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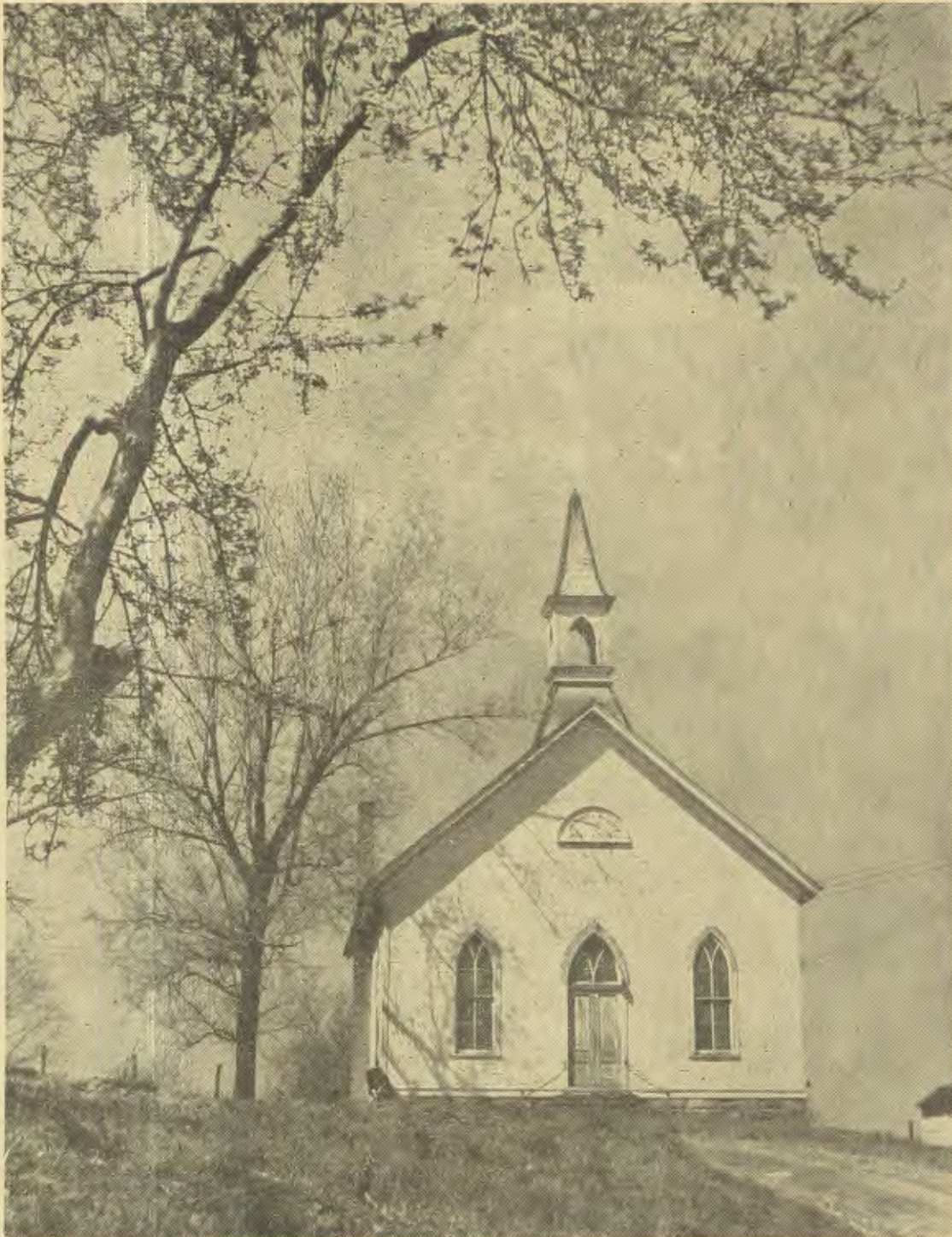
# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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—Eva Luoma Photo

## October 26 Is State Missions Day

*One may drive 50 miles in Arkansas without finding a church of any kind; some Baptist Associations only have from 6 to 11 churches. Your special Sunday School offering, October 26, will build new missions, new churches in destitute places, and help weak churches in your own state.*

# The Christian

By DR. W. ROSS EDWARDS, Pastor  
Swope Park Baptist Church  
Kansas City, Missouri

There was a time when people were spoken of as "Jew or Gentile." Since the coming of Jesus Christ, people may be rightly classified as "Christian or non-Christian." It was in Antioch of Syria that people who followed Jesus were first called "Christians." The name is a fitting one for those who sincerely attempt to follow Him. It is one thing to be called a Christian and still another to merit the name. While Christians of the first century were few but mighty, those who bear His name in our day appear to be many but feeble. Christians are people who have been changed, who have changed sides, and who go about making a difference in the world.

## A Changed Person

He has been "born from above." He is a new creature in Christ Jesus, and not merely a mended old man of sin. He is the product of God, for only God can create. Man can only change what has been created. All the goodness and righteousness of man is but "filthy rags" in God's sight. Some of these "rags" are better than others, but all are unclean in His sight, in need of the cleansing power of His precious blood (Hebrews 9). Self-righteous people need to realize that God is not in the business of grading filthy rags, but in making clean indeed!

Being a Christian is more than acting like a Christian or making a profession of faith in Christ. A profession without a possession is worse than nothing. Becoming a Christian is far more than sanctifying one's selfishness in the realm of the spirit. In other words, a saved man should be more than just a scared man, in fear of hell. If a person seeks only a fire-escape in his religious experience, we sincerely doubt that he will get what he seeks. Those who are saved must have been convicted of the folly of sin, become deeply grieved over their guilt before God, and turned to Christ for salvation.

The most significant thing about a Christian is his spirit. As bad as some acts of sin are, the worst thing with which we must contend in the service of Christ is ugliness in spirit on the part of church members. A bad disposition in the church may do more harm to the cause of Christ than gambling, cursing, or drinking, on the outside of the church. It was the spirit of the self-righteous religious people of Jesus' day that received the most severe rebukes from Him. He could not stand hypocrisy.

Therefore, when a person becomes a Christian, every care should be taken to develop the young spirit in the Christian way of life. Every organization of the church should be as anxious to develop the new Christian as to evangelize the lost. Jesus had much to say about feeding His sheep, and about not offending little ones that believe in Him, and about "teaching them to observe all things" which He commanded.

## Has Changed Sides

He has crossed over from the side of evil to that of good, from Satan to Christ, and is ready to engage himself on the side which he once opposed. John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, and early Christians issued a call to repentance, to change sides. Remem-

ber how, without hesitation, men like Zachaeus, Matthew, and the sons of Zebedee, left all and followed Him?

On one occasion a man that had been a drunkard for many years came to a mission service where I was preaching. When the invitation was given the man appeared very miserable, looking about restlessly. Finally, he came forward with tears in his eyes, and clasped my hand with both of his. He said with deep emotion, "I'm so glad that I jerked loose from the devil!" He had changed sides.

## Life Demands Activity

A Christian is not merely "dead to sin," but is "alive unto God." Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ," and went on to say, "Nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me." It was he who said, "By grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works," but he also went on to say, "unto good works, which God hath before ordained" (Eph. 2:8-10). Jesus said, "I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16). Jesus also said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Common gratitude demands that one who has been changed by Christ also changes over to the side of Christ. To do otherwise is to belie one's profession.

## Does Our Presence Make a Difference?

A person that has thus been changed and is engaged on the side of Christ is bound to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD ABOUT HIM.**

Wherever Jesus went He made a difference. People that met Him with an open mind were never the same again. Can that be said of us today? Do people take notice of us that we have been with Jesus? I do not mean simply that we refrain from certain evil things, for the Pharisees did that, and they were repulsive to the lost. Does the difference that Jesus makes in us draw the lost and cause them to desire the difference which we possess? Do others want to be like us or get away from us? Except those that were self-righteous, Jesus drew people to Himself. Why did sinners draw near to Jesus? Could it be that they found in Him a FRIEND rather than a CRITIC? Did He seem to care, to understand, to sympathize, and really help? The real reason was that He loved people! Do we? We who denounce certain evils are often slow to help provide remedies. How much do we really care? Do we really make a great difference in the world?

## Individuals Light the Way

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." Light does not criticize; it merely reveals. Light is kindly. Light shows the way, and prevents stumbling. Light drives away darkness, disease and tends to heal. "Let your light so shine!"

The hope of the world is in individuals. Be not that missing note on the keyboard of society. If God's purpose of grace is carried out in our lives individually, it will also be done collectively.

# A Challenge To Doubters

A Devotion by the Editor

"If God be for us, who can be against us?"

"Wherefore didst thou doubt?" asked Jesus of the sinking apostle. Did you ever doubt? When difficulties blocked your pathway, when the weight of burdens pressed you down, when the drag of opposing winds impeded your progress, when sorrow blurred your vision, when illness sapped your strength, when evil tempted you to sin, did you doubt? And why? Was it because you looked at all these things? And because you looked at all these things, you took your eyes off the Lord.

Must one have all fair weather in order to trust the Lord? Must one have no problems and difficulties and sorrows and pains in order to trust the Lord?

The apostle names another set of circumstances which he calls "these things." If you still persist in your doubts and fears and misgivings, if you still insist that you feel no firm ground supporting you amid the uncertainties of life, what are you going to say to "these things?"

