheek, looked into distance and appeared to be in deep meditation. There was a mist in his eyes and well measured tones of gratitude in his voice. "I am amazed," he began, "when I think how good Arkansas Baptists have been to me. They have honored me much more than I have deserved."

"Humanly speaking," I continued, "who has been the most helpful influence in your ministry as pastor and preacher?"

Moving his feet and turning in his chair he replied, "Dr. Hardy L. Winburn helped me a great deal. He was one of the greatest preachers Arkansas Baptists ever had. I owe much to him because of his exposition and explanation of the scriptures, and his doctrinal soundness." Later he added, "In the beginning of my ministry Rev. H. J. P. Horn was always ready and helpful with words of encouragement and advice."

In a modest manner he went on to pay tribute to his wife, who was Mattie Langley of Ellis, Ark., before their marriage on October 2, 1907. "Mrs. Hinsley comes first among those who have been a great help and inspiration to me. If I have had any degree of success it has been due largely to her help and cooperation."

Called to Preach at 22

W. J. Hinsley is not sensitive about his age. Without hesitation he said, "I was born at Willow in Dallas County, Arkansas, February 4, 1876, which means I have passed my seventieth birthday."

I was impressed because my own father was born on February 25 in the same year at Cottonville in Pope County.

In regard to his conversion he had the following to say: "I was converted at the age of sixteen during a revival conducted by Rev. Ben Taylor at Round Hill Church, and in November of the same year I united with Mt. Pleasant Church."

During the next six years he continued to work on the farm and nothing happened in his life to indicate that he would one day be known in every corner of the state as an able preacher and influential denominational leader.

He was 22 years old when the course of his life was changed by a call to the ministry. Immediately, he began preaching in the rural

churches of Dallas County. Realizing the importance of an education he entered school.

Let him tell about it in his own words: "I did not go to school to amount to anything until I was 22 years old, and then I entered classes with little children."

After two years study in Judson Academy at Holly Springs, he taught in rural schools and continued to preach in rural churches.

His ambition to enter Ouachita College was realized at the age of 26. All during his college course he was busy preaching on weekends and the last three years he was pastor of First Church, Gurdon, one of the stronger churches of the state. He continued at Gurdon for one year after graduation, resigning to work for Ouachita in the interest of ministerial education.

Long Pastorates

In December 1908 Bro. Hinsley accepted a call to the Dardanelle Baptist Church. After three years, he became pastor of First Church, Booneville, where he remained for fourteen years. Then followed four years (1925-29) as financial secretary of Ouachita College, and in connection with this work he was for two years pastor of Second Church, Arkadelphia.

Since June 1, 1929 he has been in his present pastorate, Second Church, Hot Springs, which is within fifty miles of the place of his birth. During these years the church has grown from a small membership to about 1,000 members and a Sunday School enrolment of over 1,200.

There was much more which I wanted to ask him but time for the afternoon session of the Bible Conference had arrived and Bro. Hinsley was to preach a sermon, listed as one of the high-lights of the Conference. He arose from his chair, promised to send me some more details about his life and went out of the room, through an open door into the pulpit.

Firm and Orthodox

The theme of his sermon had to do with Baptists in the new century. He preached with the wisdom and poise of age, and the enthusiasm and confidence of youth. He left no room for doubt about his orthodoxy, taking a firm stand on the literal teachings of scripture.

In a challenging manner he began his message: "We must preach the old time doctrines in the new century, and by old time I mean go back to the Bible. No Baptist preacher should be afraid to preach on sin or any other teaching of the New Testament. A preacher friend told me he was in his pulpit ready to preach on baptism, but in came the congregation of another denomination from across the street and he had to change his subject. He asked me what I would have done. I replied that I would have accepted it as Providence giving me an opportunity to preach to them a Gospel message on baptism."

Believes in Christian Education

W. J. Hinsley believes in Christian colleges. All three of the Hinsley children are graduates of Ouachita College. He served several years as a trustee of Ouachita, and rendered faithful service as a member of the board of ministerial administration.

It was natural for him to refer to Christian education in his sermon. "State schools are not going to train our Christian leaders for us," he continued. "Where would Arkansas Baptists be if it were not for Ouachita Col-



Pastor Hinsley

lege and the denominational leaders who have been trained there?"

Tithing is another subject close to his heart and he did not fail to speak his convictions on the topic. "We should put on a great program of teaching stewardship and tithing for the evangelization of the world. If Arkansas Baptists would give self and tithe there would be a new day for God's people. We should all join in singing, 'All to Jesus I Surrender'."

Thoroughly Democratic

Bro. Hinsley believes in democratic church polity because it is in accord with the New Testament way of handling church business. Touching upon the subject he related, "The business of the local church should be dealt with in open church conference and not by the deacons or any other small group. Too many Baptist churches leave their business to a presbytery. The government of a church should be a pure democracy."

He said that he approved the method a pastor in one of our largest churches used several years ago in dealing with a small group of deacons who called on him and presented him with a resignation already written, and asking the pastor to sign it because they felt it was time for him to leave. The minister read it and put it in his pocket, telling the self-appointed dictators that he would be glad to meet them in open church conference. The pastor heard no more from them and continued to serve the church.

The preacher expressed his concern for the lost in the following words: "When we have the conviction that people are lost and on the way to hell, we shall get busy about reaching them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

"Just Plugged Along"

After the sermon several pastors stood in front of the church. When asked about the offices he had held in the State Convention he replied, "I have been vice-president six times," which must be some kind of a record. To another question he answered with a smile and a twinkle in his eye, "I have been nominated for president four times and elected once, my batting average is .250."

At the next meeting of the Convention this percentage should be raised for it is expected after his fair and efficient manner of conducting the business during his first term, he will be elected for a second time without opposition.

The three Hinsley children are: Captain John Carroll Hinsley of the U. S. Army, a
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The Thrilling History of . . .

BAPTIST PIONEERS IN ALASKA

By WILLIAM A. PETTY
Anchorage, Alaska

Even as Jesus walked the shores of Galilee, Alaska's rugged snowcapped mountains pointed their frozen faces into the heavens and cast their icy shadows upon the early peoples of North America, who began their long wait for the light of God's Grace to shine upon them.

These people have waited nineteen long centuries for this day. The Eskimo and the Indian, this continent's first inhabitants, have been the last to receive our Father's precious Gospel of Grace. Today the New Testament message of love and salvation has arrived in Alaska with the coming of faithful servants to enter this field that is indeed "white unto harvest."

Much Opportunity Missed

By the "you take one and I'll take one" method, the Northern Baptist Convention drew a part of Alaska as its mission responsibility. Until just before World War II they were contented with only an orphanage on Kodiak Island. Since then one mission church has been organized on the same island, leaving the vast mainland (one-sixth the size of the United States) to the sects, isms, and perverted gospels. Thus we passed up forty years of golden opportunity to properly found America's "connecting link" to the old world upon the New Testament message of Jesus Christ.

When I was a lad of fifteen living in Little Rock, Ark., Alaska got into my blood. When at the age of 21 the Lord called me for His service, I had Alaska upon my heart.

Immediately after finishing Ouachita College at Arkadelphia in 1940, I started for Alaska to see what God had laid upon my heart. I worked my way in Alaska's industries and preached the Gospel. This was a mission survey that proved to be of great value when I returned that fall to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., for further training in the Saviour's service.

Through the long war years my call to Alaska was a "bosom consciousness."

The Beginnings in 1943

In 1943 God used another Arkansan, Chaplain (Major) Aubrey C. Halsell (now pastor of First Baptist Church, West Memphis, Ark.), with a few fervent Baptist GI's and civilians, to organize, by faith, at Anchorage, the first Baptist church on the mainland of Alaska.

Here are Major Halsell's own words:

"In Anchorage I was lost without a Baptist church to attend. Thousands of souls in Alaska are lost without Christ. It behooved me then as a Baptist to lend every assistance possible, preaching, praying, personal witnessing, personality, purchasing power, planning and procuring, to lead these souls to the Saviour. I had said for many years that if I were placed in a locality without a Baptist church I would organize one. Now the challenge was thrown at me by my own conscience until I could not sleep at night.

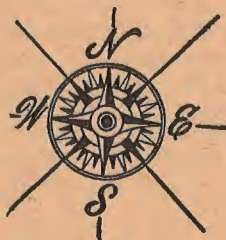
"I found another Baptist chaplain, Captain Jewell D. Foster, with a similar soul urge. We drove over the city of Anchorage (10,000 population) several times

trying to find a building. . . . Then, on Sunday afternoon, 3 p. m., September 19, 1943, in the Post Chapel at Ft. Richardson, the First Baptist Church of Anchorage was organized with seventeen charter members—two civilians and fifteen soldiers. The Second Baptist Church of Hot Springs, Ark., extended an arm in perfecting the new church."

A Church is Built

Two very choice lots were found available and purchased for \$5,000 on time payments. A burned out residence on one of them was remodelled and rebuilt by volunteer workers for temporary church quarters. The first worship services were held in the new church Sunday, January 3, 1944.

"Storm clouds" soon began to gather in various army circles so the call went out for a pastor and for Baptist financial help that was long overdue in Alaska. Both came. Once again Arkansas Baptists answered the call.



