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Happy New Year



**'Does He have you?'**

PAUL looked out upon the troubled world and an iniquitous city of his day and made this appraisal, "For a great



DR. WHITLOW

door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." He felt that he had something a troubled world needed; The nature of the times provided for him a door of opportunity.

As we enter a new year and look out upon the horizon of our world there is enough trouble and heartache to discourage us from entering another day into the new year—that is, if we counsel only the immediate.

The opening statement of an English preacher as he stood before a New York congregation of ministers was, "Do you have it?" We might better change the question to "Does He have you?" In other words, would it make much difference to the world if you should share with it that which has possession of you?

In the Baptist Jubilee Advance, 1962 has been marked as the Year for Church Extension. It seems rather evident that this extension must be vertical as well as horizontal. We must not only lengthen our cords, but we must also strengthen our stakes. This means that we must eventually come back to the relation of the individual to the Lord.

It is rather obvious that we may have already overextended in instances when we have failed to experience a corresponding depth. As religious workers there is the ever-present danger of overlooking our own spiritual development while at the same time consuming much of our time and expending much of our energy on things religious.

Now, we come back to the original question, "Does He have you?" It might

be profitable for us to ponder this question until we can humbly answer it in the affirmative. Otherwise, we cannot share with the world that which we do not possess.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

**A good year**

ARKANSAS BAPTISTS did better in the area of finance during the year 1961 than any previous year in our history. The church members gave more



DR. DOUGLAS

money through their churches and the churches gave more money to world missions through the Cooperative Program. Consequently the state convention was able to distribute more money to all Kingdom causes than ever before.

This is as it should be. Baptists have more income (take home pay) than ever before. We know more about world need than ever before, and we have the best organization through which we can meet

world needs we ever had.

With all of our rejoicing there must be a spirit of thanksgiving and humility. God is blessing Baptists far more than our response to His call deserves. We can expect that, because God is merciful and long-suffering, but we cannot forget that God gave us a commission and then promised to bless us as we in turn become a blessing.

In a day when it takes money to preach the gospel to a lost world, God has blessed Baptists with money. The sad fact remains that His causes get a minor percent of that money.

Baptists gave 3.1 percent of their income through the churches. The churches gave approximately 12½ percent through the Cooperative Program and the Arkansas Baptist Convention was able to give only 36 percent of its receipts to world-wide causes.

Considering that we have been saved by grace and also serve under grace, our giving should go far beyond the old law of giving and that was a minimum of 10 percent. Under grace, in a day of "unheard-of" prosperity, it is high time that Baptists get beyond the legalism

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**Parson to person**

*High cost of low living*

By JACK GULLEDGE  
Pastor of First Church, Brinkley, in the  
*Brinkley (Ark.) Argus*

THE ones who have the most trouble keeping up with the Joneses are their creditors. But you can't expect to keep ahead of your bills if you let them do all the running.



MR. GULLEDGE


At today's prices it looks as if the nickel has gone the way of the other buffaloes. As someone has pointed out: "Living in the lap of luxury isn't bad except that you never know when luxury is going to stand up."

Some of us feel that we are sinking fast in the financial three-ring circus. While you're trying to balance the accounts, the wife juggles the budget and the banker bounces your checks.

The cost of living will, no doubt, continue to rise. In the same sense Jesus said the cost of discipleship was high and demanded loyalty on the part of all Christians. The cost of disloyalty and crime against the laws of God is higher.

I read of a gangland racketeer who was murdered, and he did not even have enough money from his crimes for a decent burial. This is the high cost of low living. Like inflation, the cost continues to increase so slowly that it goes practically unnoticed. Then one day, judgment!

There is a proverb: "First the man has a drink; then the drink has a man; then the man has a drink; then the drink has a man." The first inflation of sin in life seemingly is small and harmless. But the second, and third, etc. installments increase until at last, like the vampire, sin has drained the last drop of life blood from its victim. What a high price to pay for such a sorry life!



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# Former editor of *Arkansas Baptist* dies

DR. JOHN Jeter Hurt, 88, an early editor of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* (then, *Baptist Advance*), died Tuesday of last week in Atlanta, Ga., where he had lived for many years.

Dr. Hurt, who devoted more than 60 years to the Baptist denomination, was editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Advance* in 1904 and 1905. The *Advance* was established in 1902 as the official organ of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and its name was changed to the *Arkansas Baptist* in 1933.

Dr. Hurt, a former president of Union University at Jackson, Tenn., was pastor of First Baptist Church, Conway, for several years after he edited the *Advance*.

Born near Richmond, Va., he was ordained to the ministry in 1901. He was educated at the University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He had attended 53 consecutive annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Hurt had made his home in Atlanta since 1948 and served as a supply minister in various churches in the Southeast until age confined his activities to writing. He published three books after reaching the age of 84.



DR. HURT

Survivors include four sons, John J. Hurt, Jr., editor of the *Christian Index*, the Baptist publication in Georgia; Harry H. Hurt, president of Georgia Distributors, Inc.; James L. Hurt, a manufacturers representative, all of Atlanta, Ga.; George T. Hurt of Camden, S. C., and a daughter, Mrs. Howard C. Bennett of Marshall, Tex., wife of the president of East Texas Baptist College.

## Nationalism seen as 'competing faith'

WACO, TEX.—Modern nationalism has become a competing faith of many of mankind's traditional religions, says a writer in the current issue of "A Journal of Church and State" published at Baylor University.

This nationalism has challenged the right of Christian missions to aim at the conversion of the nations of Asia, says R. Pierce Beaver, professor of missions at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

The article is one of 20 papers and reviews included in No. 2, Volume III of the Journal published by the J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State at Baylor University. James E. Wood, Jr., professor of religion at Baylor, is the editor. Dr. Robert T. Miller, professor of political science at

## ARKANSAS BAPTIST writers 'make' QUOTE

TWO *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* writers were quoted in *Quote*, the weekly digest, Dec. 10: Rev. Dillard S. Miller, pastor of First Church, Mena; and Dr. H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, Okla., president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

From the Sunday School lesson by Pastor Miller in a recent issue of the *Baptist* was quoted this Lincoln story:

When Abraham Lincoln was a candidate for President of the United States, someone asked him about his aspirations to that high office. He answered that he did not fear his opponents, "but," he said, "there is a man named Lincoln of whom I am very much afraid. If I am defeated, it will be by that man."

From Dr. Hobbs' weekly feature on Baptist beliefs this paragraph was quoted:

William Carey cobbled shoes with a map of the world on the wall. But it wasn't the world on the wall that took Carey out of the cobbler's shop and sent him to India. It was the world in his heart!

## The Cover



—Home Mission Board Photo  
"Behold, I make all things new"  
(Rev. 21:5).

Baylor, and Dr. E. Bruce Thompson, professor of history, are associate editors.

Evangelism is one of the prime targets of nationalism in Asia, says Dr. Beaver in his article.

"The basic objection stems from the fear that conversion is dangerous to national unity and is a potent vehicle for the spread of foreign influence," he writes. "From Korea to India the writer was told over and over again by priests and monks, by religious lay leaders and agnostic secularists, that they did not object to thousands, even millions, of their fellow countrymen's becoming Christians if it were the result of spiritual influence working in their own study and meditation. They strongly objected to conversion's being achieved through foreign money."



# Ups and downs of an editor

ACROSS the nearly five years it has been my privilege to edit the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, many a brick and many a posy has come to me through the mail, by telephone, and face to face. No one could be any more surprised than I that the posies have so greatly outnumbered the bricks. I have never felt that I was entitled to any great amount of sympathy for any "hard road" I have had to travel. It is not exactly an "easy road," but I wouldn't swap jobs with anybody.

Aside from the gripes that come from time to time about the editor's views on one thing or another, there are occasional complaints about the way we handle news and articles sent to us.

For example, one pastor was unhappy because an item of news which was sent to us on Nov. 3 did not get into print till the issue of Nov. 23. Running this down for the facts, we found that the item in question was not an article written especially for our paper, but a letter from which we were to write a story. That was one strike against it.

Nov. 3 being a Friday, the material for our issue of Nov. 9 was all set and in forms for the press except for page 3, which is usually held open for any spot news happening over the week-end. Since this particular item was not spot or "hot" news, it did not make the Nov. 9 issue.

It happened that the issue of Nov. 16 was the one which had to carry the burden of the report on the annual State Convention, concluded Nov. 9. So the item in question was one of many that got held over to the issue of Nov. 23.

This is not to imply that our editorial skirts are always clean and that we are never guilty of losing or mishandling items. We err grievously from time to time. And sometimes by strange coincidence one person or another will have his reports fouled up two or three times in a row. Fortunately, the most of them who have had this happen to them have been longsuffering and kind.

This is merely to point up the fact that there are many conditions over which even the editor of a paper has little or no control, when it comes to getting out a paper under the myriad of deadlines that must be met.

We take great pride in the fact that we are able to carry so much Baptist and world religious news in our columns. Naturally, we give special attention to news of Baptist affairs in Arkansas and we are grateful for the wonderful cooperation we have from pastors, churches and denominational workers in getting the news to us.

Frequently someone asks us what our deadline is for news for the paper. If it is really important spot news, we can take it up to and as late as noon on Monday of the week of issue. But if it is routine it should be in the editor's office by Wednesday morning of the week before the issue (or about eight days ahead of the issue it is to appear in). Of course, the sooner we receive it, the better.

In the case of coming events, such as dedications, ground-breakings for new buildings, anniversary observances, etc., we like to have a story that can appear in the paper ahead of the event.

Although we are a weekly, we are just as much interested in receiving the news while it is new and fresh as are the dailies, even though it may be stale before we can get into print with it.

More and more churches and associations are showing interest in using the front or back page of our paper weekly or monthly for their own news and promotion. For information about this, or for further details on the handling of news features or pictures for the paper, you are cordially invited to contact the editor. And let us have your gripes. Often they are more helpful than the roses.—EJ

## Soulwinning Commitment Day

PERHAPS few serious-minded people begin a new year without searching their souls for ways of improving their lives and being better stewards of their time and opportunities. The making of New Year's resolutions is a rather common and widespread custom.

For the last several years, Southern Baptist churches have been encouraged by the Division of Evangelism of the Home Missions Board to give public invitations to their members on the first Sunday of the new year, calling them to dedicate themselves anew to soul-winning efforts. Arkansas will be interested to know that Soul-winning Commitment Day was designated at the suggestion of Dr. I. L. Yearby, while he was serving as secretary of evangelism for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. It has had a wide acceptance and doubtless has resulted in many Baptists taking more seriously the call of the Lord to all Christians to be soul-winners.

