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Personally
speaking



Three kinds of people

HERE in America we are inclined to divide all people, religiously, into Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. But there is yet another trinity of division that might come even closer home to us. This is one elaborated upon by Max Merritt Morrison in his book, *Never Lose Heart*.

Dr. Morrison says, "Religiously speaking there are three kinds of people in the world." And he sets them out with no mincing of words.

First, he says there are those who make no profession of religion and who do not make any attempt to live the religious life. Second, are those who profess religion but do not practice it—and in this category, he reminds, are many modern church members. Finally, there are those who not only profess their religion but practice it.

Of those who profess but do not practice their religion, Dr. Morrison says:

"Their religion promises them great things—such as power, joy, confidence, liberty, and contentment, and greatest of all a challenge. But a great many people who have attended churches for years have none the less to confess that they have never received these great blessings."

This is due to the fact that, whatever else religion is, it is an experience, says the Doctor, and many have sought it but have not found it, have asked for it but have not received it, have knocked but have never found before them an open door leading to peace and joy and assurance that life is good.

But look now with Dr. Morrison at his third group. These are the ones, he assures us, whose religion is more than a mere verbal expression of faith. For these, their religion is actually a way of life. Running through their religion is the "profound conviction that God is very near, that He is an available friend." These are the ones who say every day, if not in exact words, nevertheless in spirit: "Into Thy hands I commit my spirit."

Dr. Morrison thinks it would make quite a difference in the lives of many of us for us just to know that whatever happens to us we are still in God's hands; that even if tragedy comes, He is our strength and shield; if success comes, He is our way, He is there to save us from the corrosion of pride and to guide us and use us and our success for His glory and in the service of our fellow men.

These never forget that God never lets go of His own: "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Even in the turbulent 20th Century, these still claim the comfort that was Isaiah's: "Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee."

Edwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

MIAMI BEACH will be the gathering place next month for Southern Baptists from over the nation. Beginning on page 5 is a complete program for the convention. Several Arkansans are listed on the program.

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BEGINNING today we are bringing you a new series of articles on current issues in Baptist life, written by Dr. Wayne E. Ward of Southern Seminary (see page 15). On the facing editorial page Dr. Ward's purpose in the series is explained by the Editor, who also prefaces the first article.

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MORE than 2,000 teenagers thronged the corridors of Little Rock's Second Church last week for the Youth Convention. They heard outstanding speakers, participated in Sword Drills and enjoyed fellowship. The pictorial report of the event is on page 12. To give you a look at the humor of the convention, see our "Smile or Two" column on page 23.

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IF the current trend continues, so many college men will be signing up for religious courses that two-thirds of the nation's 150 major seminaries could be eliminated by the turn of the century. This is the opinion of *The National Observer*, reviewed by the Evangelical Press on page 24.

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A CHRISTIAN mother gives pointers to other parents on the subject of relations with youngsters. Read Harriet Hall's column, today on page 4.

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Is this for real?

THE crack-down by the Governor, the State Police, and the Attorney General on illegal gambling is one of the most wholesome turns of events in this Land of Opportunity that we have witnessed in a long time. At long last we are seeing proof of something many of us have known all along—that the great need in controlling casino-type gambling is not for new laws, but for unbiased enforcement of the laws we already have.

Once it becomes evident to one and all that the "private club" facade is no longer protection either for the gambling operation or for the gambling equipment used in the operation, we predict a new day for Arkansas law observance. And we feel that one of the most essential features of the law is that providing for destruction of any and all illegal gambling equipment. It has been demonstrated over and over that the little slapping of the hands of the gambling-law violators that settles for fines for "misdemeanors" does not even slow down, let alone stop, the gambling operation.

There is nothing essentially wrong with having private, non-profit social clubs. But permitting so-called private clubs to operate as institutions of law-violation is a threat to everything decent in our society. Surely our officials who are moving to clean out any and all fake "clubs" deserve and will have the support of the people of Arkansas.

On divisive issues

BEGINNING in this issue is a series by Southern Seminary Professor Wayne E. Ward on current issues in Baptist life.

In the first of the series, Dr. Ward gives his observation on Baptists facing divisive issues. He points out that Baptists have always found it somewhat difficult to work together because of their independence of thinking.

We are in hearty agreement with Dr. Ward in his insistence that Christians cannot "speak the truth in love," as they are admonished by the Scriptures to do, if they hide their honest convictions. Surely Christians should be able to face up to any and all issues of life.

We have no idea of being in complete agreement with everything in the Ward series, but we are happy to have the views of such a man as Dr. Ward, one of the outstanding younger members of the Southern Seminary faculty. We shall read with great interest what he has to say as he discusses "some of the hotly debated issues in Baptist life today." He reflects the image of a fair and honest man as he asks for his series "no more influence than the measure of truth which it contains."

Bouquet for Ann

Ann Landers, the distinguished newspaper columnist, is one of the most effective preachers of our day. In our

opinion, she consistently does a superb job of encouraging people to live according to the teachings of the Bible. That she has an occasional convert to right ethical living is reflected in her reports from time to time. We were happy to read just the other day, for example, of a mother who had driven up to the front of the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles to leave with the doorman a boxful of hotel property her son had carried away as "souvenirs." To the box was attached the mother's apology and a copy of a Landers column deploring hotel looting.

Incidentally, this editor used to be a collector of towels and monogrammed water glasses from hotels on his rounds through the country. But, do believe us, we always asked the management "How much?" Invariably, the hotel managers let us pay for the towels we wanted, at actual cost. But, most of the time, there was no charge for a water glass.

No credit is due Miss Landers here, but we have long since abandoned this little hobby. We found it too difficult explaining convincingly to everybody that we had acquired the items with the blessings always of the hotel managers. We received too many grinning rejoinders of "Oh yeah?"

Pot-shots

An Associated Press story out of Hot Springs reports "wagering up over 15 per cent and attendance almost 13 percent ahead of last year's Oaklawn racing season." It would be interesting to know what the percentage of delinquency in payment of accounts is in this area as a result of the Hot Springs gambling spree.

Clabe Hankins says the Scripture that we "know not what a day may bring forth" is "specially appropriate to have before us when the Legislature is in session." You said it, Clabe, we didn't!

HE GIVES PERSONAL ATTENTION TO 'NOBODIES'



JESUS TOOK HIM BY THE HAND, AND LIFTED HIM UP; AND HE AROSE. — MARK 9:27

The people speak—

McGoldrick rebuttal

It was with both interest and appreciation that I read the March 2nd issue which contained my letter, regarding Election and also Dr. Hobbs' reply.

I want to say that I fully appreciate Dr. Hobbs' words when he says that he cannot speak for any other Baptist, only for himself. As he put it, "I dare say that no one Baptist can speak for any other Baptist entirely in matters of faith." I too must make the same statement, for I cannot infringe upon the right of any man to affirm his convictions, and indeed, I make no attempt to do so. Though I am an instructor at John Brown University and have been so identified in the *Arkansas Baptist*, I am by no means speaking for this institution. Our school is committed to the principles of evangelical Christianity, but it does not take a position with regard to the doctrinal distinctives of the denominations.

In order to support my position I referred to the London Confession of Faith (1688). Dr. Hobbs apparently feels that this is not admissible evidence because it was "drawn up by PARTICULAR Baptists" (emphasis mine). He then raises objections to this position which I fear betray a lack of knowledge of historical theology. For instance, Hobbs says that commitment to the doctrine of election of particular sinners unto salvation rules out the need for preaching the Gospel and exercising an evangelistic ministry. To use his own words, "why bother to preach the Gospel to people who are going to be saved anyway regardless to their response to any presentation of the Gospel?" I never said, nor did I intend to imply that a man can be saved apart from personally and willingly receiving Christ. Nor did the Particular Baptists of 1688 teach such a doctrine. I would like to ask, if the Particular Baptist view makes evangelism unnecessary, then why did Particular Baptists form the first Baptist mission society in history and send William Carey to India as their first Baptist missionary? I find it interesting to note that modern history's first Baptist mission society was called the PARTICULAR Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen.

My purpose for preaching the Gospel is first and foremost to obey my Savior who commands the universal proclamation of His Word. It is my belief that the elect sinner will receive the salvation for which he has been chosen, and that he will do so willingly and lovingly in response to the Gospel as the Holy Spirit creates within him the will and the ability to embrace Christ. I feel that the view espoused by Dr. Hobbs fails to



Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

Points for parents

In a recent column I quoted a girl who thought her parents were too strict. A pastor friend writes, "I read with great delight your column in the March 9 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* in which you gave advice to a teenage problem: . . . A young 9th grade girl has recently approached me with just the opposite kind of problem:

"I don't think my parents love me," she said. "They never punish me for anything and they don't encourage me in any way."

She added, "They let me do anything I want without question, and I know there have been times when I have been wrong and needed to be punished, but they did not even mention it."

My pastor friend commented that if the young people who don't want rules could listen to those who don't have any, they would learn some things.

Recently a college student, in speaking of his father, said, "He was always a sort of benevolent dictator." I thought I sensed in this description a great deal of love and admiration on the part of the son for his dad. I was reminded of his words when I came across some advice to parents which I have streamlined somewhat from some of my own experience:

1. Be affectionately firm. Make your own "house rules" and keep them.
2. Always keep the lines of communication open. Don't do all the talking yourself.
3. Recognize your own mistakes and try to learn from them. Since you aren't perfect, don't be too surprised that your children aren't.
4. When your children bring their friends home, make them feel welcome.
5. Keep on loving them, letting each child know that parental love is shared equally. Help them to feel wanted continually.
6. Give your children time to be alone. Don't forget that they need some time alone each day—just as you also feel this need.
7. Don't spend all day nagging. Remember the importance of an encouraging word now and then. Commend them for achievements.
8. When difficulties arise, be willing to talk things over. Remember that a soft answer turns away wrath.
9. Be good examples in every area of life. Remember the old adage, "Little pitchers have big ears."
10. Guide your young people to lead their own lives (not yours). Pray for them and thank God for the privilege and responsibility that is yours.

Questions, suggestions, or comments may be addressed to: Mrs. Andrew Hall, Mt. Sequoyah Drive, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701.

take into account the Biblical description of man's natural condition as being "dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1). Now if man is really spiritually dead, he cannot repent or believe until he is made spiritually alive. Just as a physically dead man cannot produce things which require life, neither can a spiritually dead sinner. His response to Christ will come after the Holy Spirit has made him alive by means of the miracle of the New Birth, which birth obviously does not lie within man's ability to perform.