*"... unto the
utmost part
of the earth."*

The new church group learned of my previous visit and intention of serving Christ in Alaska, so an invitation was sent, received by me at the Louisville Seminary and prayerfully answered. The first outside contribution to the new Baptist work in Alaska came from Cash, Ark.

No sooner had the church been organized and moved into the new building until the "storm clouds" burst. Antagonistic denominations put pressure, through army sources, on the small group of faithful Baptist soldiers. The army scattered them to the war fronts of the world. Major Halsell was "exiled" to the Aleutian Islands, but by God's grace a remnant of the faithful was left to carry on the new work until the first civilian pastor arrived. Capt. C. C. DeMott, assistant fire marshal at the post and a Baptist preacher, was asked to supply.

The Pettys Arrive

As soon as the school term ended, Mrs. Petty and our baby boy and I said goodbye to our beloved, arrived in Alaska and took up the work.

Southern Baptists have been gracious and loyal. One church in Tennessee sent a very nice pulpit Bible. Another church in Arkansas sent a lovely communion set and offering plates. The property debt was promptly paid, just before our arrival, by gifts from all over America and the war zones plus the local contributions which have steadily increased with the church growth. Every gift from the outside was properly recorded in the church records.

By early fall funds were available to start the construction of a basement church on our

vacant lot, but as winter in Alaska is so severe, the church decided to wait spring.

The Duncans at Fairbanks

Soon after our arrival in Anchorage and Mrs. C. O. Duncan arrived in Fairbanks from Louisiana to start a Baptist church. They held their first service on the 17th. They celebrated our first anniversary (September 17, 1944). They have worked hard, and wisely without any formal support, to build a very nice basement church. It was during a visit of Dr. D. A. McCall, Mississippi Executive Secretary, with the Fairbanks church that an Eskimo surrendered to the call of God for special service. He is now a school in the States, preparing to return to Alaska with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Fairbanks scene is saddened by the sickness of Mrs. Duncan and their need to return to the United States. We know the Lord will raise up another, however, to carry on His work there. We pray that His will may be done. Brother Duncan is returning to Louisiana and plans to attend the session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami in May.

In July, 1944, Rev. Felton Griffin arrived in Anchorage from Texas to start a work where in one of Alaska's towns. He did not, however, to take a job as painter at the base until such a time that work should be available.

Cooperative Work Envisioned

Ever since my first trip to Alaska in 1940 I had a vision of the day when the Baptist Convention would become a reality. I always knew that one day it would. Brother Duncan and I corresponded to that end ever after his arrival in Fairbanks.

My vision also included other phases of the Great Commission of Jesus—"Go ye into all the world; preach, teach, and heal." It is my conviction that Alaska must have a full balanced Christian work—Bible Schools to help new Christians to grow from infancy to maturity; service for Christ, and orphanages to care for the children about us who do not have a home. There is a great need now in Alaska for a home. The recent influx of soldiers and civilians have left their mark on the easily won native girls and women. Many little children in Anchorage today do not have a home. They just stay "here and there."

After much serious thought and prayer I decided to resign as church pastor and to devote these neglected fields of service in my own way. Some months later the First Baptist Church called Rev. Griffin as pastor.

The College of Alaska

On VE-Day we announced by faith and attention to establish the much needed College of Alaska, a Bible School with a complete educational program: training (specialties) for physical and spiritual life; trades courses (cooking, etc.) for physical maintenance, the liberal arts for mental development and the Bible for spiritual growth. It gives us a spiritual new birth by our faith in the shed blood of our Saviour. The Word gives us a new mind by our study and application of it. That "New Mind" is so important if we are to be at all useful

kingdom. We believe this college will be a foundation stone for future progress.

The Lord has directed and blessed our efforts wonderfully. Six choice lots for the Bible School were found and are almost paid for now.

Work Opens at Juneau

Soon after the new school was announced we received an invitation to go to Juneau, Alaska's capital city, and enter the work there that had been begun by some elderly ladies. We prayerfully sent the call on to Dr. J. T. Spurlin with whom I had corresponded about entering the work in the territory. He was the pastor of a large growing Southern Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich. He accepted this call and arrived in Juneau on August 4, 1945. He receives some continued financial support from his home church.

On February 3, 1946, the First Baptist Church at Juneau was organized. Some of the thirteen charter members sent all the way to Finland for their letters. Another fine lady member has given the church a non-interest bearing, unconditional, free will loan of \$10,000 with which to purchase three well located lots with a seven-room house on one of them. These lots are directly across the street from the Territorial Capitol Building and Postoffice.

God Answers Prayer

The Lord is wonderfully blessing the Baptist work in Alaska, but as yet there is not a Baptist group anywhere that has backed the work with any special efforts. What God has approved and sanctified, Baptists should put their hearts into and support.

To give you an example of how prayers have been answered for Baptists in Alaska, Mrs. Petty and I made a business call to inquire about a nice tract of land near town on a small lake. A grand location for an orphanage and perhaps a summer camp site for our Anchorage children. We did not expect this land to be a gift—yet I must confess that we did not have even the price of a small down payment. This fine business man and his wife very graciously gave this large tract of land to be used for the Master's work. We are thrilled to have such a part in His Kingdom.

Another mountain top experience for me took place on a dark night in January, when I called on another business man to inquire about the cost of a large 36 by 60 foot army theater building. This building was to be used for the Bible School auditorium and chapel. The man voluntarily offered to give this fine building to the school, but he is requiring that we raise \$10,000 to cover the relative cost of building the school plant properly—classrooms, water, lights, and sewage systems and perhaps a small home for Christian workers and teachers.

\$10,000 Needed

He says that he will be satisfied if we receive \$10,000 in pledges to the school. His offer is good until May 1. The time limit is due to the army's requiring him to move the building from government property by then. We have only a few weeks left if we are to receive this \$4,000 gift.

The College of Alaska has received less than \$1,000 in cash gifts thus far. A fine Christian plumber has pledged to install all of the school plumbing which will amount in labor to well over a thousand dollars.

We sincerely feel that the Lord is behind this offer and the school, and that He can, and will, work out this problem through His people who can and will follow the directing of His Spirit.

The First Baptist Church of Anchorage is upward under the leadership of

It was less than three years ago that an Arkansas army chaplain planted the Baptist message on Alaska's mainland. In this short time, the work has grown miraculously to prompt organization of an Alaska Baptist Convention with its own missionary, college, orphanage and newspaper. The story of these mighty accomplishments is related here by Bill Petty, another Arkansas preacher, who is college president and newspaper editor in that Northland.

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Pastor Griffin. The new church building is well over half completed. Worship services are held in the new basement.

Convention Organized

With these three Baptist groups now going strong in Alaska we feel that for maximum service with Christ we should cooperate as one body to carry on the Great Commission of Jesus. By pooling our cooperative offerings we can possibly keep at least one missionary in the field doing full time work in Alaska's towns and villages. From these reaping new missions and churches will ultimately grow. There should be a Baptist church or mission in every town in Alaska; therefore, these church groups met in Anchorage on March 27 and 28, 1946, and banded ourselves together as the Alaska Baptist Convention.

The first convention was a high-light experience for all of us. The Constitution and

By-Laws were adopted, officers elected, and a denominational paper voted into existence.

Officers are: Dr. J. T. Spurlin, Juneau, president; Rev. Odel Lene, Anchorage, vice president; Rev. C. O. Duncan, Fairbanks, recording secretary; Rev. Felton Griffin, Anchorage, executive secretary; and William A. Petty, Anchorage, editor of the Alaska Baptist Messenger. The Executive Board consists of: Dr. Spurlin, one year; Bro. Bill Baker, Anchorage, one year; Bro. Frank Reynolds, Fairbanks, one year; Bro. John Kenote, Anchorage, two years, and myself, three years.

Petition for Membership In Southern Baptist Convention

The Alaska Baptist Convention voted to petition the Southern Baptist Convention, soon to meet in Miami, Fla., for affiliating membership. As a cooperating group of Baptists we feel positive that this long neglected field will experience a growth that will indeed give honor to our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus that these men have answered the call to come to Alaska and work. Our prayers of our first days in Alaska have now been answered, including the little monthly paper which had its real birth soon after our arrival in Alaska.

A new day has dawned in the far Northland. New Testament churches are here at long last. We are grateful for the prayers and continued offerings from loyal Southern Baptists, who have done so much to help burst the bonds of "red tape" for which non-New Testament church hierarchies have been responsible. Alaska is now loosed for the glory of Jesus Christ and the Gospel.

Appreciation Is Expressed to All Who Have Helped Radio Commission

By B. H. DUNCAN, Chairman
The Radio Commission

It is always appropriate to recognize meritorious service and to express appreciation to those who have rendered such service. In the production of the radio programs to be broadcast, beginning the week of April 28, under the title, "The Arkansas Baptist Hour," many persons have had a part, and we wish to give public recognition to the contributions they have made toward this series of broadcasts.

First, the radio commission has worked with the finest spirit of co-operation and has given much time and thought and prayer to this undertaking. I am sure that the work of the commission is appreciated by Arkansas Baptists, who will not be slow to express their appreciation when the programs are heard.

Others who have rendered outstanding service are the preachers whose messages vitalize these programs with gospel truth and fervor of soul.