"The things" he has enumerated in this eighth chapter of Romans: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." That is the proposition set forth by Paul; and he proceeds to prove that proposition by irrefutable arguments. The law has been fulfilled in Jesus and its very demand met by Him. You have been made sons of God by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, who is also responsible for your final resurrection. You have much to say about the sufferings and trials of this life, but they are insignificant compared with the glory of being a child of God and a joint heir with Jesus. And too, the Holy Spirit helps us through these trials of earth.

When you are tempted to doubt, what are you going to say to "these things?"

And now with a final bold stroke the apostle draws a picture which portrays the absolute security of the believer in Christ: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" But we shall have a clearer vision of that picture if we translate the words literally and read: "If God be over us, who can be down on us?"

Why, the people and things and circumstances and experiences which are down on us beat themselves into harmless fragments against Him who is over us. For they cannot strike us until they penetrate His protecting amor, they can't defeat us until they defeat Him, they can't slay us until they slay Him.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Baptist Unity and Disunity

Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of the *Watchman-Examiner*, New York, in an editorial appearing in that publication September 11, issues an appeal to Baptist people everywhere to pray for their own unity. Stating that he had attended a number of Baptist conventions this year, Dr. Bradbury says, "In not one single instance did we hear a prayer to God for the unity of our Baptist people."

He thinks that perhaps the subject of unity is neglected "because in most people's minds unity is confused with organic union." He makes it clear that he is not concerned with organic union but with spiritual unity. "Organic union," says Dr. Bradbury, "is not the same as spiritual unity; it is justly suspected by Baptists because of their sufferings due to it over the centuries."

Speaking of the disunity among Baptist bodies the author says, "Here (in America) we have approximately 16,000,000 Baptists, the greatest potential for evangelical Christianity to be found anywhere in the world. But here again the doctrine of "separatism" splits these people, who overwhelmingly be-

lieve the same New Testament doctrines and practices, into sixteen differing and in some cases ostracized and competing bodies."

Dr. Bradbury is not advocating organic union even among the various Baptist bodies. He is deploring the conditions which sometimes result in unfriendly or even antagonistic attitudes among our different Baptist bodies. He says, "All the major Baptist conventions are afflicted with fringe proselytism, advocates of an independency which means separation from their co-believers, thus misinterpreting the mission of the Baptists entirely."

It is unfortunate when different Baptist bodies begin to contend between themselves and hurl charges and countercharges. In fact, we have the greatest difficulty in understanding the motives of one group of Christian people fighting another group of Christian people over the principles of Christianity and the teachings of Jesus. It seems axiomatic that the commissions of Jesus lay upon us the obligation to witness for Him and preach His gospel rather than to attack the religion of others. We do not

mean to say that we should remain silent when a person or a group of persons or a denomination seeks to clothe their political or economic motives with a religious garb.

We believe that Dr. Bradbury is correct in stating that the 16,000,000 Baptists constitute "the greatest potential for evangelical Christianity to be found anywhere in the world." That potential can be realized only as Baptists experience that spiritual unity and motivation which is possible only when pursuing great objectives in an ever-expanding program of Christian service and kingdom building.

The Baptists who are doing the most fussing among themselves and fighting other Baptist groups are doing the least work; the Baptists who are busiest in the Lord's service are actually finding less fault with their fellow Baptists and are experiencing that spiritual unity for which Dr. Bradbury pleads.

A busy Baptist is just about the most delightful person in the world—happy, interesting, aggressive, prayerful, faithful, and loyal. An idle Baptist is just about the most disagreeable person in the world—cross, irritable, finding fault, criticizing, and non-cooperative. If you want to keep Baptists happy, keep them busy; if you want to live at peace with Baptists, keep them busy with a great challenging program.

### A Reservoir of Spiritual Power

#### Faith in a Dime

Do we have more faith in a dime than we have in the word of God?

Suppose we put the accumulated tithe of our income over against the teachings of the Bible. In which do we have the greater faith? If we believe those teachings, we will turn the tithe over to the Lord's treasury; if we appropriate the tithe for ourselves, we repudiate the teachings of the Bible.

Stack up the dimes until they grow into dollars. Beside these dollars stack up the promises of God conditioned upon the payment of the tithe. To which do we pin our faith, to the stack of dimes grown into dollars, or to the stack of divine blessings which will grow into a rich spiritual life? No matter how we approach the question of the tithe, it resolves itself into this alternative, we must place our faith in the dimes or in God. For we cannot keep the tithe or any part of it for ourselves without weakening our faith in God.

Many people have found the joy, the satisfaction, and the spiritual enrichment which come to those who honor God with their tithes and offerings. However, there are doubtless many others who are holding out against the teaching of the Bible and the needs of Kingdom work. God says they are robbing Him of "tithes and offerings."

We challenge all those who are yet holding out to have more faith in God than in dimes. Surely a dime out of every dollar earned is mighty small compared to the promises of God and the riches of His grace in Christ Jesus.

Material possession provides a reservoir of spiritual power untapped, except by those individuals who possess a keen insight into the spiritual realities inherent in all nature. A revelation which we have been slow to perceive is the spirituality of money power.

There is a definite moral and spiritual content in every dollar we earn, in every brick and board and nail which are built into our homes, in every thread that is woven into the garments we wear, and in every calorie and vitamin taken into our body in food.

There is an element of divine sacredness in what we earn, in what we build, in what we form, and what we conserve. We are working with materials that are sacred and sacredly given: the trees, the minerals, the plants and the animals; the machinery and tools; the professions and trades; the ledgers and accounts.

We are using powers that are sacred and sacredly given. The intellect, the will, the energies, and the talents. We are employing skills, and arts, and sciences that are sacred and sacredly given. To discover the sacredness of it all is to discover the richest content of life.

Shall we pray as we encourage our sacred powers in gainful employment for the creation of new wealth out of the materials which God has provided in such abundance? How can one keep from praying? Prayer is the very essence of our work, it is the wisdom of the skilled hand, it is the beauty of art, it is the accuracy of science, it is the nerve center of prosperity.

The Apostle John wrote his friend Gaius

a personal letter. And in his letter he said, "Beloved, I wish (pray) above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

The apostle is wishing for his friend, Gaius, that he may be as prosperous materially as he is spiritually. When a person's soul is prosperous, he will use his material prosperity for spiritual ends. It is dangerous for a person's material prosperity to advance beyond his spiritual prosperity. It is a rich life that maintains an even balance between the two.

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#### Christ's Seal of Approval

A few years ago, in a railroad train, a lawyer seeing I had my Bible in my hand asked, "Do you believe that Deuteronomy belongs to the canon of Scripture?" He had been reading infidel literature and criticism of the Word of God.

I answered by asking the question, "Do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead?"

He said, "Yes, certainly, I believe in the resurrection of the God-Man to be the best authenticated fact in all history. But that has nothing to do with my question of the inspiration of the Book of Deuteronomy."

"Oh, yes, it has," was my reply. "Was Christ, as proved by the resurrection, divine and God's Son and perfect in life and teaching?" "Yes." "Then you have taken your question to the final court of appeal.

"Christ expounded unto them the Scripture beginning at Moses and all the prophets, concerning Himself, and called it Scripture, and endorsed it as God's Word. Deuteronomy was in it."

—Editor of King's Business

# Kingdom Progress

## Couple Celebrates Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary



L. M. KEELING



MRS L. M. KEELING

Mr. and Mrs. Keeling, Little Rock, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 26. They were married October 26, 1902. Mrs. Keeling was the former Miss Nancy Pearl Compton.

Mr. Keeling received his education at Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. His pastorates have been at Prescott, Lewtsville, Stamps, Malvern, Little Rock, and at Irving, Texas. Several thousand people have been converted to Christ through the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Keeling. Mr. Keeling retired from the pastorate three years ago, but keeps busy in evangelistic and supply work.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeling have reared eight children, six daughters and two sons, as follows: Mrs. Elise Opal Tolson, Little Rock; C. A. Keeling, Mrs. R. T. Baker, Mrs. Edwin Egli, Mrs. Gerald Bowen, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Mrs. James T. Draper, Houston, Texas; L. M. Keeling Jr., Belen, New Mexico; and Mrs. George Boren, Redding, California. There are sixteen grandchildren.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Keeling are honoring their parents with "Open House" Sunday afternoon, October 26, from 2:30 to 5:30, in the banquet rooms of Immanuel Church, Tenth and Bishop, Little Rock. All friends of the family are extended an invitation to attend.

## Good Meeting At England

Pastor Luther F. Dorsey and First Church, England, had the services of Dr. Arthur Fox of Morristown, Tennessee, as evangelist, and Mr. William C. Burnette, Little Rock, as song leader, in revival services September 29 through October 12. There were 15 additions to the church, 13 on profession of faith and baptism.

Pastor Dorsey says, "This was a great revival. I commend this team as great workers for the Lord."

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## "Too Many Russian Youth Falling Under Religious Influence"

A complaint that "too many of our young people are falling under the influence of religion" was made by an official of the Soviet youth organization, Komsomol, to the 19th Congress of the Soviet Union Communist Party, the Moscow Radio reported.

It said that Nikolai Mikailov, the Komsomol's secretary, called for stricter supervision of Soviet education to stem this trend.

—Religious News Service

## Assumes Pastorate In Stuttgart

Dr. Gerald Smith will assume his duties as pastor of First Church, Stuttgart, Sunday, November 2.

For the past three years, Dr. Smith has been pastor of First Church, Norcross, Georgia.

