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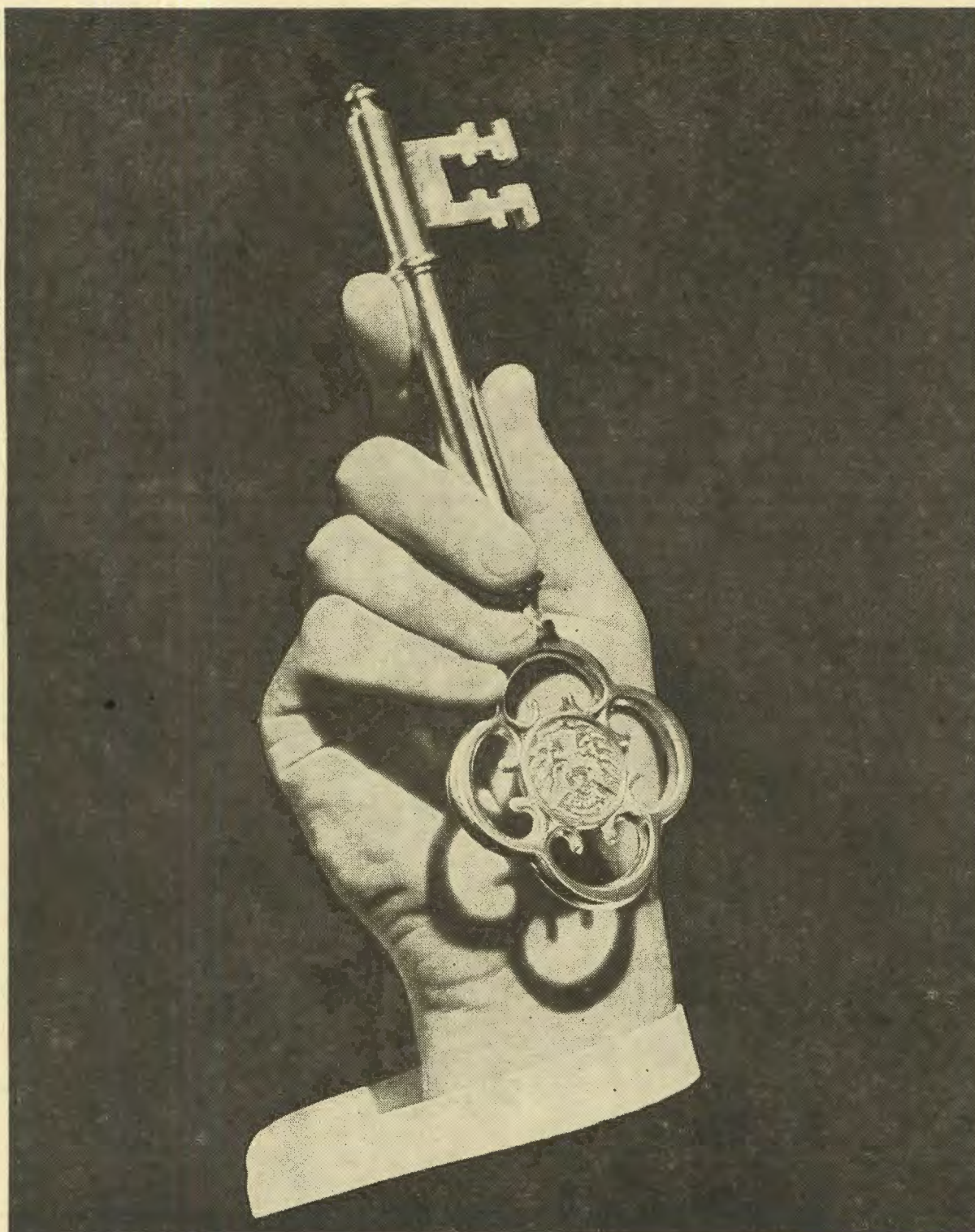
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Stewardship –

The key to progress in kingdom advance

Cooperative Program Money Talks; Mission Check Tells Its Trail

By PORTER ROUTH

It was the fourth Tuesday in September. I do not remember the exact time; but it must have been after eleven o'clock, because I do recall I was beginning to think about lunch when Mrs. Nelson walked in.

Mrs. Ruth Nelson is the bookkeeper in the office of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; and she has come into the office on many Tuesdays since that particular Tuesday in September. I especially remember that Tuesday, however, because it was my first experience, after becoming executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, in signing the checks which go out to the various agencies each month.

The top check immediately caught my eye. It was made out to the Foreign Mission Board; and the amount was for \$80,856.28.

"Whew," I thought, "that is a big check for a Routh to be signing his name to." As I finished my signature, the paper on which the check was written seemed to come alive and in my meditation it seemed I could hear it call out, "Let me tell you my story."

So I listened, and this is the story it told:

"You think I am just a piece of paper," the check said, "but let me tell you where I have been and where I am going. I really represent the concern of millions of people. I have come from the bluegrass of Kentucky. I have come from the giant forest of the Northwest. I represent the sale of cattle and oil in Texas. I have been warmed by the bright sun of Florida. I came from historic Virginia.

"At one time," the check continued, "I was a part of the pay check of a steelworker in Birmingham, Alabama. I was given for cotton, grown in the delta of Mississippi. I remember especially the little church in Mississippi. The pastor preached on tithing and on our responsibility for a needy world; and I remember that my owner went home and talked and prayed about the matter with his family. As a result of that prayer a decision was made to tithe, and I represent a part of that first tithe.

"As I lay in the offering plate that morning," the check continued, "I remember that I heard the pastor and some of the members talking about missions. One of the members said that since God had blessed our church and the people were tithing as never before, he thought that we ought to do more for causes outside our congregational needs. I remember that the pastor and the other members agreed and the church voted to increase the percentage of its gifts to world causes.

"When all the money was counted that day and deposited in the bank on the next day, I remembered that the treasurer of the church figured how much should go to the state office for world missions; and I was a part of the check which was sent. I had started on a world tour.

"When I reached the state office I found that the members of the church back home had joined with the members of other churches over our state to study the needs at home and the needs around the world and had voted how they were to divide the money received from all the churches.

"The state office then took nearly half

of me and sent it on to the office of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, in Nashville, Tennessee. Other states have done the same thing and we have all joined together here. That's why I am here."



(Dr. Routh breaks into the story of the check just here and gives the analysis of Cooperative Program funds received in the Nashville office. Instead of his analysis, I refer you to the back page of the August 28 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* which gives an analysis of the proposed Arkansas Budget for 1953. This analysis shows an allocation of \$331,426.67 for Southern Baptist Convention causes. It is this portion of Arkansas' budget that goes to the Nashville headquarters and is involved in this story by Dr. Routh.—Editor.)

"Before I was so rudely interrupted," the check broke in, "I was about to tell where I am going. I will go to the office of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, and there I will join with other dollars to go to the ends of the earth.

"I will teach little children in Nigeria and tell them about Jesus. I will help send missionaries to Indonesia where Southern Baptists are just starting their work. I will make possible the erection of a new hospital in Paraguay where little children and adults may be healed in the name of Jesus. I will help to print millions of tracts in Brazil. I will minister to the homeless in Korea.

"I am not a division table. I am not just a piece of paper. I am not just a program. I am flesh and blood. I am that cotton farmer in Mississippi preaching in Nigeria. I am that steelworker in Birmingham training young ministers in Switzerland so that they may go behind the Iron Curtain."

Yes, the Cooperative Program is figured in terms of dollars and cents and percentages; but it represents people who believe in the world task which Jesus has committed to us.

I am glad that I am a part of that kind of a program. I know that you are glad that you can help, too.

—The Commission.

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Arkansans In Language School

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roy Major, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Brazil, are now in language school in Campinas. Their address is Caixa Postal 552, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Mrs. Major, formerly Sarah E. Myatt, is a native of Modoc, Arkansas, and Mr. Major has served as pastor of several churches in Arkansas.

Co-Laborers With God

A Devotion by the Editor

"... laborers together with God. . . ."

God has taken us into partnership with Himself as co-laborers! That is a most startling revelation, and its implications are vast and thrilling. The relationship itself is the first and most important fact impressed upon us. Why, it lifts the whole realm of human life to the level of divine partnership. God treats us not as slaves, not as inferiors. He does not assign us to menial tasks and laborious drudgery which are beneath the dignity of divine employment with which He Himself is engaged.

Can you think of any one whom you would rather work with than God? Is not this the greatest challenge of your life? And does it not lift your life out of the commonplace and give you the consciousness of divine significance?

This means that God included us in His plan of work and objective purposes. Jesus said, "My father worketh until now and I work." Remember this and never forget it, that the Master Workman, when He was planning His work for this world, had you and me in mind and made a place for us in His plans.

Are we inclined to think that we are too insignificant and weak and helpless to be of any service to God? Again we do Him an injustice. For He will take the "weak things of the world to confound the mighty." No smallest atom of human power, whether it be to work with one's hands, to testify with one's voice, to smile with one's countenance, to love with one's heart, to trust with one's soul—no smallest atom of human power is too small for God to honor with a place of service in the work of His kingdom.

It is possible for us to make contact with God, and He has gone to extreme pains to make it possible for us to enter into His work as a co-laborer. He has provided that our smallest powers shall have a place of importance in His work. And this is our greatest honor and glory.

He is doing something of eternal value and a human life is the means by which He does it. Each willing life is part of God's purpose and is important.

"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9.

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From The Editor's Desk

Democracy And Christianity

When and if democracy perishes in the United States, it will be when and because the Christian spirit no longer pervades human society or determines the concept of individual dignity, responsibility, and freedom.

Baptists And Democracy

We call your attention to an article on page nine, "The Expansion of Democracy," by Mrs. Clara McCorkle Butcher of Birmingham, Alabama. In the February 14 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* we published an article by Mrs. Butcher on "Democracy, The Child of Christianity." In the first article Mrs. Butcher points out that democracy, as we know it today, had its origin in the Christian spirit and in Christian teaching. In the current article she emphasizes the truth that the expansion of democracy has been co-extensive with the expansion of the true Christian spirit and power.

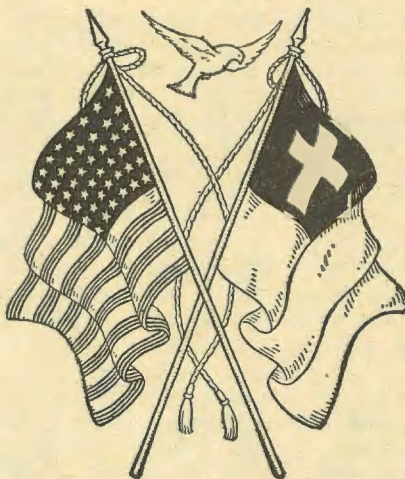
We also call attention to an article on page eight, "A Challenge to Baptists," by Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of the *Watchman-Examiner*. Dr. Bradbury cautions against preaching ourselves "while we profess to preach the gospel." Stating the oft-repeated Baptist declaration, "We accept the Bible as our rule of faith and practice." Dr. Bradbury warns that our "pretensions become presumptions, if they are not held sincerely."