Also, let me say that I completely agree with Dr. Hobbs when he says that the Bible teaches both the sovereignty of God and the free will of man, and that "human minds cannot harmonize these two ideas." To me it is far better to simply accept the testimony of Scripture and say that because of my sinfulness I cannot understand God's revelation on the relationship between these concepts. Yet, because the Bible does affirm the sovereignty of God in salvation, I cannot simply dis-

miss it because I do not understand it completely.

Finally, I want to say that though I disagree with Dr. Hobbs and those of his persuasion, I deeply appreciate their fellowship in the faith. I have enjoyed some of his books very much, and I hold him in highest regard as a Christian brother.—James E. McGoldrick, Siloam Springs, Ark.

Re: Capital punishment

To Pastor Denton's most excellent letter re capital punishment one might add that St. Paul also upholds the same when he says, "If I have committed anything worthy of death I refuse not to die" (Acts 25:11). And again, speaking of rulers in Romans 13:4 he says, "he beareth not the sword in vain."

Like all God's commands capital punishment is for our safety. Praise Him!—B. C. Gibson, Sulphur Springs, Ark.



May 30-June 2, 1967
 Convention Hall
 Miami Beach, Florida
THEME: Mandate to Minister

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

OFFICERS: *H. Franklin Paschall, president (pastor, First Church, Nashville, Tenn.); Fred D. Hubbs, first vice president (executive secretary, Baptist State Convention of Michigan, Detroit); Howard Aultman, second vice president (pastor, First Church, Columbia, Miss.); Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary (editorial secretary, SBC Sunday, School Board, Nashville, Tenn.); W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary (executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.); Porter W. Routh, treasurer (executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.); Robert L. Snead, music director (minister of music, First Church, Nashville, Tenn.); W. C. Fields, press representative (public relations secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.); H. Cowen Ellis, chairman, committee on order of business (pastor, First Church, Charlottesville, Va.).*

7:25 Report of Registration—W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville
 7:30 Committee on Order of Business—H. Cowen Ellis, pastor First Church, Charlottesville, Virginia
 7:35 Announcement of Committee on Committees
 Committee on Resolutions
 Tellers
 7:40 Hymn
 7:45 Special Music—Ministers of Music SBC; James Woodward, Oklahoma Baptist University, director
 7:50 Convention Sermon—Landrum P. Leavell, III, pastor, First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas
 Alternate: Albert Simms, pastor, Rivermont Avenue Church, Lynchburg, Virginia
 8:25 Benediction—William H. Puckett, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Mount Gilead, North Carolina.

TUESDAY NIGHT, MAY 30

THEME: Mandate to "Minister through Preaching"

6:45 Pre-Session Music
 7:00 Song Service
 7:10 Scripture—Lewis C. McKinney, pastor, Allen Memorial Church, Salisbury, Md.
 Prayer—C. Earl Cooper, pastor, Riverside Church, Jacksonville, Florida
 7:15 Welcome Address—John Maguire, executive secretary, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville
 7:20 Response to Welcome—Clyde Skidmore, pastor, First Church, Bakersfield, California

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 31

THEME: "Mandate to Minister through the Churches"

8:45 Pre-Session Music—Youth Bell Choir, River Oaks Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, Gerald Armstrong, director.
 9:00 Song Service
 9:10 Scripture—John B. Shelton, pastor, Kelham Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
 Prayer—Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor, First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.
 9:15 Miscellaneous Business
 9:35 Executive Committee Report—Porter W. Routh, ex-

ecutive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee.

- 10:55 Special Music—Ouachita University Choir, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Charles W. Wright, director.
- 11:05 Radio and Television Commission—Paul M. Stevens, executive secretary-treasurer-director, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 11:30 Special Music—First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, Robert L. Snead, minister of music.
- 11:35 President's Address—H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 12:10 Benediction—Lehman Webb, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 31

THEME: "Mandate to Minister through Education"

- 1:45 Pre-Session Music
- 2:00 Song Service
- 2:10 Scripture—R. Carrington Paulette, pastor, First Baptist Church, Staunton, Virginia.
Prayer—Jack Rogers, pastor, North Hillside Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.
- 2:15 Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business
- 2:45 Education Commission—Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee
- 3:00 Congregational Hymn
- 3:05 Report of Theological Seminaries
Golden Gate Seminary—Harold K. Grayes, president, Mill Valley, California.
Midwestern Seminary—Millard J. Berquist, president, Kansas City, Missouri.
New Orleans Seminary—H. Leo Eddleman, president, New Orleans, La.
Seminary Extension Department—Ralph A. Herring, director, Nashville, Tennessee.
Southeastern Seminary—Olin T. Binkley, president, Wake Forest, North Carolina.
Southern Seminary—Duke K. McCall, president, Louisville, Kentucky.
Southwestern Seminary—Robert E. Naylor, president, Fort Worth, Texas.
Special Music—The Seminarians, New Orleans Seminary, Ray Baker, director.
Address on the Theological Education—H. Leo Eddleman, president, New Orleans Seminary.
- 4:20 Benediction—Stanley R. Hahn, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dublin, Georgia.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MAY 31

THEME: "Mandate to Minister to America"

- 6:45 Pre-Session Music
- 7:00 Song Service
- 7:10 Scripture—O. R. Rice, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri.
Prayer—Charles F. Polston, Training Union and church music secretary, Baptist Convention of New Mexico, Albuquerque.
- 7:15 Sunday School Board—James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 8:00 Special Music—Sons of Jubal, Georgia ministers of

CONVENTION ORGANIST: Sharron Lyon, music assistant, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

CONVENTION PLANIST: Max Lyall, assistant Professor of music, Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee

Program recommended by

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

- H. Cowen Ellis (chairman), First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia
- Morris Wall, First Baptist Church, Kaufman, Texas
- Archie E. Brown, First Baptist Church, Vandalia, Illinois
- Anson Justice, Crestwood Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Richard Kay, layman, Fresno, California
- Elmer F. Ruark, layman, Salisbury, Maryland
- H. Franklin Paschall (ex officio), SBC president, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

- music, Paul McCommon, director.
- 8:10 Home Mission Board Report and Commissioning Service—Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, Atlanta, Georgia.
Special Music—Joe Ann Shelton, director of program music, SBC Radio-Television Commission, Fort Worth, Texas.
Address: "The Ministry of Reconciliation"—Kenneth L. Chafin, professor of evangelism, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.
Special Appeal—Arthur B. Rutledge.
- 9:30 Benediction—Jerald R. White, Jr., pastor, Central Baptist Church, Altavista, Virginia.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 1

THEME: "Mandate to Minister to Persons"

- 8:45 Pre-Session Music
- 9:00 Song Service
- 9:10 Scripture—Otto J. Brown, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana
Prayer—Kenneth A. Estep, pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania
- 9:15 Report of Committee on Boards and Miscellaneous Business
- 9:45 Election of Officers
- 10:00 Chaplain's Commission—George W. Cummins, director, Atlanta, Georgia
- 10:10 Southern Baptist Hospitals—Hardy M. Harrell, acting executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 10:20 Historical Commission—Davis C. Woolly, executive secretary, Nashville, Tennessee
- 10:30 Committee on Denominational Calendar—John W. Salzman, pastor, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- 10:35 American Baptist Theological Seminary—Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary-treasurer, Education Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
- 10:45 Committee on Baptist State Papers—Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, chairman
- 10:55 Southern Baptist Foundation—J. W. Storer, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:05 Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:15 Address on Peace—U. S. Senator Mark Hatfield, Oregon
- 11:45 Special Music—Al Fennell, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Pompano Beach, Fla. Sermon—Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia
- 12:25 Benediction—Ted Roberts, pastor, Narbonne Avenue Baptist Church, Lomita, California

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, June 1

NO CONVENTION SESSION

THURSDAY NIGHT, June 1

THEME: "Mandate to Minister to the World"

- 6:45 Pre-Session Music
- 7:00 Song Service
- 7:10 Scripture—Sam Choy, director of cooperative church development, Hawaii Baptist Convention, Honolulu
Prayer—Richard Judd, pastor, Penn-Junction Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri
- 7:15 Annuity Board—R. Alton Reed, executive secretary, Dallas, Texas
- 7:35 American Bible Society—W. C. Fields, public relations secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee; chairman SBC American Bible Society, Committee
- 7:45 Woman's Missionary Union—Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Birmingham, Alabama

- 8:00 Congregational Hymn and Special Music—Claude Rhea, Houston Baptist College, Houston, Texas
 8:10 Foreign Mission Board—Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Richmond, Virginia
 9:35 Benediction—Bennett Cook, director, church services division, Baptist General Convention of Oregon—Washington, Portland, Oregon

FRIDAY MORNING, June 2

THEME: "Mandate to Minister through Christian Fellowship"

- 8:45 Pre-Session Music
 9:00 Song Service
 9:10 Scripture—Herman E. Jacobs, pastor, Crieviewood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee
 Prayer—John A. Wood, pastor, First Baptist Church, Paducah, Kentucky
 9:15 Committee on Resolutions
 9:30 Miscellaneous Business
 10:00 Special Music—Baylor University Choir, Waco, Texas, Euell Porter, director
 10:10 Stewardship Commission—Merrill D. Moore, executive director-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee
 10:25 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers—Response by Joseph H. Jackson, president, National Baptist Convention, Inc., Chicago, Illinois
 11:05 Baptist World Alliance—Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary, Washington, D. C.
 11:15 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director, Washington, D. C.
 11:35 Congregational Hymn
 11:40 Address: J. D. Gray, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana
 12:05 Benediction—Frank Trotter, pastor, Logan Street Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, Illinois

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, June 2

THEME: "Mandate to Minister through the Laity"

- 1:45 Pre-Session Music—Handbell Choir, Central Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, Kenneth Osbrink, director
 2:00 Song Service
 2:05 Scripture—Richard E. Myers, pastor, University Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia
 Prayer—W. LeRay Fowler, pastor, West University Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
 2:15 Miscellaneous Business
 2:30 Brotherhood Commission—George W. Schroeder, executive secretary-treasurer, Memphis, Tennessee
 Committee on Canadian Baptist Cooperation—Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia
 2:50 Special Music—Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols, New York City
 3:00 Address: James Pleitz, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida
 3:30 Benediction—Bob McPherson, pastor, Riverside Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado

FRIDAY NIGHT, June 2

THEME: "Mandate to Minister to Youth"

- 6:45 Pre-Session Music
 7:00 Song Service
 7:10 Scripture—Robert F. Cochran, pastor, Bon Air Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia
 Prayer—Byron Bruce, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Casa Grande, Arizona
 7:15 Special Music—Combined Youth Choirs, Miami area Baptist churches
 7:25 Address—Jim Voss, Youth Inc., New York City
 7:55 Special Music
 8:00 Address—Carl Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina
 8:30 Benediction—Robert Woodward, pastor, First Baptist Church, Frederick, Maryland
 ADJOURN

The Cover



SUNRISE OVER THE ATLANTIC will greet early risers who attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, May 30-June 2. Later the people will arrive but sunrise finds the sands undisturbed. (BP PHOTO)

The bookshelf

Cairo, City of Art and Commerce, by Gaston Wiet, Translated by Seymour Feiler, University of Oklahoma Press, 1964, \$2.75.

