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**Boating is lots of fun—  
But be careful, there are lots of drownings**



# Life's Boomerangs

By FORREST C. FEEZOR  
Executive Secretary, Texas

A boomerang is an instrument or weapon that was used by the natives of Australia in hunting or fighting. It is made of a curved piece of hard wood, sometimes in a crescent form, sometimes like the segment of a circle. It is flat on one side and slightly curved on the other and has a sharp edge back and front like a two-edged blade or a two-edged sword. The curious thing about a boomerang is that when properly thrown, it will return to the thrower. When skilfully thrown as the natives practice it, it turns in its flight and comes back to where it started from.

Life has its boomerangs. They come back to you. What you get back depends upon what you send out. What you give away returns to you. That is what our Lord meant when He said: "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over shall men give unto your bosom. For the measure you deal out to others will be dealt back to yourself" Luke 6:38.

War is a boomerang. I saw the truth of that in Germany last summer. Did not our Lord say: "They that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

Before any war is finished, it comes back upon those who started it for their own hurt and loss.

Life has its other boomerangs. Let me specify: anger provokes anger; spite stirs up spite; jealousy awakens jealousy; backbiting arouses more backbiting; and in the long

run everybody is hurt and vexed and friends are lost and damage is done that cannot be repaired in the lives of those who suffered it.

The Bible has its illustrations of boomerangs. Recall the story of the man called Haman as one example. As you see him at last hanging on the gallows he had constructed for another, this I believe, one word describes the event. Boomerang.

But the boomerang operates in a good sense. "Cast thy bread upon the waters and it shall return unto you after many days." The way to get kindness is to give kindness. The way to get love is to give love. The way to get friends is to be friendly. The way to get peace is to promote peace. It is all just like a boomerang.

A country girl once extended courtesy to a tired student book salesman. She gave him a cold drink of milk from the spring house. Later when a patient in the hospital, the former student was an eminent surgeon in Johns Hopkins Hospital, she was rewarded by having her bill receipted: Paid in full by a cold glass of milk. A glass of milk had become a boomerang in the hands of a country girl. Try it with kindness, courtesy, or politeness.

And now let me give you an orchid from the garden of God's World: "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee" Psalm 119:11.

—Baptist Standard

## Baptist Preacher Sentenced to Jail, Stocks For Publishing Heretical Book

AILESBURY, England, October, 1644 (BP) —A judge who would brook no nonconformity today levied a series of heavy penalties against Benjamin Keach. The Baptist minister was found guilty of publishing doctrines contrary to the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England.

Keach's sentence includes two weeks' confinement in jail, two exposures of two hours each to public ridicule in the stocks, a public renunciation of his "seditious, wicked, and malicious" beliefs as published in his book, witnessing the public burning of his book by the common hangman, and a fine of twenty pounds.

The preacher was found guilty of having published *The Child's Instructor*, a book which sets forth a number of Baptist doctrines including believer's baptism, the earthly reign of Christ, the eternal safety of infants dying unbaptized, and other doctrines contrary to the liturgy of the Church of England.

Keach pleaded not guilty at the jury trial, declaring that he had written only part of the book and that the court had failed to prove that he had written all that was charged in the indictment.

In addition to heaping personal abuse on the defendant, the presiding judge repeatedly interrupted Keach to remark, "You shall not speak anything here except to say whether you wrote this book or not. You shall not be suffered to give the reasons of your doctrines here and seduce the King's subjects."

The presiding judge, making no attempt to conceal his strong prejudice against the accused, actually wrung a verdict of guilty from the jury. In his charge to the jury the judge made a final assault on the character

of the minister and refused their initial verdict of not guilty.

"We cannot in conscience find the defendant guilty," the jury told the court, "because the words of the indictment and the statements in the defendant's book do not agree." The discrepancy was due to a recorder's error, the indictment charging that the book declares "then shall the Devils be raised," while the book actually reads "then shall the dead be raised."

The judge refused to accept the decision of the jury, however, and arbitrarily demanded a verdict of guilty, which he finally won. After serving his jail sentence Keach is to stand in the pillory on the following Saturday from eleven to one o'clock and again for a like period on Thursday.

Told that he would appear before the next session of court to renounce his opinions, the Baptist leader boldly told the court, "I hope I shall never renounce those truths which I have written in that book."

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## House Restricts Lower Clergy Plane Fares to Non-Subsidized Airlines

The House voted to let non-subsidized airlines carry clergymen at reduced fares. The action was an amendment to a Senate approved bill which authorized all airlines, whether or not they received federal subsidies, to grant reduced clergy fares on a "space available" basis.

The differing versions now go to a House-Senate Conference committee.

—Religious News Service

## Jesus On Trial

A Devotion By The Editor

"What is it which these witness against thee?"

There is widespread but superficial acknowledgment of the claims of Jesus today. It is quite generally admitted that He is a historical figure, that He was a very unusual character, a great teacher, and innocent of any charges deserving death.

It is generally admitted that He is the Son of God. This acknowledgment also admits that in some mysterious way, though it is vague and uncertain, He has something to do with life. The probability that the race is accountable to Him is admitted, but with little certainty as to what that accountability actually is.

It is further admitted that His rejection by the Jews was stupid, that His trial was a farce, and that His execution was the greatest crime of history. People admit these things without realizing that to be logical and consistent their admissions should commit them to Jesus and His teachings and His program. But the public in general, outside of Christianity and many within Christianity, after admitting all this, goes on and lives in direct opposition to the teachings and principles of Jesus.

The thing that people do not recognize and admit is that Jesus is on trial before them each day and that they are passing judgment upon Him, not by the admissions just mentioned, but by reason of the principles and standards by which they live. To admit lightly all that Jesus claims for Himself, and then live in absolute contradiction to all that He taught is to aggravate one's own guilt and make himself more blameworthy.

The trial to which Jesus is subjected today follows, in the main, the same general procedure of His trial by the Sanhedrin.

"And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? What is it which these witness against thee?"

"But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

"Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you. Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

". . . What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death" (Matthew 26: 62-66).

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## From The Editor's Desk

# The Genius of Baptist Co-operation

(This is the fourth in a series of studies of Baptist church polity.)

Just as autonomy is the basis of Baptist church polity and the basis of the polity of other Baptist bodies, so autonomy is the basis of Baptist co-operation. In fact, autonomy demands co-operation. We have remarked in a former discussion that while much emphasis is placed on the independence of Baptist churches and other Baptist bodies, co-operation takes precedence over independence. Since there is no hierarchy or super-church to direct the affairs either of the local churches or of the associations and conventions, and since each Baptist body is autonomous, the demand for voluntary co-operation becomes paramount. Autonomy and voluntary co-operation are the secret of the phenomenal growth of Southern Baptists.

### A Comprehensive Program

Looking at our denomination from one angle, it would appear that our denominational organization is a very complex sort of machinery. Yet it is very simple in its nature and operation. Since each Baptist general body is made up of messengers direct from the churches, the Baptist membership is conscious of a very personal relationship to and interest in each Baptist general body. While we think of the district association as being closest to the local church, it is only so geographically. The state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention are just as close to the local church as the district association since the membership of these bodies is made up of messengers direct from the churches.

This co-operation has resulted in a comprehensive and uniform program which has grown through the years from small beginnings to great proportions and which is still growing.

The Southern Baptist program of co-operation strives to be co-extensive with the Great Commission of Jesus. In that commission Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. . . ."

### Evangelism

Our evangelistic and missionary program, beginning with the local church, extending out through the district association, and on through the state convention and to the Southern Baptist Convention, is the effort of our Baptist people to obey that part of the Commission of Jesus. It is an evangelistic and missionary enterprise that literally encompasses the globe. Although we have reached every part of the world, every part of the world is our objective. We do not claim that this Commission was given exclusively to Southern Baptists. We rejoice in any evangelistic and missionary effort by other Christian denominations. But we accept the challenge to be witnesses unto Jesus in Jerusalem, our home community

where we live; in all Judea, throughout the state in which we happen to reside; in Samaria, the surrounding territory which is represented by our home mission program; and unto the uttermost part of the world, where our Foreign Mission Board is engaged in a great mission cause, to bring the gospel to the peoples of other lands.



### Baptize Them

The second part of that Commission of Jesus is, ". . . baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. . . ." This represents the results of our evangelistic and missionary efforts. Last year Southern Baptist churches baptized 416,867 persons. These baptisms represent the results of our evangelistic and missionary effort in the homeland by the local churches, the state conventions in their evangelistic program, and the Home Mission Board missionaries. The number of baptisms on the foreign fields where our Foreign Mission Board is active would bring the total number of baptisms to near the half-million mark.

### Teach Them

The third part of the Commission of Jesus is, "teaching them to observe all things." The effort of Southern Baptists to carry out this part of the Commission of Jesus takes several different forms. First, and basic in our Baptist "teaching" program, is the Sunday school in the local church. We have provided a teaching program that is comprehensive enough to include the infant and the aged and all ages between. It is also comprehensive in subject matter with the Bible as the textbook and appropriate literature as aids in the study of the Bible and the teaching of the Bible. There has grown up a demand in recent years for educational directors to direct this teaching program within the local church. Our seminaries have responded by offering courses in religious education and degrees for the completion of these courses. Educational directors are in great demand among our churches today.

It will be sufficient only to mention the Training Union, the WMU, and the Brotherhood as representing a serious effort on

### Fighting Gnats

There is an old fable of the gnat on the bull's horn. The gnat rode on the bull's horn all day and toward evening the gnat apologized to the bull for being such a burden to him during the day but expressed his appreciation for the ride, to which the bull replied, "Why, I didn't even know you were there."

So long as the Southern Baptist Convention keeps on the main track and does not dissipate its energies fighting gnats, it will get along all right.

There are many tangent issues that are constantly seeking a ride on the Convention band wagon. These issues are local, provincial, and often personal. Sometimes they are doctrinal issues that are involved in a limited area. Sometimes they are issues that involve only local churches. There have been times that some individual has dared to bring his personal problems to the Convention. At other times those on the outside have sought to attract and then distract the attention of the Convention from its main business.

All such issues are but ripples on the surface and can safely be ignored by the Convention. The Southern Baptist Convention will get into all sorts of trouble if and when it neglects its main business to take up these petty and tangent issues which are provincial and often personal.

Let us not waste our time and dissipate our energies fighting gnats.

the part of Southern Baptists to carry out this part of the Commission or our Lord to "teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Mention should be made also of the Vacation Bible School, the summer assemblies within the various states and the two Southern Baptist Convention assemblies at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and Glorieta, New Mexico. In addition to these organizations is the BSU, the Baptist Student Union, which represents an effort on the part of Baptists to minister to the Baptist students on the college campuses. Of course, our Baptist colleges and seminaries are committed to the Great Commission in its entirety, teaching and training our young men and young women to fulfill their places of responsibility whatever they may be.