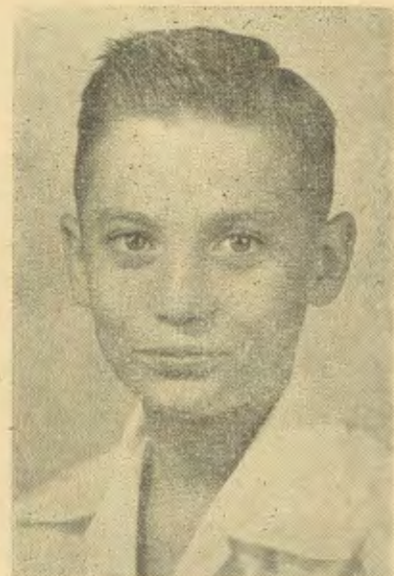
A native of Oklahoma, Dr. Smith was graduated Magna cum laude, from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1940. He received his Master of Theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1943, and the Doctor of Theology degree in 1952.

Dr. Smith served as a chaplain in the United States Navy for three years, two years of that being overseas on board the USS Nashville, which served on several operations as the flagship of General MacArthur. He received a special letter of commendation for his outstanding service to his country.

As a student in college and the seminary, Dr. Smith served churches in Oklahoma, Indiana, and Kentucky.

Mrs. Smith attended the University of Louisville and the W.M.S. Training School. Dr. and Mrs. Smith have two daughters, Marsha Marie, age five, and Ruth Annette, two.

## Five Year Record In Attendance



A. W. MARTIN JR.

A. W. Martin Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Martin of Hope, completed a five-year perfect attendance record in Sunday School on September 28. A. W. is a first year intermediate, and a member of First Church, Hope.

S. A. Whitlow is his pastor.

## Evangelist Bandy Kept Busy

D. C. Bandy, Walnut Ridge, recently assisted Shannon Church, Current River Association, in a revival campaign which resulted in 49 additions to the church, 30 of whom were received for baptism. Dale Barnett is the pastor of Shannon Church.

He also assisted Wilson Church, and Pastor D. B. Bledsoe, in a Stewardship revival early in October, which resulted in six additions to the church besides the new tithers who subscribed to the church budget.

Those desiring the services of Evangelist Bandy may contact him at Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge. He has a few days available the last week in October.

## P. A. Stockton Joins Staff Calvary Church, Little Rock

Pastor Lawson Hatfield of Calvary Church, Little Rock, announces the addition to the church staff of P. A. Stockton, better known perhaps as "Uncle Purl" Stockton. Mr. Stockton will serve as assistant pastor, with plans to lead the church in its visitation and enlistment program.

Mr. Stockton is widely known throughout Arkansas and in several other states as an evangelistic singer and preacher. He served as superintendent of the Baptist Soldiers Center in Little Rock during World War II.

## Southwestern Seminary Banquet November 19, Little Rock

Southwestern Seminary fellowship banquet will be at First Church, Little Rock, on Wednesday noon, November 19. Tickets \$1.50 each. Tuesday, November 18, 4:00 p. m. deadline. Southwide alumni plans for Sabbatical leave to be presented.

## Eight Year Old Has Five Year Record



SALLY RUTH EARY

Sally Ruth Eary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eary, Cotton Plant, received a five-year perfect attendance pin on September 28, presented by the Sunday School of First Church.

Mr. F. E. Wisner is the Sunday School superintendent at Cotton Plant, and W. Ray Tatum is the pastor.

### Minister Ordained

Sidney Church, Rocky Bayou Association, ordained Fred Westmoreland to the full work of the gospel ministry, Friday, October 10.

The presbytery was composed of pastors and deacons from Rocky Bayou and adjoining associations. Pastor Truett Murphy served as moderator and Hal Gallop served as clerk. R. A. Bone conducted the examination. John McNair presented the Bible and Noble Wiles led the ordination prayer. Pastor Hal Gallop of Black Oak brought the message.

Mr. Westmoreland is pastor of Columbia-Jarrett Church in Current River Association and is a student at Southern Baptist College.

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"Today's men of distinction are tomorrow's welfare cases."

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A baby walks before it talks . . . babies put a lot in their mouth they should not . . . so do church members.

### LISTEN TO THE

## BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: October 26

SPEAKER: Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT: "Songs In The Night"

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.

## News From Baptist Press

### Department of Architecture Adds New Worker

The Department of Church Architecture for the Baptist Sunday School Board is adding an associate secretary to serve as field advisor and consultant to churches concerning building programs. He is Rowland E. Crowder, who comes to Nashville from Springhill, Louisiana, where he has served as pastor since 1951. In his new work he will also help with the preparation of general church-building literature. Announcement of his coming was made by W. A. Harrell, secretary of the department.

Crowder is a native of Dallas County, Arkansas, and a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary. He is now engaged in graduate study at Southwestern, leading to a doctor's degree in religious education.

Mrs. Crowder is a native of Texas. They have two children, Marjorie Lee, six, and Joy Lynn, two. The Crowders will live in Nashville.



ROWLAND E. CROWDER

### Committee Calls For Moral Citizenship

Baptists must exercise intelligent and moral citizenship in the coming election. This was the pronouncement of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in its fall session meeting in Washington, D. C. The committee also "deplored outbreaks of religious persecution in countries ruled by political and ecclesiastical totalitarianism, and commended the State Department for appealing to the Italian government to lift the ban on religious minorities."

A special committee was appointed to appraise a research project on behalf of the Committee by C. E. Bryant of Baylor University. The research was a survey of expenditure of public tax money for religious institutions. The committee will make its report sometime this winter.

Officers re-elected were E. B. Willingham, Washington, D. C., president; Walter Pope Binns, Missouri, vice president; Hugh A. Brimm, Kentucky, secretary, and E. H. DeGrott, Jr., Washington, D. C., treasurer. Dr. J. M. Dawson, Washington, D. C., is executive director of the Baptist Public Affairs office. The American Convention registered a good attendance. The Swedish Baptists of the United States joined heartily in the proceedings.

### Texas Church Conducts Plough Consecration Service

God honors the tithe! Picking up an idea out of *The Baptist Program*, one that had been contributed by Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Georgia, the pastor of First Church, Abernathy, Texas, C. A. Kennedy, conducted a dedication service last spring centering around the plough. Following in Kennedy's own words is the story as requested from him:

"On May 11, 1952, I preached on 'The Consecration of the Plough.' It was designed to get our farmers to consecrate actual land to the Lord's tithe. I had large planters' boxes and attached ploughs on either side of the church pulpit. Signed cards of the 'Consecration of the Plough' were placed in these, with actual acres shown as dedicated to the Lord for this year's crop. We did this before a seed was planted.

"Through the year we have seen miraculous things here. While nine states, including Texas, have been designated disaster

areas by the Federal government, because of this terrible drought, this area, immediately surrounding Abernathy, has what old timers tell me is the best crop of 39 years!

"It has been amazing and miraculous, and the people are much moved about it. We have concluded that God, being on test, has delighted to richly prove before this community that He still honors His promises to the tither."

### Paper Declares Need For Hawaiian College

Hawaiian Baptists need a junior college, according to a recent editorial in *The Hawaii Baptist*. The editorial said:

"Increasingly, the need for a junior college has been felt in the islands. Out of the 3,500 students who want to attend the local university only about 1,400 can be admitted. Many young people go to the mainland every year who would be of great help in their churches here and could more readily adjust to college life if they could attend at least a year or two in the islands.

"The matter was discussed at the recent Hawaiian Mission meeting and a suggestion was made that a committee be appointed to investigate the possibilities and recommend to the Foreign Mission Board and Hawaii Baptist Convention any solution to this problem of need.

"Dr. Baker James Cauthen conferred with the committee and suggested that an investigation be made as to required staff, running expenses, grant or charter to operate, and future needs. Present assets, in a successful Bible department and library, recognized and accredited by Hardin Simmons University, were studied.

"If the Convention wants to launch a program of higher education in the islands, now is the time to get the vision and make long range plans."

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### New Mission in Michigan City

A new Baptist Mission is soon to be set up in Michigan City, Indiana, a suburb of Chicago, near East Gary, Illinois. If Arkansas Baptist readers know of Baptists in that area, they are requested to send names and addresses of them to: Pastor W. C. Rowe, 2736 Jasper, East Gary, Illinois.

# ★ ★ ★ Christian Horizons ★ ★ ★

By Religious News Service

## Florida Clergy Group Launch Anti-Liquor Drive

Thirty-seven Miami ministers have joined in a campaign to get pastors, religious organizations and laymen throughout the nation to bombard the Presidential candidates with telegrams and letters demanding a stand against alcoholic beverages.

The Miami group has prepared poster-size copies of a letter to be displayed in local churches calling upon people to aid this drive.

The letter says in part: "Our nation is in gravest peril if immediate steps are not taken to stop the constant encroachments on health, security, and sanity of beverage alcohol."

## Youth Leading 'Criminal Army' Says FBI Head

Behind statistics of a rising national crime rate lies a tragic story of parental neglect, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a message prepared for National Catholic Youth Week, October 19-26.

Pointing out that more than one million crimes were committed in the first six months of this year alone, an increase of 6.4 per cent over the number in the same period a year ago, Mr. Hoover stressed that "youth led the criminal army."

"Almost 30 per cent of all persons arrested were less than 25 years of age," he said, "and they were responsible for 55 per cent of all robberies, 60 per cent of all burglaries, 69 per cent of all auto thefts, and 43 per cent of all larcenies."

"Behind these figures lie tragic stories of parental neglect, broken homes, immorality, adult delinquency, and public apathy—painful proof that our nation is suffering from spiritual starvation."

## Mississippi Dries Inspect' Night Spots

Some 500 members of the Forrest County United Dry Association, including a number of clergymen, made an "inspection tour" by motor caravan of county night spots near Hattiesburg.