It is a great privilege to go to church and worship. We trust that every one who possibly can will begin 1962 by being in church on next Sunday, the first Lord's Day of a new year. As a part of our preparation for worship this day, let us resolve to make a new start as witnesses for Christ. With this as our motivation, the public signing of Soul-winning Commitment Day cards can be very meaningful.

—EJ



THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Holiday ruminatin'

THE immediate past president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention asked me during the holidays what in the world I would have had to write about for several weeks in "Personally speaking" if I had not gotten so many parking tickets.



ERWIN L.

You see how lucky we are that the Convention constitution limits the presidency for any one man to two terms. Otherwise, we might have been stuck with this guy for a third term!

The girls in the office, who have to live in close proximity to me, took a more positive approach. They gave me for Christmas a parking-time "clock." You just set the little gadget for the number of minutes you have on your parking meter and when the time is up, the gadget alarms. They teasingly (?) suggested that I might like to set it when I go into the pulpit, so that I'll know when to conclude. It could be used for this purpose all right—it can be set for as much as two hours!

MY old friend Clabe Hankins, who is always talking to me about "I and Sal," says the best he can calculate, "I and Sal come out about six-bits ahead" on their annual exchange of Christmas presents this year. "But we may be a little in th' red by th' time we pay fer th' gas Sal burnt findin' out how much ever'body paid fer th' things they giv' us," Clabe sighed.

MY wife and I decided to get us a partnership Christmas present this year, instead of each one getting the other one something. So we gave ourselves the final payment on our Renault Dauphine. We figured that anything that's been through what Dauphie has in clocking 55,000 miles deserves to be out of hock.

ONE of the most faith-less fellows we have heard about is the fellow who makes his New Year's resolutions retro-active, for the year just closed. That way, he never has so much as a simple fracture.

IF you have been reluctant about facing a new year, please relax. Our Ship 1962 is already safely out to sea, and our Captain is one whose will is obeyed by both wind and wave. Bon voyage!

*Erwin L. McDonald*

Christianity and law

THE spirit of Christianity is not enforceable by law or political edict. It can only exist outside the gate of law.

If it be brought within the gate of law or political edict, it is no longer a free spirit. It is a spirit of bondage. It is no longer Christianity. It is Socialistic Communism.

It is to this end of law enforced Christianity that the Do-Gooder is blinded.

The love and fellowship of man can not be established by law. Any attempt to do so ends not in establishing love and fellowship. It ends with all men in a penal institution.

Laws which seek to establish high spiritual ideals among men end not in the establishment of the ideals. They end by nailing all men to a cross.—A. R. Boling, 309 W. 27th, Pine Bluff

REPLY: But Christians are under the laws of both God and man. And in a democracy, they are responsible as citizens for the making of the country's laws and enforcing them. The "do-gooder" should stand for the right not only in religion, but in politics, business, and every other area of life.—ELM

Gone to the dogs?

I GIVE a "loud" Amen to my friend Johnny Jackson's letter regarding majorettes at O.B.C. [Our issue of Dec. 14.]

Brother Mac, I'm afraid thou art revealing thy age if majorettes don't affect you the way they do young fellers.

And to think that now our paper is about to go to the dogs, Cocker Spaniels, yes, but to the dogs, none-the-less.—Bill H. Lewis, Paragould

Off the deep end?

I HAVE been called everything under the sun except a preacher, but to hear a preacher say that I have gone off the deep end because I am against mixed

swimming, short wearing, movies and everything else is absurd.

If this is going off the deep end, then I just thank God that I have gone off. In connection with the picture of the majorettes in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, I, along with many others am against such pictures showing up in our paper.

If we are going to be Christians, let us talk like them, act like them, and dress like they are supposed to! In one of your replys you said that majorettes don't effect you that way. May I ask you in what way they do effect you?

I must say, that it seems to me, that you are willing to compromise in order to get along with the crowd. I believe that God's people ought to be peculiar as can be to the world and yet not act foolish.

We praise God for men like Johnny Jackson and Brother W. S. Smith. I am sure that these kind of preachers are considered fanatics and ignorant men. I notice though, that this is the kind of men that help the world for the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am not trying to be ugly, I am just being firm in my honest convictions. I notice another one of your replys stated that you don't have a bird dog, this reply doesn't sound Christ like. We like your paper and will continue reading it, but we hope that these pictures will not appear again.—J. P. Skinner, Pastor, So. Texarkana Church, Texarkana

REPLY: I don't know how you got "off the deep end," if you are, but it wasn't this editor who pushed you off. You are entitled to your convictions, but please be kind to those who don't go along with you on every single item.—ELM

The Vaught article

I WANT to thank you for the article by W. O. Vaught concerning the criticism by some in the denomination. [Our issue of Dec. 7]. It was a good article and should serve a good purpose.

Most of us received all of our education in Southern Baptist institutions, and preach almost every Sunday in a Baptist church. We treasure highly the Baptist heritage behind us and hope to make some contribution in our areas of service. We make mistakes as do all other people, and sometimes we are just dead wrong. However, we cannot do our task if we are constantly under fire or if one error proves fatal.

The other thing I want to say has to do with the general level of the Newsmagazine since you became editor. The Arkansas Baptist has been a much better paper since you became editor. It is one of the better ones of the whole convention now. This view is not expressed only by me, but by a number of my colleagues who are not from Arkansas. I have appreciated a number of your editorials, and the general direction and nature of the paper.—Morris Ashcraft, Professor of Theology, Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.



"Remember, 500 NON-STOP or you don't graduate!"



# COURTSHIP: MARRIAGE and the HOME...

By MRS. J. H. STREET

## The practice of punctuality

"Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not."

(Proverbs 8:33)

"Want of punctuality is a want of virtue."

—J. M. Mason

"When a secretary to Washington, excusing himself for being late, said that his watch was too slow, the reply of Washington was, 'You must get a new watch, or I must get a new secretary.'"

"'Better late than never' is not half so good a maxim as, 'Better never late.'"

"... and eateth not the bread of idleness."

(Proverbs 31:27)

**QUESTION:** "Will you permit a masculine comment? I liked your answer to the young woman contemplating the responsibilities of a pastor's wife. But I thought you omitted mention of a very important quality: the habit of being on time—careful never to keep her husband waiting." — A Retired Pastor

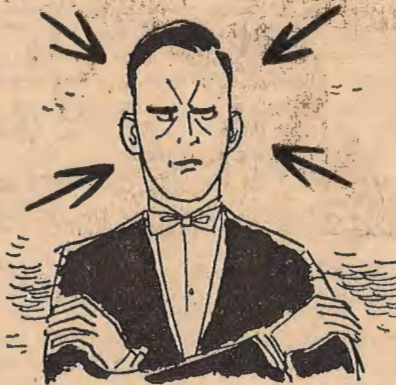
**ANSWER:** Masculine participation is always welcome on our page.

But, O, kind sir, right off you have "quit preaching and gone to meddling"!

Have you no sympathy for those of us who are reluctant to go to bed at night in order that we may be "early to rise" and about our duties on time the next morning?

Have you never been confronted by that impish gremlin who, when the Sunday morning alarm has sounded, whispers, "Just a few winks more! You'll look better and work faster for the extra relaxation"?

Have you never encountered the



temptation to use your time in some favorite way, to the neglect of week-day preparation for evening meetings and Sunday schedules?

Are you not beset with that industrious tendency that spies imperitive things that simply must be done right at the time for you to leave for a meeting?

Has it never been your pattern to leave just the required margin of time to get there, without provision for emergencies, last minute telephone calls, misplaced car keys, etc.?

How right is your counsel, respected Voice of Experience!

The psychologists are correct—being late is a habit. But one that can be overcome, and must be for the attainment of success and poise.

Nothing more quickly creates a slovenly impression of God's place in our lives than late beginning and habitual tardiness in church activities. Nor is anything more frustrating to the systematic prompt ones than to wait for the unsystematic, often-late ones.

Preacher families, teachers and workers who come on time are priceless assets. And "on time" for leaders is at least 15 minutes before the appointed hour for starting.

This matter is basic.

And it calls for cooperation on the part of the entire family: consideration of each other in turns at the bath, doing the dishes, getting the children ready, and keeping down tensions.

Self-discipline has come to be almost "an ugly word" among us. We are by and large liberty-conscious, free-wheeling, undisciplined persons; but it is need for discipline we must face and self-discipline we must practice if we are to be our best selves.

Many other unlisted traits our young "helpmeet" will surely develop from her own inner promptings, such as ready expressions of appreciation for every gift, every gesture of thoughtfulness from her people; warm, impartial friendliness toward all the congregation with cultivated favoritism toward none.

Our discussions in these columns are by no means exhaustive. But we do hope that, here and there they may bring about the "set of the sails" in the right direction.

Be punctual!

Rosalind Street

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



## HELL

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

President, Southern Baptist Convention

First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**T**HE NEW Testament word translated "hell," denoting a place of punishment, is *gehenna*. It refers to the Vale of Hinnom, a valley located south and east of Jerusalem (Josh. 15:8; Matt. 5:22, 29-30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:15; James 3:6). In the Old Testament it was a place of human sacrifice to the pagan fire-god, Moloch (II Kings 23:10). Its practice was abolished by Josiah. The place was so abhorred by the Jews that they made it a garbage dump. Into it they cast the refuse of Jerusalem, including dead animals and the unclaimed bodies of executed criminals. To consume the garbage, fires burned there day and night. Maggots worked constantly, and wild dogs howled and fought over the bodies and other edible portions.

Jesus adopted this horrible scene to depict hell. In this light His words take on terrible imagery (Matt. 8:12; 13:42; 22:13; 25:30; Mark 9:43-44).

### Texan to Peace Corps

LLOYD Wright, director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been named director of community relations for the U. S. Peace Corps, R. Sargent Shriver, director of the Peace Corps, has announced.

As director of community relations, Wright will have charge of relations between the Peace Corps and national, state and local organizations. He will work with service clubs, civic groups, and religious organizations.

A main responsibility of the post will be to plan and implement an education program. He will be in charge of preparation of recruitment pamphlets, brochures, films and other materials.

Wright has been director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1959. For three years prior to that he was associate director in the public relations office. His appointment to the Peace Corps will become effective Jan. 15. (BP)

Thus we have the gruesome picture of hell. Revelation 20:10, 14-15 pictures it as a lake of fire. Into it will be cast the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41) and all whose names are not written in the Book of Life. This is called the second death, or the eternal separation of lost souls from God. While not located in the Bible, hell is a place as heaven is a place.

