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Church Named Successful Washington, D. C., Wife of Rev. A. C.
In memory of Youth Revival 150th Anniversary

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EVERY FAMILY IN EVERY CHURCH IS OUR GOAL

YOUR OWN DENOMINATIONAL PAPER

The Arkansas Baptist Needs 5,000 New Subscribers to Reach Our Goal
of 45,000 by May, 1953

Caesar's Tax Madness

By V. ORVAL WATTS

Have you ever stopped to think about what present tax rates would have done to Henry Ford Sr., if they had been in effect while he was building his great industry?

He started with some \$28,000 in a little shed, with few helpers, making three or four cars a year. In less than 20 years he had built this little business into a giant industry, employing thousands of workers, turning out a million cars a year, and worth an estimated billion dollars.

In order to do this, he had to make (and re-invest) profits on his investment at an average rate of nearly 70 per cent a year, compounded annually.

Now suppose that tax rates, such as businessmen pay today, had applied to Ford during those 20 years of rapid growth. They would have taken more than half of his profits. In fact, as he reached a relatively modest level of income, they would have taken up to 90 per cent, or more.

But let us assume that the so-called "excess profits" tax did not apply and that the government did not force him to pay out dividends to be taxed again as personal income. Let us assume that only the ordinary tax on corporation profits applied, taking only half of the Ford profits and cutting his rate of growth from 70 per cent a year to 35 per cent.

How Taxes Stop Growth

If you take the trouble to figure this out, you may be surprised by the result. An average rate of 35 per cent compounded annually would have yielded in 20 years about \$10,000,000, or about 1 per cent (1/100th) as much as the 70 per cent rate.

Now of course 35 per cent is a high rate of profits. You may say that anyone who can accumulate at that rate need have no worries or complaint. In 20 years he could retire with a sizeable fortune. "I wish I could do even half as well myself," would be the usual comment.

But this is looking at wealth merely as a means of the owner's own enjoyment or security.

If one looks at it from the standpoint of what an enterprise may do for other persons—for example, for the customers—anything which cuts away 99 per cent of the potential growth of an industry is a disastrous policy. Instead of producing 1,000,000 cars a year, doing much to put America on wheels, Ford could have produced at most perhaps 10,000 cars a year. This would have meant that the automobile would still be what it was when Ford began making them in his first little shop—merely a rich man's toy.

Taxes Reduce Government Revenues

But this isn't all. When it came to the national emergency of a great war, the United States would have had only 1 per cent as many of the army trucks, tanks, and planes that the Ford industries turned out. And the government would have been able to collect only 1 per cent as much in taxes from the Ford income.

In fact, a 50 per cent income tax applied just ONCE at any point in the 20 years of growth would have yielded more taxes than the total revenues which the government could have gotten by levying a 50 per cent tax EVERY YEAR up to that point.

This demonstration of the suicidal folly

of present taxes on business profits is one which anyone can make for himself if he knows how to calculate percentages and figure compounded interest.

All of the great industries of the United States were built in the same way mainly out of re-invested profits. And a very large part of them were built in the same 20 or 30 years during which the Ford industries were growing so rapidly. Had present tax rates been in effect 50 years ago, America today would be little further ahead industrially than she was then.



Our average level of living would be no higher than that of present-day England, France, or Germany. Our total production would be no more than half of what it is today.

Poverty No Guarantee of Wisdom

The ascetic, or the one who doubts the wisdom of the recent military adventures of the United States, may argue that we would have been better off without such industrial power and such high incomes as we have enjoyed.

The trouble with this argument is that higher taxes, less industrial power, and lower incomes would not necessarily have given us greater wisdom.

At least, high taxes, less industry, and lower incomes did not bring greater wisdom to the governments or people of England, France, or Germany.

On the contrary, the evidence indicates that more taxes and more government spending 50 years ago would have meant here, as elsewhere, more of the twin evils most Americans can see more plainly in foreign lands than in their own: Stateism and militaristic imperialism that drain off the savings necessary for economic progress and that destroy the morale and morality necessary for individual freedom and national survival.

—Christian Economics

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Face the Facts

We are prone to forget that God is in charge of his own, that he is the God of the impossible. Forgetting; we move along with unnecessary misgiving toward the goal of our desire, the objective of our love. Are we to yield to our fears? No, we are to march right on and up to the very difficulty itself. When we go as far as we can, God will do the rest.

—E. D. Head

The Christian Inheritance

A Devotion by the Editor

"Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

I wish I had a million dollars! Don't you? Did you ever hear anyone express that wish? Did you ever indulge in the pastime of imagining what you would do with a million dollars? Such imaginings never contemplate earning a vast fortune; it is doubtful if one can earn a million dollars. The whole vision is contemplated on the assumption of some fortuitous circumstance by which one comes into possession of so vast a sum by inheritance.

But each one of us may have a richer heritage by far than is represented by a million dollars, or any other sum you may imagine; and he who counts his wealth only in terms of material possessions is the poorest of the poor.

There was once a great man who took a poor believer and said, "Do you look over there to those hills?" "Yes, Sir." "Well, all that is mine, that farm yonder, and beyond that over there—it is all mine." "Ah," said the other—"look at yonder little cottage, that is where I live, and even that is not mine, for I have to hire it, and yet I am richer than you, for I can point up yonder and say, 'There lies my inheritance, in heaven's unmeasured space, and let you look as far as ever you can, you cannot see the limit of my heritage, nor find out where it ends nor where it begins.'"

D. L. Moody tells of once being the guest of a man on the Pacific Coast who had a large vineyard and a large orchard. One day this man said to his guest, "Moody, while you are my guest, I want you to make yourself perfectly happy, and if there is anything in the orchard or in the vineyard you would like, help yourself." And Mr. Moody says, "When I wanted an orange, I did not go to the orange tree and pray the oranges to fall into my pocket, but I walked up to a tree, reached out my hand, and took the oranges. He said 'Take,' and I took. God says 'Take,' and you do it." God says, "There is my Son," "the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life." Which will you take?

"And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and knelt to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Mark 10:17.

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From The Editor's Desk

Dr. Newton Disagrees with Dr. McCall

In the September 11 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* we published an article by Dr. Duke McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky, under the heading, *Baptists Need a Commission on the Church*. Dr. McCall suggested that "the Southern Baptist Convention should appoint a commission of its best theologians to prepare a statement on the doctrine of the church in the light of the thinking of our day."

Since we published this article by Dr. McCall we shall not repeat more of it here, except to state that Dr. McCall invites those who may disagree with his suggestions to offer suggestions of their own.

In today's issue we are publishing a reply and a suggestion from Dr. Louie D. Newton. We suggest that you turn to page nine and read Dr. Newton's reply, in which he says in part, "Let Dr. McCall and others everywhere state our distinctive doctrines."

We are inclined to agree with Dr. Newton that the appointment of a commission by the Southern Baptist Convention to prepare a statement on the church would create more problems within our Southern Baptist fellowship than it would solve. We do not believe it to be the function of the Southern Baptist Convention to enter the field of theological debate to the point of appointing commissions to prepare theological statements or to investigate the churches to determine whether or not these churches are orthodox. From observation and experience it seems obvious that such actions on the part of the Convention lead only to confusion, frustration,

and division.

Instead of the Convention appointing a commission to prepare a statement on the doctrine of the church, we would suggest that a theologian in one of our seminaries prepare such a statement. In fact, theologians from two, three, or all five of our seminaries might voluntarily undertake this responsibility without any Convention authorization. We would not presume to suggest how these theologians might work together on a co-operative basis, but it would seem possible for them to work out the details of such a co-operative effort.

We agree with Dr. Newton that our pastors and denominational workers preach and teach the doctrine of the church and that this doctrine is fairly well established among our Baptist people.

Of course, the problem of indoctrinating our people is a continuing problem. The membership of our Baptist churches is increasing constantly and in ever greater numbers. That places the special responsibility upon our pastors and deacons and Sunday School teachers, and denominational workers, to do our very best to indoctrinate these new members as rapidly as possible.

We can understand that we will face a problem in the future if our new members are not indoctrinated and do not understand the Baptist position concerning the church. There are already a number of books which are valuable for teaching the doctrine of the church to classes and groups within the church membership. There is room, however, for still other books as they may be produced in the future.

Liberty Leading Catholics Astray Archbishop Condemns Liberty

A report from Madrid, Spain, by Religious News Service says in part, "Freedom of religion, thought, learning, and the press were condemned by Pedro Cardinal Segura y Saenz, Archbishop of Seville, in a pastoral instruction published in the official bulletin of his archdiocese."

The release further states that the Cardinal said that "aspirations toward liberty" had led astray even those priding themselves on being good Catholics. The cardinal is further quoted as saying that the freedoms were "liberties of perdition, whose origin is a poisoned fount giving birth to the great evils of the world."

Cardinal Segura has been outspoken against the very limited tolerance of Franco's regime toward Protestants in Spain. Several Catholic papers of the United States have taken issue with the Cardinal on his anti-Protestant stand.

It is a violation of the spirit of Christianity for a body of people calling themselves Christian or a Christian church to deny religious liberty to its constituents and condemn religious freedom to those who may disagree with it. God has left men free to

choose between Him and Satan. For the Catholic Church to presume to exercise the right to deny this liberty of choice is the very quintessence of blasphemy.

It is not surprising that freedom of religion, thought, learning, and the press would lead many Catholics to question the totalitarianism of their church. Whenever the human spirit has tasted the fruits of true liberty it has rebelled against restrictions and regimentation imposed by dictatorial powers, whether those powers are political or are paraded in the name of religion. The competency of the soul before God is the great revelation that Jesus gave to the human race. The only mediator between man and God is Jesus Christ the crucified. He alone is the soul's avenue of approach to God.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Titling is not man's plan for raising money; it is God's plan for rearing His Children.

What Price Freedom?

We quote the following from an editorial by Dr. L. L. Carpenter, editor of the *Biblical Recorder* of North Carolina:

"Dr. W. W. Sweet, professor of church history in Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, stated in a recent speech that America should be proud, not ashamed, of the fact that it has some 350 denominations. The main reasons for this large number, according to Dr. Sweet, are that this country has religious freedom and that it has welcomed people and their religions from all over the world.

