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Baptist Belief in Christian Unity

By DR. W. ROSS EDWARDS
In *The Word and Way*

Contrary to the opinions of many Protestants, Baptists believe in Christian unity. Baptists regret that there are so many divisions among Christians. However, since there are divisions in belief, we rejoice that denominational provisions have been made for the various faiths. The unity for which we work and pray is spiritual, constructive, positive, consistent, and sincere. It is based upon the Word of God. It is the unity for which our Saviour prayed.

Roman Catholics have tried for sixteen hundred years to persuade and compel uniformity. Protestants have, in these latter days, tried to make church union attractive by compromise. Baptists are for neither force nor compromise. We believe that a personal experience of grace, which makes people at one with God in Christ, must precede any formal, outward, mechanical union. We believe that the great problem is not many denominations, but rather the alienation of man from God.

Therefore, our primary purpose as Baptists is to get people reconciled to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Even though we have been charitable and sympathetic with all those who disagree with us, we regret to admit that the same cannot be said for either Protestants or Catholics. The time has come for Baptists to make their position clear, for their own good, as well as for the good of those who disagree.

The Unity for Which Jesus Prayed

We call attention to the Lord's great prayer. (John 17:1-26.) It was just before His crucifixion. It is of great importance. We believe that He did not say one idle word. Surely He meant His prayer! To say that He ever spoke a non-essential word is to make Him less than God. Baptists hold to the teachings of the Bible, believing that none of His works should be classified "non-essential."

Jesus revealed in His prayer that knowledge of God in Christ is essential to salvation, eternal life (v. 3). The prayer reveals the divinity of Christ, equality with the Father (v. 5, 8). He said that to be one of His fellows is to have enemies (v. 14). He mentioned the mission of Christians, the same mission that He had (v. 18). He mentioned the fact that the world is lost without Him (v. 25). He men-

tioned love as the final imperative for Christian unity (v. 26). Unity is the result of a proper relationship to God in Christ. John 17:21-23 should not be separated from the rest of the chapter.

Baptists Believe in Working Together

Our denomination is held together and made possible only by voluntary cooperation. (II Corinthians 6:1). Baptists work together because of their common beliefs and practices, based upon the Bible. We are willing to work with any Christian group on the same basis that we work with each other. We have a splendid record of cooperation with other denominations in maintaining good government, public schools, and other common interests.

We work with Christians of other denominations in the Red Cross, Community Chest, Scouts and Lodges. We join others in doing battle with common enemies—strong drink, gambling, and other evils, whenever others are willing to help us. There are many more things that we might do together. Our cooperation ends whenever the cause of Christ is lowered, or our principles threatened. No project is worthy when advanced at the expense of fundamental truth and spiritual conviction.

Many Insisting On Mechanical Union

The one dominant idea of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America is One Protestant Church of America. After making an extended tour with Protestant leaders in a "Preaching Mission," Dr. George W. Truett spoke before the State Sunday School Convention of Texas in 1937 in which he warned that the Protestant church idea would soon be so strong that Baptists who remained loyal to their faith would be persecuted, as were our Baptist fathers in the early days of Virginia.

Dr. Truett predicted that many members of Baptist churches would leave the faith when trial comes. He was of the opinion that Baptists would have to stand alone. The main persecution will likely continue to be on the order of ridicule and criticism for "Narrowness," in both private and public. The effect of such persecution has already been felt.

The leadership of the Federal Council recognizes the South, the "Bible Belt," as most difficult to convert to unionism. However, they have plans to win even the South. Their plans include days of prayer for both young

and old, youth organizations (especially in state schools), and securing the support of the press, radio, screen, big business and government. One leader even predicted that the time would come when churches would be licensed, so that there would not be too many churches in certain communities, but fewer churches better supported.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell many times predicted that the time would come when there would be only three large denominations in the United States—Baptists, Catholics and Protestants. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., recently gave a million dollars for the cause of mechanical unionism. Others may fall for Protestant propaganda, which reminds us of the "Come into my parlor said the spider to the fly." Baptists that know why they are Baptists will remain Baptists. We believe in "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism"—not "any Lord, any faith and any baptism."

