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Vacation Time Comes to Arkansas

Armstrong Roberts

ONE Hungry WORLD

"Hunger hangs over the homes of more than a third of the people of the earth," Herbert Hoover stated in a radio address from Chicago, May 17. "Hunger is a silent visitor who comes like a shadow. He sits beside every anxious mother three times a day." Mr. Hoover pled with Americans to deny themselves to help save 800,000,000 persons from the "grimmiest spectacle of famine in all the history of the world."

Missionary Eugene L. Hill of China writes, "Many are dying of hunger every night on the streets of Canton."

Today's best buy is a child's life. Seventy per cent of all babies born in Budapest last November were still-born. The infant mortality rate for Hungary was last reported as 42 per cent. A prospect of death by starvation or by malnutrition and allied diseases faces 60,000 children under three years of age, for "no drop of milk can be found and their mothers, underfed themselves, cannot feed them." There are something like 160,000 destitute orphans, and thousands of children roam the streets, begging.

—Foreign Service Bulletin, A. F. S. C.

Children's shoes, 7,340 pairs of them, 18,000 pounds of dried whole milk, and \$554 worth of thread, needles, and scissors are on their way to Czechoslovakia, Holland, Finland, Germany, and Italy, as a result of a gift of \$20,000 from Southern Baptists.

Check for \$1,211 for world relief, and promise of another for \$200, was received by the Foreign Mission Board May 13 from the First Baptist Church, Salisbury, North Carolina.

The same church sent \$5,500 April 5 for Italy Hungary, and Poland, according to Treasurer E. P. Buxton.

All wars are fought against children. The full story of their martyrdom in World War II will never be told. It can only be guessed from the indelible traces it will leave on Europe's rising generation.

We are to help bruised and mangled people, suffering people, distraught people. We are to help them without delay. The test of a man's character is his attitude toward suffering.

—George W. Truett in *Some Vital Questions*.

Two films produced by the Department of Agriculture dealing with relief conditions in Europe are now available for distribution. One is "Suffering Little Children" and tells the story of an army of 60 million sick and starving children fighting for their lives in Europe's shattered cities. The other, "Freedom and Famine," is the struggle of one European family to eke out an existence. Both films are ten minutes in length; they may be secured from your state Agricultural Extension Service or your state University Film Library.

Offering envelopes for the Southern Baptist Convention's campaign to raise \$3,500,000 for relief and rehabilitation by September 30 are available after June 15 from the state mission board office, 200 Radio Center, Little Rock. A flyer to fit inside the 6x9-inch church bulletin designed to appeal to the worshipper in the pew on the Sunday the offering is taken may be secured in quantity from the same source.

Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention,

M. Theron Rankin, Executive Secretary,
E. C. Routh, Editor, THE COMMISSION.

GIDEON'S ARMY

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return."

In Gideon's army there were three distinct classes of persons. These classes are recognizable among Christian forces.

There are first the fearful and faint-hearted. This class spreads fear and confusion among the army and thereby brings on defeat most dreaded. These fear mongers cast their "chilling embrace" about the ranks of Christian workers. Their "cowardice, dressed up as cautious prudence, weakens the efficiency of every regiment of Christ's army."

Next, there are the careless and self-indulgent. Even in the face of the enemy they expose themselves by seeking the most comfortable position to take a drink of water. There are professing Christians whose convenience must be respected; whose comforts and pleasures and diversions must not be interrupted even at the risk of spiritual disaster to untold thousands of lost souls.

Finally, there are those who are courageous and alert, foregoing their own comfort and convenience until they have met and routed the enemy. They will not restrict their vision by stooping to drink. Without breasting rank, they scoop up a little water in their hands to moisten their lips and stay in readiness for attack at any time.

We may thank our Lord that this class is still among us, and it is still winning victories for God.

"Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return . . . likewise everyone that bow down upon his knees to drink. . . . By three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand; and let all the other people go every man unto his own place." Judges 7:1-7.

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First Church, Waco, Tex., Dr. J. M. Denson, pastor, observed its ninety-fifth anniversary May 19 with a round-up on its \$200,000 fund for the erection of the B. N. Carroll Education Building. During April the church received, largely through personal soul-winning, more than 100 new members, 60 of them by baptism. A history of the church under the title, "A World-Visioned Church," a book of 300 pages by Frank E. Burkhardt has just been published by the Broadman Press.

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Matthew 9:36

"He Was Moved With Compassion"

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

CHRISTIANS today face the opportunity of ministering immediately to the poignant needs of hungry, homeless millions of neighbors in Europe, Africa and Asia. In this vast throng of distressed and frightened people are millions of orphaned children.

Southern Baptists, in their recent Convention at Miami, voted heartily and unanimously to respond to this acute situation by giving \$3,500,000 between now and the end of September. They will also continue to send canned food, clothing and shoes.

We have no alternative. We know that these neighbors are starving, that they are without clothing, that they are without homes, that they are without employment, that they are dying daily. And we know that they cannot meet this emergency.

What would Jesus do, were He here upon the earth in physical form? What did He do when He was here? "When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd," Matthew 9:36.

None will argue about our ability, as Southern Baptists, to give \$3,500,000 for this most worthy cause. The one question which we must each answer is simply this: As a child of God, am I moved with compassion toward these multitudes?

The need is immediate, and our response should be immediate. Let us, therefore, prayerfully examine our hearts and within the period from now until the end of September, share with these our needy neighbors, even as Jesus would have us to do.

And, as we give, let us also pray—pray for their spiritual well-being; even as we give money and food and clothing to relieve their physical suffering. Also, let us pray that they may be delivered from the bondage of civil and ecclesiastical repression and oppression.



Across the Editor's Desk...

Reflections on the Recent Convention

The Southern Baptist Convention's 89th annual session (101st year) in Miami, Fla., May 1-19, was reported in last week's issue. At this time we want to make our own reflections on the meeting, its actions and its plans.

Southern Baptists are a great group. We number just under six million members, from more than 26,000 churches. Messengers at Miami reportedly came from some 24 states. There is the second largest evangelical group in the United States (the Reunited Methodist Church has 6,640,000), and we are the longest and largest Convention in the South. Southern Baptists are the largest group in the world, excepting of course the Baptist World Alliance of which we are a part and which counts 14 million plus.

Evangelism and Missions

But it is a mistake to judge our strength by numbers. The church's business is to preach Christ crucified and win converts, reading the gospel to the ends of the earth. Southern Baptists have been negligent in evangelizing. A 20-year decline in evangelistic fervor was checked only last year, and that upturn came by a special Centennial crusade campaign aimed at winning a million souls. We fell far short of our goal. Southern Baptists must return to the time when we were known for our brush arbor revivals and fearless preaching.

Our foreign mission program has not been all worthy of the great denomination. Our most six million members have supported the foreign fields fewer than 600 missionaries. How can the world be won when our mighty Convention follows so feebly the command "Go!" But things are looking up. We saw 50 new missionaries dedicated to foreign service, and we heard plans to increase our overseas forces by 100 per year until we are doing our maximum. God help reach that goal!

Nearly Ten Thousand Attend

There were many other encouraging notes from the Convention. It was good to see some 10 or twelve thousand Baptists leave their work and their homes to go to distant Miami for the meeting. It was equally pathetic to find inadequate Convention facilities. The auditorium where the Convention met for its daytime sessions was only one-third large enough to hold the crowd. Thousands coming to the daytime sessions left because there was no room for them. The night crowds met at lovely Bayfront Park, where seating provisions had been made for possibly 9,000. Even

here many hundreds had to stand. Blaring loud speakers broadcast the Baptist services to the whole Bayfront area.

Arkansas churches sent a total of 264 messengers, and it is likely that many others went from the state without official cards from their churches. This was a much larger group from our state than any had hoped for, and it is an excellent indication of increased interest.

Relief for the Starving

We were happy, too, to see the hosts respond unanimously in the special campaign to raise a sum of three and one-half million dollars for suffering people of Europe and Asia. This campaign must be a real emphasis for Southern Baptists the next three months.

We realize that relief to starving bodies is a Christian service, and also that people cannot be preached to next year if they die of starvation this year. The campaign for \$3,500,000 truly will be an all-out effort, as indicated by two cash plate collections taken at Miami totalling \$17,000. The spirit of the campaign was so contagious that it captured the Convention and all of Miami. A stenographer endorsed her monthly salary check and dropped it in the plate. A student cancelled plans for his trip to Cuba and gave the cost to the relief fund. A taxi driver handed two dollar bills to a Baptist fare to be placed in the plate for him. And another cab company realized it had overcharged some Baptist passengers and sent the refund to the relief campaign.

Many pastors announced they have cancelled their summer vacations to be able to push the drive in their own church. Some left the Convention early to present the emergency matter to their church immediately. First Church, Memphis, Tenn., gave \$5,469.10 in an initial offering in response to Pastor R. Paul Caudill's May 19 sermon.

It is regrettable that the daily newspapers, which did a really bang-up job on reporting the Convention generally, missed the enthusiasm of the relief campaign's beginning. The Executive Committee's report had been revised at the last minute and printed copies were not available to the messengers at the time the report was presented. The request of a single messenger that the vote be postponed until printed copies could be secured shifted final action until the following day—and prompted the Miami morning paper to headline: "Baptists Delay Action On World Relief," and the next afternoon's early editions: "Baptists Debate World Relief."

Neither paper, nor the wire services, later noted the spontaneity of the unanimous response when the matter did come for a vote.

New Constitution

Adoption of a new constitution by the Convention was the most discussed of all matters coming before the group. The Constitution Revision Committee, headed by Dr. L. E. Barton of Alabama and including Dr. L. A. Myers, formerly of Arkansas, had worked diligently for four years on the revision. No drastic changes were made, and the basic reason for rewriting was for clarity.

Chief alteration was the limiting of a member's service on Southern Baptist boards to two three-year terms. We favored this change because we believe firmly that some new members on our boards every year will promote fresh thought and planning. Too we feel that Baptist democracy denies the advisability of perpetuation of individuals in office. Experienced leadership still is assured our boards by staggered expirations of their members' terms.