You may ask what is the relation between these two articles to which we have referred. First of all, we are proud of the part that Baptists have played in establishing democratic principles and promoting democratic processes, particularly in the United States. Baptists have had more to do with the founding of a democratic government in the United States than any other one group of people. This statement can be verified by history. It was a Baptist preacher, Roger Williams, who established the first democratic state and set up in that state a democratic church: A free church in a free state. Baptists had much to do with writing into the constitution of the

United States the guarantee of freedom to the individual in every area of life.

Democracy In Church And State

The United States may learn a valuable lesson from other nations of the world. It is a matter of historical knowledge that when organized Christianity drifted away from the democratic principle, the whole society drifted away from the democratic principle; when organized Christianity be-



came regimented and ruled over by a dictator or a hierarchy, just to that extent democracy perished in the nation where democracy had perished in organized Christianity. When the democratic principle and spirit were revived in organized Christianity as in the reformation, democracy in government took on new life.

The Roman Catholic church is the perfect example of the complete annihilation of democracy in organized Christianity. Observing the dictatorial powers of the Roman Catholic church, Protestants seem to have become alarmed and have felt that a counter movement should be started in the form of an ecumenical church or a national Protestant church. This is a trend toward regimentation and the annihilation of the democratic principle in organized Christianity.

Last Call

This is the week. Every enlisted Baptist in Arkansas should be busy this week searching out the unenlisted Baptists with the view of enlisting them in actual Christian service in the Baptist church where they live.

We quote the last paragraph of our church covenant: "We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other Baptist church, of the same faith and practice, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word."

It would be well to quote this part of

the church covenant to those unenlisted Baptists in an effort to impress upon them their obligation as well as their opportunity to unite with the church in the community where they live.

There are two or three things that these "not at home Baptists" must realize before they are likely to take our invitations to transfer their membership seriously. They must realize their own personal obligation to Jesus to be actively engaged in the work of His church where they live. They must realize the opportunities of service which the church offers them. They must realize that they cannot grow spiritually and ex-

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Are you planning to attend the Arkansas Baptist State Convention? It meets at the Immanuel Church, Little Rock, on November 18-20.

It is encouraging to note the ever increasing numbers of laymen at the meetings of the state convention. This is a democratic trend. As more of our men and women attend the state convention the inspiration of the meeting and the vision of our Baptist program will pervade our churches to a greater extent and will stimulate among all our people a more worthy response to the challenge of our Baptist program.

Our state convention this year promises to be and logically should be one of the greatest meetings in the history of Arkansas Baptists. There are some obligations to be liquidated this year. This will release resources for more constructive work. Baptist Headquarters building will be paid for, the honor debt will be cleared up, the Central College situation is closed. These items accounted for \$99,000 in the 1952 budget. All Arkansas Baptists should experience a sense of gratification over these accomplishments.

Upon the basis of present and past victories we accept the challenge of the future with faith and courage. The proposed program for 1953, with a budget of more than a million dollars to finance that program, should inspire hope and courage in the heart of every Arkansas Baptist. Therefore, we should come to the state convention in November thrilled because of the opportunities which challenge us.

While rejoicing over the victories of the past we must not become satisfied and complacent. These victories should stimulate us to greater efforts and prompt us to undertake the accomplishment of greater projects.

We believe that, in spite of whatever mistakes we have made in the past, the Lord has led us thus far. We shall look to Him to guide us both in the formulation and the promotion of our program of service in the future. We urge you to come to the state convention praying that God may lead Arkansas Baptists in the launching of the greatest program of work in their history.

perience the full joys of salvation unless they are enlisted in active participation in the program of the church which Jesus built.

We must go out in search of these unaffiliated Baptists with the idea of helping them to find their places in church and kingdom service. It is a good will tour we are on, but it is more than that, it is a spiritual mission. Let us go in the name of our Lord.

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No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure and good, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.

—Phillips Brooks.

Kingdom Progress

Music-Education Leader First Church, Benton



PAUL D. McMILLAN

By B. K. SELPH

Paul D. McMillan came August 17 to take up his duties with First Church, Benton, as Minister of Music and Education. Mr. McMillan has held a similar position with First Church, Searcy, and Springdale. He comes with several years of experience as music director in the evangelistic field. Some years ago he toured Europe with the Billy Graham Revival Party. He recently closed a city-wide revival in Lansing, Michigan.

Along with his work in Benton, he will attend Ouachita College, since he plans to preach. We feel that his coming will prove a strength in this phase of our church life. He will assist in the organizational work and give special emphasis to training choirs and special music.

Mr. McMillan is married and has one child.

Third Anniversary—Harrison Church

The Eagle Heights Church, Harrison, observed their third anniversary Sunday, August 31. The church was organized three years ago from a mission which was started by First Church, Harrison, under the ministry of Pastor E. E. Griever, who has since gone to the pastorate of First Church, Hamburg.

Pastor Hugh Cooper was in charge of the program for the day having the regular worship service at 11 o'clock followed by a basket dinner and an afternoon program which featured a song and prayer service, the reading of the history of the church, and testimonials.

The Eagle Heights Church now has more than 200 members, and during the past year has received 90 members into the fellowship of the church, 29 of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism.

Mortgage Burning Ceremony At Sylvan Hills

The First Church, Sylvan Hills, celebrated the burning of the mortgage on their property Sunday afternoon at 2, September 7.

The present structure was completed in 1945 and a mortgage in the amount of \$4,000 was placed on the church property. This indebtedness has been liquidated six months ahead of schedule.

Deacon C. C. Giles, 91 years of age, and who has served as a deacon for approximately 70 years, was privileged to burn the mortgage. Dr. B. L. Bridges, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, delivered the message for the mortgage burning occasion.

Pastor A. H. Mullins came to the Sylvan Hills Church, December 2, 1950. He has led the church in this successful effort to pay off the mortgage and has also guided the church in a more active participation in the denominational program.

The mortgage burning occasion was also used as an occasion for launching a building fund for the purpose of constructing a new auditorium. When the auditorium is constructed the entire present building will be converted into an educational building.

Taylor Goes To Texas

Pastor E. W. Taylor, First Church, Marshall, has resigned the pastorate of the Marshall Church to accept a call from the First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas, as city missionary. Dr. Carl Bates is pastor of the Texas Church.

In the three years of Pastor Taylor's ministry at Marshall, there has been a total of 224 additions to the church, 113 on profession of faith and baptism, 111 by letter and statement. Many improvements have been made on the present church building and a program is under way for the construction of new building facilities with a quantity of materials on the ground.

Pastor Taylor says, "This call to Texas looks like an enlarged opportunity to win souls to Christ, and I feel this is the Lord's will for me at this time."

News From Harmony Association

By S. D. DAVIS, Missionary

Bob Norvell, Ouachita student, became the pastor of Hickory Grove Church, for half time service, on August 1.

First Church, Star City, organized the Northside Baptist Chapel recently, in Star City. In the summer revival at the mission there were four additions by baptism and three by letter.

Central Church, Pine Bluff, has called P. J. Crowder as pastor, and he moved on the field early in September. Mr. Crowder has recently been the pastor of Trinity Church, Fort Smith.

Mr. Arthur Beck, formerly associational Sunday School superintendent, has joined the staff of workers at the Bottoms Orphanage, and has moved to Monticello.

Begins Fifth Year In Texarkana



JAMES G. HARRIS

James G. Harris began his fifth year as pastor of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, on Sunday, September 7. Visible progress of Mr. Harris' four year ministry with Beech Street Church is noted in the following facts:

The church membership has grown in numbers from 871 to 1,225; with 291 additions by baptism and 493 by letter. The Sunday School has increased from 694 to 1,188; the Training Union from 173 to 486.

Annual contributions for all causes have gone from \$35,000 to approximately \$104,000, with gifts for mission work increasing from \$10,000 to \$17,600 per year.

Physical improvements include the complete remodeling and enlarging of the church auditorium to double the former seating capacity; space provided for the Adult II Sunday School department, which also serves as a recreation room and dining hall; the installation of a combination air-conditioning and heating system; the purchase of a three manual Moller organ; acquisition of property adjoining the education building.

Seven young men have been ordained to the gospel ministry during Mr. James' pastorate in Texarkana, and 30 young people have volunteered for full time Christian service.

Stewardship Revival South Side, Pine Bluff

By J. E. DILLARD

Thank God and the people for a happy week of Stewardship Study at South Side, Pine Bluff. Special thanks to its great pastor, Lloyd A. Sparkman, his staff, choir, deacons, and all groups for sustained attendance and hearty co-operation.

South Side is a great church; great in spirit, unity and attainment; but greatest in possibilities.

Its stewardship attainments and aims are outstanding and exemplary. Suggested aims:

"It seems to me
Its budget should be
\$100,000 in '53
\$10,000 more in '54
And everybody tithe in '55."

Mission Speaker



H. D. PALMER

Missionary H. D. Palmer, of the Conway-Perry Association, has been invited by the Home Mission Board to deliver a series of mission messages in a school of missions in Mississippi from October 12-24. This two week engagement will be divided between the Calhoun County and Winton County Associations of Mississippi.

Missionary Palmer will show slide pictures along with his messages, outlining the state mission program.

Deacons Ordained, Calvary, Benton

On Sunday, August 31, Calvary Church, Benton, ordained six deacons: Jack Jensen, Francis Morehead, Carl Matthews, Glen Wright, Lester Chandler, and Elson Herndon.

The presbytery was composed of pastors and deacons of Central Association. Pastor L. A. Tribble, Calvary Church, served as moderator; H. R. Boyd, Old Union Church, served as clerk. Missionary Delbert Garrett conducted the examination; and Pastor Joe Melton, Memorial Church, Hot Springs, delivered the ordination message. Floyd Pannell of Gum Springs Church offered the ordination prayer.

Also, Elson Herndon was licensed to preach on September 3. He is now enrolled in Ouachita College.

In the three months that Pastor Tribble has been with Calvary Church there have been 34 additions to the church membership. A stewardship revival is planned for September 21.

Youth Revival

The Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, held a youth revival recently in which there were 15 additions to the church. The team was composed of Roy Fish, evangelist; Rudy Sullivant, song leader; Jamie Blackmon, pianist and booster band leader; Bertha Moseley, personal worker and booster band leader; and Johnny Hagan and Lee Garner, personal workers. R. L. South is pastor of Park Hill Church.

Dumas Church In Revival

First Church, Dumas, and Pastor Minor E. Cole had the services of Lawson Hatfield, evangelist, and Ed. F. Vallowe, singer, in a revival meeting from September 1-10. There were six additions to the church by baptism and seven by letter.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

The Fisher Church, Fisher, Arkansas, conducted a five day Vacation Bible School from August 11-15, wherein 49 pupils were enrolled with average attendance of 39. Mrs. Robert E. Lewis, wife of the pastor, was principal of the school.