The position of Cairo in the history of art derives from the brilliant flourishing of architectural works which survive in many sections of this modern city. Someone has said that Cairo was to Egypt of the Middle Ages what other cities of the Nile Valley had been in the ancient past. From the northern walls of the Fatimid town to the powerful Mosque of Sulta Hasan, the stones still sing the glory of the past.

Barriers and Bridges to Brotherhood, by Haskell M. Miller, Agingdon, 1962, \$3.50.

Author Miller cites ethnocentrism (group pride or egotism) as one of the numerous sources of problems in inter-group relations. He deals with such other sources of problems as the struggle for power; prejudice; and discrimination. These are the underlying sources of unhappy human relations, in neighborhood groups, in social clubs, and in the large complexes of political parties, corporations, and nations.

An authority in the field of social ethics, Dr. Miller is head of the department of social ethics at Wesley

Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.

Never Lose Heart, a book about the faith that conquers fear, loneliness, and personal weakness, by Max Merritt Morrison, Doubleday, 1964, \$3.95

The author addresses himself point-blank to what he regards as the most pressing need of every one: the need to be able to face life without losing heart.

Dr. Morrison draws on down-to-earth examples from the lives of people he has helped, to illustrate the many ways that men can find their own inner strength. As he tells how to make positive use of faith, he reaffirms the exclamation of Apostle Paul: "I never lose heart!"

Handbook for Christian Believers, by A. J. Ungersma, John Knox Press, 1964, paperback, \$1.95

As its title indicates, this is not a book written by a theologian for theologians, but, rather, it is a handbook for ordinary Christians who are concerned over the essentials of the faith. It was inspired by friends of the author who were troubled by prevailing misunderstanding and ignorance of the essentials of the Christian faith.

Baptist Hour theme

The Baptist Hour sermon theme for April and May will be "Promises of Jesus." Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is The Baptist Hour preacher.

The Baptist Hour is produced and distributed by the Radio-Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and carried by 20 Arkansas stations Sundays:

KVRC, Arkadelphia, 3 p.m.; KTHS, Berryville, 8 a.m.; KCON, Conway, 2:30 p.m.; KCCB, Corning, 3 p.m.; KDQN, De Queen, 7 a.m.; KELD, El Dorado, (time not listed); KFAY, Fayetteville, 8:30 a.m.; KBJT, Fordyce, 4 p.m.; KXJK, Forrest City, 9:30 a.m.; KXAR, Hope, 5 p.m.; KNEA, Jonesboro, 6:30 a.m.;

KENA, Mena, 1:30 p.m.; KBIB, Montette, 7:30 a.m.; KHBM, Monticello, 9:30 p.m.; KDRS, Paragould, 8:30 p.m.; KCCL, Paris, 9:30 a.m.; KPOC, Poca-hontas, 7 a.m.; KUOA, Siloam Springs, 7:30 a.m.; KWRP, Warren, 8 a.m.; KWYN, Wynne, 7:30 a.m.

Baptists lead Blytheville

A recent religious survey of Blytheville shows that the Baptist denomination has almost twice as many active members as the second largest group, the Methodists. Baptists showed 1,846 active local members and Methodists 982.

Others in the top five in this category were the Catholics with 368, Church of Christ, 327, and Presbyterian 223.

Of the total population, 9 and over, of 8,915, the church members number 6,513.

Other interesting statistics to emerge from the survey: 51.5 percent attend church weekly; 9.8 percent attend monthly; 20 seldom attend; 18 percent never attend.

OBU department listed

The journalism department of Ouachita University is one of only 155 departments or schools of journalism included in the recently published directory of The Journalism Educator.

The periodical is published quarterly by The American Society of Journalism School Administrators and is edited by Professor Jacob H. Jaffe, chairman of the journalism department of Long Island University.

Listings in the latest issue are for the U. S., Canada, Mexico, and India.

Association commends governor

Washington—Madison Association voted in regular business session at University Church, Fayetteville, to: "Commend Governor Winthrop Rockefeller for his stand in vetoing the casino gambling bill and to send copies of the resolution to the representatives and senator in this district."

The resolution passed unanimously. There are 35 Southern Baptist Churches in the Association. Dr. Andrew M. Hall is moderator and Dr. Alexander Best is superintendent of missions.

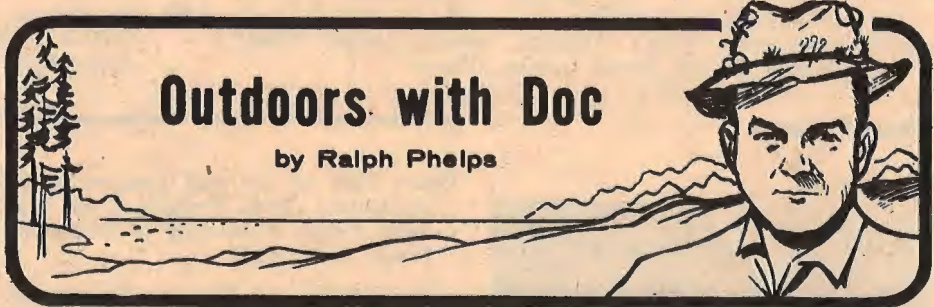
Southern honor students

On the President's List, composed of students making all A's at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, for the first semester 1966-67 school year, are: Jim Eubanks, College City, Walnut Ridge; Charles Merrell, Rector; Willidene Williams, Walnut Ridge; and Evelyn Fender, Poca-hontas.

Seventeen students were listed on the academic Dean's List. The academic achievement for this honor ranges from 3.65 to 4.00. The students are:

Janice Watson, Poca-hontas; Luella Mann, Piggott; Marida Ann Billbrey, Smithville; Shirley Miller, Batesville; Sharon Jones, Poughkeepsie; Myrthe Orr, Alton, Mo.; Paulette Crafton, Corning; Sandra Naron, Walnut Ridge; Jo Ann Waymon and Janet Massey, Poca-hontas.

Roger Teel, Walnut Ridge; Gary Hook, Lake City; Gary Allen, Puxico, Mo.; Joyce Bollinger, Chaffee, Mo.; Yugonda Walker and Lloyd Walker, College City; and Terry Benson, Kennett, Mo.



Outdoors with Doc

by Ralph Phelps

The brain of a catfish

When that politician feller suggested that old Doc might have a brain the size of a catfish's, this columnist strongly suspected that the remark was not intended as a compliment. However, since his interest in catfish brains had been limited to how to hit them with an ice pick when he was about to skin one for the skillet, Doc was uncertain about whether to take offense or not. After all, he had always managed to hit the brain with the point of the pick, so maybe the catfish's cranial capacity had been underrated.

Doc might have gone on wondering about this the rest of his life if he hadn't bumped into George Purvis, noted Game and Fish Commission public relations man, at a Ouachita Club dinner in Little Rock. In addition to being an excellent photographer and first-rate television sportscaster, George is also a wildlife biologist with a Master's degree in his field.

In response to Doc's query, George took a large piece of white paper and drew a circle smaller than a purple-hull pea and said that was the fish's brain.

When Doc commented that he had always managed to hit that brain when he started to kill a catfish, George snorted, "You were just lucky!" With a brain that small, a guy would have to be lucky to be allowed to run loose!

When Doc realized that without a doubt the feller had insulted him, he felt bad for a few days to think that he had been castigated so miserably by a distinguished member of such a highly respected body. But then he thought of something which sorta soothed his troubled spirits: In the 40 years since he caught his first catfish, Doc has landed a good many of this specie and has seen a lot more. And in all that time he has never seen a catfish climb a tree, crawl out on a limb, and sit there while somebody sawed the limb off.

That's more than can be said for some people.

Delay of consideration

There are times when the consideration of a measure should be delayed. A member of the body has several ways open for trying to accomplish this desired end.

Two motions may be used to accomplish this purpose. Then, too, there are various other motions and parliamentary privileges which may be used as delaying tactics. The motions are to lay upon the table and to postpone to a definite time.

"The motion to lay upon the table . . . is simply a motion that the measure be passed by for the time being, with the understanding that it may be taken up again at the pleasure of the body" (Kerfoot, p. 43).

"It may be applied to any main motion; to any question of privilege or order of the day . . .; to an appeal that does not adhere to the main question, . . .; or to the motion to reconsider immediately pending, in which case the question to be reconsidered goes to the table also. No motion that has another motion adhering to it can be laid on the table by itself; if laid on the table it carries with it everything that adheres to it" (Robert, p. 105).

To make this motion, one obtains the floor and says, "I move that the measure lie on the table," or "I move that the matter be tabled." It requires a second. It cannot be amended or debated. If decided in the affirmative, the matter, with all its appendages, is removed from before the body. If decided in the negative, matters proceed as if the motion had not been made.

The motion is superseded by the question of consideration but will supersede any other subsidiary motion. It is inferior to all privileged questions and to all incidental questions, except when made to dispose of one of them.

The motion to postpone to a definite time delays action for a specified time. When that time comes, the matter must be taken up, unless by further action of the body it is again delayed. It is a special order for that time.

To make this motion one obtains the floor and says, "I move that the measure be postponed to," etc. The motion requires a second. It is debatable as to the propriety of postponing and as to the time designated. Merits of the main question, which it proposes to delay, are not debatable at this time. It is subject to amendment as to the time designated.

Questions on parliamentary procedure are invited. Address to Rev. Carl M. Overton, 109 West Adam Street, Hamburg, Ark.)



Stars spring from Tyler Street

Posing in front of a church lot back board where they first learned the game, AAA Southwest Junior High School Mustangs, (left to right) John Peace, Bruce Mitchell and John Johnson recall playing with their first Championship team.

Tyler Street Church Men's Club installed the board in 1964 and purchased basketball equipment. The services of two senior high school students, Stewart Vess and Bobby Coates, were obtained to coach the seventh graders who wanted to play. During the Church League Season, which consisted of 10 games, the Tyler Street team, won all ten games and the Church League Championship, scoring a total of 984 points in the ten games and having only 91 points scored against them. (Arkansas' Baptist Newsmagazine, May

27, 1965). Peace, Mitchell and Johnson played on that team.

The three boys attend Sunday School and church regularly. The Mustang Team excels academically as well as in sports. The team as a whole has a 3.32 grade average (on a four-point system).