"This great number of denominations is the price which we pay for religious freedom and for our spirit of independence and individualism which has come down since colonial days."

On first thought we may consider that the price of our freedom comes rather high in that it has produced or allowed to be produced 350 separate and distinct Christian denominations.

The multiplicity of denominations sometimes is a cause of embarrassment and may raise serious questions in the minds of some people. In fact, there are some Christian people who so deplore the fact that there are many Christian denominations that they would sacrifice all Christian convictions in order to bring all professing Christians into one great denomination or church, as they call it. Yet we raise the question whether or not a static uniformity would be a greater price to pay in the surrender of personal freedoms and liberty. There are examples in the world today of a dead uniformity from which the vital spark of Christian experience has fled.

It is better to have a multiplicity of denominations in an environment of spiritual vitality and evangelistic fervor than to have uniformity in an environment of spiritual decadence and stagnation. We may deplore the multiplicity of denominations in the United States, but those among us who have had opportunity to observe the stale uniformity in other lands are quick to point out the difference in the vitality of the Christianity of those lands and the Christianity of our own country.

Religious liberty which we prize so highly and which we must guard diligently provides the opportunity for the rise of many denominations. The only way to correct this situation is to deny ourselves of the religious liberty which we cherish. We must keep our liberty and allow every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. As he thus worships God every man must assume the responsibility for his beliefs, his teachings, and his method of worship.

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Wealthiest People

With only 6 per cent of the world's land area, and less than 7 per cent of the world's population, America has 80 per cent of the world's gold, 72 per cent of the automobiles, 58 per cent of the telephones, 44 per cent of the radios, 37 per cent of the cotton, 62 per cent of the oil, 35 per cent of the coal and like percentages of other natural resources and manufactured commodities.

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Kingdom Progress

News From New Orleans Seminary



The B. H. DeMent Administration Building

This shows the B. H. DeMent Administration Building of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, gave the dedication address October 2 when the cornerstone for this building was sealed into place.

"This building will furnish the heart of the institution. Here Baptists will be training young ministers for the gospel of Christ everywhere," Dr. Grey said.

He commended the seminary for naming the women's residence hall for William Cary, the early Baptist missionary. "This will commemorate the fact that through this institution New Orleans is now becoming a world mission center."

Others on the program included the 100-voice seminary choral group, led by Dr. W. Plunkett Martin, Dr. J. Wash Watts,

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Dr. W. W. Hamilton and Dr. Thomas B. Sellers, all of New Orleans.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, was Founder's Day speaker at the New Orleans Seminary, October 2. Dr. Newton paid tribute to those who were responsible for the establishment, growth, and continued progress of the seminary in its ministry.

First quarter enrolments reached 635 for the 1952-53 session of the New Orleans Seminary. This compares with 638 at this time last year.

Wilbur W. Swartz will represent the New Orleans Seminary at the 1952 meeting of the Arkansas State Convention.

Television Workshop at Fort Worth, October 24

A one-day Religious Television Workshop will be held in Fort Worth, October 24. It will be jointly sponsored by the Baptist Radio Commission and Southwestern Seminary.

Included on the program are the following subjects and speakers: "Why Pastors Should Utilize Radio and Television," Dr. J. Howard Williams, Dallas, Texas; "Televizing the Church Service," Dr. James Morgan, Fort Worth; "Radio and TV Scripts," Dr. R. Alton Reed, Dallas; "Radio and TV Programs," Luther Adkins.

Other subjects will be "The Average American Television Family," and "Contacting the Local Radio and TV Station."

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Worker Available

L. T. Wallace has resigned the pastorate of Mt. Bethel Church near Arkadelphia, and is now available for supply or pastoral work. He may be contacted at 1122 Fifth Street, Arkadelphia.

Cooperative Program Continues '52 Advance

Cooperative Program gifts to Southwide causes the first nine months of 1952 totaled \$6,646,485, an increase of 13.74 per cent or \$802,722 over the same period last year. Designations were up 20.88 per cent to \$4,554,680. Totals were up 16.54 per cent to \$11,201,166. The information was released by Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

These increases compare with those for the same period in 1951 over 1950 as follows: (1) Cooperative Program—\$494,237 or 9.24 per cent (2) designations—\$732,465 or 24.13 per cent (3) total—\$1,226,703 or 14.63 per cent. This means that percentage-wise and in dollars the rate of increase to Southwide causes was greater in 1952 than in 1951.

—Baptist Press

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Pastoral Change

Ralph Nelson, student at Ouachita, is the new pastor of Canal Church, Hope Association.

Youth Revival

The Calvary Church, Rose City, North Little Rock, was led in a youth revival recently which resulted in eight additions to the church membership and a volunteer for foreign mission work.

The youth team was composed of Tommy Purnell and Rhine McMurry, alternating as preachers; Miss Betty Sue Holt and Tommy Bruce, pianists; Don Moore, song leader.

Patrick D. Sullivan is pastor of the Calvary Church.

Minister Ordained

Pat Caldwell was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Church, Coal Hill, on September 28. Pastor John Terry of the First Church, Ozark, served as moderator of the ordaining council and also conducted the examination. Clark Walter, Yeldell of the First Church, Clarksville, delivered the ordination sermon and the charge. H. K. Williams led the ordination prayer, and Pastor A. W. Upchurch of the Kibler Church presented the Bible.

Pastor Caldwell came to the Coal Hill Church from Arkadelphia following his graduation from Ouachita College.

Southside, Fort Smith, Breaks Ground For New Auditorium

Pastor Victor H. Coffman lifted the first spade full of earth in a ground breaking ceremony for the construction of a new auditorium at the Southside Church, Fort Smith, early in September.

The new structure will measure 90 by 60 feet and will seat between 800 and 1,000 people. The structure is the third unit in the overall building program of the Southside Church since 1949. The construction will include air conditioning, a public address system and a new pipe organ. Cost of the new building is estimated at \$92,000 by Troy Northum, contractor.

'Crusade For Christ' At Tillar Church

The young people of the Tillar Church have organized a Crusade for Christ program. In addition to their meetings at the church with the program of music, prayer, and testimonies, they conduct a visitation program.

Value of Trained Leadership Seen in Sao Paulo Conference

The annual Baptist pastors' conference of the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil, was almost a league of nations in its representation. The 107 pastors registered for the meeting were from the United States, Brazil, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Bulgaria, Russia, and Germany (and "Texas," said Missionary Lester C. Bell, of Texas). There were also Jewish pastors.

"This group," Missionary Bell wrote, "representing culture and spirituality, is the result of missionary endeavor in its highest form, that of trained leadership. Only the modern missionary program can harmonize these various groups into a spiritual unity."

Sessions were presided over by President Rubens Lopes, of the city of Sao Paulo. "The meetings were characterized by order and spiritual fervor," said Mr. Bell. "In fact, this group compares favorably with any similar group of Baptist pastors in the United States or anywhere else in the world."

—Foreign Mission Board

Houston Hotel Reservations Should Be Made at Once

Lack of hotel space is one of the civic growing pains with which the Southern Baptist Convention must deal when it meets next May 4-10, according to W. R. Estep, Jr., chairman of the local publicity committee for the convention.

"Houston is a boom town; its bustling port, chemical plants, and refineries have contributed to this phenomenal post-war growth. As a result of this unusual step-up in business activity and corresponding population increase, many of the facilities of Houston have failed to keep pace with the demands of a city bursting out of its pre-war seams.

"But the first-class hotels are augmented by many ultramodern motels, scattered throughout the city. Too, Houston Baptists are the most hospitable to be found anywhere. Hundreds of homes will provide comfortably for messengers who are unable to secure accommodations elsewhere."

Listed below are the recommended hotels, along with room rates and approximate distances from the Sam Houston Coliseum and Music Hall where the convention sessions will be held:

Rice, 6 blocks, \$5.00, \$12.50; Lamar, 5 blocks, \$4.50, \$12.00; Texas State, 7 blocks, \$5.50, \$12.50; Wm. Penn, 11 blocks, \$3.75, \$7; Ben Milam, 12 blocks, \$3.75, \$8.00; Cotton, 8 blocks, \$3.00, \$10.00; Sam Houston, 12 blocks, \$3.50, \$10.00; Auditorium, 4 blocks, \$2.75, \$7.00; Milby, 5 blocks, \$3.00, \$7.00; Warwick, 6 miles, \$8; Plaza, 5½ miles, \$4.50, \$10.00.

Motels—The number of excellent motels prohibits listing here. They are from two to 15 miles from the Auditorium.

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Southern Convention Meets Where in 1955?

Where will the Southern Baptist Convention meet in 1955? The Convention Arrangements Committee of the Executive Committee is supposed to have a recommendation ready for the December meeting (this year). Our task is merely to check details to see if adequate information is in hand for the Time, Place and Preacher Committee next May. The final decision is with the annual Convention, of course.

If you know of some city with an auditorium of over ten thousand and about three or four thousand hotel rooms available, let us know by December 15. The vote of the Convention specified that "cities desiring to entertain the Convention to extend such invitations by the time of the December meeting of the Executive Committee for due consideration before presentation to the Convention."

R. Lofton Hudson, Chairman
Convention Arrangements
Committee.

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Eight Arkansas Girls At Belton

Eight Arkansas girls are enrolled this year at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas. They are: Anna Epps of Rogers, sophomore; Delores Havard of Fort Smith, junior; Sarah Lee Herndon of Arkadelphia, senior; Ava Lois Cain of Ashdown, junior; Virginia Jones of Fort Smith, sophomore; Jo Anna Crouch of Fort Smith, senior; Mitzi J. Madden of Fort Smith, freshman; and Thalia Chism of Hope, sophomore.

With registration for the fall semester practically complete, the total enrolment at Mary Hardin-Baylor College is 365. Dr. A. C. Gettys, the acting president, and Mrs. W. M. Kemp, registrar, have announced.