It was the latest development in a "war on whiskey" declared recently by county dry forces. Earlier, 14 Protestant clergymen accompanied law officers on two raiding parties that turned up one case of unlawful possession of liquor.

Churchmen spearheaded the campaign throughout Mississippi to defeat a recent proposal to substitute county option for the state's 62-year-old prohibition law. The proposal was turned down by a substantial majority of the voters in a state-wide referendum.

A clause in the referendum, authorized last April over the protests of church and dry leaders, provided that defeat of the proposal would constitute a mandate upon the legislature to enact rigid enforcement of the dry law. Enforcement had been lax and, during the past few years, the state has been levying a 10 per cent "black market" tax on illegal liquor sales.

Church groups oppose the tax as hypocritical and demand its repeal.

## Italy's Social-Democrats Ask Religious Freedom

A resolution calling upon Italian government officials to strictly observe constitutional guarantees of religious freedom was approved by the Social-Democratic Party Congress in Genoa.

Its adoption followed a speech by party leader Tristano Codignola demanding "an immediate end to persecution of Protestants." Signor Codignola also urged that a non-partisan public official be made Minister of Education, replacing the present Christian Democrat party member, in order to "protect and guarantee non-confessionalism in the public schools."

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## Poling Backs McCarthy as Symbol of 'Dynamic Defense'

Dr. Daniel A. Poling of Philadelphia, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and editor of the Christian Herald, said that Republican Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin is "a symbol of dynamic defense" of America.

An audience of 300 who heard the noted Baptist clergyman and author included a number of churchmen and members of the faculty of Marquette University.

Dr. Poling, who also is chairman of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, said that Senator McCarthy's primary election victory September 9 unleashed "a hurricane that swept the state and now is sweeping the country." The senator gained prominence through his repeated charges that government agencies are riddled with Communists and their supporters.

The clergyman declared that those who fail to concern themselves with the motives and actions of Communists and their sympathizers are guilty of "a disservice to the freedom and security" of the United States.

## Fundamentalist Seminary Moves to Widener Estate

One of the nation's society showplaces has become the new home of Faith Theological Seminary, a fundamentalist institution affiliated with the International Council of Christian Churches.

The seminary, founded in 1937, and now having about 190 students, moved from its former quarters at Wilmington, Delaware.

Its new location is the "Lynnewood Hall" manor in suburban Elkins Park, built in 1907 by the late traction magnate and banker, Joseph E. Widener. The mansion was known for many years as the "American Versailles." It housed a \$50,000,000 art collection that is now in the National Gallery, Washington.

The estate has 110 rooms, a dining room seating 300, and an even larger ballroom that the seminary is converting into a chapel. It is set off by 24 acres of lawns and a large fountain.

The seminary acquired the fabulous property, which had been leased for the past few years as a Jewish children's summer day camp, for \$250,000, and is raising another \$50,000 for renovations.

# A Smile or Two

A man was trying to sell a horse. The animal was broken winded, but sleek. The owner trotted it around for inspection and remarked: Hasn't he a lovely coat? The prospective buyer looked at the heaving flanks of the animal and replied: "Yes, his coat is all right but I don't like his pants!"

A Negro was brought into court for hitting another Negro with a brick.

"Why did you hit him?" he was asked.

"He called me an ape," said the Negro.

"When?"

"Three months ago."

"Why did you wait so long?"

"Because," said the colored man, "I ain't seen no ape 'til yisstidy."

The personnel manager was interviewing a man for a job.

"How long did you work in the other place?"

"Fifty-five years."

"How old are you?"

"I'm forty years old."

"How could you work fifty-five years when you are only forty years old?"

"Overtime."

A man went to an insurance office to have his life insured.

The insurance agent asked, "Do you drive?"

"No," said the applicant.

"Do you fly?"

"No."

"Sorry, sir," snapped the agent curtly, "but our company no longer insures pedestrians."

"I prescribed absolute quietness for your husband," said the Doctor. "Here is the sleeping pill."

"When do I give it to him?"

"You don't give it to him, you take it yourself."

A decrepid horse was being offered to the highest bidder. An old farmer watched as a young man in riding breeches bid for the animal. When the sale was completed he turned to the young man.

"Tell me. What on earth are you going to do with that nag?"

"Oh," replied the cocky young sportsman, "I'm going to race him."

The farmer took a second look at the animal. "Well, you'll win," he said.

Nervous Suitor: Sir, er—that is, I would like to—er—that is—I mean I have been going with your daughter for five years.

Father: Well, what do you want—a pension?

—Ex.

Stern Father (to son departing for boarding school): Now, don't let me hear any bad reports from you.

Son: I'll try hard, dad. But you know how those things leak out.

—Ex.

A mother had two sons—a doctor and a singer. One healed, and the other howled.

Dad: "What's this 55 on your report card, son?"

Son (hopefully): "Maybe it's the temperature of the school room."

## Fellows Resigns Central Seminary

The resignation of Dr. Jack B. Fellows as Professor of Christian Education Administration has recently been accepted by the Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. He had held this position for four years, going from First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, where he served as Minister of Education.

Dr. Fellows resigned in order to give full time to the field of church directed leisure and Christian recreation. Since 1948 he has served as the Recreation Director for the Ridgcrest Baptist Assembly. When the Baptist Sunday School Board decided to promote the Leadership Conference on Christian Recreation in 1950, Fellows was invited to direct the conference and will continue to do so again in 1953. Ridgcrest's newest conference officially registered 531 this year and plans are being made for at least 1,000 registrations for the week of August 19-24, 1953.

Preparations are now being made in their headquarters at Ridgcrest, North Carolina, for selecting a balanced and integrated team of unusually trained Christian workers to tour the Southern Baptist Convention. The emphasis of their work is found in the name given to their program: **Re-Creative Evangelism**. The purpose is four-fold:

1. Captivating Interest for the churches.

2. Augmenting Enlistment in the churches.
3. Amplifying Evangelism through the churches.

4. Rendering Service to the churches. Instruction by participation will be given in many hobby and craft activities.

Miss Susan Estes, who served last year as Professor of Speech and Drama at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee, will lead Leisurnars in all phases of Church Drama.

Leisurnars will be offered in the following fields: Why We Play; Collecting and Classifying Recreational Materials; Planning and Directing the Party; Creating and Adapting Games; The Fellowship Hour; Secular and Sacred Choruses; The Banquet Table; Successful Stunts; Playground and Sport activities and Day Camps and Retreats.

The names of Jack B. and Edith Fellows are now found on nine Broadman Press publications. Three of their most popular are Bible Reader's Oasis, The Social Kits and the brand new A Calendar of Parties.

Any church or group of churches interested in the itinerary of the "Re-Creative Evangelism" team for 1953-1954 may secure information by writing Dr. Jack B. Fellows, Ridgcrest Baptist Assembly, Box 222, Ridgcrest, North Carolina.

## Seminary Librarian Wants Associational Minutes

This is the time of year when associational officers begin worrying about printing the annual minutes. Then the minutes have to go out to the people.

At least five addresses outside the association ought not be overlooked. These minutes are Baptist history. All the seminary librarians want a complete file. The moderator or clerk should be sure to add the libraries of Louisville, Southwestern, New Orleans, Southeastern and Golden Gate seminaries to the mailing list.

Miss Nelle C. Davidson, librarian of the New Orleans Seminary, pleads that nobody throw away copies of old Baptist minutes. The single copy, or bundle of tattered old minutes that might go into a trash can or fire might be the very one to fill out some seminary collection.

She thanks all those who mailed their minutes to her last year, and asks for these and more not to forget the library this time. Collections of such minutes are always especially welcome.

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## Bible Distribution Claimed To Defeat Communists

The Pocket Testament League of New York is celebrating the commencement of the fourth year of its nation-wide campaign of evangelization and Scripture distribution in Japan with the appointment of two new members to its permanent staff in Japan. The campaign was launched in the fall of 1949 at the invitation of General Douglas MacArthur.

The new workers are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Copeland of Los Angeles. The Copelands, with their three children, sailed for Japan on September 29. They plan to work among the college and university students of Japan.

Also joining the PTL staff in the Far East is Victor B. Beattie, pastor of the Ocean City, New Jersey, Baptist Church. Pastor Beattie is taking a three-month leave-of-absence from his church to assist in the League's campaigns in Japan, Formosa and Korea. He left by plane from Philadelphia for Formosa on October 1st.

Mr. Alfred A. Kunz, Executive Director of the League, states: "The overwhelming defeat of the Communist party in Japan's recent general election—called Communism's worst setback in the Far East since World War II—was a source of encouragement to freedom-loving people everywhere. We cannot but believe that the Pocket Testament League's three-year campaign, which has reached millions of Japan's people with the Gospel, played a part in this defeat."

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## P.O.A.U. Investigates 'Persecution' Claim in U. S.

An appeal was made October 6 to Roman Catholic leaders in Richmond, Virginia, and Washington, D. C., to name specifically the communities in Virginia where, they allege, acts of discrimination have been committed against them by civil authorities. The appeal was issued by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) when the organization's research director, Stanley Lichtenstein, discussed the question by telephone with the editor of the Catholic Standard and the vice-chancellor of the Richmond chancery of the Roman Catholic Church. The POAU spokesman pointed out that Bishop Peter L. Ireton of the Richmond diocese had made corrective action impossible—even if needed—because he had refused to name the localities where the objectionable actions had allegedly occurred.