### Participation

As we take an objective view of this comprehensive program of Southern Baptists, surely our hearts thrill to the prospect of more than eight million Southern Baptists (though at least one-third of those eight million have not caught the vision yet) working together voluntarily and without outside compulsion to carry out the Commission of Jesus. While this detached, objective view will fill our souls, the thrill will become heightened and intensified when we individually take our places within the ranks of Southern Baptists and contribute our part in thought, energy, time and material possessions to advance the cause of Christ around the world.



# Kingdom Progress

## Arkansas Graduates at Southwestern Seminary



CLARENCE ALLISON  
B.D. Degree  
Fountain Hill



JNO. H. ALLRED  
B.D. Degree  
Osage



JAS. R. PERKINS  
B.D. Degree  
Nashville



ANN RATCLIFF  
MRE Degree  
Leola



JOHNNY JACKSON  
B.D. Degree  
Camden

### Southwestern Graduates 130

One hundred and thirty students are candidates for graduation from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on July 13.

The number includes 4 applicants from the School of Sacred Music, 49 from the School of Religious Education, and 79 from the School of Theology. Two students have applied for degrees from two of the schools. Also included in the number are twelve applicants for the Doctor of Religious Education degree and four applicants for the Doctor of Theology degree.

Commencement exercises will be in Truett Auditorium Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Dr. Guy Newman, president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas, and a graduate



JACK E. LAFFLER  
MRE Degree  
Walnut Ridge



PRESTON TAYLOR  
Th M Degree  
El Dorado

of Southwestern Seminary, will be the speaker. Dr. Newman was assistant to the president at Baylor University, Waco, before going to Howard Payne College in June 1955.

### Notice, Associational Moderators And Missionaries

Communications from the Foreign and Home Mission Boards tell us that only January, April and May, AND the last three weeks of November of 1958 are open for acceptance of applications for Schools of Missions.

Foreign and home missionaries can be furnished for Schools of Missions for the time indicated above, and applications for that time are coming in so fast that if your association wants a School of Missions for 1958, it is urgent that you get your application in RIGHT AWAY.

For application blanks, please write,

Leo B. Golden,  
State Director Schools of Missions,  
Room 207 Baptist Building,  
403 W. Capitol Ave.,  
Little Rock, Ark.

### Minister Ordained

George T. Richardson was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by the Woodland Corner Church of Mississippi County Association, June 24. Mr. Richardson has been called as pastor of New Harmony Church.

The ordination council was composed of the following: Moderator, Charley Watkins, pastor of Immanuel Church, Blytheville; examiner, Pastor T. J. Richardson; clerk, Jolly Legot of Immanuel; ordination prayer, Claud Brewer, deacon of Woodland Corner; ordination sermon, S. Allen Vanhorn, pastor of Cross Roads Church.

### Minister Ordained

Henry Coleman was ordained to the gospel ministry by Good Hope Church, Woodruff County Association, Sunday afternoon, June 24.

The ordination council was composed of Tommy Farrar, pastor of First Church, McCrory, served as moderator. W. F. Carlton, pastor of Wheatley Church, conducted the examination. T. E. Lindley, pastor of First Church, Augusta, delivered the charge to the church and the candidate. Gus Prince, associational missionary, delivered the ordination sermon. E. Fred Harris, pastor of Tupelo, offered the prayer.

Mr. Coleman is serving as pastor of the Good Hope Church.

### Christian Youth Crusade

A Christian Youth Crusade has been organized for the benefit of the Christian youth of Greater Hot Springs in an effort to offset what is usually termed the "Summer Slump" among the youth of the churches of that city. The churches of Hot Springs are co-operating with the youth in this movement. The rallies scheduled are as follows: July 7, Second Church; July 14, Central Church; July 21, First Church; July 28, Park Place Church.

The youth team leading in these city-wide youth rallies is made up of the following: Youth evangelist, Horace Duke; assistant evangelist, Bob Briggs; music and choir director, C. J. Holiman; soloist, Darrel Watkins; team chairman, Bill Standiford; and promotion chairman, Charles Bright.

### Executive Committee Petitions Congress

On June 20, 1956, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention met in Nashville and unanimously approved the following recommendations:

I. That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention petition the Congress of the United States through the Labor and Public Welfare Committee of the United States Senate and its Chairman, the Honorable Lister Hill of Alabama, and through the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives and its Chairman, the Honorable Percy Priest of Tennessee, to take appropriate legislative action to amend the "Hospital Survey and Construction Act," as Amended, so as to discontinue and prohibit Federal Government grants for the construction of hospitals and other related medical facilities, when such institutions are to be owned, controlled or operated by a religious body.

II. That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention petition the Congress of the United States through the Labor and Public Welfare Committee of the United States Senate and its Chairman, the Honorable Lister Hill of Alabama, and through the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives and its Chairman, the Honorable Percy Priest of Tennessee, that provision be made through appropriate legislative action, whereby long-term, government secured loans may be made for the construction of hospitals and other related medical facilities to be owned, operated and controlled by a religious body or a public or private corporation.

### Stories of Missionaries Released By Broadman

Stories of Southern Baptist foreign missionaries, bound in single volumes, were recently released by Broadman Press, Nashville, under the titles, **More Than Conquerors** and **Much to Dare**.

Collections of biographies for Intermediates and Juniors they were originally published as separate booklets. They are edited by Miss Genevieve Greer, book editor, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va. The sketches provide mission background material for study groups of all ages.

### Record High For Annie Armstrong

In the first five months of 1956, the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions has shown a large increase over a comparable time in 1955, according to Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Board. Receipts for this offering through May 31 totaled \$1,221,754.83, nearly \$500,000 above this time in 1955. Goal for the 1956 offering is \$1,500,000. Approximately fifty per cent of the financial support for the Home Mission Board program is derived from this offering. The Cooperative Program and designated gifts furnish the remainder. The Home Mission Board received \$1,762,010.26 through the Cooperative Program in 1955. This was the largest amount the Home Board has received through this program.

### Revival at DeQueen

Pastor Earl R. Humble of First Church, DeQueen, reports that the DeQueen Church recently sponsored a two weeks tent revival in which they had the services of Evangelist Bob Randall and his team of helpers. There were 21 additions to the church, 14 of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism.



## Ninety Year Old Grandfather Baptized



R. G. PRESLEY

R. G. Presley, Rt. 1, Delight, was recently baptized by his grandson, Harold Presley. Mr. R. G. Presley was ninety years of age on May 20, 1956. He was baptized into the fellowship of the Fairview Church of Delight. The baptistry of the First Church, Prescott, was used for the occasion.

It was last January that the Fairview Church went to Mr. Presley's home for a Sunday afternoon service. H. A. Zimmerman preached the sermon and gave the invitation to which Mr. Presley responded, accepting Jesus as his Savior and requesting that his grandson baptize him.

In reporting this event, Harold Presley gives a brief sketch of the history of the Fairview Church. He says, "Antoine Church, under the leadership of Missionary Elmer Morgan, organized a mission in the community erected with the help of many friends. I was saved in the mission, and my mother, father, brother, and sister have been saved since that time. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hammons of the Antoine Church have been a real blessing to the church at Fairview. Fairview Church ordained me to preach the gospel of Christ and it is very close to my heart."

And he continues, "I am grateful to my many Christian friends who have prayed and witnessed to my grandfather. I thank God over and over for Arkansas Baptists, and I join hands with the friends of Christ to help carry out the great commission."

Harold Presley is pastor of First Church, Leachville.

## New Youth Publication Begins In October

**Southern Baptist Career News**, a vocational guidance publication dedicated to the development of Baptist youth for future service, has been approved for publication by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The first issue will appear in October, 1956.

**Career News**, an eight-page newspaper, is designed to assist boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 18 in their search for careers worthy of their Christian service and influence. Approximately 900,000 Baptist youth in this age group are faced with choosing a life's work from more than 22,000 possible vocations.

## Pine Bluff Pastor Claimed By Death

Funeral services for Dr. Wilson Benton Tatum, 43, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, who died in a Dallas hospital June 28, were conducted June 30, in the First Baptist Church. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson Tatum of Mansfield, La., and was born Aug. 26, 1912, at Converse, La.

Doctor Tatum attended Baylor University where he was graduated with BA and MA degrees, and taught Bible there for two years. He received his doctorate from Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and there served as assistant to the president. He held pastorates in Oklahoma and Texas before coming to Pine Bluff in 1949, and sparked the construction of the new Baptist

Church building in Pine Bluff.

He was a member of the F. & A. Masons, Little Rock Consistory, and Sahara Shrine.

Survivors include his widow; a son, Tommy, a daughter, Miss Dorothy Tatum; two brothers, Dr. Scott Tatum, Shreveport, La., and James Tatum, Ruston, La.; and four sisters, Mrs. Marie Cunningham, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Zylbe Edwards, Converse; Mrs. W. J. Webb, Dallas, and Miss Maudie Tatum, Mansfield. Following services at Pine Bluff, the body was taken by Robinson Mortuary ambulance to Shreveport where brief services were held in Osborne Funeral Home with burial in Centurys Memorial Park Cemetery.

## Spring Lake Assembly

The second annual session of the Spring Lake Baptist Assembly will be held July 23-28.

Send all reservations with name, age, sex, and registration fee of \$2 to Rev. Delbert Garrett, Camp Director, Box 27, Malvern.

Each group should be accompanied by a chaperon. No provisions are made for those below the Junior age. Small children may attend with parents.

## 1067 Missionaries In 35 Countries

Southern Baptists now have 1067 missionaries in 35 countries and expect to appoint 125 new missionaries during this year.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Missions Board, said in a special interview that mission work in the Southern Baptists Convention was climbing. "Last year we appointed 104 new missionaries but this year we expect to appoint 125," he said.

Cauthen said that the largest number of Southern Baptists missionaries and the greatest amount of money for missions was used in Brazil, Japan, and Nigeria. He said that much new work is being established. Southern Baptists now have workers in all South American countries except Bolivia.

This year for the first time in the history of the convention a couple was appointed for mission service in Pakistan. Also for the first time, entry into Africa through Tanganyika, Kenya, Nyasaland, and Northern Rhodesia has begun.