Thousands Turned Away at Doors As Graham Campaign Closes in Pittsburgh

The Billy Graham Greater Pittsburgh Evangelistic Crusade, first united evangelistic effort for the Steel City since the Billy Sunday meetings in 1913, closed Sunday afternoon, October 5, with a "standing room only" crowd that overflowed the vast Hunt Armory. Despite a steady downpour of rain throughout the day, the Armory was completely filled nearly two hours prior to the start of the afternoon service. Extra chairs were added, and two thousand standees filled aisle and door space inside the building while additional thousands jammed the streets outside, standing in the rain for the entire service. Overflow accommodations in a near-by church attracted one thousand persons who heard Associate Evangelist Grady Wilson. Traffic was at a standstill in every direction as chartered buses from throughout Western Pennsylvania and Ohio returned to their cities without unloading their delegations. Estimates placed the number turned away at the door as near 10,000 with no estimate of those unable to get near the building. Monday's Press said "Billy had called for 34,000 people at the ball park. Almost that many tried to squeeze into the Armory. Thousands turned away."

The Crusade saw an average nightly attendance for the four weeks of 10,134 despite frequent changes in the meeting place from Forbes Field to the Armory due to inclement weather. The total recorded decisions for Christ numbered 5,988 for a nightly average response of 230 persons.

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A Million Subscribers by Houston

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

By unanimous standing vote, the messengers to the Miami Convention, 1952, pledged themselves to the proposal that we work together for one million subscribers to our State Baptist papers by the next meeting of the Convention, in Houston, 1953.

We now have approximately 900,000 subscribers to our State Baptist papers. The editors of these cherished channels of indoctrination, inspiration, and information have voluntarily set goals for increased circulation totaling more than 100,000 new subscribers by Houston, and they are working intelligently and enthusiastically to achieve their goals in every State with the hearty co-operation of the State Secretaries and all the leaders of the State and South-wide causes, plus the earnest interest and concern of the pastors.

Here we have a reasonable and compelling appeal. There will be no argument in any quarter on the question of the ministry of the State Baptist paper. Every cause, dear to the hearts of our people, is served every week by the State Baptist paper. Missions, Education, Benevolence, Evangelism, Stewardship, Enlistment—all our hopes and plans are served, week after week, through the pages of our State Baptist papers.

The plan of putting the State Baptist paper in the Church Budget is the acknowledged method of accomplishing this greatly desired end. It works.

Please join in this united effort in your Church, in your District Association, in your State Convention. And thanks for your co-operation in making possible another forward step in the life of our beloved denomination.

Extension Centers Open

Scores are enrolling in Seminary Extension Centers throughout the Southern Baptist Convention area. Successful efforts have been registered in such areas as San Antonio, Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Abbeville, South Carolina, and also in smaller communities like Murphy and North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. A Negro center has been opened in Tampa, Florida, and group centers have been started in churches in Florida and Indiana. Extension centers have been promoted cautiously in view of the fact that college centers are established in several states.

The Department offers two plans for extension. The first plan is called group study. In this plan the students study together under the leadership of a teacher but are related to the Department as correspondence students. This plan is especially adaptable to churches or study groups within the church.

The second plan is adaptable on the associational level. Under capable leadership approved teachers lead in the study and are responsible for grading. The leadership in the school must be approved by the denominational executives and must have proper academic training. This plan has the advantages of the classroom contact plus the privilege of remaining on the job while in preparation.

The Seminary Extension Centers operate to teach pastors, educational and other church workers in the various fields of education offered by the seminaries. Usually the center is operated by one or more associations under the direction of one of the pastors or the associational missionary. Classes meet weekly and at night usually (but not always), under favorable teaching conditions and with capable teachers.

The same courses which are offered by correspondence are offered through extension centers—seven Bible courses, Evangelism, Missions, Preaching, Theology (two courses), three courses in Religious Education and Church History.

Wider use of the Department is expected during its second year. Additional courses in various fields of seminary study are in process of development.

The Seminary Extension Department has seen its work grow to the extent that now the texts and study guides are translated into other languages and used by the missionaries in several countries.

Direct all correspondence to Lee Gallman, Director, Seminary Extension Department, Jackson, Mississippi.

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New Church in Texarkana

On Sunday afternoon, September 21, the North Heights Church was organized in northeast Texarkana, with a temporary location at 27th and Hickory Streets. There were 38 charter members. The church will co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention. The church organizations are fully established, Sunday School, Training Union, with full time preaching services and Wednesday night prayer service.

Jack Gullede is the pastor.

Keeling at Stamps

L. M. Keeling, Little Rock retired pastor, is serving First Church, Stamps, as supply pastor until a regular pastor may be secured.

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Christian Horizons

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By Religious News Service

Youth Court to Handle Teen-Age Traffic Violations

A Youth Traffic Court composed of 12 boys from the city's four public and two Roman Catholic high schools has been set up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to handle minor traffic violations by teen-age offenders.

The steering committee sponsoring the experiment includes school board officials, police and juvenile court officers, Junior Chamber of Commerce representatives and religious leaders.

Each of the schools elected one senior boy to serve as a court officer and another as his alternate. A rotating system of service in the top court office will assure each school fair representation.

They will sit in judgment on cases of parking violation, careless driving, speeding and running through stop lights and signs but will not handle more serious violations such as reckless or drunken driving, hit-and-run accidents or felonies.

Youth Court officers will be empowered to recommend suspension of drivers' licenses, set penalties ranging from four to 12 sessions in traffic school for youthful violators and determine whether first offenders who properly carry out their sentence may have their names stricken from court records.

Arkansas Presbyterians Ask Radio Liquor Ad Ban

The Presbyterian Synod of Arkansas went on record as favoring a ban on the advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio and television broadcasts and asked for a law to be passed by Congress.

R. D. Adams, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, where the session was held, told delegates that "church and educational groups in Arkansas, totaling more than 600,000 in memberships, have gone on printed record against all alcohol advertising over the air."

After hearing an address by Fred Ohl, Atlanta, Georgia, assistant to the director of the Division of Radio, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern), the Synod decided to embark on a series of "custom built" radio programs.

Baptists to Open Bible School in India

A Bible school to train nationals of north-east India will be opened soon in Calcutta, it was announced by the Conservative Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

Dr. and Mrs. William Cook, who have had 20 years' experience in the neighboring province of Assam, will head the institution.

The school will be temporarily located in Calcutta's William Carey Church, founded by and named for the first Baptist missionary to India.

A group of Indian and European Christian businessmen in Calcutta will serve as the school's local administration board and give it some financial support, the announcement said. Dr. and Mrs. Cook plan to convert the institution, as soon as possible, into one supported, taught and administered by Indians.

Senator Outlines Stand on Religious Freedom Issues

A letter outlining his stand on "three vital issues involving the future of religious freedom in America" was sent by Senator John W. Bricker to 7,151 Ohio ministers and prominent laymen.

He said the action was taken because he wanted Ohio church leaders to know his position on Universal Military Training, the Vatican ambassadorship, and the proposed United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

A 53-page pamphlet containing addresses, articles and editorials on these subjects by Senator Bricker was included with the letter.

Citations in the pamphlet underlined the senator's opposition to a Vatican embassy as "violating the principle of separation of Church and State," to U.M.T. as threatening to take religious instruction of America's youth from the homes and churches, and to the U. N. covenant as a vehicle which might "take the unalienable rights of man out of the spiritual realm and place them under the power of government."

Church Threat Makes Area 'Totally Dry'

The suburban Van Winkle Baptist congregation threatened to call in Governor Hugh White unless law enforcement officers cleaned out illegal liquor and vice in the neighborhood.

This threat was so effective that H. A. Milner, the pastor, announced to the congregation that Van Winkle is now "totally dry."

Previous appeals to local officials for enforcement of the state's 62-year-old prohibition law met with only token response, Mr. Milner said. Then he held up before his Sunday evening congregation three half-pints of whiskey which he said were purchased "less than three hours ago."

The 276 Baptists present unanimously resolved to petition the governor if the area was not "cleaned up" by the following Saturday night. It was.

"We are going to get members of our congregation to make purchases and report on any illegal whiskey placed on sale in this section of Jackson," Mr. Milner said. "We are not letting up, and we demand that our section remain clean of illegal liquor."

Rome Police Relax Ban On Churches of Christ

Italian authorities permitted the Rome congregation of the Churches of Christ in Italy to hold Sunday morning worship after having barred its religious gatherings for two weeks.

The American Protestant missionary group had been ordered in mid-September to close its 22 churches in Italy until such time as they were granted official government permission to operate. The order was based on laws passed in 1929 and 1930.

Relaxation of the ban followed action by the U. S. Embassy which informed the Italian government that closing of the missions was creating an unfavorable impression in the U. S.

A Smile or Two

Negro preachers are eloquent. A Negro preacher at Knoxville was asked to address a white crowd. He began by saying, "I am glad to be here because I am pleased to add a little color to the meeting."

"In what battle did General Wolfe say, 'I die happy,' when he heard that the enemy was running?"

Smart boy: "His last one."

Salesmanager: "What's this big item on your expense account?"

Salesman: "My hotel bill."

Salesmanager: "Well, don't buy any more hotels."

"Do you think a woman can ever keep a secret?"

"Sure, my wife and I decided to buy our new car several weeks before she told me about it."

In the course of a hot-tempered telephone conversation with a high-powered executive, a harried junior executive was moved to remark: "Take it easy, will you? If you're not careful you'll get ulcers."

To which the executive snarled back: "I don't get ulcers. I give them."

In a drought-ridden Texas area, two baptism-by-immersion ministers of opposing denominations were privately debating their conflicting beliefs. The one apparently in the lead, because of his fluent tongue, turned to the other and said, "If I keep this up, I'll win you over to my denomination yet."

"Yes," thoughtfully replied his friend. "And if this drought keeps up, the Methodists will have us both!"

—Quote

Nancy: "I think there's company downstairs."

Sally: "How d'ya know?"

Nancy: "I just heard Mamma laugh at one of Papa's jokes."

They call it "legal tender," That green and crackling stuff,

It's tender when you have it. But when you don't it's tough.

—Collier's

Father: "How did Jimmy do in his history examination?"

Mother: "Oh, not at all well; but then it wasn't his fault. Why they asked him things that happened before the poor boy was born."

The pastor was being entertained at dinner. Suffering from a boil on the back of his neck, he was wearing his soft collar open.

"We have to endure these things with patience," he said with a resigned air, in answer to his hostess' expression of sympathy. "I presume they are sent to try us and to educate us in suffering."

The six-year-old daughter of the house was an interested listener. "If you think you ought to suffer, Dr. Terwill," she inquired earnestly, "why don't you button your collar?"