We welcomed also the phrase in the new constitution which makes clear that no geographical limitations within "the United States and its territories" will be placed on the Convention. We believe that churches everywhere should be free to cooperate with the conventions they find most harmonious with their doctrinal convictions and their ambitions for world conquest.

Convention Leadership

The Convention's election of Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, to its presidency was an honor much deserved. Dr. Newton is one of the most sound, most enthusiastic, most able and best informed members of the Convention. He long has been considered an unofficial leader among us. Dr. Newton's election told the world that we backed him in his Vatican stand, in his friendship with fellow Christians around the globe, and in his general championship of religious liberty.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, the new Executive Secretary of the Convention's Executive Committee, also met the Convention messengers for the first time in his new position. His keen ability for leadership and his youthfulness (32 years of age), coupled with 54-year-old Newton's comparative youth, will chart new goals and high visions for Southern Baptists.

Dear old Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, aging but lovely, as old gentlemen can be, was a most welcome visitor at the sessions. He brought news of Baptists around the world. He begged that American Baptists not join with popular hate groups who talk of a war with Russia, pleading that we try to understand the Russians and work with them rather than stir up trouble. We were amazed twice to find the Britisher sitting alone in a hotel lobby—plagued with loneliness because others mistakenly considered a man of his position unapproachable. Really he is most friendly.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Arkansas member of the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Boards is Pastor J. G. Cothran, of First Church, Arkadelphia, instead of Pastor T. H. Jordan, Van Buren, as listed last week. Bro. Jordan had been listed on a Committee nominated by the Committee on Committees. It was discovered later, however, that the Committee on Boards, which serves at the next session of the Convention, is constitutionally named by the new president. Dr. Louie D. Newton then renamed the committee and Pastor Cothran is on the official committee.

On his recent trip to Miami the editor was privileged to visit in Atlanta with Dr. Charles W. Daniel, former Arkansas pastor and denominational leader. Dr. Daniel is recovering from a paralytic stroke suffered several weeks ago, and it is hoped that he soon will be well enough to return to his home. He is now in Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta. Dr. Daniel's entire right side had been paralyzed but he is slowly regaining use of his appendages. He is in splendid spirits and asked many questions about Arkansas Baptist work.

Rev. Roy Paslay, Jr. is the new minister of education and assistant pastor at Second Church, Little Rock. He is a native of Oklahoma, a graduate of Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kans., and Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, Calif.

D. C. Mayo has been pastor of Armored Church, Mississippi County Association, since Easter. A Sunday School enlargement campaign will begin June 16 with census and study course. Missionary M. E. Wiles will assist.

Rev. H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, began a revival at Lonoke June 2 in a large skating rink. Service are sponsored by First Church, Lonoke, W. M. Pratt, pastor. Evangelist Kirkpatrick supplied the pulpit of Temple Church, Memphis, May 12 and 19. There were 14 additions to the church.

Word comes from Miss Albertine Meador, now missionary in Vitoria, Brazil: "I shall work with the women, girls, and children through the organizations of the Woman's Missionary Union. It will be several months yet before I begin actual work, because the first year is spent in language study, and my year is not up until September. The people are friendly and responsive to the Gospel. I am very happy in this new work and feel that my opportunities to serve are unlimited. As everywhere, our greatest need is more trained leaders. The city of Vitoria has about 50,000 population, and we have six Baptist churches." Miss Meador's new address is Caixa Postal 357, Vitoria, Estado de Espirito Santo, Brazil.

Pastor Minor E. Cole celebrated his fifth anniversary at Fifth Church, Forrest City, May 26. The church has experienced a steady growth in membership and efficiency during this period. On June 1 two additional full-time workers were added to the staff. They are Chester Parker, of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, as church evangelist and

Miss Lois Powell, of Ouachita College, as educational and social director. In addition to leading the Forrest City Church, Pastor Cole has conducted a number of very successful revivals in other churches during the five years.

Pastor W. O. Vaught, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, preached three times daily in a revival at Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock. Services were for nurses, the staff, doctors, hospital workers, and friends of the Hospital.

Ogden Church has reorganized the Woman's Missionary Society with the following officers: Mrs. Enis McDowell, president; Mrs. Kelly Budd, first vice-president; Mrs. Eber McDowell, second vice-president; Mrs. Roy Budd, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Charles Cornell, Bible study; and Mrs. Oscar McDowell, personal service.

Beautiful posters announcing the Baptist Hour, July through September, are available for your church. If you have not received yours, please notify The Radio Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, 427½ Moreland Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

Two young people of Parkview Church, El Dorado, have recently surrendered their lives to definite Christian service. They are Hershel Douglas, dedicating his life to the gospel ministry, and Miss Carol Ann Leuschen, surrendering to foreign mission work. H. B. Marks is pastor of the church.

Rep. August W. Bennet, Republican from New York, teaches Bible classes in Washington regularly. He is a Presbyterian and says: "There is nothing sissy about being a Christian. It is hard work."

Chap. Raymond C. Wilson of Texas has been released from military service and is available for supply work or revivals in Arkansas and Texas. He may be addressed at 1112 Barclay, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Bee Nichols, educational director of First Church, Marshall, Tex., writes concerning President R. L. Whipple, Central College: "Dr. Whipple has been very active in our church, being president of our Brotherhood. He is a leader of men, a great organizer, a man of great teaching ability, and truly a great Christian gentleman. He has a lovely family, too. Mrs. Whipple is also a splendid church worker, teacher, leader of young people's Training Union, and various other tasks. We regret to lose such a good family, but our loss is your gain."

The commencement sermon to the graduates of Southern Baptist College, Pochontas, was delivered by Pastor D. Blake Westmoreland, Jr., First Church, Walnut Ridge. The commencement address was delivered by Hon. John R. Thomas, Little Rock. President H. E. Williams awarded the diplomas and Dean F. H. North presented the special awards. Music was furnished by the college choir under the direction of Mrs. Ben H. Lincoln, professor of music at the college.

RADIO



Pastor Boyd Baker is the "Arkansas Hour" speaker for the week of June 9. Pastor Baker is pastor of the First Church, Queen, where he is leading the church's aggressive program.

"Sin and Salvation" is the subject of Pastor Baker's message. In this message he speaks of David's rise from the abysmal depths of rebellion against God to the lofty heights of a soul released from the bondage of sin by the forgiving grace of God.

This program may be heard over: KFPW, Fort Smith, Sunday, June 9, 5:30 p. m.

KLCN, Blytheville, Sunday, June 9, 6:00 p. m.

KTHS, Hot Springs, Thursday, June 7, 6:30 to 7:00 p. m.

KARK, Little Rock, Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a. m.

KUOA, Siloam Springs, Saturday, June 8, 6:15 to 6:45 p. m.

KELD, El Dorado, Saturday, June 8, 9:00 p. m.

Rev. Irving Prince may be heard Sunday of this week.

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The Southern Baptist Chaplains Association was organized at the chaplains' banquet at the recent convention in Miami. The present chaplains of the association are entitled to membership in the organization and may secure membership by writing to President George E. Simmons, 719 E. Ave., Norfolk 4, Va., or Secretary Alford W. Penner, Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

White River Associational Worker Conference was held at Whiteville Church June 14 with 43 people present representing 14 churches. The next meeting will be at Yellville Church June 11 with State Secretary V. E. DeFreece as principal speaker.

Flippin Church, White River Association, enrolled 55 in Vacation Bible School during the week of June 10 with an average attendance of 46.

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inning a Series on Doctrine . . .

What Constitutes a New Testament Church?

One of the liveliest questions in our day is concerning the New Testament Church. In America we have something like 256 different bodies who claim by name or otherwise to present the first century constituted New Testament Churches. These bodies represent many opposite and conflicting views when measured by the Testament as the standard of faith and practice.

One of the oldest statements of doctrine is known as the New Hampshire Confession of Faith. In this document we find the following statement:

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its only scriptural officers are Bishops, or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.

The Kingdom Defined

I. In the writing of many people there is found a conflict of opinions between the New Testament Church and the kingdom. However, in the scriptures the names and usages are never confused. Ecclesia is always interpreted "church," while Basileia is always interpreted "kingdom." It is noted that in the early part of the ministry of Jesus, as well as in the ministry of John the Baptist, the kingdom was the central theme. In fact, the first text is insisting that they repent for the kingdom of heaven was at hand. Nothing is said about the church until the kingdom idea was far advanced and then in the latter part of the ministry of Jesus the church was founded as an agency for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

In the writing of Matthew he invariably used the term "Kingdom of Heaven," while Mark on the other hand used "Kingdom of God." We do not claim that the terms are synonymous, because they are approaching the kingdom from two different standpoints. Matthew, who was writing to the Jews, was thinking about the final abode of the redeemed, while Mark was thinking about God who rules over redeemed men and women. Therefore, the kingdom has reference to the dominion over which God rules and reigns.

An individual enters the kingdom of God when he is saved. He enters the local church by the consent of the body. When a Christian is once in the kingdom he remains there throughout eternity, but when he belongs to the local church he may be removed by death by the consent of the body.

When Jesus founded His church as an agency for promoting the kingdom he recognized that this kingdom work could be advanced by winning souls to Christ, which extended the kingdom to another outpost; by the proclamation of the gospel at home and abroad; and by growth in grace of the individual Christians. I. Thess. 5:11, Heb. 3:13.

The Church Defined

II. The word church and its organization are thoroughly accredited by many citations of scripture. Ecclesia is used in the New Testament referring to the New Testament churches 109 times. First, it is used 93 times when it refers to a local organization. On some occasions it refers to some particular church located at some particular place. Acts

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5:11, 8:1, Rom. 16:1. At other times no particular church is mentioned but the word refers to any particular local church as in Matthew 18:17, Acts 14:23, Col. 1:18, and 1, 24.