When "No" Is In Order

Baptists say "no" when they are asked to sacrifice believers baptism for sprinkling babies, when the authority of man is substituted for the authority of God's Word, when socialization is substituted for evangelism, when loyalty to men takes precedence over loyalty to Christ, and when asked to substitute hierarchy for democracy in our denominational affairs. We know that Christian union involves a great deal more than getting a lot of people under one roof. We have observed that insistence upon mechanical union has only produced strife, discord, confusion and waste. The Kingdom of God will not be realized by those who discount local church loyalty.

What shall we do? Let us preach our New Testament principles, and enroll our membership in the training organizations of our churches—Sunday School, Training Union, Missionary Union and Brotherhood. Let us have more study courses on our faith. All the while, let us possess a forgiving spirit and keep sweet when we are persecuted, remembering the words of Jesus and Stephen, who were put to death by jealous members of The Big Church of the first century. Let us ever remain loyal to our great task of winning the lost to Christ. The best way to prevent defensive battles is always to be on the offensive. Let us press on with the prayer of Christ on our heart, "that they may be one, even as we." (John 17:22).

Twentieth Century Christianity . . .

Russian War Talk Breeds Confusion Harmful to Plans For Era of Peace

Religious News Service reports from Washington that the most significant developments in the nation's capital seem right now to be bound up with the almost-hysterical wave of anti-Russian feeling sweeping the nation.

Church leaders there, as elsewhere, fear that present conditions bode no good for our international relations. None of them likes to be quoted on the subject because millions of Americans already are so confused by the various moves on the diplomatic checkerboard that responsible speakers feel anything said now just adds to the confusion.

Not Conducive to Peace

The speech by Winston Churchill in Missouri, coupled with wild rumors that the Army was going to be mobilized again quickly, (vehemently denied by the War Department), disturbed many thoughtful churchmen. War talk has been rife in responsible quarters that ought to know better.

Could this be the America that had sponsored the UNO? Could this be the same country that has prided itself so often on its patience and tolerance and its rapid communications—this rumor-torn nation of today? More than one minister asked himself those questions as many Americans mentally took to the sword without second thought.

Encourages Military Legislation

The war talk, although without foundation, could be used by many diverse groups to change the legislative picture in Congress.

Such talk, for example, made many a Congressman wonder whether or not universal compulsory military training might not be a good thing, considering the "threats" posed by Russia.

Such talk made some Congressmen who only a few months ago wanted to see Germany punished severely wonder if they had better not get busy and try to help the Germans re-arm to fight the Russians (a year ago, Goebbels was shouting that this ought to be).

Such talk, instead of promoting a new desire for America to play a responsible part in the world made some Congressmen speculate if huge military appropriations might not be more efficacious than measures to promote peace.

Russia Is Responsible

Yet, many Americans felt, Rep. John McCormack (Dem., Mass.), House Majority Leader, was right when he said:

"Outside of the Soviet Union all the nations of the world have shown a strong desire to work for peace. It is up to Soviet Russia to cooperate or to be charged with responsibility for failure.

"Appeasement of Hitler contributed to bringing about World War II. Appeasement of Russia will contribute to the defeat of international cooperation necessary for permanent peace.

"It is one thing to recognize the proper claims of Russia, but it is another to see the unfair things it is doing in violation of its promises to other nations."

In a recent speech in Berlin, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt outlined a four-point program for the individual GI's in getting along with the Russians. Her formula: (1) Have conviction,

(2) Be friendly, (3) Stick to your beliefs as they stick to theirs, and (4) Work as hard as they do.

Scientist Believes God Holds U. S. Responsible for Peace

Dr. Arthur H. Compton, a deeply religious man who pioneered in the development of atomic energy, warned the Federal Council of Churches, meeting at Columbus, Ohio, that its proposal whereby the United States would abandon the atom bomb "would mean a refusal to accept responsibility for protecting helpless nations."

"Not the atomic bomb, but war, needs to be outlawed," Dr. Compton advised.

"Through this weapon and others our nation has been given power to prevent further outbreak of war. Until international police can be established to whom control of major weapons can be referred, only we are able to protect the rights of free men throughout the world.

"Abandonment of these weapons would mean refusal to accept responsibility for protection of helpless nations or ourselves. It would only invite renegade nations to proceed with active development of weapons for mass destruction and leave the way open for establishment of disastrous tyranny such as was growing in Germany, Italy, and Japan.

"Those who have fought the recent war have felt God fighting with them, supplying free men with weapons that tyranny could not produce. We have an inescapable obligation to keep these weapons ready for the protection of freedom in a war-like world.

