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Where Are the Other Nine?

Luke 17:11-17

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By ROY HILTON, *Pastor, Bay, Arkansas*

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Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. This day, as he entered a village of Samaria, ten lepers, who stood afar off, cried out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy upon us." Jesus, who is always within hearing distance of those who call upon Him, heard their cry. They were told to go show themselves to the priest and as they went, they were cleansed.

One of the lepers, when he realized that he had been made whole, ran back to Christ and gave thanks to Him for His cleansing power. Jesus said, "Arise, thy faith hath made thee whole." Jesus also was concerned about the other nine and He inquired about them, but to no avail. No doubt, they went on away from Jesus indulging in the same old ways of the world. We don't have any record of any of them ever returning to Christ.

It's a sad percentage to think of only one out of ten returning to Christ to show their gratitude for being healed of such a deadly disease.

As we study this portion of scripture, we find that we are amazed at the long suffering of Christ. How sad He must have been that day as He asked that question, "Where are the other nine?" That has become an age-old question that Jesus is still

asking. Every minister, every Sunday School superintendent, every Training Union director, yea! all the Christian workers everywhere, are asking themselves that question, "Where are the other nine?"

The church rolls are filled and yet the church pews are empty because of the indifference of the other nine. They have gone the way of Demas. "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world."

The percentage hasn't changed much during the centuries. About one out of ten will return to worship Christ; one out of ten will serve; one out of ten will be separated from the world. For these few, are very grateful; for without them, the burden would be heavy indeed; but my prayers and my heart and my tears are for the other nine who failed to return.

If you are one of those who has been cleansed from the leprosy of sin and have failed to return to worship Christ and give Him the thanks that He rightfully deserves, I pray that you will resolve to return to the Master, Jesus Christ. For it is He who first had mercy on us.

ONE Hungry WORLD

Florida is the first state to pass its goal in Southern Baptists' campaign to raise \$3,500,000 for relief and rehabilitation in Asia and Europe. Announcement was made the second day of the second month of the three-months' campaign. Florida's goal was \$150,850.

The war that impoverished Asia and Europe enriched America. Baptists are willing to share when they recognize that fact.

Homeless children constitute the major problem in Eastern Europe now, according to observers. Rambling in the country and still more in the cities, they can subsist only by begging, theft or pilferage, done in more or less organized groups. The number of war-orphan is roughly estimated as follows:

Poland	1,100,000
Romania	280,000
Hungary	200,000
Greece	30,000
Yugoslavia	600,000

In Italy, there are 180,000 homeless children in the cities of Rome, Milan, and Naples alone. In all these countries where under-feeding is chronic, children suffer mostly from lack of milk, tonic foods, and sugar.

Writing from Geneva, Switzerland, in July, Robert Root reported: "The Baptists have received more help (in Yugoslavia) from outside than all the other denominations. Fifteen hundred packages had been received, and the Baptist leader, the Rev. Ljudvit Drobny, observed that he may have looked like a tramp before but now he looked like a gentleman in clothes from America. Many Baptist pastors had had to go into secular work to make ends meet, but the receipt of funds has permitted them to assume their religious duties."

"Christmas in July" was observed the last Sunday in the month at Calvary Baptist Church, Kansas City. Pastor D. M. Nelson, Jr., reports an offering of \$1,500, on top of \$1,119 previously given this year, to make Christmas, 1946, a happy experience for fellow Baptists abroad.

A young soldier interviewed the pastor of the Baptist church near camp. "Can I be sure," he asked, "that money I give through this church for overseas relief will go for that?" "You can," the pastor asserted. The next Sunday's offerings included his check, in the amount of \$1,100, designated for relief.

We Can Do It Now

By J. E. DILLARD

There never was a time when Southern Baptists could make a great free-will love offering as easily as now.

1. There never was a time when we were as nearly out of debt as now. Our denominational boards and institutions, state and Southwide, are debt-free; nearly all our churches are out of debt and have sizeable reserves on hand; the most of our people have a comfortable living and money in the bank.

2. There never was a time when the most of our people had as much spending money as now.

3. There never was a time when we should be so grateful as now. Think what the rest of the world has suffered and then think of our own land unscarred at the end of the war.

4. There never was a time when such a heart appeal was made as now. Think of the millions of little children and old people, hungry, homeless, and dying—can we eat or sleep without sharing?

5. There never was a time when a sacrificial gift would mean so much as now. We must help others live if we live ourselves. And Jesus looks and listens.

Now is the day of our opportunity. Let's see that the \$3,500,000 for World Relief and Rehabilitation is more than raised now.

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A Virginia pastor of two churches applied to the Foreign Mission Board for information on relief, to help in preparation of a sermon for July 21 and July 28. The materials secured were read word by word. The sermon which resulted may have prompted the congregation of 80 members to give the \$98 offering when the plates were passed; it made a profound impression on the preacher, too. Instead of two gifts of \$3.50 which he admits he had decided to make, he gave \$15 through each of his churches for relief and rehabilitation. Moral: Where information is abundant the offering for relief is abundant.

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Relief offering banks distributed July 7 to all members of the Sunday School from Cradle Roll through Intermediate Department at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, were emptied into a tub during the services July 28. Pastor W. O. Vaught, Jr., announced a total of \$430 given by the children. The total offering of the church as of July 31 was \$4,100.

THE INFESTED LIFE

A Devotion, by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"Some fell among thorns."

It is a fertile soil, capable of producing abundantly. Two opposing possibilities struggle for fruition.

So is human life, said Jesus. "To whom much is given, much will be required. . . that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin. . . He shall be beaten with many stripes."

There is so much rich and capable soil cannot be enlisted. Try to plough through and at once you strike the flinty fibers of congested thorny growths. Every truth strangled and every impulse to receive truth is stifled by these thorny growths which infest the life.

Because of the capabilities of this class of persons, they load themselves up with many things of the world that they have time, energy or thought left for the cultivation and growth of the virtues of the Kingdom of God.

It is unthinkable that a person with such charm, enhanced by the grace of God, should not use that charm for Christian purposes and winning souls to Christ. It is equally contradictory when the person of business ability will not use his ability for building the Kingdom of God. And the person with professional training and skill could do great service in God's kingdom.

What a pity that so much soil of human character, personality, charm, ability and skill is so infested with the wild growths of the world that every Christian truth is smothered and every Christian virtue is strangled and every Christian impulse is inhibited.

"He also that received seed among thorns is he that heareth the word; and care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful" Matt. 13:22.

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Twenty-eight additions were counted in vival services held at New Liberty Church, Blytheville, with Pastor Harold B. Tillman, First Church, Conway, doing the preaching and Ray Morgan leading the singing. J. Miller is pastor.

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Across the Editor's Desk

He Influences Millions

Back in 1921 an army sergeant of World War I, DeWitt Wallace, had an idea for a publication all his own. He had been in public relations work since the war's end and had gained a wide acquaintance with the nation's periodicals. His idea was to lift the best articles from the many magazines and publish them in condensed form for busy readers—a Reader's Digest, if you please.

Your editor was privileged to visit Mr. Wallace's offices near Pleasantville, N. Y., the other day and to meet first hand the staff that builds, each month, America's most influential magazine. Mr. Wallace's staff has grown to more than 50 editors, his original wheel-barrow load of papers now numbers seven millions of copies, and his work is published in nine foreign languages to be read by people of influence in most nations of the globe.

We were delighted at the opportunity, extended by O. K. Armstrong, a Digest writer and a Southern Baptist lay leader, to visit the offices of the Digest. We found the editors cordial, in fact as friendly as the pages of the Digest itself. We found them all to be people of high Christian character, typical of the material chosen each month to make up the Digest.

As we caught the train back to New York City, Mr. Armstrong and I thumbed through the current issue of the Digest. We discussed it as a Christian layman, myself as a religious editor—how the magazine, a secular publication, has boosted uncompromisingly month after month through the years those many things for which the church stands: Christian character, Christian homes, Christian government, good health, high morals, world vision.

"Yes," I told him, "the Digest demonstrates how a secular business, guided by Christian principles, can help immeasurably in building a better world."

Background for Strife

Emphasizing the importance of sending food and clothing to persons in war-ravaged countries abroad, Dr. George W. Sadler, acting executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, told more than 800 Baptists at a Virginia Sunday School conference that "we dare not allow Europe to be painted red with a brush made of the leveled linings of children's empty stomachs."

The most effective means of combatting communism is to exemplify the spirit of

Christ," he declared, adding that while the furnishing of food and clothing is important, the sending of the Gospel of Christ is of even greater importance.

Referring to the Southern Baptists' current \$3,500,000 relief and rehabilitation campaign, the Mission Board official declared he saw conditions of extreme suffering during his recent tour of Europe.

"In Yugoslavia, families mourn the loss of 1,600,000 killed in the recent conflict, while they bear an intolerable burden of tyranny imposed by the partisan regime. Because the pains of hunger are more harrassing than the plight of cold, they sell personal clothing and bed clothing in order that they may get money for food for themselves and their children."

Delinquents

Young married couples and young people just out of college are the "most unchurched" group in the nation, Dr. Harry C. Munro, director of the National Christian Teaching Mission of the International Council of Religious Education, has declared.

Dr. Munro said that surveys conducted in large cities, towns, and villages disclosed that young adults are not being reached by religious education programs or by church organizational work. The next largest unchurched group, he said, is that of very young children, which indicates that the children in the homes of the unreached young adults are not attending church schools.

"The church is failing to reach the young adults and is therefore failing to reach these children. This is serious both for the churches and the young adults who need the church. This group is the very backbone of the church."

