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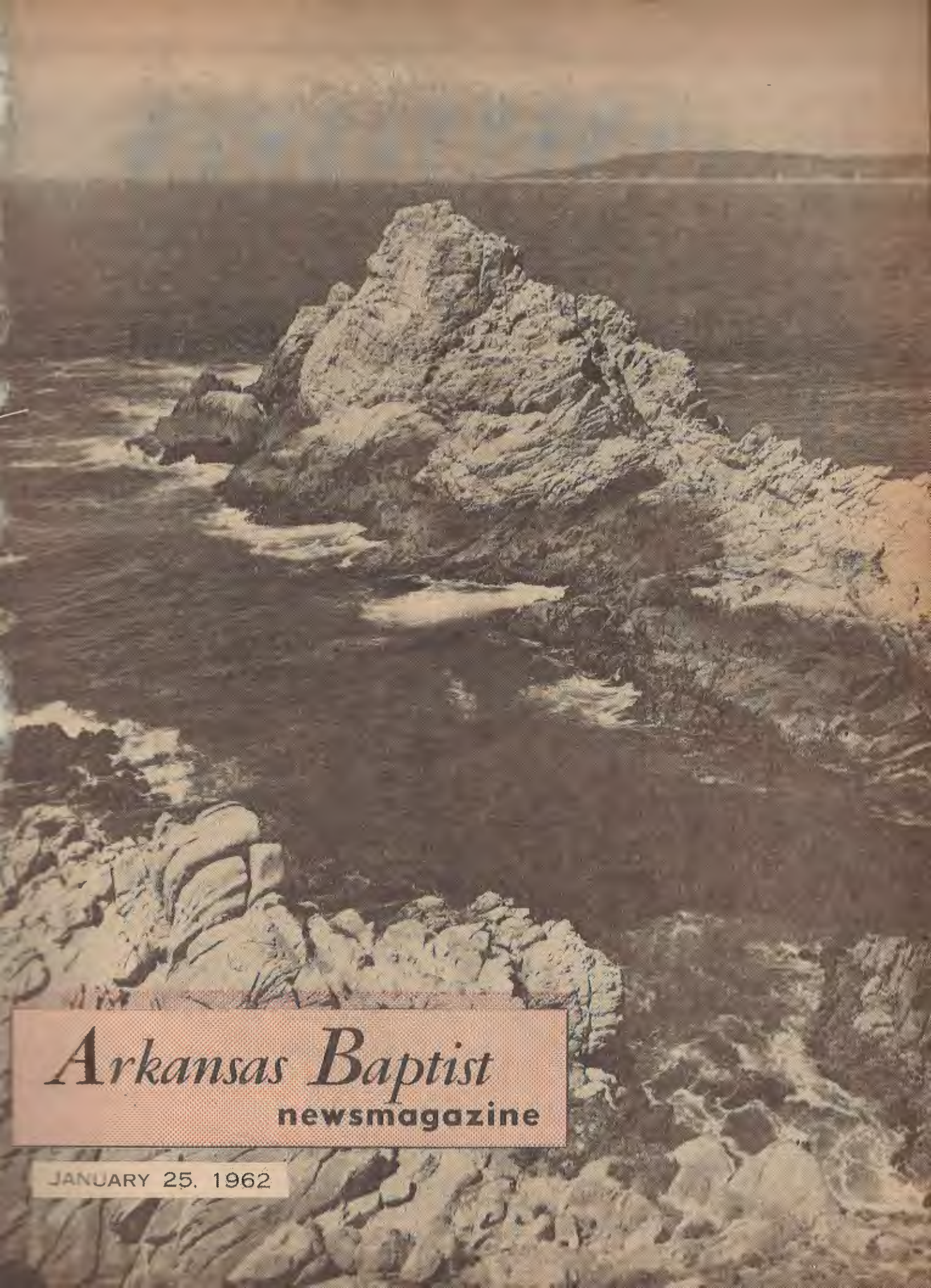


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JANUARY 25, 1962

LAST CALL

Evangelism Conference

Department of Missions and Evangelism
JESSE S. REED, DIRECTOR OF EVANGELISM
201 BAPTIST BUILDING • LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS



My Dear Fellow Workers:

This is a personal appeal for you to attend the Evangelism Conference, January 29-30 at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Remember there will be five Great Sessions filled with information and inspiration. There will be two "Special Sessions" for laymen and women.

Outstanding personalities: Dr. H. H. Hobbs, President, Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Kenneth Chafin, Professor of Evangelism, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, Miss Josephine Skaggs, Missionary to Nigeria, Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Time: 2:00 p.m. See Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, Jan. 4, 1962, for detailed program.

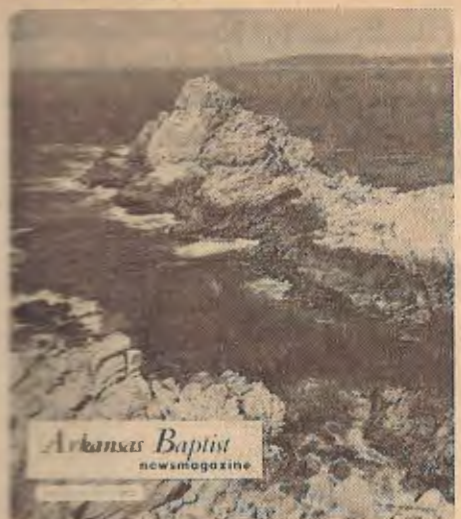
Your Brother in Christ,

Jesse S. Reed

JSR:ms

Jan. 29

2:00 P.M.



H. Armstrong Roberts Photo

California, here we come!

SOUTHERN Baptist eyes are beginning to turn to California and the West as the time approaches for the annual Southern Baptist Convention, to be held June 5-8, 1962, in San Francisco. Many Convention-attenders will take their families with them, combining business and pleasure for the trip.

This year makes the second time for Southern Baptists to meet in California, the only other time being 1951, 11 years ago, when the meeting place was also San Francisco.

If you do not have your hotel reservations, you will find a listing of places officially approved in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* Sept. 21, 1961. [We've been telling you you ought to keep your papers on file!—ELM]

Rhodesian students at Ouachita

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)—Ouachita Baptist College here has received two Baptist students from Southern Rhodesia for second semester enrollment.

New and correct addresses needed

Increased charges by the Post Office department make it important that the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine be advised of any changes of address two weeks in advance when possible. The paper will now be charged ten cents for each paper not delivered. Often these are returned so late that a second paper is mailed before the change can be made on the list. Recently we received ten papers in one and the same bundle on the same subscription, costing us \$1 for this alone!

Accuracy is important, too, for a charge of ten cents is made when a paper is sent to a wrong or non-existent address.—The Editor.

Michael Makasholo, 40, and his wife, Mary, have been teaching for seven years in the Baptist school at Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia—he in the eighth grade and she in the third grade. He plans to work toward a bacheior's degree with a major in secondary education.

Makasholo was a deacon in the Gatooma church.

Mrs. Makasholo will enroll as a special student—not necessarily working toward a degree—taking elementary education and related courses.

The couple is living in faculty apartment housing on the campus, President Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., told the Baptist Press.

"This is in keeping with a policy adopted by Ouachita trustees in April, 1960," Phelps continued. "The trustees voted for the school to

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First, Concord, dedicates building

FIRST CHURCH, Concord, Noble Wiles, pastor, dedicated its new education building Jan. 14, with Dr. C. W. Caldwell and Dr. Erwin L. McDonald as guest speakers.


Construction of the brick-tile building was started last May. Materials were secured at discount and much of the labor was donated, making it possible to hold the total cost to \$6,000.

The building includes seven classrooms, two assembly rooms, a

kitchen and two rest rooms. Floors are hardwood.

With the new facilities, the church has been able to departmentalize its Sunday School. The church has also added a baptistry to its auditorium.

Pastor Wiles has been in his present pastorate since April 1, 1961. He previously served the church as pastor for more than three years.



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EP Ecumenical Press.

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TAKING part in services dedicating a new education building at First Church, Concord, Jan. 14, were, left to right: Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions, Arkansas Baptist State Convention; C. A. Womack, chairman of deacons; A. B. Collard, carpenter and deacon; and Pastor Noble Wiles.

The evangelism conference

A SPECIAL attraction for the annual evangelism conference here in Little Rock from Monday afternoon, Jan. 29, through Tuesday, Jan. 30, will be the personal appearance of Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City.

Dr. Hobbs is known and loved by millions across the nation for his ministry as a preacher of the gospel and as a writer of books and special articles. He is heard regularly each Sunday over The Baptist Hour on radio and television, and he is the author of a number of books. His weekly feature on Baptist beliefs appears regularly in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* and in most of the other state papers of Southern Baptists.

Dr. Hobbs will be heard Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night, at the conference proper, at Immanuel Church, and Tuesday afternoon at a special conference for women, at Calvary Church.

Other out-of-state speakers will include Dr. Vernon Yearby, Dallas, associate in the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board; Dr. Kenneth Chafin, of the New Testament department of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; and Miss Josephine Skaggs, of Arkansas, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria.

Not the least of the highlights will be messages from the many Arkansas pastors and Baptist leaders who have accepted assignments.

It appears that those who for any reason fail to attend the conference sessions this year will miss one of the greatest meetings in the history of Arkansas evangelism. Every preacher who possibly can should plan to attend.

'Birds of a feather'

THE latest findings of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy bear out the conclusions of the founders of Arkansas' Christian Civic Foundation to the effect that crime comes in clusters. Mr. Kennedy reported to Congress that "prostitution, narcotics, corruption of public officials and other organized crime are financed in part by 'immense profits' of gambling."

If the Attorney General would dare face all the facts, he would also find that the liquor business is a part of the crime package. For how often is it made a part of the record, when the criminal has been brought to court: "I never would have done it if I hadn't been drinking!"

This bears out the wisdom of the new program of the Christian Civic Foundation which concerns itself not just with the liquor problem, but with all problems of crime and immorality. The growing strength of the Foundation as it attracts more and more support from the people of Arkansas is one of the bright spots on the state's horizon.

Thoughts while strolling

SURELY the Lord has a warped sense of humor. Sunday there was a slight drizzle and a lot of good Baptists dared not venture out to attend church. But Monday the same good Baptists had to slop through a toad-strangling downpour to go to their jobs.

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A CONSERVATIVE is one who carefully looks both ways before crossing a one-way street. A Rebel is one who looks neither way. An Extreme Rightist is one who always looks just one way—the wrong way.

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THE CONDITION of the roots of his fruit trees is of vital concern to an orchardist. But the orchardist who insists on digging up his trees ever so often to see how they are getting along not only will have no crop of fruit. Soon he will not even have trees.