Edwin S. Preston has supervised the production of the transcriptions and is the announcer for the programs. He has given generously of his time and talents.

The transcriptions were made by Radio Station KARK. G. E. Zimmerman, manager, and Dan Winn, technician and engineer, have been most cooperative in making the transcriptions.

We greatly appreciate the cooperation of Editor C. E. Bryant and the Arkansas Baptist in carrying these announcements and of

fering the columns of the paper to publicize this program.

Next week we will publish the names of the speakers, their subjects and the date each will be heard in the series.

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World Alliance

May Meet Soon

Date and place of the next meeting of the Baptist World Alliance will be discussed and probably decided at a special called meeting of the Alliance's Executive Committee in Washington, May 29.

It is thought probable the Alliance will meet in 1947 in Scotland or on the European continent.

The announcement from the office of Dr. W. O. Lewis, general secretary of the Alliance, stated that Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, alliance president, will be in attendance. He will be in the United States to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami, Fla., May 15-19, and of the Northern Baptist Convention at Grand Rapids, Mich., May 21-26.

The World Congress of Baptists has not met since the 1939 meeting in Atlanta, Ga., when an estimated 60,000 persons attended.

Nations represented on the Executive Committee include Britain, Sweden, Germany, Latvia, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Rumania, Japan, Australia, Canada, Burma, South Africa, Brazil and the United States.

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We know that you will want to hear about the enlarged store. Our plans have been carried out until now we have one of the prettiest book stores in the south. The building next door has been taken in with the present building. Part of the partitions have been taken out, thereby enlarging the floor space for our customers to browse.

The offices have been brought downstairs from the balcony. Each girl now has a special place to work. We feel that this will lend itself to more efficient work.

The stock room has been increased so that we can carry more supplies for churches. We do not intend to enlarge our stock as far as other publishers are concerned because we feel that we have a good variety there, but we do intend to carry a larger stock of church supplies so that we can fill your orders as they come in.

The dark room is almost completed, now, where we can demonstrate our projectors.

The pale aqua colored walls, with a new lighting system, lend themselves effectively to a book store which invites you to come and browse. We are indeed happy that Arkansas Baptists have this book store in its enlarged building. The Sunday School Board is most anxious that we have the very best for our people.

May we suggest that you come in to visit us as soon as you can? It is almost worth a special trip to Little Rock to see the new store.

The front of the store has been redesigned. New lettering has been placed on the outside of the store. The window space has been increased to give us a very beautiful appearance from the front.

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Still Going Strong

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE FIVE)

graduate of the University of Texas Law School and formerly a well known attorney in Austin, Tex.; Sue Merle, the wife of W. M. Lewallyn, Hot Springs business man; and Willine, the wife of Rev. Aubrey C. Halsell, pastor of First Church, West Memphis.

The parting word of Bro. Hinsley which lingered with me was: "I have just plugged along."

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"I know which One I believe in," replied the child. "I believe in the Christ Who rose from the dead."

—The Christian Digest

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

At a recent meeting in Louisville, Ky., of the presidents of the state alumni associations of Southern Baptist Seminary and the state directors of the Chapel Fund, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller reported that the Chapel Fund is about \$60,000 short of the \$250,000 goal.

Rev. Hugh Cantrell, the director of the campaign in Arkansas, is anxious for several churches in the state to make a gift to this worthy cause before May 1. It is the desire of all those interested that the full amount will be raised by the meeting of the Southern Convention in Miami, May 15.

The erection of the proposed Memorial Chapel on the campus will give the seminary its first building to be used exclusively for worship in the history of the institution.

Bruce H. Price,

President Arkansas Alumni.

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Fifty-six additions to the church, 28 rededications, and one life surrendered to the ministry resulted from youth week services held at Central Church, Hot Springs, March 31 to April 7. This was the third annual youth week revival led by Wade Armstrong, preaching, and John Parrott, directing the music. Both are students in Southern Seminary, Louisville. A program of personal visitation and soul winning was carried out during the day, taking the place of the morning services. For the five days, Tuesday through Saturday, there were 465 present in the prayer meetings at 7:15 each morning, 563 visits made in the homes of the unsaved and the unchurched, and 845 contacts and 623 telephone calls made in the interest of the revival. Clyde Hart is pastor.

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Dr. T. W. Coggs, president of Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, spoke to the Training Union of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, March 17. The program included spirituals by the college choir.

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Horace B. Marks was licensed to preach by Immanuel Church, El Dorado, March 3. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Marks, For- dyce.

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Miss Maxine Bates, educational director of Calvary Church, Fort Smith, will conduct a Vacation Bible School clinic for all workers of Concord Association at the First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, on April 26.

**Central College in
Religious Empho**

Central College engaged in the annual Religious Emphasis Week last week. Outstanding speakers appeared for addresses and conferences.

Miss Jenny Lind Gatlin of Nashville, associate secretary of Southern Baptist student work, represented the Southwide Student Department on the campus during the week.

Other speakers included Dr. Robert Whipple of Marshall, Tex., vice president of East Texas Baptist College; pastor W. H. Hicks, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock; Miss Rosalea Webster, state Baptist Student Secretary; the Rev. Hugo Culpepper, the Rev. Ben Wofford, and Pastor and Mrs. Harry Tillman, all of Conway.

Activities of the week were under the direction of Miss Marjorie J. Toole, Baptist student secretary of Central College, and Miss Edy Pierce, president of the college Baptist Student Union.

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An all-church-membership school of instruction, sponsored by the Training Union, was held at First Church, Tyronza, recently. Total enrolment was 147; the average attendance was 94, with 91 qualifying for awards. Pastor W. H. Clubb taught "Working Together in Spiritual Democracy" to the adults; Mrs. M. M. Morris, "Deepening the Spiritual Life," to the young people; Mrs. J. S. Tatum and Mrs. Ozbun, "Growing in Bible Knowledge" to the intermediates; and Miss Maude McCall, "This Is My Bible" to the juniors.

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WMU Annual Meeting . . .

Challenge for Missions

By MRS. CHARLES H. BROUGH

Leaving our homes in the rain and arriving in Pine Bluff in sunshine was a good omen for the first session of the WMU annual meeting. As the delegation entered the auditorium their attention was immediately centered on the challenging theme, "For This Cause . . . Ye Are Witnesses," displayed in gilt letters across a background of blue velvet. Completing the thought of the Christian's place for witnessing were two hemispheres upon which rested a large cross and a musical staff bearing the phrase from the WMU hymn for the year, "And Christ's Great Kingdom Shall Come On Earth." The total attendance of 717 was representative of churches throughout the state, and the large auditorium was filled to capacity for most of the six sessions.

Devotionals Based on Hymn

The devotionals were based on phrases taken from the hymn for the year, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." Miss Mary Christian, Birmingham, spoke on "A Story to Tell;" Mrs. Harold Tillman, Conway, "A Song to Sing;" Miss Inabelle Graves Coleman, China, "A Message to Give;" Dr. John H. Miller, Camden, "A Saviour to Show;" Dr. J. B. Rounds, Oklahoma, "And Christ's Great Kingdom Shall Come On Earth." The devotional for Tuesday evening featured YWA and was brought by Miss Vera Marie Standiford, president of Ouachita College YWA and was based on the organization's hymn, "O Zion Haste."

Each session closed with the reading of Ephesians 3:14-21 by Miss Hazel Cain of Central College and the singing of Lutkin's benediction by the Central College Sextette. Special musical numbers were rendered by members of the various churches of Pine Bluff. Mrs. C. A. Gordon led the congregation in the singing of hymns with Mrs. W. J. Moore as organist, who also provided worshipful music preceding the opening of each session.

Reports are Encouraging

After the general organization, a welcome was extended from all Baptist churches of Pine Bluff by the Rev. H. H. Bridges, pastor of the Second Baptist Church. The new pastor of the First Church, the Rev. Alton B. Pierce, having just arrived on the field, was introduced and voiced a personal word of welcome. Mrs. B. A. Gray, president of the hostess society, welcomed us as "company to a place where friendly faces greeted one as he walked down the street." Mrs. Bruce H. Price of Texarkana responded in a most gracious manner.

The reports of the executive secretary and the eight district presidents were presented by panel discussion which proved to be spirited and interesting. Of the 460 missionary societies on roll, 39 were A-1 for the year. Special recognition was given to the Dumas WMU for being A-1 full graded for 1945, the only one in the state to reach this attainment. The banner was awarded Northwest District for having the largest percentage increase in new organizations.

The report of the treasurer revealed a year of unprecedented gifts. A total of \$201,461.93 was reported for missions, and \$331,373.01 for local church work. The grand total of reported

gifts for all causes was \$532,834.94, of which the young people reported gifts of \$43,174.01.

President's Message

The annual message of the president, Mrs. J. E. Short, was based on the theme, "Publishing Glad Tidings," and was a challenge to us as twentieth century witnesses to the evangelization of our generation. She urged every member of Woman's Missionary Union to become an active missionary. If we are to reach the world for Christ, she said, "We must take seriously the Great Commission and recognize its binding authority, and understand that God's plan for world redemption embraces the last spot on earth and the last creature."