## B. B. McKinney's Music Featured on The Baptist Hour

The December 7 broadcast of the nationwide Baptist Hour will feature a special selection of music by the late Dr. B. B. McKinney, beloved Baptist musician and composer. At the suggestion of Mrs. McKinney, Dr. Kearnie Keegan will sing "Satisfied with Jesus." Other songs requested by Mrs. McKinney include "Have Faith in God," and "Near the Cross," which was not written by Dr. McKinney but was his favorite song. Other compositions by Dr. McKinney which will be used on this program will include: "Holy Spirit Breathe on Me," "Wherever He Leads I'll Go," and "Thy Will Be Done."

## Radio Television Reports To State Conventions

Reports on the work of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will be made to all State Baptist Conventions this fall. Dupree Jordan, associate director of the Commission, will present the reports in Oregon; Washington; California; Arizona; New Mexico; Mississippi; Alabama, and Georgia.

A. Alton Reed will speak in Texas; C. C. Meeden in Maryland; O. R. Shields in Missouri; A. L. Cox in Illinois; Jaroy Weber and A. T. Pilgreen in Louisiana; Ramsey Pollard in Tennessee; F. Russell Purdy in Kentucky; L. J. Morriss in North Carolina; Allen W. Graves in Oklahoma; Loyal Prior in Virginia; John A. Hamrick in South Carolina; K. O. White in Arkansas; W. P. Everson in Florida; and E. Len Weston in the District of Columbia.

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Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear, and the dumb can understand.

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## WORTH THINKING ABOUT!

Christ did not conduct funerals, only resurrections!

## An Aid to Pastors

By BRUCE H. PRICE

At the close of a deacons' meeting an opportunity was given to "say something for the good of the church." One of the younger men arose and stated that a few years ago he began subscribing for the Baptist paper because he thought it was his duty. It came to his home several weeks before he looked at it.

Then one day he happened to open a copy and noticed the headline of an article which caught his attention. For the next few weeks he formed the habit of casually turning the pages of each issue, reading a little of various news items, editorials, and articles which happened to appeal to him.

This continued until a little later he found himself reading more and more each week, and finally he became a constant reader. Now he would not do without it. New ideas and more knowledge about the Baptist program have increased his vision at home and abroad.

The paper may mean as much to a multitude of others, but first it must be available. The person in the best position to aid the paper in reaching the membership is the pastor. For this service he will gain his reward by receiving the aid of the paper in informing and inspiring his people to greater Christian devotion.

Baptist papers in the southern states have tried many ways of reaching all Baptist families, but only one plan has proved successful. It is for the local church to place the paper in its budget for each home, paying for it in the same manner that Sunday school literature is furnished.

The Baptist paper is ready to aid pastors in their work, but it can help only those who aid the paper in reaching the people.

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The little girl who used to grasp a penny firmly in one hand and press her nose against the glass in a candy counter has now grown up and can be seen at a meat counter with the same look on her face as she clutches a \$10 bill.



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## Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, Secretary

### Last Call For State Planning Meeting

This is the last call for the annual State Planning Meeting for all associational Training Union officers. All associational directors and associational missionaries are urged to bring two carloads of associational Training Union officers to the Planning Meeting, which is to be held at First Church, North Little Rock, Monday morning and afternoon, October 27.

If the other associational officers have not yet been elected, the associational director and missionary could select a group of people who are interested in the work and who might become associational officers and bring them to this State Planning Meeting. The Sunday School Board will care for the expense of as many as two cars filled with workers at the rate of three cents per mile both ways. First Church, North Little Rock, will furnish lunch for 65 cents per plate.

The success of associational Training Union work during 1953 depends upon the success of this Planning Meeting.

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the associations of Arkansas on Monday night, December 8. "M" Night is mobilization night. It is the Training Union mass meeting for December. Associations in planning their associational meetings should designate December as the month for the Training Union mass meeting. Each association will be responsible for its own meeting. The film strip, "Learn From Me," will be available. Every association in Arkansas is expected to have a good attendance this year. Now is the time to set the place for your meeting and the goal for your attendance. Attendance goals should be given to each church in your association. Some associations award a banner to the church making the highest record on "M" Night, and among other things, that record includes the pastor being present. Let us go all out for at least 12,000 in attendance on "M" Night in Arkansas.

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#### HONOR THE LORD WITH THY SUBSTANCE

I am about to place a dollar in the offering. This is magic money. It is magic in the sense that it makes possible my confessing my Christian faith in China, India, Japan, and many other countries. It is magic again: I am just an ordinary person with only average abilities. My dollar, however, may be translated into the personality of a great missionary.

I look very closely at my dollar bill. There is a picture right in the bill. I am written all over that dollar bill. My time, my skill, my education, my hands—it's my dollar. What kind of person am I? My dollar tells me: the way I spend my money—that is me in action. Let me examine my Christian stewardship again because my money is me in action.

—George W. Schroeder

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#### "A COKE A WEEK . . . A THOUGHT ABOUT MISSIONS"

He was a layman speaking in opening exercises when my attention was arrested. He was one of those with the rare art of taking statistics and bringing home the point.

"A coke a week (or its equivalent) is what we Baptists gave

## Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

### Have You Seen The New Journal?

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Below are some excerpts from the current Journal:

#### "A SERIOUS WORD"

Have you made your will? If so, did you remember your church and denomination?

What could one do that would be any greater than that of leaving a part of his material blessings to work for Christ. Such gifts can be made to perpetuate the life of a donor through the years to come, even until Jesus comes again.

May we suggest, if you have not already done so, that you consult your pastor or state Foundation secretary, or both, for information relative to the ways and means of making bequests in your will so that those causes you wish to help may be benefited after death do you part.

A serious word? Yes! But one we should all give due consideration.

—George W. Schroeder

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in our associations to missions last year," he said. Then searchingly he cast his eyes upon the adults—well over a hundred of us. "And most people drink several a day."

I don't remember the rest of the talk. He'd already said too much—or perhaps not enough. I just remembered that I was in one of the South's largest associations, 70 churches, and I felt more determined to keep missions at the forefront. We needed more than a "pause that refreshes"—rather a cause that convicts!

—Western Recorder

#### PRAY THAT YOU MAY BE

Able to suffer without complaining,  
To be misunderstood without explaining,  
Able to endure without a breaking,  
Able to give without receiving.  
To be forsaken without grieving,  
Able to ask without commanding,  
To love despite misunderstanding;  
Able to turn to the Lord for guarding,  
Able to wait for His own rewarding!

#### BLESSED ARE THE MEN

Blessed is the man who is faithful on a committee.  
Blessed is the man who can endure an hour and five minutes in a place of worship as well as two hours in a place of amusement.  
Blessed is the church officer who is not pessimistic.  
Blessed is the man who loves his church with his pocketbook as well as with his heart.  
Blessed is the man who has grace and gumption enough to leave his critical spirit on the sidewalk when he comes to church.  
Blessed is the man whose watch keeps church time as well as business time.  
Blessed is the man who loves his own church enough to praise it.

## NEW ORLEANS

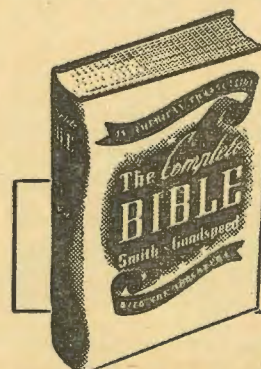


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# Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, *Secretary*

## Red River Association Training School



The above picture shows a portion of the crowd that attended the Red River Association-wide Sunday School Training School, September 7-12, 1952. The Beech Street Church of Gurdon, Dale McCoy, pastor, served as the host church. The gracious hospitality of this church in this undertaking was all that could be expected.

There were 18 churches co-operating, a total enrolment of 158 with an average attendance of 136. Fifteen pastors attended this enlargement campaign and Sunday School Clinic. There were 110 training awards earned.

Under the aggressive leadership of Missionary D. E. Parsons, Red River Association is planning for another even greater Associational Sunday School Training School for 1953. The date has been announced as October 25-30, 1953.

The pastors of the association are demonstrating a splendid spirit of co-operation and are to be commended for a forward looking program for the churches and the association.

Following is a list of those who served on the faculty for this school, under the leadership of State Secretary, Dr. Edgar Williamson, who conducted the middle conference periods; Herbert M. Findley, Central Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, taught the book "Adults in the Sunday School." Lindsey Boyd, Educational Director, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, taught "The

Young People's Department of the Sunday School." Mrs. George H. Hink, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, taught "Intermediate Sunday School Work." The book, "Junior Sunday School Work" was taught by Mrs. A. C. Kolb, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock. Mrs. C. D. Barnes, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, taught the book "Primary Sunday School Work."

Mrs. Frank Shamburger, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, taught the Beginner workers using the text **Beginner Sunday School Work**. Mrs. Edgar Williamson, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, served as instructor for the group of Nursery Department workers using the book, **The Nursery Department of the Sunday School**. Mrs. B. L. McCants, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, taught the book, **The Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday School and The Extension Department Lifting Through Love**.

**Sunday School Officers and Their Work** was taught by George H. Hink, Associate Secretary, Sunday School Department.

Congratulations for a splendid demonstration of what can be done in reaching every church through the association.

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# Baptist Student Union

MISS RACHEL QUATTLEBAUM, *Office Secretary*

## University Retreat At Siloam Springs

By MARTHA WHITEHEAD, *Editor, The Link*

The University of Arkansas B.S.U. Council met for its pre-school retreat, September 12-13, at Siloam Springs. The purpose of the meeting was to make plans for the school year. Cecil Roland of Wynne, B.S.U. president, presided over the meeting.