Some insist that hell is not fire. If not, it is something infinitely worse than fire. The Bible employs language picturing the greatest suffering to describe it. No wonder that Jesus warned against it, and paid such a price to save men from it!

There will be degrees of punishment in hell as there are degrees of reward in heaven (Luke 12:47-48). There will be greater punishment for one who sins against a knowledge of Christ (Matt. 11:21-24) than for the ignorant savage who never heard of Him. But both will be there (Rom. 2:6, 12; 15:4:15). As there will be eternal life in heaven, so will there be eternal punishment in hell (Matt. 25:46). The Bible does not teach soul annihilation.

Many people deny the existence of hell. Yet Jesus said more about hell than He did about heaven. And He is infinite love speaking. Such denial is due more to wishful thinking and sentimental reasoning than to an interpretation of the factual teaching of the Bible. To say that a merciful God would not make a hell is to examine only one facet of God's nature. He is love. But He is holiness and righteousness also. God sends no one to hell. Each person goes there of his own will despite all that God in Christ has done to prevent it.



### God is a servant God

WAS Jesus just putting on an act? Was it merely a show when He took "the form of a servant" (Phil. 2:7)? And when He took the towel and basin and washed the disciples' feet (John 13:4-5)?

Perhaps so, if you take the word form to have that meaning. But there is evidence to the contrary. For the word *morphe*, translated "form," has reference not just to the outer appearance but to the inner reality.

In the drama of God's self-disclosure Jesus assumed a role, indeed. But it was a role which was consonant with His very nature. Occasionally we hear about an actor today who has high character and moral standards and who refuses a role on stage or screen

because it is alien to his nature. There were many in Jesus' day who wanted Him to play other roles than those which He elected to play. Some wanted Him to be a military messiah, to establish a kingdom on earth. But this was a role which He refused to play, for it was alien to His nature to do so (John 6:15).

So, in the revelation of God through Jesus, it is evident that God is a servant God. His servant nature is not a mirage abstracted from the souls of the oppressed. It is simply His nature to be a servant. Hence, we must accept Him as servant and ourselves therefore as servants in His image, else we can not accept Him at all.

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**SIGNING CONTRACT**—Seated is Dale T. Bradford, president of the University Baptist Church Corporation, signing a contract with the Brennan-Boyd Company for the erection of a new sanctuary for University Church, Fayetteville. Standing (l. to r.) are: Miss Dorothy Walker, secretary of the Church Corporation; Richard B. Greer, chairman of Finance Committee; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor; Joseph F. Brennan, and Byron Boyd, of the Brennan-Boyd Construction Company.

## University Church, Fayetteville plans construction of sanctuary

UNIVERSITY Church, Fayetteville, voted recently to award a contract to Brennan-Boyd Construction Company, the low bidder on the construction of a new sanctuary. Paul Young is architect.

The new sanctuary, of laminated wood beams with masonry walls faced with buff brick to match the exterior of the present building, is to be built on the terrace south-east of the present building.

The main part of the sanctuary will be 52 feet by 107 feet. Between the two buildings will be a church office and pastor's study, 30 feet long, making the total length 137 feet. The space between the two buildings will have a covered walkway.

The pews and choir will seat

around 515, with space for chairs to care for an overflow audience of 600. A balcony is not being built at this time.

The basement space includes provision for heating and air-conditioning, lounges, and a large choir practice room.

The base bid of the Brennan-Boyd Construction Company was \$133,900, including heating and air-conditioning. The church furnishings and other items will bring the total anticipated cost to \$150,000. The time for completion of construction is 220 days, or July, 1962.

Paul Young, Jr., the architect, says of the building, "We believe that the new sanctuary of the University Baptist Church will have distinctly good adaptation to

the terrain on which it is to be built, that it will be of pleasing design with a worshipful atmosphere and will deserve to rank with the more attractive sanctuaries of the city of Fayetteville."

Three of the subcontractors are members of the University Church: J. F. Gabbard, of the Gabbard Paint Company; Parker Rushing of the Rushing Plumbing and Heating Company; and M. N. Graue, sales manager in Fayetteville for the Arkhola Sand and Gravel Company, which will furnish the concrete and blocks used in the building.

The University Church was formally organized March 15, 1951. It now has around 400 members. The present property is valued at \$135,000 and is debt free. When the sanctuary is completed, the present building will be devoted entirely to educational uses.

The Long-Range Planning Committee, which has had charge of general planning for the new structure, is composed of: Dale Bradford, chairman; L. R. Kirby, associate chairman, and Glen T. Clanton, J. F. Gabbard, M. N. Graue, Richard B. Greer, Alsey Hollan, Urban Holland, Doyle Nutt, Parker Rushing, Paul Sharrah, Everett Skelton, Glenn Steele, Robert Thomas, Charles Thorn, and Paul Tweedle. Richard Greer is also chairman of the Finance Committee.

The pastor, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, reports that the congregation "is deeply grateful to God and gives to Him all praise for His great blessings, including those making the new sanctuary possible."

Dr. Johnson reports that the people are enthusiastic at the prospects of having a beautiful new sanctuary in which to worship and serve the Lord.

The University Church is located at 315 West Maple Street—just three and one-half blocks east of the University of Arkansas campus. The new sanctuary will enable the congregation to serve a large number of the people from the city and a growing number of the 17,000 students of Baptist preference at the University, Dr. Johnson said.



# Halsells on furlough from Equatorial Africa

DR. AND Mrs. Thomas E. Halsell, Southern Baptist missionaries who are natives of Arkansas, returned to the States with their children Dec. 14 after a term of service in Equatorial Brazil. During this furlough year they will live in New York City, where Dr. Halsell will be attending Union Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Halsell, the former Mary Elizabeth Tolson, is a native of Rison.

Dr. Halsell graduated from high school in Rison but spent most of his childhood in Little Rock, where he was later pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church.

He has served as president of Equatorial Baptist Theological Institute, in Belem, Para, since completing initial language study in 1955. His duties involve administration, teaching 10 classroom hours a week, and overseeing campus construction programs. The Institute, which opened in August, 1955, with four students and which currently enrolls about 40 students, was established to provide Christian workers for the Amazon River Valley.

Dr. Halsell is also pastor of a church and two missions in Belem. He has served as president of the Equatorial Brazil Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries), trustee of the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, in Recife, Pernambuco, and member of the board of the state Baptist convention and of a theological education committee of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Halsell works with her husband as treasurer, bookkeeper, and English teacher at the Institute and organist, treasurer, teacher, and Sunday School secretary at one of the missions. She is treasurer and adviser for a Baptist primary school and has been corresponding secretary and treasurer of the state Woman's Missionary Union, sub-treasurer and member of the

audit committee of the Mission, a member of the board of the state Baptist convention.

To carry out their many responsibilities, the Halsells travel in what they call their "Missionary Cadillac," a Volkswagen. During their first term of service they used "a motorcycle built for five"—or at least one that would hold five—Daddy, Mother, Hilda, Tommy Earle, and Maribeth. Luckily, the Volkswagen came along before Lauretta Marie, the youngest Halsell.

Dr. and Mrs. Halsell each received the A. B. degree from Ouachita College, Arkadelphia. In Louisville, Ky., Dr. Halsell received the Th. M. and Th. D. degrees from Southern Seminary and Mrs. Halsell received the master-of-religious-education degree from Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now Carver School of Missions and Social Work). Dr. Halsell also studied at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

After his Little Rock pastorate and before missionary appointment

Dr. Halsell was pastor of churches in Louisville, Evansville, Ind., and Memphis, Tenn., and minister of student activities for First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa.

The Halsells were in Little Rock for a visit with Dr. Halsell's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Halsell, during the Christmas holidays.

## First wedding in new chapel

THE first wedding in Earl Bery Memorial Chapel of the Bible Building at Ouachita College was solemnized at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. The ceremony, performed by Rev. William Kersh and Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., Ouachita president, united in marriage Miss Gail Lynn Harrison of Muskogee, Okla., and Don Michael Huckabay of Clarksville. Work on the entire Bible Building is still incomplete, but the interior of the chapel was rushed to completion in time for the wedding. Both students are seniors at Ouachita.

## Newton to Mansfield

REV. Tom W. Newton, for 11 years pastor of Joyce City Church, Smackover, has accepted a call from First Church, Mansfield. He moved on the field Jan. 1.



THE Thomas E. Halsell family stands before the "Missionary Cadillac" (Volkswagen) which carries them about their work in Belem, Para, Brazil.



# Arkansas All Over

## OBC Tigerettes in National League loop

WINNERS of the Arkansas AAU girls basketball championship for the past two years, the



MRS. GILL

Ouachita College Tigerettes will compete in the National Basketball League this year.

Other members of the loop include Wayland College, Plainview, Tex., national champion

with three All-Americans; Nashville Business College, ex-national champion with three All-Americans; Pepsi-Cola, St. Joseph, Mo., with five All-Americans; C. E. School of Commerce, Omaha, Neb.; Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, with one All-American; and *Look Magazine*, Des Moines, Iowa.

The Tigerettes, coached by Mrs. Barbara Gill for the past three years, went undefeated last year against Arkansas teams. In the national tournament they were the consolation champion. The Tigerettes won five straight victories over teams from five states to capture the La. Rosette tournament in Houston, Tex.

Three All-Staters and one second team All-Stater will return this year. Senior Verna Westerman, a second-team All-Stater, will forego basketball in order to practice teach. All-Staters returning include Mary Ann Otwell, Waldo, the team's leading scorer with 426 points; Mary Lou Garris, Junction City, and Eva Harrell, North Little Rock. Polly Rogers, Stamps was a second-team All-Stater.

Outstanding squadmen include Celia Conwell, Azle, Tex., Barbara Batchelor, Van Buren; Della Kay Mason, West Helena; Betty Taunton, Junction City; Janice Mainer, Pine Bluff, and Yvonne Solesbee, Greenwood.

Two twin All-State high school players, Fay and Kay Matthews, Van Buren, have been added to the team. Fay was an All-State guard for two years and Kay an All-

State forward for three years. Other freshmen are Violet Tonne-maker, Hope; Kay Stone, Wabbaseka; Esther Williams, Donaldson, and May Long, Helena. Teddy Blakeney, freshman from North Little Rock, is the new manager.

The Tigerettes open their season against Pepsi-Cola of St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 6. After a game with Arkansas Tech Jan. 13, they embark on a tour Jan. 17 that will take them to Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri for four games.

## Christian Civic group schedules January meet

THE annual business session of the Christian Civic Foundation board will be held Jan. 15 at First Methodist Church, 8th and Center streets, Little Rock. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and extend to 4 p.m., with luncheon at noon, Dr. William A. Brown, executive director, has announced.

Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, vice president of the University of Illinois, Chicago, Professional Colleges, will speak at the afternoon session and conduct a seminar on alcohol problems. Dr. Ivy is one of the greatest authorities concerning the alcohol problem in the world, according to Dr. Brown.

The afternoon meeting will be open to the public.

## Senior workers honored

THE active and inactive deacons of the West Helena Church honored three senior deacons and a retired minister with a dinner Dec. 14.

The three deacons are A. P. Masterson, B. B. Maxwell and T. A. Smith. The retired minister is E. M. Bragdon. All have been ordained and have served for a greater number of years than many of the active deacons have been alive.

Testimonials in their honor were given by deacons that had been taught by these men in Sunday School. Bibles were presented to them by Rev. Wilson C. Deese, pastor of West Helena Church, as a gift from the active deacons.

## 'Hoboes' for Home make over \$100

THE Juniors and Intermediates of Alicia Church really pitched in to help the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children (formerly Bottorff Orphanage).

The Saturday before the Thanksgiving Offering for the Home they put on a "Hobo Day" and the boys and girls worked all day doing odd jobs for whatever their employers would pay. When the day was over, the total amount of money, plus donations, was total \$101.

Miss Loretta Williams and Miss Janis Watson of the Intermediate Department were chairmen of the drive. Rev. J. I. Cossey is pastor.

## Ouachita announces 1961 grid honors

TRI-CAPTAINS selected by members of the Ouachita College football team are Tom Murphree, James Wilkins, and B. Rowe.

Murphree, a four-year letterman from El Dorado, received honorable mention for all-conference freshman year as a quarterback and led the league in passing sophomore year. He wound up second in total offense his sophomore year. The 175-pound speedster played alternately at quarterback and halfback his junior year, then started every game this year as halfback.

Wilkins, a four-year, 190-pound letterman from Searcy, was named to the Arkansas Gazette All-AIC team. He has been a starter for three years and is noted for his crisp blocking and rugged defense.

Rowe, a three-year junior letterman from Hope, was also selected to the Gazette All-AIC team and made honorable mention on Williamson's Little All-American team. A tall, 190-pounder, Rowe has made many tackles on defense but had to play on offense this year since the graduation of Jim Brownlee, also All-AIC.



# Ten appointments bring missionaries to 1,554

By IONE GRAY

TEN missionaries appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its December meeting bring the total 1961 appointments to 103 and the active missionary staff to 1,554.

New missionaries, their native states, and fields of service are Bill C. Atchison and Carol Eden Atchison, both of Texas, appointed for North Brazil; Charles A. Beckett, North Carolina, and Jeanne Plunkett Beckett, Virginia, for East Pakistan; R. Edward Gilstrap, Sr., Georgia and Hazel Ditsworth Gilstrap, Mississippi, for Guatemala; Bob W. Hunt, Alabama, and Rosalie Hall Hunt, Hawaii, for Taiwan (Formosa); and Eugene Thomas and Betty Lynn Thomas, both of Oklahoma, for Northern Rhodesia.

Miss Audrey Dyer, native of Minnesota, was employed by the Board as its first missionary associate under a new category of overseas personnel adopted in October. A registered nurse and midwife, she will serve a three-year term at a Baptist maternity center and midwifery school in Ire, Nigeria.

## Thanks for mission work

DR. BAKER J. Cauthen, executive secretary, shared with the Board two letters from overseas expressing observations as to the values of mission work. One is from a lieutenant colonel stationed in France with the U. S. military forces. He wrote, "I think that I can safely advise the Southern Baptist Convention that its money for mission work in France is being very well spent and that the dividends that could accrue may be out of all proportion to the money expended."

The other letter is one of appreciation from a Brazilian. He wrote: "The United States of America have been so much misunderstood throughout the world, and I am afraid and ashamed that sometimes we Christians in other countries do not help to show the true picture. We have gotten so many things from your people, from the Southern Baptists, your money, lives, and friendship all these years . . . Mine is a broken English, but there is deep meaning and sincerity when I tell you this simple word—Thank you!"

Dr. Cauthen said that a summary report on the work of the Board throughout this year will be made at the January meeting.

## India possible field

IN HIS report, Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, told of recent investigations into the possibilities for Southern Baptist mission work in India.

India ranks as probably the most religious country in the world, and the dominant Hinduism is the world's oldest historic religion. The modern missionary movement began in what is now a part of India with the work of William Carey. India's Christian population, with perhaps 2,000,000 communicant evangelical members, is the largest in Asia. But this is still only about one half of 1 percent of its total population.

Until after World War II the Foreign Mission Board made no serious attempt to enter India. Plans for the foreign mission advance program, presented to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1948, included India as a possible future field.

Through recent visits to the country and other contacts Dr. Crawley has come to believe that there are now possibilities for sending in a token Southern Baptist missionary force.



## Uganda work possible

REPORTING from Nigeria where he has temporary headquarters, Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said that two somewhat contradictory yet complementary impressions have dominated his thinking during his first weeks in the country.

"On the one hand, there is a sense of gratitude for the achievements of the past century of mission work, amazement at the rapid progress now going on, and conviction that responsibility in the future must pass more and more into the hands of Nigerian leadership," he said. "On the other hand, there is the overwhelming sense of need, the enormity of the unfinished task, and the conviction that the day of the missionary has by no means ended. Missionaries are still needed, still wanted, and still more overworked than ever!"

He reported that the Baptist Mission of East Africa (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) has received official notification of registration with the government of Uganda and that the way is now open for mission work there. A survey team has recommended that missionaries be placed in Uganda as soon as available and that they concentrate upon population centers such as Kampala, Jinja, and Mbale. However, no definite plans will be made until Dr. Goerner visits the area in February.

The broad outlines of such a campaign of missionary occupation will be one of the topics discussed at the All African Baptist Missions Conference scheduled for Dec. 29-Jan. 6 in Oshogbo, Nigeria.





Ben Franklin Bates



C. Gordon Bayless



Ben Bracken



Vernon Bradley



R. B. Crotts



C. W. Caldwell



D. Hoyle Haire



Andrew Hall



Bill Hickem



Billy Walker



Herbert "Red" Johnson



Jimmy Karam

# Monday

## Monday Afternoon

### "The Message of Evangelism"

- 2:00 Song & Praise..... LeRoy McClard
- 2:15 Bible Expositions
- Rom. 10:13-15..... Dr. Andrew Hall
- 2:45 "Regeneration"..... Dr. S. A. Whitlow
- 3:15 Stand and Sing
- 3:20 "Sanctification"..... K. Alvin Pitt
- 3:50 Music by Music Directors of Arkansas
- 3:55 "The Priority of Personal Soul-Winning"..... Dr. Kenneth Chafin

### GO FROM HERE TO WIN A SOUL

## Monday Evening

### "Ways of Evangelism"

- 6:45 Song & Praise..... LeRoy McClard
- 7:00 Bible Exposition,
- John 1:35-42..... Rev. Bill Hickem
- 7:30 "The New Look in Revivals"
- Baptist Jubilee Revivals..... Dr. Vernon Yearby
- 8:00 Stand and Sing
- 8:05 Testimonials
- 1. "We followed the Evangelists' Suggestions"..... Rev. Tom Lindley
- 2. "We Had an Associational Evangelism Clinic"..... Rev. Bill McCrary
- 3. "We Had a Two-Week Revival"..... Rev. Vernon Bradley
- 8:35 Recognitions and Awards.
- 8:45 Music by Music Directors
- 8:50 "Method Plus the Holy Spirit"..... Dr. Kenneth Chafin

### BEFORE YOU RETIRE, PRAY FOR THE SERVICES TOMORROW

# Tuesday

## Tuesday Morning

### "Instruments of Evangelism"

- Bible Reading for Today—Genesis 6:5-13
- 9:00 Song and Praise..... LeRoy McClard
- 9:15 Bible Expositions
- Matt: 27-45-54..... Rev. R. B. Crotts
- 9:30 "A Prepared Messenger"..... Dr. Vernon Yearby
- 10:00 Stand and Sing
- 10:05 Preaching that Produces a Revival..... Jesse S. Reed
- 10:35 "How We Had 463 Additions (229 for Baptism)"..... Dr. Ben Franklin Bates
- 10:50 Song
- Recognitions and Awards
- 11:00 "Year Round Evangelism In Our Church"..... Rev. William West
- 11:25 Music
- 11:30 "Evangelism and Prayer"..... Dr. Kenneth Chafin

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## Tuesday Afternoon

### Ministers

- "Maintaining a New Testament Program of Evangelism"
- 2:00 Song & Praise..... LeRoy McClard
- 2:15 Bible Exposition
- Acts 26:19-23..... Rev. D. Hoyle Haire
- 2:45 "The Bible Our Message"..... Dr. Paul Roberts
- 3:15 Recognitions
- 3:20 "The Program of Spiritual Growth"..... Rev. Paul McCray
- 3:50 Music by Music Men
- 3:55 "Kindling the Altar Fires"..... Dr. Kenneth Chafin

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- 2:00 "The Dangers Sinner"
- 2:30 "Kindling the
- 3:00 Song Service
- 3:05 "I Was Won
- 3:15 "I Was Inspir to Win Souls"
- 3:25 "God Changed
- 3:50 Stand and Sin
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Ladies  
Calvary Baptist Church  
1901 N. Pierce Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas

"Maintaining a New Testament Program of Evangelism"  
Mrs. James H. Street, Presiding

- 2:00 Song & Praise
  - 2:15 "The Condition of a  
Lost Sinner".....Dr. Gordon C. Bayless
  - 2:45 Song
  - 2:50 Message.....Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs
  - 3:20 "The Family Altar  
and Evangelism".....Evang. Billy Walker
  - 3:50 Special Music
  - 3:55 "The World is at Your  
Doorstep".....Miss Josephine Skaggs
- DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LOST?



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Bill  
McCrary



Paul  
McCray



C. H.  
Moses

Tuesday Evening  
"World Evangelism"

- 7:00 Song & Praise
- 7:15 Bible Exposition Luke 15....Rev. Tommie Hinson
- 7:45 "Our Supreme Resources"....Dr. Kenneth Chafin
- 8:15 Stand and Sing
- 8:20 "Our Supreme Opportunity"....Dr. C. W. Caldwell
- 8:50 Music by Music Men
- 8:55 "Our Supreme Obligation"....Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs



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By THE BAPTIST PRESS

## Bruce named executive

TRUSTEES of the proposed Houston (Tex.) Baptist College named H. D. Bruce, retired president of East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, Tex., as temporary executive officer until the Baptist school can find a president.

