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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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—H. Armstrong Roberts

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## Editorial Comments

### As You Visit Unaffiliated Baptist Take Along Copy of Arkansas Baptist

Last call for **Transfer Church Membership Week!** This is the last issue of the **Arkansas Baptist** before this significant week begins next Sunday, September 14. What is done must be done quickly, if this week is made effective in reaching and enlisting the non-resident members in your community.

In this last appeal before September 14 one more suggestion may be offered to help those who go out in their local communities to locate the unaffiliated Baptists and to invite them, not only to attend the Baptist church in the community, but to transfer their membership and become an active participant in the church life.

Doubtless many of those who will be visiting these non-resident and unaffiliated Baptists will be subscribers to the **Arkansas Baptist**. May we suggest that your Baptist state paper is one of the most effective enlistment agencies among us, second only to a personal call. So the suggestion is that

you take along a copy of your **Arkansas Baptist** and leave it in the home of the unaffiliated Baptist. This should be especially effective if your church has the **Arkansas Baptist** in the church budget and sends the paper to every family in the resident church membership. It is entirely possible that the paper left in the home of unattached Baptists would arouse the interest and help to induce such persons to think more studiously about their Christian obligations and help in a very definite way to lead them to transfer their church membership.

So the challenge is thrown out, as you visit the unaffiliated Baptists in your community, take along a copy of the **Arkansas Baptist** and leave it with the people whom you visit. It is worth a trial, don't you think? And if it works, it will raise your own estimation of the value of your Baptist paper.

### The Religion of Presidential Nominees

It is natural and right that the Christian people of the nation should be interested in the religious affiliations and the religious convictions of the Republican and Democratic nominees for the presidency of the United States. We give here just a brief summary of the reports which have come to us through the press concerning the religious affiliation of the nominees for the presidency and the vice-presidency.

It is reported that General Eisenhower is not a member of any church. However, just before leaving Europe, in a speech to a group of Army chaplains, General Eisenhower called himself a "convinced, nearly fanatic Protestant."

His is a Protestant background, his parents having been members of a Mennonite sect called the River Brethren. The Mennonites were pacifists and upon entering West Point young Eisenhower disavowed the pacifism of his parents' church. Yet he had the deepest respect for his father and mother. It is reported that his mother became a member of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Concerning Governor Adlai Stevenson, it is reported that he is a Unitarian. Other reports have it that he attends a Presbyterian Church when he is in Chicago. He is not a Catholic, as a rumor had it.

Vice-presidential nominee, Senator Nixon of California, is a Quaker and it is said he is faithful in his attendance of his church services.

Vice-presidential nominee, Senator Sparkman of Alabama, is a Methodist. Reports have it that he teaches an adult Bible class in the Hamline Methodist Church in Washington, D. C.

It is likely that many Christian people will be disappointed that the religious affiliations of the two presidential nominees are not more definite and clearly defined. It could well be hoped that their religious convictions were better known. However that may be, the Christian people should earnestly pray that whichever candidate

enters the White House as the next President of the United States shall find his main strength in God through Jesus Christ the Savior. It is to be hoped that he will be guided by divine wisdom. May we pray to that end.

### Notice to Advertisers

We have had any number of telephone calls from business people who bought advertising space in the publication, "**Southern Baptist News**." These business people were under the impression that they were advertising in the **Arkansas Baptist**.

We would advise advertisers to make sure that they know what publication they are patronizing when they buy advertising space. The **Southern Baptist News** is published in Dallas, Texas. It is an independent publication and has no official status, so far as we know, in any Baptist organization. Certainly it has no official status among Arkansas Baptists.

Many persons have called us stating that they had purchased advertising space in this paper and also subscribed to the paper. They further stated that they had not received a copy of the paper since they subscribed to it nor had they seen their ad in the paper.

Of course, the **Arkansas Baptist** is not responsible for this and can only advise such advertisers and subscribers that **Southern Baptist News** has no relationship with us.

This situation has been a nuisance to us to say nothing of the persons who have bought advertising space in and have subscribed to **Southern Baptist News**.

## The Posterity Of Jesus

*A Devotion by the Editor*

"... who shall declare his generation?" Perhaps there is nothing which so depresses our spirits with the sense of the waste of life and irreparable loss as the untimely death of a noble young man whose character and personality and abilities and training gave promise of a great career of service and usefulness in the world.

Jesus was cut off in the prime of young manhood. He was only about thirty-three and a half years of age when He fell a victim to the hatred and ungodliness of men. Those who knew Him and were associated with Him and loved Him felt that His life had come to an untimely end, that all the promising prospects for His life were now wasted, and that the career begun so nobly and with such high hopes was ended before any lasting good was accomplished.

Jesus left no posterity to bear His name after Him. And to the oriental, especially to the Jew, this was the greatest tragedy and failure that could befall one.

Isaiah was given the inspiration to utter prophesies, the full meaning of which is still unfolding in the gracious purposes of God and in the redemptive experiences of men. The fifty-third chapter of his prophecy is the most remarkable description of the sufferings of Jesus to be found in all the Old Testament. And in the eighth verse this remarkable question is asked and then answered with apparent finality: "Who shall declare His generation (posterity); for He was cut off out of the land of the living." That is to say, He was cut off by an untimely death and left no heir to bear His name.

Isaiah was also given the inspiration to declare that, entering the Holy of Holies, "when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hands."

So here is the posterity of Jesus, that long line of earnest and sincere souls who, seeing the Christ "wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities," take up the sacrifice which He offered for our sins and bear it to the altar with repentance and faith. And when one does that a soul is regenerated, a life is renewed, a child is born into the kingdom of God.

"When thou shalt make His soul an offering for sins, He shall see His seed." Isaiah 53:8-11.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Off To College

Many of our young people are now or soon will be leaving for college. Some of them will be entering state schools, others will be entering our denominational schools within our state, some will be going to colleges out of the state.

#### Time of Testing

There are those who will be looking forward to graduation next spring, others are entering their third year in college, still others are beginning their second year, and perhaps the largest number will be entering the freshman classes. Wherever they go, whatever school they enter, or whatever class they enroll in will hold for our young people new adventures, new opportunities, new challenges, and new relationships. It will be a time of testing not only in the studies assigned but in human relationships, and in character building, and in the ideals and objectives of life.

To meet the tests which our college young people will inevitably meet, they will need the active and sympathetic co-operation and the understanding of several different groups of people. There is a very definite part to be played by the home and family which the college student leaves behind. It is perhaps too easy to take for granted that the home is doing its full part by the young people who go out from it to enter college. There is a moral and spiritual support which the home may give to the college student that no other person or institution can give. The home and family may contribute far more than the necessary funds to pay the bills of the college student or send boxes of goodies now and then. A Christian home has something far more substantial and lasting and worth-while than these material things; a Christian example, a spiritual interest in the college student that goes out from the home, and prayer may become worth more to the college student than the material resources provided to pay his bills.

#### The Home Church

The home church has a definite responsibility to the college student. The pastor who keeps in touch with the college students of his church endears himself to them and will be able to make for himself the opportunity to help these students solve many of the problems which the college student will inevitably meet. The pastor should make it easy for college students to come to him with the questions and problems and confusions that are aroused by their new atmosphere.

The Sunday School teacher and the Sunday School class have a vital part to play in the life of the college student. The teacher and the class may provide a contact with the congenial group in the home church that will keep alive in the college student's heart a vital interest in the home church and its activities. Special services in the home church such as student night may be pro-

vided for the college students to give them an opportunity to more vitally relate their college life to their home church and its activities. The home church should do everything possible to encourage the young people who go out from its membership to enter college, and to maintain the spiritual interest of the students and safeguard them against the temptation to wander away from the Christian teachings which they have received in the church and its organization.

#### College Center Church

The college town church has a responsibility to the college students. Their responsibility places a tremendous burden upon the college town church that is not borne by the churches which are not located in college centers. We should understand this problem which our churches in college centers face each year. When school opens a large number of young people suddenly converge upon the churches in our college centers. Often these churches are strained to the capacity of their buildings and their financial resources and then are unable to adequately meet the challenge which the influx of hundreds of young people present to them. This problem should be recognized by the churches from which our college students go and any assistance that could be given the churches in the college centers which minister to our college students should be gladly and generously given.

#### Faculty Responsibility

Certainly the college itself, its board of trustees, its faculty and its friends are heavily obligated to the students which it receives. But of all the persons connected with the college, the teacher occupies the strategic position in relation to the student and his responsibility is greater than any other. This is true because the teacher is more important than the subject he teaches. His influence will count for more in the life of the student than the subject he teaches. The life of many a student has been turned into an entirely different channel by his teachers. Sometimes it has been that the influence of the teacher has turned the life of the student into channels of Christian service; perhaps the teacher has inspired the unambitious student with a great ideal. The teacher may have influenced the student to overcome habits and tendencies of life which if continued would have defeated his highest aims and purposes.

On the other hand it is just as true that teachers in college have destroyed the Christian faith of students and turned them against the church in which they were reared and against their parents' religion. The influence of teachers in college has been known to destroy the high ideals of young people and caused them to forfeit all the spiritual values which they brought with

## A Challenge To Arkansas Baptist Institutions

The proposed budget for 1953, as finally approved by the Executive Board and which will be presented to the Convention in November for confirmation, is a comprehensive budget designed to anticipate both the current and capital needs of Arkansas Baptist institutions and to obviate the necessity of special campaigns and designations.

Now it becomes apparent that if special drives and designations to our institutions bypass this Cooperative Program budget in 1953, the budget itself will be impaired to an extent that will make it impossible of realization. The basic support of all our institutions is the Cooperative Program. It is therefore to the interest of every institution to support and promote the Cooperative Program budget.

Therefore, we challenge every Arkansas Baptist institution to come out positively and unequivocally in support of the 1953 budget and help to promote that budget among the churches and pastors of the state. We challenge our institutions to let it be known that they abide by the allocations as set up in the budget and that they credit any special contribution and designation in 1953 to their capital needs budget as set up in the 1950 Cooperative Program budget.