The Mustang Team won every basketball tournament they played in, (19-2 for the year) including the state. Peace, Mitchell, Johnson and two other team members placed on the All-City Team. Peace was one of the two Mustangs who made the all-state team.

The three boys are also active in track and field. In football, Johnson broke two school records as a pass receiver and Peace broke three school records as quarterback.

From the churches

Beacon lights of Baptist history

American Bible Union

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.
PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

Celebrate 50th year

Dierks First Church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary Mar. 12. Theo James was guest speaker.

The church was organized in a home Mar. 12, 1917, as Central Baptist Church with 16 charter members. The first building was erected in 1926 and burned in 1930. It was rebuilt the following year. In 1947 the name was changed to First Baptist Church.

The church has recently constructed an educational building and Sunday school rooms, redecorated the sanctuary and installed a new baptistry. The building has central lighting and heating systems.

A program for Sunday School and Training Union for every age group is offered. Marvin Hester has been pastor since Mar. 15, 1966.

Observe deacon's day

Magnolia Church, Crossett, honored its eight deacons and their wives Mar. 12. Eddie McAteer, a lay preacher and deacon of Richland Church, Memphis, was the morning speaker.

The church has grown by approximately 150 members since 1965. A new educational building has been completed during this period and a building planning committee is to be appointed to enlarge the auditorium and add another educational unit.

Vaughn W. Denton is pastor.

GA coronation held

Pleasant Plains Church recently held its first GA coronation. Maidens were Mary Etta Snyder, Kathy Floyd, and Rhonda Sherrill. Candy Smith was princess, and ladies in waiting were Patty Hertz, Sharon Rogers and Martha Stinnett.

Pleasant Plains is a church with 103 membership in Independence Association. James Threet is pastor.

The Girls Auxiliary was organized in 1964 with five members and is now divided into an Intermediate GA with eight members and a Junior GA with 13. Leaders of the youth groups are Mrs. Threet, Mrs. Raymond Morris, Mrs. Lonnie Meachum, and Daniel McDougald.

Start family night

Gillett Church instituted a monthly "Family Night" on Mar. 3. The pot luck supper was followed by a song service.

Members of the church are welcoming back the pastor's wife, Mrs. F. B. Dake, who has been recuperating from surgery.

Baptists have often had events on their hands not of their proposing but of their disposing. This was true of the situation in which they found themselves in 1835 when some supporters of the American Bible Society objected to the use of the term "immersion" for baptism in a Benali translation.

The contention was that the English text of the Scriptures would be the basis for translation instead of the Greek text. Baptists said, "If it is now proposed to set aside the original principles of the Society, and all its former work on the mission field, in order to gratify the denominational feelings of some of the Society, we will not listen to the proposition to sanction sectarian versions. The Greek original is not sectarian, and to give any version a different sense from the original, for the gratification of 'denominations,' is to make a translation for sectarian ends, a thing that we cannot consent to do." (Armitage, *History of the Baptists*, p. 586)

This resulted in the formation of the American and Foreign Bible Society. In April, 1837, 390 delegates from 23 states met in Philadelphia and organized the new agency. But this body decided it would do no revision, only printing and distributing the English version without note or comment.

Many Baptists were dissatisfied. On June 10, 1850, The American Bible Union was organized in Philadelphia. Many of this body had been members of the society aforementioned. Its aim was revision of the Scriptures. From the Hebrew and Greek they would procure and circulate the most faithful version of the sacred scriptures in all languages throughout the world." (Cathcart, *Baptist Encyclopedia*, Vol. I, p. 98)

Scholars from nine different denominations in America and Europe were selected to make this revision of the English Bible. This was the first organized attempt to apply the fruits of biblical scholarship since 1611 to a revision of the English Bible. It met with determined opposition.

The work was pursued in earnest. Revisions of the scriptures were made and circulated in Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Siamese and Korean. The union issued a version of the New Testament in English, 1865, which has passed through several revisions. Dr. H. C. Vedder, Baptist professor and historian, called it a "most faithful, accurate, and idiomatic translation" and said "every Baptist should possess copy."

Revivals

Pottsville Church, now in progress through Apr. 2; Thomas E. Lindley, evangelist; H. N. Williams, pastor.

Ft. Smith Towson Avenue, Mar. 12-19; youth-led revival; Darrell Cluck, Southside High School junior, evangelist; Jack Simpson, Ft. Smith Junior College freshman, song leader; 4 by letter; 3 for baptism; 35 rededications; Gene Palmer, pastor.

Shannon Hills First, Mabelvale, in progress through Apr. 2; E. G. Davis, pastor, evangelist; Wanda Moseley, pianist; Melvin Atwood, music director.

Jacksonville Bayou Meto, Mar. 13-19; Ed Walker, Levy, evangelist; Louis Jeffers, song leader; 7 professions of faith; 7 baptisms; 1 by letter; 2 by statement; 94 rededications; Howard Porter, pastor.

Camden Madison Avenue Mission, Mar. 5-12; Doyle Creech, pastor, evangelist; Mrs. Connie Burton, pianist; Ed Turner and Paul Choate, song leaders; 18 by letter; 1 by baptism; 22 rededications.

Little Rock Gaines Street, Apr. 16-23; Dr. Hyman Appelman evangelist;

Hoyt Mulkey, singer; Russell J. Clearman, pastor. (CB)

Berryville Freeman Heights, Mar. 13-19; Lehman Webb, First Church, Hot Springs, evangelist; Mark Short, singer; 16 professions of faith; 2 promises of letter; 17 rededications; Ed F. McDonald III, pastor.

Jacksonville Bayou Meto, Mar. 12-19; Ed Walker, evangelist; Lewis Jeffers, song leader; William Garvin, pianist; 7 professions of faith; 2 by statement; 85 rededications; Howard R. Porter, pastor.

Sheridan First, Mar. 5-12; Walter K. Ayers, staff evangelist, First Church, Little Rock, evangelist; E. O. Pike, Conway, song director; 6 professions of faith; George Hurst, pastor.

Blytheville Trinity, Mar. 13-19; Walter K. Ayers, evangelist; Bill Edmonson, West Memphis, song director; 12 conversions; R. W. Bumpass, interim pastor.

Mountain Home First, Apr. 23-30; Jim Tillman, pastor, First Church, Walnut Ridge, evangelist; Harold Elmore, pastor. (CB)

Mathis at Texarkana

Eugene G. Mathis, pastor of Joy Church, Joy, Tex., since 1965, has accepted the pastorate of Arabella Heights Church, Texarkana.

Mr. Mathis is a graduate of Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and is attending Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, where he will graduate July 21, 1967.

Before going to Joy, he pastored several churches in Tennessee. He and his wife, Anita, have a child, Debbie, 6.



EUGENE G. MATHIS



JOHN CUTSINGER

'Outstanding young man'

John Cutsinger, minister of education at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, has been selected for inclusion in the 1967 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

The volume is an annual biographical compilation of young men who "have distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding."

Cutsinger served the Arkansas Baptist State Convention as public relations director before assuming his present position. He holds degrees from William Jewell College and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

Takes mission work

Charles R. Stanford has resigned as pastor of Boughton Church, Prescott, to accept a call as mission pastor on the staff of the First Church, Nashville.

Mr. Stanford is a senior at Ouachita University, working on a degree in religion. His wife, Jo, is a graduate of Ouachita; at the present time she is teaching in the Prescott Elementary School. Mr. Stanford is a native of Manila.



CHARLES R. STANFORD



ROSS WILLIAMS

Accepts Foreman church

Ross Williams, pastor of Joyce City Church, Smackover, for five years, has accepted a call from Foreman First Church.

Mr. Williams is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. He is married to the former Miss Elva Stewart of Wickes, Ark. They have two children, Gary, a freshman at Ouachita, and Donna, 16.

Mr. Williams began his ministry at Foreman Apr. 1.

Musician available

Robert (Bob) Braswell, Harrison, a senior at Ouachita University, is available as a director of music and youth for some church within reach of Ouachita. Mr. Braswell will receive the bachelor of music degree at the annual commencement exercises in May and plans to work for the master's degree at Ouachita. He may be contacted at the Caddo Hotel in Arkadelphia.

Mason to Louisiana

Lester Mason resigned as minister of music-youth at First Church, Springdale to accept the position of minister of music with Highland Church, Shreveport, La., effective Mar. 28.

Mr. Mason went to First Church in July, 1965, from a similar position with Northwest Church, Miami, Okla. He has also served in Beaverton Church, Beaverton, Ala., and First Church, Honey Grove, Tex. He is a graduate of Howard College in Birmingham and Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. Mason is married to the former Ella Mae Gentry and they have one son, Jamil, 1.

Burton A. Miley is pastor of the Springdale church.

New Murfreesboro pastor

Gaines Armstrong is the new Pastor of First Church, Murfreesboro.

He came to the church from a pastorate of two and one-half years at Antioch Church near Hot Springs.

During his ministry there, the church had an increase in attendance in Sunday School and Training Union and offering reached an all time high. Royal Ambassadors and the Girls Auxiliary were organized and through participation in the Church Development Ministry work was done on the church plant, grounds and parsonage.

There were 71 additions to the church with more than half coming for baptism upon their professions of faith.

Former pastorates include Millcreek, Hot Springs; First Church, Moreland; and Fair Park Church, Russellville.

He is married to the former Miss Mary Helen Woodson.

Enters evangelism

W. Truett Broadus resigned as pastor of Osyka Church, Osyka, Miss., to enter the field of evangelism on a full time basis Mar. 19. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. Mr. Broadus has served 20 years as a pastor in Southwest Mississippi.

He is married to the former Annette Statham, Fernwood, Miss. They have two children. They are living in McComb, Miss., and may be reached at Box 128, McComb, 39648.

Halbert to Louisiana

Bill Halbert has resigned as minister of education of First Church, Fayetteville, to do further study at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He will enroll for the summer term beginning the first of June. He has served the church for three years.

Mr. Halbert has received a graduate fellowship at the seminary.

At writers' conference

NASHVILLE—Mrs. Fred E. Love of Norphlet, attended a writers' conference Mar. 13-17 at the Sunday School Board.

Deaths

CHARLES E. BURT, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Burt, North Little Rock, killed in one-car automobile accident March 3 at Fayetteville.

He was a 1965 graduate of Jacksonville High School and had been working for a photography firm since graduation. He was a member of First Church, Jacksonville.

MRS. JANIE BOATNER SMITH, charter member of Rowe's Chapel, Mt. Zion Association, March 3.

TU Youth Convention sets record attendance

Attendance at the annual Arkansas Baptist State Training Union Youth Convention here last Friday at Second Church set an all-time record, according to Ralph Davis, secretary of the Training Union department of the Arkansas Baptist State

Final tabulation had not been made at press time, but it was known to be well above 2,000.