Texas Youth Revival

A mammoth youth revival in Dallas built attendance to more than 10,000 people, most of them teen-agers. The revival was interdenominational in scope, although it was run largely by students of Baylor University, Baptist school at Waco.

The movement began in Waco, spread to Houston, and was brought to Dallas through the cooperation of Baptist churches. Speakers at all the meetings were university students. More than 125 persons signed cards for profession of faith in a single night.

Attendance was promoted through heavy newspaper advertisements in Dallas' two daily papers. Individual letters were also sent to 12,000 high school students.

Identifying Tenet

Last week, a news story told of Senator Olin D. Johnston's resolution calling upon President Truman to "take such action as may be necessary to have the United Nations require all its members to guarantee freedom of religion." The story released by Religious News Service added significantly "Senator Johnston is a Baptist" and implied that his proffered resolution had its roots in the Baptist heritage upholding rights of the individual.

This week a Washington columnist looking forward to the Eightieth Congress next January 3 takes cognizance of Dr. J. M. Dawson's arrival as Baptist public relations secretary and comments: "In view of the new Baptist lobby, it is expected that the new Congress will have more to say about religious freedom at home and abroad and also more Congressional discussion on the subject of separation of church and state."

And we are reminded of President Truman's recent statement that "being a Baptist" he naturally abhorred state-churches and church-states and believed whole-heartedly in full religious liberty.

Undoubtedly our Baptist tenet of competence of the individual is making itself known and felt in world affairs!

\$10,000 Gift

A \$10,000 diamond bracelet, "my most precious possession," has been donated to the World Mission Crusade of the Northern Baptist Convention by Mrs. James L. Kraft, of Wilmette, Ill. Mrs. Kraft said she made the gift to serve as an inspiration to others.

The campaign, which seeks to raise \$14,000,000 nationally, gets underway in the fall. Mrs. Kraft's husband, a member of the North Shore Baptist Church in Chicago, is national co-chairman of the fund drive.

An intensive campaign against newspaper, magazine, and radio liquor advertising and drinking scenes in motion pictures will be launched by the Northern Baptist Convention on Sunday, October 27. Actual promotion of the drive will begin September 1 when 15,000 Baptist leaders will receive preliminary letters of instruction from the Council of Christian Social Progress. Present plans call for Northern Baptists to use specially prepared postcards and printed stickers as a means of protest to radio and film executives, newspaper editors and publishers.

One of the Sioux Indians soon to be recompensed for ponies taken from them by the Army during the Sioux Wars 70 years ago is the Rev. Ben Brave, 80, a retired Baptist minister. . . . He will receive \$30 from Uncle Sam as payment for his share in the pony the Army took from his father.

Ouachita and Central Colleges Will Open Year With Record Enrolments

Arkansas Baptists' two college campuses will swing open their gates September 9 for the opening of the 1946-47 school year, and reports from both schools indicate record enrolments.

Ouachita College officials estimate that a thousand students will enroll at the Arkadelphia campus at the opening of its 61st session. Previous all-time high enrolment is 840, reached last year. Summer school enrolment at Ouachita has been 470 this year.

Central College at Conway will open the new term with a new president, Dr. Robert L. Whipple, and advance registrations exceeding 100. This registration figure is an increase of about 25 percent over that of the past two years.

New Buildings at Ouachita

The great influx of students at Ouachita will be the greatest tax ever placed on the



President Whipple

campus' accommodations. Ouachita officials say they will be able to accommodate the students, whose reservations have already been accepted, only upon completion of at least one dormitory. It is hoped to have a 64-room steel dormitory, one of three donated by Federal Housing Authority, ready for the school's opening, Dr. J. R. Grant, President, said.

The grant of these army dormitories is a tremendous help to Ouachita in the light of shortage of building materials. They must be moved from Gulfport, Miss., however, and then erected and equipped at an expense of \$150,000 each. Brick veneering, at a cost of about \$50,000 each will make the new structures match other buildings on the campus.

New President at Central

At Conway, the girls at Central will welcome Dr. Whipple, the successor to President Edwin S. Preston who resigned last spring to accept presidency of Cumberland University in Tennessee. Dr. Whipple has spent the entire summer visiting churches and associational meetings in the state and has sufficient advance registrations, with deposits paid, to assure one of the best years in the school's long history.

Dr. Whipple has not yet released the names of many new faculty members but it is said that several additions have been made to care for the increased student body.

Dr. Whipple comes to Arkansas from the vice-presidency of East Texas Baptist College at Marshall, Tex. Though ordained to the ministry and formerly a Baptist pastor in Georgia, he has devoted most of his efforts to Christian education and is respected by Arkansas leaders as one who will help greatly to revive Central to her glory of past years.

Swamped With Applications

A citizen of Arkadelphia is paying the expense of moving the Army dormitories to Ouachita's campus and funds from the Million Dollar Campaign will be used to equip



President Grant

them. A total of \$150,000 is needed by September 10. The dormitories are 168 feet long and 36 feet wide. Architects declare they will be second to none in comfort, beauty and appearance when completed and will be made into an apartment house.

Because Ouachita is committed to a sound policy of not going into debt for anything, only one will be ready for the school session. This means that many people desiring to attend Ouachita cannot be accepted. The college is swamped with reservations. Checks and money orders constantly from out-of-state former students men begging for room reservations. In a few cases where there have been previous commitments are reservations made.

A Committee of Student Housing, composed of representatives of Henderson State University, Ouachita College and Arkadelphia College and Ouachita College are making plans to contact practically every household in Arkadelphia to determine the number of rooms that can be furnished. A total of 200 rooms has been set by the com-

BAPTIST SCHOOLS TEACH CHRISTIANITY — PLUS

By C. B. JACKSON

There is no earthly way to estimate the value and importance of our denominational schools. No one will be quicker to acknowledge their shortcomings than the members of these schools. They have wrought through imperfect lives and their students have been of the same strain. Both faculties and students are human.

No doubt each school seeks instructors who are Christian. They should be above the average followers of the Master. What value is there in placing an instructor before a class of students, when he is only an average Christian? This line of procedure would not be followed with any other subject listed in the curriculum. In fact, a specialist, a Ph. D., is required to head each department. The primary, yea, the fundamental subject to be taught by each professor must be far above the average; he must be a super-Christian as well as a specialist in his chosen field.

With these Christian-plus qualifications foundational in the school, each subject will be taught by a Christian. Each subject will be taught from this point of view no matter what subject one is teaching. God is the

living fact back of that department. Until a professor has learned to interpret his special subject from this fundamental point of view, he has no place as a teacher in any of our denominational schools.

Primarily Christianity is caught rather than taught. Students under instructors who teach with this fullness of Christ, will come to the knowledge which the denomination desires, i. e., know the denominational interpretation of the Bible. It is a poor denominational school which keeps a student in its classes for nine months without that student coming to know the denomination's interpretation of the superb truths of the Bible. If a student spent nine months in a class of mathematics and failed to grasp the basic things of the course, he would be considered a moron, or the teacher would be a complete failure. Is it too pointed to say that the instructor in a denominational school who permits students to pass through his classes without gaining the great truths of the Bible, as interpreted by the denomination which supports the school, has failed.

All of our denominational schools have been founded through faith; they have lived and

grown through faith; and they will live through faith into the future through faithful instructors who major on super-Christianity. It will pass on to the students the faith of their lives. This faith will lead the faculties, trustees and students of these schools to pray that the needs of these schools be supplied for the glory of the Lord. If the Lord meets these needs, and the students express these answers to prayer, there will be created a group of men and women with a living faith. These people will enter into the ties of church and state to become the backbone of society.

Every member of our denomination should praise the Lord for the mighty work of our schools and should join in prayer that they will continue to increase their usefulness and power.

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FBI Chief Blames Parental Negligence For Crime Increase

By JOE W. BURTON

Laxity in parental control is a major factor in the increased wave of lawlessness according to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Asserting that the country faces a potential army of six million criminals, Mr. Hoover said in a recent interview that "Our homes and our lives are daily threatened by this vast army."

He attributed the crime wave to:

"A recession of moral fortitude, laxity in parental control, lowered moral standards, social and economic conditions, and abuses and maladjustment of the penal system."

He emphasized "laxity in parental control," saying:

"A lack of interest in the fundamentals of matrimony, in the proper rearing of children, is a cause for concern and is contributing to delinquency.

"We must eradicate the cause of crime at its roots. Small crimes generally precede great crimes and too often these small crimes are perpetrated by youngsters still presumably under home influence. Every home in America must become a sanctuary for good citizenship and not, as in many instances today, a breeding place for criminals.

Mr. Hoover asserted that he was convinced that if all parents fulfilled their obligations to their children we would soon experience a sharp decline in crime.

Pointing out that the crime increase so far this year is even greater than the 12.4 per cent increase in 1945, Mr. Hoover asserted that the vast army of criminals was "ten times greater in number than the number of students in our colleges and universities." For every school teacher in America he said that there are seven criminals.

"Rather than indulge in criticism of youth today," he added, "our first job should be to set for them an example to follow in model homes where the tenets of good citizenship, the precepts of right and the fundamentals of democracy are not only taught but daily practiced.

"The home is the most important factor in the prevention of juvenile delinquency."

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How Do You Do It?

One of the greatest gospel singers of a generation past was Charles M. Alexander, who accompanied Reuben A. Torrey on many evangelistic tours. Once a man came up to Mr. Alexander and said: "I believe in trying to win men to Christ, but I don't like your method."

"I don't like it very well either," Mr. Alexander replied. "Tell me, how do you do it?" The man hesitated, his face got red, and he stammered: "Well—I'm not so sure that I do it at all."