By promoting the Cooperative Program the institutions will win the confidence and support of all Arkansas Baptists. If all our institutions will do this and make their position known, it will unite Arkansas Baptists in the greatest program they have ever undertaken.

It is understood, of course, that the Thanksgiving offering going to the orphanage is a provision by which current operations are taken care of, and that the Mothers' Day offering for the hospital is for charity work alone.

There isn't anything that would give such a boost to the program being promoted by Arkansas Baptists, or that would so precipitously unite Arkansas Baptists, as for every Arkansas Baptist institution to get solidly behind the 1953 Cooperative Program budget and let it be known that they are promoting that budget by discouraging rather than encouraging designations.

Such an act on the part of our institutions will be an act of faith in Arkansas Baptists. We believe that if our institutions will keep faith with the Cooperative Program and with Arkansas Baptists all over the state, that Arkansas Baptists will keep faith with them.

them to the college campus.

It is to be hoped that every person who is in any wise related to or associated with our college students will make a conscientious and prayerful effort to give them the best advantages possible to build for themselves useful, resourceful, and fruitful lives. And let us hope that the young people, not only who are entering college but those who may not have the opportunity of a college career, may build for themselves a better world than we have built for them.

# Kingdom Progress

## Gaines Street, Little Rock Has Sixth Anniversary



CHARLES E. LAWRENCE, *Pastor*

The Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, recently celebrated the sixth anniversary of the founding of the church with special home-coming services on August 31. A church-wide picnic was held on Friday night, August 29.

Gaines Street Church has experienced remarkable growth during the six years of its life. Having been organized on the night of August 30, 1946, with 172 charter members, the church has steadily grown until its membership has reached a total of 1,070. During these six years 1,875 people have united with the church. Offerings have totaled \$325,000. The church has given to the Cooperative Program over \$50,000. One mission has been established and is now the Sherwood Church with a full time church program. Gaines Street Church has erected buildings and acquired additional property until the assets are now \$200,000.

A new educational building is now under construction. Plans for the next three years include another educational building valued at \$100,000, and an auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,200.

The Sunday School is standard with 800 enrolled and an average attendance of 500. Mr. Gene Herrington is superintendent. The Training Union has had an average attendance the past year of 275. Mr. O. A. Cates is general director.

The W. M. U. includes all the Young People's organizations. Mrs. Herbert Hale is the president.

Pastor Charles E. Lawrence organized the church and has been its only pastor. Mr. Marvin E. DeBlack is the full time educational director. Dale Pogue is minister of music.

The church is successfully raising its budget of \$60,000 for the current year. Plans are being made to substantially increase the budget for 1953.

Since the founding of the church the Arkansas Baptist has been in the church budget.

## Arkansas News Briefs

*From Here and There*

First Church, Wilton, and Pastor R. M. Miller, recently had the services of three young preachers in a Youth Revival, namely: Charles White, Archie Bryant, and Ray Perkins, each from Texarkana, and David White had charge of the music. Other young people from various Texarkana churches participated in the services.

Miss Helen Baldwin, Center, Texas, joined the staff of Second Church, Little Rock, September 1, as Elementary Supervisor. Miss Baldwin received the Master of Religious Education in 1949, and is now a candidate for the Doctor of Religious Education.

Dr. Dale Cowling is the pastor of Second Church.

Pastor E. L. Johnson and the Stanfill Church of Pulaski County Association had the services of Pastor Raymond Strickland of Little Rock, in revival services, August 3-17. There were six additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and two rededications. The Stanfill Church is Pastor Johnson's first pastorate. He has been with the church since last December.

The Bowman Church was organized last January 20. The organization of the church resulted from a mission established by First Church, Lake City.

This new church conducted a Vacation Bible School August 11-15 with an average attendance of 45.

The Bowman Church is planning to construct a house of worship in the near future. At present worship services are held in a school building.

Pastor R. O. Ekrut reports a successful revival at the Mt. Olive Church near Crossett in which A. L. New from Louisiana was the visiting evangelist. There were 14 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, 2 by letter and 2 by statement. Pastor Ekrut directed the music during the meeting.

Pastor Ralph Smith, Lake Hamilton Church, Hot Springs, reports a revival meeting August 17 through 24, assisted by Evangelist Johnny Jackson of Camden. Archie Fray and Dorothy Thompson, Ouachita students, were in charge of the music.

There were four additions to the church by profession of faith and baptism, and two by letter.

Pastor Jim Tillman and the Linwood Church, near Pine Bluff, had the services of Pastor Loyal Pryor of the Hilton Church, Newport News, Virginia, in revival services August 18 to 27. There were 35 additions to the church, 17 by profession of faith and baptism, and 18 by letter and statement. Boyd Lewis of Pine Bluff was in charge of the music.

The Linwood Church will celebrate its first anniversary on October 7.

The Grady Mission of First Church, Pine Bluff, conducted a combination Vacation Bible School and revival August 18 to 22.

## Goes To Texas



JAMES H. GRIGGS

James H. Griggs, Educational Director of the First Church in Fayetteville for the past two years, has resigned to go to the Park Place Church in Houston, Texas. Dr. Joseph Stiles is the pastor of Park Place Church.

At the time of Mr. Grigg's resignation, he was serving as one of the vice presidents of the Sunday School Convention and was Sunday School Superintendent for Washington-Madison County Association. Mr. Grigg's two years of service at First Church has been a record of outstanding work and great achievement. He is a graduate of Little Rock Junior College and the University of Arkansas.

—Mrs. Jimmy Perkins,  
*Church Secretary*

## Ridgecrest School For Church Librarians

The School for Church Librarians held at Ridgecrest, August 19-25, marks the 25th Anniversary of Church Library Service of the Sunday School Board. Miss Florida Waite of Nashville was director of the school. There was a record attendance of 243.

Plans are being made now for two Library Schools in 1953, one being held at the new Glorietta Assembly and the other at Ridgecrest. At least 500 persons are expected to attend the two schools.

Those attending the school from Arkansas were, Mrs. H. J. Lane, Second Church, Little Rock; Miss Lola Mae Wheelchel, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Miss Ravenel Bettis and Mrs. C. L. Randall, First Church, Little Rock. Mrs. Randall is Church Library Consultant for Arkansas.

There were 16 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and one by letter.

Mission Pastor Charles Jordan conducted the revival and Robert Kilgore, Educational Director, First Church, Pine Bluff, was principal of the Vacation Bible School.

Pastor E. W. Taylor of the First Church, Marshall, reports a revival meeting recently in the Marshall church in which they had the assistance of Evangelist D. C. Bandy. There were five additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and two by letter.

## Blytheville, First, Dedicates New Building



The formal opening of the new auditorium of First Church, Blytheville, and the dedication services were held on Sunday, August 24.

Contract for the new building was entered into with Ben White and Sons, Contractors, May 5, 1949. Ground breaking ceremonies for the new structure were held on June 12, 1949; and on August 13, 1952, the building was officially received from the contractor.

On the day of Dedication, August 24, three worship services were held: A service was held at 8:30 a. m. when many friends from other churches of the city and surrounding towns and communities were present. Then at 10:55 the dedicatory service was held and broadcast over radio station KLCN. This was an almost exact replica of the 8:30 service with appropriate music and sermon by the pastor, E. C. Brown. The one additional feature in this service was the Service of Dedication, read by pastor and people responsively.

Guest preacher for the evening worship service at 8:00 o'clock was Dr. Lloyd A. Sparkman, pastor of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, and president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The new building consists of the auditorium with a seating capacity of 949, eight Sunday School class rooms and three offices. The basement provides a furnace room and a three room apartment, complete with bath and kitchen facilities. The entire building is provided with ducts for future air conditioning.

The exterior walls of the building are solid brick, all floors are reinforced concrete, and the roof shingles are tile, all stone work is cut Indiana limestone.

A three manual pipe organ is being installed by the Reuter Organ Company and will be dedicated on Sunday, September 14. Dr. B. L. Bridges, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will be guest speaker on that occasion.

The total cost of the new church structure at Blytheville, including miscellaneous

items in addition to the contract with Ben White and Sons, also furnishings and carpet, amounts to \$387,259.79. The church has raised in cash \$259,841.03 as of August 18. The Blytheville church set up its own bond plan for the sale of \$125,000 in 10 year coupon bonds, bearing interest at 4 per cent per annum, with the provision that they could be called on any interest paying date. The entire issue has been sold for the most part to the members and friends of the Blytheville church. Of this amount, \$7,000 has been redeemed, leaving a balance of \$118,000. Each week there is set aside from the budget receipts, as a preferred item, the amount necessary to pay interest and principal of the sum total which becomes due annually.

During this period of construction and the raising of money for the construction, the Blytheville church has steadily increased its allocation to the Cooperative Program from \$2,100 in 1943 to \$12,000 in 1952.

The Blytheville church has also been interested in extending its ministry in the city of Blytheville, having established a mission which in December, 1951, was organized into the Trinity Baptist Church, and 130 members of the First Church were granted letters to enter into the new church organization. One hundred of these members were tithers.

The Blytheville church was organized in 1889, and held its first meetings in the county court house. In June 1903, the church purchased a lot and erected its first building. Thirteen years later this building was sold to the Negro Methodist church, another building having been erected on the present church site in 1913-14, with formal opening on April 11, 1915.

L. D. Summers, now retired and living in Hot Springs, was pastor of the Blytheville church at that time.

In 1924, under the leadership of Pastor W. W. Kysar, the present educational building was erected.

In 1941, during the pastorate of Alfred Carpenter, a building fund was started by allocating to this fund all receipts above

## Berryville Pastor



A. E. WEBB

The First Church, Berryville, honored their new pastor, A. E. Webb, with a reception on Friday evening, August 29, with 138 members of the church and friends in attendance.

Pastor Webb comes to the First Church, Berryville, from the Vine Grove Church, Vine Grove, Kentucky, where he had been pastor since November 1, 1949. During his ministry there 308 persons were added to the church membership, 155 of this number coming on profession of faith and baptism. A mission was started by the church in Vine Grove two years ago and has now been organized into a Baptist church.