J. W. Buckner, First Church, Crossett, led the Village Church, Liberty Association, in a Stewardship revival from September 1-7. Pastor Amos Bennett says of the revival: "A Labor Day holiday, a road show, and the indifference of a few was overcome and an effective week of activities resulted. The people seemed anxious to answer the question, "What wilt thou have me to do?" acceptably. The financial goal was exceeded; sixty per cent of the Sunday School members present agreed to tithe."

First Church, Piggott, and Pastor E. Clay Polk, will have the services of Nelson Tull and Merrill Johnson in a revival campaign from September 21-28.

Dr. R. Alton Reed, Dallas, and Bob Kilgore, First Church, Pine Bluff, will lead Second Church, Pine Bluff, in revival services from October 6-12. Dr. Reed will preach, and Mr. Kilgore will have charge of the music. Floyd B. Caldwell is the pastor of Second Church.

Amity Church, and Pastor Charles Chesser Jr., had the services of William West, McGehee, evangelist, in a 10 day meeting from August 25 to September 3. Hugh Hairston, Warren, had charge of the music. There were nine additions to the church by baptism.

First Church, Thornton, and Pastor W. L. Poole, had the services of Pastor J. E. Anderson, West Side Baptist Church, Atlanta, Texas, in revival services from August 24-31, which resulted in six additions to the Church by baptism. Pastor Don Bowman, First Church, Ogden, directed the music.

Sayer Canova of Siloam Springs was with Pastor John V. Terry and First Church, Ozark, in a week-end revival the week-end of September 7. Mr. Canova is a chalk artist and soloist.

Pastor S. Allen Van Horn was with the Fountain Church, Green County, in a revival meeting in July which resulted in five professions of faith.

August 3-17, Pastor Van Horn had the assistance of Evangelist Dick Melton in a revival meeting at Woodland Corner, Mississippi County. There were eight professions of faith.

August 19-28, Pastor Van Horn assisted the Black Oak Mission and Pastor Lewis Parish in a revival meeting which resulted in 11 professions of faith.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Tedford, recently left Ouachita College for Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to attend school. Both have been called to work in the Fairfields Baptist Church of Baton Rouge. Mrs. Tedford will be church secretary and organist and Mr. Tedford will be music director and assistant pastor.

The Fairfields Church is only six years old, and already has a membership of about 1,000. They are beginning a \$100,000 building program this month.

Mr. Tedford plans to study speech in the graduate school at Louisiana State University before going on to the seminary.

Joins Seminary Faculty At New Orleans



MRS. W. G. RUTLEDGE

The New Orleans Seminary has found what President Roland Q. Leavell calls the ideally prepared person to teach elementary work in the Department of Religious Education.

She is Mrs. W. G. Rutledge of Newport, Tennessee, a cum laude graduate of Maryville College in Tennessee, and also a graduate of the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Rutledge taught four years in public schools, and has served eight years in field work in Tennessee and Louisiana. Before his death, her husband was a pastor in Tennessee and the State Sunday School Secretary for five years.

She will specialize in teaching elementary religious education at the seminary.

Pastor Millard Evans of First Church, Green Forest, reports an excellent Vacation Bible School with 115 enrolled and an average attendance of 97. The school closed with commencement exercises; Mrs. Evans served as principal.

Caroline Association Bible Schools

First Church, Biscoe, Roy Adams, pastor, had an enrolment of 85; average attendance of 70.

First Church, Ward, Ernest Baker, pastor, had an enrolment of 85, average attendance of 64; six professions of faith; \$18 mission offering.

Austin Station, Missionary H. S. Coleman served as principal, had an enrolment of 74, average attendance of 60; \$5.18 was sent to the Cooperative Program.

Baugh's Chapel, Missionary H. S. Coleman, principal, had an enrolment of 84, average attendance of 72; \$16.32 to the Cooperative Program; eight professions of faith.

Mountain Springs Mission, H. S. Coleman, principal, had an enrolment of 28 with average attendance of 25; four professions of faith; \$1.20 to the Cooperative Program.

First Church, Cabot, has built a concrete block house for the Mountain Springs Mission. September 14 was the opening day, when all day services were conducted including "dinner on the ground."



Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

LeTourneau's Ark Arrives In Liberia

R. G. LeTourneau, sponsor of a modern Noah's Ark equipped for physical and spiritual reclamation work in West Africa, was on hand to greet the boat when it arrived in Monrovia, Liberia.

As the ark, a converted Navy LSM (landing craft), neared Baffu Bay on the Guinea Coast, Mr. LeTourneau left the United States in his twin-engine bomber to join the expedition on African soil.

Upon sighting the boat the 63-year-old Peoria industrialist, who has turned his talents and financial resources to the services of religion, swam out to meet it.

He was greeted by his daughter and son-in-law, Gustave and Louise Dick who head the missionary project. They will supervise the development of 500,000 acres Mr. LeTourneau has leased from the Liberian government for 30 years with option to renew for another 50 years.

Mr. LeTourneau believes that the Liberians will take to Christianity with more zeal if there is prospect for more food. He hopes to transform Liberia from an importer to an exporter country, with special emphasis on rice and lumber production.

The ark's cargo includes a movable power saw for cutting hardwoods and a four-passenger plane to maintain flights between Monrovia and the new community Mr. LeTourneau is developing in the Liberian jungle.

Dispute Over Federal Funds Delays Hospital Completion

A dispute over the use of federal money for a hospital which a Roman Catholic order will operate is delaying completion of the new King's Daughters Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Mrs. Ralph Fisher, Moorefield, a member of the West Virginia Board of Health, said that disunity in Martinsburg caused the board to delay action on an application for federal funds.

Mrs. Fisher said that three Martinsburg men, including two Protestant pastors, opposed the application, arguing that government money should not be used to build a sectarian hospital.

The Sisters of the Holy Ghost agreed to take over the hospital after efforts to raise money in Martinsburg to complete the building had failed. The Sisters planned to provide \$500,000 to match \$1,100,000 sought from the government under the Hill-Burton Act.

Seek Legislation Barring Liquor To Jury Members

The Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation has announced that it will seek state legislation to prohibit the serving of alcoholic drinks to jury members.

The issue arose when William G. Adams, a deacon of New Orleans First Baptist Church, protested that empaneled juries are served "alcoholic beverages" at meal time.

Mr. Adams has been named chairman of a three-man committee appointed by

Bishop Smith To Lead Methodist Evangelism Campaign

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City was named to lead an American Methodist evangelism campaign to be conducted next year.

The campaign will be part of a worldwide Methodist evangelism program during 1953.

Bishop Smith is president of the Methodist Board of Evangelism. He was elected to head up the drive by a committee of fifty. This group will spearhead the American evangelistic effort.

The world evangelism program was decided upon last summer by the World Methodist Conference, which met in Oxford, England. It will coincide with the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

Washington Supreme Court Outlaws Slot Machines

The Washington Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision, outlawed slot machines, ruling that they are lotteries forbidden by the state constitution.

The decision was a victory for three Spokane churchmen, two of them Methodist clergymen. It resulted from a suit brought by them two years ago to test the legality of a 1937 state law permitting private non-profit clubs to operate slot machines.

The churchmen are the Rev. Noel C. LeRoque, pastor of Central Methodist church, the Rev. John M. Finney, Jr., pastor of Centenary Methodist church, and Joseph Wilkening, a Quaker layman.

Gutenberg Bible Insured For \$300,000 In TV Appearance

The largest insurance policy ever issued on a Bible covered a volume of the Gutenberg Bible owned by the Library of Congress when it was shown on a national television program in Washington, D. C.

A one-day policy for \$300,000 was taken out by the National Broadcasting Company which televised the famous book from its studios.

When the volume left the Library it was accompanied by guards and a motorcycle escort from the United States park police.

This was only the second time the Bible had been out of the Library since it was acquired in 1930. The first occasion was during the war years when, along with priceless manuscripts, it was stored in the deep vaults of Ft. Knox, Kentucky, as a precaution against possible enemy bombing.

Many experts value the Gutenberg Bible at more than \$500,000 but the Library of Congress lists the value at the acquisition price of \$300,000.

Dr. J. D. Grey, First Church pastor, to investigate the alleged practice.

The committee chairman told the board of deacons of his church that jury members in one recent case were served "cocktails before the meal, beer and wine during it, and mixed drinks afterwards."

A Smile or Two

Farmer to lazy hobo: "Do you see that pile of wood out there?"

Hobo: "Uh-huh."

Farmer: "Well, I want you to saw it."

Hobo: "Mister, you saw me see it, but you won't see me saw it."

"I don't understand the difference between direct and indirect taxes," a puzzled wife told her husband.

"It's about the same thing," he explained briefly, "as you asking me for money, and going through my pockets at night when I'm asleep."

A man who was fond of playing practical jokes sent a friend a telegram, charges collect, which read: "I am perfectly well."

About a week later, the joker received a heavy package on which he was required to pay very considerable charges. Opening it, he found a big block of concrete on which was pasted the message: "This is the weight your telegram lifted from my mind."

I work,
I putter,
I push and shove,
Hunting little molehills
To make mountains of.

—Magazine Digest

The patient was lying on the stretcher, waiting to be pushed into the operating room. "I'm so nervous," he remarked to a sympathetic young nurse standing by. "This is my first operation."

"So am I," said the young lady. "My husband is the doctor and it is his first, too."

—Omaha World-Herald

Youth: "Did anyone ever tell you how wonderful you are?"

Miss: "No, I don't think anyone ever did."

Youth: "Then I'd like to know where you got the idea!"

—Ex.

Dotty: A husband like yours must have been hard to find."

Ruth: "He still is when I want him."

—Ex.

She: "Sometimes my father takes things apart to see why they won't go."

He: "So what?"

She: "So you'd better go."

—Ex.

At the kindergarten when they reach the age of four, pupils are expected to put on their own shoes; Johnny, having attained that age of discretion, was told by his teacher to do so. He did his best but later had to be told that he had his shoes on the wrong feet.

"But, teacher," he protested, "I haven't got any other feet."

—Quote

The new office boy was not much good. The boss, becoming thoroughly disgusted, said to him "I never saw such a boy as you are! The boy that was here before you was worth twice as much as you are!" The new boy looked at the boss and inquired: "Did he get it?"

—Toastmasters International

News From Baptist Press

B. B. McKinney, Beloved Singer Dies Of Auto Injuries

B. B. McKinney, church music editor, secretary of the Department of Music of the Baptist Sunday School Board and composer of more than 700 gospel hymns, children's songs and anthems, died noon, Sunday, September 7, in a Bryson City, North Carolina, hospital.

He had lingered five days following an automobile accident on September 2. His car skidded and he was thrown to the pavement. A wheel of the auto passed over the right side of his body.

Dr. McKinney was born on a farm near Minden, Louisiana, on July 22, 1886. He attended Louisiana College and Southwestern Seminary. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the Seigel-Myers School of Music in 1918, and was awarded his Doctor of Music, an honorary degree, by Oklahoma Baptist University in 1942.

McKinney had been with the Baptist Sunday School Board since 1935. Before that he was director of music for the Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, and professor of music in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He had conducted singing for more than 250 revivals and many music conferences.