Bruce will help plan the curriculum, plan construction of major buildings, and coordinate program of preparation for opening the Baptist liberal arts college here in the fall of 1963.

The unexpected move was interpreted by some Baptist leaders as an effort to keep from further delaying the college's scheduled opening. A decision by Dr. Ralph Phelps, Jr., to remain as president of Ouachita College after announcing that he would accept the presidency of the Houston college might otherwise have delayed the school's opening, observers said.

## Religious drama meet

PLANS for the first regional conference on religious drama in the Southwest have been announced by Orlin R. Corey, head of the department of drama and director of the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse of Centenary College, Shreveport, La.

The three-day conference will be held on the Shreveport campus Feb. 8-10 with Mr. and Mrs. E. Martin Browne, internationally known British theater artists, as conference leaders. The program will include discussions of theological ideas in current plays, demonstrations, the solutions to production problems for local church dramas and sessions on various other phases of church drama.

Nationally known authorities from Methodist, Southern Baptist, Presbyterian and other religious denominations will be among those contributing to the program.

## Western 'sheriff' has peaceful task

A BAPTIST parson who is also the sheriff of a small peaceful community out West named Seminary Hill, Tex., is Tim T. Ball.

He even looks the part of a Western sheriff, standing six feet two in his stocking feet and weighing over 200 pounds. His beard is heavy and hair, bushy.

Sheriff Ball doesn't have very many law breakers in his town, even on Saturday night. In fact, Seminary Hill, dominated by Southwestern Seminary, is probably the most peaceful town in the whole West.

He has never investigated a bank robbery, killing, or cattle rustling in all his days as a law enforcer. The wildest law breaker in town is another parson who insists on parking his wagon in the wrong place—the wagon being a modern "town and country" station wagon.

Sheriff Tim T. Ball is the only policeman on the campus of the Seminary, a community of 2,000 students and faculty members whose main aim is to be better "parsons."

## Prohibition crusader

A YOUTHFUL crusader for bone-dry prohibition in South Carolina has been counseled to move with caution.

Ray O. Jones, pastor of a suburban church in the winter resort city of Camden, S. C., succeeded in getting the 1961 South Carolina Baptist Convention to pass a resolution calling for a liquor referendum.

Then, without waiting for the appointment of the five-man steering committee which he asked of the convention, Jones interviewed the governor. He also went before the Central Baptist Pastors' Conference with a proposed program for a mass meeting in the capital city and a prayer meeting in the State House.

At that point, E. C. Brown, Columbia, veteran of an unsuccessful liquor fight in Arkansas, observed it was unwise "to tip our hand to the public press" prematurely.

The liquor forces constitute "the most powerful group in America" and it is foolish to go up against them without the most careful preparations and without enlisting able laymen in the battle, Brown said.

On Brown's motion, the minister's conference delayed action on Jones' proposals until the convention's committee is appointed and brings its recommendations.

## Home Mission theme for assemblies told

"SHARING Christ in the Homeland" has been announced as the 1962 theme for Home Mission Weeks at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., Southern Baptist assemblies by L. O. Griffith of Atlanta, director of the education and promotion division of the Convention's mission board.

The theme, a tie-in with the theme for the 1963 Baptist Jubilee Advance "Sharing Christ in the World," is part of an effort to promote world missions in 1963 through all Baptist organizations.

Kenneth L. Chafin of the department of evangelism, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will be principal speaker at the conference to be held August 2-8 at Glorieta, N. M. Leading the Bible study will be Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive-secretary of the Home Mission Board. Music director for the week will be Donald E. Barks of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

Aug. 16-22 has been designated as Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest, N. C. Principal speaker for the week will be Warren C. Hultgren of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. W. Morris Ford of Longview, Tex., will conduct the Bible study during the conference. Directing the music program will be Dwight F. Phillips of First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.



## Teachers sought as tentmakers

PUBLIC school teachers and others with professional or specialized training are being sought to strengthen Southern Baptist work in mission fields in the Northern, Western and Appalachian Mountain areas of the United States.

The announcement was made by Miss Beverly Hammack of Atlanta, secretary of special mission ministries of the denomination's Home Mission Board.

"I have requests for more than 100 such people to fill job opportunities. These come from our missionaries, especially in the Northwest, asking for mission-minded lay people who can strengthen Baptist work in the young churches," she said.

The placement of these people in mission areas is a part of the tentmaker ministry of the Mission board. The effort is called the tentmaker movement, patterned after the Apostle Paul's work as a tentmaker, supporting himself while he did mission work.

Miss Hammack also announced requests for nurses, doctors, dentists, engineers, office workers, construction workers and secretaries.

Applications are handled by special mission ministries, 161 Spring St. N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

## Deaths

### Dr. J. Wilson Fielder

DR. J. Wilson Fielder, 81, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary to China, died Nov. 30, in Houston, Tex. He had been ill at Texas Baptist Haven, Houston, for some time.

### Dr. Thomas H. Taylor

DR. THOMAS Hendricks Taylor, president emeritus of Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Tex., died Dec. 5, after a long illness.

### Mrs. L. W. Pierce

NELLIE Miner (Mrs. L. W.) Pierce, 95, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary to China, died Nov. 17 at her home in Brownwood, Texas. She had been bedfast since a fall two years ago.

Mrs. Pierce spent more than 50 years in China, continuing her work in Yangshow after her husband's death in 1922.

# World Council speaks on religious liberty

A STRONG resolution on religious liberty was approved by the World Council of Churches meeting at New Delhi, India, according to C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Carlson's observations on the meeting of the World Council of Churches were made in an interview with James O. Duncan, editor of the Capital Baptist, Washington, D. C.

The religious liberty resolution came as a result of work by a special Study Commission on Religious Liberty and by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.

Commenting on the resolution, Carlson said: "It is a highly important message to member churches, to the new nations and to the old ones, to Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic church leaders, to the West and to the East, and not least to over-zealous politicians in all lands who want to make religion a tool for purposes of state policy."

The 750-word resolution said that human attempts to "coerce or eliminate faith are violations of the fundamental ways of God with men." It further said that Christians see religious liberty as "a consequence of God's creative work, his redemption of man in Christ and his calling men into his service."

Religious liberty, according to the resolution, must include the right to worship, to teach, to practice, to observe, to change and to maintain one's religion in public and private. Each of these points was spelled out by the World Council statement.

Carlson attended the meeting of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs at Bangalore, India, preceding the World Council meeting, as a fraternal representative of the Baptist World Alliance. He attended the World Council meeting as an "adviser" upon invitation of the Council.

In his interview with Editor

Duncan, Carlson pointed out some differences between this meeting and the one in Evanston, Ill., in 1954. He said that the New Delhi meeting was less "Western" and related itself more closely to current world problems than did the Evanston assembly.

Carlson reported that some newspaper editors in India lifted their eyebrows when the Christians came to their country and claimed that Christ is "the" Light of the world. The editors questioned the propriety of such a claim in the light of Western wars, he said. "One could sense that the world is asking evidence to support our professed faith in Christ," he observed.

## Baptisms top 400,000

SOUTHERN Baptists baptized 401,953 converts during 1961, according to unofficial figures released by C. E. Autrey of Dallas, director of the Division of Evangelism for the denomination's Home Mission Board.

The figure was unofficial because not all associations have reported and the research and statistics department of the Baptist Sunday School Board had estimated these reports.

"The total the statistical department gave me at this time last year was off only 2,000 from the final figure released in February," Autrey said.

In 1960, Southern Baptists baptized 386,469 converts. This was a decrease from 1959 of more than 42,000. In 1960 the denomination baptized one person for every 25 members.

Autrey predicted an even greater increase for 1962, basing it on an increase in simultaneous campaigns where churches hold revivals at the same time and pool publicity and other efforts. He also cited an increased emphasis on personal soul-winning in the churches.

"The 401,953 won this year is the second highest total we have reported in years when nationwide crusades were not held," he said.



# Professor lists crises before United Nations

By GAINER E. BRYAN, JR.

NEW YORK (BP)—Crises facing the United Nations were reviewed at a three-day Baptist-sponsored Seminar on United Nations and Foreign Affairs at United Nations headquarters in New York.

The review was made by John G. Stoessinger, political science professor from a New York City college, who was identified as an expert on the United Nations by Mrs. George Martin, United Nations observer for the American Baptist Convention. Mrs. Martin invited Stoessinger to the seminar and introduced him.

Stoessinger has twice been a refugee, first from the Nazis in Austria and later from the Communists in China. Coming to this country in 1947, he earned a doctor of philosophy degree from Harvard University. He is now on the faculty of Hunter College in New York and is the author of books on international affairs.

## Disparate organizations

STOESSINGER said it is impossible to judge the United Nations as a whole since it is composed of five separate organizations, each founded on a different assumption as to the cause of war. He said that each organization has a different record and different issues. These five organizations are the Security Council, the General Assembly, the Trusteeship Council, the Economic and Social Council and the World Court.

The crisis confronting the Security Council, Stoessinger said, is the failure of most member nations in the United Nations to pay anything on the peace-keeping operations in the Suez Canal area and the Congo. As a result, the organization is going into the hole at the rate of \$10 million a month. Its future, and especially that of its peace-keeping operations, is grave-

ly threatened by these facts, he stated.

The crisis in the General Assembly, Stoessinger said, is a crisis of understanding on our part. He said Americans do not understand why so many nations in the world body do not take sides with the United States in its struggle against Soviet domination of the world.

Stoessinger said the explanation is that emergent nations do not regard Soviet domination as the menace but Western colonialism, "even though it is dying." We need to become aware of the paradox, he said, that while we regard the non-aligned states as neutralist in our struggle, they regard us as neutralist in their struggle.

The professor gave Algeria as an example. He said Afro-Asian delegates charge: "When the French-Algerian issue comes to a vote, the

United States abstains; it is neutralist." They say, "All the powers we fear are your allies; therefore you are neutralist in our struggle." *Two sides to China issue*

STOESSINGER took up the China issue. He told the delegates there are two sides to the question of admitting Communist China to the United Nations. First, he said, this is not a question of admitting a new nation, but of determining which government is the rightful government of China.

He reviewed the arguments that are advanced against the admission of Red China:

1. There is opposition to a nation's shooting its way into the world peace organization, which many believe China, in effect, would be doing;

2. The admission of Red China might lead our allies to feel the West had appeased the Communists, as the Allied Powers appeased Hitler at Munich, and thus lead to a dissolution of our system of defense alliances.