## Trinity Theological Seminary

In 1945 a group of pastors in Atlanta, Georgia, established a Bible Institute which was later organized into the Trinity Seminary, taking its name from its first location at the corner of Trinity Avenue and Memorial Drive. The Institution was later located in Hapeville, a suburb of Atlanta.

The faculty is made up of voluntary pastors of the city of Atlanta with Dr. John F. Mitchell, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in that city, as president. The members of the faculty receive no pay for their services.

The Institution conducts both day and evening classes. Last session there were 50 students enrolled. Many of the textbooks used in the Institution are identical with those used in the other Baptist seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. The school is said to be thoroughly loyal to the denominational program. It is indicated that the school is premillennial.

The following degrees are offered: Th. G., Th. B., and B. D.

the budget requirements. This practice was continued during the pastorate of O. J. Chastain. By 1943 this fund had grown to \$10,360.

Pastor E. C. Brown began his ministry with the Blytheville church in October, 1943, and under his leadership the church made specific plans for the erection of the new auditorium and additional educational space. These plans have now been completed in the new building which was dedicated on August 24.

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# Christian Horizons

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By Religious News Service

## Presidential Candidates Ask Co-Operation Among Religious, Racial Groups

The Presidential candidates of both major parties have issued statements stressing the nation's need for understanding and co-operation among racial and religious groups.

The statements were made public by the National Conference of Christians and Jews which obtained them.

Texts of the two statements follow:

### General Eisenhower:

"Our nation is bound together by certain principles and of these none is more essential to our future than respect for the rights of others. Without tolerance, without understanding of each other or without a spirit of brotherhood, we would soon cease to exist as a great nation.

"In political affairs, as in the times of crisis which our nation has faced and must face in the future, let every American pledge that no taint of religious or racial animosity shall trouble our national unity or distort our earnest efforts to chart a course with justice for all."

### Governor Stevenson:

"We must remove fear and prejudice. We must destroy the myths that gnaw at our vitals. We can ill afford to exhibit to the world either incompetence or injustice in dealing with the relations of racial or religious groups.

"As ever, it is in public enlightenment and understanding that we must place our trust. An informed public opinion is the only way in which our way of life can flourish. If the relevant facts and information are supplied, the people can be trusted to create a climate of reason and order in which we can go forward to the solution of our difficulties."

## Says Social Encyclicals 'Scandalize' Many Catholic Employers

Papal social encyclicals "still scandalize many U. S. Catholic employers," the Rev. John P. Monaghan, national chaplain of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, said in a Labor Day statement in New York City.

Father Monaghan, a founder of ACTU, said that these employers regard the Papal social teachings "as a rash interference with their business problems or as related to situations alien and European."

## Churches To Get More Building Materials

With the steel industry recovering rapidly from the strike, the National Production Authority announced a plan which would make substantially more building materials available to churches by April 1, 1953.

The announcement was made by the government agency after a meeting with members of the construction industry in which the effect of the steel strike on supplies was discussed.

Under the plan, churches will be able to obtain more construction materials each quarter without government authorization.

## Church Forces Win Dry Victory In Mississippi

Mississippi churches played a major role in the defeat of a referendum to legalize beverage alcohol sales on a county option basis. Voters decided by a substantial majority to keep the state dry.

Church action against the proposal was spearheaded by the United Dry Association. Special offerings to aid its campaign were taken in many churches.

Most Baptist and Methodist congregations, and some of other denominations, observed a Commitment Sunday when church members were asked to pledge themselves to total abstinence, to vote "dry," and to make an offering to the United Drys.

## 200,000 Expected At German Protestant Rally

More than two hundred thousand German Protestants, as well as church leaders from many parts of the world, were expected to attend the fourth German Evangelical Church Day Congress held in Stuttgart, Germany, August 27-31.

The Congress is one of the outstanding lay movements in world Christianity. A permanent institution within the Evangelical Church in Germany, it aims to encourage Christian laymen to participate actively in church and public life.

Five working groups explored the general theme of the conference—"Choose the Life"—from such aspects as "Life in the Church," "Life in the Family," "Life in the Nation," "Life and Work," and "Life in the Village."

## New Mexico Counties Authorized To Transport Parochial Pupils

Despite a contempt case pending in District Court in Santa Fe, J. T. Reece, state director of school transportation, has authorized counties to permit parochial school pupils to ride in public school buses.

In a letter to the county commissioners, Mr. Reece advised them to follow the 1951 law on the subject. This permits the transportation of parochial pupils if the county, not the state, pays the cost and no earmarked school funds are used. Mr. Reece said his letter was approved by Atty. Gen. Joe L. Martinez.

A decision is still pending in the contempt proceeding, heard in July by District Judge C. Roy Anderson of Carlsbad. The contempt action is an outgrowth of the so-called Dixon case, instituted by Protestant residents of Dixon and other New Mexico communities, which was aimed at banning alleged Roman Catholic influence from the public schools.

Plaintiffs charged that the Rio Arriba County school board had violated an injunction banning parochial pupils from public buses. The injunction was granted by Dist. Judge E. Turney Hensley of Portales in the original case in 1949.

His decision also barred 139 religious teachers from teaching in tax-supported schools.

# A Smile or Two

Aunt Prudence: "Keep away from the radio, Junior. The announcer sounds as if he has a bad cold."

—Christian Herald

Little Judy was promoted to the fifth grade but wasn't a bit happy about it.

"But Judy," explained Mrs. White, "think how nice it will be in a higher grade."

"But, Mrs. White," said Judy, "I just wish that you knew enough to teach me next year!"

Sunday School Teacher: The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee from the city, but his wife was turned to salt.

Little Willie: "What happened to the flea?"

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It's the little things that bother  
And put us on a rack;  
You can sit upon a mountain,  
But not upon a tack.

—Quote

"Let's play store," said the first child. "I'll be the storekeeper and you be my customer."

"No, prices are too high," replied the second little lady. "Let's play radio program and I'll give away a million dollars."

The talkative lady was telling her husband about the bad manners of an acquaintance who had recently paid her a visit. "If that woman yawned once while I was talking to her," she said, "she yawned eleven times."

"Perhaps she wasn't yawning, dear," the husband said, "maybe she wanted to say something."

—Rocky Mountain Magazine

Old Lady: "Little boy, why aren't you in school instead of going to the movies?"  
Little Boy: "Lady, I got the measles."

They were twins. It was bathing time and from the twins' bedroom came sounds of hearty laughter and loud crying. Their father went up to find the cause.

"What's the matter up here?" he inquired:

The laughing twin pointed to his weeping brother.

"Nothing," he giggled, "only nurse has given Alexander two baths and hasn't given me any at all."

Pat and Mike were working along the docks when Pat stopped suddenly and spelled out the name on one of the big vessels: "Oregon."

"O'Regon!" he exclaimed. "I used to know him in Ireland when he didn't have a cent, and now he's got his name on a battleship."

Tourist: "Is this a good lake for fish?"

Disgusted Fisherman: "It must be; I can't persuade any of 'em to come out."

"Lady, if you will give us a nickel, my little brother'll imitate a hen."

"You mean he can cackle like a hen?" asked the lady.

"Naw," replied the boy in disgust. "I wouldn't do a cheap imitation like that. He'll eat a worm."

## News From Baptist Press

### Home Mission Board Raises Western Loan Funds To \$940,000

The Home Mission Board is providing \$940,000 for the special western church building loan project instead of \$500,000 as originally planned. The new figure was announced following a meeting of the Home Mission Board during Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest in August.

According to Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary of the Board, the money is to be obtained: (1) \$440,000 from the regular church building loan fund. Heretofore this money has been used for revolving and material loans. This money will be available only as it is repaid by churches that now have it borrowed. (2) \$500,000 to be borrowed by the Home Board from banks in September as authorized earlier this year.

This \$940,000 may be borrowed, as it is available, by western churches in amounts not to exceed \$15,000 each. The churches, of course, must meet loan requirements. Churches granted loans from this fund must be less than five years old and promise to repay within six years. Approximately 150 churches can be helped in the next six years.

Concerning the total western church building needs Dr. Redford says, "It is difficult to know the exact needs for church buildings in the West. According to 1951 reports there were 673 churches in the western states, 562 of these had church property leaving 111 that had no building of any kind. The best information that we can get indicates that at least 300 of these have need for better buildings or enlarged buildings. Thus there are at least 400 churches in the western states that either need new buildings or need to enlarge their present plants.

"The western states are constituting churches at the rate of about two a week. This means 100 new churches every year. This creates an additional annual demand."

At Ridgecrest the Board also voted to request permission from the Southern Baptist Convention to raise funds to increase its loan fund capital to \$10,000,000 in the next five years. This means additional funds of \$8,200,000 as the Board now has \$1,800,000, not counting the \$500,000 of borrowed money. This enlarged fund would serve churches in the East as well as in the West.

### Social Service Commission To Relocate In Nashville, Tenn.

The Southern Baptist Social Service Commission will move its national headquarters from Louisville, Kentucky, to Nashville, Tennessee, just as soon as space can be found in the Baptist Sunday School Board office buildings. The move was voted by the Commission in its annual meeting in August. Final arrangements are expected to be completed before the end of the year.

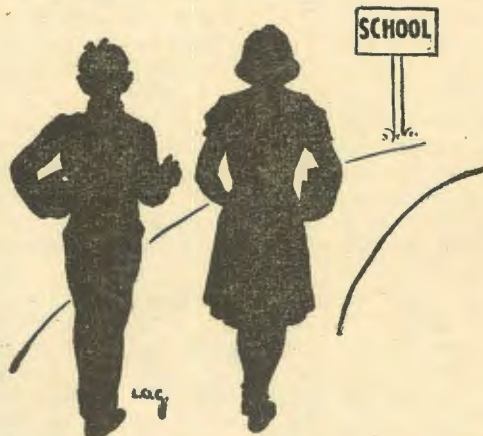
The Commission also voted to set up a publication schedule for a new series of tracts and study pamphlets. The Commission magazine, *Light*, which now has a list of 13,000 will be put on a subscription basis and issued bi-monthly.