"So your son is in college? How is he making it?"

"He isn't making it. I'm making it and he's spending it."

Sam F. Lowe Passes After Extended Illness

Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention since 1938, died at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta early Saturday morning, October 4. He had been ill for a number of months.

Dr. Lowe was a modern pioneer in the world of religion. Early convinced that radio was a gift of God for the spread of the Christian Gospel, he spent most of his life trying to sell the medium to religious leaders. At the outset he met a great deal of outspoken opposition, but he lived to see most of his detractors won over to his way of thinking.

His dream of a nationwide radio ministry has been realized among his own people. He led Southern Baptists into the field of radio back in 1938 and has devoted his full time to this work since 1944. Under his leadership the work has grown in a marvelous way, with the Baptist Hour alone now being carried by more than 320 stations every week, in 28 states and five foreign countries.

Born June 6, 1890, in Houston County, Georgia, Dr. Lowe graduated from Locust Grove Institute in 1911, received his AB degree from Mercer University in Macon in 1914. He received the Th M degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1917, did one year of resident study on a doctorate, was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Mercer University in 1940.

Following his seminary work, Dr. Lowe had five pastorates before turning all his energies to radio in 1944. He was pastor of First Church, Tennille, Georgia, 1918-20; First Church, Dawson, Georgia, 1920-24; First Church, Enterprise, Alabama, 1924-27; Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian, Mississippi, 1927-31, and Inman Park Church, At-



DR. S. F. LOWE

lanta, Georgia, 1931-44. He served as vice president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, 1935-38.

Dr. Lowe is survived by his wife, three sons—Sam F. Jr., Judge of the Fulton County (Georgia) Civil Court; Lewis C., a ministerial student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, and Bill F., store manager for Ivan Allen Marshall in Macon—a daughter, Mrs. J. Carl Hodges, of Atlanta, and six grandchildren; four brothers and one sister, Mrs. Alice Hardison, Byron, Georgia, W. W. Lowe, Atlanta, C. C. Lowe, Byron, J. H. Lowe, Birmingham, Alabama, and E. H. Lowe, Carrs Station, Georgia.

Crisis In Our Schools

By DUKE McCALL

The financial crisis facing our Baptist schools will quickly become a crisis in the Cooperative Program.

There is little question but that increasing costs and declining enrolment will soon plunge our Baptist schools into financial difficulty. The easy way out will appear to be a special financial campaign to bridge the gap between the operating expense and the operating income of these institutions.

The dilemma, however, is that of the man who faced the desire for more golden eggs out of his goose. He killed the goose that laid the golden eggs. We can do the same thing for the Cooperative Program.

To say that our schools and other institutions have already been in the field of raising money is not to analyze the present problem. Heretofore the appeal has been on the basis of the erection of a building or some other non-recurring project. The new element we face in the present appeal for special financial campaigns is that the purpose of these campaigns is a continuing one. Whenever the schools begin to depend on special appeals for their current operation, a permanent competitor is set up for the Cooperative Program.

As strongly as possible I urge Southern Baptist pastors, people, denominational officials, and school authorities, that we take care of these recurring needs of our schools through the Cooperative Program. That means we shall have to do the following:

1. Refuse to put the current expense of any institution in a church budget no mat-

ter how strong the appeal. Instead increase the proportion of the church's giving through the Cooperative Program.

2. Direct our promotional energies toward enlarging the Cooperative Program instead of into special financial solicitation.

3. Preach, teach, and practice Christian stewardship.

4. Cut the pattern and program of all our agencies to fit the cloth of the Cooperative Program or, better, enlarge the allocation of the Cooperative Program to fit the needs.

If these proposals are in any wise drastic, the alternative is even more disastrous.

The Cooperative Program is our lifeline for the future as well as the past. The colleges and seminaries must be preserved.

The decline in college enrolment will be felt in the seminaries in the next two years. There are three reasons why enrolment in the colleges is now on a decline:

1. The end of the G. I. Bill payments for students with provision for Korean veterans not yet affecting school attendance.

2. The draft.

3. The low birth rate in the early nineteen-thirties. Children born during that period are now in the colleges and seminaries.

Note that these reasons are temporary in their effect on enrolment. The schools and equipment must be maintained against the day when the draftees return and the tremendous crowd of children now in our elementary schools reach college.

Editor's Brother Claimed By Death

L. M. Duncan, brother to Editor B. H. Duncan, died of a heart attack at his home in West Kentucky, October 9.

Mr. Duncan was a farmer and a deacon in the local Baptist church. He had taken the lead in the construction of a new church building and had realized his dream in seeing the building completed.

He is survived by his widow, one son, J. L.; two daughters, Mrs. Virgil Truett and Mrs. Berry Hawkins; and his mother, Mrs. Ida Duncan, all of Kentucky; and Editor B. H. Duncan of Little Rock.

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Great Celebration Bible Translation

On Tuesday night, September 30, at least a million and a half people in churches, public halls, and outdoor areas across the U. S. gathered for community services of thanksgiving and dedication for their Christian heritage in the Word of God.

The occasion was the publication of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. More than 3,400 community services were held throughout the United States, Canada, and at military installations overseas.

"Never before in Protestant history have so many people gathered together in local inter-church observances at one time and for a single purpose," said H. Leroy Bringer, director of the National Bible Observance office of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

On the basis of the first telegraphed reports to the Bible Observance office in Chicago, it was estimated conservatively that a total of 1,500,000 persons from nearly 50,000 churches attended the services.

Attendance, according to early reports, ranged from 20 at Central Bridge, N. Y., to 16,000 at a mass service at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh, Pa., sponsored by the local council of churches in conjunction with the Billy Graham crusade.

At the national observance the night before, in the mammoth National Guard Armory in Washington, D. C., 8,000 people, including U. S. officials, leaders of 45 Protestant and Orthodox communions and members of the international diplomatic corps, attended ceremonies at which the Revised Standard Version was used for the first time in public worship.

At the service, which was termed "the most historic inter-church event" in the annals of Protestantism in Washington, the second copy of the new version was presented to the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

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ARE YOU MERELY RESPECTABLE?

The New Testament never makes the mistake of confusing Christianity with mere respectability. Measuring up to human standards of goodness is one thing. Being Christian is quite another thing. Jesus set himself in sharp opposition to the moral standards of the society in which he lived. Rightness of heart to him meant something utterly different from the cold, dispassionate, legal, and outward formality of the Pharisees. Righteousness with Jesus was inward. He spoke of a new kind of sinner, not the one who sinned by doing wrong but the passive sinner, the one who sinned by not doing good.

—W. Boyd Hunt

United Nations Day—October 24

By TRYGVE LIE

A Message from the Secretary-General

Seven years ago this October 24, most of the world's peoples, through their governments, launched the greatest effort in history to work together for lasting peace and for the economic and social advancement of all peoples.

Today it is only too clear that we are still far from achieving these ends. We live amid bitter ideological differences, massive conflicts of power, localized fighting and the danger of a world war which may wipe out civilization.

This is a situation which we must face squarely, but we must also note what we have attempted and achieved. If we do, as in the outline which appears in the following lines, we see major failures and setbacks, but also persistent effort. We see good beginnings and some achievement in almost every field: Collective security, peaceful settlement, economic, social, cultural and humanitarian work, the progress of dependent peoples and the building of a world system of law.

However, these are only the first steps toward goals never before reached. Faith and work for many years is needed to eradicate the age-old evils of war, poverty and inequality. This perspective we must always bear in mind.

There is another basic fact we must re-

member. The United Nations is not something apart from peoples and governments, something which, of itself, will realize our wishes. We the peoples of the world and our respective governments are the United Nations. The organization is the instrument of our will and our intelligence.

For the immediate future, we must make the fullest use of this world instrument on three main tasks. We must build up collective strength to discourage or suppress acts of armed aggression. We must exploit every means for peaceful settlement of conflicts between powers great or small. We must redouble our efforts to help the majority of humanity still living in wretched poverty to achieve decent standards of living.

On these tasks, we must concentrate. But the purposes of the United Nations, all of them, are necessary and practical; the felt needs of humanity, not visionary ideals. Let us therefore cherish every success of international co-operation which strengthens the United Nations.

For today, amid conflicts and fear of war, we need the United Nations more than ever. Let us give it every possible support, not only on United Nations Day but in the days and years to come. If we do, we can in our lifetime build firmly for a world order of universal peace and lasting security.

A Working Faith

CHAPLAIN W. W. HAMILTON,

Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana

The Book of James tells us "How Faith Works" in times of testing, in the habits of life, in producing principles of conduct, in attitudes of heart, and in bringing the blessings of reward. It has been said that Abel's faith was a worshipping faith, that Enoch's was a walking faith, that Abraham's was a waiting faith, and Noah's was a working faith. Hebrews tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God, and then says that Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house, by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Addison declared that "The person who has a firm trust in the Supreme Being is powerful in his power, wise in his wisdom, happy in his happiness." Theodore Cuyler said that "God does not give us ready money. He issues promissory notes, and then pays them when faith presents them at the throne. Each one of us has a check book." Those who are saved through the engrafted Word should, by divine help, be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Otherwise they are deluding themselves.

Noah's faith was in response to a divine warning. The true believer is justified fundamentally of God; he is justified meritoriously through Christ; he is justified substitutionally by the blood of Calvary; he is justified instrumentally through the Holy Spirit; and he is justified evidentially by works. That is the faith James tells us about, when he says we are justified by works. It is not our talking, but our working, which proclaims our faith. It is the good tree which produces the good fruit.

Noah's faith came when he was moved with fear. He who knows no fear does not know reality. And subjects him and

others to ills from which faith would deliver. A working faith led to the deliverance of himself and his family. Delay, even long delay did not disturb his faith in God.

Unbelievers and scorners, who mocked and doubted, could not cripple Noah's faith. On the contrary he condemned them, and saw them convinced when fulfillment came. His faith was not shaken by appearances, and by what seemed to others unreasonable and impossible. Faith works in the testing times and in the trials which come to us. Cane juice to be purified is placed in a kettle and is tried by fire. As the fire burns the impurities in the juice come to the top, and are skimmed off. The fire is continued until the process of purification has been completed. So should our trials bring us more and more to be like Christ. Abraham was justified by faith in the eyes of God, and proved his faith by his works. The kind of faith which leaves out obedience from love may be a profession but not a possession.