The professor then reviewed these arguments that have been



STEVENSON GREET'S BAPTISTS—Adlai Stevenson, ambassador to United Nations, greeted Southern Baptists attending the Seminar on United Nations and Foreign Affairs in New York City. The men, from left, are Foy Valentine, Nashville, executive secretary, Convention's Christian Life Commission; Gainer E. Bryan Jr., Baltimore, alternate SBC observer to United Nations; Stevenson; Richard N. Owen, Nashville, editor, Baptist and Reflector; Brooks Hays, Washington, special assistant to the President and former president, SBC. (BP) Photo.



advanced favoring the admission of Red China:

1. That Red China ought to be admitted in order to be within the framework of international law;
2. That the United States might earn some credit in terms of

good will by giving in now on this question before we are outvoted in the United Nations and are forced to give in;

3. That China probably will get the atom bomb within the next two years and would need to be includ-

ed in any international agreements on arms control.

Stoessinger said he recognized Communist China as a "war-loving nation." "The basic issue," he said, "is whether the UN is to be a club for peace-loving nations only or a universal organization for both peace-loving and war-loving nations."

In answer to a question, he expressed his opinion that Red China would be given China's seat in the General Assembly within the next year by majority vote of the Assembly, that Nationalist China would retain its seat in the Security Council by using its veto there and that Nationalist China would then re-apply for Formosa's seat in the General Assembly. The UN would then be confronted with a knotty legal problem indeed, he said.

### *The other crises listed*

**STOESSINGER** reviewed these other crises:

**Trusteeship Council**—It has done a good job of preparing the mandated areas turned over to it by the old League of Nations, but colonial powers will not turn over any new colonies to it.

**World Court**—It cannot forge community where none exists. For example, it has been unable to enforce its judgments in East-West cases. Where community already exists, it forges the bonds of community.

**Economic and Security Council**—Stoessinger said this organization has had excellent results in its technical assistance programs throughout the world and has no serious crisis at present.

**Office of the Secretary-General**—The idea has been voiced that a national cannot rise above his national loyalties. U Thant, the newly-elected chief executive, he noted, is only acting secretary-general until 1963.

The seminar was sponsored jointly by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Division of Christian Social Concerns of the American Convention and the equivalent agency of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. Attendance totalled 80.

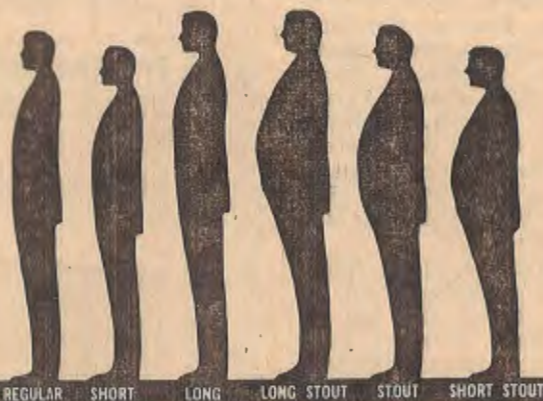
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# DEPARTMENTS

## Religious Education

### Our pilot project

THE Religious Education Division has been instructed by the Executive Board to explore the merit of a district Religious Education director by trying it in one district. This we will do in the most objective way possible.



MR. ELLIFF

We will determine if improvement can be made in our ministry to the educational needs of our churches and people.

These facts have already been made

clear to us:

First, it has been proven that the district educational worker is invaluable to our educational ministry. Every educational department in our state now uses volunteer district men. These men are encouraged by having their expenses paid while discharging their duties.

Second, as valuable as the volunteer program is, we are crippled when our total educational ministry is not unified. Every enthusiastic leader tends to make his program a "must" in the minds of those who hear him. He may unconsciously forget that there are other vital ministries also. More and more it is demanded of us that we draw all this together. Volunteer district men could never accomplish this with their limited time. Of course, all volunteer district men will continue except for the pilot project area.

Third, our missionaries who are key men in the association find it impossible to carry all the load being put upon them. The district project is designed to assist the missionaries. The educational program will fit into the associational program and will be adapted to the needs of each association as interpreted by associational leadership.

The best concept we have gotten of the relation of the district man to the missionary is to think of the missionary as the pastor and the district man as the educational director. Some missionaries, like some pastors, are especially gifted at educational work, but most of them would appreciate having help in that direction. Missionaries especially gifted in educational work might make excellent district educational men.

We covet your prayers and expect your wholehearted support in this project.—J. T. Elliff, Director

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## Missionary Union

### 'Honor' where due!

BOTH LOCAL and associational organizations of Woman's Missionary Union are guided by a pattern of work called Aims for Advancement. Each organization is challenged to strive toward the highest recognition that can be earned by a WMU organization — that of HONOR.



MISS COOPER

An HONOR association is one which has adopted by-laws as a guide for its work, provided training for the leadership of the churches of the association, established new organizations in churches or missions where none had previously existed, had an increase in the total number of WMU organizations and at least 15 percent each of their Woman's Missionary Societies, Young Woman's Auxiliaries, Girls' Auxiliaries and Sunbeam Bands attaining some recognition on the Aims for Advancement.

For the year 1960-61 seven associations in Arkansas attained this high recognition. They are: Ashley County, Mrs. John Pogue, president; Carey, Mrs. C. A. Reynolds, president; Carroll County, Mrs. Nat Johnson, president; Clear Creek, Mrs. S. A. Wiles, president; Concord, Mrs. Roger England, president; Liberty, Mrs. Phillip May, president; and Mississippi County, Mrs. R. H. Jones, president.

On the local church level an Honor WMU is one with an Honor WMS, an Honor YWA, an Honor GA and an Honor Sunbeam Band, with all other organizations working toward recognition. This year we offer congratulations to nine Honor WMUs. They are:

Blytheville, First Mrs. J. T. Westbrook, president and Rev. John McClanahan, pastor; Carlisle, First Mrs. Ernest Bennett, president and Rev. R. W. Bishop, pastor; Cotter, First Mrs. Mable Burkhart, president and Rev. John T. Finn, pastor; Dumas, First Mrs. Clifford Landon, president and Rev. Minor Cole, pastor; Fordyce, First Mrs. W. E. Summers, president and Rev. Cline D. Ellis, pastor; Fort Smith, Grand Avenue Mrs. Hoyt Malone, president and Rev. Paul McCray, pastor; No. Little Rock, Bethany Mrs. Ray Hallmark, president and Rev. A. T. Suskey, pastor; No. Little Rock, Park Hill Mrs. Melvin Thrash, president and Rev. R. L. South, pastor; and Ozark, First Mrs. S. A. Wiles, president and Rev. Ben Haney, pastor.

This is the third consecutive year that Blytheville, Fordyce and Ozark have received this honored recognition.

Other recognitions in the state included: 36 Honor Societies, 75 Advanced and 45 Approved; 13 Honor

YWAs, 9 Advanced and 8 Approved; 64 Honor GAs, 48 Advanced and 16 Approved; and 54 Honor Sunbeam Bands and 14 Approved.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

## Sunday School

### Watch it!

IN A few days the Division of Religious Education will begin publishing its monthly newsletter. This letter will include a full page for the Sunday School Department each issue. Other departments in the division will also have a page each. This will eliminate many separate mailings to pastors, ministers of education, Sunday School superintendents and associational



MR. HATFIELD

officers. Not all the promotional materials will appear in the newsletter, but as much of it as space will allow will appear in it. We will continue sending the churches and associations all the pertinent materials.

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terials through other mailings that cannot be included in the newsletter, but this will be greatly reduced due to the generous space allotted in the newsletter.

Like I say, "Watch it!"

Better yet, read it each month, file it for future reference. Send us your suggestions on how to improve its content, once you study several issues. Your first issue should come to your desk early in January.—Lawson Hatfield, Secretary

### Student Union

#### Arkansas State College

**STATISTICS.** Arkansas State College is a four-year college located at Jonesboro and has enrolled over a thousand Baptist students.

**BSU Director.** The position at the present time is vacant. Miss Carol Burns, director at ASC for the past four years, is studying at Columbia University.

**BSU Center.** The original center was built in 1951 with the First Baptist Church



DR. LOGUE

(Dr. C. Z. Holland, pastor) paying \$16,000 and the state convention paying \$10,000 of the total construction cost. (Dr. Dale Cowling was state student director.) Churches in the area furnished the center.

The new center, incorporating the original center, has just been completed. Floor space has been increased from 1,800 to 6,400 square feet. Of the total construction costs of \$52,000, the state Convention is paying \$35,000 and the local area \$17,000. New furniture for the center has not yet been purchased.

**BSU Activities.** The BSU at Arkansas State has a full program of BSU activities which include daily devotional services, social activities, and mission services each week at the county jail, the county rest home, St. Bernard's Hospital, and North Main Street Baptist Church.

The strength of the Baptist Student Union at Arkansas State is seen in its influence on the campus, the enrollment of its students at our seminaries after college, and in the frequency of its providing state officers and summer missionaries.—Tom J. Logue, Director

### AROUND THE WORLD

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### Foundation

#### Remembers her church

THE following is a reprint of an article from the First Baptist News, Prescott, W. R. Woodell, pastor:



MR. McDONALD

"The Executor of the late Mrs. Thelma Wells' estate, Clyde Hesterly, has advised the Pastor that Mrs. Wells had \$500 on deposit at the Prescott Savings and Loan Association in the name of the First Baptist Church of Prescott. The deposit book has been turned over to First Baptist.

"Mrs. Wells set up the account in August of 1959. Dividends have brought the amount to a total of \$537.41 at present date.

"This is a wise thing that Mrs. Wells has done. Other members of our church

family, especially those with no immediate heirs, should remember their church in their wills. It is an excellent way of continuing the work of the Savior after we have been called to be with Him."

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Matthew 25:21

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40

This action of Mrs. Wells is commendable and should be repeated by others. The Arkansas Baptist Foundation encourages people to remember the local church in their wills. We can have Christian wills that will enable us to go on witnessing; or, we can neglect this phase of our stewardship. By neglect we may be held accountable before God. Let the Foundation help you to be "found faithful, even unto death." Contact us at 401 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.—Ed F. McDonald, Jr., Secretary

#### Elrod receives degree

NOW it's DR. Ben M. Elrod. The pastor of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, will receive his Th. D. degree Jan. 18 from Southwestern Seminary, the "South Side Signal" reports. He is the second Southern Baptist pastor in the history of Pine Bluff with an earned degree and the first to receive that degree while serving in that association, the report added.