## Addresses of Arkansans On Foreign Fields

Dr. and Mrs. E. Lamar Cole, Southern Baptist missionaries to Mexico, have a new address in Guadalajara. It is Juan Manuel 1597, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. Dr. Cole is a native of Huttig, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin R. Hicks, Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile, have returned to their field of service after furlough in the States. Their address is Casilla 3388, Santiago, Chile. Mr. Hicks will serve as Sunday school secretary for Chile. Mr. Hicks is a native of Arkadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian E. Blankenship, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil who have been in the States on furlough, have returned to their field of service and may be addressed at Caixa Postal 98, Florianapolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil. Mr. Blankenship is a native of Monette, Ark.

## Singer Available

Carlestone "Red" Berry is available as an evangelistic singer. He may be contacted at 730 Nesbitt, Jonesboro. Dr. I. L. Yearby, secretary of evangelism for Arkansas, commends him as one of the best.

## Arkansans at Ridgecrest

Four Arkansans are serving on the staff at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly this summer, according to Willard Weeks, assembly manager.

Staffers from Arkansas are Mary Anne Pierce, Clarksville; Mrs. Cleo Trantham, Paragould; Joedd Price, McGehee; and Bob Herring, Osceola.

The Ridgecrest staff is composed of high school and college students from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Approximately 400 young people comprise the 1956 staff.

## Books Received

### To The Golden Shore

(The Life of Adoniram Judson)

By Courtney Anderson

Little, Brown and Co., of Boston Price, \$6.00

This is a book that should be in every church library. Certainly those interested in the history of Christian missions should not overlook this volume.

### The Call of the Harvest

By Charles L. McKay

Convention Press

Price, \$6.00

## MISSION BOOKS

A series of five mission study books on Japan have just been published by the Convention Press of Nashville, Tennessee:

Adults — **Japan Advances** by W. Maxfield Garrott. Mr. Garrott is a missionary to Japan. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. P. J. Garrott of Batesville, Arkansas. Price, 60 cents.

Young People — **Japan's New Baptists** by Carl M. Halvarson. Mr. Halvarson went to Japan as a missionary in 1952. Price, 60 cents.

Intermediates — **The Tarnished Helmet** by Lois L. Whaley. Mrs. Whaley was appointed missionary to Japan in April 1948. Price, 35 cents.

Juniors — **Koji of Japan** by Kay Sanderson Culpepper.

Primaries — **The Lantern and the Song** by Ida Nelle Holloway. Mrs. Holloway is a missionary stationed at Nagoia, Japan. Price, 35 cents.



# ★ ★ ★ Christian Horizons ★ ★ ★

By Religious News Service

## Urges North American Baptist Fellowship

Formation of a North American Baptist fellowship was urged by a Southern Baptist leader in an address to the 49th annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., told the delegates that "for a number of years I have been among those who have advocated" such a fellowship "which would bind together the leaders and the people of our 28 Baptist bodies on this continent."

"I have been convinced," Dr. McCall said, "that in the proximity of such an organization, channels of communication would be opened and our differences would be ultimately dissolved by goodwill and friendship activated by the truth of God's revelation."

## 20,000 Attend Wichita Mission Meetings

Nearly 20,000 persons attended an eight-day meeting in Wichita, Kans., which launched a year-long "Mission to America" conducted by Dr. Alan Walker, noted Australian Methodist evangelist.

The rallies were the first of a series of missions to be held in various parts of this country and Canada under the auspices of the Methodist Board of Evangelism and the United Church of Canada.

Following the final rally, Dr. Walker told Religious News Service that "it is harder in America to carry on Christian witness than anyone would expect in the light of your large church membership."

"We have learned a lot," he said. "We have found friendly, helpful people everywhere. We think our strategy will work here, just as it worked in Australia but it will take time for mature individuals to realize that this is a 'Mission with a difference.'"

## TV Station Drops Liquor Ads After Protests

Liquor advertisements have been discontinued by station KEYD-TV, Minneapolis, Minn., as a result of protests by religious and temperance groups, the Methodist Board of Temperance reported.

The board recently protested to the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters that spot advertising was being accepted from liquor dealers by the station. It said this was a serious violation of the NARTB code against the advertising of hard liquor.

Harold E. Fellows, president of the NARTB, advised the Methodist agency that although the Minneapolis station is not a member of the association or a signatory to its code, it has agreed to drop the advertisements.

He assured the board that the television industry will do all it can to enforce provisions of the code against liquor advertising.

## American Baptists Adopt Increased Budget

A 1957 unified budget of \$8,764,527 was adopted by the American Baptist Convention at its annual meeting in Seattle. This is \$750,000 more than the 1956 amount.

## Predict New Church Construction Record This Year

Church construction will reach a new high of \$750,000,000 this year, the Department of Commerce predicted in its mid-year building forecast.

It also estimated that the nation's private schools and colleges would spend a record \$550,000,000 on new structures during 1956.

At the same time, the Department anticipated a drop in building by church-related private hospitals and other institutions. Probable construction in that field is now placed at \$275,000,000 compared with \$351,000,000 last year.

## Nazarene Set Increased Foreign Missions Fund Goal

A goal of \$7,000,000 for overseas missions work in the next four years was announced for The Church of the Nazarene by Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, Vicksburg, Mich., president of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society.

Mrs. Chapman, addressing her organization in advance of the Church's General Assembly in Kansas City, Mo., said the goal is \$2,000,000 more than the amount given by members of the society since 1952.

In her quadrennial report, Mrs. Chapman took cognizance of "the rising tides of nationalism and Communism" over the world.

"The gospel of Jesus Christ is the only answer to the black storm clouds and the world's need," she said. "Regardless of the uncertainties and difficulties, we must press on. For such a day as this Christ came."

## Report Shows Religious Groups Major Recipients of Philanthropic Giving

American religious groups receive 53 cents out of every dollar that is given for philanthropy, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare reported.

"Religion is the main recipient of the philanthropic dollar," the department said in a report prepared by Dr. Thomas Karter of its division of research and statistics.

The department estimated that philanthropic giving in 1954 reached a record \$5,401,000,000, of which churches and other religious agencies received \$2,850,000,000.

In 1952, the last previous year for which such a survey was undertaken, the department estimated that \$5,037,000,000 was given for philanthropy and that churches received \$2,354,000,000, or about 47 cents of each dollar.

## American Baptist Sunday School Enrolment Exceeds Million

Enrolment in Sunday schools of the American Baptist Convention now exceeds the million mark for the first time in 14 years, it was reported to the denomination's 49th annual meeting in Seattle.

Dr. Kenneth L. Cober of Philadelphia, associate secretary of the Board of Education and Publication, attributed the success to the Year of Baptist Achievement, a project to strengthen the church schools and increase attendance at them.

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You cannot expect to be a lucky dog if you spend all your time growling.

# A Smile or Two

A young woman was chief beneficiary of her miserly aunt's will. She inherited an old house from which nothing ever had been thrown away. The young woman searched anxiously in the accumulation for something of value. She hoped to find hidden money but had had no success.

When she reached a shed room at the back of the house, she spied a cobwebbed fruit jar with a folded piece of paper enclosed. With renewed hope and great effort she unscrewed the lid and unfolded the paper. On it were the words, "This jar is cracked."

—Capper's Weekly

A kindergarten friend came home with my daughter after school.

"Call your mother, so she will know where you are," my wife suggested to the little girl.

"You'll have to call," the child replied. "I just don't know what channel we're on."

—Ralph Reed, NEA Journal

"Hello, boss," said the meek little man over the telephone. "Just called to say I won't be able to come to work today. The wife broke a leg."

"What's that got to do with your coming to work?" demanded the boss.

"Well, you see, boss," he said, "it was my leg she broke."

—Quote

Gossip: Letting the chat out of the bag.

—T. Harry Thompson, Sales Mgt.

A visitor commented to Niels Bohr, the famous atom scientist and Nobel prize winner: "I'm surprised to see that you have a horseshoe hanging over your door. Do you, a sober man dedicated to science, believe in that superstition!"

"Of course not," replied Bohr, "but I've been told that it's supposed to be lucky whether you believe in it or not. . . ."

—Quote

During his years as a professional football star, Slingin' Sammy Baugh invested his earnings in ranch land in his native Texas, until his holdings today are considerable.

Once, when he was showing his properties to a friend, the latter remarked: "Judging from the number of acres you've shown me, you must have sunk all your earnings into this."

"Not quite," corrected Baugh. "I put half in Texas and half in taxes."

—E. E. Edgar,  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Television sets are 3 dimensional: they give you height, width and debt.

—Quote

Some folks marry for better or worse; some for better or else.

If the statements of opposing political candidates are true, none of them is fit to hold office.

—Francis Rodman

If children did not ask questions, they would never learn how little adults know.

—Raymond Duncan

Even the best family tree has its sap!



## News From Baptist Press

### Mission Fields Get 93 Cents of Dollar

More than 93 cents of every dollar received last year by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board went directly to mission fields.

According to Executive Secretary Baker Cauthen, Richmond, the total received for the Board's operations last year was \$10,736,271. Of this, \$10,017,383 went to foreign fields for salaries of missionaries, their expenses on the field, for the maintenance of hospitals and schools, for buying property, and other such items.

Less than three cents of the dollar went for administrative expenses, which included salaries and travel expenses of the home office staff in Richmond, and postage, insurance, and equipment for the home office.

Slightly over three cents of the dollar was spent for promotion. This went for such things as publicity of Board's work through denominational papers, audiovisual aids on foreign missions, costs of denominational papers, costs of denominational work by missionaries home on furlough, missionary recruiting material, etc.

Just a trifle more than half a penny of the Foreign Mission Board's dollar went to general expenses, including cost of holding Board meetings, the annual audit, legal expenses, and the like.

Most of the Foreign Mission Board receipts come from two sources — the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering especially for foreign missions.

### Church Finance Goals For 1957-61 Adopted

"The Church Finance Program of Southern Baptists" has been adopted as the title of this new phase of activity undertaken by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

The title was adopted at the Executive Committee's recent semi-annual meeting.

On recommendation of its promotion committee, the Executive Committee set a goal of 10,000 Southern Baptist churches using the church finance program by 1961, one of the years in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

1958 Cooperative Program goals were adopted also. The convention will ask its affiliated churches to give a million dollars a week to world missions through the Cooperative Program in that year. Last year, the corresponding amount was \$36 million, or slightly under \$700,000 a week.

Church finance materials will be available to individual churches in the fall of 1957, Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, Miss., chairman of the promotion committee, said. The goal for the program at that date will be at least two churches in each of Southern Baptists' 1050 associations using the program.

### World In Hurricane's Eye, Declares Cauthen

The world is in the eye of a hurricane today, having passed through half the storm, but with another part of the storm ahead, according to Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Cauthen's appraisal of the world situation was in remarks he made to the church finance clinic of Southern Baptist leaders in Nashville, Tenn.