"In that case," Charles Alexander said, "I like my way better than yours."

How do you do it? Our Lord left earth to go to the Father's right hand with these words: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth." That is His command. How are you fulfilling it?

Dr. Newton Returns From Russian Tour With Keen Regard for Russian Baptists

By LOUIE D. NEWTON
President Southern Baptist Convention

The Royal Dutch Airlines brought us down safely at La Guardia Field, New York, at 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning, August 14, and four hours later I was in Atlanta, thanks to Mr. Asa Candler and his pilot, Mr. E. W. Hightower.

In 34 days I had travelled approximately 30,000 miles by air, and had visited several European countries in addition to the 25 days spent in Russia. I preached in Baptist churches in Amsterdam, Prague, Moscow, Leningrad, Minsk, Stalingrad, and Tbilisi, and held conferences with Baptist leaders in many other communities.

Will Write In Detail Later

I shall write in detail of the Baptists of the USSR at a later date, and will include in such article a special message given me in Moscow by Brethren Zhidkov and Karev to the Baptists of America. Also greetings from Brother Weenink of the Baptist Union of the Netherlands, and from General Secretary Novotny of the Baptist Union of Czechoslovakia.

I am happy to report that our Baptist people in all the countries I visited are prospering spiritually, as is indicated in their in-

creased membership by baptism and in their gifts. A wonderful fellowship was everywhere apparent. Particularly is this true in Russia, where, in every church I visited, the crowds overflowed the auditoriums and a state of revival seemed to be surging in the hearts of preachers and people alike.

Urges Gifts to Relief

I have thought and prayed much during my trip to Europe about the special offering of Southern Baptists for world relief and rehabilitation. Having seen the plight of many of our Baptist communities in the war-ravaged areas, I am more than ever convinced that the immediate consummation of this effort will vitally further the Kingdom of our blessed Saviour and Lord, and bring great blessing to our own hearts.

My last service with the Baptists of Moscow, on Thursday evening, August 8, was climaxed in the observance of the Lord's Supper and a great manifestation of the Holy Spirit's presence. They sent me away with gracious assurances of appreciation of my visit to them, and the declaration that we would be ever bound in covenants of prayer and united service to advance the Kingdom of God. May Southern Baptists band ourselves in renewed prayer and effort, waiting alertly for the leading of the Holy Spirit, is my prayer, for Christ's sake.

Arkansas Boy at Southern Seminary Helps Others While He Helps Himself

By ERWIN L. McDONALD

An Arkansan who will be a first-year student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, this session is helping other seminary students to solve their housing problems. He is Rev. Ermon Webb, of Urbana, until recently pastor of the Wilnot Baptist church.

Going on the theory that nobody would take the job of student housing director more seriously than one who was himself an apartment hunter, the seminary named Webb to this position back in June, while he was still trying to find a place to live. It took Webb (he has a little daughter) two weeks to find an apartment for his own family, but his statistics for his first month's work were so impressive that the seminary kept him on the job for the remainder of the summer.

A total of 11 families were located—an average of about one every three days—but only three of these have children. The ban on children is almost universal among landlords.

Four homes, with accommodations for seven seminary families and with no ban on children, have been listed as available some time before the opening of the seminary, September 10. But there are already at least two applicants for every one of these apartments, Webb reports.

Apartments listed as now available for seminary couples total fifteen, only four of which are reasonably near the seminary, the others

ranging from four to eight miles out. Two other apartments for couples will be available later in the summer.

Room and board for couples in five private homes at from \$18 to \$30 a week per couple can be had, but only one of these homes is near the seminary. Other listings include: Rooms in large boarding house reasonably near the campus, morning and evening meals only: \$18 a week for couples; \$10 for single men; \$8.50 for single women; private homes for six couples, breakfast only, from \$10 to \$15 a week per couple; nineteen rooms for couples without board, six of which are near the seminary, rates ranging from \$8 to \$15 a week per couple.

There will be no real solution of the housing problem until building restrictions are lifted, labor costs are lower, and materials are available making it possible for the seminary to erect badly needed apartment houses. But "the boy from Arkansas" is showing that there is at least an approach to the solution.

Associational Meetings The Next Two Weeks

White River—Aug. 29-30, Rehobeth Church, Flippin; D. W. Stark, Mountain Home, moderator; W. B. O'Neal, Yellville, vice moderator; H. D. Morton, Mountain Home, clerk.

Stone-Van Buren — Sept. 5-6, Mountain View; Claude Jenkins, Clinton, moderator; Gus Poole, Mountain View, vice moderator; Mrs. May Roberts, Timbo, clerk.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Two-year old North Crossett Church, with a membership of 106, had 76 out of an enrolment of 123 in Sunday School August 11. The Training Union with an enrolment of 76 had 87 present. The church grew out of a mission of First Church, Crossett. Revival services will begin at the church August 25. L. J. Tucker is pastor.

Pastor Bruce H. Price, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, attended Home Mission Board conferences at Ridgecrest, N. C., during his vacation. While in North Carolina he supplied the pulpits of First Church, Lexington, and First Church, Charlotte, where Dr. C. C. Warren, formerly of Arkansas, is pastor.

The Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Mich., announces a \$5000 Evangelical Book Award. A leader among evangelical publishers. Eerdmans feels that such an award will stimulate new thought and interest of authors in producing books of outstanding value in this field. Closing date for the award is September 1, 1947. Write the company for details and conditions.

Dr. W. K. Sisk, Carbondale, Ill., has been selected to teach Bible at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex., according to President Gordon G. Singleton. Dr. Sisk, a native Kentuckian, holds the A. B. Degree from Georgetown College and the Master of Theology and the Doctor of Theology Degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville. He has held pastorates in Kentucky, Michigan, and Illinois.

Robert D. Hughes has accepted the pastorate of Oak Grove Church, Pine Bluff. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are natives of Arkansas and were graduated from Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary. Pastor Hughes has served churches at Sulphur Springs, Ark., and Argyle, Tex. For the past eight weeks he has been holding revival meetings in Arkansas and Texas. He will begin evangelistic services at Oak Grove August 25.

A group of young people who were regular attendants at the Baptist Center for Soldiers, Little Rock, which closed recently, have organized the Center Survivors Club. Officers are Miss Orpha Perkins, president; Miss Mevrouw Cantrell, vice-president. Miss Geneva Spann, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Eula Phillips, reporter.

Mr. W. W. Conant, a member of Mt. Zion Church, Arkadelphia, writes: "We find it much easier to pay the expenses of the church with the Arkansas Baptist in the budget."

The 26th annual meeting of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association will be held at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., August 27-29. Arkansans who will appear on the program are Dr. Edgar

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Williamson, state director of Religious Education, and T. D. McCulloch, Baptist Student Union secretary.

Roland M. Leath, director of religious education and music for three years in First Church, Little Rock, has accepted a similar position with the Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Mr. Leath came to Little Rock from Paris, Tex., where he served as director of religious education and music. He also served First Church, Temple, Tex., and Travis Avenue and Rosen Heights Churches, Ft. Worth. Mr. Leath attended Ottawa University, Texas Christian University, Baylor University, Southwestern Seminary, and North Texas A. & M. College. He was pianist and soloist with the York Evangelistic Party two years.

W. C. Rowe, of Dowell, Ill., former Arkansas pastor, has accepted work with Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and will have charge of Capitol Hill Mission. He would like for readers of the paper with friends and relatives in Little Rock who are not connected with some church to notify him at 1502 West Third Street, Little Rock, giving their names and addresses. He will contact them.

C. D. Sallee, Jr., has taken over the position of educational director of First Church, El Dorado, Sam C. Reeves, pastor. A native of Arkansas, Mr. Sallee is a graduate of Ouachita College and also of Southern Seminary, Louisville. He has been an ordained minister for eight years, and has held pastorates in several churches during his college days. He has conducted many meetings, serving as evangelist or as gospel singer.

Forty-one additions, 23 for baptism, were counted in evangelistic services at Park Place Church, Hot Springs. Evangelist Paul Brooks Leath, New Orleans, did the preaching and Ed Vallowe directed the music. Jesse Reed is pastor.

Rev. Don Grafton, son of Pastor and Mrs. W. W. Grafton, First Church, Booneville, has been employed by First Church, Russellville, to work with the young people, the branch churches, and the student body at Arkansas Tech.

State Missionary E. D. Estes conducted a Better Vocal Music School with Jarvis Church, Bartholomew Association, S. E. Powell, pastor. The church gave \$25 to state missions and \$75, their full quota, to the relief offering.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Robert D. Hughes to Oak Grove Church, Pine Bluff.

R. O. Barker from First Church, North Little Rock.

C. Z. Holland to First Church, Jonesboro, from Canton, Miss.

M. M. Hinesly from Brookland Church to accept the superintendency of Cotter Public School.

W. C. Rowe to Capitol Hill Mission of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, from Dowell, Ill.

Night-Club Dancer Changes Master

By J. R. STAPLES

A professional ballet and acrobatic dancer and soloist who has been giving performances in night-clubs in America and abroad many years, came down the aisle weeping when she accepted Christ saying:

"Brother Appling, I want to give my life to Christ and sing for Him from now on instead of the devil."

The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt and others came accepting Christ, the singing of the choir ceased because of their weeping.

This scene occurred in the Metairie Baptist Church, New Orleans, where the pastor, E. V. Appling, an Arkansas man now completing his theological work in the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. The Metairie Baptist Church is the only Baptist church in the Metairie section of New Orleans with an estimated population.

This is only one of many examples of wonderful work being done by the ever increasing number of Baptists in Catholic Orleans.