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SOUTHERN Baptist state paper editors have chosen as the theme for their annual winter conference, in Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 13-15, "Baptist Editors Facing Current Problems." Anyone who has been a Baptist editor as long as six months ought to be able to go to such a parley as something of an expert.

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THE fellow who "has all the answers" even has one for the charge that his mind is closed.

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THE liquor business would fold up in a hurry, predicts President Marshall Steel of Hendrix College, if it had to operate, as the church does, on the freewill offerings of its constituency. And, he adds, liquor would be shorn of its political power if profit could be taken out of the liquor business. Well, it's worth trying. Why not let the state do the liquor selling? That might be the next best thing to voting her dry.

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ONE step toward taking the attraction out of liquor peddling might be to pass a law requiring anyone securing a driver's license to submit to a scientific test for alcohol in the blood, and to charge the liquor seller for any damage done by one of his customers while "under the influence."

A knife to the throat

ONE of my favorite TV shows—one of a few I watch with any regularity—is "Amos and Andy." Of course, the show ought to be called "The Kingfish," for George (Kingfish) Stephens, the lovable bam-boozler, is the unfailing star.



ERWIN L.

In one of the programs recently the Kingfish had assumed the role of a marriage counselor. A rather hefty matron had given him \$100 to get her a husband.

Thinking more of getting a clear title to the cash than of the future happiness of his friend, Kingfish proceeded to "sell" Andy on giving up his bachelor status and marrying this particular woman.

When Andy was finally shown a picture of his prospective bride, he retorted, "But, Kingfish, she's too protrudin'."

For a moment the Kingfish's countenance fell. He had visions of losing the \$100. But then his face lighted up with a new idea.

"Andy," said the Kingfish, "you is a lucky man! Just think how much the food cost to put all that fat on that gal. You done got it made!"

This, of course, launches us on a consideration of eating and getting fat, as so many of us do or have done. It's true that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, but it is not at all necessary for the body to be stuffed and padded with built-in rings of surplus fat as is so commonly the case here in over-stuffed America.

A lot of us are by somebody overeating like we are by somebody overtalking—we join right in!

If we want to get down to brass tacks, it is a sin to stuff, even on good, wholesome food. Not only are we the stewards of our money and accountable for the way we spend it (such as for too much food), but we are the stewards of our bodies and our health. Most of us habitually consume twice as much food as the basic needs for our bodies.

Let's quit squandering our shekels and digging our graves prematurely, with our teeth!

Erwin L. McDonald

Doubts the Pope

REGARDING Mr. Brooks Hays' visit to the Pope: It is good to know that his visit was not in an official capacity with his government duties. I only hope that the Pope understood it that way.

However, I am more delighted to know that he did not go representing Southern Baptists. I could very well be wrong, but my opinion is that the Pope is not interested in "religious liberty throughout the world," nor in an "active spirit of unity and brotherhood."

Also, I am not convinced that the Pope and I are "brothers in Christ," and I am not doubting my salvation nor that of Mr. Hays.—W. V. Garner, Pastor, Immanuel Church, Texarkana.

From New Mexico

ALL Baptists appreciate an editor who does and will stand up and be counted on moral and other issues. May our Lord hold your hand all through 1962.—Mrs. L. M. Leeling, 237 Aliso Dr.; N. E., Albuquerque, N. M.

Arkansas City progress

I THOUGHT perhaps some of the Brethren would be happy to know of the progress that is being made in the Arkansas City Baptist Church.

We are happy to announce that the beautiful auditorium which was built during the pastorate of Rev. Harold Sadler has been completely paid for. The Pastor's home which was moved and remodeled during the pastorate of Rev. Theo T. James is paid for. The last notes of both were paid very recently.

Last Sunday evening the proposed plans drawn by the Architectural Department of the Sunday School Board for an educational building 50 x 85 feet, which will house two nurseries, Beginners, Primaries, Junior, Intermediate and Young Peoples Departments, was

unanimously adopted by the church. This proposed building is to be built during this year. Other minor improvements were also included in the proposed projects. A fine spirit of harmony and optimism prevails in the church.

Mr. Ralph Inman is chairman of the Building Committee and Mr. Robert Moore is chairman of the Finance committee.

We are very happy as pastor of this fine church. Blessings on you and your work.—Reese S. Howard, Pastor, Arkansas City Church

[Editor's Note: Our recent "Personally Speaking" feature on being thankful for our legs inspired Mrs. Whittington to compose this rhyme.—ELM]

Thanks for Legs

Thank you, Lord, for my two old legs, They are still pretty good old pegs, Altho they're crooked and sometimes stall I much prefer them to no legs at all.

—Mrs. Otto Whittington, Little Rock

The Bookshelf

Out of the Earth, by E. M. Blaiklock, Eerdmans, 1961, \$2

This is a revised and enlarged edition of a book first published in 1957. Its 90 pages deal with archaeology and the New Testament. Every chapter, except one, has been revised and enlarged from the book as it first appeared, and a new chapter on the sayings of Jesus and the Gospel of Thomas has been added.

The Ten Commandments in Modern Perspective, by Owen M. Weatherly, John Knox Press, 1961, \$3

The author of this application of the Ten Commandments to modern life is pastor of historic First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, one of the oldest Baptist churches in the country, dating back to 1698. He is a graduate of Furman University and received a Ph. D. degree from University of Chicago. Dr. Weatherly points out that the Ten Commandments are built into the very nature of the universe. They apply not only to those who acknowledge their relationship to God, but to every man, he states. Throughout the book, he underlines the fundamental responsibility of the home and family in passing on moral values. He insists that the church, the school, and the state share this responsibility.

The Many Sided Cross of Jesus, by Alan Walker, Abingdon, 1962, \$2

Dr. Walker's concern for a timely interpretation of the meaning of the cross stems from his theory that man's experience always precedes his doctrine. He feels that Christian thinkers of every cultural period should re-mint concepts which are meaningful for their own times; and drawing upon his world-wide experience in evangelism he seeks to clarify the meaning of the cross for the twentieth century.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT

"I hate to see them close. They were always SO considerate about soft-pedaling the mention of money."

COURTSHIP; MARRIAGE and the HOME...



By MRS. J. H. STREET

Recipe for a good marriage

QUESTION: "Several of the girls came back to our college campus after Christmas wearing engagement rings. That started a lot of jam-sessions about what really makes for love that lasts, and happy marriages. Some of us decided to write you. Would you tell us what you consider, well, say the three most important pre-requisites?"

Answer: The couples most likely to be still in love with each other on their silver and golden wedding anniversaries are those who think alike and feel alike about their religion and moral standards, their associates, money matters, having and rearing children; who have similar tastes in food, and enjoy the same types of recreation.

So, these are the qualities I would pin-point.

1. Congeniality

This comprehensive statement of the meaning of congeniality I found in a very old book, first copyrighted in 1880:

"... one possessed of an interior constitution of soul similar to ours, of similar age, opinions, tastes, habits, modes of thought and feeling. A congenial spirit is one who, under any given combination of circumstances, would be affected, feel, and act as we ourselves would. It is one who would approve what we approve, and condemn what we condemn, not for the purpose of agreeing with us, but of his or her own free will. This is a companion who is already united to us by the ties of spiritual harmony."

One groom I knew put it this way, in a fleeting moment with his mother, on the eve of his wedding day:

"Mom, it is as if I were marrying my alter ego, because she and I feel and think so much alike."

2. The Willingness to Work

And willingness to work presupposes good health.

Browning's poetic devotion to an invalid wife and Poe's glorification of frail beauty somehow

do not fit into today's practical-minded, calorie-conscious, sports-loving, lengthening-span way of life.

Those who respond to surveys do not list neuroses and money matters as first causes of marital difficulties; but counselors and psychiatrists know that many of the tensions and conflicts listed are directly traceable to poor health-attitudes, and too little—or too much—money.



3. "Sweet Reasonableness"

One marriage counselor of our day says he has never met two people who are entirely compatible. I've never read of anybody who has.

Rarely—but rarely!—would one ever find a couple whose congeniality measured up to that "gem," the definition of congeniality given in my old book from another era.

And I dare say that by this time that happy groom of recent years has had a clash or so with his "alter ego." But to my certain knowledge he and his bride are still in love and enjoying their home and their children.

Often and again, it falls the lot of one or the other, in well-mated couples, to be the patient, loving and understanding companion of an invalid.

Here, emotional maturity, acceptance of the "for better or for worse" clause, recognition that marriage is greater and more meaningful than idealistic dreams, come into play.

Where there is love, the determination to succeed, faith in each other, and the practice of prayer, incompatibilities and problems can be worked out and solved in satisfactory ways.

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"All true love is grounded on esteem." — Buckingham

"I am not one of those who do not believe in love at first sight, but I believe in taking a second look!" — H. Vincent

"Love is like the moon; when it does not increase, it decreases." — Segur

"The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved, loved for ourselves; or, rather, loved in spite of ourselves!" — Victor Hugo

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Be alert.

Be unafraid.

Be happy!

Rosalind Street

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

The church factionalist

By SELSUS E. TULL

3101 Lilac Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas



I AM distressed that so many of our Baptist churches are infected with a ruinous factionalism inside their membership. This is always a great and needless limitation, and sometimes breaks out in open disgrace. I am now making some observations on this subject, and for clearness, I will list them.

Wiles of the devil

THE DEVIL hates a Baptist church as he hates no other institution on earth. He had rather tear up a Baptist church than to use his "wiles" in any other pursuit. There was a Judas in the church which Jesus organized, and we know what he did for "The Head of the Church"!

A church factionalist is a church member whom the devil uses to break down the leadership of the pastor, and to tear up the fellowships of the church. The Apostle Paul calls such church members "grievous wolves" (Acts 20:29-30). In Revelation 2:6 Jesus calls them "Nicolaitans." This word is composed of two Greek words: *Nikao*, which means "to conquer," and *Laos*, which means "people." Jesus seems to have invented this particular combination of words. The two words put together mean "church bosses"—those in a church who would undertake to boss the "people" and run things as they please! Jesus says, "I hate them."

I do not remember any other passage in the Bible where Jesus says He "hates" anybody. That surely means that Jesus hates a church factionalist, as He hates the devil himself.

Why should Jesus say that? Because the church is "the bride of Christ." "Christ loved the church and gave himself for it."

The church factionalist, therefore, is no better than a Judas. It is said of Judas that "Satan entered into him" when he sold Jesus into the hands of his destroyers. It is sometimes true that a church factionalist is a woman. In that case Jesus refers to her as "that woman Jezebel" (Rev. 2:20).

Unmindful of consequences

A CHURCH factionalist is devoid of conscience. He is out to ruin with no respect to consequences. When a "preacher hater" goes out to "oust" a pastor from the pulpit he cares nothing about the consequences he brings down upon the pastor, even to destroying his usefulness as a preacher. Pastors are strictly salaried men. A factionalist will go about to displace the pastor

and cut his salary from under him which might leave the preacher and his family in destitution. The church factionalist cares nothing about that. He is conscienceless!