He called for the denomination to harness its prayer potential, declaring that all

churches have the same world mission, whether they be the smallest country churches or the largest city churches.

More missionary volunteers are needed, he said, as well as more giving to missions to provide mission advance on the more than 30 fields where Southern Baptist foreign mission work is carried on.

### Amend Hill-Burton Act, Baptists Ask Congress

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee will ask Congress to substitute long-term loans for outright grants to denominational hospitals under the Hill-Burton Act.

The Hill-Burton Act, passed by Congress 10 years ago, provides government grants to both public and private hospitals meeting certain requirements.

The Executive committee will ask that outright gifts be discontinued only to hospitals owned and operated by religious groups. This would not affect public hospitals.

In place of grants, the Executive Committee will request that denominational hospitals be eligible for long-term government loans to aid their expansion.

The Executive Committee's request to amend the law was based on a recommendation of the Southern Baptist public affairs committee, whose chairman, Walter Pope Binns, Liberty, Mo., presented the report.

Binns said that the public affairs committee felt outright grants to church-related hospitals violated the tradition of separation of church and state, but that loans did not.

Southern Baptist hospitals have generally rejected government grants, the best-known case being that of North Carolina Baptist Hospital which in 1951 turned down a \$700,000 grant it could have received under the Hill-Burton Act.

Many other denominations have accepted the grants.

A number of Southern Baptist colleges and universities are expanding their campuses with money loaned by government agencies. Such loans are not now available to denominational hospitals.

### Officers Re-elected By Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention re-elected its entire staff of officers and administrators to an additional year's term.

Federal Judge Frank Hooper, Atlanta, continues to serve as chairman with W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss., vice-chairman. G. Allen West, Nashville, remains recording secretary.

Three administrative officers re-elected are Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer; Albert McClellan, associate secretary and director of publications; and Merrill D. Moore, associate secretary and director of promotion. All live in Nashville where Executive Committee has offices.

### Southeastern Awards Contract On Library

The contract for constructing a new wing on the library of Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., has been awarded to a Durham contractor who bid \$230,000.

The firm of Bradsher, Inc., will also convert two dormitories into apartments for married students and renovate the administration building. Estimated cost of these alterations is \$200,000.

## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

### MONEY FOR ALL CAUSES

**QUESTION:** The majority of our members in the small rural church to which I belong are poor and renters. One rich spinster controls our church and encourages members to send their money to foreign missions, radio and TV religious programs and to all sorts of things — anything but their local church. We need a new church building and our own pastor is underpaid. This spinster says that local expenses should be met by free-will offerings instead of tithes and offerings. What can we do

**ANSWER:** If you are telling the truth about your church it is a strange institution. Most churches want to spend most of their money on local expenses and let foreign missions take the left-overs.

The rich spinster needs to use a microscope as well as a telescope. She is farsighted and needs a new pair of spectacles. The rich as well as the poor ought to put their offerings, as well as their tithes, into the local church treasury. Then a budget can be worked out that will include both local needs and foreign needs.

One of the great hoaxes of modern times is the appeals for money made over TV and radio for religious programs. Many of those are made through the mail to a list of interested people. God pity the people who take the Lord's tithe and send it to some radio evangelist to "keep him on the air."

God has one institution for supporting his work — a New Testament church. It is the duty of every pastor and Sunday school teacher to teach storehouse tithing. This, and this alone, will solve the local and the foreign mission problems.

What can you do? Teach. Talk. Work. Error can be overcome by truth.

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### Hudgins Chairman Of Seminary Committee

W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of Jackson, Miss., First Baptist Church, will be chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention committee on theological education during the coming year.

He succeeds J. W. Storer, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., who remains as a member of the committee.

Other members of the 1955 committee will continue to serve with exception of E. V. Peyton, of Topping, Va., who resigned. J. B. Leavell, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Tex., succeeds him on the committee.

An additional member of the committee was named — Mrs. R. L. Mathis, of Waco, Woman's Missionary Union and James Bryant, state Baptist Foundation secretary, Richmond, Va.

The committee will study possible sites for a sixth seminary for the Convention and a means of financing it. It will also assist in transferring control and operation of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., from the WMU to the Convention proper.

### \$25,000 Survey Funds To Come From Surplus

The \$25,000 approved by the 1956 Southern Baptist Convention for a survey of the work of its agencies will come from an accumulated surplus, according to a report to the SBC Executive Committee. The Executive Committee learned that the money for the year's study will not be taken from Convention reserves.



# Take Up Thy Cross

By D. DOUGLAS SCRIVNER, Pastor

Walnut St. Church, Jonesboro

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone,  
And all the world go free?—  
No; there's a cross for ev'ry one,  
And there's a cross for me."

And having fervently sung the song we talk at great length about bearing our crosses. But trouble arises when we try to define our particular cross. If one is ill, he terms that his "cross" to bear; if financial reverses come; if one is unfairly treated at home, school, work, or church, he comforts himself by designating the unpleasant thing as a "cross."

Many a Christian makes much of "denying himself." By this he means giving up something he wants — this something usually referring the satisfaction of fleshly appetites. Some even set aside a period of forty days for such self-denial, and give up candy, smoking, meat on Fridays, dancing and other social intercourse. Then, having abstained, they are quite proud of how they have denied themselves.

Can this possibly be what Jesus means when he says, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me?" (Matt. 16:24).

The verb translated deny, *ap-arneomai*, is a deponent verb and when used with *heauton*, the accusative of person, carries the idea of desertion, or, better, to disown. The phrase is used in two senses in the New Testament; (a), to disregard one's own interests, as in Luke 9:23, and (b), to prove false to one's self, or to act entirely unlike one's self, as in 2 Tim. 2:13. Now we are com-

ing closer to what Jesus said. An ungrammatical paraphrase will show it more clearly "Let a man disown his own self." That is just exactly what man must do to follow Jesus — deny his "self." Self is the real you; what some would call the psyche — the thing that makes you, you. Selfhood must give way to Christhood, so that it is "no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me." Denying one's self means to disown any claim to one's rights, privileges, and desires, subordinating all to the indwelling Christ.

When this is clearly understood and practiced, one is ready to take up his cross daily. The cross is not made to wear on a chain around the neck or in a lapel. A cross is not sickness, lameness, hurt feelings, financial problems, delinquent children, or even the loss of loved ones. Jesus' disciples were familiar with the cross as an instrument of torture and death. Jesus' words seem to imply that the cross one is to bear daily is for the same purpose.

A cross is a thing that kills you — the thing on which you are hanged. The Christian's cross, then, is the thing on which self is crucified. In following Jesus one must do the thing his self does not want to do. What is it that kills you? Some task God wants you to do? Some witness you should bear? Some class you should lead? Someone you should forgive? We say, "Lord, anything but that!" But each one has his own cross to take up and keep on following Christ, thereby crucifying self because self has been disowned, and is no longer important. Then we can really say, "For me to live is Christ."

## Here Comes The Bride

By BRUCE H. PRICE

First Church, Newport News, Virginia

In her book, "Etiquette," Emily Post wrote a great deal about the proper things to do in weddings, but having never been a pastor, there are some things to be said which she did not know.

My limited experience with church weddings over the past twenty years has compelled me to write some suggestions which I give to all couples on their first visit with me to make plans for a wedding. The great majority do not need to have these things called to their attention, but they are not offended, understanding that it is routine.

Those who follow music as a profession, such as a minister of music, church organist, and teacher of music, usually expect a gift of money for their services. The amount varies by the length of the rehearsal, and the size, time, and place of the wedding. Ordinarily five dollars is acceptable for a small wedding. If the musician is expected to attend a rehearsal, as is usually true, ten dollars is satisfactory.

When a musician is invited from a distance, traveling expenses and entertainment should be taken into consideration. Some may overlook this as was true in the case of a music teacher who went 150 miles to sing in the wedding of a casual acquaintance. The bride gave her a compact like one the teacher saw in the department store the following week with the price tag marked \$1.00.

Soon after I arrived in my present pastorate, I learned that most church weddings here are on Saturday at 4 p. m. The janitor came to the rehearsal on Friday night which was usually set for 7:30 o'clock, but some of

the party were always late, delaying the rehearsal until 8 o'clock or later. After the wedding on Saturday, it often took him three or four hours to remove the decorations, use the vacuum cleaner to pick up the rice, and to put things in order for Sunday. All of the work was done on the janitor's time after his working day was over. Many times he received nothing for his service, not even a word of thanks.

For a small wedding, \$5 is sufficient. A large wedding would suggest a little more. When the reception is planned for the church social hall, the janitor expects about \$5 extra, and some additional help with the dishes.

Of course there is no charge, and nothing is expected for use of the church and its facilities. The church auditorium, chapel, social hall, and other rooms in the building are free for the asking. But be sure that you reserve the part of the building that you need before you send your invitations. This will prevent conflicts and disappointments.

For me to mention that there is to be no smoking and no drinking of alcoholic beverages in the church building, may seem to be out of place and unnecessary. Having seen both, I feel a word should be said along this line. It may be embarrassing for the groom or bride or one of their parents to approach those in the wedding party who may be indulging, but it will be more embarrassing to the offender for the pastor to call attention to his irregularity.

To come into God's house for the purpose of asking divine blessings on the union of a man and woman, demands that the con-

## Bradfordsville Parents Win Victory in School Case

By Religious News Service

Parents of predominately Protestant Bradfordsville won their two-year fight with the Marion County School Board when the Kentucky Court of Appeals ordered the board to reopen Bradfordsville High School.

The tribunal reversed a decision of the Franklin Circuit Court which had dismissed a petition of Bradfordsville residents seeking to compel the board to open up the school.

The high school in Bradfordsville, a community of about 500 in Marion County, was closed in September, 1954. The board said the closing was necessary for economic reasons. But parents charged the board had discriminated against Protestant Bradfordsville while favoring schools in the Roman Catholic western part of the county.

Subsequently, Bradfordsville parents went on a year's education strike, refusing to send their children to high school in Lebanon, ten miles away, and boycotting the elementary school in their own community.

The Appellate Court held that the Marion County School Board had been "arbitrary and discriminatory" in closing Bradfordsville High School without providing "equal uniform educational opportunities for children living in the eastern section of the county comparable with those who live in the western section."

"To hold otherwise, we would, in effect, be sanctioning a system of educational administration that would deprive residents of the entire eastern portion of the county of a fair share of public funds spent for high school facilities in Marion County," the court stated.

"We also would have to affix our stamp of approval on a method of education in the county which now operates two schools in the Western section of the county and none in the eastern half of the county."

The court said that while the Marion County board was consistently stripping Bradfordsville High School of facilities and courses, it was building up facilities at St. Francis and St. Charles high schools in the predominately Roman Catholic western section of the county.