The move to Nashville involves only one family, that of Hugh A. Brimm, executive secretary of the Commission. Dr. Brimm has been with the Commission since 1947.

### History Circus For Ridgecrest

A "history circus" will be one of the features for Ridgecrest next year. Jointly sponsored by the Southern Baptist Historical Society and the Historical Commission, it will consist of a great historical pageant to be presented in connection with the annual meetings of the two groups.

The announcement was made at the 1952 annual meetings held in late August.



Other projects planned include (1) a union catalogue of all historical materials in the possession of Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries (2) and a fifteen year microfilming program that will bring together in one library page by page photographs of all the minutes of all the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. The cost will be about one cent per page.

Dr. Richard N. Owen, Nashville editor, *Tennessee Baptist and Reflector* was elected president of the Commission. He succeeds Dr. W. O. Carver who has served for sixteen years. Dr. L. R. Elliot, Fort Worth, Texas, was elected vice president. Dr. H. I. Hester, Liberty, Missouri, was elected secretary and Dr. Norman W. Cox, Nashville, treasurer. Dr. Cox serves the Commission as full-time executive secretary.

Dr. Carver was re-elected head of the Historical Society and Dr. H. I. Hester, secretary-treasurer. The Society also voted to launch immediately a drive for new members.

## Southern Baptists Plan College For Colorado

By L. A. WATSON, Supervisor of Missions For Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska

Plans for opening a Liberal Arts College to be located in the Denver area have been announced by Pastor D. A. Bryant, moderator of the Southern Baptist Association of Colorado which includes Wyoming, and pastor of the Denver Temple Baptist Church.

Mr. Bryant said negotiations are being conducted to obtain property in the Denver area which has a population of 600,000 in a radius of fifteen miles from the heart of the city. Present plans call for opening the college in September, 1953. The institution will be owned, promoted, and operated by the Southern Baptists of the two states of Colorado and Wyoming.

Dr. Hale V. Davis, former pastor of Exchange Avenue Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and former president of Oklahoma Baptist University, who has been in Christian educational work in Colorado for the past twelve years, has been elected president of the new institution and is now busy organizing a faculty and supervising the raising of funds for the new institution.

W. C. Bryant, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Colorado Springs, is chairman of the organizing board. Other members are: E. J. Speegle, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Boulder, Colorado; O. R. Delmar, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Casper, Wyoming; Delbert Witham, and D. A. Bryant, Denver. The College Board will be increased to fifteen or twenty within the coming year. The strongest possible faculty will be employed, and school will open September 6, 1953, with Freshman and Sophomore classes. Junior work will be offered in 1954 and Senior class work in 1955.

Only 11 per cent of the people of Colorado and Wyoming are members of any church and Colorado ranks 48th at the bottom of the list and is one of the ripest home mission fields in the union. God is blessing our churches with converts each week and the work is opening up almost faster than we can keep up with it.

The Baptist Sunday School Board has recently opened a book store at 1509 York Street, Denver.

## Girl Whose Sight Was Restored By 'Miracle' To Become Missionary

By Religious News Service

Joyce Coleman, 14, Gastonia, N. C., has decided upon a career as a Baptist foreign missionary after regaining her sight six years ago in what she and her parents firmly believe was "a miracle inspired by faith and prayer."

Born blind in her right eye, Joyce began losing the sight of her other eye after she entered the first grade. Physicians predicted that the strain of studying would make her totally blind in a few years despite progressive substitution of more powerful lenses in the spectacles she wore.

Their forebodings were fulfilled. Before Joyce had completed the second grade, her mother, Mrs. Ed Coleman, daily had to meet the young student, who stumbled home from classes, and help her into the house.

Joyce and her parents turned to regular prayers for relief from the affliction and sought the support of a prayer group from

their Baptist church, led by the pastor, Albert Skipper.

Then one morning, Joyce awoke and began to cry. "I can't go to school today, Mother," she sobbed. "I can't see at all."

In an attempt to console the child, Mrs. Bernice Cagle, a friend who was visiting the Colemans, led Joyce to the living room piano and began playing the hymn, "Where the Milk and Honey Flows." The girl lifted her voice and began to sing.

Suddenly, Mrs. Coleman says, Joyce broke off with a scream, rushed to the window and cried, "I can see, Mother. I can see with both eyes."

Doctors say that Joyce now has perfect vision, although they won't comment on what brought restoration of her sight. But the young missionary-to-be, a high school student with only a dark memory of her blindness, is confident that she knows what caused "the miracle."



## Kentucky Pastor Accepts First Church, Paragould



DR. LEWIS D. FERRELL

The First Church of Paragould has extended a call to Dr. Lewis D. Ferrell of the First Church, Fulton, Kentucky, to become its pastor. Dr. Ferrell has accepted the call and is expected to take up his duties as pastor of the Paragould Church on September 12.

Dr. Ferrell is a graduate of Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, Tennessee, and of Union University, Jackson, Tennessee. He is a graduate of the Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas. He attended Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Oxford University, Oxford, England; and the University of Manchester, Manchester, England.

Dr. Ferrell has been active in denominational work in Kentucky, being a member of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention; a trustee of Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky; a trustee and chairman of the Executive Committee of the West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute. He was chairman of the committee on Evangelism for the West Kentucky Association for the Simultaneous Revival Campaign this year. He is also president of the Southwestern Seminary graduates who are located in Kentucky.

Dr. Ferrell served in World War II with the rank of Major. He was overseas 19 months with a medical unit.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferrell have two children, a daughter eight years of age and a son four.

### Third Church, Malvern Has Youth Revival, V. B. S.

Third Church, Malvern, and Pastor R. B. Crotts, conducted a Youth Revival from July 25 to August 3, with Johnny Jackson, Dallas, Texas, doing the preaching. There were 17 additions to the church by baptism, one by letter, and one person surrendered for special service.

Pastor Crotts also reports an excellent Vacation Bible School which had an enrollment of 214, with an average attendance of 159; there were 14 professions of faith, and a mission offering of \$29.33, which was forwarded to the Cooperative Program.

## Park Place, Hot Springs Observes Fiftieth Anniversary

The Park Place Church, Hot Springs, observed the fiftieth anniversary of its organization in special services Saturday evening and all day Sunday, August 30, 31.

Organized in 1902, the church has had a continuous existence for fifty years. First known as the Central Park Baptist Church, the first place of meeting was on Glenn Street in a building shared by the Methodists.

The church grew out of a mission Sunday School organized by First Church in 1900. Dr. J. B. Moody was the pastor of First Church in 1902 when this church was organized. The church was moved to its present site in 1905 when J. A. Rader was pastor.

There were difficult and uncertain times in those early years. The problems were finally overcome and the present auditorium was erected in 1917, under the leadership of Dr. T. H. Jordon, then pastor, who more recently was pastor of the Central Church of this city.

It was during the pastorate of Dr. N. A. Moore (1920-22), now head of the Bible Department of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, that the three story Sunday School annex was erected.

The present pastor's home at 7 Park Place was built during the pastorate of R. B. Butler in 1927-28.

The church made substantial gains in every way during the pastorate of L. D. Summers (1928-35). An indebtedness on the property was liquidated; the old creek was covered over and the street widened and paved. The annex was built behind the pastor's home. The present educational building and open air space was acquired

and the choir loft and rostrum for the open air services was built.

A building fund for a new building was begun during the ministry of Dr. J. F. Queen, and the lots facing Park Avenue were added to the church property.

While D. C. Bandy was pastor a church bus was purchased.

Pastor W. W. Dishongh led the church in buying the neon sign on Park Avenue and in drawing up plans for a new church building which are in hand.

The present pastor, James H. Fitzgerald, has served since December 9, 1951, during which time the auditorium has been re-decorated and a Hammond electric organ has been installed.

The celebration of this semi-centennial of the organization of the church also affords opportunity for the statement of future plans which include the erection of a new and commodious building, facing Park Avenue; the enlargement of the organizations throughout the church as well as the establishment of a mission station or two in strategic places in near-by territory.

The celebration began Saturday evening at 7:00 p. m. and continued throughout the day Sunday. Features of Sunday's services included a **Fiftieth Anniversary Offering** in which the members were asked to make gifts to the building fund in multiples of 50. Other features of the program included an address by Dr. H. E. Williams, president of Southern Baptist College of Walnut Ridge; an old fashioned "basket lunch," spread picnic style at noon; special music; and a history of the church with recognition and reminiscences by all former members and charter members present.

### Minister Ordained

An ordination service was held recently by the Lunsford Church in Mount Zion Association in which Roland Chappell was ordained to the full gospel ministry. Mr. Chappell is pastor of the Lunsford Church.

The ordaining council was composed of pastors and deacons from Mount Zion Association. Pastor Hal Gallop from Black Oak conducted the examination; Pastor A. F. Muncy of Lake City delivered the ordination sermon; Pastor Eugene Webb of Bay led the ordination prayer; Deacon J. N. Sutterfield presented the Bible; and Deacon R. R. Holland served as clerk of the ordinating council.

### Second Church, Pine Bluff Has Youth Revival

Floyd B. Caldwell, pastor, reports that the youth program of Second Church was greatly advanced by the results of the recent revival there. There was one addition by baptism, two by letter, one surrendered his life to the Lord's service.

The team was composed of Bill Dunn, preacher; Jimmy Maymick, singer; Kitty Ruth Davis, organist and booster band leader; Betty Sue Holt, pianist and booster band leader; and Nancy Hall, personal worker.

### Morris In Missouri

Evangelist W. J. Morris of Pine Bluff assisted Ira T. Mallory and the First Baptist Church of Marble Hill, Missouri, in a revival meeting August 3-17. Pastor Mallory is a graduate of Ouachita College.

### New Providence, Leachville In Revival Meeting

Pastor M. S. Lloyd did his own preaching in a revival in New Providence Church, Rt. 2, Leachville, which resulted in nine additions to the church, four on profession of faith and baptism.