Once a church factionalist, always a church factionalist. Any church member who once comes to hate a preacher will never cease to hold all preachers under judgment, and he will be swift to act in the second case as he did in the first. If he should move his membership to another church in the course of time he will become a "problem" in that church. He is the devil's tool wherever he lives. He cannot be reformed. He is a total pervert.

Some churches are noted for short pastorates. Look into it, and you will find that there are "Nicolaitans" and "Jezebels" back behind such a record!

When confidences which God has established are once broken down they can never be restored. Marriage is one such illustration. A ruined marriage can never be healed. Church membership is a sacred covenant of relationship set up by Jesus himself. It is disastrous to break it down.

That man who designedly tears up a church can never be trusted again. Sadly enough, sometimes it may be a pastor. Any pastor who once splits a church and causes good people to fall out and to hate each other is an incurable misfit ever after that.

The way to break up factionalism in a church is to bring it out in the open, never appease it. Never run from it. Jesus said: "Tell it to the church." Bring it right out in open church conference. A New Testament church is given the right and the means to safeguard and to regulate its own membership. Church factions are always in the minority. When the majority speaks, minorities have no appeal. They must "behave themselves in the house of God" or get out!

Settling honest differences

HONEST differences can always be settled among spiritual Christians. I discussed this in a study-course book, *Church Organization and Methods*, published by the Sunday School Board some years ago. I used an expression in that book which covers this question. That expression is: "Brethren have a right to differ but they never have the right to destroy."

This means that brethren have a right to debate their differences up to the point of a possible breach of fellowship, but at that point all differences must be

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Mintz to NLR church

REV. Mel Mintz, formerly pastor of Riverside Church, Little Rock, has been called to the pastorate of Sherwood First Church, North Little Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Mintz have moved to the parsonage at 300 Fairway Ave., North Little Rock.



MR. MINTZ

Taylor Stanfill retires

TAYLOR Stanfill, for the past several years pastor of Magazine Church, has retired from the pastorate. He and Mrs. Stanfill will continue to live at their home on Highway 10 a mile east of Booneville.

Former pastorates included Second Church, Arkadelphia; Amity, Norman, Murfreesboro, Mena, DeQueen, Baring Cross, North Little Rock; and Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, which he served as first pastor. For several years he served as city missionary for Pulaski County.

Mr. Stanfill, a graduate of old Maynard Baptist Academy and Ouachita College, received his theological training at Southwestern Seminary.

He served for eight years as recording secretary of the State Convention.

"It is so good to have an annuity from the Annuity Board," writes Mr. Stanfill. "Too, we have Social Security dating from 1953. All of this will make it possible for us to live in comparative ease and to give the remaining years of our active life to mission work, supply, etc."

Revival reported

REV. Billy Walker of Walnut Ridge was the evangelist at Southside Church, Poteau, Okla., Rev. Jimmy Hoffman, pastor. There were 19 additions by baptism and seven by letter; 12 established family altars, four families pledged to tithe and there were 20 rededications.

Christian Civic Foundation moves ahead

THE Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas has adopted a record budget and voted to add a new, full-time worker to its staff.

In the annual meeting of the Foundation's board of directors, at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Jan. 15, a budget of \$32,000 was voted for the fiscal year beginning next June 1. This is approximately \$7,000 more than the budget for the current year.

The major portion of the budget this year was provided by two of the state's larger religious denominations, the Baptists and the Methodists. Baptist contributions totaled \$11,832.91, as compared with \$11,798.20 from the Methodists. The Assembly of God denomination presented a check for \$1,000 at the meeting.

The new position created is that of educational assistant. Major assignment of the new staff member will be that of promoting the educational program of the Foundation, working with schools, churches and civic and community organizations.

In a further action, one which Dr. William E. Brown, executive director, said would greatly increase the effectiveness of the organization, the board amended its constitution to increase the size of the board from 100 to 200 members.

In the absence of Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, outstanding authority on alcohol who was to have been the featured speaker, Dr. Marshall Steel, president of Hendrix College, Conway, spoke. Dr. Ivy's plane was grounded in Chicago by weather conditions.

Describing the liquor traffic as one of the major problems of today, Dr. Steel said the offensive should be directed against the profits of the business rather than against those who drink. Take the profit out of the liquor business and much of its "strength" will disappear, he declared.

The greatest threat to life, limb and property is not from down-and-out drunks but from cocktail

drinkers who are still at their steering wheels and whose reflexes have been slowed down but who feel they are more alert and capable than ever, said Dr. Steel.

Dr. Brown quoted Dr. Ivy to the effect that 62 percent (68,000,000) of Americans over 21 years of age were estimated as of 1960 to be drinkers of alcoholic beverages. Of these, 45,000,000 are described as non-problem drinkers, an estimated 6,000,000 drink moderately, 7,500,000 habitually, 4,100,000 heavily, and 5,400,000 are alcoholics. Two out of every five alcoholics are women, Dr. Brown said.

Lee I. Dance, second vice president, in charge of legislation, called for Christians of Arkansas to shoulder their responsibilities as voters.

"You can't stay out of politics, you are already in the middle of it," he declared. "Unless we take a more vital part, the forces of evil will have their way."

Dance urged Christians to give their prayer and support to public officials who have proved themselves and asked that men and women of unquestioned character and Christian convictions be encouraged to run for office.

"We are forced to live with evil in many cases because we have not shouldered our civic responsibilities," Dance said.

The voting records of members of the last Legislature on moral issues can be had by writing to The Christian Civic Foundation, Walden Building, Little Rock.

Again this year, questionnaires will be submitted to candidates for office and their replies published by the Foundation in advance of the summer primary.

President Paul Meers, recalling that it has been said that "dogooders" never elect anybody, said there is more and more evidence to the contrary in Arkansas elections.

All officers were re-elected for the coming year. Besides Mr. Meers and Mr. Dance, they are Dr. S. A. Whitlow, first vice-pres-

dent; Mrs. Edgar Dixon, third vice-president; Rev. Worth W. Gibson, fourth vice-president, Rev. Alfred A. Knox, secretary; Rev. J. Ralph Clayton, treasurer, and Tom F. Digby, Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Rev. Rheubin L. South, Rev. T. J. Gotcher, Rev. G. W. Hardcastle, Dr. Erwin L. McDonald and Dr. Kenneth L. Spore, members of the executive committee.

Religious Emphasis Week planned at Ouachita

CHAIRMEN of 16 committees for Religious Emphasis Week at Ouachita College Feb. 26-March 2 have been announced by the general co-chairmen, Justlyn Matlock, Little Rock, and Charles Petty, England.

The week will feature a team of well-known speakers who will conduct daily chapel services and lead classroom and dormitory discussions.

Colhecon officers

ANNJANETTE Emery, a junior from Ft. Smith, has been elected president of the Colhecon Club, the home economics honorary society, at Ouachita College. Miss Emery will serve through 1962, both spring and fall terms.

Other officers include Harriet High, of Waldo, first vice president; Linda Barber, Mansfield, Tex., second vice president; Betty Phillips, Marked Tree, secretary; Brenda Dale, Fisher, reporter; and Gwen Lane, Arbyrd, Mo., historian.

Mission dedicated

SOUTHSIDE Mission of First Church, Booneville, was formally dedicated Jan. 14 with Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the state Convention, as the dedicatory speaker.

The ground was broken for the mission just a year ago. Rev. Norman E. Lerch is pastor of First Church and the mission pastor is Rev. E. G. Waddell.

OBC Tiger Day chairman named

MISS Patsy Burroughs, sophomore from Hope, has been appointed general chairman for Ouachita College's Tiger Day, tentatively set for Mar. 26.

Miss Burroughs, appointed by student body president Johnny Jackson of Waldo, is the first to receive an assignment for Tiger Day, at which time the college hosts high school students from throughout the state. Last year more than 1,500 high school students attended.

DR. MORRIS Ashcraft, of the faculty of Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., was the guest teacher for the January Bible Study at First Church, Blytheville, Dr. John H. McClanahan, pastor.

Louis Ballard dies

REV. Louis Samuel Ballard, Hot Springs, died Jan. 12 en route to a Hot Springs hospital.

He was a retired Baptist minister and had been in the ministry 60 years. He was the author of several religious books and a former pastor of Trinity Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, Tex.

Mr. Ballard was a graduate of Ouachita College and the University of Massachusetts. He was a Mason and had lived in Hot Springs a year.

FIRST Church, Springdale, has voted to send Pastor Burton A. Miley on a study tour of the Holy Land this summer, the church bulletin reports. The trip is expected to take five weeks.



New building dedicated

MEMBERS of the Building Committee and Pastor Winston Foster (at the right) at dedication services for New Hope Church, Black Oak, Mt. Zion Association.

MEMBERS of New Hope Church, Black Oak, in Mt. Zion Association, Rev. Winston Foster, pastor, conducted a dedication service for their church building Jan. 17. The church is debt free and a note-burning ceremony was a feature of the service.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, state superintendent of Missions, preached the dedicatory sermon. Associa-

tional Missionary J. Carl Bunch assisted in the services.

The church was organized in 1917 and the first building erected in 1924 on the present site. A modern six-room parsonage was built and a butane gas installation made in 1953. The present building, of tile block construction, with an auditorium and five classrooms, was built in 1958.

Beauty finalists

EIGHT girls have been chosen as semi-finalists in the beauty contest sponsored by *The Ouachitonian*, the yearbook for Ouachita College.

Selected by a student vote were Rebecca Blackmon, Fordyce; Sandy Elliff and Alice Reaves, Little Rock; Hing Fong, Hughes; Sue Ann Smith, Hope; Sondra Wallis, Clinton, Mo.; Jane Weber, Fort Smith; and Verna Westerman, Weiner.

Pictures of the eight will be sent to movie star Troy Donahue, who will select four top beauties. Full-page pictures of his choices will be featured in the 1962 *Ouachitonian*, while pictures of the other semi-finalists will appear in a two-page spread.

The 12 quarter-finalists, who appeared in chapel wearing informal attire, were introduced by Brian Nelson, *Ouachitonian* editor. They had been selected from 30 candidates who appeared in a formal pageant Dec. 4.

OBC registration

REGISTRATION at Ouachita College for the spring semester will begin Thursday, Jan. 25. Freshmen and seniors will register Jan. 25, followed by sophomores and juniors Jan. 26. Registration of graduate and special students will be Saturday, Jan. 27. The last day to register will be Feb. 9. Classes will begin Monday, Jan. 29.

Wedding anniversary observed

REV. and Mrs. Doyle B. Bledsoe observed their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 15 at the parsonage of First Church, Stuttgart.