The decision cited the sum of \$451 spent on the Bradfordsville school in 1951 compared with \$8,106 spent during the same year on St. Charles High School.

The court did not change its ruling in another recent case initiated by a Bradfordsville resident that it is legal for Roman Catholic nuns to teach in public schools while wearing religious garb. It overruled a petition for a rehearing on the subject.

But it ordered the Marion County School Board to cease providing sectarian literature for county high school libraries. At St. Charles High School, staffed almost exclusively by nuns, the court said "substantially all periodicals in the library were Catholic periodicals, a violation of the law, and sectarian literature on certain occasions was distributed."

The board also was ordered to close schools only on public holidays and not on Roman Catholic religious holidays.

duct of all those present be in keeping with high Christian ideals. Any other behavior is sacrilegious. As the organ peals the notes, "Here Comes the Bride," the greatest beauty on the occasion is the beauty of holiness.

Emily Post would not have written some of the above, but, you recall, Emily Post was never a pastor.



## Growing Need For Education-Music Workers

By J. P. EDMUNDS

One of my present duties in my church is serving as a member of the personnel committee. And, like hundreds of other churches, we are looking for a minister of education. My experience on this committee would convince me that there is a shortage of available educational workers. However, the purpose of this brief article is not to relate my personal experience, but the experience and problems of other churches, based on facts.

Recently, the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board made a survey of our churches to determine the present and future needs of our churches in securing educational and music workers. It was a sample study, but statistically sound, and was representative of our total number of churches having a membership of 400 or more. We, therefore, have confidence in the results of the survey. Let me share with you some of the needs which the survey revealed.

Based on projections from the sample to all of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, with a membership of 400 or more, the following conclusions are warranted. Approximately 400 of our churches are now trying to secure a minister of education. And, another 700 churches stated that they would need one in "the immediate future." Approximately 300 churches are "trying to secure" a minister of music, and another 400 churches will need one in the immediate future.

The greatest present demand is for a "combination music and education" worker. A total of 519 churches are trying to secure this type of worker, and another 964 churches will need this worker in the immediate future.

Approximately 200 churches are seeking secretaries, and another 723 are planning to secure one in the immediate future. In addition, 30 churches are seeking other types of educational workers, such as youth workers, children's workers, recreational directors, etc., and 108 churches are planning to

add these workers in the immediate future.

In other words, our churches are needing "now," or will need in the immediate future, a total of 3,477 educational and music workers, plus an additional 923 secretaries.

It is interesting to note the types of churches that are needing these workers. The greatest area of need for ministers of education is in churches ranging in membership from 750 to 1,000. However, in the "immediate future" the need shifts to churches ranging from 500 to 750 members. For ministers of music, the greatest present and future needs are in churches ranging from 400 to 750 members. This is also true for combination workers and secretaries.

This expressed need in churches ranging from 400 to 750 is a wholesome condition. It doubtless means that more and more of our smaller churches are developing a program of religious education that demands a full-time educational staff to direct the work.

What is our answer to this growing problem? The answer is to be found in our churches. There are thousands of young people in our churches who have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. In state and Convention-wide assemblies, and in local churches, these young people have responded to the call. They need counsel and guidance and they seek to know more about God's will for their lives.

Our Department co-operated this year with the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in making a survey of the vocational interests of one million boys and girls through our Training Unions. The survey revealed that 100,000 boys and 225,000 girls expressed a vocational interest in religious work. These 325,000 boys and girls are already in our churches. Many of them have already dedicated their lives to religious work. It will be the tragedy of tragedies if we let these young people slip through our hands. Our churches need them. God has called them. They need our guidance and help.

## New Plan Launched

Final plans for the new death benefit term protection offered by the Relief and Annuity Board to retirement plan certificate holders have been drafted in conference with Actuary William Huggins of Philadelphia.

Family Benefit Endorsement, as the plan is called, will go into effect Jan. 1, 1957, provided a sufficient number of eligible members take out the additional protection.

Three basic benefits are offered: DEATH BENEFIT, payable to beneficiary in case of member's death; DOUBLE INDEMNITY, in case of accidental death, and DISABILITY PREMIUM WAIVER, in case of total and permanent disability. In addition, no physical examination is required.

Rates as low as \$.28 for members age 20-25 are available. Other rates, for example, include \$.40 for members age 31-35, and \$.70 for members age 41-45. Payment scale increases for member every five years until age 60, when it increases each year. This is term protection ceasing at the end of the 65th year. There is no cash refund or accrued value.

Member must pay his retirement plan dues currently to keep his Family Benefit Endorsement in effect. There will be a 30-day grace period. Dues in the Endorsement will not be accepted unless the basic retirement plan in which the member is participating is paid up to date.

Amount of benefit member may take depends on amount on which he pays retirement dues. He is required to take an amount up to the \$1,000 nearest the salary he is under in the basic plan. In addition, the member who earns more than \$4,000 may take up to the \$1,000 nearest his actual salary, plus 15 per cent for parsonage, and an additional 15 per cent for weddings, revivals, funerals, etc. For instance, if his case salary and parsonage equals \$5,000, he is allowed another 15 per cent, bringing his total to \$6,555. He may take out \$7,000 Family Benefit. Maximum amount anyone may take is \$10,000, the minimum \$2,000.

Ministerial students who have no paid church relationship may take \$2,000 in Family Benefit Endorsement, provided they agree to come into the retirement plan when eligible to do so.

For application blanks, write the Relief and Annuity Board, Public Relations Department, 400 Baptist Building, Dallas 1, Texas.

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## Illinois Association Buys New Camp Lands

The Illinois Baptist State Association recently bought 40 acres adjoining its Lake Sallateeska Baptist State Campgrounds near Pinckneyville.

The new tract of land will be added to the campground area, bringing its size to 80 acres, according to State Executive Secretary Noel M. Taylor.

The state association owes about \$1,900 on the new tract, which will be paid off within the next two years.

Christ's greatest suffering was experienced not from the cruelty of human hands, but from the hardness of human hearts.

—Austin Ingram

churches it might be a good plan to spend some of the time visiting with these men of God instead of spending all our time trying to get blacksliden Baptists to transfer their church membership. "This ought ye to have done and not leave the other undone."

—Baptist Standard

## What Older Preachers Want

By E. S. JAMES

In all the world there is no group of men quite so sweet as God's preachers who have grown a little older. One by one they can be found all over Texas and America, and to find one and visit with him for a little while is a spiritual tonic for any person who loves the Lord Jesus. In fact, it would be a most profitable investment of time for each who is younger to take time out for a brief visit in the home of one of these good men. It will mean much to the older "man of God," for he is lonely for fellowship; but it will mean more to the one who sits at his feet.

What do these older ministers want today? They do not necessarily want money. Most of them could use more than they have, but they have learned through the years that they can get along without much money. They served before the days of adequate salaries. While they preached the Gospel their wives and children helped earn a living for the families. Necessity taught them to be frugal; and that lesson is paying them dividends today, not in money but knowledge of how to get along without much

of it. They could use much more than they get, and they ought to have it; but they are not too greatly concerned about it.

These men do not ask for publicity or popularity. They know the record of their work is "On High" and that soon many of them will be receiving their rewards from Him. They do not ask that churches call them back to pastoral work. Some would do a magnificent work yet, but they know that today most churches want younger men. They do not ask that people call on them for advice even though their counsel would be of estimable worth to many who are younger. Then, what do they want?

Those with whom the editor has had the privilege of fellowship seem to want one thing above all others. They want a chance to talk with someone about Jesus and the Word of God. That is only natural. As the years pass all persons think and talk of that which has always possessed them. Christ and His truth have been the very life of these grand servants. They just want a chance to talk to someone about Him.

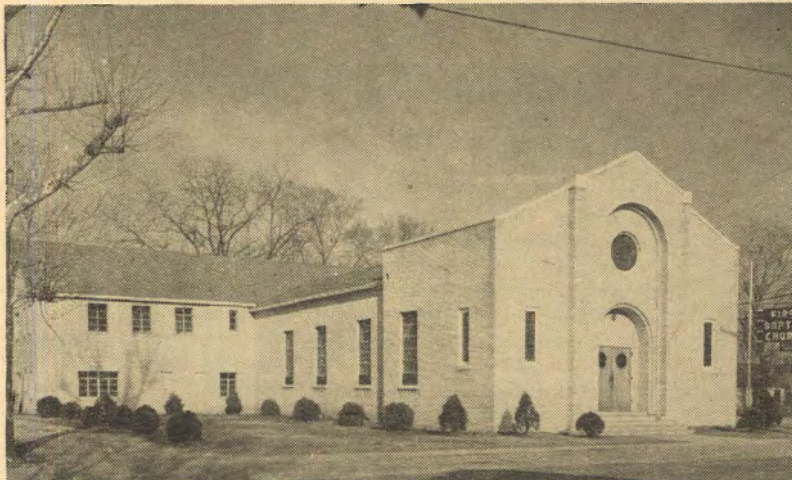
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# First Church, Truman, Grows By Establishing Missions And Organizing Them Into Churches



J. M. BASINGER



First Baptist Church, Truman, Arkansas



W. C. ROWE



Maple Grove Church  
M. F. Burge, pastor

## A Mission Program That Has Resulted In Six New Churches

Since 1940, First Church, Truman, J. M. Basinger, pastor, has established seven missions and six of these missions have been organized into churches.

The church buildings of the First Church, Truman, and the mission churches are pictured on this page, with appropriate identification.

The mother church has grown while sponsoring these missions which developed into churches. For instance, the membership of the Truman church has increased from 493 in 1940 when the mission program was begun, to 797 at the present time. In the meantime a beautiful new church building has been erected which has increased the value of the church property from \$9,500 to \$85,000. During the same period, the receipts of the mother church have increased from \$5,657 to \$17,351.

The six new churches were organized with a total membership of 133, the membership of these churches at present totals 772. In 1955 these mission churches baptized 57 persons. The value of the church property of these new churches has likewise increased from \$4,000 at the time of their organization to \$33,000 at present. Their total contributions have increased from \$3,646 per year to \$11,945.

It is also noted that the mission contribution of the mother church has increased from \$247 at the beginning of her mission program to \$2,274. It is also noted that the total membership of these mission churches lacks only 25 of equaling the membership of the mother church. While the Truman church baptized 54 in 1955, these mission churches baptized 57; total contribution of the mission churches is practically double the contributions of the Truman church when the mission program was started.