Miss Estelle Slater of the Southwide Student Department opened the meeting with a talk on "My Inescapable Responsibility." Before the committees met to make their plans, Miss Slater chose as her topic for a second talk, "Laborers Together with God."

The committees met individually for a two-hour session that night. Miss Doris Devault of the State Young People's Department closed the activities of the day with a message, "Missions, My Work." "Foots" Moreland of Springdale furnished the special music for the opening day.

Miss Devault began the activities of the second day with a message entitled, "Our Faith Demonstrated Through Works." The plans which the committees made the previous day were then presented to the entire group for discussion.

Pastor Rel Gray of First Church, Rogers, brought the message, "Abounding in the Work of the Lord," and Beryl Bland of Little Rock, promotional chairman, presented the special music for the Saturday morning service.

After the group adopted the plans of the committees, Miss Slater brought a brief digest of B.S.U. METHODS. Dr. W. E. Johnson of Fayetteville closed the meeting with the message: "Created Unto Good Works."

Bobbie Holland, Student Secretary at Arkansas Tech, gives the following report on B.S.U. activities there. ". . . We had one student to surrender to the min-

istry Sunday night and also one conversion. Both of these victories took place in the Student Center after church.

Our Mission projects are enough to make one sit up and take notice. We go to some small church every other Friday night and every Saturday night. Through these projects we have had one high school girl to surrender to mission service and I feel that the results of Sunday night are a direct result of our mission program.

Plans for Religious Emphasis Week are going strong. All the religious organizations are co-operating in a marvelous way. Also, plans are in the making for a college Brotherhood. I feel sure it will become a reality . . ."

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**He Needs Help**

By CHARLES A. WELLS

This is one year that we can't just let time take care of things. If the world is to gain ground, every one of us must make an effort to contribute more honesty, more integrity, more responsibility, for the lack of these virtues has been lowering the whole level of life.

We think of moral progress and spiritual growth as generalities, but they are personal terms that can mean no more than what we ourselves are, morally and spiritually.

A more stable society than we have today existed when men were more keenly aware of their personal responsibilities, for in our earlier years as a nation men stood more alone—out in their log cabins, in their shops and fields.

In our larger mass existence, we seem to think everything has changed, but it hasn't. Nothing has changed in moral and spiritual law. How far will we need to go before we discover this?

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## Church Music Department

MRS. B. W. NININGER, Director

### Junior Choir Festival Selections for 1953

#### Hymns:

Fairest Lord Jesus (tune—Crusaders Hymn) stanzas 1-2-3, page 211, Broadman Hymnal.

\*All Creatures of our God and King (tune—Lasst uns erfreuen) stanzas 1-2-3-4. This tune is the same as that found on page 93 of the Green Hill Junior Choir Book under the title "Ye Watchers and ye Holy Ones." Words to "All Creatures of our God and King" appear on the Festival Bulletin and should be taught to this tune.

\*All Glory, Laud and Honor (tune—St. Theodolph) page 3.

#### Anthems:

Alleluia (unison) — Mozart — Lorenz.

\*If with all your hearts—(Unison) Mendelssohn—page 41.

Let all things now living (unison with descant) Davis—E. C. Schirmer.

Be Thou My Vision (unison with descant) Gillette—Kjos.

\*To be found in Green Hill Junior Choir Book.

Since many of the music directors over the state are planning to enter choirs in the Youth and Junior Choir Festivals, March 27-28, 1953, the required selections are made public at this time. Fullest use and enjoyment of the festival music depends on

securing at once sufficient copies for every member of your singing group and learning it for presentation in your own services from time to time. In this manner, adequate preparation can be made for participation in the festival with a minimum of disturbance to your rehearsal schedule. Both the Green Hill Junior Choir book and the separate anthems may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

#### BROADMAN HYMNAL PIANIST AND ORGANIST EDITION

All church pianists and organists will hail with joy the news that the Broadman Hymnal is now available in a loose leaf edition to fit a three-ring, 8½x 5½-inch binder. The attractive green binder is stamped in silver and contains the regular round note edition. The book is to be sold as one unit (binder and filler) and not as separate items. This Pianist and Organist Edition of the Broadman Hymnal contains the Responsive Readings section as well as the forty-page Index as used in the Choir Edition. Here is a much wanted book of great value. It stays open without any additional aids and lies flat on the music rack of your instrument.

### Assurance or Complacency

By S. H. JONES

A speaker who announced his subject as "Assurance" had not spoken very long before it became evident that he was in danger of being simply complacent. For him, evidently, the fact, that he had assurance of salvation was sufficient reason for his having little concern about anything else. Assurance is a good thing; indeed, it is a necessary thing, if one is to find peace and happiness at all. Yet, if assurance degenerates into complacency, it may become a deadly thing which destroys the nerve of concern and endeavor. It is difficult, therefore, for one to keep from being a bit wary of people who speak over-much about their own personal assurance.

Perhaps it might help if one could always remember that the basis of assurance is in God and not in ourselves. One can, therefore, be perfectly sure about God but not at all sure about himself, except as he knows himself to be in harmony with God's will. At that point, one may err by being either timid or presumptuous, depending upon his nature. If he be too timid, he may never know the joys of a positive and virile faith. If he

be presumptuous, he may assert more than he experiences and claim a relationship with God which his life denies. This may result in the sort of complacency referred to above.

What, then, is the true state of spiritual health with regard to assurance? Perhaps the best one can do is to say, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." One can believe God completely and thereby have complete assurance that He will do right and be merciful. As to himself, however, a person must, it seems always be dissatisfied. One's assurance of salvation comes through faith in God and not from one's own merits or actions. On the other hand, a saved person, realizing the cost of his salvation and the awful conditions of the lost as well as his own short-comings even after he is saved, can never afford to be, or appear to be, complacent.

Could we sum up by suggesting that one should thank God for the assurance of salvation and then try to share the gospel of salvation with others, meanwhile avoiding excessive talk about his own assurance?

—The Baptist Courier

## Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary

### It's District Meeting Time

Plans have been perfected for the eight district W.M.U. meetings to be held October 28-November 7, and attendance of every mission-minded person, particularly of W.M.U., is urged.

The theme chosen is "Look on the Fields," and featured during the day will be missionary messages, reports of district and associational officers, discussion of some of the promotional plans of Woman's Missionary Union by representatives from the state Union—Miss Doris DeVault, young people's secretary, Mrs. R. E. Hagood, state W.M.U. worker, Miss Nancy Cooper, executive secretary and treasurer.

The missionary speakers are from two of the new areas which are featured in the new series of foreign mission books. Miss Wil-

ma Weeks of Hawaii, formerly of China, and soon to be relocated in one of the newer fields of the South Pacific region, will be the speaker in West Central, Northwest, North Central and North East districts. Mrs. Gerald Riddle from Colombia will be in the meetings in Southwest, Southeast, Central, and East Central districts. Both of these are outstanding speakers, but more than that they are thoroughly dedicated to the calling which they have received and are generously sharing those experiences with those of us "at home."

NEW OFFICERS, claim this inspiration and information at this early date in the new year. Members-at-large, as followers you need the same experience. Claim it! The schedule follows:

District	Place	Date
West Central	First Church, Clarksville	October 28
Northwest	First Church, Springdale	October 29
North Central	First Church, Marshall	October 30
Northeast	First Church, Paragould	October 31
Southwest	Beech St. Church, Gurdon	November 4
Southeast	First Church, McGehee	November 5
Central	Baring Cross, No. Little Rock	November 6
East Central	First Church, Forrest City	November 7

#### NEW BWC FEDERATION

Representatives from six Business Woman's Circles in Greene County Association met at the East Side Church, of Paragould, on October 9 to perfect the organization of a BWC Federation. The appropriate theme chosen was "It's Time." Mrs. Russell Duffer, Adviser, presided over the organization, after which Miss Nancy Cooper installed the following officers:

President, Mrs. Billy Brawner; Vice President, Mrs. Betty Callaway; Secretary, Miss Reba Hunt; Treasurer, Mrs. T. N. Bennett; Program Chairman, Mrs. Rose; Community Missions Chairman, Miss Velma Martin; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Ellen Harrell; Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. Zula Howe; Publicity, Mrs. Jerry Coffman; Extension, Miss Erlene Dollins; Pianist, Mrs. Anita Rogers; Chorister, Mrs. Glenda Barrett.

It was voted for the Federation to meet quarterly for dinner. The second meeting will be held at Childress Chapel.

#### HAVE YOU REPORTED?

It's so important that lists of new officers be sent to State W.M.U. Headquarters immediately! Really, they are late now! Materials so necessary for planning and promoting "the work" should be in the hands of new officers prior to this time. Won't you send in your lists so they

may be sent?

Another thing. So soon program material for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions will be mailed and will be sent only to those societies and auxiliaries which have reported their 1952-53 leaders.

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## Southern Baptists Pioneer in Kansas

The Evangelistic Crusade with the Southern Baptist churches in the state of Kansas came to a close October 12. Approximately 75 preachers from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, and other states gave two weeks of their time in assisting those noble pastors and churches, who are pioneering for Southern Baptists in the great wheat state.

The population of Kansas is practically the same as Arkansas. Unlike Arkansas, however, ninety-one per cent of its land area is in farms, with more acres under cultivation than any other state, except Texas. The slogan for the state is: "Kansas the Wheat State," and it is truly that, for it leads the nation in wheat production. But it is also an oil state. Oil wells are seen through the central plains which extend for more than 200 miles westward. From all indications, it is a prosperous state; the highway system is excellent; the towns and cities are growing; and beautiful parks are seen in most of the towns. Great industries have been built near the reserves of petroleum, natural gas, coal, zinc, stone and salt.