An informal reception was hosted by their children. Mrs. Ray Daugherty and Mrs. Ed Knight assisted in serving the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe were married in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harper, parents of the bride,

DR. JOHN H. McClanahan, pastor of First Church, Blytheville, is the author of the Sunday School series for the Sunday School Married Young People for January, February, March, 1962. Dr. McClanahan will be a member of the Focus Week team at Baylor University, Feb. 12-16, in Waco, Tex.

FIRST Church, Ft. Smith, ordained three deacons Jan. 17, Neal Albright, Paul Gean and Garland Brackett.

Math Society elects

MISS Hing Fong, Hughes, has been elected president of the Math Honor Society at Ouachita College for the spring semester.

Other officers include Suheil Srouji, Nazareth, Israel; David Morrison, El Dorado, and Julia Price, Texarkana, as vice presidents; Mary Nell Kellum, Kenosha, Wisc., secretary; and Sal Shibley, Nazareth, Israel, reporter.

Ordained to ministry

BOBBY Hethcox was ordained to the ministry Jan. 3 at services at Rover Church.

Members of the ordaining council were Dr. Ralph Phelps, Jr., moderator; Rev. William E. Woodson, clerk; Dr. Vester E. Wolber, C. A. Bowen, Roscoe Hogan, Dr. Cecil Sutley and T. E. Sloan. Dr. Wolber led the questioning and Dr. Phelps gave the charge to the church and to Mr. Hethcox, who is pastor of the Rover church.

in La Pile, Ark., Jan. 15, 1937. Mr. Bledsoe was then superintendent of schools at Urbana, Ark. He has been pastor of First Church, Stuttgart, almost three years, coming from First Church, Booneville. The Bledsoes have five children: Ben, theological student at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; James, a freshman at Ouachita College; Nancy, 16; Robert, 13; and Mildred Ruth, 11.

Correction on Joneses

WE have learned that we interpreted a note some time ago from Rev. and Mrs. Jim Jones, formerly of the staff of the Arkansas Baptist Children's Home. Jones writes that he has been pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Henrietta, N. C., since leaving the Arkansas orphanage. Their son, Wendell, was adopted from Spring Meadows Baptist Children's Home, Middletown, Ky.

Deacons ordained

EARL Jones, Jr., and M. Lewis, recently elected deacons of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, were ordained at a special service Sunday, Jan. 14. C. Nelson is pastor at Beech Street.

Clear Creek Association

Paul E. Wilhelm, Missionary

NEW officers for the Youth Organization of the association are: president, Miss Jackie Coleman; Alma, First Church; vice president, Miss Nancy McClure, of Oak Grove; secretary, Miss Quita Maxwell, of Ozark, First Church; and pianist, Miss Ann Chessner, Kilgus.

IN A recent revival at Oak Grove Church, Rev. E. W. Kay, pastor of Milby Road Church, Arlington, Tex., did the preaching with Clayton Neidecker, music rector of Oak Grove, in charge of music. There were five additions. During the last quarter of the year this church has reached the highest Sunday School average in its history. Rev. J. W. Burrows is pastor.

REV. J. Harold Smith, formerly pastor of First Church, Ft. Smith, was the evangelist in a recent revival at First Church, Van Buren. Dwayne Fischer, activities director of the church, was in charge of the music. There were 30 received for baptism and 15 additions to the letter. Rev. Charles D. Graves is pastor.

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Pastoral counseling aids the ill

NEARLY five years ago, in March, 1957, a psychiatrist in private practice dropped by Chaplain Don Corley's office at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock

"Would you mind talking to one of my patients?" he asked. "I think he has a religious problem and talking to a minister might help him. Right now, I don't feel that I can make any progress with him until we get this religious thing worked out."

Dr. Corley consented and the initial interview with the patient stretched into a series of 11, during which the patient did succeed in getting his religious difficulties worked out so that his psychiatric treatment could be resumed.

Since that first patient, a total of 450 people seeking help on religious matters have come to the chaplain's office and more than 2,870 hours have been spent in counseling these people.

Recently, the chaplain's office was reorganized as a Department of Pastoral Care with a pastoral counseling service as part of its overall work. Two chaplains and a pastoral intern are now in the department and Dr. Corley, one of the two chaplains, devotes a major portion of his time to pastoral counseling.

Following the lead of other hospitals offering such services, a small out-patient fee is being charged by the Hospital to those outside the Hospital who come to the Department of Pastoral Care for pastoral counseling. This will help to defray the cost of operating the pastoral counseling service, which otherwise would have to be absorbed in charges made to patients in the Hospital.

Some of the people who come begin as patients in the Hospital but come back on an out-patient basis. Many have never been in the Hospital but are referred by various sources. The largest number of those referred were sent by



CHAPLAIN Don Corley in a counseling session in his office at the Hospital.

physicians who recognized a need for such counseling in the patients they sent. There were 182 sent by doctors, 50 by ministers, 155 who were self referrals (this included 95 student nurses) and 64 who were referred by friends and relatives.

Why do these people look for help from a minister? According to Dr. Corley's breakdown, 185 of them had problems involving marriage and family; 12 needed pre-marriage counseling; 69 needed help with school adjustment; 12 with vocational adjustment; 42 with religious conflict; and 131 with mild emotional stress involving anxiety, guilt, and depression.

If people who come for pastoral counseling really need psychiatric help—as 80 of these did—they are immediately referred to a psychiatrist or a psychiatric hospital, Dr. Corley said.

"This counseling service is not an effort to diagnose or treat mental illness," Dr. Corley said emphatically. Because of the shortage of mental health facilities, however, this service offers a means of help for people with less serious forms of inter-personal stress.

Statistics on the people who have already received counseling reveal:

The average age of the counselees was 32½ years. Each counselee came, on an average, of five times for 50-minute interviews spaced one week apart.

The counselees came generally from "white-collar" occupations, although a cross section of vocations was represented.

They were in the slightly upper middle class, with average incomes of from \$4,800 to \$8,500 per year.

Most of them—284—were Baptist but all other major Protestant faiths were represented as well as were the Catholic and Jewish faiths. Thirty-four had no religious affiliation.

The counselees came from 26 different counties, with Pulaski County sending 357, or almost four-fifths of the total.

Pastoral counseling, according to Dr. Corley, is aimed at "a healthier and more constructive adjustment to the realities of life . . . and a more realistic appropriation of the Christian faith to personal experience." This is the continuing philosophy back of the daily round of interviews between the Hospital's minister and people with deep personal problems.

ETERNAL SALVATION

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

President, Southern Baptist Convention

First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

IN JESUS' high priestly prayer (John 17) He prayed, "Those that thou gavest me *I have kept*" (v. 12, author's italics). Though men may be faithless, He is faithful. To that end the Scriptures teach the ultimate salvation of all who believe in Jesus (Rom. 13:11; I Thess. 5:9; Heb. 9:28). There will be degrees of reward in heaven for the saved according to their works, but all true believers will be saved by God's grace (Luke 12:47-48; I Cor. 3:11-15). And all who truly trust in Jesus shall be with Him in glory. The message of Revelation is the victory of Christ and the believer's victory in Him. "Now is come salvation . . . for the accuser [Satan] of our brethren is cast down . . ." (Rev. 12:10)

This ultimate and complete salvation is called glorification (Rom. 8:30). Paul said, "If so be that we suffer with him [in this life], that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of

this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18). As children of God we shall be heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17). We shall share in the glory of Christ in heaven (cf. John 17:5; Rev. 4:11; 5:5-14; 20:-21). John said, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:2).

Paul, even when writing under inspiration, could not find words to express it. "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery . . . which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world knew. . . . But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Cor. 2:7-9).

That will be glory for you and me!



Missions and the bounty

THE BOUNTY hunter was a passing figure on the American scene. The business of the bounty hunter was to capture the criminal "dead or alive" and collect the reward for his "head." You may get the impression from the abundance of bounty hunting on television that the practice ceased because the economy couldn't stand it.

A friend of mine—with tongue in cheek, I hope—suggests that we could better spend our mission money by paying a bounty—so much a "head"—for everybody won to Christ. He wonders if

we wouldn't be more zealous at soul winning if we thus worked on a "quota" system.

The New Testament knows nothing about missions *motivated* by bounty *hunting*. But it does teach that missions should be *supported* by bounty *giving*.

Bounty was among the many interesting words used by Paul in II Cor. 8-9 to refer to the mission gift of the Corinthians. Paul urged a planned program of giving to missions: "Make up *beforehand* your bounty" (II Cor. 9:5).

At first blush you may suppose bounty merely to refer to what is

left over. Surprisingly enough Paul's emphasis is at an entirely different point. The word here translated *bounty* is translated *blessing* in other contexts. As a matter of fact, our English *eulogy* is derived from the Greek *eulogia* used here. The *eulogy* is an expression of praise for blessing received. The *eulogy* itself is sometimes called a blessing especially when spoken to God.

All of which reminds that we can bless others only with that whereby we have been blessed. If we are in this mood that we should give to missions, "as a matter of bounty (blessing), and not as of covetousness" (II Cor. 9:6).

So, the motive for missions is not bounty *hunting* but bounty *giving*. By the nature of the case, however, to *give* a blessing naturally involves the *receipt* of a blessing in return. Hence Paul concluded: "He which soweth bountifully (in blessings) shall reap also bountifully (in blessings)" (II Cor. 9:6).

Tanganyika's freedom peaceful, worshipful

“AFRICAN Baptists have associated the dignity of freedom with the God of creation, love, and true peace,” says Rev. G. Webster Carroll in reports from Southern Baptist missionaries in Tanganyika on their “once-in-a-lifetime” experience of witnessing a nation’s birth.

“We missionaries and the national Baptist pastors have sought for weeks to prepare our people to recognize and grant God his rightful place in Tanganyika’s independence,” Mr. Carroll continues. “Sermons, Sunday School lessons, and other means have been used to lead Baptists to a new commitment to Christ as Lord of citizenship and all that national loyalty means, as well as to emphasize the importance of separation of church and state.”

Tanganyika took its place among the family of nations (“It walks with boldness, a bit of fear, and a soaring hope,” says Missionary Clarence A. Allison) on Dec. 9 when Britain’s Duke of Edinburgh presented the constitutional instrument to Prime Minister Julius Nyerere. “Uhuru (Freedom)!” shouted the Prime Minister and his Cabinet as the ceremony ended.

A former German possession, Tanganyika was administered by Britain after World War I under a League of Nations mandate and after World War II under a United Nations trusteeship agreement.

Dar es Salaam, the capital and scene of the official ceremonies accompanying independence, means “Haven of Peace.” “This is the perfect description thus far for Tanganyika’s march to *uhuru*,” says Mr. Carroll, “and indeed for the actual celebrations themselves as the spirits of the 9,200,000 people rose to exuberant rejoicing.”