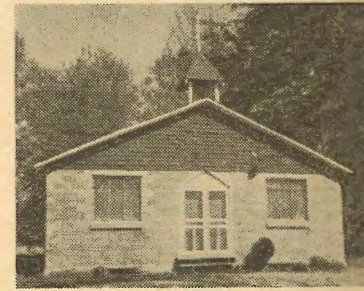
The Truman church began its mission program in 1940 during the pastorate of W. C. Rowe. Pastor Rowe served the church from 1940 to '42. There was very little expansion of the mission program from 1942 to 1948. Under the leadership and ministry of Pastor Basinger from 1948 to the present, the mission program of the church has grown and expanded to its present proportions resulting in the organization of six churches and the McCormick Mission, currently being supported by the Truman church, with M. F. Burge, mission pastor.



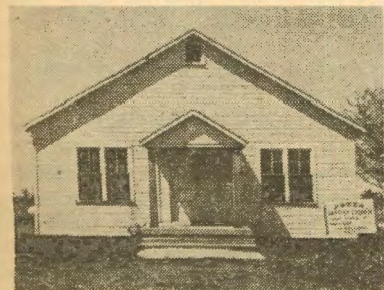
Faith Church  
Thomas Ray, pastor



Eastside, Truman  
Benny Gates, pastor



Pleasant Valley Church  
Coy Richardson, pastor



Freer Church  
F. E. Durham, pastor



Corner's Chapel  
P. Hoyt Jernigan, pastor



## Camp Guests

Summer camps will bring to our state a number of missionaries from many parts of the world. One is coming "back home" and from nearby Oklahoma where she and her husband are missionaries to the Indians on the Pawnee Reservation. Mrs. F. C. Rowland was born in Stuttgart. At the age of three her mother died, and although she had already been christened into the Catholic Church, her father placed her in the Baptist orphanage. Later she was adopted by a Baptist preacher who moved to Texas when she was fourteen years old. After graduating from high school in Fort Worth, she studied at Baylor University and later at Southwestern Baptist Seminary where she also served on the teaching staff.

She is just one of several outstanding missionary guests who will be in camps this summer. Miss Estelle Davis of Nigeria will be camp nurse, and others include Miss Gladys Hopewell from Thailand; Miss Dale Moore from Nigeria; Miss Camie Jay from San Andres Islands; Mrs. R. E. Owen, formerly of Palestine; Miss Ruth Porter of Paraguay; Miss Callie Brown from the River Front Mission, New Orleans; Miss Troy Cunningham of East St. Louis.

To that fine staff will be added scores of state and local leaders who have been enlisted as teachers, counselors, etc. Every church should send a representative group of girls and young women to the missionary camps.

Registrations for the youth camps should be sent to Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, 310 Baptist Bldg., Little Rock, and ones for the BWC Conference to Miss Nancy Cooper of the above address. A registration fee of \$1.00 per person should be sent with each reservation.

### Girls' Auxiliary Camps

- Intermediate, July 23-27.
- Junior, July 30-August 3.
- Junior, August 6-10.
- Junior, August 13-17.
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## A Mother's Mission

By W. B. O'NEAL  
Batesville, Arkansas

"Take this child and nurse it for me and I will give thee thy wages." Exodus 2:9.

The above words came from the lips of Pharaoh's daughter as she held a little infant out to his own mother. But the ears of that mother were deaf to any message from a worldly princess. These ears were tuned only to hear and to receive a message from Jehovah God.

This mother has committed her child into the hands of the God whom she loved and trusted, then she had waited, no doubt upon her knees, for word of the outcome of her trust. Evidently the pater of her daughter's feet and the call of that daughter to her aroused her from deep and earnest prayer. Now she has come with her face set toward heaven, her eyes almost penetrating its blue veil and her heart committed to any undertaking that God might call upon her to perform.

To the ears of Jochebed, the mother of Moses, the words uttered by Pharaoh's daughter constituted her commission from God and also contained God's promise to her for the service. In no sense did she devote herself to the service of Pharaoh's daughter. Her whole soul and purpose was given in dedication to God. Over and over the words, "Take this child and nurse for me and I will give thee thy wages," burned in her heart. Her answer was always to God, "I will, Oh, Lord, I will!"

So faithful was she to her mission under God that in the short time that she was able to tutor her boy, she instilled into him the truths of Jehovah, the one and only God, so thoroughly that Egypt's idols could not affect him, though their merits and influences were taught him during all the days of his young manhood. So truly did his mother nurse him for God, that the lure of worldly power, national glory, prestige, wealth, none of these nor all of them could lure him from the God of his fathers nor turn him from the call of the Lord's service.

## Wow! How They Came!

Two hundred and eighty-one registered for Arkansas Music Conference; 47 surrendered for Special Service; 45 Churches were represented.

Four Juniors were selected as Star Campers. Richard Gibson, El Dorado, First Church, was elected Star Junior Camper for the boys. Donna Sue Croach, Little Rock, First Church, was chosen as the outstanding Junior Girl. Both of these Juniors will receive a scholarship to Youth Music Camp for 1957. Curtis Tommey of Marianna and Jean Beard of Clarendon were chosen as alternates.

In the Youth Division, Emily Balcom of Tyronza and Billy Mack Baker of Malvern were chosen as Star Campers and will attend Glorieta Music Conference, July 19 through 25, on scholarships given by the Church Music Department.

Honorable mention was given to Joan Marie Thornhill, Immanuel, Little Rock; Lois Clayton, First, Clarendon; Nan Spears, First, Pine Bluff and Wayne Guesner, First, Little Rock.

Forty-two Music Directors registered in the Leadership Division.

Most hearty thanks must go to every member of faculty and staff for a task superbly done.

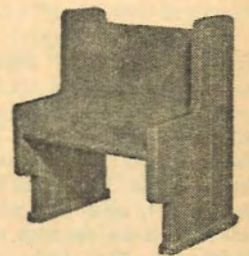
CHURCH MUSIC DEPT.,  
LeRoy McClard, Director

Every time that God had given a great man to the world, he has had the services of a great mother in the rearing of that man. And every mother who has faithfully obeyed God in the nurture of her children has been paid in the benefits given to a needy world.

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## Baptisms — Evangelism — Advance On All Fronts

This certainly was the keynote sounded at the Southern Baptist Convention by every report and message. It includes evangelism, missions (home and foreign), stewardship, new churches and preaching points.

### BAPTISMS

Reports from 265 churches indicate there have been 3,431 baptisms in these churches, in the current associational year to date. There are 884 churches from which we have had no report. Unless the churches make great improvement in baptisms the rest of the year, it is evident that we will experience a drop in baptisms this year over last year. This is certainly to be regretted. May I urge you, pastors and churches, to redouble your efforts to win the lost to Christ, and baptize them into the churches.

A great evangelistic opportunity is afforded by "Harvest Month" — September. September 23 is to be "Harvest Day". This is to be an additional effort to win the lost to Christ and reap a great harvest. Our Sunday School forces, state and south-wide, are pushing "Harvest Month". This program is in addition to the summer and fall revivals. It should not take the place of revival. There are approximately 800,000 lost people nine years of age and above in the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday Schools. It is suggested that every pastor hold a "Unified Evangelistic Service" on Sunday morning, September 23, just as you do in revival. Precede it by prayer. Make service strongly evangelistic. This would result in a great ingathering. (Note: In the book, "The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism," page 87, is a good discussion of how to put on a "Unified Service"). Let every church and Sunday School make all services on this day definitely and positively evangelistic. Have a harvest of souls.

### BAPTISMLESS CHURCHES

We have checked reports of baptisms in all churches for '55. The records indicate that there are 187 churches in Arkansas which did not report one baptism in '55. This is tragic! All of us should pray most earnestly for these churches and their pastors. Every church reporting no baptisms, should make a most desperate effort to win someone to Christ in '56. With the never failing Gospel, and the work of the Holy Spirit to convict of sin and regenerate the lost, surely all churches could win at least one.

### ATTENTION!

### ASSOCIATIONAL CHAIRMEN OF EVANGELISM AND MODERATORS

It is desperately urgent and most vitally essential that every association and church plan now for an associational simultaneous

crusade in '57. We Baptists do only what we plan to do. Planning and preparation must be made far in advance to get the greatest results. Please, brother moderator and chairman of evangelism, have the strongest possible report on evangelism at your annual associational meeting. Confer in advance, and plan to recommend and have approved by the association, a simultaneous crusade for '57. See that whoever is the program committee for your association, gives a good place to evangelism.

### EVANGELISTIC CLINICS

The chairman of evangelism, the missionary and the moderator should make plans and set up dates for evangelistic clinics, at least one, in every association this fall or next spring. These can be workshops which would result in giving vital information and inspiration to the pastors and the members of the churches. (Check "Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism", page 28, concerning the objectives in an associational evangelistic clinic.)

### FUTURE PROGRAM

The Home Mission Board Department of Evangelism has outlined the objectives in evangelism for the next three years.

1957 — "Getting a Warm and Workable Program of Evangelism in Every Church"

1958 — "Getting a Warm and Workable Program of Evangelism to Every Church Member"

1959 — "Getting the Message of Evangelism to Every Lost Person"

The '57 objective simply means that we will try to get the Southern Baptist program of evangelism to every member of every church. One of the best ways this can be done is through the Evangelism Church Council.

The '58 objective means that we will work to get the Southern Baptist program of evangelism to every member of every church. In other words, we must get our church members to feel the responsibility for witnessing and soul winning. It has been suggested that we again use the slogan, "One to Eight in '58".

The '59 objective, of course, is that it will be a great crusade year in which the churches of the nation will participate in the most stupendous evangelistic effort yet made.

Brethren, as your leader in evangelism, I most sincerely appeal to you to join with us in helping to realize these objectives in the years ahead.

There is, in the making, a program for the years 1960-1964 which will endeavor to enlist all Baptist bodies on the North American Continent in an effort to win the multitudes of lost people to Christ. This will climax with 1964 which will be a great Jub-

## R.A. Bus, First Church, Stuttgart



The Royal Ambassadors of First Church, Stuttgart, against the background of the Royal Ambassador's truck. Richard M. Cox is the Junior counsellor and Seth E. Henry, Intermediate counsellor.

### The Omitted Phrase

By W. R. CULLOM

Wake Forest, N. C.

If one will examine the text of our Lord's first recorded sermon and compare it with the text from which He was speaking he will find that a phrase has been left out of the text (cf. Isaiah 61:2 and Luke 4:18). Why was the phrase "the day of vengeance of our God" left out? We are not told. Certainly it was not because the God of the New Testament is different from the one in the Old Testament. See Romans 12:19. Nor is it because Jesus did not preach that sort of thing. The 23rd chapter of Matthew is one of the most severe pieces of denunciation that I know of anywhere. My own opinion is that two things account for the omission: (1) Our Lord used this sort of sentiment only when He felt that it was absolutely necessary; (2) when He did use it, it was directed more against religious hypocrisy than against the sins of the flesh. Note the case of the woman taken in the act of adultery and how He dealt with her (John 8:3-11). From all this I would draw two conclusions: (1) Let those who are disturbed by the impulses of the flesh not despair; they have the sympathy of Him who is able to deliver; (2) Let not those who "say and do not" allow themselves to presume on this patience and love.

ilee Year of the organization of Baptists on the North American Continent.