She announced that the WMU Executive Board had named the Charity Fund, "The Mrs. J. M. Flenniken Baptist State Hospital Charity Fund," in honor of Mrs. Flenniken, first hospital chairman and organizer of the Charity Fund and the Hospital Auxillary.

Young People's Work

Miss Margaret Hutchison, young people's secretary, was introduced "as one whose work was always on the march." Stating that the young people are the hope of the churches, she asked, "What is the matter with you, when of the 460 missionary societies only 92 give missionary education to all age groups?" She presented both dark and bright pictures and closed with the challenge to extend the organizations for young people to make the dark pictures brighter. Calling attention to the sixtieth anniversary of Sunbeams, she presented Mrs. C. R. Pugh of the Orphanage, a Sunbeam leader for 25 years, and Mrs. Guy Meek of Warren for 21 years.

The State R. A. Secretary, Mr. Alvin Hatton, gave a recognition service in which Pages, Squires and Knights participated. This was the first service of its kind held at the annual meeting and gave evidence of faithful work on the above named ranks by Royal Ambassador members.

The reports of all officers and chairmen brought out the different aims of Woman's Missionary Union and the progress made during the past year.

Special Mission Speakers

The special speakers were chosen with the thought of giving due emphasis to mission work around the world. Dr. B. L. Bridges, general secretary, presented the phase of State Missions. Dr. J. B. Rounds, superintendent of Indian Work of the Home Mission Board, substituting for Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence who could not be with us, told of the work of the Home Mission Board through evangelism, church building, the new emphasis on city mission work, and of the reopening of work in country districts. He closed his message by telling of his work among the Indians for the past 45 years.

Miss Inabelle Graves Coleman, missionary teacher to China, stirred our hearts with her message, "For This Cause . . . Ye Are Witnesses." She urged that we assume our responsibilities as individuals, that we pray for the suffering countries, that the power of the Living God may save the peace, and that we send missionaries to save the peace. She thanked us for the youth Arkansas has given and wished for many more like Maxfield Garrott. She stated that the Japanese have requested 600,000 Bibles because their God has

been taken away and they want to know what we believe. Hundreds of missionaries are needed to teach and explain the Word of God.

Miss Mary Christian, representative of Southern WMU, brought us face to face with our responsibilities to "Abound More and More" in loving service and fellowship to those of all races in our midst. Her final message was a challenge to each of us to enthron Christ in our own lives.

Officers Reelected

All officers of the Union were reelected with two exceptions. At the request of Mrs. George Hunter, president of the North Central District, and Mrs. B. A. Gray, stewardship chairman, they were not named for reelection. Their successors are Mrs. W. B. O'Neal of Yellville, president of North Central District and Mrs. Harold Tillman, Conway, stewardship chairman.

An impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. W. C. Langston, honoring those who were called home during the past year. Lilies were placed on a cross by Mrs. C. D. Wood and Mrs. L. R. Prickett, for Mrs. M. G. Thompson and for the unknown members of each grade of WMU.

The untiring work of the members of First Church, Pine Bluff, in making preparation for the meeting was evident on every hand. To the president, the members of all committees to every hostess in this church and any cooperating churches in the city, and for every courtesy extended the delegates and visitors we would express sincere thanks.

Thus we came to the close of another WMU meeting noted for beautiful cooperation. May we return home to be more faithful in telling the Story to those in our own communities and to send the Story of Love and Salvation to all nations. The meeting adjourned to convene April 8-10, 1947, with the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro.

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Miss Hutchison Will

Leave State WMU Work

Miss Margaret Hutchison, loyal and devoted Young People's Secretary of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas for the past seventeen years, is giving up the work in the near future. While her name was submitted along with the officers and chairmen for reelection at the recent annual meeting in Pine Bluff, she stated that she desired to be released by June 30 or at such time as she deemed necessary.

Always looking forward to the progress of the work among the young people of Arkansas, Miss Hutchison has planned well in advance for the summer's activities for them. The announcement of her decision was made by Miss Hutchison at the board meeting and was received with deep regret. It will be difficult to find someone to assume the duties and responsibilities which she has so efficiently, earnestly and loyally promoted.

The president, Mrs. J. E. Short, will appoint a committee in the immediate future to recommend a successor to Miss Hutchison.

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Calvary Church, Casa Grande, Ariz., L. I. White, pastor, has the entire membership organized into groups of seven for enlistment and soul-winning.

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What Can the Brotherhood Do?

By binding together a number of willing men for more effective action the Brotherhood seeks to enlist all the men of the church in all the work of the church. A Baptist church with an active Brotherhood is able at all times to focus its manpower upon the church's problems and tasks.

No other organization of a Baptist church can do the work of the Brotherhood. A Men's Bible Class cannot; for the work of the Bible class is limited to teaching the Bible, and to reaching men and enlisting them in Bible study. On the other hand, the range of Brotherhood work extends to all the horizons of church activity. The Bible class and the Brotherhood are both necessary, but they have different aims and objectives. The Brotherhood, in keeping with its ideals of service, helps to promote the interests of all the Bible classes of the Sunday School.

The Adult Training Union cannot do the work of the Brotherhood because the work of the Union is specific, being limited to training adults in church membership. As such a training agency it is an indispensable asset in the program of the church. But the Adult Training Union includes both men and women, while the Brotherhood is an organization of the men of the church. The purpose of the Brotherhood and the Adult Training Union are different. However, the influence of the Brotherhood helps to promote the work of the Training Union in all departments.

What can the Brotherhood do? "The Brotherhood is the best known agency of the church for disseminating information and developing denominational consciousness among men"* And along with promoting religious intelligence, the Brotherhood seeks to deepen spirituality, to cultivate fellowship, and to stimulate activity among the men of the church. The Brotherhood seeks to win lost men to the Savior. The Brotherhood cooperates with all other agencies of the church and the denomination. The Brotherhood activity program is entirely within the activity program of the church and flows out of the following major objectives:*

"Loyalty to our pastor."

"Cooperation with every denominational agency."

"Cooperation with every department and organization of the church."

"A greater emphasis upon personal evangelism."

"Increased circulation of our denominational papers."

"Tithes brought weekly into the storehouse, and offerings in addition, especially in emergencies."

"Progressive advance in church budgets."

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"Liberal support and patronage of denominational institutions."

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"The Brotherhood is simply a group of consecrated men supporting the whole program of their church and denomination."*

Some of the practicable and workable activities of the Brotherhood may be:*

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"Distributing religious literature."

"Holding cottage prayer services."

"Visiting the sick and needy."

"Speaking with unaffiliated Baptists."

"Enlisting the unenlisted men of the church."

"Winning lost men to Christ."

"Inviting men to Bible School, Training Union, Prayer Meeting, and the Sunday Worship Services of the church."

"Establishing Mission Stations in un-churched sections."

"Holding services in institutions; jails, hospitals, Homes for the Aged, etc."

"Furnishing masculine leadership for the Royal Ambassadors."

Most Brotherhoods develop their major activities in fulfilling tasks which satisfy felt needs in their own churches. Where the Brotherhood is wide awake and active, its power and influence are felt for good throughout all phases of the life and work of the church. Because the chief aim of the Brotherhood is to make all else succeed, the Brotherhood strengthens the whole church program.

What can the Brotherhood do? The Brotherhood can focus the powers and energies of men upon everything that the church is trying to accomplish.

Does your church need a Brotherhood?

* All statements within quotation marks are taken from the booklet "Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood," by Lawson H. Cooke.

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Americans spent an average of about \$56 for every man, woman, and child for alcoholic drinks in 1945. The total bill: \$7,800,000,000.

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The soul is dyed the color of its leisure thinking. —Dean Inge.

For a Joyous Easter

"Hark, angelic voices cry, Singing evermore on high"



There will be a new note of rejoicing in the voices that are lifted in song in the churches of America this Easter Sunday. For, to millions, Easter this year will bring the greatest spiritual happiness it has ever brought, and many a prayer of gratitude will be said by mothers and fathers and sweethearts and wives for the presence of a loved one in the pew beside them.

This note of joyousness is reflected in many of the Easter remembrances which Americans are sending to one another this year. Church scenes like those above, showing angels and children in attitudes of songs, are among the most popular of the religious designs, together with the traditional

symbols of the Bible and the adorned with flowers and scenes of the Resurrection.

Typical of the inspiring messages on these religious Easter remembrances—and one especially appropriate to our first peaceful Easter—is one which reads: "Christ is risen! His love, sweet protection no power can away. Behold the Resurrection Life and Hope today."

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Preaching must keep its feet the ground so that it walks the needs of the people; but must also have its head in clouds and its heart close to so that the saving power of gospel is brought to the human heart. —M. Ray Mc

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New State Student Union Secretary



T. D. McCulloch of Ashdown has been selected to head Student Union work in Arkansas succeeding Miss Rosalea Webster. He will also superintend associational Sunday School work. His service will begin May 1.

Mr. McCulloch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McCulloch, 15 Allen, North Little Rock. He attended Ouachita College and while there was a state officer for B. S. U. three years, serving as first vice president, Ridgecrest chairman and state president. He set a south-wide record in the sales increase of the Baptist Student while serving as magazine salesman at Ouachita. He served for three years on the local B. S. U. council, and summer field work three years.