"This is a duty God demands of those who claim the right to live in peace and freedom."

HELP TO STARVING — Mrs. Leslie B. Swain, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, has called upon Baptists to "tell President Truman you will gladly go without a lot more than white bread to save the lives of starving millions."

In a letter to 7,000 Northern Baptist ministers and presidents of their women's societies, Mrs. Swain urged: "Let the President know you are behind him 100 per cent; warn your families against food waste, concentrate on eating only food which cannot be sent abroad; and contribute canned foods and used clothing to the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction."

RECORD RESPONSE—A recent radio debate, "Are We Losing Our Religion?" evoked one of the largest mail responses in the history of "America's Town Meeting," George V. Denny, Jr., moderator of the national program announced. Requests for reprints of the broadcast came from 11,000 persons, Denny said. In addition, 1,319 comments on the program were received.

Speakers on the forum were Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of the Christian Century; Mrs. Harper Sibley, president of the United Council of Church Women; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council of Churches, and Lt. Col. T. V. Smith, former education director for the U. S. Army in Europe.

Contrary Winds

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"For the wind was contrary."

I am told that one of the surest tests diamonds is the "water test." An imitation diamond is never so brilliant as a gemstone. But the inexperienced eye may not be able to detect the difference. A simple test is that any one can make is to put the stones, the imitation and the genuine, under water. The imitation diamond is practically extinguished, while the real diamond sparkles under water and is distinctly visible.

"Contrary winds" may serve in the same manner to test the genuineness of our professions of Christian faith. It may be difficult to judge between imitation and genuine faith when the sun is shining and everything is bright and glowing. But when "contrary winds" whip up the waters of sorrow, adversity and temptation, and the waves begin to break over one's soul, it is not difficult to determine whether one's faith is spurious or genuine.

Jesus never fails to come to His disciples in their storms and difficulties. And when the storm comes, He will be walking on top of the waves. There is never a situation in which He is not master.

The glorious truth is that we also may walk on top of the waves with Him. It is true Peter began to sink. But it was when he turned his eyes off Jesus and looked at the waves beneath his feet.

I have heard the story of a little boy who was not surprised that little David conquered Goliath. When asked why he did not tremble at it a wonderful victory, he said, "Because Goliath was two to one, for God was fighting for David."

"But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves, for the wind was contrary; and in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea." Matt. 14:24, 25.

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Thirty Little Rock youth confessed faith in Christ and pledged themselves to join the church, at a Youth for Christ Rally Monday night. Speaker at the occasion, one in a series of Saturday night functions, was Evangelist Eddie Wagner. Approximately 350 young people attended the meeting and took part in group singing and a Bible quiz.

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Across the Editor's Desk...

Let's Tell the World By Every Available Means of Christ and Our Program For Him

Baptists should not miss a single opportunity to spread the gospel anywhere and everywhere possible. We should supplement the pulpit with the radio, the press, the mail, direct word of mouth and all other means possible to tell the good news of a Saviour who died that man might live.

We are doing well in the pulpit, our denomination being the most evangelistic of all. We have made considerable use of our church publications, reaching the majority of our homes with this printed message. We have begun to use the radio and religious movies, some churches using these quite tellingly to supplement the pulpit presentation.

Reaching the Unenlisted

But we are not reaching that man on the street who cares little about God and the church, and who will never be reached by the pulpit unless something touches his secular life to make him interested in the pulpit message. It is a task that can best be done in the daily newspaper, that medium that touches almost every person every day.

Baptists are tardy in this type of public relations program. Our gospel presentation is held back to that extent from what it could be. The Baptist denominational polity and program are losing in prestige to other faiths because others gain more attention of the public eye. Our own democracy suffers to the extent that our own Baptist people are not informed to the maximum.

Three Basic Purposes

Just getting one's name in print is not the purpose of any public relations program. The basic principle of publicity is to sell something. As a Christian group our aim would be to relay our Christian message to the world, to see that our preachments and our positions are presented to a public which might be brought closer to God because of them. What can be more powerful to turn a non-churchgoer to religious thinking than the telling, in his daily newspaper, what God has done for some other individual who surrendered completely to Him?