The religious progress of the state, especially the Baptist work, has not kept pace with the economic and social advancement. The Roman Catholics are the largest religious body. The Northern Baptists, which claim Kansas as their territory, lost three associations and 200 churches in thirty years, ending January 1, 1949. At that date, Wichita, which has become a great city of over 200,000 population, had organized only two Baptist churches in 21 years and at the same date the youngest church in Topeka, the state capitol, was 57 years old. The Northern Baptists number 70,000. Compare this with Arkansas' 250,000!

There are 600 towns in the state with 100 to 4,000 people with no Baptist church. It was the writer's privilege to visit in several towns in Central Kansas. We visited in Silana, which claims a population of 26,000; the Northern Baptist church is celebrating its 85th anniversary this month and has an average of about 200 in Sunday School. Two Southern Baptist churches have been organized there in recent years. At Great Bend we found a town of 13,000 population and the Northern Baptist church averaging about 350 in Sunday School. A Southern Baptist church has also been organized there, is one year older, and has 44 resident members. Hutchinson has a population of 33,000

and the Northern Baptist church has about 300 in Sunday School. A Southern Baptist church has also been organized there. The town of Newton has 12,000 people and the Northern Baptist church has 450 members. A Southern Baptist church has been organized there with 15 members.

It was with these new Southern Baptist churches that some of the outstanding preachers of the South went to serve in the state-wide Evangelistic Crusade. The above facts do indicate great possibilities for Southern Baptists, but do not think for a moment that the work is easy or that the new churches will soon evangelize the state. Progress is going to be slow for a few years. Some good pastors will have to give the best part of their lives to get the Southern Baptist work well established. Most of those there now seem to be of that type. They face many difficulties and disappointments, but are heroically carrying on.

In the association in which we served, there were nine churches participating in the Crusade. Dr. C. E. Wilbanks was the associational director. On the middle Sunday of the Crusade only one church had over 100 in Sunday School. On Friday of the last week only 15 had been received for baptism in all nine of the churches. In some of the associations of the state the results were much better, and in others about the same. Thus, the results show that evangelism is not easy in Kansas. In a few years, however, when Southern Baptists are accepted, the results will be much better.

What makes our work difficult in Kansas? In our opinion, it is largely because the churches are young—very few are over five years old. In the main, they were organized by a small group of Southern Baptists who did not like the Northern Baptist churches. It may have been an easy matter for these interested and consecrated Southern Baptists to organize, but to go beyond that group to reach others has been a most difficult task. Many of the congregations do not have more than twenty or twenty-five people in attendance. So, it is difficult to make much of an impression on a city with such a small congregation. One convert is a great victory in any church. One family joining encourages the entire congregation. Slowly but surely they are winning. Southern Baptists ought to be proud of the pioneering work being done by her sister churches in Kansas.

## Is God Interested In Politics?

By H. H. MCGINTY

"I do not believe in mixing politics and religion," said a member of a Sunday School class of young ladies when the discussion turned to the approaching national election.

Where did she get that expression? And how did it come about that a grown young woman, a member of a Christian church, was so lacking in moral discernment and conviction? Anyway, that is what she said. And she is evidently typical of many thousands of church members who are living in a moral fog.

The American people, by the way they vote on November 4, will largely determine the directions and policies of our country for the years ahead. The course which America chooses will affect every other nation of the world. The election is that important.

Can anyone believe that God is not interested in such matters? Can we forget that He is dependent upon His children for the expression of His will in the affairs of men? As Christians we know that God does care about what happens in politics. He is interested in the results of elections. Therefore, every Christian has a responsibility as a citizen of this world.

To vote intelligently and conscientiously is the duty of every Christian who is concerned for his own welfare and that of his neighbors throughout the world. Issues are often obscure and confused, so he will be careful to sift the chaff from the wheat. Since men are what they are, he will always remember that an

election is not a popularity contest.

The National Council's Division of Christian Life and Work offers some timely suggestions to the Christian voter. "The responsible voter," it says, "will study all the basic issues at stake in the election in the light of his religious convictions and will judge candidates and parties accordingly . . ."

"The responsible voter will base his decision on what he considers best for the total community, the well-being of all the people. He will not respond to sectional, racial, or class appeals. He will take into account the total program of the candidates and parties seeking power, rather than base his decision on one single issue, however important that issue may seem to him.

"It is equally important," the suggestions continue, "that we pray and urge others to pray for guidance . . . We find it difficult to be fully honest with ourselves as partisans, but when we kneel before God our Father, we know He looks upon the heart.

"Let us pray to the Heavenly Father, Who knows no nation and no party, to help the Christian people and the churches of this country to impress upon all citizens the need that His will be done.

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Including Missions	1482	697	
El Dorado, First	961	246	
No. Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	935	332	6
Including Missions	988	353	7
Little Rock, Second	928	226	7
Including Mission	988		10
Texarkana, Beech St.	700	280	8
Benton, First	644	164	2
Including Mission	692	197	4
El Dorado, Immanuel	638	336	
Camden, First	601	187	3
Including Missions	675	350	
Magnolia, Central	552	220	4
Forrest City, First	532	215	1
El Dorado, Second	531	270	
Springdale, First	526	244	1
Crossett, First	517	217	
Hot Springs, Central	517	196	
Warren, First	515	151	1
Hope, First	515	112	1
McGehee, First	514	180	
Including Mission	676	286	
Siloam Springs, First	513	327	1
West Helena	513	175	1
Paragould, First	500	238	1
Including Missions	699	383	
Booneville, First	460	112	4
Conway, First	445	110	
Cullendale, First	433	218	2
Fordyce, First	429	122	
Including Mission	480		
Little Rock, So. Highland	428	170	5
Hot Springs, Park Place	417	166	1
Rogers, First	406	175	3
Including Mission	496	219	
Fort Smith, Calvary	400	202	3
Smackover, First	386	158	
Monticello, First	381	216	
Texarkana, Calvary	377	102	7
El Dorado, West Side	371	136	1
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	363	113	1
Stuttgart, First	349	189	
Including Mission	400	227	
Hot Springs, First	349	113	3
Bauxite, First	323	201	1
Fort Smith, South Side	315	91	3
Hamburg, First	312	190	
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	305	95	
Mena, First	305	108	
Including Mission	343		
Fort Smith, Immanuel	301	145	
Pine Bluff, Second	288	119	1
Jacksonville, First	285	139	1
Including Mission	316		
Fort Smith, Temple	279	178	1
Norphlet, First	272	160	
Fort Smith, Spradling	271	115	
Alma, First	270	112	
Including Mission	303		
Almyra	253	161	1
No. Little Rock, First	242	64	
Hot Springs, Piney	239	199	
Paragould, East Side	233	112	
Bentonville, First	228	51	1
Including Mission	284		
Gurdon, Beech St.	225	110	1
Tyronza, First	220	115	
Including Mission	340	184	
Augusta, First	218	92	
Including Mission	256		
Crossett, Mount Olive	205	142	
Star City, First	201	78	
Including Mission	223		
Dermott	179	68	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	170	125	6
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	167	131	1
Nettleton, First	150	80	
Fort Smith, North Side	125	65	2
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	114	90	3
Moscow, Linwood	111	101	1
Magnolia, Immanuel	96	48	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	61	38	
Wright, Plum Bayou	53	58	

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#### THE MAIN MOTIVE OF TITHING

1. It is to teach men to put God and the church first.
2. It is to teach men to recognize and acknowledge God's ownership.
3. It is to teach men that a minimum ration of giving is the tenth.
4. It is to teach that tithing is an art of worship.

The main purpose, therefore, is to secure, not the Tithes, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not the money, but the man; not the possession, but the possessor.

# Jesus' Test Of Faith

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

*Lesson based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.*

Please keep in mind we are still studying the "Sermon on the Mount," the first recorded sermon Jesus preached.

## A PERSONAL TEST THE GOLDEN RULE

"Whatsoever things ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." It is difficult to enlarge upon a statement that is so plain and simple. We know exactly, in every instance, what we do not want others to do to us, yet we are not always careful to be as considerate of others as we desire them to be toward us.

We would like so much for others to be long suffering with us, to be lenient in their criticism, and generous and charitable in every thought and attitude toward us. But do we remember to be so with others?

## RELIGIOUS TEST

There is a self righteousness that tendeth toward wickedness; we should not be arrogant about our religion, but in His first sermon Jesus gave a warning we should heed.

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Where there is a prophet there must be religion, true or false. We should never sit in judgment on God's work, nor God's men. The Lord is thoroughly qualified to manage His business and His personnel. We should avoid the bad habit of petty criticism of every little thing another says and does.

But Jesus said there are preachers abroad who look good, they look like the real thing; they look like sheep, but their hearts are as black as the hungry wolf. And Jesus gave us their qualifications. He told us how to test the false. Jesus took a positive stand against false prophets, and so should we.

1. There is a common idea that anything that parades under the banner of religion is sacred and should not be criticized. Thus, false prophets and religious racketeers have a wide open field for operation. They are protected by law in such a way that no other racketeer can be, because of our religious freedom, a thing that makes our knowledge of God's word even more important.