—Photo by Gerald S. Harvey

IN COLORFUL dress, African tribal chiefs from throughout Tanganyika led delegations of their people to Dar es Salaam, the capital, for celebrations of the achievement of independence on Dec. 9. In the picture Southern Baptist Missionary Charles W. Bedenbaugh meets the chief of the Maswa.

Official celebrations began on Dec. 8 with special services of dedication in churches of all faiths.

“We commend the new government for beginning its program of independence with worship,” said Mr. Carroll. “As did the people of other faiths, Baptists gathered in the early morning hours to rejoice and thank God for his blessings and leadership in this new day.”

Factionalist

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surrendered and forgotten for the sake of the harmony of the church.

A church fuss is a disgrace to the cause of Christ. It nullifies the Gospel appeal. That is why the devil delights to bring it about. There is no experience on this earth more glorious and more powerful than a great, harmonious church life. Its benevolent ministries, its standards of righteousness, its evangelistic inspiration, become Christ’s greatest gift to human society.

Such a church is designed to be the prototype of heavenly fellowships. It is earth’s most winning

agency in bringing the knowledge of salvation to a lost world. That iconoclast who would despoil the beauty and hinder the power of a Christ-planted church deserves only to be abolished!

“That they may be one” is the last prayer of Jesus (John 17) for the church He established on earth. All church members who love Jesus will “endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace”!

[Editor’s Note: Dr. Tull was ordained to the ministry Aug. 15, 1897, and began his first full-time pastorate in July, 1903. During a long pastoral career, he served a total of eight churches, all of them “First” churches in cities of five different states in the Southern Baptist Convention. He has had wide participation in denominational activities, both state and Convention-wide.—ELM]

By THE BAPTIST PRESS

Building aide

EARNEST B. Myers, formerly Sunday School secretary-building consultant of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, was recently added to the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Architecture Department as building consultant. A native Mississippian, Mr. Myers is also a former pastor.



MR. MYERS

Founder honored

FACULTY and students alike paused from busy schedules Jan. 11 in honor of James P. Boyce, founding father of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

A special chapel service marked the 135th anniversary of his birthday. Guest speaker for the occasion, the 55th observance of Founder's Day, was Dr. L. R. Elliott, professor of bibliography and director of libraries, emeritus, at Southwestern Seminary.

Mein named liaison for Graham crusade

DR. DAVID Mein, Southern Baptist missionary, has been elected by evangelical leaders of Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, to work with the Billy Graham team in preparing for the evangelist's 1962 crusade in the city. He will serve until an executive committee can be named.

Tentative plans for the Recife campaign, to be held in late September or early October, call for an associate evangelist on the Billy Graham team to preach six or seven nights and then for Dr. Graham to preach at the closing service.

Dr. Mein is president of the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, in Recife.

First regional music clinic in Mobile

MOBILE, Ala., will be the site of the first Southern Baptist regional church music clinic of 1962, set for Feb. 12-13. It will involve the Mobile Baptist Association, church music departments of the Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida state Baptist Conventions, and the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Simultaneous conferences will be offered in each age-group music activity, associational music ministry, developing the worship service, classes for organists, pianists, choir officers and leaders, song leaders, and pastors.

Other regional music clinics for 1962 are scheduled as follows: Fayetteville, Ark., May 14-15; Amarillo, Tex., May 17-18; Washington, D. C., Sept. 10-11; and Evansville, Ind., Nov. 19-20.

Baylor receives grant

BAYLOR University has received a \$77,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue for the fifth year its Summer Science Institute.

Classes will be taught in the fields of chemistry, physics, mathematics and biology to approximately 50 high school and junior high teachers.

The institute will be June 25-Aug. 18 on the Waco campus.

About 274 colleges and universities received grants totalling \$26.4 million to support 475 institutes that will be held across the country.

Purpose of the summer institutes is to increase the ability and classroom effectiveness of science teachers.

Conference planned

STUDENTS from colleges, universities, hospitals and medical schools will gather at New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La., for the eighth annual Student Missions Conference Feb. 23-24.

The missions conference has grown in attendance from nearly

200 when it was started in 1955 to more than 400 in 1960 and 1961.

Offerings skyrocket

SOUTHERN Baptist Convention stewardship leaders report the Forward Program of Church Finance works successfully in the southern hemisphere too.

Merrill D. Moore of Nashville, executive secretary of the SBC Stewardship Commission, released this information from Missionary Thurmon Bryant in Sao Paulo, Brazil:

"One of the most interesting phases of our work has been in the area of stewardship. While at the First Baptist Church we put on the Forward Program of Church Finance. Of course this was entirely new to them and to us in its adapted stage.

"However, most of the program was done just like it is in the States. Before this emphasis the church was giving \$150 a month. During the program the offerings jumped to \$300 a month. The budget was pledged for \$450 monthly, but to the amazement of all, the church has been giving regularly more than \$625, and one month gave \$750.

"This is a church where the highest paid member makes about \$200. There are 265 members. The church now pays its own pastor and puts \$200 a month aside for the building program."

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Rhodesian students

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admit any qualified students from our foreign mission fields provided they are recommended by two Southern Baptist foreign missionaries."

He added this is the first time the policy has been followed.

The Makasholos came with the recommendation of missionaries Marion G. and Jane Fray, who are presently at home on furlough from Southern Rhodesia. The Frays, alumni of Ouachita, met the African couple at the airport in Little Rock on their arrival.

The trip was financed by the Southern Baptist Mission in Southern Rhodesia and by money Makasholo raised by selling his cattle.

Phelps said he notified the student body at Ouachita a week before the arrival date of the Makasholos. The students had been advised in 1960 of what the trustee policy would ultimately mean, and also knew last fall someone was coming during 1961-62.

A campus service fraternity, he added, has been raising funds to help with some of the couple's personal expenses.

"In challenging the student body, I told them that the stakes involved are much higher than just how these two individuals are treated. We have taken this step with the conviction it is an essential part of our world mission program.

"Our missionaries in Africa and other parts of the world have told us the communists are 'beating them to death' with the fact that mission converts are not permitted to come to the school that sent out the missionaries.

"We are hoping to take the handcuffs off our missionaries in some of these areas where the struggle between Christianity and communism is so acute," Phelps said.

"I told the students and faculty they are in dead center of this world struggle in their treatment of these two products of our world mission program. I told them in a very real sense they hold the key to the future of a very important part of our world," he continued.

Makasholo is originally from the Basuto tribe in Basutoland, in Southern Africa.



Meet the 'Traveler'

A FIRST-YEAR student in the School of Nursing of the Baptist Hospital, Asuncion, Paraguay, greets the 'Arkansas Traveler,' a gift to the school from the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas.

THE SCHOOL of Nursing of the Baptist Hospital, Asuncion, Paraguay, graduated its fourth class, eight young women, on Dec. 2, bringing to 25 the number of graduates in the school's seven-year history. Seventeen of the graduates work in the Asuncion hospital and one in the Baptist Clinic in Barranquilla, Colombia.

The School of Nursing occupies a building dedicated in March, 1961. Missionary Nurse Wanda

Ponder, director of the school, reports that the new facilities will allow for admission of a new class each year, a program previously impossible because of limited dormitory space.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas has given the school a skeleton named the "Arkansas Traveler," who makes his first public appearance in this photo exclusive to the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

William Paxton

WILLIAM E. Paxton, an Arkansan, wrote an early history of Louisiana Baptists.



DR. SELPH

Mr. Paxton was born in Little Rock, June 23, 1825. He entered the academy at Washington, Arkansas, in 1841. He moved to Kentucky in 1842 and entered a private school. Here he received excellent training for the next 15 months. He entered Georgetown College, September, 1843, graduating from this school two years later.

He entered the teaching field but began reading law preparatory to its practice. He moved to Bienville parish, Louisiana, 1853, and took up the law profession. To meet the state requirement he began study of the subject anew. He was asked to take the preparatory department of Mt. Lebanon University. Soon he was admitted to the bar and continued the practice of law until the Civil War.

Though he was converted at about 13 years of age, he did not join the church until a student at Georgetown College. He was licensed to preach by the Sparta church in northwest Louisiana, 1864. This church was convinced he should preach. One day without his knowledge that it was about to do such a thing and in his absence, the church licensed him.

Soon after this, he moved to Minden, La., where he became principal of an academy and later opened a private school. He moved to Shreveport as president of the University in 1772. In both places he served as pastor of churches.

Yellow fever swept Shreveport in 1773. Though Mr. Paxton lived outside town, every morning he

rode into town, ministered to the sick, buried the dead, and comforted the bereaved. Finally the dread disease laid hold on him. He recovered, but never with robust health as before.

He moved to Warren, Arkansas, 1778, and took charge of Centennial Institute. Warren and Ebenezer churches were under his pastoral care. After five years, Dr. Paxton moved to Ft. Smith as pastor of the First Baptist church. He died four months later.

This educator-pastor was a prolific writer. At age 13, he was writing verses for the Washington, Ark., *Telegraph*. During college days, he contributed to literary journals. At different times, he was editor and associate editor of different papers. He was a regular contributor to the religious press. While at Warren, he was an associate editor of the *Arkansas Evangel*. He penned several books, and at one time served as associate editor of the *Baptist Encyclopedia*.

Clear Creek

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EIGHT have surrendered to special service at Kibler Church during recent months. They are Larry Chessser, Kenny Preston and Terry Preston to the ministry with Judy Akins, Zelda Arnold, Karen Chessser, Becky Chessser and Susan Sanders to be missionaries. The new budget includes 22 percent for missions. Rev. Charles Chessser, Jr. is pastor.

UNION Grove Church has recently completed new educational space — new classrooms, modern rest rooms and hall space with it all paid for by completion. Rev. John O. Woodard is pastor.

FIRST Church, Alma, has called Rev. T. F. Dillard as mission pastor for Rudy. A new Hammond organ was presented to the Alma Church recently by members of the J. H. Cole family. The new church budget for 1962 shows an 81 percent increase over last year's budget, with 20 percent of this going for missions. Of the 113 ad-

ditions to Alma, First, during the past year, 49 came by baptism. Rev. O. Lynn Langston is pastor.

IN A recent meeting at Mulberry, First Church, there were 12 additions by baptism and many dedications. Rev. Billy Walker was the evangelist, with Harry Wilson, of Kelley Heights Church, Ft. Smith, leading the singing. Rev. Charles Duncan is pastor.

FIRST Church, Coal Hill, has added new steps and entrance to their auditorium. Interior of the church is being painted with new screens and doors also added. Rev. Doyle Smith is pastor.

TRINITY Church, Crawford County, has decorated the interior of their church building. New floor coverings have been laid and new pews have been installed. Rev. Finus Card is pastor.