Secondly, the word church is used fourteen times in a general or institutional sense, as in 1 Tim. 3:15, 1 Cor. 12:28, Rom. 16:23, and others. Thirdly, the church when it refers to redeemed people is used only twice in the New Testament and in both of these cases the Christians are in glory and not on earth, as in Eph. 5:27, Heb. 12:22. There is no reference to a denomination, for there were none; neither is there a reference to church buildings, for they met in private homes, public or other buildings.

Baptized Believers

Throughout the New Testament each church organization was composed of baptized believers. Eph. 1:2-3, Acts. 2:41. An unbeliever has no place in a New Testament Church, and a New Testament Church has no use for an unbeliever.

The church officers are designated as bishops, or pastors and deacons. Wherever, the membership was largely Greek they were called bishops. Phil. 1:1, Acts 20:17-18. On the other hand, where the membership was composed of Jews, they used the word elders. Titus 1:5, Heb. 11:2, 1 Peter 5:5. Later, the word pastor was adopted, which included the work of the bishops and elders. In other words, the three terms are largely descriptive of their work. The bishops, elders, or pastors were God-called men, but the deacons were selected by the church. Acts 6.

The government of a New Testament Church is unquestionably democratic. Acts 1:15-22, 14:23. It was affirmed that it was the duty of the whole church to preserve unity. Rom. 12:16, 1 Cor. 1:10 Eph. 4:3, Phil. 1. 27, 1 Peter 3:8. It was likewise the responsibility of the church to maintain pure doctrines and practices. 1 Tim. 3:15, Jude 3. The two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, were committed to the local churches and therefore it was the responsibility of the local church to observe them scripturally. Matthew 28:19. The whole church elected the officers and the messengers which represented the body as in Acts. 1:23-26, 11:22, 15:22, 2 Cor. 8:19. Furthermore, the whole church was responsible for the discipline of the church, and no church, however, was charged with the responsibility of disciplining another church. Matthew 18:17; 1 Cor. 5:4, 5, 13; 1 Tim. 3:15.

When Founded?

There is much difference of opinion as to when the New Testament Church was founded. It is not properly stated that Jesus organized His church. All he did was to constitute it and then leave the organization to the wise leadership of Christian people under the direction of the Holy Spirit. We are still organizing our churches. The material out of which the church was constituted was assembled by Jesus from his first contacts with

the ministry of John the Baptist recorded in the first chapter of the Gospel of John, until it seemed wise to found His church.

In Matt. 16:18 we have the promise of Jesus that he will found his church and a short description of its mission, and a guarantee of its ultimate triumph in that the gates of hell would not prevail against it. Furthermore, in Matt. 18:17 we have from Christ the evidence that this church had been constituted and requested that it should be the final authority in discipline. "Take it to the church" would have been foolishly regarded by the hearers if there had been no church to take it to. From the scripture therefore, it seems perfectly clear that the church was here founded. At Pentecost the church was empowered to carry out its commission from God and was added to as people were saved.

The Church Is Unique

III. The New Testament Church is unique in its organization and practice. First, it is the only organization which is set in doctrines and practice to defeat the devil. Matt. 16:18. Secondly, it is the only organization with a revealed message of love from God to man. Thirdly, it is the only institution that has a message of salvation from Christ the bridegroom for lost people. Fourth, it is the only agency in this world that has a worldwide spiritual and divinely appointed program. Fifth, it is the only institution fostering spiritual and eternal values which are enjoyed in this world and which reach full fruition in the next, and sixth, the church is the only agency founded and fostered by Jesus to which Christian people may belong that is earthly constituted and heavenly glorified.

What then is a New Testament Church?

A New Testament church must be composed of those who have experienced and who teach salvation by grace and by that alone: it must recognize the two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, as committed to the local church, guarded by it, and observed according to the specific instructions given in the New Testament; the government of the church must be thoroughly democratic with equal privileges extended to all and special favors granted to none; the membership must be intensively concerned about the condition of the lost and actively interested in the salvation of sinners around the world; the overwhelming majority of all members must recognize themselves stewards of the manifold grace of God and express this conception by practicing the stewardship of means, in bringing the tithe as expression of love as God has prospered; the doctrines of the members must include the Genesis account of creation, the inspiration of the scriptures, the virgin birth, miracles, the bodily resurrection, hell as the final abode of the lost, and heaven of the saved, the absolute sovereignty of God, and that Jesus Christ is God's son and our only Saviour.

Judging by this New Testament standard which is the only safe rule of faith and practice, many so-called New Testament churches must be marked off the list. Or it is better to revise their beliefs and practices to meet demands laid down in the Bible rather than to try to make the Bible say what they practice.

Man erroneously says, "it matters not what you believe just so you live right," for there is a close correlation between what we believe and what we practice. Matt. 5:19.

Northern Baptist Confusion Grows In Convention Row

The Fundamentalist, or conservative, wing of the Northern Baptist Convention was voted down overwhelmingly in a series of attempts last week to oppose theological and mission policies of the liberal element which controls the Convention.

Reports from Religious News Service reveal that the Fundamentalists' proposal for an amendment revoking voting rights of salaried officers and secretaries of cooperating groups was voted down overwhelmingly. Dr. Earle V. Pierce, Fundamentalist leader, charged that the present voting allows the officary to gain undue power in the Convention and often to display bias and partisanship for a particular group.

Evidently in rebuttal to this effort, the liberal element voted an amendment to convention by-laws by which voting delegate strength of individual churches will be apportioned in accordance with the per cent of that church's gifts sent to the denomination's unified budget. The move took voting strength away from many churches who are contributing to the Fundamentalists' recently established Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society rather than the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. The Fundamentalists also failed to gain convention recognition of their Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

A proposal that would have cut off Northern Baptist support of the Federal Council of Churches also was defeated. The conservative element has opposed membership in the Council. Religious News Service also viewed as an overwhelming defeat for the Fundamentalist group the election of a full slate of officers recommended by the liberals. The Rev. E. T. Dahlberg, Syracuse, N. Y., was elected president to succeed Mrs. Leslie E. Swain.

The only unanimity shown by the Convention, according to the reports, was a unanimous vote protesting the continuance of Myron C. Taylor as the President's representative to the Vatican. This came after Mrs. Swain pleaded "Let's quit our squabbling long enough for a vote on this one thing where we can agree."

It is regrettable that none of the reports reaching us on the meeting have contained signs of harmony among these brethren who make up the Northern Convention. It is regrettable also that none of the reports note any spiritual warmth or any far-reaching program for the Convention.

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Second Church, Warren, had a Sunday School study course recently with 40 enrolled and 24 qualifying for awards. "Building a Standard Sunday School" was studied. A Training Union study course was taken May 13-17 with Associational Missionary Ray H. Watkins teaching the adults; Pastor Keith F. Babb, the young people; Miss Maxine Neely, the intermediates; and Mrs. E. C. Grubbs, the juniors. There were 48 enrolled with forty qualifying for awards.

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Brig. Gen. Compere, Outstanding Layman, Named to Southwide Executive Gr

Brig. Gen. E. L. Compere, of Little Rock, who has been named Arkansas member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, will be a most helpful addition to that key group of our Southern Baptist work.

General Compere has long been active in Arkansas Baptist affairs. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and the University of Arkansas Law School, was ordained a deacon in 1933 by the First Baptist Church of El Dorado, and has served on the boards of trustees of Ouachita College and Baptist State Hospital. He also has been a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. At present he is vice president of the Ouachita Board. While practicing law in South Arkansas, he served three years as clerk of Bartholomew Association and later served three years as moderator of that association.

General Compere, truly a Christian gentleman in every sense of the word, is one of the most respected members of Immanuel Church, Little Rock. He teaches a men's Bible class at Immanuel and as a deacon assists in all church activities.

While his election to the Executive Committee probably will be considered basically an honor, it definitely is a recognition of his keen ability and of his Christian foresight and convictions. Southern Baptists are to be congratulated on his selection. He succeeds Dr. Charles W. Daniel, who removed from the state last year.



General Compere

Pike Avenue Church Plans New Building

Construction of a new church building for Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, will go forward as soon as labor and materials are available. The building will be fireproof and will have a seating capacity of 300 with facilities for 300 in the educational department.

Pike Avenue Church is an outgrowth of a mission started by Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, on Mother's Day 1943, while Taylor Stanfill, now superintendent of city missions, Little Rock, was pastor. R. S. Corder was appointed superintendent of the work.

Raymond Strickland was called as pastor of the mission in June, 1943, and is still serving. In June, 1944, the mission was organized into a church with 74 charter members. The membership has more than doubled since organization. Sunday School enrolment is now 50, with an average attendance of 40 each Sunday.

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President H. D. Bruce, East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., says: "We regret very much to lose Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Whipple, who are moving to Conway, where Dr. Whipple will become president of Central College. We commend them to the Baptist brotherhood in your great state. It is our conviction that he will make a splendid place for himself in leadership among Arkansas Baptists. We consider his going a loss to us. We believe he will be a real gain to the leadership of our Baptist constituency in Arkansas."

Col. Blakeney Retires From Army Chaplain

Chaplain James L. Blakeney, who is senior chaplain of the European Theater of Operations under General Eisenhower, retired from the Army in April after 15 years of service.

A member of the regular Army since 1928, Chaplain Blakeney was called into active service with the Arkansas National Guard for duty on the Mexican border in 1916. His service as senior ETO chaplain during which time he was in charge of chaplains in that command, was from 1942 until the fall of 1943. During that time he held weekly conferences with General Eisenhower, who "was very much interested in the spiritual welfare of his men."

For the last two years he has been in charge of the 9th Service Command, stationed at West Coast.

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The church may have no direct duties, but its members have.—Forsyth



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FACTORS IN POSTWAR MISSIONS

By W. R. WHITE
Pastor, Austin, Texas

Fundamentally, human nature is ever the same. But the mood of mankind is not always the same. His environment often changes very radically. The war has created a new psychological mood.