He was editor and compiler of four hymnals and nineteen songbooks. One of his songs, "Lord, Send Us A Revival," has been used as a theme song in Billy Graham revivals. Among his best loved songs are "Have Faith In God," "Wherever He Leads I'll Go," "He Lives On High," "Satisfied With Jesus," "Nail Scarred Hand," "Neath the Old Olive Trees," "Speak to My Heart," and "Let Others See Jesus In You." They are sung by most Protestant denominations.

Survivors include his wife, Lelia Routh McKinney, whom he married June 11, 1918; their two sons, Major B. B. McKinney Jr., Ellington Field, Houston, Texas; and Gene McKinney, teacher of religious drama, Baylor University, Waco, Texas; and one grandchild, the daughter of B. B. Jr. Also four brothers, Thomas A. McKinney, Winnfield, Louisiana; Hill McKinney, Vivian, Louisiana; Will C. McKinney, Minden, Louisiana; and Kieffer McKinney, Shreveport, Louisiana; and three sisters, Mrs. John Davis, Heflin, Louisiana; Mrs. Morris Smith, Coushatta, Louisiana; and Mrs. L. W. Tyler, Denham Springs, Louisiana.

Funeral services were conducted in Nashville, Tuesday, September 9. Burial was in a Nashville cemetery.

First Seven Months 1952 Show SBC Gift Increase

Seven months of 1952 are gone and total gifts to Southern Convention causes stand \$1,633,452 or 18.46 per cent ahead of one year ago. This is according to a report from the office of the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Porter Routh.

At the end of August last year total gifts stood at \$8,849,293. This year at the same time, \$10,482,745.

Largest increase percentage-wise was designated gifts with this year's total 21.59 per cent ahead. Gifts to designations this year are \$4,473,901 as compared with \$3,679,332 last year, a difference of \$794,568.

Largest increase dollar-wise was to Co-operative Program causes. Last year the total for the seven months stood at \$5,169,960. This year it stands \$6,008,844 or \$838,883 higher, an increase of 16.23 per cent.

Kentucky Editor Hits Wine-Makers

The Kentucky Western Recorder called all Baptist people to be on guard against wine propaganda to be launched in October.

An editorial by Dr. R. T. Skinner, the editor, spoke out against Wine Discovery Month on which liquor interests of America will spend \$400,000 to make the American public "discover the pleasures of wine."

Skinner said, "Can American Christians do anything about this? Each will decide for himself what he will do. And the big question is, What would Jesus do in a day like this? What would he want us to do?"

Coal Miner Leads New Utah Church

Jimmie Flynn, a Baptist minister, worked as a coal miner to earn a living. But his main task was preaching. The result was a vigorous mission in this town of 5,000. In August the mission was organized into the eighth Southern Baptist church in Utah and the coal miner became pastor. The new church voted to buy a lot 113 by 163 feet. The mission had been sponsored by the Carbon Missionary Baptist Church, Dragerton, Utah.

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Book Review

Don't Disappoint God

R. L. Middleton, Author Broadman Press
174 pages. \$2.00

Those who work with teen-agers in church organizations will welcome this sixth book by Mr. Middleton on worship and devotional materials for talks to young people.

There are twenty themes selected because of unusual interest to youth. Each is developed with an abundance of timely and pertinent illustrations selected from literature, current events and personal experience.

The book is an appropriate gift to high school and college students who will find it inspirational and challenging.

Bruce H. Price
Newport News, Virginia.

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Seven Boys And One Tract

By A. L. GOODRICH, Editor
The Baptist Record

A few months ago a disturbed father came to me concerning his son who was about to marry a Catholic girl. I remembered a pamphlet on that subject published by the Sunday School Board. I promptly ordered one ("Our Catholic-Protestant Marriage") and passed it on to the father. A month or two later he told me that the pamphlet had done the work and that the prospective Baptist-Catholic marriage had been called off. The son was in the army.

Yesterday the father saw me and told me that his son had written him that he had passed the pamphlet on to six other soldiers in a similar situation and that it had had the desired effect in each case. In other words, one pamphlet has prevented seven Baptist-Catholic marriages.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alex F. Garner, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Argentina, left the states on August 24 to enter language school in San Jose, Costa Rica. Their address is Box 1883, San Jose, Costa Rica. Both are natives of Arkansas.

Pioneer Missionary Goes Home; His Work Continues



A. S. PETREY

By L. O. GRIFFITH

"I didn't stop until I had finished reading it," was the testimony of many who read the book *The Prophet of Little Cane Creek*, life of A. S. Petrey, Hazard, Kentucky, who for almost a half century was pioneer missionary in the Kentucky mountains for the Baptist Home Mission Board and the Kentucky State Mission Board.

Mr. Petrey died August 28, twelve days to the hour after his companion had passed on. All nine children were at the funeral which was conducted from Petrey Memorial Baptist Church, Hazard, Kentucky.

The Prophet of Little Cane Creek was produced by the Kentucky State Mission Board and the Baptist Home Mission Board and was written by Dr. Harold Dye, now pastor of Baptist Temple, San Jose, California. The book has been among the best sellers of our mission books.

Mr. Petrey was born in Whitley County, Kentucky, near Little Cane Creek, attended Cumberland College, Williamsburg, and also the Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Thirteen churches were constituted by this pioneer missionary and with his hands he helped build nine of their houses of worship. He organized Three Forks Association in 1900 and established Hazard Baptist Institute that operated for thirty-five years, giving hundreds of mountain boys and girls an opportunity to learn the four R's, (reading, riting, rithmetic, and religion—which to him meant Christ).

He was offered a professorship in a college; many calls came to become the pastor of large churches, but he stayed in the Cumberland Hills to tell his people about God.

This fallen giant, by the grace of God, still lives in the lives of nine children, other relatives, the souls he won, the churches he built and the thousands of unseen friends influenced by reading *The Prophet of Little Cane Creek*.

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Missionaries' Address

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo H. Culpepper, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina who are now in the States on furlough, have moved from Little Rock to Louisville, Ky., where Mr. Culpepper will study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Some people think they are big shots just because they explode!

A Challenge To The Baptists

By DR. JOHN W. BRADBURY

While other Christian denominations base their foundations on the Bible none has done this more unqualifiedly than the Baptists. They have done it so absolutely as to dispense with any of the devices which other church groups seem to have found necessary to their prosperity and continuity. These are ecclesiastical episcopacies, creeds, clerical orders, church laws of legally binding character, and other obligatory and compelling powers. Baptists will have none of these. They prefer the looseness of independent units, held together by voluntary means of association in the human sense but, more particularly, in the divine sense fused into one fellowship by our Lord Jesus Christ through the indwelling of each and all by the Holy Spirit.

The Bible—All Of It

Such an assumption, however, lays great responsibility upon the Baptists. Their pretensions become presumptions if they are not held sincerely. Their ideals are no better than weeds in the ecclesiastical garden unless they are cultivated, for they will be regarded as fictitious. The responsibility of basing themselves only on the Bible demands of those making the profession that they seek the highest interpretation thereof, not merely parts of it but all of it.

The Bible is not bestowed on us for the glory of individuals who assume to know it better than anyone else. The Bible exists for God's redemption which made it necessary. The gospel alone is the standard of all that the Bible contains. Therefore we must never commit the error to preach ourselves while we profess to preach the gospel. When men ask of us that we pay greater respect to their interpretations of the Bible than to the Bible itself we witness the tragedy of men standing in front of the gospel.

This the Baptists must not permit. It leads to the payment of respect to men who place themselves in the stead of the gospel. We witness the setting forth of Christs of contention. One is of this point of emphasis, another of that, and still others with their varieties. Instead of one tongue, we have a jargon of confusing emphases. Instead of Christ revealing Himself more and more fully, we have men parading themselves as paragons in their schools of thought. The result is schism — churches riven apart and Christless. Of zeal and religion there are aplenty. But the ignored and often abused Savior—even in the house of his friends—is an obscure friend on the outside of the church, waiting until His presence will be more desired than the clashing arguments of bitterly-convictioned men.

The Supreme Revelation

Our Baptist emphasis upon the Bible means that we are a people dedicated to the noblest and the best. We accept the Bible as our rule of faith and practice not because its contents lend themselves to charted histories and symbols, or that it is a text-book for sermons, but because it is supremely the revelation of the living God in His self-bestowment. The book is from God and its purpose is to lead us to Him. In it, by devious ways, the living God imparts Himself to living souls. While the process may be knowledge, its end is a life. We have missed the whole purpose of the book if we do not manifest its divine life.

The final criticism of the Bible is not higher criticism but the highest, the criticism whose principle is God's supreme object in Bible, church, or even Christ—which is the object of reconciling grace. Now a people who are held together by the Bible cannot ignore this ideal; it becomes our chief responsibility. And it is useless for us to attempt to preach and profess that the Bible is God's revelation of reconciling grace while at the same time we fail to practice the ideal among ourselves as Christ's followers.

The gospel of Christ is much more than a message; it means something done; it is objective; it releases upon man the divine favor of God; it liberates man from sin and death into the life of God. Where this takes place there can be no division, because no man can divide God. The Holy Spirit who regenerates is the same in one as in another. There is "one Spirit," as there is "one body." No friend of Christ will seek to divide Him.

We must, therefore, as Baptists who rest our all on the Word of God, represent to ourselves the inviolable truth of the Bible. We must likewise reveal to the church in the world the virtue of a faith of this nature. We must present to the world the great message of God's love in redemption by an example among ourselves, as well as by the excellency of the messages preachers preach.

—The Watchman-Examiner

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When In Washington

Southern Baptists will find a cordial and congenial atmosphere at the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. The church, located at 5301 North Capitol Street, where Missouri Avenue and Riggs Road intersect, has built in the last year a beautiful new auditorium and has additional facilities for Sunday School and Training Union.

The pastor is a graduate of Mercer University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has ministered to this growing church in the nation's capital for the past four years. Southern Baptist literature and methods are used exclusively in the church, and the people co-operate 100 per cent with the entire program of the convention.

Pastor and people extend a warm invitation to Southern Baptists who have moved or who contemplate moving to Washington. If you know of those who need a church home in the capital city, you are urged to send the name and address of such persons to Pastor C. Michael Warr, that they might be enlisted in the work of Christ and His church.

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Dissatisfied Priesthood?

"PROTECT AMERICAN DEMOCRACY FROM ROMAN CATHOLIC AUTHORITY" is the title of an article by Harold R. Rafton, published in *The Churchman*, New York, in its issue of April 1. The article states that the requirement that priests shall not marry is reported to be a cause of much dissatisfaction among the Catholic clergy, and asks if many might not be expected to leave the priesthood if job opportunities were available. It is proposed to set up an employment agency for ex-priests, which would constitute a truly

Bible Emphasis Day

The National Council of Churches is sponsoring Bible Emphasis Day, September 30, and Bible Observance Night on the evening of September 30. This observance is to be nationwide and is to bring to the attention of the people of the nation the new revised version of the Bible.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is co-operating in the distribution of this new version of the Bible, and the Baptist Book Store in Little Rock, Miss Blanche Mays, manager, will have an exhibit at the Robinson Auditorium where the session of the Bible Observance Night will be held in Little Rock, September 30.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, referring to this emphasis upon the new translation of the Bible said, "Baptists believe in the propagation of the scriptures. We . . . (should) allow no group to show greater zeal than we for the distribution of the Bible in every worthy version and among all the people of our land."