He took Civilian Pilots Training at Ouachita and Hot Springs and, following his college days, served three years in the Air Corps. (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOURTEEN)



Religious Education

EDGAR WILLIAMSON, DIRECTOR

EDGAR WILLIAMSON
Sunday School Superintendent

MISS ROSALEA WEBSTER
Student Union Secretary

RALPH W. DAVIS
Training Union Director

MRS. B. W. NUNINGER
Church Music Director

Radio Center Building, Little Rock

State B. S. U. Spring Retreat to Be Held at Russellville, April 26-27

Plans are completed for the Baptist Student Union Spring Retreat which will be held April 26-27 at Arkansas Polytechnic College at Russellville. Registration will be 3-5 o'clock in Caraway Hall (girls' dormitory). Students will stay in dormitories and will eat in the college dining hall.

Mr. Rogers Smith, State Student Secretary for Tennessee, will be the out-of-state guest speaker for the retreat. Mr. Smith is coming as a representative of the Sunday School Board.

Others on the program will include Rev. Harvey Elledge, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock; Mrs. Albert Bagby, missionary to Brazil; Mr. W. R. Bumpus, First Church, North Little Rock, who will direct the singing; Mr. T. D. McCulloch, Ashdown; Rev. Floyd North, Pocahontas. Other students and student leaders will appear on the program.

The retreat will have three sessions: Friday night, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon, ending around 5 o'clock.

All newly elected council members, student secretaries, local pastors, and state officers are expected to attend the retreat. Every campus should be represented at this important meeting.



Rogers Smith
Retreat Speaker

In April—Enlarge

By JESSE DANIEL

April is the beginning of the second half of the Sunday school year. It is an ideal time to check up on Sunday school enrolment by classes, departments, and the school as a whole.

Winter is gone—spring is here. People are going somewhere. Why not see that they go to Sunday school? There is no finer place to go on God's Day than to God's house to study God's Word with God's people.

Set a goal for Sunday school attendance for each Sunday in April. Increase the enrolment of the school. Get enthusiastic about it. Talk it up. Put more people to work. Promote regular visitation; start one or more additional departments; establish a new Sunday school.

Don't let it be said of your Sunday school that it has a disease known as self satisfaction. No Sunday school can afford to be satisfied to go along from year to year with the same enrolment. There must be growth. The great work of the Sunday School—Bible study, soul-winning, and enlistment calls for an increase in enrolment.

If every teacher in Southern Baptist Sunday schools could be challenged to lead his class to enroll just one new member during April, Southern Baptists could add at least 225,000 to their present Sunday school enrolment.

Will you help make such a record possible during April?

A Special Invitation

A special invitation is extended to the pastors, Training Union directors, Associational Training Union officers, and state and associational missionaries, to attend the supper conference which will be held at 5:30 at each of the District Training Union conferences. These suppers will be furnished free by the host churches.

It is very important that the workers listed above attend this supper conference. Important matters, such as the State-wide clinic, and a State Training Union convention will be discussed. Plan to attend the meeting which is held nearest to you.

Training Union Study Course Awards For Arkansas

	1945	1946
January	429	777
February	880	654
March	910	1549
TOTAL	2219	2980

10,821 awards were granted during 1945, and the goal for 1946 is 15,000. Be sure to report your study course. Write to your Training Union Director, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, for request for award blanks.

Important Announcement

The Better Speakers' Tournament will be held at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs, on Friday, July 4, at 5 p. m.

The Intermediate Sword Drill Contest, and Junior Memory Drill will be held on Friday morning, July 4, during the Training Union hour.

Assembly Reservations Going Fast

On Wednesday, April 10, when copy for this page was given to the editor, this is the way the record of the Assembly reservations appeared on the books:

TOTAL NUMBER of Assembly-owned boy's dormitory space—177.

TOTAL NUMBER reserved to date—131.

TOTAL NUMBER unreserved—46.

TOTAL NUMBER of Assembly-owned girl's dormitory space—254.

TOTAL NUMBER reserved to date—219.

TOTAL NUMBER unreserved—35.

TOTAL NUMBER of Assembly-owned dormitory rooms—12.

TOTAL NUMBER reserved to date—4.

TOTAL NUMBER unreserved—8.

TOTAL NUMBER of Assembly-owned Cabins unreserved—2.

Remember that when Assembly-owned space has been fully reserved, no further reservations will be accepted. So, if you wish to attend this year's Assembly and stay in one of the Assembly-owned dormitories, dormitory rooms or cabins, send at once reservation fee of \$2.00 for each individual to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

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Relief and Annuity Board Meets

By R. S. JONES
Associate Secretary

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was held in Dallas. All states were represented at the meeting, together with local members from Dallas. The report of the executive secretary, Dr. Thomas J. Watts, was the most encouraging and showed greater progress of the work of the Board than that of any past year.

Assets Almost \$10,000,000

The report of the Board's treasurer, Orville Groner, showed that the total assets of the Board were increased during the last fiscal year in the amount of \$1,542,119.33, bringing the total of the Board's assets to \$9,449,256.09. Of this amount all except \$230,200.33 represents contractual reserves, which is money in trust by the Board for the payment of future annuities under the several plans fostered by the Board.

Attention was called to the fact that the only surplus held by the Board is \$230,200.33, which is indeed small when the heavy responsibility borne by the Board is taken into consideration. It is the Board's purpose to increase this reserve as fast as possible.

The treasurer's report showed that \$683,272.41 was paid to 1700 annuitants.

The report of the relief department, presented by Dr. Walter R. Alexander, showed that \$179,000 was paid to 1270 beneficiaries of the relief fund.

Memorial Services

The morning session was held in the auditorium of the Baptist Building, where memorial service was held for two members who have died since the last meeting: Robert H. Coleman of Dallas, and Clarence K. Bowle of Maryland.

Luncheon was held for the Board's members, office staff, and visitors in the Victory Room of the Athletic Club, and the transaction of business matters was completed there. At the conclusion of the business session, portraits were unveiled of Dr. George W. Truett, one of the founders of the Relief and Annuity Board, who had been chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board from its inauguration until the date of his death in 1944, and of Dr. Thomas J. Watts, executive secretary of the Board since 1925.

Suitable expressions of appreciation of the service Dr. Truett rendered this Board were expressed by Dr. W. Marshall Craig, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Relief and Annuity Board; and expressions of appreciation of the service rendered by Dr. Watts in his long tenure of office were expressed by one of the Board members, Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Waco. This part of the meeting

was under the direction of Miss Della Carroll of Dallas, chairman of the portrait committee. These portraits will be hung in the auditorium of the Baptist Building where the annual meetings of the Board are regularly held.

Officers Elected

Officers elected were as follows: Wallace Bassett, President E. G. Brown, Vice President; Paul Dana, Vice President; Ben C. Ball, Vice President; George J. Mason, Recording Secretary; Thomas J. Watts, executive secretary; Walter R. Alexander, associate executive secretary; R. S. Jones, associate secretary; Orville Groner, treasurer; Knox W. Sherrill, attorney.

Appointive officers were also named as follows: George A. Huggins, actuary; Darcy R. Bonner, auditor; Gaston G. Harrison, medical director; Mable Roper, registrar.

The Relief and Annuity Board, organized 28 years ago, has grown to be one of the major boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. It seeks to provide retirement benefits for all those gainfully employed in the work of the denomination throughout the twenty states of the convention.

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Figures to Inspire

April 7, 1946			
Church	Addns.	S.S.	T.U.
Arkadelphia, Second	4	275	138
Atkins, First	3	137	50
Bauxite, First	—	313	108
Benton, First	1	494	97
Camden, First	2	411	91
Conway, First	1	388	103
Crossett, Mt. Olive	—	112	78
Cullendale, First	—	254	111
Diaz	—	63	28
Dumas, First	5	431	69
Dyess, Central	2	155	78
Including Mission	—	186	—
El Dorado Churches:			
First	1	803	200
Second	2	471	146
Eudora	—	156	48
Fordyce	2	375	129
Fort Smith Churches:			
First	7	1146	314
Immanuel	2	574	160
Fountain Hill, First	—	92	30
Gentry	3	225	127
Hamburg, First	—	285	165
Harrison, First	—	362	142
Hope, First	—	401	—
Hot Springs Churches:			
Central	46	427	128
First	—	288	39
Second	—	501	109
Including Mission	—	601	—
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	—	259	69
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	2	489	96
First	3	1258	427
South Highland	—	244	106
McGehee, First	—	410	109
Magnolia, Central	22	426	111
Malvern, First	—	308	55
Marmaduke	—	118	42
Monticello, First	1	240	54
Nashville	—	328	108
Norphlet, First	—	219	155
N. Little Rock Churches:			
Baring Cross	1	611	148
Including Mission	—	642	174
Pike Avenue	—	162	69
Osceola, First	—	302	—
Ozark, First	—	185	66
Including Mission	—	225	—
Paragould, First	1	551	194
Paris, First	2	361	151
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	5	835	228
Including Mission	—	857	—
Immanuel	—	420	135
Matthews Memorial	1	102	80
Second	3	235	70
Including Mission	—	248	—
Rogers, First	—	285	88

Dr. C. W. Daniel, Former State Leader, Reported Improved Following Stroke

Friends of Dr. Charles W. Daniel, Arkansas member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and former pastor of First Church, El Dorado, have been grieved to know of his illness but will rejoice in news that his condition seems to be improving. Dr. Daniel is making his home in Atlanta.

Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, whom the Arkansas Baptist asked for information, reports that:

"Dr. Daniel was stricken with paralysis Thursday night, March 28, at Albany, Ga., while on tour of the Southern part of the state with Secretary James W. Merritt in regional conferences. He had preached every day during the week and Dr. Merritt said that his message on Thursday was exceptionally good. He talked with friends in the lobby of the hotel until bedtime and was in the finest mood and seemed very well.

"He awoke a little past midnight and discovered that he could not talk or move his right hand. He managed to awake his roommate Dr. H. C. Whitener, superintendent of evangelism in Georgia, and after a doctor was summoned, went back to sleep. On Friday morning, his condition was diagnosed as a definite stroke, and sent an ambulance down to Albany and brought him to the Georgia Baptist Hospital where he has been since that day.

"His condition is described by the doctors as hopeful in that he has not suffered a second stroke and further, the lesion is evidencing healing slowly since he can move his foot and his speech is a little better. He is in grand spirit and sends everyone away thanking the Lord for the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ which is always sufficient in our every circumstance and experience."

Baptist Interracial Cooperation Boosted in Recent Seminary Parley

By ERWIN L. McDONALD

A new step in cooperation for the furtherance of the gospel of Christ was taken when the South-wide Interracial Conference of Baptist Theological Students gathered at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., March 29 for a two-day meeting. Delegates were present from eight Baptist schools, representing Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

A planning committee composed of students of Southern Baptist Seminary and Simmons University, Louisville, initiated the conference and these two schools were co-hosts. Joe Conley, of Southern Baptist Seminary, was chairman of the committee and of the conference.

On Friday afternoon, Dr. H. W. Tribble, of Southern Baptist Seminary, and Dr. R. W. Riley, president of American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn., led a forum on: "Present Work of Cooperation between the Baptists of the South." It was found there is some cooperation between the educational institutions and in some scattered local associations and local churches. It was pointed out that there is no cooperation between the foreign mission boards of the Baptist conventions.

Professor Garland K. Offutt, of Simmons University, and Dr. Olin T. Binkley, of Southern Baptist Seminary, led a forum Saturday morning on: "What Can the Divinity Schools Do To Encourage a More Extended Work through Cooperation?"

One of the highlights of the conference was the address of Dr. Edward A. McDowell, of Southern

Baptist Seminary, Friday evening on the subject, "The Minister, King Man in Race Relations." In his scholarly address, Dr. McDowell pointed out the ill effects of prejudice upon self and on others and said that for ministers to escape the challenge of bettering race relations would betray the heart of the gospel.

A planning committee accepted the invitation from American Baptist Seminary to hold the 1946 conference on its campus, next March 27-28. O. A. Pratt, a student at American Baptist Seminary, was elected general chairman for next year. John Tubbs, a student at Southern Baptist Seminary, was appointed chairman of the Finding Committee to investigate the possibilities of putting in practice suggestions arising from this conference.

A keynote expressed by all was a desire that the two races, and more especially, the different groups of Baptists, come to know each other better. A spirit of love of Christ was manifest in all of the sessions of the conference and it was a widely expressed opinion that a long forward step had been taken in Christian cooperation among the Baptists of the South. With the great success of this year's conference and the more central location for next year all schools granting the B. D. degree should be looking forward to participating in the 1947 conference.

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The Uniate Church of West Ukraine has renounced a 350-year union with the Roman Catholic and has returned to the Russian Orthodox Church.

Waco Youth Go All-Out for Christ

By R. E. DUDLEY
The Baptist Standard

The mantle of a moving mass evangelism from another generation may be falling upon young men still in school.

With the slogan, "Waco Youth for Christ," and the theme song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," the young people of that Texas city, led by Baylor University students, last week had the kind of revival that was news.

More than 500 decisions were made—sixty conversions, nineteen volunteering for foreign missions, 81 for special service, and 360 rededications.

Mesages by six student preachers brought crowds which filled most of the 3,700 seats arranged on an outdoor site near the center of the city. The revival lasted only six nights between Sundays with a different preacher each service.

Personal Testimony

Backing the preachers were an orchestra of 30, a choir of 200, and scores of personal workers. Part of the personal work was organized to take care of the throngs that, responding to the invitation, walked the sawdust aisles to occupy row after row of seats at the front. Many others, some still in government-issue shirts, quietly and spontaneously went to friends and in many cases walked with them to the front.

A powerful factor in the meetings was personal testimonies by young people, speaking to the theme, "What Jesus Means to Me." One testimony was from a former Golden Gloves champion; another by a veteran of Bataan, 41 months a prisoner of the Japanese. The audience was deeply moved as the soldier told how he came to appreciate the sacrifice of Jesus as he observed the torture of a fellow prisoner.

Church Centered

Although the meeting was wholly planned and conducted by stud-

ent preachers and others in the B.S.U. group at Baylor, the revival was church-related in every respect. Each person coming forward was urged to fill out an information card which included church membership or preference. These cards were given to pastors of the indicated churches, states W. J. Wimpee, director of religious activities on the campus; and every effort is being made to cooperate with the pastors in following through to see that new converts and the unenlisted take an active part in church life.

Most of the converts were of college and high school age, but some were adults and juniors, who sprinkled through the hundreds of youth. Waco pastors, who have had experience with a similar meeting, speak with approval.

Well Organized

"It is the best organized meeting I ever saw," declared Dr. W. W. Melton, who has been observing Waco revivals for 35 years. The organization began with prayer meetings which have been in progress for months. Prayers for definite individuals were offered and joy was revealed when prayers were answered.

Different persons were given the responsibility for portions of the plans, and the assignments were well carried out.

Publicity included radio spots, newspaper advertisements and news stories, posters, and a poster-decked fire truck which traversed the leading streets and participated in the parades.

Parades Every Day

Each service was preceded by a parade from the campus, through the business section, to the revival tent. Although an entertainment feature was given on the campus during the meeting, and students were admitted on their activity tickets, hundreds of students marched in the parade that night and remained for the service.

Marchers sang, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "Marching to Zion."

Music for the services was carefully planned to fit the message of the evening. Song sheets were distributed instead of hymn books.

Preachers and subjects for the week were: J. C. Moody, "Aren't You Glad You Are You?" Jack Robinson, "No, Devil"; Bo Baker, "Wake Up and Live"; Mark Moore, "Don't Fence Me In"; Howard Butt, "What's the Hurry"; and Bruce McIver, "One Thing Lacking."

Moore, a graduate student, wears a Purple Heart and was a German prisoner. Robinson, a freshman, is a star athlete. McIver, Moody and Butt have been leaders in campus religious activities for three years.

The English speaking world is reading "beyond publishers' expectations" the recently released Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. Translated with the use of all discovered ancient manuscripts and put in 20th century language, the Bible is demanding favorable reaction from most of its readers, and criticism is centered on the absence of the familiar old English phraseology. Said one of the translators, Dr. Clarence Tucker Craig: Criticism comes from those whose interest in the Bible is purely literary, praise from those interested in accurateness of translation.

Seminaries Near Financial Goal

Southern Baptist's three theological seminaries plan to celebrate successful culmination of the respective building fund campaign at alumni victory luncheons at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at Miami.

The biggest of the three campaigns has been by Southwest Seminary Alumni for erection of \$750,000 memorial building honoring the late Drs. L. R. Scarborough and George W. Truett. Dr. C. Kearnie Keegan of Los Angeles, alumni president, said that 300 alumni can be accommodated at the victory luncheon on Thursday, May 16, in Miami. Tickets may be purchased in Miami.

Southern Seminary lacks about \$60,000 in completion of its campaign for a chapel building on the campus at Louisville. Dr. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., alumni president, has headed the campaign for funds. Reservations for the alumni luncheon at Miami, May 15, may be secured by writing Dr. Ellis A. Fuller at the Seminary and enclosing the ticket price of \$1.65.

Baptist Bible Institute's campaign for \$200,000 for a men's dormitory is still \$40,000 short, Dr. Duke McCall announced, but it is hoped that this remaining sum can be received before the convention meets. A last minute plea has been mailed, and contributions should be mailed to Dr. McCall at the New Orleans institution.

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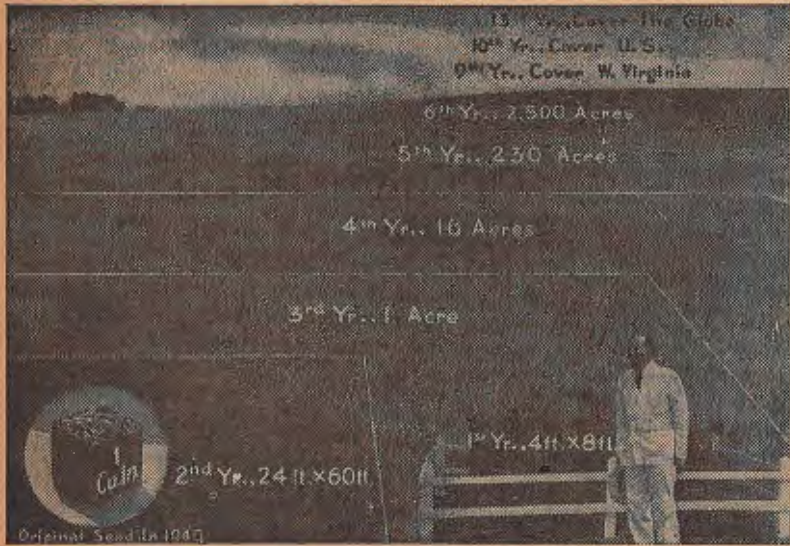
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Perry Hayden, Tecumseh, Mich., Quaker miller, standing in front of the first little plat of wheat grown from the cubic inch of grain shown in the insert, with the huge increase in the background. A 10% tithe for the church was deducted each year, and the entire balance replanted. The average annual increase of the "Tithed Wheat" far exceeded the state average of Michigan.