Men have been living in an atmosphere and situation quite abnormal for a long period. This dislocation has had its influence on all his relations. The intensity of emotions in war time leaves an upset and often a very nervous condition. Most men and women soon recover.

Broader Visions

Those who have traveled much have broadened considerably. They are at least much sophisticated. Their contacts with other races and nationalities have given them a better understanding and a more inclusive appreciation. The tremendous racial consciousness that has been aroused in this war must be faced.

The marvels of invention during this war have surpassed most people's wildest imaginations. There has been no era like it in all the annals of man. It is so revolutionary that man

has not found himself since its tremendous releases stunned him. He is still staggering and groping. Greater adjustments are ahead—in fact the greatest of all time.

Rome's Long Fingers

The Roman Catholics are dominant in no first-class world power. This is the first time for a thousand years at least. The Russian bear casts his shadow over all of Europe and Asia. Germany and Japan no longer stand in his way. Roman strongholds through the ages are menaced by him. She is making a desperate attempt to capture the United States to recoup for her losses elsewhere. She has her back to the wall in most other sections of the world. See how she grasps for such straws as Franco and Peron in order to stay in power. Watch masterful strategy in India, China, England, and the United States.

Rome is going after our Negroes, mountain people, and neglected rural areas. She is mak-

ing a dramatic bid for the movie public, radio audiences, and strategic leaders in national life. No one would dare run for the presidency and even be indifferent toward Rome. She votes in a block or nearly so.

Russia a World Force

Russia is taking advantage of the mass awakening and the racial consciousness of the world. She is seeking to steal the leadership in championing the cause of little nations and the underprivileged. Russia is world force set in the most advantageous position for expansion of any great world power. The only force to offset this and prevent disaster is the youthful United Nations set-up. If we and Russia really give it a chance then the world will have a breathing spell. But communism will continue to exploit our problems in the South and will continue its penetration.

Our missionary program and technique must take all of these factors into consideration. Our efforts must be intelligent, gigantic and aggressive. In a series of articles we shall seek to set out a reasonable orientation.

Will Your Widow Be Protected?

By BRUCE H. PRICE
Beech Street Church, Texarkana

"I am good to my wife," said a man of uncertain mental development during my first pastorate. "I have a \$1,000 insurance policy on her life. If she dies I can give her a good burial." Then with an air of pride he shifted his feet and continued with much satisfaction, "I do not need any insurance on my life for I don't care what happens to me after I am gone."

He did not realize this attitude was saying, "Neither do I care what happens to my wife and children after I am gone."

Insurance for burial purposes is sufficient to carry on the wife and children but the husband as the provider for the family must think in terms of an income for his wife and other dependents after his death.

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Those entering the plan must enter on July 1. If not ready at that time they

must wait until the following July 1. No medical examination is required. This opportunity appeals to the young man as much as to the old.

It is an urgent matter and must be given immediate attention by those who wish to become members of the plan on July 1. When a minister's wife becomes his widow it is too late to enter the plan and she may suffer because of his negligence.

What Others Say

Here is what some of our leaders think about the plan:

Dr. T. W. Medearis, State Secretary in Missouri, writes: "I am strongly in favor of it, and shall be in it from the beginning. I urge the brethren everywhere to get into it at the first opportunity."

Rev. Willis J. Ray, State Secretary in Arizona, writes the following:

"The Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan is the oil in the cruse, the flour in the barrel for the unfortunate widow left without the man of God, her preacher husband, to support her."

Dr. J. G. Hughes, pastor of the Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., says: "I plan to avail myself of the provisions of this plan as soon as our state puts the plan into operation."

Dr. W. W. Leathers, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Petersburg, Va., writes: "This plan gives me a sense of security. Should death overtake me, my wife and children would be comfortably provided for."

Dr. Herschel Hobbs, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., has written the following: "I plan to enter the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan, and trust that my brethren everywhere will join me."

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Under a plan of expansion of the State Mission Board, Newton County will have three new churches in the near future. They will be located at Jasper, Deer, and Parthenon.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Pastor Keith F. Babb, Second Church, Warren, writes concerning Ray H. Watkins, new missionary in Bartholomew: "Bro. Watkins came to our association from the chaplaincy. He has been on the field only a short while but he is certainly winning his way into the hearts of our people."

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Dr. B. O. Herring, for 25 years a teacher in the Bible Department of Baylor University, has accepted the presidency of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Oakland, Cal. I. B. Hodges of Golden Gate Baptist Church, an Arkansan, whose vision and untiring efforts led to the establishment of the seminary and who has served as its president without salary, has been named vice president and member of the faculty.

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The Commission, Foreign Mission Board, publication, which is now back to its pre-war size of 32 pages regularly, is being printed in quantities of 85,000 copies a month, according to Editor E. C. Routh. The latest church budget list contains 645 names. It is from First Church, Birmingham, Ala.

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Louann Church has received additions regularly since the first of the year and attendance at the services has increased considerably. A new building, which is badly needed to care for the large congregations, is under construction. There is more than \$5,000 in the building fund. Louis B. Gustavus is pastor. The building committee is composed of W. E. Corley, E. L. Andre, G. L. Jerry, M. T. J. Goodson, Sr., and Mrs. J. C. Smith.

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Thomas Halsell, Little Rock, a member of the 1946 graduating class of Southern Seminary, Louisville, has been called as assistant pastor of First Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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Miss Mary Wright, Little Rock, who recently received her Master's Degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., has accepted the position of associate educational director of First Church, Abilene, Tex.

A Word to Rural Churches . . .

IS FULL-TIME WORK SAFE?

By JOHN D. FREEMAN

Rural Field Worker, Home Mission Board

"Be sure of your path before going ahead," is good advice for everyone, especially for Baptist churches. Troubles and failures with them and with denominational groups come when they grow careless about what the next step shall be.

There is a trend today among rural and village churches that needs careful consideration. It is that of calling a pastor for full-time work. Five questions should have serious thought by any part-time church before it yields to this trend.

1. Is the field large enough? No minister of real ability will be content to settle on a field wherein there are only a few hundred people. If, therefore, a church serves less than twelve to fifteen hundred, a worthy preacher will grow unhappy on it and soon leave.

2. Is there enough money? "We pay our pastor \$2,400 per year and furnish him a home," boasted a deacon of a rural church. Upon being asked how much they gave to missions he replied, "We give ten dollars a month; it takes most of our money to pay the preacher."

A condition like that is tragic for both pastor and people. Any church which spends all its money upon itself will soon be spending little upon itself; any pastor who allows a church to turn practically all its income into his pockets will soon have little in those pockets. The wise minister will lead two or three neighboring churches to form a joint pastorate and by so doing enable them to pay him well and have goodly sums to contribute through the Cooperative Program.

3. Will plenty last? Conditions such as those which farm people enjoy today cannot continue indefinitely. The time is bound to return when farm products will be much cheaper, farm incomes much less, and when the average rural church will do well to have two-thirds, even one-half, its present income. If one is led now to employ a pastor for all his time, it will, when adjustments have to be made, be compelled to let him go, or else to reduce his wages to where he will go.

4. Is full-time preaching necessary? The overwhelming majority of Baptist churches have continued to operate through the years with preaching on only one or two Sundays of each month. They can go on indefinitely with no more preaching, if they may have pastoral care. What rural churches have suffered from is not so much lack of more frequent preaching as lack of pastoral ministry. A program, providing full-time activities will, when carried on through proper organization, adequate equipment and wise leadership, result in growth, grace and strength for any church, even with only two or three sermons per month.

5. Where get the preachers? If a part-time church employs a pastor for all his time, who will care for one or two other part-time churches? There are less than half as many qualified pastors in the South as there are Baptist churches. The only possible way for every church to have capable leadership is for pastors to extend their ministry among the smaller churches by serving two, three, and even more of them through the joint

pastorate. (For information about this write your state headquarters or get a copy of *The Country Church* from your Baptist Book Store.)

The Joint Pastorate, supported by the Storehouse Tithing program, is creating a new day on hundreds of rural and village fields without decreasing the number of churches having pastors. Until the Lord calls more men into the ministry and our schools can train them for service, it will be unwise for the part-time church to increase the amount of time demanded of the pastor, if by so doing some other church must suffer.

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World Alliance Will Meet in Copenhagen

The next World Congress of Baptists will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 29 to August 3, 1947, Dr. Louie D. Newton, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, has announced.

The meeting, which will be the first since the Atlanta, Ga., session in 1939, was originally scheduled for Rangoon, Burma, in 1944 but was canceled because of the war.

At a committee meeting in Washington last week, Dr. W. O. Lewis, general secretary of the alliance was appointed administrator for Baptist relief activities in Europe. He will establish offices either in Berlin or Paris.

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First Church, Springdale, has erected a new mission building on Caudle Avenue in the city. Dedication services were held recently with Associational Missionary J. S. Blystone preaching the dedicatory sermon. Missionary Blystone supervised the construction of the building. W. C. Haden, one of ten newly elected deacons of First Church, is the Sunday School superintendent in the mission. The present enrolment is 50. A Vacation Bible School and a revival will be held during the summer.

Protests Laxity Of Modern Church

By CARL A. CLARK
Missionary, Liberty Association

A pastor and I stood in a bus station and looking across the street saw a Baptist preacher walk up to a second-rate joint, order, and drink a bottle of beer. We walked across the street and spoke to him in order to verify the fact that it was beer and not a soft drink. We asked him how he liked his beer.

In the columns of the Arkansas Baptist, I would like to protest vigorously the indifference of our Baptist churches and the Baptist ministry in allowing such a man to go unscathed.

My preacher grandfather disciplined church members for drinking. My deacon father would have disciplined a drinking deacon had the occasion arisen. I have served on two groups to attempt to save a drinking preacher. Where are we going next?