Linden Perkins of Hornersville, Missouri, had charge of the music program, and Miss Wanda Morris of Hornersville was the pianist.

### Special Broadcast On Layman's Day

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, will be featured on a special Layman's Day broadcast of the Baptist Hour October 12. Charles Wellborn will bring a special message on the subject "Let's Open Up the Ministry."

The Brotherhood is co-operating with the Radio Commission in an effort to have more than a million Southern Baptist laymen listening together to this program.

### Columbus Church Has Youth Revival

The First Church of Columbus recently conducted a Youth Revival in which there were 14 professions of faith. Bill Dunn of Ouachita College was the evangelist in the meeting and Jim Harris of Arkansas State Teachers College directed the singing. These young men were engaged for this Youth Revival by Dr. Dale Cowling, who was at that time state B. S. U. director.

# Publicity In A Stewardship Revival

By J. W. BUCKNER

Get out your publicity early if your Stewardship Revival is going to be a real success. Five full weeks of publicity or more before the revival begins will assure success. People need to know all they can about motives, fields, causes that Baptists love and support. If we wish for them to give as they ought to give, it is imperative that we supply all the information about all our work.

Tracts are read greedily by many. So, tracts alone will inform a large segment of any church. It is a good idea to mail these tracts to every member, not every family, every member. We should never select people of the membership not to mail tracts to or to mail them to for the ones neglected are always the ones most in need. Tracts should go to adults and children, the child always being flattered with a letter from the pastor with a tract included. Your state office will furnish all the tracts you need to advertise your Stewardship Revival.

## Posters

Posters are seen, read and felt by all attending members of the church. Every department room and all class rooms should have posters on stewardship for weeks be-

fore the revival. These posters should be changed each week for five weeks. Again, your state office will furnish these posters with which to advertise your revival. By all means use them freely and far ahead of your revival.

Newspaper publicity is good for the church and for other churches about you. Everyone reads the newspaper and will notice a big attractive advertisement from the church. Simple but attractive ads in your county or daily paper will reach almost all the homes of your city or county. In our county a deer hunter was converted to tithing by reading one of the ads. Newspaper publicity is expensive but it always pays well in such a revival.

Radio is wonderful in advertising a Stewardship Revival. Sermons over the radio on stewardship reach people whom you would never reach in regular services. Buy the time. Don't expect the station to donate this time for it is too valuable. For a week let the pastor go on the radio for fifteen minutes with a message on tithing and it will be tellingly effective. People all around you need to know that your church has a mission and that God has a method for fulfilling that mission.

## Personal Letter

Perhaps one of the finest methods of advertising the Stewardship Revival is by personal, signed letter from the pastor to all members of the church. Again, let these letters go to all members, never to certain members. These letters may be mailed in special color envelopes or in some other manner that will catch the attention of all members. Use first class mail by all means. **PEOPLE DESTROY SECOND CLASS MAIL.**

Perhaps the best of all methods of advertising a Stewardship Revival is boosting from the pulpit. If the pastor has it in his heart and talks about it liberally and pleasingly from the pulpit, the people will hear and they will follow their beloved pastor.

So, let God's appointed servant lead out in enthusiastic boosting and a loyal people will rush to the support of this worthy cause.

Again, the power of prayer must not be under emphasized. Pray about this publicity, every piece of it, and God will give it power to reach the hearts of needy people. Ask the members to pray as they read it, but by all means, pray much and often about whatever you do in advertising your Stewardship Revival.

## Dr. B. B. McKinney Seriously Injured

By RUTH NININGER

It is with great sadness that we report the tragic accident to Dr. and Mrs. B. B. McKinney. During Music Week at Ridgecrest, which was attended by 2,200 church musicians and pastors from all over the Convention territory, both of these fine, consecrated people inspired everyone with their gracious manner and their untiring efforts to make the music program more meaningful to those in attendance. It was remarked over and over that Dr. McKinney never looked better or more vigorous. His ready smile and his gentle spirit are always treasured memories.

Miss Alta Faircloth of the Sunday School Board in Nashville writes as follows: "Dr. McKinney was critically injured in an automobile accident Tuesday, September 2, as he and Mrs. McKinney were returning from Ridgecrest. He is at Swain County Hospital, Bryson City, North Carolina. Mrs. McKinney was not injured. The doctors gave Mrs. McKinney a little encouragement for the first time Wednesday morning. Dr. McKinney suffered nine broken ribs, a punctured lung, head injuries, and severe chest injuries."

## She Was Right

By ANDREW HALL

One of our prominent Southern Baptist pastors related this incident to our State Assembly.

"My daughter was married to a soldier during the war. They moved to a large southern city and my daughter moved her letter the first Sunday. In less than two weeks they were transferred to a Texas city and she again moved her letter on the first Sunday. Two weeks later her husband got his shipping orders and she packed up, moved back to Knoxville and moved her letter the first Sunday she was back home before her letter had ever been granted in the first place."

I say she did the right thing. She is a real Baptist.

## Baptists Need A Commission On The Church

By DUKE K. MCCALL

Since 1948 when Dr. Ellis Fuller and I, as tourists, sat in on several sessions of the organizational meeting of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, Holland, I have maintained that the rock on which the World Council of Churches would break would be doctrine of the church. Leaders of that movement, whether harmless as doves or not, have certainly been as wise as serpents, for they are now concluding a Faith and Order Conference at Lund, Sweden, on the doctrine of the church. Thus instead of ignoring the danger to their organization, they have with some courage attacked the problem directly.

Southern Baptists may have forgotten that we were represented in the formerly independent Life and Work Conference and Faith and Order Conference by Drs. George Truett and John R. Sampey. We may, however, take some pride in the statement made to me in Copenhagen, Denmark, a few weeks ago by a number of European Baptist leaders that Dr. John R. Sampey particularly had made a real contribution to the understanding of the Baptist position by European Protestants. They said that while Dr. Sampey's contribution got no further than the footnotes at the Edinburgh Conference on Faith and Order, at least the Baptist position was heard from his lips and recorded.

Because the Faith and Order Movement is now a part of the World Council of Churches, Southern Baptists have not been represented in the recent meeting at Lund, Sweden, nor have they generally heard much about it. We will make a great mistake however if we do not study all the documents developed by this Lund conference.

I have just returned from spending four days in Tollose, Denmark, at the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee, serving as a member of a special committee studying the doctrine of the church. I was impressed not so much by the differences and agreements among Baptists

on the doctrine of the church, as by the wide variation in the amount of serious thinking given to the subject. Representatives from some Baptist conventions were well able to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Sampey. At Lund, or anywhere else, they could have made a clear, concise, convincing statement of their position as Baptists. The minds of others were bound by clinches and confusion.

Southern Baptists are going to be left in a theological eddy unless they quickly devote themselves to a fresh study of the doctrine of the church. I think I may claim to have had some influence in the decision of Southern Baptists to attempt to indoctrinate our people in the year 1952 with our beliefs about the church. The time has come, however, for us to go beyond that. The Southern Baptist Convention should appoint a commission of its best theologians to prepare a statement on the doctrine of the church in the light of the thinking of our day.

The statement of this commission need not have any approval or disapproval by the Convention. It will have no creedal qualities. The publication of the statement, however, will work like leaven in the theological lump. It will no doubt provoke vigorous dissent, but the carefully thought out dissent will contribute to our thinking.

If the ecumenical movement, as now organized, does not crash on the doctrine of the church, we Southern Baptists will have to be able to maintain our position with clear statements of what we find in the Word of God. If a theological commission (with a definitely limited life) is not the answer, what do you suggest?

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The Church is full of willing people. Half are willing to work and the other half is willing to let them.

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God calls men when they are busy, Satan when they are idle.

# Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

## Four Brotherhood Majors

Below are the South-wide Brotherhood EMPHASES and OBJECTIVES for 1953. These were adopted at the recent Brotherhood Conference at Ridgecrest.

### I. EVANGELISM

1. Personal soul-winning
2. Group Evangelism
  - a. prayer services
  - b. special revivals
  - c. institutional services
3. Establishing Missions
4. Tract distribution

### II. STEWARDSHIP

1. Personal consecration—of time and talents through my church
2. Tithes and offerings—through my church
3. Dedication of home, business or profession.
4. Participation in stewardship emphasis week October 18-25, 1953

### III. COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

1. Study of mission fields and needs
2. Study of denominational institution and agencies
3. Study of church and denominational finance

4. Increased proportion of church receipts through Co-operative Program.

### IV. BOYS WORK

1. Man and Boy movement
2. Recreation—camps and banquets
3. Co-operate with court authorities
4. Provide male leadership for boys groups

We submit that every one of these emphases is of the very greatest importance in our continuing efforts to do the very work for which the Brotherhood exists.

These four emphases should have the careful consideration of every pastor, of every Brotherhood member. They can well and profitably be made the themes of the four quarterly associational Brotherhood meetings of 1953.

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Home is far more than a residence, home involves the character of living which goes on inside the house.

If we are faithful, God will look after our success.

# Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary

## Summer Camps Are Over

Eleven hundred ninety-five of Arkansas' finest youth registered for the eight camps promoted and directed by Woman's Missionary Union during the vacation period. Golden opportunities were claimed to plant into their hearts and lives missionary information and inspiration that sent them back to their churches world citizens with missionary zeal. Miss Doris DeVault, state Young People's Secretary, directed the five camps for girls and assisted in planning for the three camps for boys which were directed by Pastor Russell Duffer of Paragould and Pastor Cecil Guthrie of Newport.

Missionaries and missionary speakers included the following: Mrs. George Jennings, Spain; Miss Lucy Lan, China; Mr. Alfred Chong, Hawaii; Miss Jane Averitt, South Alabama Indians; Dr. J. V. Dawes, missionary emeritus of China; Mr. Laiz Lessa, Brazilian national; Miss Ruby Earhart, Home Mission Board; Miss Chieko Sato, Hawaii; Miss Ruth Worthington, Indian field of Oklahoma; Miss Kathleen Manley, Africa; Mrs. Albert Bagby, Brazil; Miss Bertha Wallis, Field Worker for the Home Mission Board. To them, we express gratitude in behalf of the hundreds who benefitted from their fellowship.