A NEW home for the associational missionary is under construction at Ozark. Its 2,000 square feet of floor space will include three bedrooms, family room, kitchen, living room and office. Trustees for the property are A. Bond, Webb City; Julian Rowtan, Clarksville, and Charles Starbird, Alma. Building committee is composed of Rev. Charles Chessser, pastor at Kibler; Rev. Charles D. Graves, pastor at Van Buren, First; and Rev. Ben T. Haney, pastor at Ozark, First.

VAN BUREN, Second, has begun construction of 1,800 square feet of new classroom space. Foundation walls have been laid and preparation is being made for the floor. Rev. Robert Morrison is pastor.

WE agonize over the tragedy of 25,500,000 lost people in Thailand — the smiling people with whom we bargain in the markets, the courteous boys who deliver our paper and put gas in our car, the friendly men who drive us about in pedicabs, the wealthy landlord who rents us our house, the charming children who play with our own, the gracious people who are our neighbors and friends. All carry hearts burdened with need, fear and uncertainty. — J. Glenn Morris, missionary to Thailand

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

(Author of the new paper-back, *The Religion Of A Sound Mind*, published by Broadman Press.)

Modern Jezebels

QUESTION: Will you please explain II Kings 9:30 to me. My husband says that I am making modern Jezebels out of our girls because I buy them light lipstick. Are there any scriptures that will help me in standing up against him?



DR. HUDSON

ANSWER: Yes, you might try the passage in Matthew 7 about having a beam in your own eye and at the same time trying to get a mote out of your brother's eye. There are passages, too, which say that God does not look on the outward appearance of man. Or in Matthew 23 there is a passage about straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel.

II Kings 9:30 says very simply that Jezebel painted her face, but that was the least important thing said about her.

There is nothing to explain. It also says that she "looked out the window" but that is no prohibition against looking out windows.

Your husband must be a very hostile man. Try to see why he is so angry. In the meantime point out to him that so far as anyone has ever been able to show there is no correlation between make-up and Christian character.

Let the girls use lipstick. Girls should be as pretty as they can. Beauty is one of God's good things, even if a part of it comes from the drug store.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

World Missions

Like a wagon wheel

[Missionary John D. Gearing, of Mississippi County Association, has used the illustration of a wagon wheel to portray the Baptist world mission program.]

THE HUB of the wheel is the program of the association, for the whole mission program of Christ revolves, in part, and is somewhat connected to the program of the association. Yet the hub of the wheel is useless in itself.

The spokes of the wheel represent the different departments of the State Convention, such as Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., Brotherhood, Music, Race Relations, Hospitals, Colleges, Orphanages, Missions, Evangelism, State Paper, and the Executive Secretary and other staff members, each department being useless trying to operate alone in reaching and promoting their program into every church within the state. They have to be connected to something in order that they might be held together and do their work sufficiently.

It is through the associational program that the various departments of the State Conventions can reach all the churches, both large and small, and promote their program. In order for the program of Christ in the states to be strong, there had to be strong associational programs; also the spokes had to be of equal size and strength and had to be bound together at the other end to be enduring.

I visualize the felloe or the wooden rim of the wheel as being this agent, and I realize the work of the Home Mission Board is the thing that holds all of our State Conventions together. Only as our people minister to all within the bounds of our territory are we carrying out the Great Commission of Christ.

Yet, with the wooden rim alone, the wheel would warp, wear out easily, and make the wheel useless. The steel rim represents the Foreign Mission Board as it girds the world. The steel rim holds the entire wheel together, keeping it strong and durable.

When Southern Baptists fail to promote the program of our Lord around the world, we fail to be true New Testament churches.

What good is a wheel by itself? Does it not need something on which to revolve? The axle represents the local church, as it is through the local church that the entire mission program has to revolve. Yet, the axle was made up of small strands of steel welded together to give them strength in number; so the church is made up of Christians welded together, cooperating and worshipping together. Then the entire mission program of Christ depended on members of local churches.

In order for a wheel to run correctly and efficiently, axle grease must be applied to the axle, and the only thing that I can think of to represent the grease is every member's tithes and offerings. Without that, the entire mission program of Christ would be impossible.—John D. Gearing

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DEPARTMENTS

Executive Board

Evangelism, stewardship

ALL GOOD Christian stewards are interested in winning the lost.

The New Testament Christians were concerned about the spiritual condition of their fellow-man, because they had compassion. That compassion for lost souls drove them to the "out - of - the - way" places to bear witness and give their testimonies.

When the time came for real witnessing and firm talking they never shirked. In fact, they were so concerned about people that they laid their all on the line for God, including their possessions, "for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the prices of things that were sold and laid them at the apostles' feet." These Christians



DR. DOUGLAS

had a burning desire to preach the gospel and win the lost.

This action was brought about largely because of Pentecost, because a great many of the leaders of that early church went through the Pentecost where revival fires burned in hearts and souls were saved by the hundreds.

The State Evangelism Conference, set for Jan. 29-31, is a good time to experience a new Pentecost. If more of our Baptists would attend this meeting, we believe that more of our people would be willing to help win souls in the year 1962.

Then, remember—this meeting is not just for the preacher, but for the laymen and laywomen as well. This will be a fine time to spend a few hours where revival fires can be kindled and lives dedicated to the task of "Living for Christ." If you have not planned to attend the Evangelism Conference, reconsider, you may be planning to miss the very thing that could do more for you and your Christian living than any other one thing.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary.

Student Union

University of Arkansas

STATISTICS. The University of Arkansas is located at Fayetteville, and of the 6,388 students enrolled, 1,750 are Baptist.



DR. LOGUE

BSU Director. Jamie Jones has served in this position since 1951.

BSU Center. The original house and lot, costing \$18,952, was purchased in 1947 by the state convention. The new center was erected in 1957 and cost approximately \$68,000. The state

convention paid approximately \$42,000 of this. The remainder was paid for by local sources, as was the \$8,000 for furniture. (First Baptist Church of Fayetteville contributed approximately \$14,000 on the new center.) The center is the largest in the state with 6,466 square feet of floor space.

BSU Activities: The Baptist Student Union at the University has a full program of BSU activities, which includes a daily devotional service, frequent socials in the center, and various mission activities. Among the mission projects are weekly services at the County Jail and at the Convalescent Home. The BSU publishes a paper, "The Link," and has an active alumni association. There are 66 international students enrolled at the University this year.—Tom J. Logue, Director

Missions-Evangelism

"By all means win some"

Some reminders

THERE are several new and important things coming out in the field of Evangelism. One of the latest is "Cultivative and Commitment Witnessing," promoted by Dr. Aultrey, Secretary of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board.



MR. REED

To explain and introduce this important matter and four other ideas of interest to our pastors, I am calling a meeting Jan. 29, 1:15 p.m., in the Whittington Chapel of Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Most of these ideas are concerning pastors who have staffs but any pastor is welcome. These ideas of promotion will definitely aid the work if promoted with interest and enthusiasm.

Remember 1:35 to 1:45 p.m., just before the Evangelism Conference begins.

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let's get out laymen and their wives to the Evangelism Conference. Pastors bring your wives. Music and education directors should have their way paid by the churches. You pastors should see that this is done.

Two special meetings will be held for laymen and their wives. The men will meet at 1:45 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the Baptist Babernacle, 924 Pine Street, Little Rock. The ladies will meet at 2:00 p.m. with Calvary Church, 1901 N. Pierce St., Little Rock.

Personally, I am hoping that most of the people who attend these two "special sessions" will stay over for the closing service of the Conference.

Televangelism programs, "The Answer" series, will be on the following stations, beginning Feb. 4: KFSA-TV, Ft. Smith, Channel 5 at 4:30 p.m. each Saturday; KFOY-TV, Hot Springs, Channel 9, at 2:30 p.m. Sundays.

Pastors in these areas, how about running this information in your bulletins, urging the people to tune in.

Did you observe "Soul-Winning Commitment Day," Sunday, January 7? If you did not it is not too late. Do it soon. You will be glad you do.

See you Jan. 29—2 p.m. at the Evangelism Conference.

Yours for a great Conference.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

Religious Education

Our basic challenge

EVERY serious-minded Christian worker constantly struggles with the problem of keeping God's work in God's hand. When we are in His will, He works in us both "to will and to do of His good pleasure."



MR. ELLIFF

But, it is so easy to be doing "our" will in "our" strength! When such is true, we are made painfully conscious of ourselves and the machinery of our work. There is nothing (we have all observed) more dead nor deadening than human plans and human effort out of God's will and power.

While the Religious Education Division is primarily concerned with plans, organization, and promotion, we as workers must maintain a close personal walk with the Lord. We must take time to cultivate our own devotional life. As a group we must claim God's leadership and His power for the work He wants done.

This is our greatest challenge. There is nothing we covet more than an interest in your prayers. We want to maintain the spiritual stature necessary for the responsibility of our work. Our prayer is that we will be the actual "tools" of God for the work He wants done.—J. T. Elliff, Director



MISS RUTH VANDERBERG



MRS. ALLEGRA LA PRAIRIE

Ouachita again scene for YWA houseparties

Training Union

Group Learning Clinic

AT THE Group Learning Clinic, Bellevue Church, Memphis, February 12-16, Training Union workers will not study methods, but instead, will learn how to use materials for group learning. The entire week will be spent in learning how to have better programs. The clinic begins at 7:00 p.m. Monday and closes at 9:30 p.m. Friday.



MR. DAVIS

The purpose of the clinic will be to train leaders through actual participation in the steps necessary for effective learning in Training Union. If you would like to stay in a private home (\$1.50 for bed and breakfast), write Mrs. T. M. Deaton, Kensington Place, Memphis, Tenn.

CORRECTION

In the brown date book the North Central district Training Union tournament is listed to meet at Mountain View. This should be changed to West Batesville.

Important Dates This Spring

1. Feb. 12-16—Group Learning Clinic, Memphis
2. Feb. 19—State-wide, Associational Leadership Meeting
3. Mar. 12-16—Eight district tournaments
4. April 1-8—Youth Week
5. April 7—Youth Night in each association
6. April 18—State Youth Convention, Little Rock.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

MISS RUTH Vanderberg, missionary to Indonesia; Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, social worker and director of the Sellers Home in New Orleans; and Miss Amanda Tinkle, missionary to Nigeria, are three of the speakers scheduled to participate in the second winter houseparty to be held at Ouachita College Feb. 16-18. This houseparty is planned especially for high school YWAs and their leaders, but all groups are most welcome.

Another houseparty will be held Mar. 2-4, also at Ouachita. The March houseparty is for the career and college girl and students in schools of nursing.