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Dr. Newton's Report Scheduled Sunday

In a special report on his recent visit to Russia, Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be heard Sunday afternoon, August 25, over the stations currently carrying the Hour.

The broadcast, will come from the Auditorium of Atlanta where 5,000 Trained Union members of the Atlanta Association will be assembled to hear Dr. Newton in connection with the launching of their Week of Study.

The announcement discloses that in previous commitments some of the stations will record the program from the net at 2:30 p. m. and carry same as a direct broadcast later in the afternoon or evening.

Such questions as the following may be expected to be discussed by the eminent speaker: What about the youth of Russia? How is United States money for Russia relief being spent? What about the moral and health centers of the Soviet? What about the Christian movement in Russia?

Dr. Newton, along with other national leaders, made this visit in response to an invitation from the Soviet Government, Soviet Cross, and the Red Crescent Society.

The program may be heard in Arkansas on radio station KUOA, Siloam Springs, P. M. CST.

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Mrs. James R. Scurlock, faithful member of First Church, Piggott, died recently. She was born near Pellard in 1868 and moved to Piggott while still young. She was the first president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Piggott Church, organized in 1903. She served as president for many years. She also taught a Sunday School class.

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A Regenerative Gospel Needed Today

The social gospel is thought by many to be the message for the hour. The gospel of Christ does have strong social implications but it is not a social gospel. It is a redemptive and regenerative gospel with social implications.

The gospel is not the ferment it has been in the past. It does not create great tensions and crises as it once did. This is true inside Christendom. The old time creativeness, tensions, and crises do develop in pagan lands where the gospel is forcefully presented.

Superficial Disciples

This is due to the fact that the gospel is not taken so seriously in a land where it is taken for granted. Any idea, principle, or message loses in effectiveness where it is more or less assented to by everybody. It wears slick and loses edge.

Anything that carries popular approval for a long period and provides definite social and material advantages to its adherents will gather many superficial disciples. It no longer costs to make a formal profession of the Christian faith—in fact, it pays in some ways.

In alien lands it costs severely to be even a nominal Christian. It would be more accurate to say that it costs so much that there are few nominal Christians. People have to be desperately in earnest to face the issues.

The enemy takes it very seriously. Neither disciple nor foe knows how to avoid the full implications of the gospel. When Christianity becomes rather prevalent and fixed, both friends and opponents learn how to avoid and circumvent its full impact on life.

Need Preaching on Sin

The advocates of the gospel in Christian lands have narrowed its dimensions and cushioned its shock. The gospel should sting consciences that are not right with God and man. It should cause them to smart like proud flesh exposed to severe heat. The gospel is only good news to those who are weary

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By W. R. WHITE

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of sin and are turning in revolt against evil in every form.

The gospel is not preceded by enough preaching on sin. Standards and ideals that fit the problems of today should be ceaselessly presented till convictions and consciences are developed. Then these consciences should be probed to the depths. This will make the gospel good news.

Social Implications

The Wesleys, Whitfield, and Finney created great tensions in the social and industrial life of their generations. The masses were aroused and revitalized to a sense of their dignity and significance. Strange to say, they were first made to feel themselves to be miserable sinners. Then the infinite love of God won them. They wanted to rise to higher standards of life. The economic, social, and political order blocked their way. This created a tension and from it came a revolution.

Many people came to sense the priceless value of human personality. It revived foreign missions and produced a ferment for better treatment of all men at home as well. Not only were the masses alerted but many among the privileged saw the justice of a new order. They became champions of liberation for the masses.

It is interesting to note that the first upsurge against slavery did not originate among the Unitarians and liberals but among evangelistic evangelicals. Dr. Sweet of Chicago in "Revivalism in America" makes this clear. He observed that among them were a splendid group in a Southern state like Virginia. Just

as Billy Sunday swung his great evangelistic drive against the liquor traffic everywhere he went, those revivalists made an unceasing attack on slavery.

Two Great Errors

There are two great sins, among many others, hurting us today. Our evangelism pitted against none of the great basic evils of the day. That is the weakness of the conservatives. On the other hand, the liberals have emasculated the gospel for a social emphasis and for a very materialistic concept of social redemption.

One group seeks to keep the gospel confined to the individual. The other seeks to remedy man's ills by improving material conditions. One minimizes social sins. The other minimizes personal sins. One approaches the individual through the masses, and the other seeks the individual in isolation from the masses. The masses must be reached through redeemed personalities and redeemed thinking. True reformation is a consequence of dynamic experiences of God in Christ.

The big changes in American economic life have been partly due to Christian ferment but greatly due to tremendous pressure and political expediency. Many ministers have been parading such expressions as the "abundant life," "good of life" with a dominantly materialistic concept. They have done a great disservice to the masses.

Many have been emancipated but with a motivation as selfish as the one that swayed their erstwhile oppressors. The abuse of power is being transferred to a new group. The masses are being swiftly changed into classes. The liberated economically are not being redeemed spiritually.

Unregenerate human beings possessed of great power and selfish natures are dangerous regardless of classification. To be in health and prosper as the soul prospers is the only safe balance for men and nations.

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Our Debt to the Blind

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By BRUCE H. PRICE

Beech Street Church, Texarkana

The world owes a great debt to the blind, because those without eyesight have made some marvelous contributions to civilization.

It is interesting to note some of the accomplishments of those who could not see. Homer, the ancient Greek author, is reputed to have been blind. John Milton who wrote "Paradise Lost" and "Paradise Regained" was unable to see. William Prescott, eminent historian and scholar, was classed as blind.

Charles Broadway Rauss, great wholesale merchant of New York City, was without sight. Thomas D. Schall and Thomas Pryor Gore served in the U. S. Senate in spite of blindness. There is a long list of notables among the blind who have served with distinction in city, county, and state governments.

In the field of music many of those who could not see have been most successful. Edward Baxter Perry is remembered as one of the greatest pianists of his day. Blind Tom,

the Negro musician, traveled over the country thrilling multitudes with his music. Alex Templeton, well-known present-day pianist and radio star, has been much more successful than many who can see.

General Booth of Salvation Army fame lost his sight late in life. When Bramwell, his son, told him of his condition the General replied, "You mean I will never see again?"

"Not in this world," was the answer.

With determination the old soldier of the cross stated, "I have served God and man with my eyes, now I will serve God and man without my eyes."

One of the most remarkable men who ever lived was George Matheson, the blind preacher of Scotland. Committing to memory the passages of scripture which he used in his pulpit, he kept an open Bible before him and seemed to be reading from it. As he preached his eyes were upon the congregation, and many went away not knowing they had listened to a blind minister.

Matheson was the writer of many books of deep spiritual insight. Those best known are books on Bible characters and on Christ, and

several devotional books. Also, he was a hymn writer of ability. While alone in his home on June 6, 1882, in the brief time of 15 minutes he wrote his best known hymn, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go." He said it was "the quickest bit of work I ever did in my life."

Fanny Crosby was a happy little baby like any other normal child until an ignorant doctor had her mother to place a poltice on her eyes for "weakness of the eyes." This error blinded her for the remainder of life.

Her attitude toward life was expressed in a little poem which she wrote at the early age of eight:

"Oh what a happy soul am I!
Although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.

"How many blessings I enjoy,
That other people don't.
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot, and I won't."

Of the 8,000 hymns she wrote during her long life of 95 years which ended in 1915 some of the best known are: "Rescue The Perish-

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Failing Health Forces Resignation Of Pastor Barker in North Little Rock

R. O. Barker, pastor of First Church, North Little Rock, for the past two and one-half years, has resigned from that position because of ill health. He will retire from the ministry temporarily in an effort to regain his strength.

Pastor Barker came to the North Little Rock Church from First Church, Rogers, where he had served two years. For several years he has been a state leader in denominational affairs. He is a member of the State Convention's Executive Board. He retired from the membership of the Baptist State Hospital Board, of which he was president, in 1945.

Since Mr. Barker came to North Little Rock, March 14, 1944, there have been 360 additions to the church. Of these, 149 came for baptism.

In 1945 the Sunday School reached the Advanced Standard, an outstanding achievement which has been attained by only two schools of the state and only about six in the South. It requires among other things the provision of proper space and equipment for all departments and classes, the contacting of all absentees every week, and that every department in the school shall have received recognition as a standard department. But the Advanced Standard was no stopping place for the pastor and workers, and a continued program of leadership training has been carried out.



Pastor Barker

A program for the building of a \$50,000 auditorium was launched under the leadership of Pastor Barker. To date, \$38,000 of the goal has been reached.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker are now at 514 South Webster Street, Norman, Okla., the home of his mother.

Wynne Pledges \$4,500 To Ouachita Campaign

Wynne Church has voted to give \$1,500 to Ouachita College each of the three years of the Million Dollar Campaign. World Relief offering taken recently reached \$285. A \$5,000 building repair program has just been completed, and a building fund, to be used in erecting a Sunday School building, has been set up.

Not only has the church progressed financially; it has shown considerable increase in membership and attendance at services since W. R. Woodwell became pastor 18 months ago. There have been 60 additions, 26 for baptism, since October, last year. The Sunday School has had a 25 per cent increase in attendance. The Training Union has grown from an enrolment of 25 to 120 with an average attendance of 75. The Men's Brotherhood has grown 50 per cent, is very active, and is well attended.

The church choir with Mrs. Fred Lines directing has already begun work on "The Messiah" to be sung during the Christmas season. A junior choir has been organized.