Generous offerings were designated for the Cooperative Program; special Home Mission and Foreign Mission projects; Korean Relief. The most glorious response, however, was that to appeals for surrender of lives. Thirty-one conversions were recorded and 278 dedications and surrenders to full time Christian service. A glorious

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reward for a busy, full, hard summer!

The unselfish service rendered by dozens of our "home folks" was not unnoticed. Had it not been for the scores who gave of their time and energy so freely, the camps could not have been held. Space does not permit listing them individually.

Limited space at Ferncliff made it necessary to turn down numbers of requests for reservations. In an effort to accommodate every person who wants to attend camps next summer, we hope to extend the camping season. Definite schedule will be released soon.

In addition to the above, thirty-six young women from sixteen Arkansas churches attended the convention-wide Y.W.A. encampment at Ridgecrest. Miss DeVault was in charge of the group. They traveled by chartered bus from Little Rock, and three young men attended Young Men's Mission Conference at Ridgecrest.

### LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE September 30-October 1

The annual leadership conference for the following will be held at Hardison Hall, Petit Jean, September 30-October 1, for District presidents and young people's leaders; Associational superintendents and Associational young people's leaders; associate superintendents, B.W.C. advisers, chairmen of mission study, community missions, and stewardship. You will note that the conference is not designed for local leaders, but for district and associational workers.

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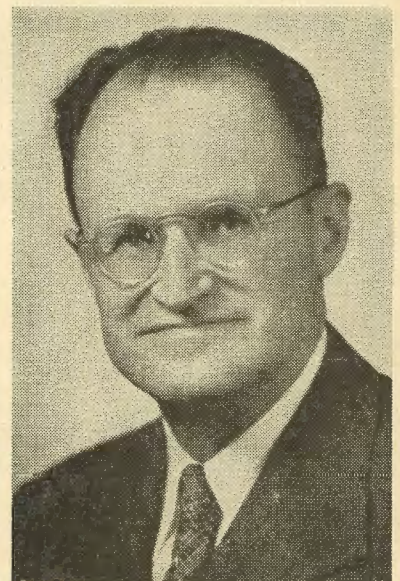
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**GEORGE H. HINK**  
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State Sunday School Secretary

## Bottoms Baptist Orphanage Truck Stops, 1952

**NOVEMBER 17; Pulaski, Centennial, Harmony, Delta, Liberty, and Carey Associations:**

Little Rock—First, Second, Immanuel, Tabernacle, Pulaski Heights, South Highland, Gaines Street and Baring Cross, North Little Rock.

Almyra, Humphrey, Altheimer, Stuttgart, Dumas, and Gould.

Pine Bluff—First, Second, Immanuel, and South Side.

Rison, Dermott, Eudora, Lake Village, McGehee, Montrose, DeWitt, Parkdale, Portland, Tillar, Wilmot, Camden, First, Cullendale, El Dorado—First, Immanuel, Second, South Side, and West Side. Elliott, Junction City, Louann, Smackover, Village, Norphlet, Stephens, Strong, Bearden, Fordyce, and Sparkman.

**DECEMBER 1: Current River, Green County, Gainesville, Mt. Zion, Trinity, Mississippi County, Caroline, Black River Associations:**

Biggers, Corning, Pocahontas, Reyno, Piggott, Rector, Paragould, Jonesboro—First, Central, Walnut Street, and Fisher Street.

Lake City, Nettleton, Monette, Marmaduke, Austin, Hoxie, Newport, Tuckerman, Harrisburg, Lepanto, Marked Tree, and Tyronza. Blytheville—First and Calvary.

Joiner, Leachville, Luxora, Manila, Osceola, Biscoe, Cabot, Carlisle, De Valls Bluff, Hazen, Lonoke, Ward, England, Jacksonville, Walnut Ridge, and College City.

**DECEMBER 8; Arkansas Valley, Tri County, Woodruff, and White County Associations:**

Brinkley, Clarendon, Helena, West Helena, Barton, Marianna, Hughes, Earle, Cherry Valley, Parkin, Forrest City, West Memphis, Marion, Wynne, Augusta, Cotton Plant, Hunter, McCrory, Beebe, Bald Knob, Searcy, and Judsonia.

**DECEMBER 15; Independence, Little Red River, Big Creek, Rocky Bayou, Black River, White River, Stone-Van Buren Associations:**

Batesville, West Batesville, Salem, Ruddle Hill, Concord, Heber Springs, Ash Flat, Hardy, Mammoth Springs, Calico Rock, Melbourne, Newport, Viola, Cotter, Mountain Home, Flippin, Yellville, Clinton, Leslie, Marshall, Gassville.

**JANUARY 5, 1953; Red River, Hope, Ouachita, and Buckner Associations:**

Arkadelphia—First and Second. Prescott, Emmett, Texarkana—Beech Street, Calvary, and Immanuel.

Bradley, Canfield, Magnolia—Central.

Doddridge, Fouke, Houe, Stamps, Lewisville, Cove, Grannis, Hatfield, Wicks, Mena, Hartford, Mansfield, Waldron, Gurdon, and Ashdown.

**JANUARY 12; Faulkner County, Newton County, Boone-Carroll, Washington-Madison, Benton County Associations:**

Conway—First and Second. Deer, Jasper, Alpena Pass, Berryville,

Eureka Springs, Green Forest, Harrison, Fayetteville—First, Lincoln, Bentonville, Springdale, Gentry, Gravette, Siloam Springs. Rogers—First, and Immanuel. Pea Ridge.

**JANUARY 19; Concord, Clear Creek, Caddo River, and Central Associations:**

Booneville, Branch, Bloomer, Charleston, Lavaca, Magazine, Ratcliff, Paris, Alma, Clarksville, Ozark, Mulberry, Van Buren, Amity, Mount Ida, Caddo Gap, Norman, Glenwood, Bauxite, Jennie, Benton. Fort Smith—First, Calvary, Emmanuel, Temple, Trinity, Grand Ave., Southside.

Hot Springs—First, Second, Central, Immanuel, Harvey's Chapel, Park Place.

Walnut Valley, Lake Hamilton, Piney. Malvern—First, Third, and Shorewood Hills. Greenwood.

**JANUARY 26; Little River, Dardanelle-Russellville, Conway-Perry Associations:**

Mineral Springs, Nashville, DeQueen, Wilton, Murfreesboro, Locksurg, Atkins, Danville, Dardanelle, Knoxville, Ola, Russellville, Morrilton, Perryville, Perry, Plummerville, Casa, and Ogden.

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Michael Angelo is reported to have said that in every piece of marble there is imprisoned an idea which awaits the vision and skill of the sculptor to free it and give it to the world. We are sculptors, who hold within our hands our own individual lives, and by our ideals and example we are shaping the lives of others. Mr. Spurgeon went so far as to say that "The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of the Spirit of God." Chalmers stated that "Every man is a missionary, now and forever, for good or for evil, whether he intends or designs it or not."

Senator Charles W. Tobey declares that "What we need—what we must have—is a moral awakening that will restore to us as individuals the high principles upon which our country was founded. For the things that are wrong with the country today are the sum total of all the things wrong with us as individuals." Can we ever forget how we were taught honesty and truthfulness and reverence? "Henceforth the majesty of God revere; fear him, and you have nothing else to fear."

As the mother thinks of her privilege and responsibility as a sculptor, she prays as did another, "God, I am going down to find a little soul, a thing that shall be mine as no other thing in the world has been mine — Prepare me for real motherhood — when the child lies in my arms and draws his life from me, and when his eyes look up to mine, to learn what this new world is like, I pledge thee that the child shall find reverence in me and no fear; truth and no shame; love strong as life and death, and no hate."

How thankful we are to have been born and reared in a home where the Bible was read, where prayer was offered, where God's Son was trusted and loved and honored and served! It is awe inspiring to remember that as sculptors we are shaping characters and lives and destinies, not only our own but of others. If as Pope imagined "The marble softened into life grew warm," then how divinely privileged parent and teacher and friend are to see the beauty and strength of the youth who through grace became a new creature in Christ Jesus!

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# Baptist Calendar of Activities, For 1953

(Following are the principal dates of activities in the denominational program for 1953. Pocket diaries will be ready for mailing about October 1 and will be completed with dates and places of all meetings, state and south-wide.)

## JANUARY

- 18-23 W. M. S. Focus Week
- 19-21 Statewide Evangelistic Conference, Little Rock. (Church to be announced)
- 22 Administration and Finance Committee Meeting
- 23 W. M. U. Day of Prayer for Community Missions
- 29-30 State Vacation Bible School Conference (Place to be announced)

## FEBRUARY

- 8-14 Y. W. A. Focus Week
- 9-13 Brotherhood Regional Meetings (Places to be announced)
- 9-13 Training Union Workshops (five) for Nursery, Beginners and Primary Leaders. (Places to be announced)

## MARCH

(Training Union Study Course and Enlargement Month)

- 2- 6 W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions
- 13-14 State Training Union Convention, Immanuel Church, Little Rock.
- 16-20 District Leadership Conferences for W. M. U. Young Peoples Leaders. (Places to be announced)
- 27 Youth Choir Festival, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia
- 28 Junior Choir Festival, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia

## APRIL

- 5-11 Youth Week in all churches sponsored by Training Union
- 7- 9 State W. M. U. Annual meeting, First Church, Little Rock
- 7 Annual State-wide Y. W. A. Banquet, Little Rock
- 8 Annual State-wide B. W. C. Federation Banquet, Little Rock
- 13-18 Brotherhood Regional Meetings (Places to be announced)
- 17-19 Intermediate G. A. Conference, Petit Jean Mountain
- 20-21 Brotherhood State Convention (Place to be announced)
- 23 Administration and Finance Committee Meeting
- 24-26 B. S. U. Spring Retreat (Place to be announced)
- 28-30 Associational Missionaries Retreat, Hot Springs