A feature of the convention program was a question period, during which time convention attenders asked questions of a panel composed of Bill Glass, Cleveland Browns professional football player; Kathy Price, a student at the University of Arkansas; and Camile Bishop and Gary Alverson, both of Ouachita University.

Glass spoke briefly on "Why Be a Christian," at the close of the morning session.

D. C. Applegate, pastor of First Church, Starkville, Miss., spoke in the morning meeting on "Man Makes God in His Own Image," and, in the afternoon, on "Be a Conformist."

The afternoon program was largely devoted to a series of simultaneous conferences. Youth Fellowship was held at suppertime in MacArthur Park, under the direction of Cecil McGee, consultant in church recreation, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The Speakers' Tournament finals were held Friday night with the following results:

Deborah Dyer, Clarendon, 17-18 year division; Dorothy Benefield, Ouachita University, 19-24 plus college division.

The convention closed with a drama, "I Saw Him," written by Sarah Walton Miller and presented by youth of Second Church, Little Rock, Jim Maloch, youth director.



SWORD DRILL WINNERS: Roberta Miller, East Side Church, Mountain Home, first; Janet Beckham, Hickory Street Church, Texarkana, second; Debby Adams, Immanuel Church, Rogers, third, with State Secretary Ralph Davis of the Training Union department. Roberta and Janet will have all-expense trips to the Ridgecrest and the Glorieta, respectively, for Southern Baptist Training Union assemblies.



REUNIONS: Youth Convention Speaker D. C. Applegate, pastor of First Church, Starkville, Miss., visits with former-members-of-his-church Elizabeth and W. E. Reeves, now members of Forrest Highland Church, Little Rock, at the close of the Friday morning services.



OVERFLOW: Little Rock's beautiful, new Second Church auditorium was filled to overflowing by the more than 2,000 persons, mostly teenagers, who attended the Youth Convention. Lack of air conditioning in overflow rooms where a closed television circuit had been set up turned some away.



BETTER SIDES: Bill Glass, of the Cleveland Browns Professional Football Team, directed the Arkansas Baptist News-magazine cameraman to his right side as "my better side" for this photo as he spoke to the Friday morning session of the Youth Convention.

'Ministering Church' is educational theme

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association meeting here at the Shelborne Hotel May 29-30 will feature panel discussions and addresses on the theme, "The Ministering Church."

The two-day conference, to be held just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention here, will close with an address by Wayne Dehoney, Louisville, Ky., pastor, on "Educational Aspects of the Crusade of the Americas." Dehoney is North American regional coordinator for the proposed 1969 evangelistic crusade in North, Central and South America.

The same session, carrying out the theme "A Church Ministering in the

Future," will feature presentations on projected Southern Baptist church programs.

One complete session will be devoted to "A Church Ministering to the Inner City," featuring testimonies from Baptist pastors and educational workers on inner city ministries, and an address by Kenneth L. Chafin, professor at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Another session will emphasize improving church staff work and solving personnel problems, with panel discussions featured on the program.

The two-day conference will open with an address on "The Theology of Ministry," by Charles Trentham, pastor of First Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Much of the program will be devoted to panel and group discussions and to question-and-answer periods.

The annual meeting of the SBC Religious Education Association is one of four major nation-wide Southern Baptist meetings held just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets here May 30-June 2.

Other pre-convention meetings include the SBC Woman's Missionary Union Convention, the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, and the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference. (BP)

Start Manila building

Manila, Philippines—Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Mar. 1 in Manila, Philippines, for a two-story Baptist building to house all promotional departments and general offices of the Philippine Baptist Mission (administrative unit of Southern Baptist missionaries in the country).

The new structure, to cost approximately \$81,400, is expected to be complete by January, 1968. It is planned so that it can be expanded to four stories when additional space is needed. The building site is on a busy thoroughfare, Traft Avenue.

Baptist beliefs

The angel's parting word

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, past president, Southern Baptist Convention

"Lo, I have told you" (Matt. 28:7)

This is a strange statement. At first glance it seems to be unrelated to that which precedes or follows it. Yet upon examination it carries tremendous import.

The angel from heaven came to do six things in connection with the resurrection of Jesus. First, he rolled away the stone from the tomb (Matt. 28:2). Second, he announced the fact of the resurrection of Jesus (vv. 5-6a). Third, he led the women to see the empty tomb (v. 6b). Fourth, he told the women to tell the disciples that Jesus was risen (v. 7a). Fifth, he reminded them of Jesus' prior appointment in Galilee (v. 7b). Sixth, he said, "Lo, I have told you." There is no further mention of the angel. So we may assume that with this parting word, his mission accomplished, he returned to heaven.

The word "angel" means "messenger." He was a messenger on a mission for God. God did not send a man but an angel. Therefore, we may assume that he was sent to do what a man could not do under the circumstances.

With the Roman guard posted only an angel could have rolled away the stone. He did so not to let Jesus out, for the tomb already was empty, but to let the women in. Furthermore he announced to them the resurrection, caused them to view the empty tomb, told them to go and tell, and to remind the disciples of their rendezvous with their risen Lord.

And then he said, "Lo, I have told you." After that, no more. What is the significance of this parting word? A. B. Bruce (*Expositor's*, in loco) says, "Behold I said it unto you [a literal translation] note what I say, and see if it does not come true." But the fact of the resurrection already was true. The meeting in Galilee they were yet to see. But is this the meaning?

Note that the angel had been sent to do what only a messenger from heaven could do. And it was done. The fact that the angel is no longer mentioned after this parting word is significant. Having completed his task he returned to heaven, leaving behind these women who alone at this time knew of the resurrection. May we not assume, therefore, that, in effect, the angel's final words have the following meaning.

"My work is done. I leave the further telling of the story of the resurrection in your hands." Yes, in theirs, and in the hands of all others who should hear and believe.

Jesus had committed the gospel to His people (Matt. 16:19). He will yet commission them to tell the story of God's redemptive love and power to all the earth. He committed the gospel to redeemed human beings, not to angels. God did all that man could not do for his salvation. But God does not will that by some angel's crusade to preach the gospel. That redeemed man can do; that redeemed man is charged to do.

"For necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:16).

Macon-split decision

MACON, Ga.—A Baptist fellowship group comprised primarily of former members of the Tattnall Square Baptist Church here has formally dropped its plans to form a new church.

The group, called the Christian Fellowship, has been meeting each Sunday since last September when the Tattnall Square Church fired its three male staff members because they urged Tattnall Square to accept Negro worshippers.

Doug Johnson, minister to students at Mercer University, a Baptist school just across the street from the Tattnall Square church, has been pastor for the Christian Fellowship.

Johnson was associate pastor at Tattnall Square and was ousted along with Pastor Thomas J. Holmes, now on the staff of Mercer University, and Music Director Jack Jones, who is organ-music instructor at Mercer and has been music director for the Christian Fellowship.

Gary C. Hinebaugh, chairman of the steering committee for the Christian Fellowship, issued this brief statement: "The fellowship, after much prayer and study, felt that the missions and witness that we stood for were being attempted by other churches in Macon, and that we should work with them in making their programs successful."

The group has had an average attendance of about 75 persons, including many Mercer students and several Negroes. (BP)

Your state convention at work

April workshop set

"Together We Build the Child" is the theme of the State Elementary Workshop, Apr. 25, at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. This is planned for children's workers all over the state to come together to learn more about the child from birth through eight years of age.

Your Church Music, Sunday School Training Union Departments and Woman's Missionary Union have linked minds and hands to bring this specialized assistance to all who teach our boys and girls. The organization with which you are working will be helped when her children's workers come together for this training.

You will not want to miss the general sessions featuring Dr. Payton Kolb, a Little Rock psychiatrist, and Robert Fulbright, Supervisor of the Children's Field Service Unit, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

We will study about the child as a learner and the importance of using music as well as many other facets led by Miss LaVerne Ashby, Primary consultant, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, and Mrs. Floyd McCoy of the Music faculty, Louisiana College, Pineville, La.

There will be special conferences led by Mrs. Ada Rutledge, Nursery consultant, Sunday School Department,

Baptist Sunday School Board, for all workers in the four cooperating organizations who work with children, birth through three.

Something new for this year. Hear ye—pastors, ministers of education and music and Sunday School superintendents, church staff members, etc.—a conference led by Mr. Fulbright just for you.

Come one and all and, take advantage of this unusual experience from 9:30-2:30 Apr. 25. Bring a sack lunch. Your pre-school children will be cared for and served their sack lunch in the Nursery by the Nursery workers.—Mary Emma Humphrey, Elementary Consultant, Sunday School Dept.

Five junior festivals

Last year 65 Junior Choirs in Arkansas participated in the spring festivals sponsored by Arkansas Church Music Department. The five area festivals for 1967 will be on Apr. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. You and your juniors will want to attend the one nearest you at one of the five locations: First, Jonesboro; First, Hope; First, Siloam Springs; First, Russellville; or First, Pine Bluff.

Miss Connie Hauk will be director at the Jonesboro festival. She is minister of music at First Church, Bossier City, La.

Jack Terrell, an associate in the Texas Church Music Department, Dallas, will direct the Hope festival:

Don Edmondson, minister of music-youth at First Church, Enid, Okla., is the guest conductor for the Siloam Springs festival. He was formerly minister of music at Central Church, Magnolia.

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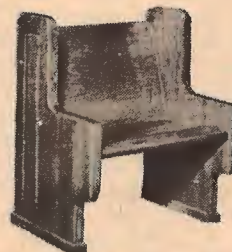
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BOONEVILLE, ARKANSAS

Robert McGill, choral director on the Hendrix College Music Faculty at Conway, is the Russellville festival conductor.

Mrs. Martha Settle is an associate in the Georgia Church Music Department, Atlanta, and will be leading the Pine Bluff festival.

Registration deadline was Mar. 29. Junior Choir directors and members are encouraged to observe the festivals if they do not plan to adjudicate. Each person attending should bring a sack lunch.—Eleanor A. Harwell, Associate

Develop your talents

Must persons have training in a Southern Baptist church before they may become members?

No, but Training Union on Sunday nights is an opportunity for all Southern Baptist church members to develop their talents.

Is Training Union the only opportunity for training which churches are providing for their members? No, week-long training opportunities also are planned. Such a week is Church Member Training Week Apr. 17-21.

Church Member Training Week has been designed by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Training Union department to provide general church member training.

Four books available for study by junior through adult age Southern Baptists during Church Member Training Week are: *Adults Continuing to Learn* by Ernest J. Loessner, *Learning for Living* (young people) by H. Walton Connelly Jr., *Intermediates in the Learning Fellowship* by Harold S. Bailey, and *My Church Helps Me Learn* (junior) by Roddy Stinson.