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Charleston Church has gone beyond its quota for Relief and Rehabilitation. The quota was \$225; approximately \$500 has been received. The Training Union of the church is making progress under the leadership of Johnny Dollman. The entire Union is having a contest on the Bible quiz during August. Each Sunday evening all the unions participate in the contest in the auditorium. The group answering the fewest questions throughout the month will entertain the other unions at a church social to be held in connection with the election of new officers for the last quarter. Arthur L. Hart has been pastor of Charleston Church for five years.

The Blind

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ing," "Blessed Assurance," "I Am Thine O Lord," "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross," "Safe In The Arms Of Jesus," and "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling."

The life of Helen Keller is too well known to discuss here. Being blind and deaf she has become one of the best known personalities of her generation.

Eyes of Faith

One of the most successful blind men of today in America or any other country is David E. Guyton, president of the Bank of Blue Mountain, Miss., and since 1915 a professor in Blue Mountain College, a Baptist school for girls. He is the only blind person to serve as a full professor in a college for seeing people. He is a poet, and in great demand as a speaker to civic clubs, college groups and churches.

In a personal letter he recently wrote, "It is my contention that the percentage of successful blind is as high as the percentage of successful sighted people."

"The Light in the Window" is a play written by Dorothy Clark Wilson. Aunt Hope is one of the characters, and Jeremy, who has been blinded by an accident is another. Speaking a word of comfort to the blind child, Aunt Hope says, "I can't help being sorry for anyone who does not believe in God. It seems so much worse than being blind. I'd so much rather have unseeing eyes than an unseeing heart."

In the spiritual realm the blind can see. With the eye of faith they can see Him who is invisible, and they can look into their own souls and see themselves as children of the Kingdom of God.

WORLD CAPITAL IN AMERICA

By SAMUEL CHILES MITCHELL
In Religious Herald

"America lacks foreign consciousness," wrote Walter H. Page from London, where he was our Ambassador during the first World War. The presence of the seat of the United Nations Organization near New York will tend to remedy that lack. What are the effects of this commanding fact that our country has become the home of the emergency world government?

It enhances the position of America as the foremost Power. It registers the eclipse of Europe, wrecked by two savage wars. New York succeeds Geneva as the meeting place of fifty-one nations. This is a shift in the center of gravity of world politics of momentous significance. Now there will follow the wake of Columbus' voyage to these unknown lands the leading statesmen of all nations by ship and airplane. Their coming will enrich our thought, widen our horizons and make concrete to us the intertwined future in the life of mankind. We shall pip our ears from isolationism, slough off our provincialism and become embedded in world affairs. It is a spiritual upheaval of the first order for American citizens.

Friendship With World Figures

We shall become familiar with foreign diplomats and experts residing at the seat of New York, as we know our senators in Washington.

I can fancy the Secretary-General, Trygve Lie of Norway, addressing religious gatherings in Virginia and Chambers of Commerce in North Carolina. He will be the spokesman for humanity and will reveal to us in the problems of public health, suppression of the opium traffic, concerns of labor, business and agriculture as they affect mankind. These notable leaders from all nations will be guests in our homes, converse around our dinner tables, and become known personally to our children.

Effects On Our Civic Life

The reports of the discussions in the Assembly and Security Council of the United Nations throb in the editorials of our newspapers; the sermons in our churches, and in the classrooms in our colleges. The educational value of all these personalities and plans, present in our midst, will be exhilarating. From this mighty dynamo in New York steam of influence will reach to remote hamlets, and the far has come near. Our citizens will be in actual contact with the men and measures that shape the globe.

The permanent staff of the United Nations will be about two thousand experts drawn from various nations. These men and women, however, will represent, not a particular nation but humanity. How small a corps of servants of mankind, as contrasted with the millions in the armies of the respective countries. To these few trained and impartial people are committed the common affairs of the human race. Their very point of view, so far as meaning for us. They will be in the ranks and act internationalists—a new species of mankind. To them the world will be opened.

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A VISIT TO THE SEMINOLE INDIANS

By Mrs. H. M. KECK
State Mission Study Chairman

"We need more help," was the plea of Stanley Smith, missionary from the Creek Indians of Oklahoma to the Seminoles of Florida.

As he spoke before the Southern Baptist WMU Convention in Miami, the seats in the choir back of him were filled with the entire membership of his church near Dania. Even the little children were there on the platform; all in their very picturesque dress of many colors. Most of the women wore strands of colored beads around their throats, sometimes pounds of them, and had their hair fixed on a cardboard "hat-brim" which shades their eyes. Some of the children bore scars made by scratching the flesh with little prongs or bird claws or by placing hot coals on the arm.

The pagan Seminole believes in a god of dual personality: Ishtohollo, the god of love and might who protects and cares for those who are good; and Yo-Ha-Wah, the avenger, who is responsible for demons, pestilences and famines. Putting hot coals of fire on the arm is believed to burn the light of the fire into the flesh so that the light can be seen by Ishtohollo who will prevent Yo-Ha-Wah from drawing them under the water into the underworld.

We were shocked by Stanley Smith's statement that he and his church people, who were there by special invitation, had not eaten lunch because no cafe in Miami would allow Indians to enter.

Early Thursday morning Miss Margaret Hutchison and I joined a group of interested Baptists who made a bus trip to the little one-room Indian church near Dania where Stanley Smith preaches. With great dignity he invited us in, introduced to us his wife, some of his members and Mrs. Elsie Guinn who was sent by the Home Mission Board to work among the Seminoles. On the wall was a banner saying: "First Seminole Baptist Church." Also on the wall was a picture of Christ, a WMU Standard of Excellence, "God's Plan" poster, "The United Budget System" poster, and on either side of the platform were the Christian flag and the United States flag.

Stanley Smith read to us Matthew 29:19-21 in the Seminole language and then translated it

in these words: "Go and tell all towns and villages, and those that accept baptize . . . and I am with you even to the edges of the world." He gave tribute to Willie King, pioneer missionary to the Seminoles (1923), by saying, "He represented Jesus and Southern Baptists by living his religion." Then he told us of the Seminole work. The people are antagonistic and suspicious of white people, yet they are "hungry for a little bit of love, for a little bit of understanding."

"Up to this day I have 130 membership church," he continued. He started with three. Their Missionary Society was organized in January of this year. Speaking of young Indian preachers, Stanley Smith said, "Indian get discouraged. No train Indian preachers." Graduating from government school does not give them enough credit to enter college or seminary.

Fifteen per cent of the Indians cannot read or write, yet his congregation can sing any English song we sing. And even the babies are tithers, even tithing the nickels given them on the streets by white people.

We wished to visit the only "graveyard" the Indians have in Florida but there was no time. In it there are two hundred crosses and only three are for Christians. One grave is quite removed from the others. "Bad man—not sleep with others."

In the Centennial year this church was asked by the Home Mission Board to accept a quota of 50 new members. They considered the matter very carefully, then gave their answer. They would accept a quota of 75. They considered it an honor that Southern Baptists had asked them to have a part in this great soul-winning effort. And so, one night at the end of the year, with the lights from a car turned on a spot in the ocean, they baptized the last three of the 95 Indians they had won to Christ!

Work with the Seminoles is very difficult, due to antagonism, suspicion and persecution. Mr. Smith "had nearly a breakdown" when he first began his work there because "he held his eyes over the field" and the conditions and needs burdened him so greatly.

"Someday," he says, "on Tamiami Trail or maybe in Miami we'll have a church and baptizing."

RA Camp Speaker Will Tell of His Part In Building Atom-Destroyed Nagasaki

Rev. E. O. Mills, for 30 years a missionary to Japan, will be the missionary speaker at the State Royal Ambassador Camp at Ravenenden Springs, August 26-31.

Twenty-three years of his service in Japan were spent in Nagasaki, a third of which was destroyed by the atomic bomb. In 1926, he and Mrs. Mills designed the Baptist Church building which was destroyed during the war.

Boys have heard much of Japan the last few years, but they have heard very little of the side which Bro. Mills will present with his beautifully hand colored lantern slides and his talk about Japan. He has a rich knowledge of the country the people and their customs. He is an authority on the present day situation in Japan as he has kept in close contact with the country through our chaplains and through native Christians.

Boys attending this camp will have the opportunity of increasing their mission knowledge and vision while spending an enjoyable week of outdoor life. Among the recreational activities provided



Missionary Mills

softball, horseshoes, field events and swimming.

State Mission Season Of Prayer Program

To every missionary society president, chairman of Business Woman's Circle, young people's director and all counselors has gone the material for the observance of the special State Mission Prayer Program and Offering. If you do not receive your package within a reasonable length of time, please write us. Either yours has been lost in the mail or we do not have your name on our mailing list.

The faults and shortcomings of husbands and wives was the subject of a recent Gallup Poll investigation. Drinking far out-ran all other male faults mentioned in the poll. The interesting thing is that in a similar survey taken ten years ago, only a very few found it a problem. Too much night-clubbing and drinking stood fourth in the list of faults of wives. "They visit taverns and neglect their children," say the men. (Readers Digest, July 1946).

Sardis Church, Little River Association, had four additions for baptism and several rededications in a revival led by Associational Missionary G. H. Ussery. Pastor Sidney Oxendine, First Church, Dierks, who preaches there the second and fourth Sundays in each

month, directed the singing. Four candidates for baptism, all with seven who had come during regular services, were baptized July 28. Pastor Oxendine said "Bro. Ussery is one of Arkansas' best preachers and I recommend him to any pastor or church needing help in revivals. He is sound in the doctrines of the Bible and sane in his interpretations."

First Church, Dierks, Sidney Oxendine, pastor, is making plans for a revival, October 28 to November 9, with Pastor Theo T. James, First Church, McGehee, preaching and Pastor Boyd Baker, DeQueen, directing the music.

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Program," a new book for the department Training Union written by J. E. Lambdin, is now available.