### Deaths

#### Ex-Chaplain Langford, Native of Jonesboro

DR. WILL Ed Langford, 52, of Novato, Calif., a native of Jonesboro, died Sunday, Dec. 24, at Novato after a heart attack. A former chaplain during World War II, he had held Baptist pastorates in Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, and California. He was a graduate of Jonesboro High School and attended Jonesboro Baptist College and Arkansas State College, Jonesboro. Surviving are his wife;

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Langford of Jonesboro; a son, Bruce, of Novato; a brother, Lloyd Love Langford of Jonesboro, and a sister, Mrs. John Breckenridge of Colorado Springs, Col. Burial was at Novato.

#### G. M. Hickey, Former Hospital Board Member

GEORGE Morris Hickey, 59, superintendent of schools at Cabot and former member of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital board, died December 27 at London, Pope County. He was a native of Pope County; a graduate of Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville, and Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway; and received the master's degree from the University of Arkansas.

He was a deacon and Sunday School teacher of First Baptist Church, Cabot; a Mason, World War II veteran, and a past president of the Cabot Lions Club. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruby James Hickey, three brothers, C. B. Hickey of London, Mike J. Hickey of Russellville and John I. Hickey of Ceres, Calif., and two sisters, Mrs. Laura Weaver of Crockett, Calif., and Mrs. Mary Reynolds of Ceres. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Russellville.



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### SEALS

Seals will be awarded at any time during the year when the requirements for that seal have been met.

#### **Seal I—Youth Week**

The church must observe Youth Week during the period October 1, 1961, to September 30, 1962. Upon receipt of the Youth Week report a seal will be awarded.

#### **Seal II—Standard Unit**

The Church must report at least one standard union or department for at least one of the following quarters: October-December, 1961; January-March, 1962; April-June, 1962; July-September, 1962.

#### **Seal III—Drills and Tournaments**

The church must be represented in the 1962 associational eliminations of at least one of the drills or tournaments: Junior Memory-Sword Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill, or Young People's Speakers' Tournament. Associational Directors are urged to plan their elimination meetings during March just prior to the district conventions. The Associational Training Union Director should mail a list of churches participating in the associational eliminations to the Training Union Department.

#### **Seal IV—Enrolment**

The church must report a Net increase of at least 10% in its Training Union enrolment over the enrolment reported in the annual letter, fall of 1961. Upon the receipt of the figures giving the 1961 enrolment and the present enrolment showing a NET increase of 10%, the award will be made.

#### **Seal V—Study Course Awards**

The church must request during the period October 1, 1961, to September 30, 1962, study course awards equal in number to 100% of the number of people enrolled in Training Union as reported in the annual church letter, fall of 1961, (all awards earned in the CHURCH STUDY COURSE FOR TEACHING AND TRAINING will count) OR a Training Union methods study course must be taught in the church during October 1, 1961, to September 30, 1962, using at least three different Training Union methods books. A church may also qualify if they have the number of people equal to 1/10 of their Training Union enrolment (representing at least 3 departments) to take Training Union methods books and qualify for awards in Category 18 IN AN ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL HELD IN ANOTHER CHURCH.

A QUARTERLY REPORT FORM WILL BE SENT TO EACH TRAINING UNION DIRECTOR NEAR THE CLOSE OF EACH QUARTER.



# Gossip benches

By LYN SOMMERER

THE church was very still. The last person had locked the door behind him. Now the benches were creaking a little, settling down for a quiet afternoon of friendly gossip.

"I'm just a bundle of nerves," complained one of the pews.

"What's the matter?" asked another.

"Oh, I had to hold Susie Giggle-a-Lot and Johnny Foot-Swinger this morning."

"You poor dear!" exclaimed her friend. "I doubt that you could hear a word of the sermon."

"No, I couldn't and neither could the people who sat near those two."

"I know what you mean," said a bench across the aisle. "I held two girls this morning who spent the whole service emptying their purses and filling them again."

Another pew chimed in. "Were they money droppers, too? Girls like that usually are."

"Guess who sat in my row," one bench said with a sigh. "It was Jerry Hymn-book-Flipper. He kept turning the pages of his hymnal during the sermon."

One of the older benches said sadly, "The worst part is that these distracters not only miss the worship themselves. They cause others to miss it, too."

"I wonder why they come," remarked another. "Do they think they'll gain anything just by sitting and keeping us benches warm?"

"Maybe they think we're the 'seats of learning,'" laughed one of the new pews lightly.

The others just stared at the young bench. They were in no mood to joke about the problem.

"I guess I'm the fortunate one," said the bench in front of the pulpit. "All the wiggle-tails and whisperers are pretty well behaved up here so near the pastor."

"Yes," agreed the old bench who had spoken so sadly, "but sometimes I wonder what's going on behind those lifted faces. Too much daydreaming, I'm afraid."

"Well," said a happy bench, "I had a wonderful morning. All in my row joined in the worship with their whole hearts. I heard every word of the service, and so did they."

"That is wonderful," agreed the old bench. "Even though I've never seen it happen, I still hope to see the day when every bench in church can have that same grand feeling."

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# Bible verse crossword

By OLIVE W. MOMERT

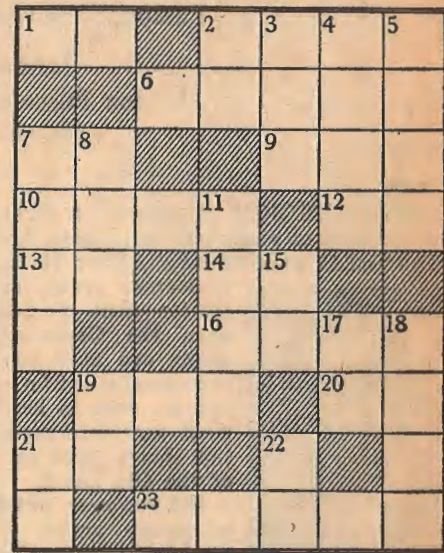
WHEN you have used the correct words in this puzzle, you will find part of John 3:7 spelled out. See 1, 2, and 7 across, 12 down, and 24 across.

Across

1. You
2. Have to
6. One who hoards money
7. Part of a verb
9. Before
10. One of the names given to Jesus (John 1:29)
12. Symbol for iron
13. Either
14. Preposition
16. Used in fishing
19. Wrongdoing
20. Personal pronoun
21. Therefore
23. Once more

Down

2. Note in musical scale
3. To utilize
4. A slave
5. Large plant
7. What the wind does
8. Something that both human beings and corn possess
11. How we came into the world
15. Symbol for iron
17. Printer's measure
18. Not fat
19. Therefore
21. Spanish for yes
22. Dad



ANSWERS

Bible verse: Ye must be born again.  
 17. em, 18. lean, 19. so, 21. si, 22. pa  
 5. tree, 7. blow, 8. ear, 11. born, 15. Fe,  
 Down: 2. mi, 3. use, 4. set,  
 16. reel, 19. sin, 20. me, 21. so, 23. again  
 9. ere, 10. lamp, 12. Fe, 13. or, 14. of,  
 Across: 1. ye, 2. must, 6. miser, 7. be,  
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## Bethlehem today

By THELMA C. CARTER

HAVE you ever wondered what the town of Bethlehem is like today? In some ways it has changed a great deal since Jesus was born there. In other ways it is much the same.

Bethlehem is a small town of churches, white buildings, flat-roofed homes, and patios that bake in the warm Mediterranean sun during the day. At night it lies quiet and cool under the same stars that lighted the way of the Wise Men long, long ago.

Bethlehem is unchanged in that it is still located on two terraced hills with olive groves and fruit orchards covering the hill slopes.

Manger Street (Almahd) and Star Street (An Nijmeh) are the two main roads leading into the town. Little shops line the streets with their wares of napkin rings, book-racks, book covers, crosses and all sorts of trinkets of mother-of-pearl, sandalwood, and olive-wood.

People work with great patience and pride over the fine designs of silver jewelry. These pieces are among the oldest products of Bible lands.

Artists carve delicate figures of Joseph, Mary and the Christ child, the three kings of the East, donkeys, oxen, and camels. They make these from blocks of olive-wood. This is one of the hardest of woods, requiring many hours of cutting and carving.

Hundreds of people earn a living in Bethlehem by carving mother-of-pearl objects, which they sell in souvenir shops. Bethlehem's beautiful spinning, weaving, and fine embroidery are famous all over the world.

Today Bethlehem is a busy small town. Visitors by the thousands crowd the narrow streets when tourist season begins.

It doesn't matter that Bethlehem is a small town. David lived there. Near there he was anointed king. He also met the giant Goliath about fifteen miles from this small town. Most important, Jesus was born there.

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## The law, the Christ, and the Christian

By THOMAS HINSON

Pastor, First Church, West Memphis

January 7, 1962

Lesson Passages: Exodus 34:1-8,  
Matthew 5:17-20

**T**HIS LESSON introduces a three-month unit of study entitled, "Jesus And The Ten Commandments." After his introductory study, attention will focus upon the Commandments one at a time and special effort will be made to learn what new interpretation Jesus gave each of the Old Laws.



MR. HINSON

Did you ever watch a great artist at work? He first makes a pencil sketch of the beautiful landscape, then with great skill and brilliant colors he makes the sketch into the real thing. In like manner the Ten Commandments were the sketch, done by the Master's Hand, drawn along the lines of fuller truth. But only through the interpretation, fulfillment, and application of these Laws by Jesus Christ did they find their fullest meaning and usefulness.

### Laws for living

**P**ERHAPS the greatest single event in all Hebrew history was the day God gave the Ten Commandments. While you might not agree with the last statement, you must agree with the next one. The happiest people of all history are those who have observed and kept these sacred rules for successful living. The Ten Commandments were the ABC's of spiritual religion for a people who were just beginning to know God.

And when properly understood today, they still embrace the whole of man's duty to his God and to his fellow-man. Men are born, not merely for today but for God's tomorrow. Today men sow, tomorrow they reap. The Commandments were intended to make our sowing such today that our reaping tomorrow might be joyous.

The whole Bible is, in a sense, a comment on the Ten Commandments. The Psalmist said, "The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." And the Apostle Paul said, "The Law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ."

All one needs to do to realize the value of the Ten Commandments is to imagine a world in which man were free to do exactly as he pleases with no

hope of rewards and no fear of punishment. Then imagine a world, or even one community, in which these laws were faithfully observed by all—in such a society God would always be first, worship would be without superstitions or idols, there would be a universal day of worship and rest, home life would be pure, marriage would be sacred,

### MEMOS FOR MEDITATION

1. God wrote the Law on tablets of stone, a miracle? A greater miracle is that He can write them upon human hearts today!
2. Some laws neglected in Jesus' day were called "weightier." Do not seek to make a bargain counter of God's Word.
3. Study the most sinful man you know. He has no sin with which the Ten Commandments do not deal!
4. Consider the most righteous person in History. Did He do anything more than Jesus said the Ten Commandments taught?

property would be safe, and there would be no gossip, no lying, no wars, no coveting of another's possessions. A code of morals and ethics that could produce like that would do this generation a great deal of good! And the Ten Commandments is just that code.