Big objectives are before us. We must make big plans. We must have faith in our Great God and trust our all-sufficient Saviour to save the lost. We must depend on the Holy Spirit for the power to enable us to accomplish these objectives.

I. L. Yearby

### Minnie Belle

Those who read *The Baptist Program* put out monthly by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will need no introduction to Minnie Belle. She is Mrs. Ollen Owens of Greenville, S. C. Mrs. Owens was born into the home of a great Baptist preacher and married another great Baptist preacher. She therefore knows both the general run and the minute details of in the home of a Baptist preacher. And this background has not led her to feel that a preacher has to go around with a long face and a deep guttural tone of voice.

The truth is that Mrs. Owens' sense of humor is different from that of Mark Twain, but it is just as distinct, just as rich, and just as wholesome as that of the Mississippi steam boat pilot. And when one adds that there is beneath the surface a strong practical purpose, he will see that here is a remarkable combination. When one adds to all this the announcement that *Minnie Belle* is one of the most readable books that I have seen — when one begins to read it, it is hard to put it down; and so, one is made to feel at once that it is easily a must book.

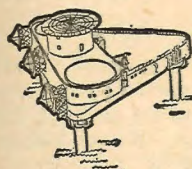
And so, again, I advise every minister, every minister's wife, and every person who has to do with church life to get hold of a copy of *Minnie Belle* and read it over and over again. It is published by the Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee. The copy that I have just read does not announce any price, but it is handled by all Baptist Book Stores and can be had from or through any good book store. For myself, I thank God for Mrs. Owens and say, Blessings on her; May she be led of God to give us many more messages from her pen!

—W. R. Cullom  
Wake Forest, N. C.



# Children's Page

## GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD



There's a huge, steel and concrete, three-legged spider anchored out in the North Atlantic Ocean. This spider-structure is a gently swaying tower, 110 miles east of Cape Cod, and is part of a far-reaching radar defense plan program for our country.

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atop the tower for helicopters that transport food, mail, fuel and personnel. Diesel fuel provides steam heat and electricity.

A miracle can take place within this tower if a certain red button is touched. One push—and our Air Defense Command will go into immediate action! Within 5 minutes of the Tower's warning, jet planes from our coast air bases, will be in the air!

Christ is a powerful, far-reaching "tower" in the lives of Christians. His strength and defense are sure! "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles—" Isaiah 40:31.

Note: If you have a question that you want answered about God's wonderful world, send it to God's Wonderful World, c/o Baptist Press, 127 9th Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.

### "What Is The Secret?"

What if you could take away the spines of the desert cactus so that cattle could use it for food? Or take the thorns off blackberry bushes so that they would not cut your fingers? What if you developed a plum without a big seed, strawberries that ripened all year long, and walnuts with very thin shells? If you could do these things, you would do them as quickly as possible, wouldn't you?

Luther Burbank did all those things besides making potatoes grow larger, whiter, and more delicious in taste. For 50 years, Luther Burbank pattered in his garden, watching his plants as if they were children. To him, each plant had its own promise, its own genius, or character that could be tended and encouraged to be more useful and beautiful each year.

The fragrance of today's daisies, lilies, and dahlias is the result of his love and study of flowers. Many fruits and flowers that had never grown before are ours because this wonderful man understood one of God's great secrets. What is that secret? That every living thing has the power to become greater than it is.

This is also true of each one of us. God's word tells us to watch and pray! It says to "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out

of it are the issues of life." (Prov. 4:23)

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### THANKS FOR SUMMER

By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN

Thank you, God, for summer,  
Thank you for the days  
That come and go so brightly,  
Thank you for the ways  
In which I spend vacation.  
Thanks for picnics, play and fun.  
Thanks for moons that light the  
nighttime.

Thanks for daytime warmth of sun.

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### SCARECROW

By ELLEN BROWN

The scarecrow dressed in rags  
Cannot hurt you a bit  
Although he always frowns  
And his old clothes don't fit.  
He frowns upon the birds  
And frightens some away;  
He must be gloomy 'cause  
His head is made of hay!

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If you would know the value of money, go and try to borrow some. —Franklin

We are growing serious, and, let me tell you that's the very next step to being dull.

—Joseph Addison

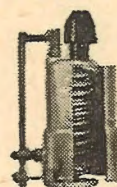
The homes in a certain suburban neighborhood were all of the ranch type save for one 2-story house in which lived an elderly, childless couple. One day, the lady of this house told a young mother from near-by, "We've been seeing a good deal of your little Johnny lately. He and his friends drop in nearly every day. We wondered if such popularity could be deserved and we asked him about it. It seems the youngsters

can get something at our house that none of them can enjoy at home."

"Indeed? And what is that?" inquired the young mother, bridling a little.

The elderly lady smiled, "Rides on a banister."

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## September Is Harvest Time

By CHARLES L. MCKAY

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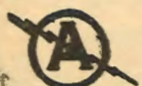
Out of every \$4 you pay on your electric bill, about \$1 goes for local, state and federal taxes. Yet in spite of this, you're getting about *twice* as much electricity for every dollar today as you did 25 years ago.

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September 12, 1956, has been designated as "Harvest Day." One week later, September 30, more than a half million people above nine years of age will be promoted from one Sunday school class or department to another.

There are approximately 800,000 lost people above the age of nine years in the Sunday schools of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Surely no Christian worker will be willing to promote from his class a person who is unsaved without doing everything possible to lead him to personal faith in Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

### I. Make a Climate for the Harvest

Cold churches never win souls.

#### 1. Prayer

No one would minimize the place of prayer in creating a spiritual climate in which souls can be saved. Churches should be called to prayer about this matter. Pray that a half million lost people will make a decision for Christ before promotion.

#### 2. Train Soul-Winners

Soul-winning classes should be held in every church preceding this great effort to harvest the unsaved in our Sunday schools before promotion time.

#### 3. Use the Officers and Teachers' Meeting

There is no better place than in the weekly officers and teachers' meeting to begin planning and making preparation for winning all the unsaved to Christ before they are promoted in September.

#### 4. Class Meetings

All monthly class meetings, the month before this "Harvest Day," should be keyed to an effort to win to Christ all the unsaved in the class.

#### 5. Make the Lessons Evangelistic

Teachers should teach soul-winning lessons the weeks before September 23 aiming at this very thing.

### II Visitation Evangelism

The week preceding "Harvest Day" should be used for soul-winning visitation.

1. Prospects for evangelism should be assigned to the saved members of the classes and contacted by Tuesday if at all possible.

2. Teachers should follow up with a personal visit to every unsaved member of his class.

3. Schedule visits to the pastor. Each teacher should schedule appointments with the pastor for the unsaved in his class whom he has not been able to win to faith in Christ.

### III. Pastors Write Letters of Appeal to the Unsaved

Many times just a letter from the pastor has done the work.

1. The pastor, at the suggestion of a teacher, can invite the unsaved to his office for an appointment or schedule a visit in the home.

### IV. High Attendance Day in Sunday School, September 23

This has proved to be one of the most successful efforts in evangelism through the Sunday school.

#### 1. Sign Up Pupils

At least two or three weeks preceding September 23, teachers, after signing to be present, should begin signing up the pupils. An effort should be made to get every pupil and every possible prospect to be present "Harvest Day," September 23.

#### 2. Evangelistic Service in the Sunday School on September 23

The concerted effort for high attendance will put most of the possibilities into the Sunday school that day. Every possible effort should be put forth to bring every lost person to a decision for Christ on this day. Each church will work out plans best suited to the church.

### V. Baptize Morning and Night

It should be announced previously that the ordinance of baptism will be administered both morning and night, "Harvest Day."

### VI. FOLLOW UP

Many will make decisions for Christ with this added effort, but there will be some who will delay their decision and it is very necessary for the church to follow up.

#### 1. Lunch at the Church

It would be helpful for the church to provide a light lunch for personal workers who would remain at the church after the morning service to pray and go out for personal visits. Many who have not done so in the morning worship will make their decisions in the afternoon, perhaps publicly confess Christ in the evening services, and be baptized into the fellowship of the church.

#### 2. Assign Every Prospect

Every Sunday school member and prospect who has not made his decision to accept Christ as his Saviour should be assigned and contacted on Sunday afternoon by some good, warm-hearted personal worker.

#### 3. Special Prayer

Before leaving the church for the soul-winning visits, have special prayer for the leadership and power of the Holy Spirit.

#### 4. Go

You are going on business for the King. Souls are at stake. Do your best. Trust God to do what you cannot do.

Make "Harvest Day" a day of decision.



# Jesus is the Savior of Men

By BURTON A. MILEY

Today people have the history of the Christian movement with its victories to encourage and strengthen them. The early Christians did not possess this fine heritage and found it easy to doubt and be discouraged. Duties pressed them with intensity as it does those of today. Anyone who becomes discouraged loses himself in the maze of details. He finds that the overall picture of victory is dimmed. But God has an answer for every problem. He had faithful men who would write these people to encourage and strengthen their faith. Hebrews takes its place along with certain New Testament writings with the general purpose to encourage.

No man reaches his highest destiny until he encounters God. This encounter creates a picture with two sides. First it shows the grandeur of God in victory. Then it reveals the tragic story of man's failure. Man was endowed with knowledge, but he invented destruction. He was given freedom, but he chose slavery. He was made in the image of God, but he disfigured himself through dealing with the demonic. Man was to hold dominion over all creation. He became subjected to God's chief enemy. Until man is restored to God's original purpose, he lives in a valley of defeat.

Faith and encouragement are developed through three factors. First is the set of true facts relevant to the situation. Then a challenge is issued whereby a man is made to really try. No man is discouraged when he is actually putting all he has within the fray. The third factor is the stirring of hope within man for resources to be gained outside himself and for welfare beyond his ability to achieve. Today's lesson displays these three factors in an excellent manner.

## WE SEE JESUS

The encouraging fact out of man's tragic story is the presence and work of Jesus. The author of Hebrews speaks of angels in the first and second chapter, who have the commission to minister to those who shall obtain salvation (Heb. 1:14). The first four verses of chapter two drive home the necessity of attention to this salvation, fully and divinely attested. Ministering angels are no license for man's neglect. Superior to every angel in both mission and position is the Son of God. The author of Hebrews testifies in this superiority, but stresses the fact that for a little while He is to be made lower than the angels. This inferior position was that Christ may suffer and "taste death for every man". This ministry was outside the scope of any angel's commission. The result of this

## Sunday School Lesson

July 15

Hebrews 2:9-13; 4:14-16;

5:7-9

mission in 2:14 is "that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."