"Oh for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe.
That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain
Will lean upon its God."

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Baptist Relief Work Praised by Koreans

Southern Baptists have received a citation from the Korean Government for relief work done among wounded Korean soldiers. The message of appreciation, signed by Ki Poong Lee, minister of defense of the Republic of Korea, said:

"I have the pleasure of commending the outstanding service rendered the Republic of Korea Armed Forces by the Southern Baptist Relief Committee through its relief works extended to the wounded Korean soldiers since the outbreak of hostilities in Korea on June 25, 1950.

"My profound appreciation is due to the Southern Baptist Relief Committee, especially when it made a donation of \$1,000 to be used for the relief works of the wounded soldiers, their families, and the families of those soldiers who were killed on the battlefield, as a token of love and concern shown by over 7,000,000 Southern Baptists in the United States of America."

The Korean Baptist Relief Committee occasionally makes special allocations to groups or organizations that are overlooked by regular relief agencies. One of these groups is wounded Korean soldiers.

Missionary John A. Abernathy wrote: "There are more than 10 hospitals in and near Pusan filled with men who were wounded fighting for freedom in Korea and the rest of the world. I was told by a general in the Veterans' Department that there are more than 54,000 amputees, blind, and in other ways disabled for life. Many have wives and children. Also many of the thousands killed at the front left wives and children. The Korean Government is unable financially to help in any adequate way these unfortunate people."

The Southern Baptist Relief Committee has appropriated about \$100,000 for relief work in Korea and many individuals and churches have sent bundles of clothing to be distributed by the three missionaries there. Others have sent money through the Foreign Mission Board for use by the missionaries wherever the need is greatest.

Tousands of dollars have been used in general relief for people who have no food, medicine, clothes, or home; for student relief; and for rebuilding churches and homes.

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"We are here to save the souls of dying sinners. We are here for no other purpose. And, the mission of a church being so clear, this is the only test of a real church."

LISTEN TO THE

BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: October 19

SPEAKER: Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT: "The Art of Seeing God"

ARKANSAS STATIONS

KHOZ, Harrison, 8:15 a. m.

KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.

KENA, Mena, 2 p. m.

KDES, Paragould, 10 a. m.

KOSE, Osceola, 5:30 p. m.

KVMA, Magnolia

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

KRLW, Walnut Ridge, 10 a. m.

Consult local paper for time.

Would A 'Church Commission' Work?

Louie Newton Asks Duke McCall

Proposal

Returning from Tollose, Denmark, where the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance met in August, following a meeting of the Baptists of Europe in Copenhagen, Dr. Duke McCall suggests that Southern Baptists need a Commission on the Church to restate for our people "the doctrine of the church." He goes on to say that "Southern Baptists are going to be left in a theological eddy unless they quickly devote themselves to a fresh study of the doctrine of the church. The Southern Baptist Convention should appoint a commission of its best theologians to prepare a statement on the doctrine of the church in the light of the thinking of our day." This is a proposal which we had better examine carefully.

Creedalism

Dr. McCall says: "The statement of this commission need not have any approval or disapproval by the Convention. It will have no creedal qualities. The publication of the statement, however, will work like leaven in the theological lump. It will no doubt provoke vigorous dissent, but the carefully thought out dissent will contribute to our thinking." How, I fraternally inquire, could the Convention appoint such commission without assuming responsibility for what it reported? Again, how could the Convention insure that such commission would steer clear of creedalism? And what ultimate good could come from "vigorous dissent" that can not be better achieved through positive teaching of our distinctive doctrines?

History

I appeal to History. How many can re-

member the stormy days in the early 20's when some effort was made toward a creedal declaration by the Southern Baptist Convention. And back of that we have chapters of conflict and controversy whenever the Convention has toyed with the idea of making declarations that smacked of creedalism. It is well enough to say that "it will have no creedal qualities," but it is right at that point that Dr. McCall admits the difficulties his commission found at Tollose this summer, which he expresses in these words: "Representatives from some Baptist conventions were well able to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Sampey . . . The minds of others were bound by cliches and confusion."

Danger

There is always danger when Baptists undertake ex cathedra declarations for the churches. And I fear that very danger in the proposal of President McCall. We are getting along very well, it seems to me, as Southern Baptists in the matter of teaching our distinctive doctrines through our Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, and other literature. I am convinced that our pastors are preaching our distinctive doctrines. Dr. McCall asks: "If not this, then what?" My answer would be, let Dr. McCall and others everywhere state our distinctive doctrines. But the moment the Southern Baptist Convention starts in to say what is the doctrine of the church with the avowed purpose of leavening the theological "lump," I fear we are going to invite some unfortunate exploratory surgery. We'd better leave Baptists with an open New Testament and the Holy Spirit's illumination.

—The Christian Index

God Is Right Next Door

By ROY L. SMITH

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.—Psalms 34:18. Revised Standard Version.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.—King James Version.

He was a little ten-year-old, and his Sunday School teacher was not quite sure how much of the lesson he had really comprehended. With great seriousness she inquired, "Douglas, where is God?"

Without the slightest hesitation the little fellow replied, with rare wisdom even for a ten-year-old (and they are sometimes very wise indeed), "As near as your next breath."

All the preachers and the theologians in the world could not have said it better, and even the Psalmist has come no closer to the truth when he says, "The Lord is near to the broken hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit."

This is very near to the heart of the Christian gospel, even though it comes out of the Old Testament. We worship a God who is near at hand, who can hear our faintest cry for help!

The crushed in spirit! What a multitude they are! How wistfully they follow anyone who inspires them to hope!

Strange as it may seem, all men want to believe. The late Dr. Will Stidger was accustomed to say to the student preachers who sat in his classes, "Remember, young men. You can always be sure of the wistfulness of the congregation!"

The old janitor stood leaning up against the wall, in the bright warm sun, as the preacher came driving up to the church. He was a discerning old Christian who, in his forty years of janitoring, had seen preachers come and go. And the reasons for some of the goings he had understood but never discussed. As the young clergyman got out of the car the grizzled veteran asked, with a quizzical light in his eye, "Good morning, Doctor. Any late news from God this morning?"

Let any pulpit assure the people, and do it in a way that they are convinced, that "God is right next door, waiting to be called," and the multitudes will fill the pews. There is no better news.

Breaking Through To The People

By R. T. SKINNER

Note to Reader: Please substitute "Arkansas Baptist" for the words, "Western Recorder," in reading the following article.

A problem constantly before pastors and other church leaders is . . . How to reach effectively and enlist every family in the membership. Unless they do this, growth is impossible and deadly stagnation sets in and church life wanes.

And this same problem confronts us who labor at the Baptist Building in Louisville. More and more families must be reached and helped, and this must all be done at the church level. There is no other way.

Baptist Headquarters in Churches

Baptist headquarters can never be anywhere else than in the churches. The Baptist Building has been put in Louisville by the churches, but Baptist headquarters must ever be in the churches themselves.

That is why we constantly emphasize the importance of placing the *Western Recorder* in the budgets of the churches. If the churches themselves do not do it, it is not done. But more: If the churches do not do it, then Baptist headquarters fails to do it. Leadership and responsibility must always rest at the top level.

Already, more than forty per cent of our churches are, by one plan or another, sending the *Western Recorder*, their own state paper, into the homes of their membership. The ultimate aim is to enlist the support of

all the churches. We are succeeding in this at a rate which we ourselves hardly believed possible a few years ago.

The *Western Recorder* will do what pastors and other church leaders will not have time to do. (1) It will visit each home in the church every week. (2) It will bring news of the total Baptist work in the state, Southland, and world (3) It will bring, each week, articles on the doctrines of our faith and other matters being discussed by our people. (4) It will keep all the families informed each week on what goes on in the various departments and institutions and agencies fostered through the Cooperative Program of the churches and their general association.

—Western Recorder

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Pioneer Preacher Called to Be With the Lord

On September 26, Knox Belew answered the last summons and departed this life to be with the Lord forever. He lacked less than two months of being 84 years of age.

Knox Belew, with the exception of a few months, had spent his entire life in and adjacent to the territory of the Current River Association. He was converted at the age of 14 and united with the Shiloh

Church in Randolph County on profession of faith and baptism. He was later ordained to the ministry by the Oak Grove Church and preached his first sermon in the Johnson school house near Pocahontas.

His first pastorates were New Hope No. One and Concord. He organized the church at Manson in 1908, and served as pastor of this church for five years. He also organized the Union Church at Brockett which was later moved to the Pettit school house. He served many of the churches of that area as pastor. His longest pastorate was at Hopewell where he served for 24 years and where he baptized over 500 members.

He served as moderator of the old State Line Association for five years and the Current River Association for sixteen years.

Mr. Belew is survived by his widow, the former Della Kane, a son, John Belew, of Doniphan, Missouri, two daughters, Mrs. Louise Bitsko of Ft. Riley, Kansas, and Mrs. Stella Ward of Leaf River, Illinois, and one brother, Rueben Belew of Blytheville.

Funeral services were conducted at the Shiloh Church, Sunday afternoon, September 28, by Missionary H. W. Johnston assisted by Pastor G. E. Neely.

Inactive Church Becomes Mission



Mountain Springs, an inactive church, recently voted to become a mission of First Church, Cabot. G. C. Collier donated one acre of land on which the new building was erected. The building was dedicated Sunday, September 14. Missionary H. S. Coleman, Caroline Association, was in charge of the dedication service. Charlie Templeton is the mission superintendent. Mr. Templeton organized the Sunday School, which has an average attendance of 35.

Money is our coined energy. "It is part of ourselves," wrote William A. Keith. How we use it is important and ever sacred. "Who then is that faithful and wise steward?" He it is, who, accepting his responsibility as a steward gives an honest account to himself and his master. We can too easily become like the little girl on the way to Sunday school with two nickels, one for the offering and one for an ice cream cone. When she dropped them on the walk and one went down a drain she said, "There goes God's nickel!"