Baylor Confers L.L. D. On Edwin S. Preston

Edwin S. Preston, retiring president of Central College, received an honorary L.L. D. degree at recent commencement exercises Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

Dr. Preston left Central June 1 to become head of Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn. He is a graduate of Mercer University and the University of Tennessee. He had just completed three years as president of Central College. Prior to his coming to Arkansas he served for five years as executive secretary of Shorter College, Rome, Ga., and for years as state secretary of Baptist Training Union work in Georgia.

Dr. Robert L. Whipple, of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., has succeeded Edwin S. Preston as president of Central.

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WILLIAMSON IS SPEAKER

Dr. Edgar Williamson, director of the State Department of Religious Education, delivered the commencement address to the graduating class of the Department of Religious Education, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Willis J. Ray, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona and editor of the Arizona Baptist Beacon, received a degree of Doctor of Divinity from Hard Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., at recent commencement exercises.

Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, has received as a gift from one of its members a new Immanuel and Howell Filmsound movie projector. The screens were included, one for showings in the church auditorium and one for showings in the departmental assembly rooms. "The Prodigal Son" was the first film shown on church-owned machine.

Ravenden Springs Assembly will be held July 9-17. Improvements are being made in the assembly grounds with the dining hall already completed and a bridge across the canyon. The next building will be a third dormitory for women. Pastor L. C. Tedford, Coaling, will be dean of the school for preaching this year.

Pastor Carey Daniel, Central Church, Paso, Tex., conducted revival services at First Church, South Fort Smith, which resulted in eleven additions, six for baptism, and 55 consecrations.

Special plans are under way at First Church, Fort Smith, for the celebration of Pastor B. V. Ferguson's thirtieth anniversary with the church. A memorial gift, in name, will be presented by the church, and special messages and other features will mark the day.

Jean Raye is the baby child of Pastor and Mrs. W. R. Woodell, First Church, Wyo., born May 22.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Wilson Wood from First Church, Parkersburg, to graduate work.

Leroy Smith from Second Church, El Reno, Okla., to Temple Church, Ruston, La.

John W. Johnston from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, to Central Association missionary for the summer months.

R. E. Jones from Gage, Okla., to Central Church, Mineral Springs.

R. D. Harris to Elaine Church.

OUACHITA MILLION-DOLLAR CAMPAIGN

By OTTO WHITINGTON, GENERAL DIRECTOR

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ENDOWMENT

- Q. What is college endowment?
- A. College endowment is any sum of money given to a college for the purpose of producing a permanent income for the college.
- Q. What do colleges do with their endowment money?
- A. They appoint an endowment committee, whose duty it is to invest or loan this principal sum for interest.
- Q. What goes with the interest received from such loans?
- A. It is turned over to the college and is used to help pay current operating expenses.
- Q. Can the principal sum of the endowment be spent for the operating expenses?
- A. No. Absolutely not.
- Q. Can it be spent for new buildings?
- A. No. It cannot be spent for anything. Only the income from it can be used.
- Q. What is an endowed college?
- A. One which has sufficient endowment, the income from which, together with the income from tuition and fees, enables the college to pay all current operating expenses and maintain the upkeep of buildings and equipment.
- Q. Do colleges ever lose their endowment principal?
- A. Yes. By bad investments or loans from which they cannot collect interest or recover the loan.
- Q. Does this happen often?
- A. Very seldom. Committees who are charged with the responsibility of handling endowment money for a college are very careful to make only good, safe investments.
- Q. Who is the Ouachita Endowment Committee?
- A. Charles A. Gordon is Chairman, Claude Durrett and Hamilton Moses.
- Q. Have you ever known a college to lose its endowment entirely?
- A. No. I have never heard of one.
- Q. How much interest do colleges receive on endowment?
- A. They try to secure an average of 5% on the amount loaned.
- Q. Do they always get 5%?
- A. The amount varies, but they try to average 5%.
- Q. When do colleges get this money for expenses?
- A. When it is due and paid. Maybe annually or semi-annually. It may be due any time during the year, depending on when the loan was made.
- Q. How long does endowment money last?
- A. If properly handled, it lasts forever—or as long as the institution lasts.
- Q. How does endowment help a college?
- A. It enables it to pay all its expenses and thereby keeps it out of debt.
- Q. Does endowment of a college help anyone else beside the college?
- A. Yes. By lowering the cost of tuitions and fees it helps the students and their parents and enables many students to go to college who otherwise could not go because of lack of funds.
- Q. Does Ouachita College have any endowment now?
- A. Yes. \$525,000.00.
- Q. Why does it need any more?
- A. The college must have \$1,000,000.00 endowment in order
- (a) To meet the requirements of the North Central Association.
 - (b) To be able to pay all current operating expenses for increased student body and faculty and new buildings.

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New Missionary Society At Fayetteville

Mrs. J. E. Reed, president of Northwest District, reports a new missionary society organized at Second Church, Fayetteville, with Mrs. Gertrude Roderick as president and Mrs. Pearl Fifer as young people's director.

Annie Armstrong Offering For Home Missions

The total reported for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions throughout the south as of April 30 was \$474,936.84. The total amount contributed by Arkansas WMU as of May 27 is \$17,329.60. Funds for this offering are still being received.

Reports Of Second Quarterly WMU Rallies

Pulaski County held a rally at the First Church, North Little Rock, with 123 present. An interesting program was presented with Mrs. J. D. Yearby as leader. Four group conferences were held at the afternoon session.

Centennial Association with its four churches represented met at Almyra on April 16. This is the newest association in the state. Many who had never attended an associational WMU rally were enthusiastic about it, saying: "We did not know what we were missing." The next rally will be held in July at DeWitt. A YWA banquet will be held at Stuttgart on May 16.

Tri - County held its rally at Wynne with 80 present. A good program was rendered and all group conferences were held.

Clear Creek Association met with the New Prospect Church with six of the eight missionary societies represented. This association held a mission study institute at Van Buren recently with Mrs. T. H. Jordan, mission study chairman, in charge. Mrs. Walter Jackson, Mrs. H. M. Keck, and Mrs. George Warmack, all of Ft. Smith, were present for the day. The superintendent, Mrs. Faber L. Tyler, reports high interest in the work and that they are trying hard to organize missionary societies in two other churches in the association.

Mississippi County met at New Liberty Church with an attendance of 63. The program was presented at the morning session and a mission study institute was held in the afternoon consisting of five classes.

Missionary Round Table

A new missionary round table was recently organized at the West Batesville Church. Write your WMU office for leaflet and other information about organizing a round table and seek to organize one in your church.

Two Buses Chartered For Ridgecrest YWA Camp

Sufficient young women have registered for the Southwide YWA Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C., for two special, chartered Arkansas Motor Coaches buses to take the group. Besides the two 25-passenger bus loads, there will be two cars going. A total of 55 have registered. There is space for a few more. Registrations must however be in not later than June 8. Ten dollars must be sent with the name in order to have a place in a chartered bus reserved. Miss Hutchison will chaperon this group to the camp, June 12-20.

Summer Opportunities For Arkansas Young People

Baptist State Assembly with 9 missionary classes for young people by grades taught by missionaries and missionary leaders: July 2-11.

State Junior GA Camp, Ferncliff Springs, July 15-20.

State Intermediate GA Camp, Ferncliff Springs, July 22-27.

State RA Camp, Ferncliff Springs, July 29-Aug. 3.

State RA Camp, Siloam Springs, Aug. 5-10.

State RA Camp, Raven Den Springs, Aug. 26-31.

Registrations for any of these state camps are now being received. Send \$1 and name, stating to which camp you plan to come, to Miss Margaret Hutchison or Mr. Alvin Hatton, 209 Radio Center, Little Rock.

B·R·O·W·S·I·N·G in the BOOK STORE.

As we browse in the Book Store this week, we would call attention to the good number of books concerning Dr. Truett. Of course, his biography is a book that all should read. His sermon books include FOLLOW THOU ME and A QUEST FOR SOULS. His CHRISTMAS MESSAGES has sold very nicely, too, because these include all the messages that he has written to his people in the past several years. The newest book, concerning Dr. Truett, is just out, PEN PORTRAIT or PRINCE IN THE PULPIT.

Two other items which everyone should have in his library are the two recorded sermons by Dr. Truett. One is called THE NEED FOR ENCOURAGEMENT and the other is CHRIST ANSWERS THE WORLDS NEED.

Many people who read Dr. Gordon S. Seagraves' BURMA SURGEON will want to read his new

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Youth at Eudora Conduct Revival

By CLARENCE CUTRELL,
Pastor, Eudora.

Eudora Church conducted a youth revival May 5-12 under the direction of Rev. Morris Ashcraft, student of Ouachita College, and Mr. Norris Shiflett, educational director of Immanuel Church, Baton Rouge, La. In addition to preaching Bro. and Mrs. Ashcraft conducted conferences for the boys and girls prior to the evening services. Mr. Shiflett directed the Booster Band, and Mrs. Shiflett directed the fellowship hour at the close of each evening service.

Attendance at a devotional service each morning at 8 o'clock averaged 60. Evening services began with supper by the WMS. There was an average of 35 young people in the conferences and 50 children in the Booster Band. Services in the auditorium began with a five-minute devotional conducted by one of the young people.

Bro. Ashcraft and Mr. Shiflett made a splendid team for our young people. Mr. Ashcraft's messages were timely, forceful, and suited to the needs of the young

people. Mr. Shiflett's singing added much to the services.

Besides visible results the church membership is revived, a spirit of evangelism and cooperation prevails. We believe revival will be of lasting benefit to our church.

It should have made headlines but for some reason it didn't. A group of housewives have adopted a return of food rationing. It was one of several resolutions adopted unanimously by the general assembly of the Women's Society of Christian Service of Methodist Church, meeting at Columbus, Ohio. The women limit the compulsory rationing of food and the curtailment of sugar and grain in alcohol beverages as means of helping feed the starving people of Europe and Asia.

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ceive this magazine. We believe that department superintendents and teachers should use it.

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The Sunday School Bulletin contains outlines of assembly programs and officers' and teachers' meeting programs for each department; general articles of promotional value for the Sunday School as a whole and for departments; articles on how Sunday Schools reached their objectives; and material which will keep a Sunday School in touch with the informed on the true southwide emphases.