Information concerning the February houseparty has been mailed to all YWA leadership and may be obtained by writing the WMU office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Reservations may be made by sending name and address with \$2.00 reservation fee to this same address. All YWA girls, directors and counselors are invited—Mary Hutson, Youth Director

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South American mission tour

THE STATE Convention approved a recommendation of the Executive Board that Dr. Ralph Douglas and I lead a group of pastors on a mission tour of South America. We have outlined an itinerary, set tentative date (July 30-Aug. 21) and have had some correspondence with the Foreign Mission Board and others, but still lack a sufficient number to make the tour possible.

The purpose of such a tour is in preparation of World Mission Emphasis in 1963. It is thought that if a group of our pastors could go and get first-hand information about the work of the missionaries and the needs of their fields that they could arouse the missionary fervor of all Arkansas Baptists as they speak in conferences and meetings over the state telling what they saw and felt.

Most likely the churches will have to pay most, if not all, of the pastors' expenses if they get to go. This will be impossible for many, but are there not 30 churches who would like to send their pastors on such a missionary journey? It is not to be a mere pleasure trip of sight-seeing.

Such a mission tour ought to do three things:

First, it would enrich the entire ministry of the pastor;

Second, it would bring rich dividends to the church for many years;

Third, it would help to stir a greater mission interest throughout the entire state.

The anticipated cost will be from \$1,000 to \$1,200. Do you want your pastor to go? Let us hear from you.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent.

Sunday School

Still producing

SEVERAL times recently I have written about the "One for One" enrollment growth campaign. I hear from churches which have used the campaign with varied degrees of success. The degree of success, according to those who report, depends upon the degree of endorsement, enthusiasm and work given the campaign by the pastor and Sunday school superintendent.

An example of a good report comes from William Burnett, pastor of First Church, Judsonia. This church gave a one-month emphasis to the campaign, did not feel they had done their best, repeated their efforts and now three months after their first interest in the growth campaign, report a net gain of 50 to their Sunday School enrollment.

I have previously reported the success at Lepanto First Church with a net gain of 80 in nine weeks. Evangelist Billy Walker is enthusiastic about the "One for One" campaign. He reports that he recommends to every church where he preaches in a revival that they conduct a One for One Campaign prior to the revival. He consistently reports much better evangelistic results in churches which use this enrollment campaign.

Some churches use the growth plan as a part of an enlargement campaign. This was true at Judsonia. Other churches use it prior to a revival; this was how Lepanto used it. Some churches use it in the fall, a prime time for Sunday School growth. It has proved useful also in the spring, another good period of the year for growth.

Sunday School growth is basic to growth in every department and interest of a church. When the Sunday School grows, more people are available for evangelism, more people are available for other organizations, more money is raised for the budget and missions.

The One for One Campaign is a well organized plan which helps a church work with the laws of growth.

Winter time would be a good time to prepare for spring growth. To better prepare may I again recommend this method which has succeeded in churches of all kinds? Sometimes I call the One for One Campaign "The Guaranteed Growth Method." Write for an explanation of how you can participate and grow.—Lawson Hatfield, Secretary



MR. HATFIELD

workers, five cents; four workers, six cents; five workers, seven cents; six workers, eight cents. Cars from an association may include associational officers from any or from all of the departments named above, along with the other leaders mentioned above.

In the Brotherhood section every phase of associational Brotherhood work will be presented: the nature and purpose of the organization; its officers and leaders; duties of officers; the work of the planning committee; programs; projects; etc.

This Conference will be a great help to every associational Brotherhood officer who attends. He will receive a balanced perspective of the whole field of associational Brotherhood work.

Are you an associational Brotherhood officer? Then plan to attend the conference. Are you an associational officer in Sunday School work? Or Training Union? Or Music? Then plan to attend the conference. Plan to bring others with you.

A good representation of associational Brotherhood officers from your association will be reflected in a better understanding of associational Brotherhood work, and in the enhancement of Brotherhood work on all levels throughout your association.

Plan to come!—Nelson Tull, Secretary.

Brotherhood

Important conference

THE BROTHERHOOD Department, along with the Music, Sunday School, and Training Union departments, is

sponsoring a state-wide denominational Leadership Conference of associational officers on Feb. 19, at Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

All associational officers — Brotherhood, Music, Sunday School, and Training Union — are urged to attend the conference. All associational moderators, all associational missionaries, all associational WMU presidents, and Annuity Board representatives are also invited and urged to come.

The conference (or series of conferences) will begin at 10 a.m. and continue through seven o'clock that evening. Lunch and supper will be served free to all workers. Also travel expense to and from the conference will be paid that day to all who bring their cars, according to the following scale: one worker in a car, two cents per mile; two workers, four cents per mile; three



MR. TULL

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God's strange lifesaver

By MURRAY T. PRINGLE

YEARS ago in the midst of a terrible storm at sea, a ship returning to England began to leak badly. The pumps were unable to pump out water faster than it poured in. Soon it seemed the ship would be flooded and sink.

In one of the cabins a wealthy man knelt by his bunk and prayed to God. "Please save our ship and all these poor souls aboard," he prayed.

Then suddenly a crewman burst into his cabin. "We're saved!" the sailor cried. "Saved! A miracle has happened!"

Sure enough, it had. The waters had ceased rising within the ship, and the pumps were able to pump it out. Finally carpenters were able to descend into the hold. There they discovered the thing that had saved their ship from sinking.

When the ship reached in an English port and the wealthy man arrived home, he wondered how he might show his

thanks to God for having answered his prayer.

"I have it," he cried. "I shall devote my fortune to helping the poor. I feel sure God would like that."

That is just what he did. He built an institution where poor boys could receive an education. On the uniform of each boy he had stenciled the picture of a dolphin.

You see, God had answered that man's prayer by sending him help in a most unusual way. When carpenters had descended into the hold of the ship, they had found a big hole torn in its side. Wedged tightly in that hole so that no more water could enter was a huge dolphin, God's strange lifesaver.

That was why the man had a picture of this strange sea mammal sewed on the poor boys' school jackets.

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God's Wondrous World

A block of marble

By THELMA C. CARTER

MANY years ago in Florence, Italy, rich merchants set about making their city one of beautiful art treasures, homes, and palaces. Paintings, sculptured stone images, and carved bronze objects were created in courtyards, patios, and all over the countryside.

Artists were encouraged to come to Florence and work on art objects. Young artists, some of them very young boys, were given rough marble to carve in any form or figure they chose.

One day a young Italian boy named Michelangelo came to a rich merchant who owned beautiful gardens. The boy asked that he might try to carve statues as beautiful as those of the ancient Greeks.

Michelangelo spent three years in the merchant's garden carving figures of birds, shepherds, sheep, donkeys, and the like. Most of his subjects were those found in the Bible.

One day he came upon a huge block of marble in a workshop. A sculptor

had once tried to carve it and had failed. Michelangelo could scarcely contain himself. He wanted more than anything else to see what he could do with the huge misshapen block of marble.

He asked about it and received permission to work on it. For eighteen months he worked, letting no one see what he was creating.

When the work was finished, the people who saw the carved figure were amazed. There before their eyes was a statue of the young Hebrew shepherd boy David.

Today this statue is one of the most famous of all Michelangelo's sculptured figures. Even though Michelangelo's statue of Moses is known as his masterpiece, the statue of David tells a story that is unforgettable.

To create something wonderful out of a misshapen failure! A young sculptor, his heart dedicated and filled with knowledge of the Bible, did this.

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WHO'S WHO IN THE BIBLE

By JEAN O'NEILL

ONE OF the three names in each sentence is correct. Cross out the two names which are incorrect, and score ten points for each sentence completed correctly.

1. The Ten Commandments were given to (Elijah, Moses, Gabriel).
2. A beautiful coat was worn by (Daniel Samuel, Joseph).
3. (Aaron, Jacob, Elisha) tended his father-in-law's flocks.
4. The giant Goliath was killed by a stone from the sling of (David, Benjamin, Lot).
5. (Laban, Isaac, Solomon) asked God for wisdom and an understanding heart in order to be a good king.
6. (Martha, a sinful woman, Ruth) washed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.
7. (Timothy, Herod, Saul) was stricken blind on the road to Damascus.
8. (Judas, Simon, Thomas) betrayed Jesus with a kiss.
9. Before the cock crew, Jesus was denied three times by (Peter, John, Paul).
10. Jesus raised (John, Lazarus, Abel) from the dead.

ANSWERS

7. Saul, 8. Judas, 9. Peter, 10. Lazarus, David, 5. Solomon, 6. a sinful woman, 1. Moses, 2. Joseph, 3. Jacob, 4. (Sunday School Board Syndicate, all rights reserved)

WHAT HAVE I DONE?

By IDA ELAINE JAMES

At eventide kneeling to pray,
I ask, "What have I done today
For Him who did so much for me?
Have I remembered faithfully,
Calmly turned the other cheek
When in harshness I would speak
Words that I must later rue?"
This I know He'd have me do.

Have I withheld in selfishness
When giving is the way to bless?
I must give more to my fellow man
If I would live closer to His plan,
Ever and ever patiently
Try to understanding be.
To keep my heart to His attuned.
These are so little for His wound,

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Reverence for God's name

By THOMAS HINSON

Pastor, First Church, West Memphis

Scripture Passages: Exodus 20:7; Leviticus 19:12; Matthew 5:33-37;

Matthew 6:5-9; Luke 6:46

January 28, 1962

IF IT seems strange that God should have spoken to His chosen people about profanity, and that Jesus should have dealt with it when addressing chosen members of His new kingdom, it is even more strange just how prevalent the objectionable habit really is, in one form or another, even among those whom you would least suspect of it.



MR. HINSON

In the Ten Commandments men are taught that those who "do as they please" come to tragic ends. The same source declares that those who "think as they please" endanger their spiritual condition and disrupt relations with man and God. The Third of the Ten Imperishable Words, however, teaches directly that those who "speak as they please" bring the results of broken hearts, blasted hopes, and ruined lives.

To say that there is a "widely prevalent looseness of speech" may be the understatement of the year! Every age has seen some of its hard-hearted men use profanity. But few ages have seen women, young people, and even children, curse like our age does! The Third Commandment is desperately needed in contemporary America.

A matter of reverence

TO THE great Hebrew prophets the name of God was so sacred that they would pronounce and use it with the greatest of care. The influence of this great reverence is seen, too, in the Gospel of Matthew. He wrote primarily for the Jews, and instead of referring to the "kingdom of God," as the other evangelists did, Matthew spoke of "the kingdom of heaven." It was the Jewish reverence of God that influenced him so to write.

Irreverence is that sinful state of being out of which profanity comes. Before a man can stoop low enough to verbally profane the name of his Creator, he must already have stooped that low in his lack of reverence of the Almighty. But man is free! He can double up his little fist and shake it in the

face of God, and curse the name of God. But no man can do this without facing the judgment of God's violated Law, and that is what this Commandment makes clear for all.