Church Music Department

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Do you need help in planning for these two special programs: A comprehensive list of approved music has been compiled and is available on request; also several prepared services for both occasions. Send your request to Church Music Department, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

HYMN-SING REPORTS

Newton County Association

Met in Parthenon Baptist Church with 125 present, and four churches represented. There were two pastors, six deacons, six song directors, and five pianists present. Willie McArthur led the devotional. The theme of the service was "The Bible Reveals."

Conway-Perry Association

There were 142 present with seven churches represented. Earl Smith was the director and Mrs. H. D. Palmer the accompanist. William Brown led the devotional. Special numbers were presented by representatives from Perryville and Plummerville. The next hymn-sing will be held December 1, at Plummerville, First Church.

Benton County Association

There were 75 present at Centerton. Mr. S. O. Reynolds was the director, Mrs. S. O. Reynolds, the accompanist, and Melvin Cof-felt led the devotional. The theme of the program was "B. B. Mc-

Kinney Sings". Three special numbers were presented by representatives from Centerton Church. The next hymn-sing will be held December 26, at Montene.

Bellevue Baptist Church

Four churches were represented with 46 in attendance. Lucien Coleman was the director with Mrs. Cates as accompanist. Two special numbers were presented — a women's duet from Rosedale and a mixed quartette from Bellevue.

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Diary—of a Dollar

An Illinois business man took a dollar bill, pinned a piece of paper to it, asking everybody who spent the money to write down what it was for, and sent it back into circulation for two weeks. At the end of the time it came back with the following story:

It was spent five times for salary.

It was spent five times for tobacco.

It was spent five times for cigarettes.

It was spent three times for candy.

It was spent twice for haberdashery.

It was spent three times for meals.

It was spent once for automobile parts.

It was spent once for groceries.

It was spent once for washing.

It was spent twice for shaves.

It was spent once for tooth-paste.

God never had a chance with that dollar. There are millions of others that never touch the offering plate in church.

Roger Babson says: "If the tithing process were in operation it would give the churches of this country an income amounting to about four billion dollars a year. These figures seem very extraordinary, but on checking them up no flaws can be found. The facts are that the church people of the country are giving less than one per cent of their income to church and missionary work. If this were increased to ten per cent wonderful results could eventually come to pass. The church could come into its own in a great big way that heretofore it has been able only to talk about.

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Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador Rallies

Mr. G. A. Ratterree and Dr. Ivyloy Bishop are coming to Arkansas in December to assist your Brotherhood Secretary in three great Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador rallies in Western Arkansas. Mr. Ratterree is Brotherhood Secretary of Florida, and Dr. Bishop is Secretary of the Royal Ambassadors of the South.

The rallies are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, December 9, First Church, Fayetteville.

Thursday, December 11, First Church, Fort Smith.

Friday, December 12, Beech Street Church, Texarkana.

Every Brotherhood and every Royal Ambassador chapter within reach of any one of these meetings should begin making plans now to be at the meeting in your area.

Detailed information concerning the rallies will be forthcoming soon.

THOSE GOOD LETTERS

Many letters have come in from pastors who are vitally interested in Brotherhood Night, and who are working to get the men of their church there.

Men will be coming from every part of the state to this gigantic

rally of Baptist men of Arkansas.

Copies of the Brotherhood Night program will go out of the Brotherhood office with the mailing of the next issue of "the Brotherhood Newsletter."

AN OBJECT OF EARNEST PRAYER

Your Brotherhood Secretary is earnestly seeking God's man for the job of assisting in the promotion of Young Men's Brotherhoods and of Royal Ambassador chapters throughout Arkansas.

Please pray with us!

"ESSENTIAL STEPS IN PERSONAL SOUL-WINNING"

The tract with the above title, published some three years ago by this department, has been distributed throughout much of the country. Seventy thousand copies have been printed. Calls have come from all over the South, and from many other areas.

The tract is unique in that it sets forth a method in soul-winning.

If you desire a copy of this tract, it will be mailed you without cost. Write the Brotherhood Department, 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, Secretary

Two Big Events

1. STATE PLANNING MEETING
2. TOURNAMENTS

The first big event will be the annual Planning Meeting for all Associational Training Union officers, to be held at First Baptist Church, North Little Rock, on Monday, October 27. Mr. Harvey Gibson, director of Associational work of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, will be present to lead in the planning meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to launch the Southern Baptist Training Union Promotional Plans for 1953 and to plan its promotion.

Two carloads of associational Training Union officers are urged to come to North Little Rock from each association. The Sunday School Board will care for the car expense of as many as two cars from each association at the rate of three cents per mile both ways. We realize this will not care for all the expense, but it will help so that the associational officers can attend.

All Associational directors and Missionaries will contact the other associational Training Union officers to get the two carloads from each association to attend.

During the meeting, the State Training Union Secretary will make definite dates to assist the associations during 1953. The film "Learn from Me," which will be used on "M" Night, will be shown during the day.

The second big event will be conducted in many Training Unions all over the state. The Junior memory drill, the sword drill, and the Speaker's Tournament will be promoted in a definite way during the last quarter in this year. Associational elimination tournaments will be held during February with the associational winners coming to the State Training Union Convention which will be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, March 13-14, 1953.

Here is an illustration of how many Training Unions can do practical missionary work: One of the Adult Unions of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, sponsored a study course for the Pine Grove Church in Pulaski County. They had an enrollment of 115 with an average attendance of 89—Mr. Ralph Holt, Mrs. Ruth Smith, Mrs. Ward Bell and Charles Martin Jr., taught the courses. James D. Reed is pastor of Pine Grove Church, and Mr. M. O. Kelly is the Educational Director.

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If we could only forget self and see the great needs and opportunities on every mission field, great things could be done to speed the message to millions who are waiting.

—Viola Campbell

Baptist Student Union

MISS RACHEL QUATTLEBAUM, Office Secretary

Visitation Week at University

Mr. Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary of Arkansas Baptists led the University of Arkansas B. S. U. in an intensive program of prospect visitation, September 16-18.

The over-all plans of this visitation program was to encourage students to grow spiritually at the same time they are increasing their mental capacities. The visitation program was begun early in order to make a bid for part of the students' time while they were in the process of making out their schedules for the semester.

The purpose of this visitation program was threefold: (1) to encourage Baptist students to move their membership to a local Baptist church; (2) to enlist all Baptists and those of Baptist preference in the unit organizations of the B. S. U.; (3) and to contract the lost in an effort to win them to Christ.

Visitation was carried on morning, afternoon, and night. Preceding each period, the BSU'ers met at the B. S. U. Center for instructions and brief inspirational messages from Mr. Tull. Each student had a partner for visiting.

Mr. Tull visited with a different student each period; this gave a number of students an opportunity to learn how visiting really should be done.

After each visitation the group would return to the Student Center for a reporting session which consisted of testimonies, questions and answers, and a tabulation of results. A large number of contacts were made by those visiting, despite the many hindrances accompanying a visitation effort during the first week of school.

Jamie Jones, Student Secretary at the University of Arkansas, writes: "I believe that the week will prove to be of inestimable value in the Lord's work as promoted by the Baptist Student Union on this campus. A great number of students joined local churches, Sunday Schools, and Training Unions the following Sunday. I do not believe this would have happened had we not visited last week. That which pleased me most was the participation of many who had never visited before. I cannot help but believe that it will be a continuing activity throughout the year."

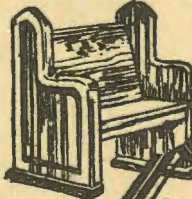
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From Gospel Tent To A Church



Second Church, Camden

By Carl A. Clark

With Dr. T. L. Harris, pastor of First Church, Camden, presiding, and Dr. Ben L. Bridges preaching the sermon, Sunday afternoon, September 28, the Bethel Mission was organized into the Second Baptist Church of Camden. This was a glorious culmination of five years of consecrated missionary vision and labor for the Lord in the western section of Camden.

It was December 5, 1947, that Dr. Harris and the mission committee of the First Church, Camden, began a revival meeting under a tent on the present lot at 4000 Sycamore Street. A large number of people attended the

revival and 25 people made profession of faith. It literally shook the neighborhood awake to its spiritual destitution and need. Immediately a building was started to house the mission. Many took part in the construction of the building and it was not long until the building was ready for occupancy.

The first pastor was Jack Gull-edge who served 15 months. The present pastor, Graham Fowler, has been with the church since May, 1949. There have been 271 additions to the mission in the past five years, 158 of these additions during Pastor Fowler's ministry.

The church was organized with 140 charter members. The Sun-



GRAHAM FOWLER, Pastor

day School attendance is 130, and the Training Union attendance, 58. Six deacons were ordained December 3, 1951. They are John Hendricks, George Morse, W. C. Crow, J. W. Goree, Fred House, and C. C. Stinnett. The church has adopted a budget of \$6,500, with 10 per cent given through the Cooperative Program.

At present, the church is constructing an educational building, which is hoped to be almost debt free by the time of completion. Plans are being made to move into the building by January 1.

This is a modern example of how the kingdom of God spreads when one church with a vision and faith in God sponsors a mission and organizes it into a church.