Inspired by a sermon in his local Quaker church in 1940 Perry Hayden, a Quaker miller of Tecumseh, Mich., set out to illustrate some of the Bible lessons on "Tithing," "Rebirth" and "Returns on what we sow."

Hayden started with a cubic inch of wheat, which he planted in the above patch of 4 ft. by 8 ft. . . . A year later, he harvested the patch; deducted 10% of the crop as a tithe to the church, and planted the balance again the following year. . . . The second, third and fourth years he again deducted the tithe and replanted the entire balance of each crop. . . . Last year's crop, which was the fifth, had grown from the original cubic inch to 230 acres and netted 5,555 bushels. The sixth and final year of the demonstration required 2,500 acres of land. If continued for nine years it would require all the land in W. Virginia, and in ten years it would cover the whole United States. It is estimated that the 13th year it would cover the whole globe—all starting with a cubic inch of wheat, a little faith and God's promises.

Land for the first five years, was furnished by Henry Ford, but last fall's planting was so large that no single tract of land in Michigan could handle it, so the seed was parceled out to about 250 farmers throughout the country, who have planted the genuine "Biblical Wheat" and will give the tithe to more than 150 different churches representing all faiths.

A representative field of the famous "Dynamic Kernels" has been planted inside the race track at the Adrian, Mich., Fair Grounds, where the final huge official celebration

will be held during the harvest this summer. The wheat will be cut, threshed, ground into flour, baked into biscuits and fed to the multitudes in the grandstands, right before their very eyes.

"Now that the war is over, elaborate plans are being completed by Perry Hayden, in co-operation with the Lenewee County Fair Board, to make this the most spectacular international human-interest story in the world," says Raymond J. Jeffreys, an Ohio publicist.

"The colorful parades, cutting and harvesting pageants, showing equipment used from the Biblical days down to the modern combines, and reports from the farmers throughout the country who are making possible the completion of this stupendous final year of the project, will make this great religious event a living demonstration of the Biblical truths regarding sowing, reaping, re-birth and tithing," says Perry Hayden, the Quaker miller and founder of the demonstration.

The Administrative Committee of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will recommend to a joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the state mission secretaries and editors at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami a \$12,000,000 program for 1947. Five million will be the Cooperative Program goal and \$7,000,000 will be the goal for a Southwide campaign for relief and rehabilitation of Southern Baptist work at home and aboard.

Don't oversleep if you want your dreams to come true.

Progress Is the Descriptive Word For Program at First Church, Fort Smith

First Church, Fort Smith, goes forward with an enlarged program. Recently the entire indebtedness on all properties belonging to the church was wiped out and the mortgage burned.

Immediately the church launched a program of improvement and enlargement. A new baptistry has been built, all buildings needing it have been redecored, a new nursery building has been remodeled with space tripled, and one of the educational buildings has been remodeled and enlarged. Modern airconditioning units are now being installed in the main church auditorium and will be completed and in operation by May 1. New instruments are being purchased where needed.

In addition to these improvements, a considerable sum of money has been put into a savings account for the erection of another large educational unit when suffi-

cient funds have been collected it and materials may be secured.

Organizations are being enlarged in order that greater numbers may be enlisted. On March 31 open house was held in the new quarters for the Intermediate Department that has been remodeled.

An evangelistic program is being stressed with many being added to the church from Sunday. People are being baptized practically every Sunday.

The staff has been enlarged. Norman E. Ferguson, returned chaplain, has become the associate to the pastor and director of church religious activities and music. This is the job he filled three and one-half years ago when he entered the chaplaincy. Another worker, Miss Lois Lola Lievsay, has been added to the secretarial force making five full time workers the official group of the church organization.

Anderson Union In New Building

Anderson Union Baptist Church, ten miles south of Hope, which was organized last November held services in its new building March 31. There were three additions at the morning service. Missionary Ottis Denney did the preaching.

Since the organization of the church, services had been held in the homes of the members. The new building was made possible through the gifts of the churches of Hope Association. It was built at a cost of \$800. The building has a double door to the left and a single door to the right of the pulpit for funeral conveniences. Sid White is pastor.

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Enlisted Reserve as a pilot instructor. He is now a commercial pilot with 2100 hours instructors and instrument ratings.

Since his discharge last August 23, he has been associated with his father-in-law, F. T. Caldwell, in the dry goods business in Ashdown and also served as educational director in the First Baptist Church, Ashdown. He is associational Training Union Director.

T. D. married Patsy Caldwell who attended Henderson State Teachers college and Ouachita. They have a son, Tommy, one and a half years old.

Deacons' Duties Are Emphasized

An associational-wide deacon rally was held at First Church, Murray, Ky., recently with 67 deacons and eleven pastors present. Twenty-four of the 36 churches of the Blood River Association were represented. Dr. John L. Hill of the Sunday School Board spoke "The Deacon's Leadership."

Arkansan B. B. Sawyer, pastor of the Murray Church, got the idea for the service when he discovered that his church and two other of the association had deacons ready to be ordained. Following the message, Dr. Hill conducted the ordination prayer and the laying on of hands. Pastor Sawyer reports that "the service was climaxed by the great spiritual warfare that characterizes some of our great evangelistic meetings."

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The Risen Christ Explains The Heart of the Scriptures

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Ten times the Scriptures record the appearance of our Lord to His followers during the forty days that intervened between the time of His resurrection and the day of His ascension. Five of these occurred on Sunday, the day of His resurrection.

His first appearance was to Mary Magdalene early in the morning. Following this He appeared to the women returning from the tomb; then He appeared to Simon Peter. In the evening He revealed himself to the ten disciples (Thomas being absent) who were assembled in an upper room, which may have been the room where, on Thursday evening, the Lord's Supper was instituted. The other appearance, recorded in detail by Luke and mentioned only briefly by Mark (16:12-13) constitutes the basis for this lesson.

Wonderful Happenings

We are told the name (Cleopas) of only one of the two men who were journeying from Jerusalem to the city Emmaus. So far as we know they were not outstanding individuals. But Jesus, in His self-disclosure, shared the joys of His presence equally with the obscure and the renowned.

As these two disciples journeyed, their conversation dealt with the wonderful event that had taken place in Jerusalem—the resurrection of Jesus. The fact of the empty tomb had been established. Certain women had been there and had found the sepulchre empty. Moreover, they had seen a vision of angels which proclaimed His resurrection.

It was too much for the disciples to comprehend. Their lack of Bible knowledge made it impossible for them to interpret the meaning of the empty tomb. But it was wonderful news, nevertheless, the greatest news that had ever come to the ear of man—the news of the risen Lord.

It is little wonder that Jesus chose to spend a part of the afternoon of the resurrection day with these two disciples. Where could He have found an audience more receptive to His message? Luke tells us that it was while they communed and questioned together concerning "all these things which had happened," that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. Already they were prepared for the message He would deliver. Well might He journey with them and warm their hearts with His living presence.

Sluggish Faith

"But we had hoped that it was he who should redeem Israel," they said, "Yes, and besides all this, it

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Luke 24:13-21, 25-31

is now the third day since these things came to pass."

To these words, Jesus, with characteristic penetration, replied, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets had spoken! Behooved it not the Christ to suffer these things, and to enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:25-26).

Jesus, in rebuking the two disciples, placed His finger upon the besetting sin of Christians through the centuries; namely, the failure to believe in all the Scriptures. In the words of R. C. Trench:

"Some of the Scripture they had believed, which is so often the way with all of us, but not all that the prophets had spoken. Man's word and woman's word and the angel's word, they had paid more or less heed to always; but God's Word, that Word which liveth and abideth forever, they had not believed and established themselves on it.

"Of that Word they had not inquired, nor sought to learn from it, else they would have found that the very things over which they were mourning had long ago been foreannounced and declared needful preliminaries to Christ's entrance into His glory."

The fundamental sin of Christians is the sin of unbelief. God offers us through the Scriptures comfort for life at every point of need if we would only believe, if we would only let these promises become for us sure foundations upon which to stand.

The Apostle Paul knew the meaning of firm foundations. He said, "I am able for anything in him who fills me with power." True faith manifests absolute trust and confidence in the wisdom, power, and goodness of God in Christ Jesus.

Christ and the Scriptures

"And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpret-

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ed to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." Here we have Jesus interpreting His own mission by the Scriptures. Jesus declared that Moses pointed to His coming. Likewise, in all the prophets He found references to His world mission—prophetic utterances bearing testimony to His incarnation.