Such publicity will win new friends for the denominational program. The world naturally admires a going concern. Accounts of our endeavors will interest the average man who is interested in any organization which promotes a better world. Publicity given Arkansas Baptists on payment of her moral debt won many friends for the denomination and

A report to the Federal Council of Churches observed:

"The churches have not found ways to fully use the modern means of communication for the spread of the Christian Gospel. The unchurched of America cannot be reached in any adequate way unless the Church uses those media which mould men's convictions — motion pictures, radio, television, drama, the press, popular literature and organized advertising.

"The Protestant Church is not getting the publicity it deserves in the newspapers and magazines of the nation. The fault is mainly ours. Religion is news. The public relations program of the Protestant Church needs to be enlarged and strengthened."

for Christ, because it evidenced the power for Christ for uncompromised honesty.

Publicity will strengthen our own denomination inwardly. We are a democratic lot. We have nothing to hide. Our democracy increases as all "secrets" are divulged. Our people support things they know most about. And certainly, being human, our Baptist people enjoy reading of their own denomination's progress.

Plans Are Being Considered

Favor is spreading for a real up-to-date Baptist public relations office. The Joint Committee of American Baptists has such in mind. Certain of our Southern Baptist leaders are outspoken for such an office either in Nashville, to serve the South, or in Washington, to serve the nation. Southern Baptist editors endorsed the idea by appointing a committee to study the matter.

Groundwork already has been laid for a public relations program for Arkansas Baptists. Lack of personnel is the primary hindrance now, but despite these limitations your paper office now is succeeding in placing the denominational message in some forty of the state's secular papers every week.

We hope sincerely that Southern Baptists, at the Miami Convention, will do something definite on a Southwide public relations program. An increased allocation and provision for increased personnel in the office of the publicity secretary of the Executive Committee would be a forward step. Further emphasis on radio, the possible acquisition of a Southern Baptist radio station, greater emphasis on the content and appearances of

our state and Southwide publications are other angles worth considering.

The time is ripe. True, our message is an old old story that never changes, but modern means of presenting it are vital to reach a twentieth century world. The devil has no right to sole possession of modern public relations methods.

The president of a Baptist college in another state said the other day that his people gave the college their prayers and praises . . . but the school's creditors and faculty and building contractors were wanting money as well.

Seconds the Motion

A preacher friend writes: "Your editorial last week, 'They DO Read It,' does not go far enough. The fact a few people may not read the paper regularly is no excuse for not including the paper in the church budget. Not all the members of my Sunday School read the lesson quarterlies we give them, and a great number of members of my church never come to hear me preach not to mention those who sleep through the sermon.

"But we are going to keep preaching every Sunday, and furnishing Sunday School literature to all who will accept it and sending the state Baptist paper to all our families. We believe it is good business and good Christianity to propagate the gospel message at every opportunity."

The richest soil, if uncultivated, produces the rankest weeds. —Plutarch.

A penny will hide the biggest star in the universe if you hold it close enough to your eye. —Samuel Grafton.

Congress keeps its ear to the ground, but the trouble is it hears only those who are making the most noise.

Religious News Service has listed Arkansas' Brooks Hays as the congressman who knows the Bible best. He was high man in scoring at a recent radio Bible quiz program for congressmen, being the only one who knew it was Aaron's rod that blossomed and bare fruit. But even he was unable to recall that the fruit was almonds (Numbers 17:8).

There is danger that all of us will find ourselves in the position of the rich man in the Bible's story of the rich man and Lazarus. All over the world there are hungry, cold people. In spite of all we say, this is really a land of abundance. If we fail to give of our abundance to the needy people of the world, we are guilty of the sin that Jesus condemned in the parable. The spirit of Christ demands that the modern Lazarus get more than the crumbs that fall from our table. Southern Baptists can demonstrate the spirit of Christ by making a worthy contribution to the relief of distress in war-ravaged countries.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

A baby girl, Mary Elizabeth, weighing nine pounds, one ounce, was born to Editor and Mrs. C. E. Bryant March 16. This is the Bryants' second child, the other a boy, James Edwin, being two years old.

Calvary Church, Batesville, began a revival March 4 with Pastor Lloyd Sparkman, South Side Church, Pine Bluff, as evangelist. Byron King is pastor.

"The Need of Spiritual Progress in the World," was the subject of an address by Pastor Fred L. White, First Church, Prescott, to the Kiwanis Club of Hope. "The world has advanced in the scientific and mechanical fields, but spiritual progress is lagging far behind," Pastor White said. "Spiritual progress is both possible and necessary if the civilization and the way of life we know is to long survive. Spiritual progress is possible for the best of men as well as the worst and the best must lead out and help bring about this spiritual progress. This spiritual progress must begin with the individual and go from there to the home and then on down through all of our organizations."