Figures To Inspire

Sunday, October 5

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Fort Smith, First	1,394	667	15
Including Missions	1,502	700	
Little Rock, Immanuel	1,369	430	3
Including Missions	1,531	525	4
Little Rock, First	1,059	464	6
El Dorado, First	1,001	275	4
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	911	343	3
Including Missions	974	371	
Little Rock, Second	799	212	6
Including Mission	858		11
Pine Bluff, South Side	709	271	
Texarkana, Beech St.	695	301	14
Fayetteville, First	659	224	8
Including Missions	699	243	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	618	258	2
Benton, First	613	146	2
Crossett, First	604	260	17
Forrest City, First	555	200	1
McGehee, First	553	162	2
Including Missions	714	259	
Magnolia, Central	549	207	1
Including Missions	594		
Camden, First	547	193	5
Including Missions	787	348	
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	545	195	3
Warren, First	532	147	1
West Helena	522	164	2
Hot Springs, Central	519	224	1
El Dorado, Second	508	275	
Booneville, First	502	117	
Hope, First	493	100	
Siloam Springs, First	481	311	2
Springdale, First	463	234	1
Fordyce, First	452		1
Including Missions	512		
Cullendale, First	446	245	1
Conway, First	427	115	8
Hot Springs, Park Place	414	164	
Little Rock, So. Highland	414	161	1
Smackover, First	401	146	1
Fort Smith, Calvary	396	179	1
Paris, First	396	87	
El Dorado, West Side	375	136	3
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	371	110	2
Stuttgart, First	360	171	2
Including Missions	413	193	
Monticello, First	342	189	
Hot Springs, First	341	115	
Fort Smith, South Side	334	97	
Hamburg, First	306	164	1
Fort Smith, Immanuel	305	150	
Fort Smith, Temple	305	171	
Paragould, First	303	234	
Including Missions	694	337	
Pine Bluff, Second	296	97	4
Jacksonville, First	296	126	1
Including Missions	349		
N. Little Rock, Park Hill	290	101	
Alma, First	272	106	
Norphet, First	266	138	
Bentonville, First	261	58	12
Including Missions	311		
Hot Springs, Piney	243	174	
Fort Smith, Spradling	231	120	2
Lavaca	222	63	
Tyronza	219	124	
Including Missions	323	181	
Morrilton, First	217	89	
Including Missions	249	99	
Star City, First	212	65	
Including Mission	231		
No. Little Rock, First	210	61	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	205	106	2
Gurdon, Beech St.	201	114	
Berryville, First	201	100	2
Crossett, Mount Olive	197	99	
Dermott	193	80	
Nettleton, First	150	76	1
Van Buren, Oak Grove	149	125	2
Crossett, First	147	100	
Including Missions	191		
Magnolia, Immanuel	99	66	1
Fort Smith, North Side	91	69	1
Fort Smith, Rye Hill	54	35	
Hot Springs, Immanuel	54	35	

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HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART

Last summer we spent several days in a lovely mountain home. About 200 yards distant was a railroad track and each morning at five o'clock the heavily loaded freight train thundered by. It sounded as if it were coming right into the room. One afternoon we were talking about being awakened by the train. The owner of the home, who had lived there many years, said, "I never hear it."

The voice of God calling the sinner can first be heard as a thundering train. After years of procrastination it may never be heard . . . "Today if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts . . ." (Hebrews 3:15).

—Roland Leath.

Church For Filipinos Organized On Mindanao

The second Southern Baptist sponsored church for Filipinos in the Philippine Islands was organized in the city of Davao, on the island of Mindanao, on September 14. This brought the total number of churches, organized under Southern Baptist missionary leadership, in the Islands to five, three of which are for Chinese people.

The four Southern Baptist missionaries in Davao, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson, Miss Elaine Crowell, and Miss Victoria Parsons, report unusual opportunities for Christian work in Mindanao, the southernmost island of the Philippine group.

"To this island are coming 5,000 settlers per month to claim the rich lands which the government is offering at a very low price," explained Dr. Baker James Cauthen, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for the Orient. "The island of Mindanao is to the Philippines what the great west has been to our country."

The Philippine Mission is mak-

ing urgent requests for reinforcements and calls attention to the fact that missionaries can serve widely in the English language and can acquire use of a Filipino dialect gradually as they work.

Missionary Jackson expressed the conviction of the missionaries: "The Mission is thoroughly convinced that it has definitely passed the experimental stage and should now build widely and strongly and take seriously the permanent task of giving these people the truth as it is in Christ Jesus."

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"The Christian is one who seeks to realize a divine ideal."

"The best kind of leadership is that which produces fellowship."

No fight was ever won yet, except by hitting, and the unforgiving offense is to hit soft.

—Theodore Roosevelt.

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The devil's orchard contains only forbidden fruit.

As a Tree Falls

By CHARLES A. WELLS

As a great tree starts to fall, the few seconds in which it swayed speculatively before plunging downward, determine how it will lie and where it will lie for the rest of its life. A child's hand could guide it during that strategic moment, so little pressure is needed to determine its course as it first breaks from its anchorage.

So it is with many of our attitudes and habits. When we first are free as independent personalities, as children—free at least to go our way—it takes so little influence to guide us. Our tendencies toward dishonesty can be readily checked; we can become kind and considerate or cruel and spiteful—with just a little pressure either way.

Everything seems to depend on having the right kind of pressure at the right time. As with the falling tree—the time is so short before the direction of character is inalterably set. Religious influence in the days of youth govern the character of a long life.

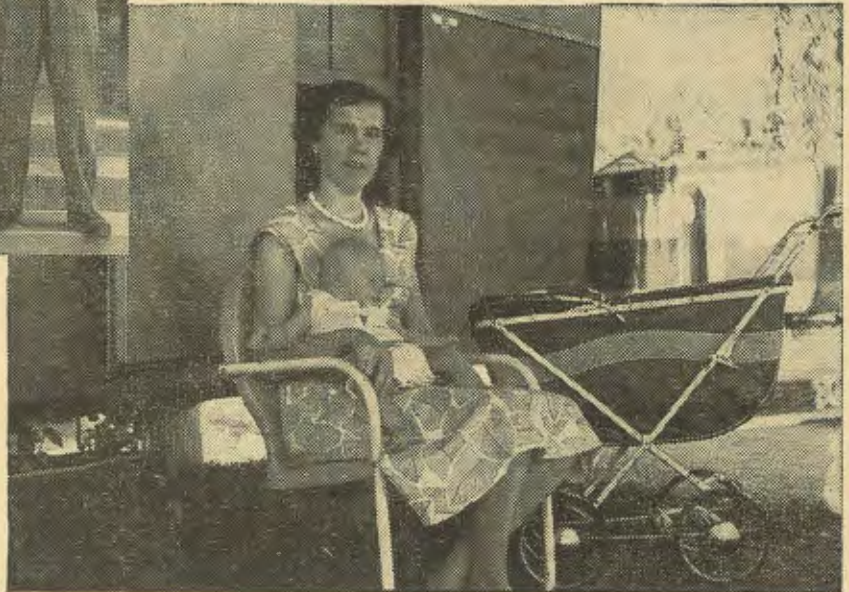


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3. More than 100 families are living in nearby towns and must drive as much as 150 miles a day to attend Southern.
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Important Dates For R. A.'s

Fellowship Supper for members of Royal Ambassador Chapters and Brotherhoods! This is the Annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper, and the date is Monday evening, November 17, six o'clock, at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock. The tickets are \$1.75 each. There will be a limited number of spaces so the first groups who call for them will receive the reservations.

Reservation forms and information sheets are being mailed to the local counselors. You will indicate on the reservation sheet if you desire to be in the Recognition Service. Please do not fail to make such an indication if you are ready to be recognized.

ROYAL AMBASSADOR FOCUS WEEK, November 9-15. This is an important week for the advance of the Royal Ambassador work. The October Ambassador Life, pages 6-7, has excellent suggestions for the observance of the week in the local church.

Concerning the Filmstrip

Preparation tells! Right now we should be planning well for full observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Offering, December 1-5. The Foreign Mission Board has produced the fine filmstrip described in the ad below, and we urge every society to use it as an added feature, perhaps, at the November meeting of the missionary society when an appeal should be brought for the offering. It might be used in connection with a mission study class which is preparing the way for increased interest in the observance of the week. The young people will enjoy it also. Or it would add a "plus" at the Wednesday evening service of the Week of Prayer if the Wednesday's program material is used in the prayer service.

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Department of Missions

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Miscellaneous Missions

Revival services have been conducted in two of the state penal institutions under the sponsorship of the Department of Missions. Purl Stockton was secured as the evangelist and he reports a total of 120 professions of faith in the two meetings.

The first revival was in the Reform School for colored boys at Wrightsville. The attendance and interest were good through the entire week. There were fifty-five professions of faith.

The second revival was with the white boys in the Pine Bluff Institution. The meeting resulted in sixty-five professions of faith. We plan to write to the pastors in the boys' home towns, asking them to "follow up" as they return home. Brother Stockton reports some wonderful experiences in the services.

We hope to get into the other institutions for revivals a little later this fall.

As you read these lines your Superintendent of Missions will be in the closing week of a revival in Chase, Kansas. The Kansas Convention, which is now affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, was organized in 1946 with seven participating churches. There are now approximately 75 churches. The white Baptists in Kansas number less than 70,000.

The Northern Baptists have been doing nothing to evangelize the state. They have lost over 200 churches during the past thirty years. Southern Baptists, however, are growing rapidly—for every month they can report a new church and 102 additional members.

All Southern Baptist Convention churches in Kansas are participating in the statewide Crusade. We will give you the results of this Simultaneous Crusade in this column in the next week or two.

Did you read in the Arkansas Baptist about the splendid revival in the Spradling Church of Ft. Smith? According to the article, there were 31 for baptism, 8 by letter, 20 pledged to tithe, and 381 in Sunday School. Well, we just want to remind you that Spradling was started a few years ago as a mission of First Church, Ft. Smith.



A Mexican preacher, Daniel Cantu, of San Antonio, Texas, has been secured to conduct revival services for the Mexican cotton pickers in Arkansas this fall. His first revival will be under the sponsorship of First Church, Wilson, D. B. Bledsoe, pastor.

B. D. Smith, former pastor of Mill Creek Church, Ft. Smith, is now missionary in Clear Creek Association. There are now only two associations without missionaries.

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Jesus Demands Sincerity

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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Are you a sincere Christian? Are you a sincere husband? Are you a sincere wife? Are you a sincere friend to your friends?

Are you loyal to Christ? To His church? To your family? To your friends?

Jesus demands sincerity; so does society; so does your family. And be not deceived, every one knows whether or not you are sincere and loyal. Now is a good time for each of us to check up on self and see if we can face ourselves with a clear and clean conscience.

SINCERITY IN GIVING

We continue the Sermon on the Mount. After Jesus had told His disciples how to be happy in Christian living, He held up the religious habits of the religious sects of His day, and warned His people to be different. Throughout the Bible we have the positive and the negative of Christian living: the "thou shalt and thou shalt not."

The Pharisees delighted in parading their religion before the world. The three outstanding examples of their exhibitions were those the Lord hit in this lesson; alms-giving, praying, and fasting. Each was done in such a way as to be seen of others.

Do not get almsgiving confused with church giving. This had nothing to do with what they gave at the Temple service; the Temple was not mentioned nor intimated in the conversation. We give alms to beggars, and such was the case in the lesson. God is no beggar. However, the high point of the lesson is this: "Do nothing just to be seen of men." That principle should guide all our Christian service and activities.