Some of the passages which our Lord could have mentioned are: the promise to Eve (Gen. 3:15); the promise to Abraham (Gen. 22:18); the paschal lamb (Ex. 12); the scapegoat (Lev. 16:1-34); the brazen serpent (Num. 21:9); the greater prophet (Deut. 18:15); the star and scepter (Num. 24:17); the smitten rock (Num. 20:11; 1 Cor. 10:4).

Burning Hearts

When Cleopas and the other disciple reported to the eleven their amazing experience, they closed with these words, "Was not our heart burning within us, while he spake to us in the way, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" Evidently the glow which they felt in their heart was to them as further proof of the reality of Jesus with whom they spake as they walked.

"Jesus loved to set the heart aflame. And none can come under His influence without realizing the sacred mystery of the burning heart. You cannot know His dear companionship and His irradiating exposition without also knowing what it is to have a heart white hot with holy fervor. The world will never be greatly impressed with a church which has not a burning heart. Jesus sets our hearts on fire, and keeps them flaming, even while the love of many waxes cold!" (Young.)

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Martin Niemoeller, the Lutheran Evangelical pastor who defied Hitler and spent all the war years in a concentration camp, is now considered international spokesman for the 37,000,000 German Protestants. He asked a blunt question last week: "One may ask who is guiltier before God: The SS butchers or we who knew Christ's message and remained silent,"

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West Batesville Petitions For Dry Army Camps

Members of the Training Union at West Batesville Baptist Church have dispatched to Arkansas' congressional delegation a petition asking that all forms of alcoholic beverages be barred from future military programs and that an immediate stop order be issued on manufacture of liquors using emergency food items.

Signed by 23 members of the organization, the petition stated:

"We feel that the presence of alcoholic beverages in military camps is detrimental to the morals and efficiency standards of our soldiers, sailors and marines, since the easy accessibility is more or less encouraging them to partake of such beverage; that this commodity should be permanently barred by the federal government and placed back on a pre-war status; that, in the future military program, all forms of alcoholic beverages be excluded. We feel that this type program is absolutely essential to the good morals of our youth.

"We wish to further emphasize our opposition to the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic beverages, by requesting the federal government to place an immediate stop order on the use of any grain or food item in the manufacture of all types of liquors, so long as there is an apparent need for our nation to supply food to the starving peoples of the world. Rather than call on the public to sacrifice the every-day comforts of plenty to eat, let's stop the useless waste of food in the manufacture of so destructive a force as alcohol."

The hotels of the nation face a stupendous task of rehabilitation and re-equipment. Approximately \$1,500,000,000 will be spent on the 12,868 hotels in the United States. New carpeting alone will cost \$92,000,000.

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The "life" of a one-dollar bill is only nine months.

Say, Jim, Did You Read . . .



. . . Bill Petty's article on how Baptist work has grown in Alaska in just three years? It's in this week's Arkansas Baptist, and you shouldn't miss it!

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ARE YOU GOING TO THE CONVENTION?

For your information we are giving you this further reminder that the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention is drawing near. It is only one month away. Are you going? If so we again encourage you to make your definite arrangements. A delay in making your plans may work an unbearable hardship upon you. Here are some of the things you should do.

First, if you are a preacher and do not have a clergy permit, obtain one at once. See your railroad ticket agent and get an application blank and order your permit at once. We do not have application blanks.

Second, arrange to buy a round trip ticket to Miami. In Florida they do not sell tickets on a western clergy permit. Order a Southern Permit if you expect to buy any tickets in Florida. Address: Southern Passenger Association, Clergy Dept., Room 8, Terminal Station, Atlanta, 3, Ga.

Third, if you want a berth in the pullman car that leaves Little Rock at 2:30 Monday morning, May 13, write us at once, and tell us whether you want an upper or lower berth. This same pullman will leave Miami Sunday night, May 19, about 8 o'clock, and arrive in Little Rock about 11 a. m. on Tuesday following. You need not send us a deposit; buy your ticket when you reach Little Rock. (See rates on page thirteen.)

Fourth, you can go to bed on this pullman at 10 o'clock Sunday night or later, and it will pull out of Little Rock about 2:30 after midnight.

Fifth, Write us for your "Messenger Card."

Sixth, we do not make hotel reservations for you in Miami. Write to the Committee in Miami for your hotel reservations. We would like to impress upon you the fact that if you do not have reservations it will be difficult to get a place to spend the night, and sometimes it is impossible. Here again is a list of the hotels:

Hotel	Single	Double
Eschange	\$3.00	\$4.50
San Carlos		4.00
Bristol	2.00	4.00
Ponce DeLeon	5.00	10.00
Coolidge	3.00	5.00
Esmeralda	4.00	5.00
Therese	4.00	4.50
Park (without bath)		3.50
Liberty	7.00	9.00
Metropolitan (without bath)		3.50
Senate	2.00	4.00
Bradford		4.00
Clyde Court	3.00	5.00
Park Plaza	5.00	8.00
Ta-Miami	3.00	6.00
El Comodoro	6.00	8.00
Alhambra		5.00
America	3.50	6.00
Belfort	4.00	6.00
Ford	2.00	6.00
Frances	2.50	3.50
Gralyn	5.00	6.00
Hermitage		4.00
Miami Ritz	5.00	7.00

Pan American	3.00	6.00
Paramount	6.00	8.00
Patricia	5.00	7.00
Plaza		10.00
Poinsetta	3.00	5.00
Roberts		6.00
Strand		6.00
Tuttle		7.00

Reservations will be made directly with the Reservations Committee chairman, Rev. Harold H. Davidson, Flagler Street Baptist Church, 3501 West Flagler Street, Miami 35, Fla. It is reported that a limited number of rooms in private homes are available, if requests are made now.

Where Would Your Dog Look To Find You?

Recently Deacon L. L. Jacks of Sparkman had the misfortune to be in an automobile accident, and was taken to the hospital. He has a bird dog that thinks a lot of him. The dog has been lonely around home without his master, and went to the store day after day to find "the boss." On Sunday morning the dog, knowing the habits of his master, went to the church house, looking through the building for his pal. A dog knows the habits of his master. Would your dog look for you at the church on Sunday morning?

Baptist State Hospital

Our Baptist people will be happy to know that the Baptist State Hospital is crowded all the time and that it is rendering a splendid ministry. Not the least thing that is going on at the Baptist hospital at present is the spiritual emphasis.

Pastor J. F. Queen is rendering an outstanding service. He is making some fine contacts, and bringing consolation to many disturbed spirits in the hospital. Brother Queen is specifically endowed for work of this sort. His kind and gentle spirit and prayerful attitude are a strength to many suffering and anxious people.

Miss Elma Cobb is doing one of the most unique services among the nurses. Her fine Christian character and her spiritual contacts with the young women are worth their weight in gold. Other supervisors and employees of the hospital are busy as workers can be. It is a great institution.

Pastor Lipford and Earle

Out of an enrolment of 331 in the Sunday School, there were 298 in attendance in the First Baptist Church in Earle, April 7. They were only 33 below their enrolment. This is an unusually high percentage of attendance. The offering that day was more than \$240. Lipford is a great preacher, and the Earle Church is filled up with some of the best men and women on earth.

Chaplains at Work

Many of our former chaplains have made connections with churches, and are already in the field. Rev. Aubrey Halsell has accepted the First Baptist Church at West Memphis, has taken up his duties there. The West Memphis Church is a great church in a thriving city. The church has made marked progress during the last three or four years, and a bright outlook with Halsell as leader.

Rev. Homer Reynolds has accepted the First Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas. This is a great church. Rev. A. Mack Rogers, formerly of the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, went to heaven recently from this church.

Rev. J. W. Royal has gone to First Baptist Church in Lewisville where Rev. Fred A. White has recently served so well.

Rev. F. G. Dodson will be available soon. Brother Dodson was once pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dardanelle.

Rev. W. H. Lansford of Heber Springs has also been released from the chaplaincy. There are others also whose names have appeared from time to time in the Arkansas Baptist.

Lonoke Church is Pushing Forward

First Church, Lonoke, is going forward in a great way. The Sunday School is growing, attendance is increasing, and there have been quite a few additions to the church already this year. W. M. Pratt is the happy pastor. He has been on this splendid field several years and his ministry is proving to be fruitful and substantial. Pratt is a great preacher.

This is another example of a pastor staying with his task through the discouraging periods until the town is "sold" on his trustworthiness. It is our firm belief that a true God-called preacher can do his best work on a field after the first five years.

Great Revival at Dardanelle

Rev. Minor Cole of Forrest City has recently assisted Pastor J. A. O. Russell of Dardanelle in a revival meeting. There were quite a number of professions of faith. The church was lifted higher. Cole is one of our best preachers and evangelists. His work in Forrest City is outstanding. Russell has been with the Dardanelle Church only a short time, but the church is showing wonderful progress under his God-given leadership.

Russellville and Goodbar

First Baptist Church, Russellville, and Goodbar, pastor, is breaking some lifetime records. The church is growing along practically all lines. April 7 seemed to be a record-breaking day on finances. The tithing program is bearing fruit, especially among the young people. Here is an example of a pastor staying on a field long enough for his trustworthiness to begin to hold esteem in the hearts of the people. Goodbar is a splendid leader.