Causes for cursing

WHY DO men curse and use profane language? No sin offers so little in return. If something goes wrong, cursing does not make it right. Profanity is the most senseless and useless of all the sins man ever commits.

1. Some curse because of inferiority feelings. Struggling with a feeling of insecurity in a complex and demanding society, they feel that cursing will make them seem stronger.

Memos for Meditation

1. Men take God's name in vain anytime they use it carelessly or flippantly.

2. There is danger that through insincere worship, prayer, and singing, God's name is used vainly.

3. "Evil is wrought by want of thought . . ." and men must ever exercise thoughtful care in use of God's name.

4. "Cursing and swearing is so mean and so low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it," said George Washington.

2. Some curse to reinforce an untruth. Feeling that punctuating a statement with profanity will make their story sound more emphatic and impressive, they curse!

3. Some curse because of excessive familiarity with the Divine. Like the man who would applaud the singing of the Lord's Prayer, or those who speak to God in prayer as though He "played on our sandlot team," they live profane lives in religious garb.

4. Some curse because of ignorance. They need a Bible, but they need a dictionary too! With limited vocabularies, they resort to extremes. Nothing accents a man's poor expressive ability like profanity does!

5. Some curse because of a misunderstanding of God's nature. When they ask God to damn something, they show how little they really know about Him.

He is not in the damning business, He is in the saving business.

6. But all who curse do so because of irreverence and sin in their hearts. This is the heart of the problem. This sufficiently concerned God to make this matter one of the Ten Words from Sinai.

Present-day implications

ONE DOES not have to use ugly curse words to break this Command. All profane living is "taking God's name in vain." Laughing at the sacred and disdaining the dedicated in life is awful heresy.

Some take God's name in vain by mere lip service. Jesus must have been referring to such a spirit when He spoke of those who would say, "Lord, Lord . . ." and to whom He would say, "Depart from me . . . I never knew you." Any man curses God, in spirit at least, when his Monday life does not match his Sunday religion.

Vulgar stories and risque entertainment break this command. This kind of flippancy in everyday life which makes cruel jokes of the origin of life breaks the heart of God.

The shallowness with which some take sacred music: playing it with a jazz tempo, making the foot beat faster than the heart, selling a songbook, giving a commercial, and announcing another gospel-ragtime concert is sheer profanity!

Insincere prayer is taking God's name in vain. The prayer that is denied by the life, and the praise offered to God but counteracted later by rebellion against Him, constitute this kind of blasphemy. Some adults, offering thanks at the mealtime remind the writer of his little five-year-old-girl, who said a very short prayer at dinner recently and then said, "I say that one when I'm in a hurry to get to my food."

G. Campbell Morgan said, "The profanity of the church is infinitely worse than the profanity of the street." Care in handling the Word of God and the Name of God must ever be exercised by people and preacher alike, lest we become profane in dealing with divine matters.

The Penalty

THE DIFFERENCE between law and advice is that the broken law carries a penalty. If this Word, then, is Law, what is the penalty for violation? "The Lord will not hold him guiltless," says the Command. Some writers say that the word "guiltless" might well be translated "clean."

One of the great tests of moral cleanliness, then, is a man's attitude toward the Name of God. He is clean or unclean as he uses the name of God—in truth or in profanity. Actually the man

who never hears the name of God in his life has a better chance of being "clean" than the one who is well acquainted with the details of divine things, but never shows dedication and sincerity in life.

There is need for no man to live under God's penalty for violating His Law. The New Testament opens with this glorious message, "Thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins."

Take the Name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you,
Take it then wher-e'er you go.
Precious Name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven!

Attendance Report

Church	JANUARY 14, 1962		
	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Berryville, Freeman Heights	142	92	
Camden			
Cullendale First	411	172	2
First	510	168	
Conway, First	475	104	4
Crossett, First	550	177	
El Dorado			
East Main	212	116	
Mission	13		
First	752	236	6
North Side Chapel	51	49	
Fayetteville, Providence	105	52	
Ft. Smith			
Calvary	368	170	3
First	772	352	4
Missions	305	127	
Grand Avenue	496	269	2
Mission	9		
Kelley Height	136	91	
Oak Cliff	109	105	
Temple	232	127	3
Towson Avenue	138	66	
Trinity	253	104	1
Gravel Ridge, First	140	88	
Gurdon, Beech Street	140	59	
Hackett, First	54	38	
Harrisburg, Calvary	160	78	1
Harrison, Eagle Heights	216	86	
Hot Springs, Park Place	368	133	3
Huntsville, First	86	50	
Kingston Mission	39	84	
Combs Mission	4		
Jacksonville			
First	708	229	4
Marshall Road	91	39	
Jonesboro, Central	468	172	5
Little Rock			
First	1,091	464	3
Forest Highlands	149	52	
Immanuel	1,116	468	6
Forest Tower Mission	37	14	
Kerr Mission	30	19	
Rosedale	201	87	4
Tyler Street	230	114	1
Magnolia, Central	695	220	1
McGehee, First	391	159	
Chapel	28	18	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	673	220	2
Central	257		
Highway	202	85	3
Levy	555	221	4
Park Hill	771	255	
Russellville, Prairie Grove	24	21	
Smackover, First	299	147	
Springdale			
Caudle Avenue	145	81	
First	443	174	6
Van Buren			
Calvary	85	36	
First	292	157	1
Second	30	27	

Churches are requested to send attendance report information separate from other communications to the Newsmagazine to avoid confusion. Postcards are preferable and they must be in our office by the noon mail delivery on Wednesday. They should be addressed to: Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 401 W. Capitol, Little Rock, Ark.

A Smile or Two

Mutual feeling

SCHOOL teacher (just before vacation)—Now children, I hope you will have a pleasant summer and, what is more important, come back with a little more sense in your heads.

Children (in chorus)—Same to you, miss.

Warning

RAILROAD crossing sign over Colorado Springs, Colo.: "The average time it takes a train to pass this crossing is 14 seconds whether your car is on it or not."

Word to wise

A WISE teacher sent this note home at the start of the term—"If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he says happens at home."

Easily convinced

THE minister plunked wearily into an easy chair. He told his wife he had just attempted to persuade his congregation that it was the duty of the rich to help the poor.

"Did you convince them?" she asked.

"I was half successful," said the minister. "I convinced the poor."

Professional criticism

FIRST soloist: Did you notice how my voice filled the hall tonight?

Second soloist: Yes, dear. In fact, I noticed several people leaving to make room for it.

Nature study

TWO small boys were out hunting in the woods and one of them picked up a chestnut burr.

"Tommy," he called excitedly, "come here quick. I've found a porcupine's egg!"

Builder's bends

THE middle-aged man was shuffling along, bent over at the waist, as his wife helped him into the doctor's waiting room. A woman in the office viewed the scene in sympathy. "Arthritis with complications?" she asked.

The wife shook her head. "Do-it-yourself," she explained, "with concrete blocks."

Starvation diet

IT was Sonny's first week at camp. "Dear Mom," he wrote home, "please send me some food packages. All we get up here is breakfast, lunch and dinner."

Vocational guidance

WE understand that the police questioned a ventriloquist for two hours during which time a plain-clothes man, two cops and a detective all confessed the crime.

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Religious News of the World

Resolution on drinking

NEW YORK (EP) — Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church here, declared in a sermon that a "well-intentioned" resolution on social drinking passed by the United Presbyterian Church's General Assembly in May is causing trouble for "Presbyterian pastors all across the nation."

Some ministers, said Dr. Bonnell, had interpreted the resolution as meaning that "the lid is off on drinking now." He said that young people were quoting it to justify drinking.

Dr. Bonnell termed as "awkward and confusing" the resolution which read:

"The General Assembly encourages the practice of voluntary abstinence; recognizes that there are many persons in our churches who, in honesty and sincerity, choose to drink moderately, and urges those who do drink and those who abstain to respect each other and constructively work together in dealing with the problems of alcohol; unequivocally condemns immoderate drinking as an irresponsible act."

"It is distressing," he said, "to find that a supreme court of a great Christian Church should issue a proclamation to its people that lacks the conviction and the note of warning emanating from scientific schools of alcohol studies, and even from the National Safety Council."

The Church does not approve of drinking, even in moderation, Dr. Bonnell said.

"Social drinking is an issue that every Christian must face for himself," he said. "No one has the right to try to impose his viewpoint toward alcohol on other persons. But throughout the New Testament is the teaching that we ought always to have in mind our weaker brother in our habits and practices."

The resolution, according to Dr. Bonnell, simply "recognized the fact that some honest and sincere churchgoers conscientiously believe that they have a right to drink alcohol moderately."

'Proselyte' arrested

The Rev. George Kotsasaridas, 47, a Seventh-day Adventist minister in Patras, Greece, was found guilty of proselytizing by the Court of Appeals and given a 40-day suspended sentence for visiting a number of families in his parish "to change their religion." A fellow minister said "religious liberty in Greece has suffered a serious blow," and that the Adventist Church will take the case to the Supreme Court of Greece. (EP)

Sikh is punished

NEW DELHI, India (EP) — Tara Sigh, 73-year-old leader of the Sikh religious sect, was ordered by a court of five priests here to perform penances for having broken after 48 days "your pledge to fast until death."

The Sikh began his fast in support of Sikh demands for a separate Punjabi-speaking state. He abandoned it when the government promised to inquire into allegations of anti-Sikh discriminations in this country. The court of priests said this did not justify ending the fast.

So, Tara Sigh will have to read without stopping (for about two days) the Sikh's holy books, clean the shoes of the congregation and wash dishes in the communal kitchen.

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Russian life threatened

HAMILTON, Ont. (EP) — The Rev. Michael Zhidkov, 34-year-old son of Moscow's president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptists), says he received an anonymous letter threatening his life. The young man is a student at McMaster University here. He said the threat was made because of speeches he gave in churches and social groups in this area.

Altered to suit Jews

OBERRAMMERGAU, Germany (EP) — Officials of the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play Committee have confirmed here that the production will be revised to exclude allegedly anti-Semitic passages. Next production, the seventh once-every-decade play, will be staged again in 1970.

Scientists as churchgoers

CHICAGO (EP) — Is the typical scientist an anti-religious egg-head, neglectful of his home life?

Apparently not, if one can accept the conclusions of a survey released here covering 1,200 research scientists employed by the Du Pont Company.

The study showed that 88 percent of the scientists were married, compared with the national average of 85 percent for their age groupings. Eighty-five percent had children. (Their average is slightly more than two children, as compared with 1.5 for the typical American family.)

Although the questionnaire did not inquire about church membership, 75 percent listed a church or synagogue in their activities. (In the general population, religious affiliation runs about 60 percent.)