June An Opportune Time . . .

START BRANCH SUNDAY SCHOOLS

June is Vacation Bible School time, and hundreds of mission Vacation Bible schools should be followed by branch Sunday schools to provide Bible study opportunities.

June is summertime, and branch Sunday School can be carried on for some months in temporary quarters, thus allowing for permanent plans before winter.

June is vacation time, and many public school teachers and college students are available as voluntary workers to start and establish branch Sunday Schools.

June is an opportune time to begin a branch Sunday School and thus prepare the field for a revival meeting in July or August.

A new Sunday School will provide a Bible teaching and soul-winning station for people not now being reached.

The month of June has been designated as a special period for the establishing of new Sunday Schools throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory. June will be an appropriate time to set forward this phase of our work. Doubtless thousands of churches will take advantage of the summer opportunities by holding mission revivals and conducting mission Vacation Bible Schools. These mission points will offer marvelous opportunities for starting new Sunday Schools.

This matter should be presented in a special way in the monthly associational meeting. It would be profitable to call for reports and testimonies from schools that have already been established. Every associational officer should become enthusiastic about this matter and help the churches locate places where schools should be organized. Such an effort will greatly set forward every phase of Sunday School work. The new folder on "Establishing New Schools in June" will be sent upon request.

Nursery News

Recently several churches in the state have expanded the program of the cradle roll and nursery departments.

Russellville, First Church, Fritz Goodbar, pastor, has moved the nursery to larger quarters and will soon have another room ready.

Did You Receive Your Award?

It seems that a number who took a class with me at the Siloam Springs Assembly last summer on JESUS THE TEACHER have not received their awards. If those who are due credit will send me their names and addresses, I will see that it is sent to them.

—J. M. Price,

Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas.

They plan to make provision for at least four nurseries in their new building. Mrs. John Hallbrook is the superintendent of Nursery No. 1.

El Dorado, First Church, Sam Reeves, pastor, and George Moseley, the educational director, has made provision for another nursery. Mrs. George Moseley is the superintendent. In their enlarged educational building, they plan to have at least five nurseries.

Central Church, Hot Springs, Clyde Hart, pastor, has recently added a nursery room for the three year olds. This released the congestion in Nursery No. 1. Mrs. Jeff Newkirk is the superintendent.

First Church, Ft. Smith, Dr. B. V. Ferguson, pastor, bought a building for the nurseries. It is called the Nursery Building. They now have four well-equipped nurseries and are planning on one or two more.

Earle Church, H. L. Lipford, pastor, by rearranging their space, has added another nursery and now have three.

Immanuel Church, Little Rock, W. O. Vaught, pastor, and Nancy Cooper, educational director, gave special emphasis to the cradle roll and nursery departments recently. The church gave a banquet for all cradle roll and nursery mothers and fathers May 3. On Sunday, May 5, A Cradle Roll Day program was given in the church, with all cradle roll and nursery parents sitting in a reserved section. The babies from all the nurseries were brought to the short program. There were about 75 babies present. The pastor gave a most appropriate message to the parents.

One added feature was the moving picture taken of each baby present. The church has provided another large room for another nursery. Mrs. B. L. McCants is the cradle roll superintendent and Mr. E. L. Spence the superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mrs. Edgar Williamson, State Cradle Roll, Nursery and Beginner Worker.

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Merry makers are evicted from a night club in Golden Valley suburb of Minneapolis, Minn., shortly after midnight each weekday. Then a few hours later, after a hurried transformation, the place becomes a house of worship for a homeless, newly-organized Catholic parish, the Church of Good Shepherd. It's one way to beat the housing shortage, explains Ivor Stanger, the night club proprietor, and Father Thomas McNamara, the pastor. And apart from donating use of his building, Stanger also has volunteered services of his dance band to provide religious music for the church services.

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Edward L. Spence, Marshall, Tex.

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A 15-man commission of the British Council of Churches, appointed to re-examine the relationship of the Christian faith to social and political life, has asserted "something radical must happen to the church" and warned that the church must be ready to adopt new ways if it hopes to exercise moral and spiritual leadership in the era of atomic power.

Vermillions Celebrate Golden Anniversary



Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Vermillion of Melbourne celebrated their golden wedding anniversary May 26. Dr. Vermillion was born near McKinney, Tex., in 1871, and Mrs. Vermillion was born at Evening Shade, Ark., in 1878. They were married at Melbourne, May 28, 1896.

Dr. Vermillion has been a Baptist minister for 55 years. He was graduated from Ouachita College in 1904. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Baylor University. He has served in a number of promi-

ent positions in the Southern Baptist Convention and in the state conventions of Arkansas and New Mexico. He served for 14 years in Dallas and El Paso.

Dr. Vermillion retired from active service in 1941 and lived at McKinney where he owns a home. At present he is temporary pastor at Melbourne. Mrs. Vermillion has been a faithful helper to her husband. She has been especially active in Sunday School, Training Union, and children's work.

Laymen Revival Great Success

By JAMES S. DAY, JR., Pastor Southside Church, Lakeland, Fla.

I heartily recommend the effort of the Baptist Brotherhood to have at least 500 laymen revivals in the Southern Baptist Convention during the remainder of 1946. I know of no single effort which has produced as much spiritual good in my church during my 12 years of ministry here as did the laymen revival.

The idea originated in the heart and mind of one of our consecrated deacons, W. M. Hollis, a wholesale groceryman, who conceived the idea of a laymen's revival, conducted by laymen, with a layman for the speaker, but with the services open to everyone.

The church invited Lawson Cooke, secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, to our speaker. Fifty-five different men took part in the services.

Our plan was two fold: first, to enlist men who had dropped out of the church during the war; second, to re-enlist service men from the war. Our fondest expectations were surpassed and we plan to have each year a streamlined revival conducted by our men with a prominent Christian layman as speaker. We have had youth revivals and Sunday School revivals. Why not a revival of our men?

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Shocking

Some army official was responsible for sending to sea in unsanitary condition a ship bringing war brides from Europe. In consequence, an epidemic of dysentery broke out among babies and many have already died.

On arrival at New York this week, passengers said the vessel was overcrowded and filthy, so that 100 women and 100 babies were forced into one cabin. One of the army nurses was accused of drunkenness and the crew was failure to give help to mothers whose babies had been stricken. Labels

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Church	Addns.	S.S.	T.U.
Arkadelphia Churches:			
DeGray	—	87	63
White Sulphur Springs	2	46	65
Benton, First	—	521	70
Conway, First	5	360	64
Dumas, First	—	323	53
Dyess, Central	—	144	69
El Dorado Churches:			
First	—	867	171
Second	—	528	70
Eudora	—	183	51
Fort Smith Churches:			
First	33	1014	336
Immanuel	3	604	140
Gentry	1	236	87
Hamburg, First	1	336	162
Harrison, First	2	357	117
Hot Springs Churches:			
Central	4	387	102
First	—	300	33
Park Place	6	444	199
Second	—	522	106
Including Mission	—	636	—
Jacksonville	13	165	95
Lake City	2	137	159
Including Mission	—	359	—
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	2	500	98
Calvary	1	179	43
First	3	1237	475
Immanuel	9	1001	268
Including Mission	—	1374	436
Plainview	—	120	86
South Highland	6	236	99
Stanfill	1	55	—
Woodlawn	—	74	55
Malvern, First	—	266	84
Marmaduke	—	105	44
Mena, First	2	239	85
Monticello Churches:			
First	1	225	45
Second	—	130	42
Mt. Ida, First	2	105	64
N. Little Rock Churches:			
Baring Cross	5	576	122
Including Mission	—	615	151
Central	2	237	54
Pike Avenue	—	148	46

Ozark	197	52
Including Mission	—	240
Paris, First	2	294
133	—	—
Pine Bluff Churches:		
First	11	801
Matthews Memorial	—	158
South Side	1	476
137	—	—
Including Mission	—	538
Stamps, First	—	189
39	—	—
Stuttgart, First	—	323
134	—	—
Warren, First	—	449
West Helena, First	1	391
120	—	—
West Memphis, First	2	279
115	—	—
Including Mission	—	306

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A. C. Baker, Tabernacle Church, Macon, Ga., is leaving the pastorate to devote his full time to evangelistic work. His headquarters will be at 1340 28th St., Louisville, Ky.

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Dr. Rupert Naney, pastor of Olivet Church, Oklahoma City, has been relieved of all active pastoral duties for the next three months with full salary because of physical conditions which make a complete rest imperative.

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BROTHERHOOD ACTIVITY IS INCREASING

Below are listed the field activities of your State Brotherhood Secretary during the month of May, 1946.

May 1—Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock: Met with the members of the Workers' Council, and discussed better Bible teaching and the elements of preparation for good teaching. Baring Cross is genuinely interested in doing better work throughout every phase of its program. Brother Harvey Elledge is pastor.

May 3—First Church, Russellville: Spoke to a large group of men at a banquet meeting arranged by the pastor, Brother Fritz Goodbar; and endeavored to lay before the men of the church the work and worth of the Brotherhood. The men are recommending that the church authorize the organization of a Brotherhood.

May 5—First Church, Lonoke: Preached at the Sunday morning service; the men and boys of the church occupying the center section of the auditorium. A fine young girl accepted Christ as Savior and joined the church. Brother W. M. Pratt, pastor, is making plans for a Brotherhood in this fine church.

May 7—First Church, Malvern: Had a fine and profitable meeting with the leaders and workers of the church in a service held for the purpose of re-examining Baptist convictions and clarifying the issues involved in the whole program of the church. Brother Thurman Rucker, pastor, says that Brotherhood organization is next on the calendar.