Order the "Graded Baptist Training Union Study Course" free tract, from your State Training Union Department. It lists of the study course books, contains information concerning the study, and suggests plans for conducting a training school.

September is Southwide Study Course Month. Order books from our state Baptist Book Store. The supply of books is limited because of the paper shortage, please indicate first, second, and third choice of books for each group.

Intermediate Emphasis Week Second Week in September

Purpose of this week is that churches may give added emphasis to their ministry to intermediates.

Objectives for the week are:

1. To strengthen the church appeal to intermediates by making them feel that they are wanted and needed.
2. To strengthen the intermediates' appeal to the church by helping the church realize and appreciate something of the potentialities in its intermediates.
3. To strengthen the tie between the church and the parents of intermediates by showing how church and the parents can cooperate in ministering to the special needs of intermediates.
4. To give renewed impetus increasing the attendance of those enrolled in Sunday School and discover and enroll all prospective students.
5. To win the lost through special soul-winning efforts.
6. To call intermediates to definite commitment to Christ.

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A Responsibility For . . .

PASTORS, PARENTS, AND BSU

By T. D. McCULLOCH

Every fall a great host of young people pack their belongings and start out on the great quest for knowledge in the college of their choice. For many it is the first time to be away from home and all that it stands for. Parents and interested friends are on hand to help pack, to give advice, and to make sure that the student is well supplied with all of the various and sundry things that it takes to insure a comfortable and happy life in a dormitory room and on a college campus.

In fact, it would seem that the new student is well prepared to face college life and all the new experiences and decisions that are before him.

Yet, the most vital and necessary aid to a successful college life, the student has left behind. It is his church letter. This new life is to be so full of other things that now he just can't be bothered with a church affiliation. He soon learns that it isn't binding for one to attend Sunday School and Training Union. Now he discovers that it is rather fun to go to the movies on Sunday night, and to sleep late on Sunday morning, whereas all the young people in his home community went to church every time the doors were open. It isn't long until God has taken second or third, or last place in his life. His church attendance is so spasmodic

Found at the Assembly

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that one is surprised to see him attending the Sunday morning worship service.

How different this picture would be if pastors in every community would counsel and pray with their young people who are future college students, and impress upon their minds the importance of transferring their church membership from the local Baptist church to the town where they are to attend college.

Many new ideas and theories are presented to the college freshman and his participation in the worship service fellowship with Christian people may be the means of stabilizing him and keeping his feet on the ground.

Of course, the Baptist Student Union will be on hand to emphasize the transferring of church membership and also keep before the student all of the other unit organizations of the church. This does not lessen the responsibility of pastors to encourage the stud-

ent to place foremost on his "must do" list, the moving of his church letter at the earliest possible date after he has entered college.

Pastors, we urge you to direct and instruct your potential college students so that when the day arrives they will be fully aware of the significance of church membership while they are in college.

Pastors!

You can do the Baptist Student Union, the local Baptist church, and most of all your college and professional students, a big favor by sending their names now to the Baptist church in the college center or town where they plan to attend school this fall. Tell the pastor who they are, their abilities, and how he can help them to grow as a Christian while in school.

September is Southwide Study Course Month

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BUCKNER ASSOCIATION
August 3-10, 1946

Church	Number Enrolled	Average Attendance	Number Unions Organized	No. Saved	No. Red.	No. Add.
Waldron, First	102	58			40	3
Hon*	55	40	2			
Salem	44	42	2	2		
Cedar Creek	37	31	1		3	
James Fork*	31	38	3	1	21	1
Ione*	41	25	2	2	15	
Lucas*	52	37	2			
Dayton	41	28	1		28	2
Pleasant Grove*	21	14	3			
West Hartford	42	33		4		
Huntington*	35	22	1	14	3	
Fellowship	52	49			11	
Hartford	46	30			12	
Midland*	69	47				
TOTALS	668	494	17	23	133	6

*Churches having no unions when work started—7.
Total number of awards—388.

Accident Brings Death to "Big Jim" Kramer, World-Famed Baptist Evangelist; He Began Career as Newspaperman

Dr. James W. Kramer, nationally known Baptist evangelist, passed away at the Presbyterian Hospital in Denver, Colo., on August 6. The great preacher succumbed from injuries received in a fall down the stairs of his home. It was his custom to read late at night, after the family had retired. On this particular night he turned out the lights and started up the stairs to his bedroom. Somewhere along the way he stumbled and fell down the stairs, breaking a bone in his arm and receiving a severe blow on the head. Complications from this head injury caused his death.

Swilley Conducts Funeral

Funeral services were conducted in Denver on August 9 by Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., pastor of the Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga., a close friend of the Kramer family. Thus ended one of the most colorful and useful careers in American evangelism.

Dr. Kramer was born in Columbia, S. C., October 2, 1873. Having

completed his education in the public schools of Atlanta, he attended Means University and Walkers College. After completing his education, he entered the newspaper field and was a reporter on the "Columbia State," in South Carolina, and also on a few other newspapers. Feeling a call to the ministry, he attended Louisville Seminary and Southern Presbyterian.

Evangelist 27 Years

His first pastorate was Calvary Church, Wilmington, N. C. He then moved to Brewton, Ala. After a pastorate of seven years, he moved to the North. His first pastorate there was Vermont Street Church, Quincy, Ill.; followed by that of the First Church, Spokane, Wash.; from which he moved to Central Church, Los Angeles, and later to First Church, San Jose, Calif. In the last pastorates, he had large congregations and in some instances doubled the membership of the church.

Twenty-seven years ago, Dr.

Kramer entered the field of evangelism. He had extraordinary blessings and success, for the large audiences that waited upon his ministry and the additions to the churches came near giving him a record as an individual church evangelist. In the last five years, he had been to the largest churches in both Northern and Southern States. It was not infrequent for him to be called back for evangelistic meetings two or three times to the same place.

Known as "Big Jim"

Years ago, because of his big heart and soul, his friends gave him the name "Big Jim" and he was called that from coast to coast.

Dr. Kramer is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ida M. Kramer; their daughter, Miss Miriam N. Kramer; and three sons: James L. Kramer, of Denver, James W. Kramer, Jr., of San Jose, Calif., and Richard W. Kramer, of Los Angeles, and by a brother and sister, Mr. Marion P. Kramer and Mrs. Daisy K. Dryer, of Columbia, S. C.

Cause for Crime

Liquor is responsible for more than half of the crime in the United States annually, the American Business Men's Research Foundation states in its current publication. The issue carries preliminary findings of a survey among states attorneys in the 3,073 counties in the United States.

Ignoring misdemeanors and drunken driving, the Foundation confined its survey to major crimes. It noted that attorneys are showing reluctance to the use of drunkenness as a defense. Rather, it states, "experience indicates that where use of liquor is an important factor they will make 'guilty pleas and offer the liquor influence as an excuse or alibi.'"

Pastor Commends Chaplain Moran

By B. V. FERGUSON
First Church, Fort Smith

We wish to give a word of commendation concerning Chaplain Owen W. Moran. Chaplain Moran who was a major in the army served more than three years overseas in North Africa, Europe and the Pacific, was one of the best I have ever known. For some 18 months he was in Camp Chase—assistant to the post chaplain. He became a member of our church where he rendered very excellent service. Our people were very fond of him. He did more for the soldiers than any chaplain have known. While in Europe baptized 69 into the fellowship of our church. He acted as our missionary-at-large.

He is sound, warm hearted, and above all, a soul-winner. He stood up in the army for righteousness where many a chaplain failed.

Major Moran, before entering the service, was a pastor in another state. He is now released from the service and wishes to reenter the pastorate. I know of no man I can more highly recommend. I should be happy to see him located in Arkansas. He would be loyal every cause of our Baptist people. I trust that some good church in this state will lay hold on him. He can be reached at Ridgcrest, N.

Baptist "Stock" Up at Sparkman

By JOHN M. BASINGER
Pastor, Sparkman

It has been our privilege to have Dr. B. L. Bridges, State Secretary, and Pastor W. W. Grafton, First Church, Booneville, with us for a 10-day meeting. Many of our people thought Dr. Bridges was only a business executive, he has so proven his efficiency in that capacity. But now we have heard him preach and attended him in personal work. His messages are simple, but so profound and complete. Our church people were inspired, our lost who heard him were convicted, and the ceiling on Baptist stock was raised in Sparkman because of our Secretary's presence here.

Had we had no preaching our people would have been well paid to have come to the services to have heard and seen Bro. Grafton bring the messages in song.

The pastor received the greatest benefits from the associations with these men. Especially was it inspiring to accompany them to an unsaved, or an unaffiliated, or an afflicted soul, and hear them bring messages of conviction, salvation or comfort, and then join in the prayers they offered in the home, on the street, in the car, or on the roadside. We thank God for their presence with us.

"It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; Nor for princes to say, Where is strong drink?"

Revival Fires Flame In Black River Area

By H. D. PALMER
Missionary, Black River Association

We have now five meetings going on: Diaz Church with Pastor S. A. Wiles, West Batesville Church, assisting Pastor F. F. Weaver; Tuckerman, Ray Rhyne, pastor, with Rev. Johnson of Florida doing the preaching and Bro. Adams leading the singing; New Hope, Rev. Temple of Texas doing the preaching; Old Walnut Ridge with Pastor G. W. McGhehey doing the preaching; and Ravenden with the missionary assisting Pastor C. L. Davis.

Churches reporting fine revival meetings are Hoxie, Smithville, Clear Springs, Jacksonport, Pilgrim's Home, and Horse Shoe. Churches to begin revivals in the near future are Swifton, Clover Bend, Sedgwick, Amagon, Hardy, and Black Rock. Walnut Ridge and Newport will hold their revivals in the fall. Some mission revivals will be held in school houses.