## MAY

- 3-10 Christian Home Week—Sponsored by Training Union and Sunday School
- 10-16 G. A. Focus Week
- 3- 5 Southern W. M. U. Meeting, Houston, Texas
- 6-10 Southern Baptist Convention, Houston, Texas
- 26 State W. M. U. Executive Board Meeting, Little Rock

## JUNE

- 1- 4 Rural Church Conference, Southern Baptist College
- 1- 5 R. A. Camp, Ravenden Springs
- 8-11 Rural Church Conference, Ouachita Baptist College
- 8-12 Intermediate G. A. Camp, Ravenden Springs
- 15-19 Youth Music Camp, Ferncliff
- 15-19 State-wide Hymn Playing Tournament, Ferncliff
- 15-20 Junior G. A. Camp, Ravenden Springs
- 20 Beginning of Training Union Summer Field work through August 22

## JULY

- 2- 7 Baptist State Assembly (First Week), Siloam Springs
- 9-14 Baptist State Assembly (Second Week), Siloam Springs
- 20-21 Executive Board Meeting
- 20-25 Junior R. A. Camp, Ferncliff
- 27 - August 1—Intermediate R. A. Camp, Ferncliff

## AUGUST

- 3- 7 Intermediate G. A. Camp, Ferncliff
- 7- 9 Y. W. A. Camp, Ferncliff
- 9-15 Sunbeam Band Focus Week
- 10-14 Junior G. A. Camp, Ferncliff
- 17-21 Junior G. A. Camp, Ferncliff
- 17-22 Church Music Leadership School, Ouachita College
- 18-20 Convention-wide R. A. Congress, Atlanta, Georgia
- 24-31 South-wide Music Conference, Ridgecrest, N. C.
- 28-30 Student Week, Siloam Springs

## SEPTEMBER

(Church Music Month)

- 1- 2 State Associational Sunday School Leadership Conference (Place to be announced)
- 8 Church Music Planning Meeting, Second Church, Little Rock
- 15 Associational Sunday School Planning Meeting (Place to be announced)
- 21 W. M. U. Day of Prayer for State Missions

## OCTOBER

- 5- 9 Training Union Work-shop for Nursery, Beginners, and Primary Leaders (Place to be announced)
- 11 Layman's Day
- 11-16 State Sunday School Administration and Teaching Clinic (Place to be announced)
- 12-13 State Sunday School Convention, (Place to be announced)
- 18-25 Christian Stewardship Week
- 20 State W. M. U. Executive Board Meeting, Little Rock (Place to be announced)
- 26 Associational Training Union Officers Meeting, Little Rock, Second Church
- 27 - Nov. 6—District W. M. U. Meetings

## NOVEMBER

- 8-14 R. A. Focus Week
- ? R. A. (State) Fellowship Supper, Little Rock, (Place to be announced)
- 16 Brotherhood Night
- 17-19 Arkansas Baptist State Convention
- 30 - Dec. 1—Executive Board Meeting

## DECEMBER

- 7 Training Union "M" Night in all Associations
- 7- 8 City Mission Conference, Little Rock (Place to be announced)
- 7-12 Brotherhood Regional Meetings

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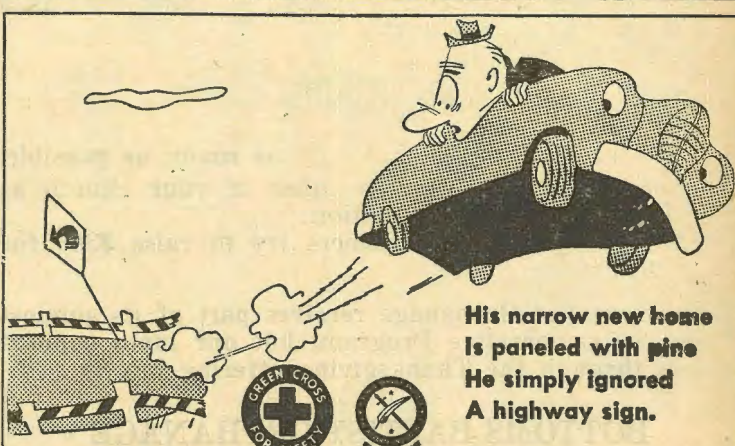


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### Dr. Golden Busy Making Contacts

Dr. L. B. Golden, who began working with the Mission Department August 1, in the interest of establishing mission stations and new churches, has been busy during the past month visiting the missionaries and pastors in the cities and larger towns of Arkansas. He reports that the missionaries and pastors have been very cordial and in many places have pointed out to him places where there are needs for new churches. Many are looking forward to getting some definite project under way soon.

We want to state again that Dr. Golden's work will be at the invitation of pastors and mission committees which desire his help in getting some new work established. It is not the desire of the Mission Department to endeavor to go into any city with the view of organizing a new church except through the co-operation of a city mission committee, or some pastor and church. If any are interested in contacting Dr. Golden, send it to: Dr. L. B. Golden, 1823 Kavanaugh, Little Rock.

### CHURCH CONSTITUTED IN PATTERSON

Sunday, August 31, First Church of Patterson was constituted. Missionary Freeman McMenis, for several months, has been working there conducting a mission in the school house. The association voted to approve the organization of a church and twenty-nine people indicated a desire to go into the new organization. Not all of them were present Sunday afternoon, but the missionary had the assurance of that many in the charter membership and perhaps more.

R. D. Harris, pastor at McCrory, whose church had extended an arm to the mission, served as moderator. W. T. Byrum, pastor at Augusta, read the Articles of Faith and Church Covenant. Your Superintendent of Missions preached the sermon.

Missionary McMenis has done a great work in preparing the way for this new church in Patterson. He will continue serving as pastor. Lots have already been purchased where a building will be erected. We commend the Baptists of Pat-

terson and pray God's blessings upon them as they carry on as a Baptist church, affiliated with all our Convention work.

### MORE ABOUT TRANSFER CHURCH MEMBERSHIP WEEK

We quote from a letter received from Pastor P. M. Dorr, showing the fine way in which the Bluffton Church is endeavoring to do something about Transfer Church Membership Week.

"We have checked the roll at Bluffton and find that there are 126 names on the books and that 51 of them are non-residents. I took the matter up with the church on our last business meeting and after discussing the situation, I appointed a committee to find the addresses of these 51 members and the church voted to have me write to them and advise them of their Christian duty in regard to their membership and that they ought to unite with a church where they live. We have already secured the addresses of all but four of these. I need a copy of the annual of the Southern Baptist Convention in order to find the names of some of the pastors in other states. We have several in western states — including Kansas, Arizona, Oregon, California, and Missouri. If you will, please have a copy of this annual sent to me."

Other pastors and churches can do the same as Pastor Dorr and Bluffton Church. It is our belief that if all the non-resident members could go into the church where they live that it would almost bring about a revival in the church.

## Figures To Inspire

Sunday, August 31

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad
Fort Smith, First	1281	647	14
Including Missions	1375	676	
Little Rock, Immanuel	1144	288	1
Including Missions	1297	364	
El Dorado, First	802	224	2
Including Missions	917	290	
Little Rock, Second	742	161	5
Paragould, First	443	183	2
Including Missions	626	330	
Pine Bluff, South Side	597	224	3
Camden, First	548	124	27
Including Missions	856	276	
Texarkana, Beech St	546	206	2
Benton, First	525	100	
Including Mission	578	137	
El Dorado, Immanuel	491	249	4
Including Mission	539	289	
Crossett, First	484	189	6
Springdale, First	479	190	19
Including Mission	587	239	
Hot Springs, Park Place	476	183	1
Siloam Springs, First	468	316	6
Hot Springs, Central	461	163	1
Little Rock, Tabernacle	461	174	
Hope, First	442	100	5
Rogers, First	421	168	
Including Mission	502	212	
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	421	114	3
West Helena	402	138	1
El Dorado, Second	398	181	1
Paris, First	369	114	4
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	361	176	1
Little Rock, So. Highland	358	159	5
Conway First	354	90	2
Booneville First	340	100	
Including Mission	427		
Smackover First,	338	128	
El Dorado, West Side	327	102	
Hot Springs, First	322	105	
Wynne	320	65	4
N. Little Rock, Park Hill	300	110	15
Bauxite, First	298	110	1
Mena, First	283	81	
Including Mission	323		
Stuttgart, First	297	151	5
Including Mission	358	189	
Norphlet, First	273	169	
Levy	263	134	2
Fort Smith, Immanuel	254	90	
Pine Bluff, Second	248	85	
Paragould, East Side	245	118	
Gurdon, Beech St.	235	117	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	224	108	1
Crossett, Mount Olive	222	123	15
Fort Smith, Spradling	195	95	13
Dermott	194	68	2
No. Little Rock, First	187	61	
Augusta, First	178	81	
Including Mission	235		
Almyra	177	94	
Nettleton	140	100	3
Pine Bluff, Linwood	120	177	17
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	115		4
Jenny Lind	87	79	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	37	31	

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By Mrs. HOMER D. MYERS

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We have studied David's contribution to Israel in a political and economical sense the past three Sundays. He was a great warrior and liberated Israel from its many enemies. Through David's leadership Israel was exalted from the status of slaves, from a down trodden group of tribal Jews, to an established nation, respected by all the other nations of that time. The government was organized, judges were set up to aid in solving the people's problems, the people were united in peace and harmony. The capitol was established in Jerusalem, and

But there was no temple for worship. The original tabernacle had worn out, and the Lord had "moved from tabernacle to tabernacle" since the days that Israel had come out of the wilderness. The ark of God was sitting in the house of Abinadab in Gibeah. David built a tent for worship and determined to bring the ark to Jerusalem as his first religious contribution to the nation. However, nobody consulted the records to learn how the ark should be carried. A new cart was built to convey it to Jerusalem, and a man lost his life when the cart, presumably tilted, Uzzah reached forth to steady the ark, and when he touched it, he died. David was astonished, he became afraid of God, and left the ark in another home for three months. They finally succeeded in getting the ark to Jerusalem, where great rejoicing prevailed over the spiritual victory they felt.