Churches may make provision during Church Member Training Week for nursery through primary age groups. Units recommended for these ages are: for primaries, *God Wants Me to Learn* by Evone Wood Capell; for beginners, *God's Care in Spring and Summer*, by Maurice and Jane Ireland Williams; for nursery children, *Daytime and Nighttime* by W. O. Thomason and Alma May Scarborough.—Ralph W. Davis

DEAREST:

I can't wait to hear from you, so note the Zip Code in my address. And use it when you write to me! Zip Code really moves the mail.

Current issues in Baptist life

Facing divisive issues

BY WAYNE E. WARD, PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY
SOUTHERN SEMINARY, LOUISVILLE, KY.

It has always been somewhat difficult for Baptists to work together. Historically, they have been quite independent in their thinking. They have never been able to reach complete agreement on many doctrines and on many practices in their churches. In order to cooperate at all on the important matters of missions and education, Baptists have often had to overlook some differences of belief.

This has caused some Baptists to try to hide or suppress their differences. They have been known to administer a sharp rebuke to a young person who raises a question or to a pastor who may be talking about a "controversial issue" in the pulpit. "Don't rock the boat" may become a slogan!

The trouble with hiding real differences among Christian brethren is that it leads to a form of hypocrisy. The New Testament teaches that Christians must "speak the truth in love," and this does not permit the hiding of one's honest convictions. The deepest level of fellowship is possible only when people are truly honest with each other.

In some Christian denominations any difference of belief is simply settled by appeal to the highest church council or to the supreme ruler of the church such as the pope in Roman Catholicism. For Baptists there is no such appeal. Each Baptist is directly responsible to Christ for his beliefs and actions; and each Baptist is responsible to the wider fellowship of Christian believers because he is an equal member of Christ's body. It is a violation of the basic nature of the Christian faith for anyone—priest, or council, or pope—to presume to tell another person what he may believe. True belief cannot be imposed upon anyone by authority.

If this is a valid understanding of the Christian faith and the fellowship of the church, it means that every Christian must face the issues which divide us and try to make a responsible decision in regard to them. The responsibility for decision cannot be delegated to the pastor, the executive committee, or the convention. Every man must be able to give reason for the position he takes!

This series of brief articles is designed to clarify and discuss some of the hotly debated issues in Baptist life today. Biblical and theological information will be brought to bear upon each issue. Sometimes the positions taken by our Baptist forefathers will be recalled. Always the writer will try to make clear his own belief and his reasons for it. There is no one who can give us an authoritative statement of "the Baptist position," for there is no such thing in existence. We have no pope to decree a Baptist position. Each of us is required to bear his witness to the truth of Jesus Christ as best he can.

For whatever it is worth to others, this series will simply reveal one man's struggle to understand and act upon the basic issues. It comes out of many years of teaching the Bible and Christian doctrine; but it should have no more influence than the measure of truth which it contains. Only the truth can make us free!

Thank you, readers

We have begun receiving your entries in the Mother of the Year Contest and we appreciate it. We haven't yet heard from any wishing to nominate a Father of the Year, and we'd like to remind you that nominations for both are closed Apr. 24.

The rules are simple: Nominees must be members of a Southern Baptist Church in Arkansas, but not an employee or relative of a Baptist Building employee.

We prefer the nominations typed. They must be accompanied by a recent photograph, and we hope it is a studio portrait.

So write us today why you think your favorite mother should be Arkansas Baptist Mother of the Year! (Or Father.)

OBU All-AIC choice

Robert Cornelius and Don Purdy of Ouachita University were chosen to the All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference second team, basketball, while James Chancellor, a 6-6 sophomore from Malvern, was given honorable mention. Cornelius, a 6-5 sophomore from Camden, led the Tigers in scoring with 414 points, while Purdy, a 6-5 senior from Harrison, led OBU in rebounding with 322.

International students

International flavor is reflected by the enrollment at Southern College of five young men from foreign countries.

They are Maurico Vargas, El Salvador; Mohamanad Faraj, Jordan; Ramzi Mummur and William Izmerian, Nazareth, Israel; and David Lau, Hong Kong, China.

Southern State .. really a student effort

BY JOHN BRUTON

John Bruton is employed with Urban Renewal and is a member of Tyler Street Baptist Church.



Jim Works, Bradley, BSU president and summer missionary last year to the Northwest, and Mickey Milburn, Cove, last summer missionary to Mexico.

Knowledge explosion is how a top architect described Southern State College, Magnolia, in its projected 10-year growth which will double today's student enrollment. Bigness of tomorrow's campus understandably excites educational and religious leaders, especially the Baptist Student Department which has in operation a net of Baptist Student Centers one of which is serving 1,000 Baptist-inclined students at Southern State.

The director of the Southern State Baptist Student Union is 38-year old James A. Smalley, an imaginative leader, dedicated in helping today's students find purpose through involvement in Christian living.

A good unit of measure for showing the effectiveness of Jimmy's Christian life invites a focus view of his home where his wife, Ella V., devotes full time to household duties plus tending to their two delightfully normal daughters, Janis, 9, a Girl Scout, and Glenda, 5, who is the family's spokesman against their father's work, which allows him only two evenings a week at home.

The Smalleys' membership is at Central Church and both are workers in Adult I Training Union. Jimmy works with college young people and Ella V. with Juniors on Sunday morning. Ella V. is also a circle chairman in the WMU.

Jimmy and Ella V. first met at a church camp, although both are natives of Norman, Okla. Jimmy literally grew up on the campus of the University of Oklahoma and for several years ate with the athletes, as his mother was in charge of the athletic kitchen.

After one semester of college, Smalley entered the army near the close of World War II. Following a stint in the U.S. Army Air Corps, he returned to the University of Oklahoma to complete his degree. Two summers he served on the staff at Ridgecrest. "These summers plus the influence of BSU while on the campus at OU were the dominating factors which changed a career in law and political science", says Smalley, "to that of religious work." After graduation, Jimmy was recalled for Korean War service in the U.S. Air Force, and stationed stateside at a weather station in Texas.



Director Smalley

After the Korean War, Smalley and Miss Ella V. Wood, who by then had her BS from the University of Oklahoma, were married.

After a few months they moved to Ft. Worth where Jimmy entered the seminary. His wife worked full time while Smalley took his work in Religious Education. Smalley then took the job of BSU Director at Missouri School of Mines and served as educational director of First Church, Rolla.

It was from this place of service in 1955 the Smalleys came to Arkansas where he became the first director at Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway. Through a summer's study while in Missouri Jimmy completed his work on his MRE degree at Southwestern Seminary. He has done additional study at Baylor and the University of Oklahoma.

In January, 1961, the Smalleys moved to Magnolia and Southern State College to begin BSU work. Here, as at ASTC, Jimmy, from time to time takes a course to "keep abreast, and keep his mind disciplined to study."

The student staff at the Center are James Griffin, a math major from Fulton, and Ron Chandler, an accounting major from Camden. These two young men live at the center and attend to the maintenance of the building. Two secretaries, Maxine Jack of Taylor and Linda Blanchard of Horatio, work part-time at the center.

Southern State's Baptist Student Center has space in which to expand in keeping step with the college's organized plan of growth. The center which was constructed in 1961 blends harmoniously with the college's orderly complex of structures in matching local brick. An addition containing a guest room and caretaker's room is due for completion in the next few months.

Located at the principal entrance of the college the center has a vibrant ripple of activities, all of which is Christian-oriented, and is very much like being with friends at home—TV, ping pong, stereo listening, pizza cooking: (a current fad), study, dates, prayer, noonday services and vespers.

Always in touch yet not intruding, Smalley's keen insight and endless energy supplies the sure-footed personality a director's position demands: A 10 p.m., or later, visit at the men's dorm; to counsel or contact a prospective student leader, or to give or receive from the college counseling office the names of students who need or seek guidance in their problems; to meet with the various BSU committees; to teach a course in Old or New Testament; or just to be friendly.

A student is a member of the BSU when he becomes involved in the work and program of the organization. The center is in no way limited to Baptists. However, responsible church membership and an appreciation of the Southern Baptist denomination are paramount.

The key to a successful BSU is the executive council which draws advisors from the local churches and the colleges, but is kept in motion by the student council members heading the respective committees. A visitor, who observed a session of the executive council early in March, was impressed most by the singleness of mind of the students to present a program whereby the BSU membership might have a richer life, because BSU existed. The meeting in part: Replace a seven-year-old ping pong table with a folding one costing \$46; set a price for an upcoming banquet at a break-even fee of \$1; and select a student speaker from Ouachita University. The meeting ended with final plans for a car wash to raise funds for summer missions.

"The Center is designed to serve many functions," says Smalley. Upon entering the center, which faces the campus and Overstreet Hall, the visitor is ushered into the 20 ft. x 20 ft. lounge of light blue. Sturdy, comfortable, lounge chairs of black iron and plastic cushions form a square lounge which is carpeted. Here students visit, read or watch TV. Stereo is piped to this section. The walls outside the lounge are of blue decor with plaques and heavy hammered brass.



President Jim Griffin, Fulton, and his executive council

From this wall are the doorways, which to the left enter into the director's office; next a work room for secretaries; then the library and a light oak-furnished prayer room. The back wall leads to the restrooms, guest and attendants quarters and the kitchen, all in white fixtures. From the lounge a waist-high planter wall separates the recreational section, which is a step down from the other part of the building. The lower lounge includes ping pong, chairs, piano and game tables. Each day at noon students gather here for a brief devotion time.

Who are the BSU students and where do they come from? From the local towns and communities as well as across the state. There are 16 international students. Nearly all at some time have visited the center.

"Students do not just walk in," says Smalley. "They are brought to the Center by other students." The invitation to visit the Center is a director-student effort. Perhaps the tempo is best described by a weekly mimeographed sheet, prepared by a talented young woman, Susan Rogers, who signs her chatty newsletter as "The B.S.U. Spirit." The Feb. 14, 1967, issue is a typical example of how a student sees BSU: "Hello:

"Yep, the B.S.U. is quite a place, a mighty good place to spend some of your free time. A college campus can get to be a mighty lonely place, even though there are people all around. The B.S.U. is different. The people there are a bunch of really friendly folk. You're not alone at the B.S.U.

"Also, if the going gets pretty hectic, the B.S.U. is a good place to catch your breath. There is a lounge area with magazines, newspapers, and a T.V. There are games, badminton, ping pong, and a piano. If you're hungry, there is a kitchen in which to cook and cokes to drink.

"The library is a splendid place for studying, doing research, or reading. Sometimes you feel a need to be quiet, and alone with your thoughts. The Prayer Room is always available.

"If you want a friend to joke with, one to confide in, or someone to go to for advice, you'll find that at the B.S.U., too. Mr. Smalley is always more than happy to lend a hand in any way he can.