### The living Christ put love in the law

**J**ESUS was interested in the Mosaic Law. But he was much more interested in our understanding it than in experiencing a mere intellectual exercise through studying it or teaching it. Jesus quoted Moses 66 times, Isaiah 40 times, Psalms 36 times, Daniel 22 times, and in all He quoted from 24 books of the Old Testament.

Archaeologists have brought to light many hidden wonders of the past. In similar manner, Jesus dug down through the debris of innumerable laws and interpretation of laws which, through the centuries, had been allowed to cover up the true meaning of the Ten Commandments, and brought them to light, pol-

ished them, and showed them in the true perspective to His hearers. Jesus saw circumspect men whose hearts were unclean. He knew that what they needed was to have the motive of love instilled into an already effective law.

When one of the Pharisees asked Jesus, "Which is the great commandment in the law?," Jesus said unto him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

There were ten commandments. Jesus did not rescind any one, nor did He add any one, but He gave them all an interpretation of love which had been desperately missing.

In putting love into the law, Jesus spiritualized the Commandments, because even the Scripture teaches that "God is Love." Jesus released the law from mere external and formal interpretation. The sixth Commandment with Jesus not only forbade murder, but hatred and angry thoughts as well. Adultery was not only the breaking of the Mosaic Law, but sinful desires and lascivious looks. It is when we interpret the Commandments as Jesus did that we see our need of a Redeemer, for no man is able to perfectly keep the law of God, but breaks it in word, in thought, and in deed. This is what Paul meant when referring to the law as our "schoolmaster to bring us to Christ."

When Jesus finished His teachings concerning the Law, it was not more in quantity, but better in quality. To Him the Law was real, not formal; it was internal rather than external; it was spiritual rather than material; it was practical rather than ritual. In short, it was the "Code of Love."

### Living the law today

The law of the spirit of life in Christ sets men free from the law of sin and death. Men need the Words of Sinai for today! Isolate any one of these laws and ask the question, "Are men in danger of breaking these laws today?" The answer is obvious. These laws deal with problems as new as your next breath.

But this brings up an interesting consideration. Do men actually break laws? Or do the laws break them? Suppose a man said, "Watch me, I am going to break the law of gravity. I am going to walk off the top of a tall building and right out into space." It would not be the law of gravity that he would break. It would be his fool neck.

And yet there are foolish men who believe that they can break the laws of God! As you approach this study during the next three months ask God to give you wisdom to understand and strength to apply His holy way and will in this ungodly generation.



# Executive Board

(Continued from page 2)

of the law and start teaching the Christ-way of giving. Give as you have been prospered. In other words, we are to give our all if it takes that to do a good job for our Master.

If Baptists gave 10 percent of their income to the churches, four times more work could be done for a sin-sick world than we are now doing. Even that would not begin to meet the needs. Again we emphasize that it is time to go beyond the Old Testament standard of giving.

Yes, 1961 was a good year but let us press on toward the mark of preaching the gospel to the whole world by giving more of our money.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary

## Attendance Report

Church	December 17, 1961		
	Sunday School	Training	Additions
Alpena, First	99	44	
Berryville, Freeman Heights	163	73	
Booneville, Glendale	98	54	
Camden			
Cullendale First	466	252	
First	518	207	
El Dorado			
East Main	223	122	
Mission	3		
First	795	238	2
Northside Chapel	44	34	
England, Caney Creek	89	19	
Fayetteville			
Providence	115	41	
Ft. Smith			
First	1,025	893	
Missions	312	151	
Cassid Avenue	693	267	3
Mission	14		
Kelley Height	161	87	
Towson Avenue	188	74	4
Trinity	284	117	1
Geary, First	287	105	2
Cassid Ridge, First	145	48	
Canaan, Beech Street	161	88	
Harrisburg, Calvary	156	145	
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	272	103	
Hot Springs, Park Place	421	227	
Huntsville			
First	115	47	
Combs	29	30	
Kington	30		
Jacksonville			
First	728	293	4
Marshall Road	84	38	
Little Rock			
First	1046	462	3
Forest Highlands	166	83	1
Canaan Street	415	260	
Denison St. Mission	79	42	
Immanuel	1196	446	3
Forest Tower mission	26	38	
Loy Mission	19	20	
Resolute	214	97	6
Magnolia, Central	648	305	
McClain, First	486	179	
Chapel	43		
Mountain Home, East Side	78	58	4
Newport, First	325	184	3
Kings	46	39	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	765	253	
Central	327	111	2
Highway	208	83	
Loy	580	259	1
Park Hill	734	261	1
Maple, Sunnyside	117	58	1
Springdale			
Cassid Avenue	186	69	
Resolute	90	64	
First	509	214	
Van Buren			
First	444	195	
Oak Grove	173	76	2
Second	48	44	

Church	December 24, 1961		
	Sunday School	Training	Additions
Alpena, First	58	46	
Berryville, Freeman Heights	156	71	
Camden			
Cullendale First	419	143	

First	456	151	
Conway, First	389		
England, Caney Creek	79	18	2
Ft. Smith			
Cavalry	381	116	
First	980	263	4
Mission	417	157	
Grand Avenue	541	153	4
Mission	21		
Towson Avenue	188	48	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	235	69	
Hot Springs, Park Place	433	125	
Jacksonville			
First	555	239	3
Marshall Road	81		
Jones Mills, Shorewood Hills	78	51	2
Little Rock			
Immanuel	968	490	2
Forest Tower	35	22	
Kerr	31	12	
Rosedale	150		3
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	618	163	
Springdale			
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First	352	107	
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# A Smile or Two

## Fishy story

WIFE, returning from fishing trip with her husband, reported to her neighbor: "I did everything all wrong today. I talked too loud . . . I used the wrong bait . . . I reeled in too soon . . . and I caught more than he did!"

## Real opportunity

THE sign in an advertisement of a Sunday school rummage sale read: "A good opportunity to get rid of everything not worth keeping, but too good to throw away. Bring your husband."

## How to get \$10

THE wife wanted to do some shopping and asked her husband for \$10. "Money, money, money," he shouted. "Every day of the week you want more money. If you ask me, I think you need brains more than you need money."

"Perhaps so," his wife agreed. "But I asked you for what I thought you had the most of."

## Resourceful

"NO, I don't," said the woman, starting to close the door.

"Perhaps a clothesbrush or shoe polish?"

"I don't need anything," answered the woman even more firmly.

"How about a vacuum cleaner?"

"Look," she said in exasperation, "if you don't leave, I'll whistle for a policeman."

"Would you like to buy a whistle?"

## Definition

THE woman who drives from the back seat of a car is no worse than the man who cooks from the dining room table.

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## Religious News of the World

### Church membership gains

UNITED States church membership figures for 1960 have been released by the National Council of Churches. Church and synagogue membership reached a record high of 114,449,217 in 1960, a gain of 1.9 percent over 1959. This increase of 2,222,312 was 446,852 less than the gain of the previous year. And, it was only slightly more than the estimated overall population increase of 1.8 percent. This figure represents approximately 63.6 percent of the national population.

Total Protestant membership in 227 bodies was 63,668,835; Catholic, 42,104,900; Jewish, 5,367,000. Protestant gain was 1.8 percent, compared with the Catholic gain of 3.2 per cent. [All babies born into Catholic homes are automatically counted as members of the Catholic Church. —ELM].

An estimated 90 percent of all Protestant church members are found in 22 denominational groups or families. Baptists led in total membership with 21,148,862. Methodists were second with 12,424,623, and Lutherans were third with 8,080,867. Presbyterians reported 4,333,249.

Sunday School enrollment in the 226 religious bodies reporting was 43,231,018. This compared with 44,066,457 in 230 bodies reporting in 1959. Additional church membership information may be found in the 1962 *Yearbook of American Churches*, published by the National Council of Churches. —The Survey Bulletin.

### Fallout shelters built

SOUTHPORT, N. C. (EP) —The Rev. Nane Starines of Asheville, president of the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, has announced that fallout shelters are

being constructed at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly grounds here.

The fallout shelters, he said, will be used for the Southport metropolitan area and will be maintained by Civil Defense personnel.

### Global evangelism

NEW DELHI, India (EP)—Attending pre-session meetings of the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Evangelist Billy Graham said that a five-year, world-wide evangelistic effort should be made in which all Christians would be urged to participate.

The world situation is "in convulsion, divided by ideological, national and racial tensions," he said in an interview.

He added that "never had a religious assembly such a glorious opportunity" to say something decisively to all nations. "If ever mankind ought to be ready to listen to the Church, it is now," he said.

### School controversy

TORONTO, Canada (EP)—A fresh controversy has arisen over the teaching of religion in elementary public schools here since a new text for religious instruction in Grade Eight classrooms has been introduced.

Entitled "The Seed and the Harvest," the text was promptly labeled "Pure Protestant doctrine" by Mrs. Doris Dodds, chairman of the Ethical Education Association. The text joins those for Grades One to Seven.

At a panel discussion on the whole field of religious education in the schools held by a local chapter of B'nai B'rith women, Mrs. Dodds charged the book was "sectarian dogma." She added that the EEA would lodge an official protest with the Department of Education for "creating an official state religion in Ontario."

### Catholic opposes bingo

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (EP)—Roman Catholic Bishop Leo J. Pursley of Fort Wayne-South Bend has declared that he opposes raffles, bingo, bazaars and carni-

vals as parish fund-raisers.

In an interview reported in the Dec. 2 issue of *Ave Maria*, national Catholic weekly magazine published here, he called upon Catholics to adopt a "wider vision" in supporting their parishes. The prelate declared that many Catholics "fail to really understand such concepts as the Mystical Body of Christ and man's brotherhood in Christ."

"Unless we realize that there must be more interparish cooperation," he said, "I'm afraid that some parishes face a grim future."

With reference to bingo, raffles and bazaars as parish fund-raising activities, Bishop Pursley declared, "in this diocese I don't want to see children used as salesmen or agents. And most parents don't either."

"And I don't like gambling and lotteries as a substitution for straight giving," he added. "They offer a distorted and erroneous notion of the purpose of giving. People expect some return, some prize, some premium."

The prelate said he favors tithing to raise money for the parish. He referred to a recent survey as the basis for his statement that "289 parishes are now tithing and 1,258 pastors plan to introduce tithing soon."



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