It is our purpose that every church in the association hold a revival and it looks now that all will do so. Our harvest is great and responsibility is being felt throughout the association. Certainly we now have a high revival spirit among the churches.

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Figures to Inspire

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Church	Addns.	S.S.	T.U.
Benton, First	1	474	101
New Liberty	---	142	100
Conway, First	---	297	76
Cullendale, First	---	280	116
Dyess, Central	---	135	102
El Dorado, First	2	674	175
Fordyce	2	316	134
Fort Smith Churches:			
First	3	886	332
Immanuel	2	501	141
Hamburg, First	---	255	125
Hot Springs Churches:			
Central	---	412	120
Park Place	7	471	150
Second	---	425	107
Including Mission	---	489	---
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	6	386	86
South Highland	---	202	62
Magnolia, Central	3	400	95
Mena, First	19	283	53
Monticello Churches:			
North Side	---	58	---
Second	---	122	38
Mt. Ida	1	126	94
Norphlet, First	---	188	93
North Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	---	460	90
Including Mission	---	494	107
Ozark	---	175	54
Including Mission	---	220	---
Paris, First	---	316	147
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	2	641	167
Including Mission	---	708	---
Matthews Memorial	1	117	99
South Side	18	375	102
Including Mission	---	500	---
White Sulphur	---	---	---
Springs	---	70	84
Rogers, First	2	287	112
Springdale, First	1	281	113
Including Mission	---	366	---
Stuttgart, First	---	267	112
Warren, Second	---	84	55
West Memphis, First	3	375	163

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A Pastor's Clear Testimony

By R. C. BRINKLEY, Pastor
Immanuel Church, El Dorado

Brother Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary, recently spoke to the Brotherhood of the Immanuel Baptist Church, and at that time he asked me to write a few words about the value of the Brotherhood to our church. Hence this article.

Let me begin by saying that through the years I have had a peculiar burden for men, and though I dearly love every one in the flock God has placed me with as an Under-Shepherd, my heart has constantly yearned over the men in my community.

There are three vital things that must be done in order to have a live Brotherhood organization among the men, and these three factors have aided materially in our church as the officers of our Brotherhood have led in a community-wide program.


The first that I would mention is, **Inform the men!** Too many men in the world have the idea that Church work is for women and children only, but I find in a study of God's Word that Jesus was a man. He was born as a man, lived like a man, died as a man, and yet He was both Man and God. And this union of the flesh with God was to make it possible for men to be like Him. Moreover, all the Apostles were men; in fact nearly all of the workers during those infant days of Christianity were men, with the exception of a few great women. So men must be informed today in our churches, if we are to carry on gloriously for Christ tomorrow.

Next, **Warm the hearts of the men!** If you want your own heart warmed for Jesus, get a group of men together in prayer; then go out two by two into the homes to win men. I have had some of our men call me to meet them in my office at midnight, so that they could bring an unsaved man from the job as they came off the night shift, in order to win a soul. It would be impossible for me to evaluate the personal work of our men; but to see the evangelistic fires burning in the hearts of his men is the greatest experience that can come to a pastor in his work.

The Brotherhood of the Immanuel Baptist Church sponsored the most successful revival ever held here during my ministry. Of the nearly 200 additions to the church during my pastorate here, 90 per cent have been adults. During a Sunday night baptismal service six out of the seven people baptized were men. Give men a taste of warm-hearted fellowship in soul-winning, and the church will be made over in a day!

And then, **Challenge the capacities of the men!** Men not only need information and warm hearts, but they need to be chal-

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NELSON F. TULL
Secretary
212 Radio Center
Little Rock

lenged. Show them that the business of the church is big business! God wants to use men today; and many of our men are beginning to realize the importance of their place in the church.

"Leave it to the minister,
And soon the church will die;
Leave it to the women folks
The young will pass it by.
For the church is all that lifts us,
From the coarse and selfish mob,
And the church that is to prosper,
Needs the laymen on the job!"

I take off my hat to the men of our church; and I thank God constantly that I have a group of men "whose hearts God has touched."

In submitting the above article for publication in the Brotherhood column, Brother Brinkley gave us the information that the gifts of his church towards the Relief and Rehabilitation Offering amounted to \$419.36. Their quota was \$309.00. Another great church has exceeded its quota in a worthy cause!

CIVILIANS AGAIN

The following chaplains from the Southwest have been discharged from military service and are available for pastorates, according to the Department of Camp Work of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Complete information may be obtained from the paper office:

- Albert M. Brown, 5255 Ridgedale, Dallas, Tex.
- Charles H. Richmond, Rt. 5, Box 29, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- James S. Timberlake, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Tex.
- Raymond Othal Feather, 3908 Becker Street, Austin, Tex.
- Floyd S. Sampson, 419 N. Milan St., Sequin, Tex.
- Sederick C. Potts, 521 W. Kentucky St., Floydada, Tex.
- Charles E. Blackmon, Zimmerman, La.
- R. T. Barton, Girard, Tex.
- Clarence L. Hopkins, 115 W. 5th St., Stroud, Okla.
- Harvey D. Lewis, Florence, Tex.

Men Are Put to Work Winning Souls in Star City Revival Led by Dr. Arthur Fox

The men of First Church, Star City, directed by Nelson Tull, state Brotherhood secretary, did much of the work in an evangelistic campaign which resulted in 45 additions to the church, 34 of which were for baptism. The men visited every home in Star City inviting people to church. Then a second visit was made to homes where there were unsaved people.

Six people were saved in one home—the mother, three daughters, and two sons. Two men were trying to find the home of an unsaved young woman to whom they might witness for Christ and by chance came to another home where there were two lost boys whom they led to Christ.

Dr. Arthur Fox, Morristown, Tenn., was the evangelist and Wel-

don Grafton, Russellville, was song director.

Pastor Luther Dorsey reports "We deeply appreciate Bro. Fox and the work he is doing. If men of our Baptist churches follow him in witnessing for Christ we can take Arkansas for our Saviour. Dr. Fox is a powerful Bible preacher and a tireless worker. He devotes much of his time to personal soul-winning. He has been a pastor for many years. Fox understands the pastor's problems and is able to help the church in many ways."

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The choir for the broadcast will be composed of singers and choir masters from all over the South who will be holding a music conference at Ridgecrest.

Dr. Harold W. Tribble will speak from Ridgecrest on the subject, "Answering Christ's Prayer—Sanctification," his last in a series of four messages on the general theme, "A Faith for Every Man."

The Baptist Hour is heard in Arkansas over radio stations KTHS, Hot Springs, 4:30 p. m. Saturday, and over KUOA, Siloam Springs, 7:30—Sunday morning. Also over WREC, Memphis, 8:30 a. m.; and WSM, Nashville, 7:30 a. m.

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Religious Education

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way of life and to service in His kingdom.

An attractive folder on "Inter-mediate Emphasis Week," containing suggestions for preparation, the schedule for the week, other features, and the follow-up may be had by writing your State Sunday School Secretary.

Arkansas Among Highest

In a report received from the Sunday School Board showing the leading churches earning study course awards issued from October 1, 1945, to June 1, 1946, First Church, Fort Smith, ranks 23rd among the churches with a total of 196 awards. Arkansas ranks 12th among the states, with a total of 5,672 awards, and is listed eighth among the states in order of ratio of awards to total church membership, the percentage being 1:32 per cent per member.

Twenty-Three Conversions In Buckner Association

Another very successful week has been experienced by the Summer Field Workers. Buckner Association was the field of operation during the week of August 3-10. Two hundred seventy-eight were present at the rally which was held at First Church, Waldron. During the week, 668 were enrolled in the meetings with an average attendance of 494. Seventeen unions were organized, 23 conversions reported, and 133 re-dedications were made.

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Safeguard to Purity Rests In Obedience to God's Word

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

"My strength is as the strength of ten, because my heart is pure," said Tennyson in his poem, "Sir Galahad." If this be true, then he who lacks purity in heart and life lacks the strength of character necessary for meeting successfully the issues of life.

In the lesson before us we have an opportunity to consider the necessity for purity in heart and life both from the standpoint of the Old Testament teaching and the teaching of Jesus.

The Seventh Commandment

"Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Ex. 20:14). The word "adultery" as used in the Scripture "designates sexual intercourse of a man, whether married or unmarried, with a married woman" (International Standard Bible Encyclopedia).

There is no point in the realm of man's moral life at which the Scripture speaks more pointedly and incisively and unmistakably than with reference to the matter of adultery. In the olden days the penalty in the ranks of Israel was death for both guilty parties: "And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death" (Lev. 20:10). Here the manner of death is not particularized; though, according to the rabbi, it was strangulation.

In the days of Jesus, however, apparently the manner of death was interpreted to mean stoning ("Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such"—John 8:5—in speaking of the woman taken in adultery.)

In Deuteronomy 22:23f the law specifically states that both the woman and her paramour be stoned to death, that is, where the woman is married (v. 22) or unmarried (v. 23).

In Ezekial 16:40 stoning is again mentioned as the penalty of the adulteress. In Numbers 5:11-30 we have a graphic picture of the "trial by ordeal" through which a woman was forced to go when suspected of disloyalty to her husband. Adultery was regarded as a most heinous crime (Job. 31:11).