Southern Baptist scholars who participated in producing this revised version of the scriptures were Dr. John R. Sampey, Dr. A. T. Robertson, and Dr. Kyle M. Yates. The advisory board included: Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Dr. Hight C. Moore, and Dr. Clifton J. Allen.

Among other reasons for producing this translation of the scriptures is the fact that many English words have changed in meaning since former translations were produced, particularly since the King James version of the scriptures was produced.

The object of the new translation, from the outset of the movement, has been "to revise the King James and American Standard Version in the light of the best evidence of ancient manuscripts as to the original text of the scriptures, and have brought to the task the new resources for understanding the vocabulary, grammar, and idioms of the Biblical languages and the history and cultures of Bible lands which the discoveries of archaeology have made available."

Effort has been made in the new translation "to eliminate archaic and ambiguous expressions which obscure the meaning of the King James Version, and especially to correct the terms which have so changed in meaning as to become misleading."

Bible Emphasis Day, and Bible Observance Night, will be observed at the following places in Arkansas, September 30: Ashdown, Camden, El Dorado, Arkadelphia, Blytheville, Hope, Hot Springs, Pine Bluff, Stuttgart, Little Rock, Fort Smith, Dermott, McGehee, Morrilton, Osceola, Prescott, Paragould, Newport, Rogers, Russellville, Warren, and Fordyce.

humanitarian enterprise to enable these men to re-establish themselves in civilian life. It would appear that the Roman Catholic Church, confronted with the defection of an appreciable percentage of its priesthood, would be in a poor position to continue its current assertiveness, and that the pressure exerted by Roman Catholic authoritarianism on our democratic culture would, in all probability be relaxed. A reprint of the complete article may be obtained free by writing to Mr. Rafton at P. O. Box 8, Shawsheen Village Station, Andover, Mass., enclosing a 3c stamp for postage.

Facts Of Interest

Survey Bulletin

The 1952 Yearbook of American Churches, published by the National Council of Churches, has been released. Highlights include the following: Nearly three out of every five Americans are members of a church or other religious body—a new high in the history of the nation. The nation's two largest religious groups, Protestant and Roman Catholic, reflected a gain of 2 per cent in 1951. (Southern Baptists gained 4.1 per cent.) Protestants number 52,000,000 and Catholics 29,000,000. Judaism is third with 5,000,000.

Protestants were 27 per cent of the total population of continental United States in 1926; 33 per cent in 1950; and 34 per cent in 1951. Protestant church membership increased 65 per cent from 1926 to 1951; Catholics increased 57 per cent. (Southern Baptists increased 103.8 per cent). Baptist bodies, including 11 different groups, outnumber other Protestant bodies with a reported membership of 17,065,572. Methodist bodies are second with 11,352,345 members.

In 1951 there were 250,877 Sunday schools, with 2,998,741 teachers and officers, and a total membership of 30,685,149, a gain of 909,000 over 1950. By comparison, Southern Baptists have 17.12 per cent of the total Sunday School enrolment of all religious bodies; 10.90 per cent of the total Sunday Schools; and produced 25.21 per cent of the total Sunday School gain in 1951.

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How To Cook Muskrat

The Saturday Evening Post has been running a series of brief articles, written by Sidney Shalett, showing how your tax money is wasted. A recent one dealt with "Uncle Sam's Book-of-the-Minute Club."

The government, it seems is in the book business on a colossal scale. Some 70,000 different books, pamphlets and periodicals are available from the Government Printing Office. Some are given away, and some are sold—usually at a below-cost figure.

One Senator has stated that Agriculture Department publications alone would make a stack 52 feet high. Among the all-important subjects covered in this mass of literature are "The Cuban Frog Leg Industry," "The Venezuelan Salt Fish Industry," and the book to end all books, "Recipes for Cooking Muskrat Meat."

This is an example of how the taxpayers' money is spent on projects which are of interest to an infinitesimal number of people. Government book-publishing, of course, is like everything else in government. Those involved want better jobs and more authority. They want to seem important and, if possible, irreplaceable. So they get out more and more books whether there is any demand or reason for them or not.

There isn't a department of government which isn't honeycombed with waste and duplication of effort. There isn't a department where money couldn't be saved without affecting any essential activity. And the total saving, according to Senator Byrd and other authorities, could be as much as \$10,000,000,000 a year. When will a start be made?

—Industrial News Review

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No matter what the world thinks about religious experience, the one who possesses it has the treasure of a thing that has given to life meaning and beauty and a new splendor to the world and mankind.

—Carl Gustav Jung

The Expansion Of Democracy

By CLARA McCORKLE BUTCHER

"Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49.

Jesus had conquered death. He had arisen from the grave and ascended to the Father. The disciples now had definite proof that Christ was a supernatural Christ!

He had promised to send the Comforter to take His place. Since He was supernatural, they had faith in His promises. They obeyed His commands — they waited in Jerusalem and prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit. In penitential surrender, they cried and waited for ten days.

The Beginning

When the Holy Spirit came, He came in marvelous power. The disciples were clothed with it—they were possessed by it. This revolutionary, spiritual power became their most predominant characteristic. It brought about a miraculous transformation in their lives. Under the power of the Holy Spirit, they obeyed the Great Commission of the Savior—they launched a missionary movement. This was the beginning of an everlasting, world-wide, revolutionary movement which has continuously played a great part in civilization's progress. The development of democracy has always been an integral part of this movement.

The early Christians used every thing at their disposal in taking the gospel to the world. They went everywhere from Babylon to Gibraltar, and from Galatia to the cities of Africa. So passionately did they proclaim the gospel that they were accused of turning the world upside down.

Paul became the central figure in this great movement. No other character in the Bible is a more outstanding example of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. His conversion on the Damascus Road was a glorious Holy Ghost experience unequalled in the records of Christianity. He accepted it as a supernatural miracle wrought by a supernatural power. He fearlessly welcomed this power into all the recesses of his being—into every area of his life. He put all the powers of his own personality under its dominion. In utter abandonment, he turned himself over to it. He was "filled with the Spirit."

Early Crusader

As the Christ whom Paul served was democratic in His practices and teachings, Paul became the next greatest exponent of democracy. All men became his brothers—he had a great part in the emancipation of mankind.

The Holy Spirit honored Paul with a "heavenly vision." He obeyed the vision. He took the gospel to the Gentiles. Paul was the greatest Christian missionary the world has ever known. On his last missionary journey, he went to Rome. Although in chains, he preached the gospel there. Among the earliest recorded missionary journeys to England was that of Augustine in 596. With the preaching of the gospel in England, paganism gradually died out. So in a very real sense, Paul played a vital part in giving to our forefathers the Christian background responsible for their enlightened views of democracy.

But presently there came an apostasy in the realm of religion. Constantine, the

emperor of Rome, became interested in the Christian religion and united religion with the state. All ideas of democracy were lost during the Middle Ages when the teachings of Christ were entirely in the hands of the Catholic Church. The world was in complete spiritual darkness.

Power Of The Pen

But the writings of Paul helped to dispel that darkness. He gave more spiritual instruction in writing than any other man in the New Testament. He made a specific contribution to Christian and democratic thinking. He made known a "great mystery" which had been hidden throughout the ages—God living in man through the agency of the Holy Spirit. Through actual experience, Paul, a student of the Law, had found that the Son of God, through the Spirit, could do for the individual what the Law could not do. The personality of Christ, living in the heart of the believer—Paul had found this to be the spiritual dynamic that brought about the right relationship with God. The democratic concept in his heart was the result of his Christian experience. All his writings glorified the Spirit and reflected his democratic tendencies—his passionate love for all mankind.

Paul's writings changed Martin Luther from a slave of ecclesiastical authority into an apostle of individual privilege before God; they caused him to stand for the spiritual priesthood of all believers. So important did Luther consider these writings that when he became professor of theology in Wittenburg University, he gave lectures on the Epistles of Paul. Paul wielded a tremendous influence in bringing about the Reformation which provided the spiritual strength for our great American experiment in democracy. Paul did more to expand Christianity than any other man in history. Since democracy is the child of Christianity, an expansion of Christianity meant an expansion of democracy. The Holy Spirit conditioned Paul for democracy and enabled him to expand it.

When the Holy Spirit came into the world on the day of Pentecost, He came to stay. He is here today waiting to be glorified. The Christians of America must repent of their sins and admit Him into their hearts. They must have Pentecostal experiences as did Paul. If we are to meet the challenge of the hour, we must have supernatural power.

A Spirit Empowered Democracy Necessary

This is one of the darkest hours in history. Powerful totalitarian forces are seeking to defeat all the forces of democracy and conquer the earth. In order to survive, democracy must be expanded throughout the earth. Christians who are "filled with the Spirit" will make possible churches that are vitally connected with Christ. Missionaries will be called into service; the purse strings of our people will be untied. We have the means at our disposal to take the gospel to all the people of the earth. A knowledge of Christ will defeat the enemies to democracy. By carrying out the Great Commission, the churches of America can bring about the expansion of democracy.

Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, Secretary

Nursery, Beginner, Primary Workshop

Not speech making, but a real workshop is in store for pastors, Training Union directors, and all Nursery, Beginner, and Primary workers who attend the first state wide workshop which will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Tuesday morning and afternoon, October 7, 1952. A registration fee of 50 cents will be asked of each person who attends. The meeting begins at 10:00 a. m. and closes at 4:30 p. m.

Three outstanding workers from three states will be present to be leaders of the three workshops. Mrs. Doris Monroe, Editor of the Primary Leader, will come from the Sunday School Board to direct the Primary Workshop. Miss Ann Bradford, Professor of Elementary Religious Education, will come from Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, to lead in the Beginner Workshop. Mrs. Frank McElveen will come from the Training Union Department of Georgia to direct the work of the Nursery Workshop.

During the day a unit of work for November will be planned and the materials will be prepared for the unit of work.

A number of churches are bringing carloads of workers. A large number of pastors and Training Union directors are expected to attend in order to learn the latest methods of doing Nursery, Beginner and Primary work.

ATTENTION JUNIOR LEADERS!

The Junior memory verses with



MRS. DORIS MONROE

the memory drill rules are now available and may be obtained by writing to your state Training Union secretary. These 52 verses are the regular Junior memory verses from April 1, 1952 to March 31, 1953. Please request copies for your Junior leaders and sponsors. You can then have additional copies typed or mimeographed for your Juniors.

The state Junior memory drill will be held at the State Training Union Convention, which will meet at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, March 13-14, 1953.

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

Brotherhood Night Again

Brotherhood Night will be observed this year on Monday, November 17, at Immanuel Baptist Church, Tenth and Bishop, Little Rock. Immanuel Church Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor, is host to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, this year.

An excellent program is being prepared for Brotherhood Night. The main speaker will be Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. The Ouachita College Quartet will also be there. Everything about the program will be of the highest order.