Then it was that David began to think about the simple tabernacle where the ark rested, while he lived in a palace. He summoned Nathan the prophet and related to him his ambition to build a beautiful temple for the worship of Jehovah. Nathan thought it was a splendid idea and told the king to proceed.

## CONSULT GOD ABOUT EVERYTHING

But even a temple, nor a church, should not be built without consulting the God who is to be worshiped there! After all, if one were building you a house, wouldn't you like to plan it, or have a part in the plans? That night God spoke to Nathan and said, "Go tell David my servant, Thus saith Jehovah . . ." Don't ever take God for granted. Nothing should be attempted, be it ever so right, until God has spoken; for "Unless the Lord build the house, he labors in vain who

## Sunday School Lesson for September 14, 1952

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 25-29; 23:1-4

builds . . ." We need the "Thus saith Jehovah" in everything we do.

"Thou shalt not build a house for me to dwell in . . ." came the electrifying announcement. But Jehovah would build David a house, an everlasting kingdom, a dynasty which would endure forever and be known throughout the universe!

It was a noble gesture for David to desire to build God a house, his motives were right, and the temple would be built, though his son would have that honor, but something greater than a building of stone, mortar, silver, and gold, was to be David's honor to receive. He would be the forefather of Mary, the mother of Jesus. His own descendant would be the Messiah! The kingdom of God, not just Israel, would be linked with David's name forever. What earthly fame could equal that honor, to be in partnership with Jehovah and the forerunner of the Savior of the world. Like Abraham, David would be a blessing to multiplied millions. David's name would grace the honor rolls of heaven and earth. His name would be associated with such notables as Abraham, Israel and Moses.

Such a revelation as this overwhelmed David. He went to church. He sat down before Jehovah. We can see his humble submissiveness as he is denied the privilege of doing what he desired, to do for the Lord, and as he bowed before Jehovah, he asked: "Oh Jehovah God, and what is my house that thou has brought me thus far?" David's plan sinks into utter insignificance in the face of God's plans. The Lord had reckoned David to be a "man of high degree" and he was surprised and elated.

## GIVING REVERSED

David would have taken great pride in building God a house, but the proud must become humble and become the receiver rather than the giver. David desired to make a contribution to God that would have been known around world, but he must now accept a contribution. **THAT IS GRACE.** That is unmerited favor. So it is in receiving salvation, and isn't it so with everything else God gives us? Is there one anywhere, so conceited as to feel that he merits anything God gives?

Yet there are those who would strike a bargain with God. "I will serve God if He will bless me."

Some give a little here and a little there, and like a child wait in anticipation of the returns; "How soon may I expect results?" David had a sincere desire to give God something, there was no bargaining motive in him, and the Lord showed David what a real gift was like.

We sincerely believe that when Christian people commit themselves to Him whether He sees fit to bless or not, their storehouse selves unreservedly to the Lord, to would fail to hold what He would give in return. We fail in making whole hearted commitments, we fail in our first purpose of making a religious contribution to God, or to the world.

David by God's grace was able to make many religious contributions to the human race. He gave us most of the psalms which were Israel's hymnbook, and once were set to music.

David was a great musician. His experiences were such as to give a rich background to his spirit inspired poems. Because David had suffered, he could write such comforting verses as Psalm 23. Because he knew the need of help, he could write Psalm 27 and 46.

Because of his experiences, he could give the best possible advice to others, as is found in Psalm 37.

Because of the marvelous grace of God to David, he could sing the praises of God like no other, as we find in Psalm 100. No man has ever penned such exhilarating poems as, Psalm 19, nor told such thrilling truths. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

In David's writings we find instruction, praise, comfort, confidence, strength, assurance, supplication, and repentance. (Psalm 51), David's religious contribution to mankind has lived 3,000 years.

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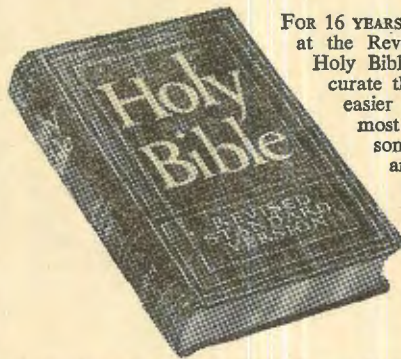
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### The Church

"Though thou hast lain with the pots, Thou shalt be as the wings of a dove covered with silver and her feathers with yellow gold."—Psalm 68:13.

There have been many and varied ideas about what constitutes a church. To some it is synonymous with a denomination. To others it is any organization with the name Christian connected with it. Others feel that the church covers all who have professed faith in Christ. To many it is a group of regenerated sinners, voluntarily submitting to the ordinance of baptism administered by scriptural authority, uniting together to teach and preach the "faith once for all delivered to the saints," administering the ordinances, co-operating with other like groups in seeking to evangelize the lost everywhere.

Our text, (without giving an exegesis of it) offers two thoughts of great interest. First: "Though you have lain among the pots." The true churches, since Christ organized the first one, have existed surrounded with all kinds of sin in high and low places. Certainly the latter part of the first chapter of Romans has always been true and no one can deny it characterizes our day.

Attention could be called to many but only a few will be used. 1. Scarcely had churches been organized across the Roman Empire than the Devil had turned some of the leaders into dictators so an ecclesiastical organization patterned after the Roman Empire came into being and with its hurt and heresies continues to this day. The history of Rome is longer and darker than any other organization the world has ever known. Certainly smaller organizations have come out of Rome either directly or indirectly, and have done much good but they still retain some of Rome's characteristics.

2. The governments of all nations existing since Christ organized His church, have, on a whole, been characterized by greed, selfishness, and corruption on every side. As an example there is our own nation. Almost every city is dominated by a corrupt political machine and is so advertised. The two national political conventions opened their conventions with a supposed prayer which is usually an oration read to be heard by men and not God while the conventions are characterized by drunkenness and corruption. Even the President is reported to

have said he knows of no mess in Washington.

3. The moral darkness demonstrated in the lives of unregenerated, demon possessed individuals. The crowds are not in churches, but in dance halls, saloons, night clubs, theatres, and so forth. Broken homes, desecration of the Lord's day, wrecked lives should call any saved person to cry out to God for help in repenting and testifying.

4. Heresies of all kinds within the lives and teachings of those who claim to be disciples of "The Son of God" and "The Son of Man." These cover a wide range and manifest themselves in many ways. There are those who deny the simple, plain teachings of the Bible. I heard a man from a large Southern denominational University in thirty minutes deny the authority of the Bible, virgin birth, deity of Christ, atonement of Christ, resurrection of Christ, and His second coming. And the sad part was the ones hearing him did not realize what he was doing. On the other hand they seek to defy unregenerated man. "O Father of all mankind" is the way many begin their prayers. No sin, therefore no need for repentance and regeneration, contrary to the words of Jesus, "Ye must be born again" and Paul, "All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God." Surely the New Testament churches have been and are surrounded by darkness.

The second part of the text suggests the beauty and glory of the true churches, surrounded by so vast amount of darkness. "Wings of a dove covered with silver and her feathers with yellow gold." "When the Son of Man cometh will he find faith on the earth?" Yes. In spite of all Satan has done and is doing the churches of Christ have continued to exist and continue to be glorious.

They are beautiful in their membership, being saved, redeemed, whether slave or master, learned or unlearned, rich or poor, regardless of race or parentage. Paul said "Let the servants adorn the doctrine of God." Purity of life, high standards of moral purity, authority of the Bible, deity and atonement of Christ, eternal salvation for all who will have it, simplicity of organization all show how glorious Christ makes His churches.

### Central College Property

We had definitely hoped that by September 3, we would have concluded the deal on the sale of the Central College property in Conway to the Arkansas Missionary Baptist Association brethren, and we had planned to give extensive information about the deal.

As it stands there is one major item in the deal that has not come through. We have been assured by word of mouth that it would be done, but as of today it has not been done, and we are not authorizing the title to be transferred until it is done. We have ordered the whole deal held up until this item is attended to.

## A Busy Pastor And A Thorough Program

The following comes from Pastor L. G. Gatlin, First Church, Carlisle: "In my efforts to prepare my people for an increase in their mission gifts through the Cooperative Program, I am preaching on subjects of a missionary emphasis. And I have ordered for circulation for our church, the pamphlets and reports from the Foreign Mission Board, and have shown 48 color slides of our work in Colombia, and have six film strips to be shown at opportune times before our budget is presented. And I have purchased the set of books suggested to be taught to the different classes on missions." Pastor Gatlin also sets forth his prayerful aim for a definite increase in contributions for Cooperative Missions. Then he adds: "We are sending letters to the unaffiliated Baptists around here, of which number I have discovered 25, and to the 130 non-resident members whose addresses I have with great effort gotten by visitation. In the near future letters will go out to the lost in our territory urging them to attend church, and to give their hearts to the Lord.

"Letters are being mailed out to the 77 who have united with us during the past year, 44 of that number by baptism. We are requesting the attendance of these at our "First anniversary of serving here as pastor next Sunday." We, at our morning service, shall dedicate our beautiful Hammond Organ."

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### AND HE CAME

"Why don't you go to church?" said the minister to a non-church-goer. "Well I'll tell you. The first time I went to church they dunked me in water, and the second time they tied me to a woman I've had to keep ever since," said the smart-aleck. "Yes," said the minister, "and the next time you go they'll throw dirt on you." The man was in church the next Sunday.

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The people who talk the most about their rights usually leave their duties on the doorsteps of others.

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## BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: September 14

SPEAKER: Dr. J. D. Grey

SUBJECT: "Are You A. W. O. L.?"

### ARKANSAS STATIONS

KHOZ, Harrison, 8:15 a. m.

KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.

KENA, Mena, 2 p. m.

KDRS, Paragould, 10 a. m.

KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

KOSE Osceola, 5:30 p. m.

KUMA, Magnolia

KOTN, Pine Bluff, Sat., 8:30 p. m.

KRLW, Walnut Ridge.

Consult local paper for time.