"Yes, the Baptist Student Union is for you, and it eagerly awaits your presence."

It's really a student effort, James A. "Jimmy" Smalley is only the Director.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ANNUAL MEETING — — ARKANSAS WMU

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH LITTLE ROCK

MONDAY 7 P.M.

ANN WOLLERMAN MRS. ROBERT FLING
Brazil President, WMU, SBC
DRAMA: "This Is My Country"
Immanuel Church

Reception

TUESDAY 9:30 A.M.

MRS. M. N. ALEXANDER MARION G. FRAY, JR.
Thailand Rhodesia
MRS. W. D. PARKER
Panama

SYMPOSIUM FROM BRAZIL: Miss Wollerman, Mrs.
Sidney G. Carswell, Mrs. Harrison H. Pike

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Hong Kong

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APRIL 10-12, 1967

TUESDAY 1:30 P.M.

RUTH VANDERBURG MRS. ROBERT FLING
Indonesia WMU, SBC

Missionary Panel

Mrs. W. J. King, Leader
Miss Vanderburg, Mrs. Alexander; Mrs. Fray;
Mrs. Parker; Mrs. Pike

TUESDAY 7 P.M.

MARION G. FRAY, JR. ANN WOLLERMAN

SINGING YOUNG AMERICANS—Second Church
George R. Wilson, Jr.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 A.M.

MRS. W. C. PARKER MARION G. FRAY, JR.

Panel of Americans

MRS. HARRISON G. PIKE MRS. ROBERT FLING

Miss Eleanor Harwell, Music Director

Congress visitor

The State Royal Ambassador Congress meeting with First Church, Little Rock, May 5-6, will have Jay Chance as a special guest. Mr. Chance is responsible for leadership training in the Royal Ambassador Department of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis. He has served in the education field for several years and is eminently qualified for the area of leadership training and planning of leadership materials for Royal Ambassador leaders and counselors. Mr. Chance will speak on Friday night and will lead a conference for leaders and counselors on Saturday morning. We are fortunate to have Mr. Chance attend the Congress, and feel sure that his coming will be a blessing to all boys and men attending.



JAY CHANCE

This year, for the first time, we will have the Baptist Men and Baptist Young Men meeting at the same time as the Congress and will have two joint sessions. The theme, "Making Missions Live," will be the same for both groups. It is our feeling that the joint sessions will be profitable for both boys and men.

The speaker of the joint sessions will be W. D. Lawes. Mr. Lawes is associate in the Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board. He served for many years as secretary of the Brotherhood Department of the Arizona Convention.

All Royal Ambassadors, Baptist men, Baptist young men, and Baptists boys should attend the meeting on May 5-6. The Congress and Men's meeting will

afford a rare opportunity for mission information and inspiration and fellowship for all male church members 9 years of age and up.

A packet of information regarding the Congress and Men's meeting has been mailed pastors, Royal Ambassador counselors, and Baptist Men's presidents. Contact them for further information and make plans to attend the sessions.—C. H. Seaton

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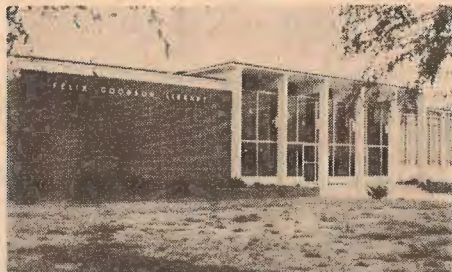
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AMAZING ANTS

Ants, red, black, and brown, creep into our homes and into our picnic lunches. Of all the insects found in our wondrous world, these are the most amazing. Naturalists tell us that their habits are more like our own than any other creature found on earth.

At times, the work habits of ants are much better than our own. A lazy ant doesn't live long in a city of busy ants. An ant that steals from another is punished at once, usually by death. The Bible reminds us of the wisdom of ants: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest" (Proverbs 6:6-8).

An ant city is a miracle of planning and design. The fungus food raised in ant gardens is found nowhere else in nature.

An ant city may be small, like the dome-shaped mounds of earth we find in our gardens and lawns. They may be of a giant size, such as the cities of the parasol ants or cutter ants found in Australia and in many of the tropical areas of our world.

Many parasol ant cities are forty feet in diameter and ten to fourteen feet deep into the earth. The way the ants build their cities, their work habits, their long tunnels and highways, storehouses, chambers for sleeping, and nurseries for baby ants are miracles of planning.

Awe-inspiring are their methods of cleaning and air-conditioning their tunnels and chambers, the quickness of cleaning out chambers or rooms, their way of carrying their garbage to the surface of the earth.

Most ant cities have eight main roads. These are eight to ten inches wide and cleaned until they are bare. If an ant becomes lost on a highway, an organizer or large-headed ant alerts a messenger ant. The messenger alerts all other ants by touching their antennae until the message enters the city. Right away, friends of the lost ant come to his aid.

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BY THELMA C. CARTER



God's purpose: Christ's lordship

BY L. H. COLEMAN, PASTOR
IMMANUEL CHURCH, PINE BLUFF

Life and Work

April 2

Colossians 1:9-20; 2:6-10

The story of redemption is the underlying theme of the entire Bible. Nowhere is the theme more in evidence than in Paul's writings. Today's lesson deals with the letter to the Colossians.

I. Background and introduction

A word is in order concerning the background of today's passage. Paul wrote the Colossian letter from prison in Rome. Doubtless his informant was Epaphras. Much of the news that Epaphras brought was excellent but there was heresy there. The "Colossian heresy" has been a problem to New Testament scholars. The exact scope and identification of the heresy is hard to determine. The best conclusion is that the heresy related to those who were attacking the person and work of Christ. The Gnostics probably were the heretics. The Gnostics taught that all matter was evil and that if Jesus were the son of God then Jesus could not have had a "flesh and blood" body. The Gnostic teaching that Jesus was some kind of spiritual phantom was the backdrop of Paul's insistence on the true humanity and complete divinity of Christ.

The church at Colosse was mainly Gentile. Some have argued that Colosse was the most unimportant city to which Paul wrote a letter. However Paul perhaps wanted this letter to be read also in two nearby cities—Hierapolis and Laodicea.

II. Paul's desire for the Colossians: 1:9-12

Paul regularly remembered the Colossian Christians in his prayers (Cf. v. 9). Paul had the following desires for this church:

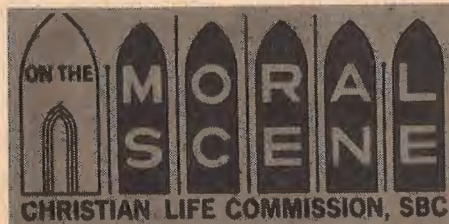
1. The knowledge of God's will (v.9)
2. A worthy walk (v.10)
3. A fruit-bearing believer (v.10)
4. A thankful follower of Christ (v.12)

Paul's prayers for this church were far from sporadic and incidental. His continuous, sincere prayers were perhaps the counterpart of their prayers for him.

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Paul above all wanted the Colossian Christians to center their lives in God's will and bear fruit. He simply wanted them to make an unconditional surren-



In a recent message to Congress, President Johnson recommended federal grants to states, cities, and regional and metropolitan bodies to assist them to develop better police, courts, and correctional systems. To deal with the growing problem of alcoholism, the message recommended "That drunkenness should be regarded as a criminal offense only when it is accompanied by disorderly conduct. Today, one-third of all arrests are for drunkenness. Two million arrests for drunkenness burden the police, clog the lower courts, and crowd places of detention. If, instead of treating drunkenness as an ordinary crime, local authorities chose to create a civil detoxification program, the consequences of that choice would be felt throughout the law enforcement and correction system."

There are five theological and moral reasons for opposition to gambling, according to Lycurgus Starkey: (1) gambling brings the glorification of chance and is a religious (or magical) rival to the Christian faith in God and the divine order of nature; (2) gambling contributes wealth by chance which is contrary to the principle of distribution according to need, service rendered, and service expected and tends to drain the resources of the poor particularly; (3) gambling appeals to materialism and self-seeking rather than concern for others; (4) gambling tends to depersonalize the individual rather than enhance the sacredness and dignity of human personality; and (5) gambling is often accompanied by anti-social consequences (crime, corruption, cheating) rather than socially constructive consequences.

der of themselves to the Lord and mature in the Christian faith.

III. The Exaltation of Christ: 1:13-20

The sublime references to Christ in Colossians 1 are beautiful and impressive. Christ is the deliverer from the bondage of sin; he is the author, giver, and cause of redemption (vs. 13-14). Christ is the Creator and Sovereign of the universe, of "all things" (vs. 15-17). Christ is supreme in all the majestic overtones of the expression. In his Church he has the preeminence, all authority and is the head. The institution called the church belongs to him (vs. 18-20).

IV. Paul's Admonition to the Church: 2:6-10

Paul admonishes the church to be filled with that courage which can cope heroically with any given situation. The great distinguishing mark of the body of Christ is love. When love dies then the church inevitably perishes. Christ's church must be doctrinally pure and sound. She must resist with vigor and determination seductive teachings.

The church must be "rooted, and built up" in Christ (v.7). The Christians' lives must be lived in the conscious presence of Christ. He is the breath of the church; life is in Jesus Christ. The word "rooted" gives a picture of a tree with its roots deep in the soil. The word "built" refers to a house erected upon a sure, solid foundation.

CONCLUSION:

Paul's exaltation of Christ and the institution or organism he established, the church, should cause believers today to rethink their relationship to Christ and his church. The total adequacy of Christ is expressed in Colossians 1:15-23. Please read these verses in connection with today's lesson.

Jesus' relationship to this church is expressed in the following facts:

- (1) The church is the body of Christ with Christ the head of the body.
- (2) Christ originated and is the moving power of the church.
- (3) He has the supremacy of all things.
- (4) Believers who are linked to Christ should be linked as well to Christ's arm for the spreading of his kingdom through the church.

Christ's commission and ascension

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.
PRESIDENT, OUACHITA UNIVERSITY

International

April 2

Acts 1:1-11

For the past three months we have studied the Gospel According to Luke, the "former treatise" referred to in Acts 1:1. With this week's lesson we begin a six-months' study of Luke's second volume on Christ and his church—the Acts of the Apostles. This is the thrilling story of first-generation Christians and the infant New Testament churches, and we shall watch the gallant way challenges which would have made fainter hearts tremble were met victoriously.

The author of Acts, Dr. Luke, is called by Paul "the beloved physician" (Col 4:14). A companion and faithful friend of Paul's Dr. Luke was also a through scholar and careful historian; and Christianity will forever be indebted to him for the faithful record he set down.