Begin your planning now to see to it that your church is well represented on Brotherhood Night. If your men are there, they will profit; and so will your church.

We expect even the remotest corners of the state to be represented by groups of God's men on Brotherhood Night.

Get your men there!

BRUSH-ARBOR REVIVAL

As these lines are written your Brotherhood Secretary is engaged in a brush-arbor revival at Banner, in Little Red River Association. The revival is sponsored by the most unique Brotherhood in Arkansas, a Brotherhood made up of the men of five small Baptist churches. They are:

New Bethel, Banner, Floral, Concord, and Stony Point.

Prospects are bright for a good revival. The brush-arbor

is a masterpiece of good architecture, and represents a real labor of love. The arbor is large, well laid out, and a delightful place for a meeting. Yellow lights have been strung in the proper places; we have a piano, and even a loud-speaker.

We thank God for men with a vision, for men who can get things done for the Lord.

The visitation program for the revival comprehends all five church communities. And the revival will be simply a preaching-praying-going effort to present the claims of Christ to all the communities engaged in the campaign.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

It's the time when our churches are starting over again. New Sunday School classes and departments are being set up, and new officers and teachers are being sought. Our Training Unions are being re-vamped. Everything about our churches is being readied for a new and greater effort than ever before.

Brotherhoods are re-organizing and getting closer than ever to what Brotherhoods ought to be and ought to be doing. New Brotherhoods are being organized. Many churches are beginning to examine the Young Men's Brotherhood concept.

It is a time of beginning again. And may God make of 1953 the greatest year Arkansas Baptists have ever known!

Church Music Department

MRS. B. W. NININGER, Director

A Great Ridgecrest Music Week

More than 2,200 church musicians, including many fine pastors from all over the Convention territory gathered on the mountain top in "the land of the sky" for the Twelfth Annual Church Music Conference at Ridgecrest, August 25-31. Under the skillful planning and leadership of Dr. B. B. McKinney and Dr. W. Hines Sims, the program was packed with courses in all phases of church music, four separate choral laboratories, afternoon concerts, and evening services of power and inspiration.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, the beloved executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, was the conference pastor and brought stirring messages to the group. He led in a movement to correlate the prayers and ministry of church musicians with that of the individual pastors throughout the land to bring about a

nation-wide spiritual revival. Hundreds came forward as a token of their purpose to dedicate themselves to this task.

The faculty of more than thirty people taught double sessions of their classes in order to accommodate all who wished to receive the instruction. Beautiful music, both choral and instrumental, resounded to the heavens from early morning till late at night. Everyone was filled with happiness and eagerly took in the feast. The afternoon concert hour each day was a delightful experience. The presentation of a portion of Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Elijah" and the climactic singing of Handel's "Messiah" brought a never-to-be forgotten thrill to everyone.

Arkansas was well represented by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker of Stuttgart, Mrs. J. S. Adams of Waldron, Mr. and Mrs. W. N.

Wisdom of Pine Bluff, Owen Moran and Miss Rosemary Holt of North Little Rock, Grover Andrews and Joe Blaylock of Little Rock. Mrs. B. W. Nininger taught two classes in "Growing a Musical Church."

It is hoped that many more church musicians from Arkansas will next year plan to attend Music Week at either Glorieta, June 8-14, or Ridgecrest, August 24-31.

HYMN SING REPORTS

Pulaski County, South Zone—Sing was held August 17, at East End Church on Arch Street Pike with 93 in attendance. M. O. Kelley led the singing and Mrs. Victor Jacks was the accompanist. The theme of the program was, "His Love Keeps Me Singing," and the devotional was brought by Rev. George Fox. Pine Grove Church choir furnished a special number. The next Hymn Sing for this zone will be held at Pleasant Hill Church on September 21.

Pulaski County, Northwest Zone—Sing was held at Sherwood

Church on August 17, with 40 present. A. H. Chambers directed the program on "Prayer" and Miss Rosemary Holt was the accompanist. Special numbers were sung by the Sylvan Hills choir. Next Hymn Sing for this zone will be at Zion Hill Church, September 21.

Pulaski County, North Zone.—This Hymn Sing was the concluding event of the Simultaneous Music Schools which were conducted in three zones of Pulaski County Association the week of August 25-29. Classes were held at Amboy, East End and Crystal Hill. Teachers were, Mrs. Joe F. Simmons, Robert L. Burton of Brookhaven, Mississippi, and Hatcher Hoyt. More than 177 people were enrolled in the schools at the Sing, which took place at Amboy. Special selections were sung by choirs from South Highland, Amboy, Martindale, Levy, Crystal Hill, and Crystal Valley. Bob Hall led the congregational singing and the devotional was brought by Arnold Teel. The next Sing for this zone is scheduled for November 30 at Levy Church.

Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

New Church In El Dorado

Sunday, September 7, the Mar-
 rable Hill Baptist Church in El
 Dorado was constituted with 136
 members. It was begun as a
 mission of First Church in 1950,
 and has experienced rapid
 growth. First Church spent \$5,000
 in erecting the first unit of their
 building. Within a short time the
 mission found it necessary to en-
 large their educational facilities
 and erected a splendid new unit
 to their original building. It is
 departmentized and modern in
 every respect. E. T. Carruth has
 been the efficient mission pastor
 and will now continue as the
 pastor of the church. He states
 that the relationship between the
 mission and the mother church
 has been the finest he has ever
 known. "We have carried on our
 program with full freedom and
 not once has the mother church
 exercised authority which has
 marred our fellowship," he stated.
 In listening to him tell of the
 fine relationship and through the
 comments of others, we learned
 that those in the mission were
 deeply grateful for the generous
 support and interest shown by
 First Church and that First
 Church took a great deal of
 pride in their mission and re-
 joiced in having a part in estab-
 lishing this work and leading it
 into a fully organized church.
 In addition to paying for the
 first building, a large amount
 has been placed in the budget of
 the First Church for the mission
 each year and many individuals
 have given memorials over and
 above what the church has done.

The organization service was
 one of dignity and solemnity.
 Pastor Sam Reeves of First
 Church served as moderator. The
 majority of the pastors in the
 association were present. The
 counsel voted its approval of the
 organization. The Superintendent
 of Missions preached the sermon.
 The service closed with a hand
 of fellowship given to the new
 members.

week, six men came to the office
 of the Mission Department to
 talk about the possibilities of
 either establishing a mission sta-
 tion or organizing a new church
 in their towns. It seems that the
 Lord is impressing pastors and
 laymen of the need of local
 mission work. One pastor spoke
 about his town and the failure
 of the Baptist church to enter
 two different sections several
 years ago when the opportunities
 were open. Some members of the
 church at that time said, "We
 don't need another Baptist church
 in our town"; and thus headed
 off anything being done. The
 pastor stated, "Both of those sec-
 tions now have thriving churches
 which ought to have been Baptist
 churches."

On another day, a pastor came
 by and opened the conversation
 by saying, "I want to talk to you
 about the possibility of getting a
 new church organized in our
 town. I am convinced that all
 the people who are moving there
 will not come to the First
 Church." It is his belief that the
 church of which he is pastor will
 now help in beginning a new
 work. Before this pastor left the
 office, a layman was waiting for
 a visit. In his conversation, he
 told about the needs in his town.
 "By all means, we ought to have
 another church," he stated.

Still another pastor came, in-
 quiring about a tent that he
 might use for a revival. "There
 are two places in my town I
 want to go for mission revivals
 where there are possibilities for
 two mission stations." Then, there
 was a long distance call on the
 same day, inquiring about getting
 our state man, Dr. L. B. Golden,
 to help in opening new work
 which seems to be urgent.

These inquiries show the in-
 terest that pastors and churches
 now have in regard to establish-
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 areas in our larger towns and
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 of Teaching and Training, Bap-
 tist Sunday School Board, Nash-
 ville, Tennessee, will direct the
 conference for Young People at
 the State Sunday School Con-
 vention which will be held at
 the South Side Baptist Church,
 Pine Bluff, October 13-14, 1952.

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 way-Perry Association, is also
 the Associational Sunday School
 superintendent in charge of Va-
 cation Bible Schools in his as-
 sociation. Through his determina-
 tion and untiring effort this fine
 record was made possible.

Our hearty congratulations to
 Conway-Perry Association, pas-
 tors, Sunday School superinten-
 dents, Vacation Bible School
 principals, and the associational
 officers who made this splendid
 record.

COMING EVENTS

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

Truth Does Not Change

By CHARLES A. WELLS

The universe has long been
 conceived of as a fixed and emp-
 ty void. There were the sun,
 moon and stars, of course, but
 these bodies were thought to
 swing in cold empty space. But
 in just the last few years man's
 observations and calculations have
 changed most of that. While the
 universe is still limitless in space,
 it is, in proportion to its vast-
 ness, seething with restless en-
 ergy, with new stars and planets
 forever in the making, the cre-
 ative process that produced our
 earth constantly repeating it-
 self. Thus come the speculations

about inhabitants on other plan-
 ets and the possibility of inter-
 planetary visitors. But of one
 thing we can yet be sure: All this
 energy, power, light, and heat
 would produce chaos instead of
 an ordered universe, were these
 forces not sheathed within a di-
 rected and controlled intelligence.
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W. M. U. Field Worker

It is with joy that announcement can be made of the appointment of Mrs. R. E. Hagood as field worker for Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas. With a thorough knowledge of W.M.U. work, with invaluable experience as leader and promoter of not only this organization's activities, but all causes fostered by the denomination, she comes to this new post of service. Her church at Dumas has maintained an A-1 Full Graded Woman's Missionary Union for eight consecutive years, and during that time Mrs. Hagood has been particularly interested in the missionary organizations for young people and it is largely through her untiring efforts and help that this enviable record has been attained.

Records reflect the great good that is accomplished by the leadership and promotional efforts of a field worker. Arkansas has long been without one and noticeable increases in A-1 organizations, in better understanding of the plans and purposes of the organization are anticipated under Mrs. Hagood's ministry.

She will be available for promotional activities in associational and local organizations. Some engagements have already been scheduled, others are tentative. Those desiring her services should contact Mrs. Hagood, c/o Woman's Missionary Union, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

NOTICE, CIRCLE CHAIRMEN!

The October program for use in W. M. S. circles dwells on women missionaries from our state. It is understandable that material could not be put in Royal Service on missionaries from every state, nor is there a publication containing biographies on those from Arkansas. However, listed below are those whose names have been "amassed" in the W. M. U. office. Apologies are offered to any who have been omitted. An effort was made to locate every one, but memory and human agencies are not infallible.

The asterick indicates those on whom brief biographical sketches are available. Order requirements from State W.M.U. Office, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Foreign Missionaries: *Mrs. John A. Abernathy, China and Philippines; Mrs. Heyward L. Adams, Nigeria; Mrs. W. E. Allen, Brazil; Mrs. Albert I. Bagby, Brazil; *Mrs. Wm. H. Berry, Brazil; Irene Branum, China; Mrs. Hugo Culpepper, Chile; Edna Harrington, Brazil; Josephine Harris, Hawaii; *Mrs. Wm. A. Hatton, Brazil; Mrs. W. Donald



MRS. R. E. HAGOOD

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Home Missionaries: Mildred Matthews, Cuba; Mrs. Marvin Sorrells, Indians of Arizona; Evelyn Stanford, Indians of South Louisiana; Mrs. Roe Beard, Indians of Oklahoma.

IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

September 30-October 1 are the dates for the annual Leadership Conference for the following important officers for the 1952-53 year: Associational W. M. U. Superintendents; Associate Superintendents; Young People's Leaders; Chairmen of Mission Study, Community Missions, Stewardship; B. W. C. Advisers: District Presidents and Young People's Leaders.

Conferences will start at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, the 30th, and will close at noon on the 1st (following the noon meal). The place of meeting is Hardison Hall, Petit Jean. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

Associations are urged to send each of the above listed seven persons. In cases where expenses are not otherwise borne (by the association or personally or otherwise) the state W.M.U. will defray them on all except the B.W.C. Adviser. That person has been added since the budget for this meeting was determined.

Baptist Student Union

MISS RACHEL QUATTLEBAUM, Office Secretary

To The Parents Of College Students

For several years you have been guiding and molding the life of your son or daughter and now the time has come for that son or daughter to go away to college. Naturally you are interested and concerned as to what sort of organizations he will belong to and what spiritual guidance he will receive. The Baptist Student Union is an organization to which every Baptist student should belong and one with which every parent of college students should be familiar.

WHAT IS THE STUDENT UNION?

"The Baptist Student Union is a youth organization for Baptists in higher institutions of learning. Every Baptist in college, graduate school, technical or professional school, is a potential member of the B. S. U. He becomes an active member when he joins a Baptist church in the educational center, or any unit organization that is represented in the B. S. U. Council. Unit organizations of the B. S. U. are Sunday School classes, Young People's Union, Y. W. A. circles, and other religious organizations.

"The B. S. U. functions in and through the Baptist church or churches in an educational center. It functions through a B.S.U.

Council composed of ten or more officers elected annually by the B.S.U. Any Baptist student is eligible for membership on the Council. The B.S.U. functions through a state B. S. U. organization and through South-wide and worldwide activities of young Baptists.

"The B. S. U. serves the college community. It seeks to promote spiritual development of students through Christian comradeships, Bible study, prayer, church membership, denominational loyalty, and kingdom advancement.

"The B.S.U. makes Christianity collegiate, college life Christian, spiritually pre-eminent, student friendships happy, and student Christianity maximum.

"The B. S. U. represents all the voluntary religious activities of Baptist students promoted by the Boards and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is directed by the Department of Student Work of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee."

Parents, as your sons and daughters prepare to go to school, encourage them to be active members of the Baptist Student Union on their campus.

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If a grudge you nurse, it grows worse and worse.

A REVEALING SHAFT OF LIGHT



The Home Mission Board Looks Forward

By DR. JOHN CAYLOR

At the midyear session of the Home Mission Board meeting at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 15-16, 1952, steps were taken to enlarge the scope of service of the Home Mission Board. Good attendance and unusual interest characterized the Board meeting.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND TO BE ENLARGED

W. A. Criswell, of Texas, made a stirring appeal for help in building meeting houses in the West. A similar need was felt for frontier areas elsewhere. The challenge of Baltimore and Washington, D. C., was considered. It was generally agreed that there was an immediate demand which Southern Baptists ought to face. Church buildings are needed to encourage new congregations and to advance Baptist work throughout the Convention.

The particular need of the West has stirred Texas Baptists to an endeavor to raise a million dollars in connection with the state mission offering in September to go to this cause. There is interest in other sections.

The Home Mission Board's action is to be presented to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and to the annual session of the Convention in Houston, in the hope that Southern Baptists will provide the Board with enough money to lend to new churches to encourage them in their growth. The goal has been set for the over-all total of ten million dollars. Already the Board has nearly three million dollars available for church loans. This includes \$500,000 borrowed from banks, \$440,000 placed in emergency loan funds out of the Board's income in recent years and the Church Building Loan (Trust) Fund of \$1,800,000.

STUDENT UNION WORK AMONG NEGROES

The Board also voted to start Baptist Student Union work in connection with Negro colleges at an early date. Negro conventions and the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will co-operate with the Home Mission Board in the promotion of this work.

WORK AMONG JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

At its midyear meeting the Home Mission Board voted to enlarge its ministry to juvenile delinquents as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made for such enlargement. The Department of Co-operative Missions has been carrying on a limited

program but there will be definite enlargement and extension of the service.



MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS

Among those recently appointed to serve under the Home Mission Board are: Ruby Matejka and Viola Williams, Carver Center, New Orleans; Virginia Ann Henderson, Rachel Sims Mission, New Orleans; Peter Chen, Chinese, San Francisco; Matthew Wai, Chinese Baptist Church, San Antonio; Mrs. Johnny Adams Young, Spanish kindergarten, Carrizozo, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Truett Black, Indians, Albuquerque; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bremerman, Indian churches, Ponca City, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gary, Atlantic Church, Panama, Canal Zone; Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Pierson, First Mexican Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; Bob Fricke, First Mexican Baptist Church, Bastrop, Texas; Miss Mary San Miguel, Mexican WMU of Texas; Silverio Linares, Mexican Baptist Church, Crystal City, Texas; and Miss Alderee Fox, kindergarten, West Indians, Canal Zone.

MISSION LITERATURE

In addition to fifty-five tracts for free distribution out of the Atlanta offices and forty-five books on mission study available through Baptist Book Stores, the Board urges churches to place the magazine *Southern Baptist Home Missions* in the budget for the coming year. The cost of thirty-two cents a year for each subscription in the church budget enables large and small churches to place this valuable literature in the hands of all members at nominal cost.

And a long time ago Macaulay said: "The measure of a man's character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out."

There is no substitute for public worship.

Figures To Inspire

Sunday, September 7

	S.	S.	T.U.	Ad.
Fort Smith, First	1342	606	11	
Including Missions	1462	656		
Little Rock, Immanuel	1273	351	10	
Including Missions	1429	451	24	
Little Rock, First	1011	479	12	
El Dorado, First	973	223	3	
North Little Rock				
Baring Cross	920	354	3	
Including Missions	954	382		
Little Rock, Second	861	245	12	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	683	259	3	
Texarkana, Beech St.	653	273	16	
Pine Bluff, South Side	639	247	5	
Camden, First	635	128	36	
Including Missions	963	208		
Magnolia, Central	615	195	22	
Including Mission	666			
Fayetteville, First	574	164	3	
Including Mission	616	189		
Benton, First	558	126		
Including Mission	623	182		
Crossett, First	547	206	8	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	546	209	1	
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	546	159		
El Dorado, Immanuel	532	269	4	
Including Mission	587	322	5	
Warren, First	531	118	2	
Paragould, First	520	239	2	
Including Missions	743	400		
Springdale, First	512	238		
Including Mission	631	298		
Siloam Springs, First	509	333		
El Dorado, Second	503	247	5	
West Helena	500	179	4	
Forrest City, First	499	152	2	
Hope, First	499	127	5	
Little Rock, Gaines St.	488	247	4	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	486	221	4	
Hot Springs, Central	468	180	2	
Little Rock, So. Highland	466	184	16	
Cullendale, First	464	207		
Paris, First	452	144	3	
Rogers, First	436	169	1	
Including Mission	531	218		
Hot Springs, Park Place	430	153	5	
Conway, First	417	123	4	
Smackover, First	382	111	1	
Fort Smith, Calvary	374	130		
El Dorado, West Side	368	103		
Stuttgart, First	365	150	3	
Including Mission	432	184		
Hot Springs, First	354	111	4	
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	352	74	4	
Texarkana, Calvary	340	120	1	
Fort Smith, South Side	327	79		
Monticello, First	324	167		
Booneville, First	322	119	3	
Including Mission	405			
Bauxite, First	318	106		
Wynne	317	85	1	
North Little Rock,				
Park Hill	315	130	4	
Mena, First	304	100	1	
Including Mission	349			
Hamburg, First	304	123	4	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	293	133	7	
Jacksonville, First	290	99	2	
Including Mission	347			
Levy	281	183	7	
Pine Bluff, Second	279	103		
Morrilton, First	237	69		
Including Mission	273			
Gurdon, Beech St.	253	122	4	
Little Rock, Hebron	235	133	5	
Paragould, East Side	234	112		
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	222	135		
Hot Springs, Piney	220	237		
No. Little Rock, First	220	68	1	
Crossett, Mt. Olive	209	134	1	
No. Little Rock, 47th St.	208	104	1	
Augusta, First	184	82		
Including Mission	271			
Almyra	182	127		
Dermott	182	67		
North Crossett, First	164	109	1	
Including Mission	202			
Little Rock, Friendship	144	107	2	

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Pine Bluff, Linwood	116	109	
Little Rock, Bellevue	103	50	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	101	44	
Magnolia, Immanuel	89	69	
No. Little Rock, Grace	84	29	2
Little Rock, Biddle	84	46	3
Little Rock, Rosedale	80	35	1
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	67	38	

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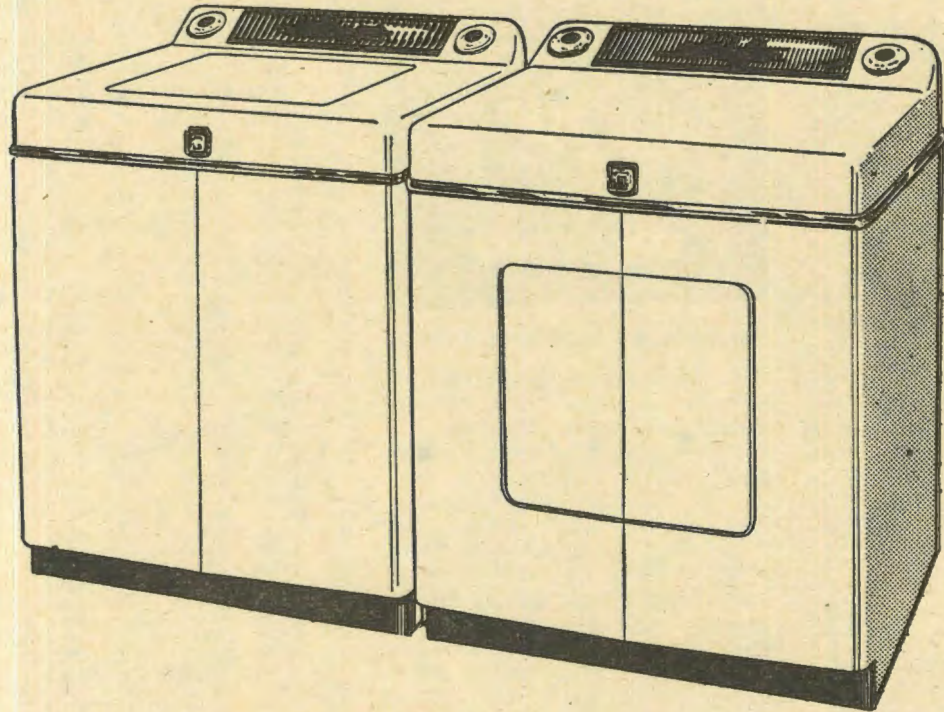
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Solomon Begins His Reign

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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**Sunday School Lesson for
September 21, 1952
I Kings 1:38-40; 3:5-9;
8:27-30**

INTRODUCTION

When David had grown old and was confined to his bed, a son, Adonijah, became the traitor and tried to seize his father's throne. Even faithful Joab, for many years the general of David's army, and supposedly a warm friend through the years, aligned himself with Adonijah against David.