Jesus' salvation for man is made vivid by the realization that man receives that which the angels have no part in at all. Jesus became man in order that man might see an acceptable example. God had given to man dominion over all the earth. Man lost in a very brutal way this dominion through the subtle suggestion of the evil one. Christ Jesus came to show that it was possible for all things to be under His feet, and He suffered as man suffered, to perfect Himself in His Saviourhood. Jesus was not made morally perfect through suffering, He was already that, but He was made perfect for Saviourhood through His suffering. His Saviourhood was completed by the suffering that He endured as one identified with the family of flesh and blood. This fact has encouraged countless numbers in the Christian way and walk.

Think not that Jesus is only an example to man. His mission was to save. His example shows what man may attain if he has power beyond his fallen position. Christ redeems and then man has the position through Christ which he could not have without Him.

## HE IS HIGH PRIEST

It is not easy for one not well versed in the scriptures to understand Hebrews. Possibly its writings will never be as popular as those of the gospels or some of the epistles. Hebrews deals with ceremonialism and its terminology is not native to the Christian of today. But the idea of the work of the high priest can be grasped when one realizes that the high priest was the one and only man to enter the Holy of Holies. Actually not only individual welfare of the high priest was at stake, but the spiritual welfare of all people who waited outside was in balance while the high priest went in once a year to the Holy of Holies to make atonement. Christ Jesus became that high priest for man. He is qualified as a priest because He has been touched at every point of human infirmity, and has been tempted by every device. His record is that this came to Him without sin. The high priest was to satisfy God and return to the people. This Christ ably accom-

plished. He satisfied God in His demand for fulfilled law. Christ kept the law. He satisfied the justice of God. The punishment Christ bore on the cross was not from law He broke but was the consequence of law broken by others. When the period to satisfy God was accomplished on the cross, Christ returned to the people with the good news of God's salvation.

Obligation rests upon the believers' part. He is to hold fast his profession. It is worth it. It carries challenge to him. He is to boldly face the throne of grace, to find mercy and grace to help in time of need. Therefore, the factors which greatly encourage, consisting of the facts which can be relied upon, the challenge extended, and the stirrings of hope for resource and welfare, are pictured in God's writings. Even the stumbling Christian hanging far to the marginal shadows of Christian existence can be inspired to go to the big center of God's living and will.

## OBEEDIENCE THROUGH SUFFERING

Can you imagine a hard-hearted high priest one that knew little of the virtues of God and had no feelings for the weakness of men? A hard-hearted high priest is a paradox. Yet, if priesthood were on human level, it's possible that one minister may be of

the hard-hearted quality. Jesus was divinely appointed high priest, and through suffering experiences, He became in deep compassion or sympathy with every man. His heart was not hard and moved from the affairs of men, but He learned obedience through suffering and became the sympathetic high priest.

Two pictures come which greatly encourage. One is that Christ Jesus is faithful at the right hand of the Father. The second is that He understands the struggle and the infirmity of the human heart, so that He can make petition as it should be. This perfection granted Christ the authorship of eternal salvation. Author, Captain, or the word Pioneer, means first cause within salvation. Since Christ obeyed through suffering, men are to obey in the same manner. No soldier is better than the captain that walks ahead of him.

## PRACTICAL LESSONS

### God's Gift Shows His Interest.

To know that one cares has lifted many from the valley of despair. If one ever doubts the interest of God why not consider what God has given? Why not ponder what God has done for the welfare of any individual without that individual asking or responding? The interest which God has is displayed through His Son and His many providences.

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### Pastor Tatum Goes to Heaven

Dr. W. B. Tatum, pastor of the great First Baptist Church in Pine Bluff passed to his reward June 28. He had undergone major surgery in Pine Bluff and when he was not showing encouraging signs of improvement he was flown to a Dallas, Texas hospital where he expired. He was 43 years old and had been pastor in Pine Bluff seven years. During his ministry there the church erected one of the most serviceable and delightful auditoriums we know anything about. He had led the church out of some internal difficulties and was making a very acceptable pastor.

This is the second experience within the memory of this writer that the First Baptist Church has buried its beloved leader. In 1908 Ross Moore, one of the finest and best pastors that ever served in Arkansas, died after major surgery. Now for the second time in this generation the church mourns the loss of its beloved leader. Such experiences are hard on the life of a church.

The loss of the church is also the loss of the Kingdom of God. Early in the year Pastor D. C. Brisby of North Little Rock passed away after major surgery. It is not ours to question acts of providence, but every one of our leaders are much needed in these days of battle against evil forces and when we lose a valued servant of the Lord we suffer distinct loss. Men with leadership capabilities like Wilson Tatum are sorely needed in the work of the Kingdom, but the Father knows best and Brother Tatum has gone to be with Him. We sympathize with and pray for Mrs. Tatum and the children. — B. L. B.

### Evangelism Fires

The summertime means revival time in many of our churches and especially among our rural churches. In a few of our associations they are promoting a "Summertime Simultaneous Crusade." They are doing this because the simultaneous revival is the best way Southern Baptists have found to bring revival. Too, these associations have recognized the importance of our rural churches and have tried to fit into the pattern best suited to the rural constituency.

This proves again that Baptists are Cooperating Baptists. We do not have laws, rules, or regulations compelling us to do certain things or act according to a pattern, but, every Blood-bought, Christ-redeemed church member among us feels it incumbent upon him to cooperate in any effort that will promote the Kingdom. Therefore, we have the Cooperative Program, not something thought up by man, but something revealed, by God, to man. This Cooperative effort means lost souls saved for Christ, at home and abroad; In the homeland and in the foreign land; In the local church and in the association; In the state and in the South; In the United States and around the world.

The best way to keep the fires of Evangelism burning is to have a revival in your church and then sponsor a mission revival. At the same time, give your money through the Cooperative Program and help encircle the globe with the flames of Evangelism. —R. D.

### Side Lights of the Kansas City Convention

A recent issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* gave an adequate report of the Southern Baptist Convention, but there are many, many interesting happenings which never get into print. We experienced some of them.

The messengers, who arrived at the Convention on Monday, found cool, pleasant weather. On Tuesday and Wednesday summer clothes were in order, but on Thursday and Friday the weather was too cool for the straw hats and light weight clothes. (You had better remember to take some heavy clothes to Chicago next year.)

Wednesday was a holiday. The Detroit Tigers played the Kansas City Athletics. The writer was one of 18,000 who attended the afternoon game. One messenger returned to his car after the game and found a note which read, "Go back to Arkansas. You are not at the Convention. This is a ball game. Kilroy." We imagine that the note was written, as a joke, by some other messenger from Arkansas.

The writer "tied-up" traffic for a spell, when he rescued his hat "rollin and rockin" along down the street, carried by the brisk Missouri wind. The risk was worth taking because the hat was bought at the close of the summer season, last year, and consequently, has two or three more conventions left in it.

One of the most delightful features of any denominational meeting is greeting old friends. We had attended, faithfully, every session of the Convention and had not met many of our old friends. So, Thursday afternoon, we, Mrs. Douglas and I, walked down to the balcony, overlooking the exhibit hall. We met so many of our friends that we barely had time to "howdy-do" all of them. For example, at one time we were talking to Tillman from Virginia, Brewer from Tennessee, Ashcraft from California, Beale from North Carolina, Adkins from Kentucky and Cockburn from Argentina.

Billy Graham spoke to us on Thursday night. Knowing the auditorium would be filled, we went early to get a good seat. When we arrived the ushers were guarding the doors and would not admit anyone without a messenger's badge. We left our badges in the hotel room, and when they were "re-possessed" the auditorium was filled and we had to sit "way-up-back" of the speaker's platform. The service was televised and the bright lights shining on the speaker, hit us right in the eyes. The seeing part was bad, but the hearing was O. K., so we enjoyed the service.

Congressman Brooks Hays addressed one session of the Convention. The presiding officer did not tell the audience that Mr. Hays was from Arkansas, but Mr. Hays, in his introductory remarks, let the people know that he was from Arkansas.

Our Fifth District Congressman from Arkansas made an inspiring address, and from the remarks, made by those sitting near us, more states would like to have men of his caliber to represent them in world affairs. —R.D.

### E. S. Mizell Makes His Last Journey

On June 14 Rev. E. S. Mizell, who for a long time served in the ministry in Arkansas, went to Heaven. He was working in his garden when he suffered a heart attack and immediately passed away. He lived in Chelsea, Oklahoma. Brother Mizell had served the pastorate in Arkansas, perhaps the most important work that he had in the state was First Church in West Helena where he led the people in an advance program and baptized many converts into the fellowship of the church. Although Brother Mizell had retired, yet his influence was strong and his counsel was sought in church circles.—B. L. B.

### Another Deacon Goes to Heaven

Mr. Leslie Crafton was a deacon in First Church, Conway. He was a man of influence and strength in the business world. He was an outstanding leader in religious circles. His influence and leadership were as strong and as badly needed in his church as they were in business circles. The Church in Conway has suffered a tremendous loss and will miss the leadership of this good man. Brother Crafton was buried last week. —B.L.B.

### Correction

Somehow an error occurred in our article last week on why preachers should join the retirement plan. It was in the scripture quotation. It should read, "If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." —B.L.B.

### More Preaching Points

Dr. C. C. Warren, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, and President of the Southern Baptist Convention, met with the Promotion Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, June 20, to discuss the possibility of promoting the idea "30,000 more among Southern Baptists by 1964."

This suggestion was first made by Dr. Warren at the recent Convention meeting in Kansas City. The reactions to such a suggestion were varied. Some reasoned thus: Since it has taken us one-hundred and eleven years to establish 30,000 churches, it is impossible to establish that many preaching points by 1964. Our reply to that suggestion was this: Yes, we agree, that the task seems impossible, but if every pastor and every church member in the Southern Baptist Convention were as mission minded as C. C. Warren, we could and would do the job before 1964.

If Southern Baptists have learned any lesson well, through experience it is this: — We grow by organizing new units. This is true in Sunday School, therefore our Sunday Schools have promoted enlargement campaigns which produced more departments, more classes and larger Sunday Schools. Many churches have extended an arm, to organize missions and establish new mission points; consequently Southern Baptists have been able to reach more people, for Christ, in these last few years than any other religious body.

We can establish these new places preaching and teaching. —R.D.

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