Dr. Douglas Hudgins, First Church, Houston, has accepted the call of First Church, Jackson, Miss.

The old-fashioned truths of the Scriptures were presented in a new and novel manner to the young people of First Church, Prescott, by Evangelist Benson E. Hitchcock in a youth revival which began March 5. The services were divided into three parts—music, magic, and model. Truths of the Gospel were illustrated by picture and plastic models. The music was exclusively choruses.

"Three months of love and loyalty to Christ and His church,"—a Loyalty Crusade during March, April, and May,—have begun at First Church, Nashville. The purpose of the crusade as announced by Pastor W. E. Perry is "to organize, mobilize, vitalize, and evangelize." The goal is to secure every member at every service.

Plans for the erection of a new and modern place of worship have been made by First Church, Hazen. A series of revival services began March 17 with State Missionary E. D. Estes and Associational Missionary L. Y. Lewis leading.

Ministers of Mississippi County have organized a county-wide ministerial alliance.

Augusta Church held opening services in the auditorium of the new building March 10. The old building was destroyed by fire in July, 1944, and due to shortage of material and labor, work in rebuilding the church has been slow. The lower part of the building has been in use for some time. J. O. Young is pastor.

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First Church, Warren, began a revival March 3 with Dr. T. L. Harris, First Church, Camden, doing the preaching and Pastor J. T. Eliff, First Church, Lake Village, directing the music. Paul Aiken is pastor.

The Ouachita College Symphonic Choir has planned the following tour of the state: Mt. Ida, March 22; Waldron, March 23; Fort Smith, March 24; Fayetteville, March 25; Rogers, March 26; Eureka Springs, March 27; Harrison, March 28; Batesville, March 29; open March 30; Searcy, Sunday morning, March 31; Cabot, Sunday afternoon; Little Rock, Immanuel Church, Sunday night. Concerts will be given in the churches and high schools at each place. Robert McMillan, ministerial student, is director of the choir.

State Missionary C. C. Roberts held a stewardship revival at Rye Hill Church, Fort Smith, which resulted in two conversions.

Dr. Willis E. Howard, First Church, Springfield, Mo., has accepted the call to First Church, Oklahoma City, and will assume the new duties April 1.

Thirty-eight additions were counted the first week of a revival at Second Church, Hot Springs, led by Aubrey C. Halsell, chaplain, who has accepted the pastorate of First Church, West Memphis. W. J. Hinsley is pastor at the Hot Springs church.

H. L. Lipford began his ninth year as pastor of First Church, Earle, March 10. During his pastorate there have been 434 additions, 202 for baptism, with offerings totaling \$81,688.47.

Arkansas gave \$24,735.60 to Southwide causes in February, according to the monthly report released by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Co-operative Program received \$10,075.69 of the amount while \$14,468.85 went for designated causes. The Southwide total was \$683,338.07.

Meeting at Texarkana, its headquarters city, last week, the American Baptist Association reelected Dr. C. N. Glover of Sheridan, president and adopted a resolution terming the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, "a menace to Christianity." The association, independent of our regular convention work, claims support of 442 churches in 17 states, Hawaii and Canada.

First Church, Star City, had a Training Union Enlargement Campaign, March 3-7, with Ralph Davis, state Training Union secretary, directing and teaching the adults and young people. Miss Rosalee Webster, Little Rock, taught the intermediates; Mrs. William Perkinson, Fort Smith, the juniors; and Mrs. Joe Moore, Stephens, the Story Hour workers. Luther Dorsey is pastor.

Missionary Claude Crigler, White River Association, will conduct a study course at Flippin Church March 25-29.

First Church, DeWitt, has adopted a building program which includes the completion of the pastorium, a new heating plant for the

church, a new building for the East End sion, and eventually a new educational building. The church will begin a revival April with Dr. K. Owen White, pastor of Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C., as speaker. W. F. Town, pastor of First Church, Eunice, La., will direct the music. Douglas White is pastor.