One cannot help being impressed with the waywardness of David's sons. Amnon assaulted his half sister and was slain by Absalom. Absalom courted the affections of the people and all but stole the throne from David. His career ended in a disgraceful death. Then in the end, Adonijah had himself crowned king of Israel without any consultation with his father concerning his wishes. Solomon's mother and the prophet Nathan were alerted to Adonijah's plans and by going immediately to the king, saved the kingdom for Solomon. David had Solomon crowned before he died, a thing he should not have neglected until it was forced upon him by circumstances.

We see in the lives of David's sons, the curse of divided homes. It was never God's will for a man to have a multiplicity of wives, though it was once permitted. It seems that David made political alliances with various heathen kings and to show he did it in good faith, he would marry one of the king's daughters. This resulted in his having seven wives, and each of them had children except Michal, Saul's daughter. Each of them lived in her own house, but jealousy of the other mother's children prevailed. The children could scarcely have been expected to develop into normal adults.

DIFFERENCE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

Though Solomon had his enemies, and they of his own household as well, there was a vast difference between his ascension to the throne and that of David. Solomon inherited a well organized kingdom, while David had to build and organize. Solomon came to the throne in time of peace, while his father had long, bloody wars with the heathen neighbors.

Solomon's environment must have been more wholesome than that of his half brothers. His spirituality in early life indicates that he had close contact with

some righteous person. Was it his mother? She was Bathsheba, the Hittite. She was one of the "heathen" women, according to the social standard of Israel. Possibly she had learned of the God of the Hebrews and was a devout person.

Again, it is possible that Solomon had a closer fellowship with his father than did the other sons. David, of course, was a deeply spiritual person, and perhaps Solomon was a product of David's teaching. But still another has suggested that Solomon might have been under the tutorage of Nathan, the prophet of God. More than likely, each of those persons had their influence upon the life of Solomon, for from the beginning, he had more wisdom than many have in their youth.

RIGHT ATTITUDE

The lesson text tells us that early in his reign, Solomon went to Gibeon to worship. He made a great offering to the Lord. That night as he slept the Lord appeared to him and asked him what he most desired as the new king of Israel. Solomon's request has made him famous down through the centuries. He did not ask for material possessions, nor fame, nor political power. He did not ask for the destruction of his enemies.

He first confessed his own limitations as ruler of a great nation of people. He felt like a "little child." He knew not "how to go out and come in" before so great a people. Solomon was right in his attitude toward the great task that was his, to be used of the Lord. "How are the mighty fallen!" History names emperors by the score who rose to great heights of power and fame—only to fall—because they went forth in their own strength to conquer the world. The spirit of "the little child" is the winning spirit, the force that prevails, the power that wins, because that is the only spirit that God recognizes, the God who gives kingdoms to men and who takes away kingdoms from men.

RIGHT MOTIVES

"Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people."

The greatest desire of Solomon's heart was to understand his people. A true understanding of others begets sympathy. When Solomon was called upon to judge a person he desired to give them a sympathetic hearing and a fair decision.

Solomon prayed a prayer that we might well keep in mind. He desired the power to "discern between good and bad." On every hand we need to discern between good and evil. There is much in the world that looks good. There is much in the religious world that is attractive. But much of the trappings of the world and glitter of attraction do not ring true, and one needs to be able to "discern between the good and bad." We need to be able to discern between what we need and what we do not need. We as Christians need to be able to discern between our own selfish desires and real service to the kingdom of God. We should be more willing to make sacrifices both as individuals and as churches, that we might give more to missions around the world.

It is a common plea from pulpits across the land, that individuals be more sacrificial and give more to the cause of Christ. We sometimes wonder if many of our churches, as a body, with the pastor leading, could not and should not do the same kind of sacrificing they preach to the pews.

We could well pray with Solomon of old: "Lord give thy people understanding and discernment." The world is dying in sin and spiritual darkness while we ride high in heretofore unknown church luxuries. Far too little of the collection plate dollar of Sou-

thern Baptists goes to missions. We are not being very sympathetic with the lost heathen who would follow Christ if they knew Him. We are not discerning very well the kingdom needs. We are not "following in His footsteps" who gave up all the riches of glory that we might have eternal life. We are not, in short, setting the lost nor the heathen a good example.

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Remember Your Orphanage In Fall Program Plans



H. C. SEINFELDT
Superintendent

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We need more space for more children.

We need to build three cottages as soon as possible.

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Suggestions

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2. Set a goal of \$1 per member of your church as reported to your association:

If you report 300 members try to raise \$300 for Orphanage.

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

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Monticello, Arkansas



Executive Board STATE CONVENTION



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

Some Suggested Church Budgets

Fourth Time Church	Weekly Budget
Pastor's Salary	*\$ 50.00
S. S. and Tr. U. Literature	\$ 2.25
Arkansas Baptist Paper, 10 families	1.10
Insurance	3.00
Incidentals and Repairs	2.00
Janitor's Salary	5.00
Ministers' Retirement Plan	1.50
Cooperative Program	17.50
Associational Missions	5.00
Total per week	\$ 87.35

*For week pastor preaches—
Only \$37.35 for weeks when no preaching.

Full Time Church	Weekly Budget
(Small membership)	
Pastor's Salary	\$ 50.00
Ministers' Retirement Plan	1.50
S. S. and Tr. U. Literature	5.00
Lights and Fuel	2.00
Arkansas Baptist Paper, 20 families	2.20
Janitor's Salary	6.00
Insurance	3.00
Supplies and Repairs	5.00
Cooperative Program	37.50
Associational Missions	10.00
Total per week	\$ 122.20

Medium Size Church	Weekly Budget
Pastor's Salary	\$ 75.00
Ministers' Retirement Plan	2.25
Literature and Supplies	10.00
Arkansas Baptist Paper, 60 families	6.60
Insurance	5.00
Janitor Service	20.00
Utilities	3.50
W.M.U. and Auxiliary Organizations	5.00
Building and Repairs	10.00
Miscellaneous	5.00
Cooperative Program	75.00
Associational Missions	10.00
Total per week	\$ 227.35

Larger Church	Annual Budget
Pastor's Salary	\$ 5,000.00
Ministers' Retirement Plan	120.00
Educational Director	3,600.00
Secretary	1,200.00
Choir Director	420.00
Organist	240.00
Caretaker	1,500.00
Industrial Chairman	260.00
Nurse	156.00
Arkansas Baptist Paper	600.00
Incidentals	225.00
Insurance	400.00
S. S. and Tr. U. Literature	1,000.00
Daily Vacation Bible School	150.00
W. M. U. and Auxiliaries	600.00
Utilities	1,000.00
Building and Repairs	700.00

Music	75.00
Debt Retirement	6,000.00
Cooperative Program	10,000.00
Associational Missions	720.00
Total per year	\$ 33,966.00

Largest Church	Annual Budget
Pastor's Salary	10,000.00
Ministers' Retirement Plan	120.00
Educational Director	4,800.00
Secretary	2,400.00
Stenographer	2,400.00
Choir Director	3,000.00
Organist	2,000.00
Caretaker	1,800.00
Industrial Chairman	1,800.00
Nurse	300.00
Arkansas Baptist Paper	1,200.00
Incidentals	1,500.00
Insurance	1,500.00
S. S. and Tr. U. Literature	4,500.00
Daily Vacation Bible School	3,000.00
W. M. U. and Auxiliaries	1,200.00
Utilities	3,000.00
Building and Repairs	20,000.00
Music	200.00
Debt Retirement	15,000.00
Cooperative Program	50,000.00
Local and Associational Missions	1,200.00
Reserve	5,000.00
Total per year	\$132,920.00

Boone County Association

The Boone County annual meeting is always largely attended, and they carry on an interesting program. This year they met at Lead Hill in the splendid new church building. The Bull Shoals dam created a great lake that backed up into Lead Hill and they have been forced to move a lot of the town, but the new Baptist church house means a new day for the Baptists at Lead Hill. Boone County has some of our great preachers, and they have great preaching when the association meets. Their reports were good.

LISTEN TO THE

BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: September 21

SPEAKER: Dr. J. D. Grey

SUBJECT: "Is Your Life Worthwhile?"

ARKANSAS STATIONS

KHOZ, Harrison, 8:15 a. m.
 KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
 KENA, Mena, 2 p. m.
 KDRS, Paragould, 10 a. m.
 KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.
 KOSE Osceola, 5:30 p. m.
 KUMA, Magnolia
 KOTN, Pine Bluff, Sat., 8:30 p. m.
 KRLW, Walnut Ridge.
 Consult local paper for time.

Carroll County Association

Carroll County Association is not a large one. There are only a few churches in the county, about eight. It is a mountainous territory. More churches are needed in Carroll County, and when a missionary is obtained we predict that the work will be enlarged and new churches will be constituted. Missionary James left the association recently and went into the pastorate in Boone County. A new pastor has recently come to Berryville. He is A. E. Webb, a native Arkansan, who has been working in Kentucky since his graduation at the Louisville Seminary. The number of baptisms reported is smaller than the number of last year because one or two of our strongest churches have been pastorless most of the time.

Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association

The name of this association is taken from the three counties which constitute the geographical territory embraced in the association. First Church at Clinton is one of the strongest churches in the association. We remember when a few years ago Clinton had no Baptist church. W. F. Couch and C. E. Lawrence were students in Ouachita College and conducted a revival meeting one summer in Clinton. Many people were converted and when the meeting closed a Baptist church was constituted. Lawrence and Couch were both proponents of the tithing doctrine so the church was financially able to carry on a program and immediately became the largest church in Clinton. Clinton is the county seat of Van Buren County. First Church, Marshall, is likewise a great church, as is the one in Mountain View. Some of the churches in the rural areas are likewise strong in the faith and furtherance of the gospel. The pastors in this association are stars of the first magnitude and many of the laymen and women and young people are the very salt of the earth.

White River Association

They were having a great meeting with First Church in Mountain Home when the writer attended one session. Pastor Dewey Stark was elected moderator and Missionary Claude Crigler is the clerk. They reported 167 baptisms for the year in the association, which was more than they reported last year. The work in White River Association is in a flourishing condition. They have a group of very fine pastors both old and new. The Marion County area of the association is in need of two or three more pastors, and just as soon as financial arrangements can be made they will get them.

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Almost every one who has contributed to America anything of which America is proud, has founded his life upon the teachings of the New Testament.

—Theodore Roosevelt