2. Jesus intimated that we should KNOW our preacher. That is why the record of a contemplated pastor is investigated, and

## Sunday School Lesson for

October 26, 1952

Matthew 7:12, 15-27

recommendations are sought and given. If we do not know the preacher we intend to work with, we should know a worthwhile person who does know him well enough to vouch for him. Jesus said, "By their fruits shall ye know them," but not if they are strangers. So, upon the authority of God's word we say, "Know your preacher."

## IS SEEING-BELIEVING? MATTHEW 7:22

Jesus gave us a "test of faith" for preachers that seems so fitting to the day in which we live. In verse 21, there are many professors of religion in the world, but only the possessors will enter the kingdom of heaven. Yet, in the day of judgment, the professors will produce an abundance of good works they accomplished in the Lord's name and offer that for proof of salvation.

"In your name, Lord, we prophesied. We foretold the future to others." Indeed, Nobody can get a better following today than the preacher who can quote a few prophecies. Pastors should teach their people diligently concerning the prophecies so they will not follow every prophet, so-called, who comes along. Anybody can quote scripture, so we say, "Know your preacher."

"In your name, Lord, we've cast out devils." Yes sir, healed the sick, gave the insane back their right minds.

"And in thy name have done many wonderful works," King James Version; or according to Moffatt: "Did we not perform many miracles in thy name?"

Check the points Jesus gave, and you have the "test of faith" He gave: 1. prophets; 2. divine healers; 3. miracle workers. A thing that seems very strange about the modern divine healers is that they are always traveling people. They cannot stay in one city too long, and the reason is obvious. We ask a simple question: Why do not the local pastors of the divine healing denominations (or non-denominational as some claim) ever perform miracles? No doubt the pastors live as close to the Lord as the evangelists do.

## WHAT DID JESUS SAY? MATTHEW 7:23

"... I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Strangers to Christ. Yet how freely they used His name in the world. What were they? Re-

ligious racketeers. It is a lucrative business. They operate by radio and in person. By advertising, and automobile facilities being what they are, people are reached for many miles with their gospel. And many people are always ready for the sensational.

Those preachers will tell you that we limit the power of God to heal; and that we deny the word of God when He gave the disciples power to heal. The disciples who had the power to heal were the APOSTLES. There were twelve of them, and we cannot prove that all of them healed the sick. Paul used the power of miracles carefully. And we do not find Timothy healing at all. Paul received inspired knowledge, but he told Timothy to study. He also told Timothy to take some medicine for his stomach trouble. Why didn't Paul heal Timothy's ailment?

The Bible clearly reveals that miracles were always given in times of emergency, for one purpose: to confirm the oral word of God. That was true from Moses through the apostolic age. In I. Corinthians 13:8, Paul said

the special gifts would cease, "When that which is perfect is come." When the revelation of God was completed, the Bible, there was no further need to confirm the word. We have the written word, and Jesus told us what to do with it in Matthew 7:24-27. The person who builds upon the solid foundation of His word is a wise builder, and shall withstand the storms of life. But the person who does not know His word is like a house built upon the sand, without any foundation. The house will fall.

There is no limit to the power of God. He is just as real to the consecrated Christian today as He was to the apostles. He will answer your prayer and mine as quickly as he will a preacher's prayer. The preacher or evangelist has no corner on God's power. He has promised to answer our prayers for the sick, when we meet certain conditions and it is His will to heal.

We do not deny the word of God, nor the miracles He has seen fit to perform. We do strive to rightly divide the word as Paul told Timothy to do.

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## Arkansas Churches Go On To Victory

### Immanuel, El Dorado Will Give \$22,500

Under the leadership of that indomitable pastor, J. D. Tolleson, Immanuel Church, El Dorado, will give \$22,500 for the Cooperative Program in 1953. This is reaching out, but this is the habit of Immanuel Church. Really, when you know Tolleson you would not expect much less.

### Judsonia Gives \$496

During the last quarter, First Church in Judsonia, now in the process of erecting a new building after it was torn to pieces by the storm, sent \$496. This is a heroic people and all the courage that the storm was calculated to destroy in their hearts and minds has been regained, and they are going forward in the work of the Lord under the direction of their new pastor, Brother Lyon. Thank you, all the saints in Judsonia.

### Cole Ridge Church in Mississippi County

The Cole Ridge Church in Mississippi County will give \$200 in 1953 for Cooperative Missions. We asked this church for only \$180. They are going far beyond what we had expected. We are grateful.

### Trinity in Clear Creek

Trinity Church in Clear Creek Association will just about double its contributions for Cooperative Missions in 1953. It looks good. Thank you, all the saints in Trinity Church.

### Wheatley Will Give Ten Per Cent

Ten per cent of the receipts of the Wheatley Baptist Church will go for Cooperative Missions in 1953. This church has recently built and is going forward.

### Rudy and the Cooperative Program

Mrs. B. R. Cole is the Church Clerk of the Baptist Church in Rudy. They have voted to give \$72 for Cooperative Missions in 1953.

### Camden, First Church, Increase Gifts Over Fifty Per Cent

First Church, Camden, Dr. T. L. Harris, pastor, will increase its contributions for Cooperative Program gifts for 1953 more than 50 per cent. The church itself will increase its contributions to \$12,500, and they are giving up two missions which are becoming independent churches, and these churches, both Bethel and Calvary, whose members formerly gave through the Camden Church will give liberal amounts for co-operative missions. The work in Camden is growing by leaps and bounds under the ministry of Dr. Harris of First Church, and Brethren Fowler and Anderson of Bethel and Calvary Churches which have recently been organized. It is a new day for Camden. The First Church there is finishing up one of the loveliest sanctuaries that we have in the state.

### New Church in Texarkana Contributes to Missions

Recently there was organized in Texarkana the North Heights Baptist Church. They have been going about one month, have over 50 members now, and they are going forward. They are negotiating for property on which to build a house. They sent us a check for \$40.96 for the Cooperative Program that represents the offering for about three weeks for missions. Watch this church grow! Jack Gullede is the alert, hard working, spiritually minded pastor. The church has the approval and support of First Church in Texarkana, Texas, and the Beech Street Church in Texarkana, Arkansas. Thank you, Brother Gullede, for the fine support that your church is giving the work.

### Macedonia Will Increase

The Macedonia Church in Bartholomew Association will give \$60 for Cooperative Missions in 1953. R. C. Creed is the hard working pastor, and B. C. Smith is a dependable leader that writes us about the progress of the church.

### Center Hill and John J. McCollum

Pastor John J. McCollum of the Center Hill Church near Paragould says that the church has increased its gifts to the mission cause. They will give \$84 for the Cooperative Program in 1953.

### Coble and Strong

First Church, Strong, will give \$2,000 for the Cooperative Program in 1953. In 1952 they are giving nearly \$1,500, so you can see there will be nearly \$600 increase. This is a fine work and Pastor Coble is leading the saints in a victorious manner.

### Bird and Hampton

Pastor William C. Bird, First Church, Hampton, reports that they will give more than we asked them to give in 1953 for Cooperative Missions. This is typical of W. G. Bird and he is bringing the Hampton Church to the front as rapidly as we ever saw most anything take place. We thank the Lord for this forward moving pastor and this splendid church.

### Brown and First Church, Blytheville

First Baptist Church in Blytheville has just entered its new and expensive sanctuary, and they are paying heavily upon this item of progress in their work. Notwithstanding this they are increasing their Cooperative Program giving thirty per cent for 1953. The church will give \$16,400 next year for the Cooperative Program. That is progress in every direction. Thank you, all the saints in the First Church in Blytheville, and the tireless, victorious pastor.

### Pastor Jesser and Providence Church

Providence Church in Washington-Madison Association is moving forward under the aggressive and spiritual leadership of Pastor Walter Jesser. The church is in a building program and is under a financial strain, but like any real New Testament church it is not allowing this item to keep it from recognizing its responsibility in the Lord's great mission field. So, the church will give all that we asked it to give for the Cooperative Program in 1953, and this amount will be over four times the amount that we suggested for the current year. Thank you, Brother Jesser.

### A Million By Houston!

We want to share some of our space with Dr. B. H. Duncan and his staff in their campaign to obtain enough new subscribers to the **Arkansas Baptist** by May 6-10, 1953, the date of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, to have 45,000 subscribers. This goal is not unreasonable if all of us will help. We would urge each pastor, associational missionary, all denominational workers, members of the W.M.U., members of the Brotherhood, the Sunday School, Training Union and all others to help put this campaign over.

Turn to page two of this issue and there you will find the subscription rates, etc. We believe our people will want the **Arkansas Baptist** in their homes and that they will subscribe for it if we will give them the opportunity in a special sort of way.

### Counting the Cost!

What does it cost to belong to the Ministers Retirement Plan? How much will I receive when I retire, etc.? These are questions asked of us almost every week by an interested preacher brother who is not in the plan. Following are some examples of living annuitants in our state:

(1) Member joined January 1, 1940, and retired exactly one year later. He paid in \$31.08 that year and has drawn, up to July 1, 1952, \$6,900.

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(3) Member joined January 1, 1940, and retired September 1, 1948. He paid in for the period ending July 1, 1952, \$593.27 and has received \$3,658.84.

(4) Member joined January 1, 1940. Retired January 1, 1951. From date of entry until retirement day, he paid in \$1,320 and has received \$3,000.

(5) Member joined the plan November 1, 1941, and retired October 31, 1944. He paid in during that time \$58.77 and has received \$4,313.88.

If you are simply "counting the cost," we can assure you that there is no way to lose. More than just that, there is a great satisfaction in knowing that the "rainy days" will be cared for. Write B. L. Bridges, General Secretary, Baptist Building, Little Rock, for application blanks. Do it NOW!