More than 200 attended the Welcome Banquet for veterans of World War II, sponsored by the Baptist and the Methodist churches of Desha. The banquet was followed by a program in the school auditorium. John D. Spragins, president of Arkansas College, Batesville, was the principal speaker. He explained the GI Bill of Rights. Baptist Pastor David Patton was master of ceremonies. Methodist Pastor T. O. Love gave the welcome address. Others on the program were Miss C. Saville, chorister at the Baptist Church, led the group in the singing of patriotic hymns; Miss Maxine Adams, of the Methodist Church, who played the accordion; Miss Veda Stair, accompanist; and Miss Wynne James, soloist.

First Church, Desha, David Patton, has purchased a building to be converted a pastorium. This will be the third pastorium in Independence Association, the churches owning pastorioms being First Church, Batesville, and West Batesville Church.

Alpena Pass Church is now having full work and the church has recently voted to provide for a truck to bring people in to Sunday School and Training Union and worship services. The WMU now has twenty members. A Training Union has been organized with good sized union for each age group. B. L. L. man is pastor.

Pastor B. V. Ferguson, First Church, Smith, began revival services at Park Church, Hot Springs, March 4. Jesse Reece is pastor.

A Baptist church was organized at Memphis, Ne. March 3, under the sponsorship of Benton County Association. Organization resulted from a recent series of revival meetings conducted by Pastor Edgar Harvey, Immanuel Church, Rogers; Pastor Rel Gray, First Church, Rogers, and Rev. Tom Richards.

Ordination services were held at Second Church, Pine Bluff, February 21, when seven men were ordained to the office of deacon. They were G. S. Gandy, Arthur Beck, J. C. Raley, J. W. Owen, Luther Granderson, G. H. Holden. Pastor Lloyd Sparkman, South Side Church, conducted the questioning; Pastor L. G. Whitehorn, Matthews Memorial Church, led in the ordination prayer, and charge was given by Associational Missionary Marvin Jagers. Pastor Samuel King, Calvary Church, preached the ordination sermon.

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Workers Learn to Do By Doing in State Sunday School and Missionary Clinic

Evangelism was stressed as the motive of all Sunday School work in the state-wide Sunday School and Missionary Clinic held at Second Church, Little Rock, March 10-17—the biggest effort ever put forth in the state in the interest of Sunday School and mission work. A large corps of workers from the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., taught in the Clinic, with J. N. Barnette, their chief, directing the week's work.

Study and Work Combined

The enlargement campaign, conducted for the purpose of training Baptist workers of the state in Sunday School work through classes and laboratory work and to find and enlist people in the Sunday School of Second Church, was attended by 75 state and associational missionaries, pastors, and educational directors from outside the city. Officers and teachers of Second Church Sunday School studied during the night sessions and assisted with the visitation, while pastors and Sunday School workers from the churches of Pulaski County visited many of the sessions.

The Clinic was sponsored by the State Mission Department, the State Religious Education Department, and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

To launch the week's work, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, preached to the clinicians and the congregation of Second Church at the morning worship service, Sunday, March 10. Following lunch at the church all the clinicians, together with the officers and teachers of Second Church Sunday School, went afield to determine through a religious census the prospects for the school in the area adjacent to the church. The 175 census-takers located approximately 800 prospects in the small downtown area which was worked.

Daily Schedule

Four sessions were held each morning of the week: the first at 8:45, following the general theme, "Sunday School Fundamentals;" the second, "Using the Association to Reach and Help the Churches;" the third, "Ministering to Every Age Group in the Sunday School;" and the fourth, "Sunday School Leadership and Promotion."

The afternoon program provided special conferences for associational and state missionaries, under the direction of Dr. Otto Whittington, state mission secretary. All other clinicians attended special conferences in which there were discussions on the work of the various age groups in a Sunday School, the Six Point Record System, Vacation Bible School work, and one period on Church Music.

The afternoon work was concluded with laboratory work for all clinicians under the direction of Dr. Edgar Williamson, state director of Religious Education. This work majored on classification of census cards and intensive visitation. "Personal visitation is the only plan for building a great Sunday School," the workers were told over and over throughout the week.

Pastor Evaluates Work

Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of Second Church, said at the end of the week: "We feel that the Clinic has been encouraging and stimulating to our folk. The emphasis on evangel-

ism is splendid preparation for our revival meeting that is coming soon."

Eight new classes were organized in the Second Church Sunday School during the week. Additional space was secured in the building of the Little Rock Boys Club for one of the departments until the church's building plans have been realized.

Attendance in the Sunday School March 17 was 690—an increase of about 100 over the average attendance for the last several months. Teachers and class officers are making plans for following up the work of the Clinic until all prospects are enrolled in the Sunday School and until the last are won to Christ.