The Only Safeguard

In the passage from Proverbs (4:14-23) we are given the only safeguard for the pure life: "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and walk not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it; turn from it, and pass on; for they sleep not, except they do evil; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the bread of violence. But the path of the righteous is as the

Sunday School Lesson For August 25

Exodus 20:14; Proverbs 4:14-23;
Matthew 5:8; Philippians 4:8

dawning light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble. My son, attend to my word; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thy heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

The way to avoid impurity is to stay out of the paths that lead to wrongdoing. One is not even to "enter" the path much less "walk" in the way of evil men. Notice how in verse 15 we are enjoined to "avoid it" and not even "pass by it." We are rather "to turn from it" and pass on.

Here is where the rub comes in life. So many individuals fall to shun the presence of evil. The wise man does not flirt with sin nor condone the presence of sin nor deal with the trappings of sin.

Basically, of course, the safeguard to purity lies in obedience to God's Holy Word. If we incline our ear unto His sayings and keep them ever before our eyes and in the midst of our heart, they become as life unto us and as health unto our bodies. The real issues of life stem from the heart, from the mind, and from the soul. "For as he thinketh within himself, so is he" (Prov. 23:7).

How to See God

In the Beatitudes (Matt. 5:8) Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." The word rendered "blessed" signifies, in the original, happiness; that is to say, those who are pure in heart will have an inner quality of happiness that is not enjoyed by others.

Jesus, in the Beatitudes, it will be recalled, is discussing the characteristics of the citizens of the messianic reign. They are to be different from other people. For instance, they are to be merciful. They are to hunger and thirst after righteousness. They are to be meek. They are to be peacemakers. But they are also to be pure in heart. The word "pure" in the original means "clean, . . . unstained, either literally or ceremonially, or spiritually" (Souter).

Jesus placed a premium upon purity. It was to Him the foundation of character, the basis for

all upright relations in life. His followers, above all things, must be pure in heart and free from defilement.

God is represented in the Scriptures as being holy. Whatever else God is we know that He is just that—holy. He wants His children to be no less, and no person can understand the meaning of God for the world so long as His own heart is filled with impurity. To get to see God, one must first get a clean heart.

Our Thoughts

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The apostle Paul was student enough of human nature to realize the importance of thought in relation to conduct. That is why he enjoins his Philippian friends to think on beautiful things.

If we are to see the best in life, we think the best in life. The thoughts that are highest are God's thoughts, just as the highest ways are His ways. There is so much of the crass and uncomely in every area of life that one needs constantly to be on guard against impure thoughts and against fellowship with those things which make for impure living.

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Sexy Movie Ads Are Deplored

We feel a growing sense of disgust over the "suggestive" and "sexy" movie advertisements appearing in newspapers. Our readers know full well to what we refer. We need not draw attention to any particular case. Almost all newspapers are guilty of accepting advertising copy which is below any well-accepted standard of public decency.

It seems that those who write movie advertisements must believe

Baptist Youth Map Program

Representatives of the Baptist Training Union from 20 Southern states mapped the BTU promotional program for next year during an assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C.

The program has a two-fold aim: "to deepen the appreciation of God's word and strengthen loyalty to its teachings, and to provide the development of a Bible-centered church training program in every Baptist church."

Six goals for the year were adopted as follows: "2,000 additional churches with Training Union work; 200,000 increase in Training Union enrolment; a functioning associational organization in every association; 2,000,000 daily Bible readers enlisted by the unions; 350,000 study course awards; and a goal for attendance at simultaneous association meetings Dec. 8, 1947, of 125,000.

The annual Training Union calendar of activities, including themes, aims, scriptures, activities and meetings for each month during 1947 were discussed and planned.

that all the public are morons. They address their appeal to the lowest elements in human nature without regard to the proprieties or the sensibilities of decent people. We would like to see committees in communities appointed to study this nuisance and to bring pressure to bear upon local newspapers to change the character of this form of advertising.

The Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc. claim that their industry seeks to "maintain its high moral standards in films." At present, this is mere lip service, if the advertising pages of local newspapers are to be considered. This is a matter of interest to the churches. When religion ceases to be concerned with public morals, it ceases to be good religion.

—Watchman-Examiner

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The Pughs and the Orphanage

It has been many, many years since we read the announcement in the Baptist Advance that Mr. and Mrs. Pugh had been elected as superintendents of the Orphanage. Not many of us knew them at that time but they were soon known throughout the state as they traveled about in the interest of our Orphanage and orphan children.

When the Pughs went to the Orphanage we didn't have much down there. This is no reflection on any one else except all the Baptists of Arkansas. The buildings were old and delapidated, and were fire traps. The equipment was altogether inadequate, and consequently the children could not be properly cared for.

The Pughs were not satisfied with the facilities. They set to work to recondition everything, including the children. Today we have three splendid buildings practically fire proof, and one out-building. For the number of children we have these buildings are thoroughly commodious and adequate. Some repairs are now needed in the dormitories. There is no debt on the Orphanage, not even a deficit in running expenses. During this time many children have been cared for. Some have been developed not only into splendid manhood and womanhood, but also some have become leaders.

The names of Mr. and Mrs. Pugh have become synonymous with filial love. They have loved the unfortunate children, and out of this love has grown a care and concern for them that has been marked with self denial and sacrifice on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Pugh. These good people are not as young as they once were; and although they are still very active,—they cannot travel day and night as much as they once did, and suffer the hardships connected with travel and still remain physically able to bear the heavy responsibility at the Home.

We appreciate this fine couple for what they have meant to the Baptists of this state. The hearts of Arkansas Baptists are warm in their affections for Mr. and Mrs. Pugh. It is difficult in these days to obtain satisfactory help for any task. It is much more difficult to find persons qualified and adapted by nature and by grace to love, and care for, and minister to orphan children. The superintendents of the Home have had many headaches because of this problem, but they are fighting the battles with courage and strength.

It occurs to some of us that if a suitable couple could be employed as assistants they might be trained in this work, and someday, when Mr. and Mrs. Pugh feel unable to carry on, (this may be a long time off or a short time off, we do not presume to know), this new couple could take charge and go forward. But such a couple is hard to locate. This is the business of the Orphanage Board, and this fine Board, headed by Pastor Paul Aiken

of Warren, is abundantly able to maintain a high standard of operation for the Home.

While we are saying a few words about this matter we would add that if the Pughs anytime in the future decide to retire from active service, some of us hope that the Baptists of Arkansas will build a cottage on the property in which this couple may spend their future days, if they want to live there.

Missionary Johnston Working Hard

H. W. Johnston is the missionary in Current River and Gainesville Associations. He is not only "on the beam" but he is on the beam hard. In addition to his busy summer, he has helped to arrange meetings in every nook and corner of the territory. He had eight special meetings planned for mission points in the associations. He is also pushing the Relief and Rehabilitation offering in his territory. Some of the churches are going far, far beyond what they were asked to give.

The Widows Supplemental Plan

We have not obtained a sufficient number of applications to make the Widows Supplemental Retirement Plan operative in Arkansas. We have been chagrined, but we find that other states, with the exception of two or three, have met the same surprise.

A conference was held last week to determine if a concession can be made, and the Plan set up in Arkansas. As soon as we hear from this conference we will inform the brethren who have made application, and if the Plan cannot start in Arkansas this year we will return the checks that you have sent to us in payment of dues in the Plan.

Grannis Gives \$92.00

Pastor M. L. Wallis of Grannis is happy! The Grannis Church made its offering for Relief and Rehabilitation. They gave more than they were asked to give. The report is that they will send us \$92 for this cause.

Charles Wilkins and Newport

The brotherhood will be interested to know that the Baptists in Newport are pushing to complete one of the finest and best church buildings in that section of Arkansas. Pastor Wilkins and his leaders laid well the foundation for this splendid building. We mean they had gotten together the necessary priority and materials far ahead of the time on which they would actually need them. Except for labor, there has been little delay since the building started. In passing through Newport, stop and see it. It will inspire you. Pastor Wilkins may be quiet in his leadership but he is one of the most persistent men in the state.

"TRY, TRY AGAIN"

Pastor Keith Babb of the Second Church in Warren did it differently.

He was disappointed at the first offering for Relief and Rehabilitation. Then after preaching on the subject he asked the people to entertain an unseemly guest at each meal for a week. Then he made another appeal and asked the people to bring their offering and lay it on the open Bible.

They did not give only their quota, they went far, far beyond it. A check comes for more than \$177.

Keith Babb will do the thing one way if he cannot do it another way. It reminds us of the old poem in McGuffey's reader. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Rev. O. L. Smith Available

Rev. O. L. Smith of Berryville is one of our great preachers. He is well informed and consecrated man. He has resigned the pastorate at Bear Creek Springs. He is available for evangelistic work, etc. Our churches would do well to use him.

M. E. Wiles Into The Pastorate

One of the greatest missionaries that we have ever had in Arkansas is leaving the pastorate to enter the pastorate. We mean to Missionary Wiles of Mississippi County. Wiles is an intrepid, zealous leader who preaches with the power of the Holy Spirit. The mission cause will suffer greatly, but Wiles is missionary at heart and his work in the pastorate will be shot through with new strength.

Hampton Saints are Building

First Church, Hampton, under the leadership of Rev. C. A. Maule, Jr., is entering the last stage of the construction of its new church building. These Baptists are pushing forward with zeal and prayer and hope and determination. They have a great spirit. They are following the leadership of their aggressive pastor. They mean to put the Baptist Church on the map.

H. D. Palmer Busy, Too

Revivals have been conducted in Hampton, Jacksonport, Clover Bend, Clear Spring, Smithville, Sedgwick, Pilgrims Home, and Diaz, says Associational Missionary H. D. Palmer. He has also secured the chapel at Newport Air Field and has a Sunday School organized and going well. The Sunday School Annex at Jacksonport will soon be ready for occupancy.