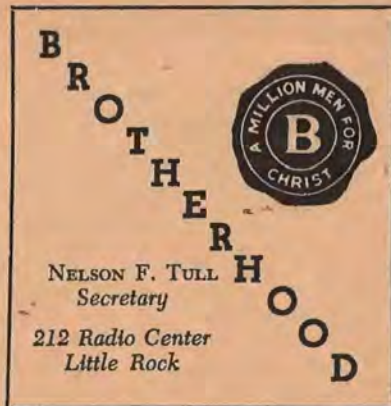
May 8—Trinity Church, Little Rock: Prayer Meeting Service: Your Brotherhood Secretary had something to do with early beginning of this church, while it was yet a mission. Being out of the state when the church was constituted, and having no opportunity at that time to deliver a charge to the new church, he had the privilege on the above date, of "re-charging" it, speaking from the following outline:

1. "You are the product of true mission endeavor; so be truly missionary!"

2. "You are the offspring of a Baptist church, so be Baptist!"

3. "You are a work of faith; so be faithful!" There were two additions by baptism. Brother William Burnett is pastor of this growing young church.

May 9—Harmony Association Workers' Conference, meeting with the First Baptist Church of Gould: Had the privilege of laying before a representative group from the churches of this great association some facts concerning the nature and value of Brotherhood work. Will probably make a tour of the



association in the fall, in company with the associational missionaries.

May 10—Parkview Church, El Dorado: A young church that is off to a good start! Brother H. B. Marks is pastor. Met with the Brotherhood, and endeavored to lay before the men their Christian obligation to get fully into the work which the Lord has charged them to do.

May 12—First Church, Little Rock: Brought devotion to Adult 2 Sunday School Department, and taught the Blaylock Bible Class. Preached at Trinity Baptist Church at the morning service. Left for the Southern Baptist Convention in the early afternoon.

May 12 through 21—Southern Baptist Convention at Miami: Drove to Miami with Rev. Charles E. Lawrence, pastor of the First Church of Little Rock and Rev. John Whitlow, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Portland. Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Tull were also along.

Met with the officers of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South and also with the State Brotherhood Secretaries on the evening of our arrival in Miami. Eleven of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention now have Brotherhood Secretaries.

Arkansas was very well represented at the Convention, having about 275 messengers enrolled. A host of other Arkansans also went along. The enrolment at the Convention was one of the largest in history.

The challenge of doing the things which the Lord has commanded us to do, the emphasis on the value and necessity of personal witnessing, the challenge of meeting present needs now: these ideals constitute in some measure the inspiration and encouragement which your Brotherhood Secretary received at the Convention. Foreign Mission Night and Home Mission Night were both high experiences.

Saturday night was Brotherhood Night! On that occasion, after the Brotherhood report was made, the State Secretaries were introduced;

and Lawson Cook, Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, brought a message which helped every man present to square up his thinking with the will of God. It was a great meeting!

Our party left for home Sunday morning. We attended church in Sebring, Florida, during the morning, and at Ocala, Florida, that evening. We arrived in Little Rock Tuesday evening, after an almost perfect trip.

May 23—First Church, Ashdown: Met with the men of the church (and their wives) at a banquet meeting. Spoke to this fine group about Brotherhood work, and about a Christian's labor of love. Brother Earl Humble is pastor. The men of the church are planning to revive the Brotherhood, to organize it according to established procedure, and to get to work at the task!

May 26—First Church, Little Rock: Brought a devotional message to the Young Peoples Department, of which Brother Ray Wilson is Superintendent. Spoke in the afternoon at the Centennial Association Young Peoples' Rally held at the First Baptist Church in DeWitt, to a fine crowd of young people and others, on the subject, "Youth Conquering with Christ." The rally was the first of its kind to be held in Centennial Association. Let me recommend that such rallies be held in every association in the state!

May 27 to 28—Delta Association Workers' Conference, meeting with the Baptist Church at Jennie. A good crowd was present, representing churches throughout the association. The associational leaders expressed much interest in Brotherhood organization and work. Brother J. V. Chandler is the Associational Missionary. A four-day tour to promote Brotherhood work throughout the Association was arranged for the first of September.

Engagements already booked for next month (May 29-July 1), include the following: First Church, Lincoln, Brotherhood planning meeting; First Church, Stephens, Brotherhood planning meeting; Tri-County Associational Brotherhood Meeting at Parkin; Associational meeting at First Church, Star City; Arkansas Valley Associational Brotherhood meeting at Marianna; Brotherhood planning meeting at First Church, Jacksonville; Brotherhood revival at Bethel Mission (Highway 70); Caddo River Associational Workers Conference; First Church, Hazen, Brotherhood planning meeting; Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock; regular Brotherhood meeting First Church, Searcy; Brotherhood planning meeting, tentative engagements in Gainesville and Current River Associations; First Church, Lake Village, meeting with Sunday school teachers and the men of the church; First Church, McGehee, Brotherhood

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Furlon G. Dodson, who was recently released from the chaplaincy where he had served four years is a native of Missouri. He graduated from Ouachita College and Southern Seminary, Louisville. He served as pastor at Le tonville and Dardanelle, in Kansas. Other pastorates include Cassville, Mo. Bellbuckle, Tex. and Garden Villas Church, Houston, Tex. He also served as missionary pastor under the Southern mission board in Tennessee.

While in military service he was assistant camp chaplain in Camp Maxey, Tex., for 13 months, hospital chaplain in the same camp for 26 months, and in Camp Furlson for five months.

At present Mr. and Mrs. Dodson are members of Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Any church desiring his services may contact him at 408 West 16th St., North Little Rock.

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CITY-WIDE REVIVAL

Evangelist Tommy Voyles preaching in evangelistic service in the Bandshell in MacArthur Park, Little Rock. It is a city-wide, all-church effort. Jesse Puckett, noted singing teacher directing the singing and furnishing special music. Services continue for 30 days.

planning meeting; Faulkner County Associational Workers Conference; First Church, Salem, Brotherhood planning meeting; First Church, Mountain Home, Brotherhood planning meeting.

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Dr. R. Q. Leavell Elected President Of Renamed New Orleans Seminary

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., has accepted the call to the presidency of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (formerly Baptist Bible Institute, which name was changed by the Southern Baptist Convention in its recent session in Miami) and will assume his duties on July 1.

Dr. Leavell was born at Oxford, Miss., on December 21, 1891, and received his education at the University of Mississippi and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was married to Lillian Forbes Yarborough of Hattiesburg, Miss., on June 26, 1923, and has three daughters.

Dr. Leavell served as overseas secretary for the Y. M. C. A. during 1917-19 and later became the pastor of the First Church, Oxford, Miss. In 1925-27 he served as pastor of the First Church, Picayune, Miss., and was the reporter for the Times-Picayune, New Orleans newspaper. Other pastorates include First Church, Holly Springs, Miss.; New Castle, Ky.; Lawrenceburg, Ky.; First Church, Gainesville, Ga.; First Church, Tampa, Fla.

He has served on various state boards and was a member of the Foreign Mission Board while in Mississippi. Before assuming his duties in Tampa, he was head of the Department of Evangelism at the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and became widely known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Leavell holds the Doctor of Laws Degree from Stetson University and is the author of several books on evangelism. He is a Kiwanian and has been vitally interested in moral and civic affairs.

Dr. Leavell succeeds Dr. Duke K. McCall who has recently gone to Nashville, Tenn., to assume his duties as Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Controlled Inflation

Editorial in The Religious Herald

Cost of living in the United States has already risen sharply. The upward trend will almost certainly continue for several months while the new wage-price formula is applied throughout the industrial system. The final effects, according to some estimates, will be a rise in living costs by as much as forty percent above the pre-war level. Current strikes and threats of strikes are evidences of the continuing effort at adjustment to the higher levels. Though it has not been announced as such, it is possible that this is an effort at controlled inflation according to a pattern for the revision of the national economy to provide protection while the debt is almost



President Leavell

300 billion dollars. The theory is that a national income of 150 billion dollars is necessary to support the present debt. The danger—and it is a very serious one—lies in the possible inability to control the inflation. The "bulge" may become a "break through," and that would result in national and international catastrophe.

While we are in the process of controlled inflation, prices will continue to rise until they reach the anticipated level. It remains to be seen whether they will stop. Certainly the cost of living is much higher already. There are hundreds of ministers and teachers who are embarrassed because they have had no increase in salary with which to meet the greater living costs. In some instances the matter has become extremely serious. Men cannot give their best in ministry while they have distress of mind caused by their inability to meet their financial obligations. Adjustments should be made as soon as possible in a spirit of love and for the best interest of the Kingdom.

Letter to the Editor

Supports Ouachita Campaign

Dear Editor:

I was impressed with your article in last week's issue of your very valuable paper relative to the Ouachita College campaign. We were very happy to have the campaign launched in Immanuel Baptist Church, and I am proud of the good start made in this direction. Our church has always been interested in Ouachita College, and shall continue to be.

I was particularly impressed with that part of your article wherein you state that the bulk of the million will be given by wage earning Baptists who do not have much money, but who love the cause of Christian education enough to make the necessary sacrifice. This is certainly true, and while we have a few large givers, it is that duty of each member to contribute to this great school as the Lord has prospered him, and most of us will have to give it week by week.

I am thankful to have a small part in this great cause, and if my services are required in any manner to further the cause, I shall be only too glad to extend them.

It is my hope that the Baptists of the state will contribute cheerfully, and that the campaign may soon come to a glorious and successful conclusion.

Guy E. Williams,
Little Rock.

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Clinton Church, Claud Jenkins, pastor, had 150 enrolled in Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 87.

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"Czechoslovakia" will continue to be an independent, democratic state, respecting freedom of religion as one of President Roosevelt's four freedoms," President Eduard Benes has declared.

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Napoleon declared: "Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets."

Two Other States Plan Buildings

Rapidly growing Baptist work in Oklahoma and Tennessee has forced the making of huge expansion plans. In 1936 the Baptists of Oklahoma purchased a small three-story building in the heart of Oklahoma City and remodeled it for a Book Store and State Headquarters offices. The work has grown until more space badly needed. The state board has authorized the purchase of a large new building site and plans have been drawn for a modern up-to-date office building and equipment for state Baptist employees.

The executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention has purchased property on which hopes to erect an eight or ten story building. Tennessee Baptists also plan for the erection of a \$2,000,000 East Tennessee Hospital at Knoxville. The Baptist Hospital at Memphis will be increased giving the institution its own hotel and a large new drug store. The Negro section also will be expanded. Carson-Newman College at Jefferson City is beginning an extensive building program.

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Christian Workers Are Given Task of Harvesting for God

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

In this lesson we come face to face with the need for more workers in Christ's kingdom. We are led to count the cost of discipleship. It is well that we have such a lesson in the light of world events. Only men of good will, in whose lives the Spirit of Christ is a reality, can lay the kind of foundations that must be laid for a just and enduring peace.

Mission of the Twelve

"And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; and commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no script, no bread, no money in their purse: but be shod with sandals: and not put on two coats. And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city. And they went and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them" (Mark 6:7-13).

The message of the twelve was not one with the message of Christ—the message of repentance. In Mark 1:15 we are told that Jesus, when He came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, said, "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." Likewise John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, said, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:1-2). The word rendered "repent" signifies a change of mind.

The world of Jesus' day, just as the world of our own day, needed a change of mind and a change of heart in order that the will of God might be done in every area of human relations.

The task of Christ's followers is to heal broken-hearted humanity and to help deliver men, in every way possible, from the curse of evil habits that are bent upon wrecking their lives. Jesus gave the twelve "power over unclean spirits," and we read of how they cast out "many devils" and ministered to them that were sick.

The ministry of the disciples was to be marked by a realism that would leave men without any grounds for doubt as to the sincerity of their purposes. They were not even to make provision for their own subsistence on their

Sunday School Lesson

For June 9

Mark 6:7-13;

Luke 10:1-2; 14:25-27

journeys. They were to trust God for their daily needs throughout the journey.

Need for More Workers

After sending the twelve out two by two, the Lord appointed "other seventy also" and likewise sent them two by two "before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come."

The reason for sending the seventy is found in the verse that follows: "Therefore said he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." But this did not relieve the shortage of laborers. "The field is the world" said Jesus (Matt. 13:38) and the followers of Christ are not to rest until they have proclaimed the good tidings of the gospel to every soul throughout the world. We who know Him are obligated to go with the gospel and to declare it upon every opportunity to all men everywhere.

The word rendered "send forth" (Luke 10:2) literally means to throw, cast, or put out. That is to say, through prayer and on account of our petitions to Him by faith, God "casts forth" laborers into His harvest.

I have in my own church a lad who recently surrendered to the call to preach and who was literally "cast forth" into the decision which he made for Christ. I have never seen one burdened more sincerely and who gave more satisfactory evidence of a call. Behind his decision, which was made when he was approximately fourteen years old, were the prayers of his mother since before the day of his birth. Secretly she had prayed that God would cast him forth as a minister of the gospel. It is not difficult for one to understand the meaning of Jesus' words in the light of an experience like that of this mother.

The need for more laborers today is manifest on every side. Approximately 70 per cent of the peoples of the world are not in anybody's church. They are utterly without hope and without God. There is a great inadequacy in the distribution of workers. Those who are preaching the gospel are concentrated too much in spots. What we need today is a dispersion of the bearers of good tidings of

Christ—a dispersion that would cast workers into every field the world around.

Cost of Discipleship

It costs something to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Discipleship may even call for readjustments in one's relationship with his family. God does not want His followers to be untrue to those of his own flesh and blood—those who have been placed in his care. But He is not willing for us to manifest an affection for our loved ones that is greater than our affection for Him. "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26).

Part of the cost of discipleship is reflected in the period of training which the disciple must undergo if his ministry is to be effective. For approximately three years the twelve set at the feet of Jesus. Constantly the Master sought to acquaint them with the nature of their mission and prepare them for every difficulty they would encounter and acquaint them with

the strategy they would employ. Those who would become ambassadors of Christ would do well to reflect upon the training of the twelve and upon the thorough manner in which the Apostle Paul himself was prepared for his task.

Of course any person who is truly called of the Lord, however poorly trained he may be, can lay hold of many opportunities for service. But the breadth and the scope of his ministry will be greatly influenced by his preparation. It does not take an educated person to be a good Christian; but it does take an educated person to become the most effective witness for Christ in today's world.

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BAPTISTS WILL HELP FEED THE STARVING

Great indeed was the appeal registered at the Southern Baptist Convention for relief for the starving people of the world. We are having a great many appeals these days for special collections. But from the daily press accounts, and from the pictures in the magazines, and from the information coming from the Baptist Foreign Mission Board our hearts are torn open as we think of the hundreds that are literally starving in the various lands every day.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention first suggested that an appeal be made for funds to alleviate this appalling hunger situation by next spring. In a general Committee meeting, speech after speech was made, and our hearts broke as we were reminded that multiplied thousands of persons cannot survive until next spring, but are already dying daily by the hundreds. The Committee, therefore, requested that Southern Baptists give three and one half million dollars right away for relief and rehabilitation work, and that the money be put into the

Arkansas' Quota

The Administration and Finance Committee of the Executive Board voted unanimously in a special called meeting Monday to accept Arkansas' quota of \$186,650 in Southern Baptists' world emergency relief campaign.

The enthusiastic standing vote came following a talk by Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, member of the steering committee for the Southwide campaign. Dr. Caudill told of the threat of starvation facing a fourth of the world's population and of Southern Baptists' plans to help meet the need. Arkansas' quota is part of the Southwide goal for \$3,500,000 to be raised not later than September 30.

Quotas for individual churches will be placed in the mail late this week.

hands of the Foreign Mission Board to these starving portions of humanity.

In the Convention it was a great and magnificent hour when their emotions and intelligence prompted the people to open purses and give more than \$17,000. One singer gave her salary check for one month, another gave money formerly intended used for a trip to Cuba. One man put a check for a thousand dollars, and a taxi driver heard of the offering and handed a passenger two dollars for that purpose. A veteran, now retired, gave \$100. What a collection! And yet acts like these constitute an appeal makes any of us want to turn our pockets wrong side out. One Baptist in Arkansas has given nearly \$2,000 a year for this purpose. Remember that a dying man on the street, too weak to walk, perishing for bread, will not wait if you are slow in making your offering.

The Executive Committee will be making an appeal to us at once, and the collection get under way.

FEW WORDS ABOUT THE WIDOWS SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN

By W. R. ALEXANDER
Relief and Annuity Board

What the member buys with his money is protection for his wife in event of his death. That protection is on a yearly cost basis, of which cost he pays but half. He pays his dues monthly, beginning as of July 1st of any year. Paying one full year before his wife is eligible for an annuity, should he die, he remains paid a year in advance, as long as he continues to pay. Thus, if he dies in the first year of participation, his widow receives no annuity, but does receive back all the money he had paid in. Should he die any time after the first year, she will be entitled to an annuity, plus any unearned dues her late husband had paid. After six years participation, the protection he is buying is the maximum the plan offers, and is far in excess of any protection available to him elsewhere for a like outlay of money.

The average salary of our denominational workers is in the neighborhood of \$2400.00. Paying dues on that salary, the member provides an annuity for his widow ranging, according to the length of participation, from \$240.00 to \$480.00, or from \$20.00 a month to \$40.00 a month. On a \$4000.00 salary, these figures range from \$400.00 a year to \$800.00 a year. It would require an estate of over \$25,000.00 to yield a return at 3 per cent, which is difficult to secure with safety, of \$800 a year.

According to the 1945 Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention, 181 Baptist preachers passed away in the last twelve months period

it covered. Many of those were not members of the Ministers Retirement Plan. Many others were aged men living in retirement. Still others were dependent aged on our relief roll. Only thirty-five of the number were members of the Ministers Retirement Plan, and died in active service.

However, of these thirty-five, three were in their thirties when they died, four in their forties, twelve in their fifties, twelve in their sixties, and four in their seventies—but all thirty-five were in active service when death came. Thus, their widows received in cash all these men had paid into the plan, plus interest. As an evidence that women outlive men, these thirty-five men left thirty-three widows. These widows received from our Board a total of \$7,550.00, an average of only \$229.00. That is all they were due to receive under the terms of the plan, therefore all they will receive unless they apply for relief grants, which grants will be very small indeed.

Had the Widows Plan been operating even one year prior to these deaths, and had these thirty-five men been participating members, these thirty-three widows would now be due to receive, not \$7,550.00 in all, but \$7,000.00 a year as long as they live. Had the plan been operating over six years, and these men participating that long, their widows would now receive, for the balance of their lives, nearly \$14,000.00 a year, an average of over \$35.00 a month. Naturally, due to their advanced ages, some of these widows will not live long, but ten of them are under fifty years of age and may live many, many years as yet.

The salaries of these men varied greatly, ranging from \$40.00 to \$352.00 a month. Their widows' annuities under the Widows Plan would, therefore, have varied greatly; but if all of them would have been entitled to the minimum annuity of \$400.00, had the plan been operating a full year, and her husband participating. What a tragedy for these thirty-three women and the many minor children in that there was no Widows Plan!

Let us look at three of these cases very closely. One of these widows is thirty-six years of age, one thirty-four, one thirty-two. The first one refunded the first one \$317.31. Under the Widows Plan, she would have received \$400.00 a year every year of her life. The second referred to \$187.10. She would have been entitled, under the Widows Plan, to \$150.00 a year each year the balance of her life. The third received from us \$276.00. Under the Widows Plan, her annuity would have been \$276.00, the same amount each year for the balance of her life. In all these cases, the figures quoted are on the supposition the plan had been operating only one year. What a pity it was not! What a tragedy for someone for a goodly number perhaps in some of the states, the plan cannot be inaugurated for another year, due to a lack of necessary two-thirds agreeing to participate by July 1, 1946—for statistics reveal a goodly number of happy, hard-working preachers' wives will become widows each and every year.