Dr. J. B. Phillips says of Luke's writing, "The graphic, but always careful and accurate, style conveys a strong impression of veracity." And indeed it does! One cannot read his carefully chosen words without hearing the ring of truth in them. It should be an exciting half-year of study.

Acts starts where Luke ends—with the last of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances and his ascension. The author declares that before Christ ascended he gave his instructions, through the Holy Spirit, to the special messengers (apostles) whom he had chosen (1:2). He says, further, "He showed himself to these men after his death and gave ample proof that he was alive: over a period of forty days he appeared to them and taught them about the kingdom of God" (1:3).

I. Parting words.

On one occasion, while Jesus was eating a meal with the apostles, he emphasized that they were not to leave Jerusalem but were to wait for the Father's promise to be fulfilled. Amplifying what he meant, he said, "John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." It was the coming of the Holy Spirit that they were to await.

His disciples asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are to establish once again the sovereignty of Israel?" He answered, "It is not for you to know about dates or times, which the Father has set within his own control."

Apparently some of them still thought that Jesus' ultimate mission was to free the Jews from Roman rule and restore the old Jewish kingdom to its former glory. Rather than engage in lengthy philosophical discourse about the nature of his mission, he simply said, in effect, "Don't you worry about dates that God sets." Then he gave them the biggest work assignment ever made.

II. Marching orders.

"You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." Having told them to wait in the capital city until endued with the Holy Spirit, Christ then made it plain that once their power had come the "waiting game" was over. They were to fan out over the immediate country of Judea and then over Samaria to the north and ultimately over all the earth.

That they took this commission seriously we shall see in subsequent les-

sons. They testified to what they had heard, seen and felt where Jesus Christ was concerned; and they stood up under the most vicious cross-examination possible. Even though they were crucified and executed by such brutal methods as having a head sawed off with a handsaw, they were not shaken in their testimony that Christ was the Son of God and that he lived in spite of the best efforts of his enemies to still his voice forever.

III. Probing question.

From Jerusalem Jesus went with the faithful band to a hill outside the city, from which he was taken up, and a cloud removed him from their sight. Thus, in one simple verse the writer records an event which Hollywood could easily make into a four-hour, wide-screen spectacular. The Bible is, among many things, a masterpiece of succinct reporting.

As the apostles stood transfixed, "gazing into heaven as he went," two men in white robes stood beside them and nudged them with a question: "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky?"

Since the language describing their upward gaze suggests that they were looking longingly—as if to say, "Can't we go, too?"—the question appears to be a reprimand. "Why do you stand here gazing when he gave you a job to do?"

Too often in Christian history Christ's followers have been sky-gazing when they should have been working.

IV. Coming glory.

In addition to asking the question, the messengers also made a promise: "This very Jesus who has been taken up from you into Heaven will come back in just the same way as you have seen him go." (1:11, Phillips)

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A Smile or Two

Youth Convention Jokes

The Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine assistant joke editor overheard the following at the Training Union Youth Convention last week at Second Church, Little Rock:

Specific instructions

A coach who believed in spelling out his instructions to his players in detail had told the substitute ball carrier he was sending in to try to break a stalemate: "Carry the ball on a quarterback sneak for two plays and then punt."

On the first play, the ball carrier broke loose, on a quarterback sneak, from his own 20 and carried the ball to the enemy 40 before being brought down.

When the ball was snapped again, the ball carrier again tried a quarterback sneak and snuck to the 2-yard line.

On the next play, true to his instructions, the substitute punted.

As the substitute was pulled out of the game the coach asked in disgust: "How could you be so stupid?" Replied the erstwhile substitute: "What I kept wondering was how the coach could give such stupid directions!"—D. C. Applegate

Vodka stupidity

"I never drink liquor," said the sophisticate. "I drink vodka and there is no smell on my breath to let anyone know I have been drinking."

"You'd be smarter to drink liquor," replied a friend. "That way the people would know that you were drunk and not just stupid."—D. C. A.

A teenager decided that she would go to college, get married, settle down in a comfortable little home with a husband on an adequate salary and have a little daughter she would name Junie.

So she went to college and in her junior year she married. They were soon comfortably settled in a little home of their own, with her husband earning a good salary. In a year or two, sure enough they had a baby daughter. But they could not name her Junie. The husband's name was Bugg!—D. C. A.

Joe and Moe

"See what I got for my wife," said Joe, exhibiting an expensive gift.

"Some fellows have all the luck," said Moe. "Wish I knew where I could trade my wife for something nice."—D. C. A.

Attendance Report

Church	March 19		
	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adds.
Alexander First	70	27	
Altheimer First	141	38	10
Ashdown Hicks First	45	24	
Berryville Freeman Hgts.	175	90	14
Blytheville Gosnell	186	46	
Camden Cullendale First	429	119	3
Crossett First	566	147	
Mr. Olive	240	102	1
DeQueen Lone Oak	69	47	
Dumas First	271	77	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	47	91	
Ebenezer	152	79	1
First	819	508	
Forrest City First	582	167	
Ft. Smith Towson Ave.	167	98	2
Greenwood First	308	121	
Gurdon Beech St.	140	68	
Harrison Eagle Hgts.	273	102	
Hope First	480	116	1
Imboden	131	63	
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	167	103	2
First	501	164	
Marshall Road	255	159	3
Jonesboro			
Central	514	201	
Nettleton	266	134	
Little Rock			
Gaines Street	448	244	10
Immanuel	1,155	399	16
Life Line	632	124	3
Rosdale	298	132	10
Manila First	160	33	3
Marked Tree Neiswander	111	75	
Monticello			
First	33	123	
Second	229	144	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	605	147	1
South Side	27	19	
Calvary	490	162	
Forty-Seventh St.	210	83	
Park Hill	864	227	2
Indian Hills	227	60	1
Sixteenth St.	40	26	
Sylvan Hills First	284	101	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	262	116	2
First	415	120	1
Green Meadows	115	45	
Second	291	106	25
Watson Chapel	247	114	
Springdale			
Berry St.	105	57	
Elmdale	318	76	
First	415	120	1
Texarkana Beech St.	615	140	
Community	22		
Van Buren			
First	434	159	2
Oak Grove	165	103	1
Second	92	70	2
Vandervoort First	54	24	
Walnut Ridge First	300	104	17
Ward Cocklebur	41	32	
Warren			
First	507	136	6
Southside	71	78	
Immanuel	272	71	
West Memphis			
Ingram Blvd.	265	114	

In the world of religion

Forecasts, anyone?

WASHINGTON, D. E.—Events of the future, predicted so confidently by experts in technology, are outrunning their prognosticators.

Government officials, for that reason, are taking a hard look at the Office of Science and Technology. It should, some are saying, be expanded to advise the President better.

But getting back to the prognosticators: In 1957, Profs. James Bonner, Harrison Brown and John Weir at the California Institute of Technology wrote in a book about "The Next Hundred Years."

Recently they held a conference to update their forecasts. In just 10 years, world trends have upset their predictions:

Population has raced ahead much faster than expected.

A global food crisis foreseen for the next century may be here in another decade.

The "prosperity gap" between the haves and have-nots has stretched even wider than the Caltech experts imagined.

Whatever their forecast, the only confident prediction is that it will have to be revised.

Happy is the believer whose Guidebook for the ages, when other books need alterations, doesn't (EP)

Sees bias declining

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Fewer and fewer employers are asking for religious beliefs of their employees, says the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission here.

To prove its conviction the office deleted the question about religion from its 130,000-question survey seeking information about job discrimination.

"I would say that religion has not disappeared as a problem in the employment field," said Stephen N. Shulman, commission chairman. "I would say religion is not as great a problem as race is." (EP)

'Farewell' baptizing

What pastor would not like to baptize 37 converts at one service, especially if it were his final service before leaving for a new work?

H. J. Stukker had this privilege in Stadskanaal, Holland, at the oldest church in the Union of Baptist Churches in the Netherlands. The candidates ranged in age from 12 years to 82 years, and had made professions of faith in a revival a month earlier.

After the service, Stukker prepared to move to Arnhem, to become pastor of the Baptist church there. (EBPS)

University vs. Seminary

Religion 101

-where the action is

If the trend continues, so many collegians will be signing up for religion courses by the end of the century that 100 of the nation's 150 major seminaries and dozens of smaller ones could be eliminated.

This, editorial opinion, expressed by The National Observer, holds that radical changes in seminary training are a major consequence of religion's renaissance on the campus.

Gary G. Gerlach, writing about the campus boom for religion, says the religion revival on campus is easy to chronicle. "Malcolm Boyd, Episcopal priest and author of *Are You Running With Me, Jesus?* draws 1,200 at Stanford for one noontime question and-answer session," he says. "The University of Iowa's Religion in Human Culture course enrolled 64 students 10 years ago. Now it bulges with 993."

"Obviously times have changed," says Prof. Robert S. Michaelsen, chairman of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of California's Santa Barbara branch, an ordained Methodist and a Yale Ph.D. Professor Michaelsen recalls "the dark ages" of the Depression when a clerical collar evoked "a polite or scornful yawn" and theology was regarded as "strictly anachronistic."

A generation ago, courses in religion were part of the established curricula for 10 per cent of the nation's publicly supported colleges and universities. Today 90 per cent include religion courses.

What is this doing to the seminaries? George W. Peck, dean of Andover Newton Theological School in Boston's suburbs, told The National Observer he fears "a gradual decline in the standard of the ministry." The quality of ministerial students seems to him "uncomfortably lower" than students in religion departments who have no intention of going into the ministry.

Seminary teachers, lured by better pay and the "opportunities to evangelize on secular campuses," are more and more moving over to religion courses on university campuses.

As religious instruction moves closer to the university, where more "cooperative" leaders are in control, it is natural to conclude that the academic teaching of religion will solidify religious sentiment at the liberal pole.

"Some of my best students don't necessarily believe in God," says Dr.

George W. Forell, director of Iowa's School of Religion. "But they're interested in religion."—Harman B. Rohrer, Director, Evangelical Press News Service

'The King and I'

LONDON—"It is not pleasant to us if the school mistress much morely endeavour to convert the scholars to Christianity than teaching language, literature, etc., like the American missionaries here."

These words, written by King Somdetch Phra Paramendr Maha Mongkut of Siam to Sir William Anderson about Anna, were included in letters auctioned off here for \$1,008.

The buyer of the letters, written in the 19th century during the celebrated battles between Anna and the King of Siam which became subject material for the book and the musical "The King and I," was an attache at the embassy of Thailand (formerly Siam) in London. He said he was buying them for himself, not on behalf of his government. (EP)

Assemblies show growth

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Membership in Assemblies of God Sunday schools throughout the nation increased by more than 4,000 members during 1966, the School Department here has announced. (EP)

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