Giving, if rewarded of God, must be motivated by principle and sincere purpose. Paul said, "As a man purposeth in his heart, so let him give." Giving to beggars is motivated by pity. Charity is ministered toward a neighbor when disaster or tragedy strikes, out of sympathy. Neither should be done "to be seen of men," if so, when others **HAVE SEEN** we already have our reward. God refuses to recognize any gift or any act that is done with a wicked motive.

We do not give to the church because we pity God; nor because we love our neighbor; nor even because we love the pastor or the brethren, though these latter things are commendable. Our motives are greater, our desires more far reaching. We should

Sunday School Lesson for

October 19, 1952

Matt. 6:1-8, 16-18, 22-24

give to the church because we love God and lost souls; we support the church in order to propagate the gospel of salvation at home and abroad, not because God needs our little bit.

The ancient Jews made a great show of their almsgiving hoping to appear to be pious among men. A practical day to day walk with the Lord, doing sincerely the things we are capable of, making no false pretense of spirituality, is the only religion that is worth anything before the all-seeing world in which we live.

SINCERITY IN PRAYER

The Jews had regular hours of prayer. Wherever one was when, shall we say 9 a. m. or 3 p. m. came, certain ones would burst forth in a tirade of oratorical eloquence, beamed toward heaven, portraying his piety and indicating thereby to the world that he was on good terms with Jehovah. They wanted to be heard of men, said Jesus, and sure enough they were.

But the ideal manner of prayer is private and personal. You and I know we can speak more plainly, we can be more honest with God and ourselves in the secret place than we shall ever be in public. The shallowest Christian on earth, the wholly disloyal and undependable church member, can acquire the habit of delivering a beautiful prayer, an orderly arrangement of pretty phrases. If one does not live for the Lord, if his or her life is not consistent with their beautiful prayers, those words never penetrate the ceiling of the church building. That type of church member only stays around to "be seen and get heard." Verily, they get just that reward for their presence.

SINCERITY IN FASTING

In olden times people set aside a certain day or certain periods each week to fast. The apostles did not make much of fasting, and we doubt if much of it is done any more. To the Jew fasting denoted will power and self discipline. To the Christian a season of fasting and special prayer for a specified object would seem practical, if it were done according to the Bible prescription.

When the Pharisees fasted they wanted the whole world to know about it, and to be in sympathy with their spirit of sacrifice. Jesus said they were pious hypocrites. Get this: Jesus never sanctioned public demonstrations of religion. He healed the masses

because the masses pressed Him for His service. He taught the multitudes when they gathered around, but not all His work was with the multitudes. He never sought to be sensational. One of His power and personality could scarcely avoid causing some sensationalism.

We believe in evangelism and we believe in answered prayer, but we do not believe in the sensational seeking, notoriety type of evangelism and divine healing that some advertise today, whether he is a Baptist evangelist or otherwise.

SINCERITY IN SERVICE

We once heard of a divine healer who apparently was "going to town" on polio, cancer, and other diseases. One day he was called to a hospital; a victim of an automobile accident refused to have his broken bones set, or his skull mended till the evangelist-healer was consulted. The divine healer backed down, admitted he could not touch "that kind" of need, and admonished the patient to obey all the doctors said.

Why can't people see through that sort of deception? In the light of God's word, the modern healer has not healed **UNLESS AND UNTIL** he heals any need,

a broken bone, a cracked skull, polio, or what have you. If he is healing by the same power that Jesus had, he can also take an ear that has been plucked off, and mend it wholly and completely, immediately. And if he is using the same power the apostles used, he can also raise the dead.

Who said that God can heal one disease, but cannot heal another? Who is so audacious as to **LIMIT** or **CONFINE** or **QUALIFY** the power of God? Remember Solomon's prayer: "Lord help us to discern between good and evil."

Yes, Jesus healed all who came to Him; the lame, the blind, the deaf, the hunchback, the missing ear, and He raised the dead.

On the other hand, God will hear your prayer and mine, if our lives are consistent with His will, as readily as He will hear any preacher, evangelist, or anybody else. God refused to heal Paul's affliction. He may not see fit to heal ours. The crux of the whole matter is an humble submissiveness to God's will, whatever His will may be.

"Jesus Demands Sincerity" — but there are a lot of false prophets and religious racketeers in the world.

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Every Pastor Should Join

Dear Brother King:

Thanks a million for my retirement check which I received this morning. It surely came in on time, and was so welcome. Makes a fellow feel glad that he belongs to the Ministers Retirement of the Southern Baptist Convention. I would advise every preacher to join the Ministers Retirement, as there is nothing to lose, and all to gain.

—L. L. Jordan.

Sidney Holcome and Pangburn

The Pangburn Church has been co-operative with the Convention for two or three years. It is planning now to contribute \$144 for Cooperative Missions in 1953. This is a forward step, but under the leadership of this new pastor we predict that the church will do every bit of that, maybe more. We are grateful to the saints in Pangburn and to their treasurer, Connie Yingling, and Mrs. Wood, the clerk.

Mt. Vernon and Dorr

Pastor Dorr of Mt. Vernon Church says they will give more than we asked them to do. They will give \$60 for the Cooperative Program in 1953. Thank you, brethren.

Gunther and Jasper

First Church of Jasper, county seat of Newton County, plans to give \$350 for the Cooperative Program in 1953. This is unusually good for the church at Jasper which still has a local indebtedness. Pastor Gunther is one of the best leaders that we have ever had in that section. Thank you, brethren.

Associational Letters

Our office sends to the associational clerks three blank copies of church letters for each church. One is to be sent up to the association, another is to be retained by the church clerk, and the third is a work sheet for the church clerk. Some mention was made in one association about the need of a work sheet. Our office does send to the associational clerk this work sheet along with the two other copies of the church letter. The associational clerk should send each church clerk three copies.

Oden and Kuehn

The Oden Baptist Church will increase its contributions for missions in 1953 about 50 per cent. This is some increase! We thank you, Brother Kuehn, and the saints at Oden.

Nettleton and Boyd

The Nettleton Church under the leadership of Pastor Boyd has had its best year and they have given more to missions than they ever gave before. During their associational year they gave \$769.83 for the Cooperative Program and about \$350 in designated gifts. They will give \$900 or more for the Cooperative Program in 1953. Thank you, Brother Boyd and Nettleton.

Cowling and Little Rock Second

Of course, all of us regretted to lose Dr. Dale Cowling from the office of State BSU work. He was really scoring some fine points in that department when he gave it up. Church after church sought to obtain his services as pastor, and the Second Church in Little Rock was "the straw that broke the camel's back." The challenge in this great church was so immense and the spirit of the congregation so overwhelmingly fine in favor of Brother Cowling that he yielded and became their pastor. The church is growing by leaps and bounds. The buildings are taxed almost to capacity and large numbers of people are uniting with the church. If we can keep this young man in Arkansas, he will be one of the most valiant and valuable leaders that we have ever had. He believes in all our work. He believes in Arkansas. He will not leave a stone unturned in his efforts to help and co-operate and advance the cause of Christ in this state. His successor as State BSU Director has not yet been obtained. The committee is working on the proposition.

North Little Rock Calvary And Sullivan

Pastor Patrick D. Sullivan of Calvary Baptist Church in North Little Rock says that Calvary will give \$1,300 for the Cooperative Program next year and may pass that mark considerably. This is more than we even asked or thought of Calvary Church, but Sullivan will lead them to do it.

Bethabara, Mt. Zion Association

Bethabara Church will give all that we ask them to give for the Cooperative Program in 1953. This is a great rural church in the Delta section of the state. Mrs. Tommy Carter is the church clerk.

Mrs. W. I. Elledge Goes Home

Mrs. W. I. Elledge, the widow of the late W. I. Elledge, who was pastor at Fordyce and Springdale, and other places in Arkansas, passed to her reward September 20. She lived in Arkadelphia, and was found dead in her home by her son, Othol Lee, who went to carry her to his home for lunch.

Mrs. Elledge was the mother of Pastor Paul Elledge of Chaneyville, Louisiana. She was a fond mother, a valuable preacher's wife, and a wonderful Christian.

Elrod and Adkins

Pastor Elrod of First Church, Adkins, is optimistic and aggressive in his leadership. He says: "It is my pleasure to inform you that the budget committee of our church is recommending to the church that we give 10 per cent of our total income or \$540 per year to this great work. I am thankful that our people are becoming aware of the tremendous responsibility of Southern Baptists, and my prayer is that you are getting similar reports from over the state."

Steel Bridge Will Do Well

Steel Bridge Church near Lonoke will give \$160 or even more for the Cooperative Program in 1953. This is one of our fine progressive rural churches, and the Lord has some of the very salt of the earth in that church. Thank you, brethren.

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M. Theron Rankin: "The obligation upon every Christian and every local church for missions is based on the redemptive nature of God Himself and is not altered in any way by changing world conditions."

"It is evident that an effort is being made to kill religion at its roots in Yugoslavia. Children in schools are asked if they went to church on the previous Sunday or if they believe in God. If they reply in the affirmative, they are mocked and ridiculed."—George Sadler.

Baptists in Italy continue to be victimized by what Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, Italian Baptist leader, calls "bloodless persecution."

Italian Baptists have opened twelve new places of worship since the end of World War II.

Guatemala, approximately equal to Virginia in area and population, has a population of 3,000,000. The Baptist constituency, ministered to by two missionary couples, consists of seventeen churches with a total membership of 1,000.

Our Japan mission staff now numbers 96. They are established in twenty-two locations, extending from the extreme north to the extreme south.

After eighteen months of delay, Mrs. John Abernathy has secured permission to go to Korea to join her husband.

At long last, Secretary of State Acheson has angrily lashed out at the Peiping Government for the mistreatment of American nationals. His statement said that Bill Wallace's "only crime" was the high esteem in which he was held by the people of Wuchow.

"A church in any age that is not intensely and positively missionary is not a scriptural church," says Dr. Rankin. "This is a point of orthodoxy which Southern Baptists seem to have forgotten and are urgently in need of emphasizing in this day."

The 30,000 foreign students studying in our colleges and universities are, as The Christian Century points out, "potential interpreters" of Christian ideals to the ends of the earth.