Workers from the Sunday School Board, in addition to Dr. Holcomb and Mr. Barnette, were H. E. Ingraham, J. P. Edmunds, A. V. Washburn, Philip B. Harris, Miss Mary Virginia Lee, Mrs. Lillian Moore Rice, Miss Allene Bryan, and Miss Pauline Hargis. Other out-of-state workers were Miss Bertha Mills, Dallas, Tex., and John D. Freeman of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

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Some people are content to spend a weekend with Jesus, but balk at having him as a permanent guest.

Let's Observe Home, Foreign Mission Day

By J. E. DILLARD

If ever there was a time when our people—all our people—needed to know about world conditions and needs, now is that time.

If ever there was a time when our people—all our people—needed to know what our denomination is doing, and not doing, to meet these needs, now is that time.

If ever there was a time when our people—all our people—needed to be all-out for Christ and a better world, and to do something about it, now is that time.

The progress and perpetuity of civilization and Christianity and even life itself upon this planet, under God, may be determined by what Christian people do to meet these crucial needs in the years immediately ahead.

No thoughtful Southern Baptist pastor, no wide-awake Sunday School superintendent will fail to observe Home and Foreign Mission Day, March 31.

A timely, thought-provoking, heart-moving program has been prepared and mailed to Sunday School superintendents. This program was prepared by Joe W. Burton, and is entitled, "Southern Baptists and World Needs." Order offering envelopes from Committee on Denominational Calendar, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.

Bible Conferences Lauded

SPRINGDALE

By R. ALLAN BRICKEY

The Northwest District Bible Conference held at First Church, Springdale, March 5-8, was very successful. An average of 35 attended the day sessions. Ministers and lay leaders from many churches in Northwest Arkansas were entertained as guests in Springdale homes during the conference.

Dr. E. L. Watson, widely known minister of Shawnee, Okla., former pastor of First Church, Okmulgee, Okla., conducted the Bible Hour in the morning and afternoon sessions. Dr. O. L. Gibson, First Church, Fayetteville, acted as dean of the school and presided at the sessions.

Dr. Otto Whittington, director of state missions, spoke at the close of the conference in regard to missions and Ouachita College. Rev. Alvin Hatton, state secretary for Royal Ambassadors, addressed the group. President H. E. Williams, Southern Baptist College, Pochontas, spoke on rural churches. Pastor Rel Cray, First Church, Rogers, gave a series of lectures on church administration. Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, host pastor and his associate, Allan Brickey, presented a series of lectures on homiletics. Hosea J. Dixon, retiring army officer and evangelistic singer of Noel, Mo., conducted the song services.

Other speakers were Pastor B. N. Simmons, Siloam Springs; State Missionary C. C. Roberts, Bentonville; Pastor Norman Drake, Second Church, Fayetteville; Pastor Edgar Harvey, Immanuel Church, Rogers; Pastor J. B. Maxwell, First Church, Bentonville; Pastor Al Feltz, West Fork; Pastor John B. Stephens, Gum Springs and Pleasant Hill Churches; Pastor B. L. Ayers, Prairie Grove Church; Pastor Melvin Coffelt, Gravette, and Ewel Logue, Sulphur City Church.

The program was arranged by Missionary J. S. Blystone, Washington-Madison Associa-

tion, and Missionary A. A. Brady, Benton County Association.

FORREST CITY

Charles W. Anderson, dean of the Bible School at Forrest City, March 4-5, reports that the conference was well received and very profitable. An average attendance of 38, representing seventeen churches, was recorded. Speakers were: Dr. E. P. J. Garrott, First Church, Batesville; Secretary B. L. Bridges, Little Rock; Dr. Otto Whittington, rural mission secretary; State Missionary James Fitzgerald; Pastor H. L. Lipford, First Church, Earle; and President H. E. Williams, Southern Baptist College, Pochontas.

OZARK

Attendants of the District Bible Conference at Ozark Church, March 5-7, adopted a resolution asking the Baptist State Convention to continue to sponsor the schools because of their great blessing to the denominational life.

Pastor Don Hook said: "The school was very well received and had the largest attendance in three or four years for this district. Dr. L. M. Sipes, Central Seminary, Kansas City, Kans., was at his best in teaching the book of Romans. His message on "The Blessed State of the Dead" was one of the high hours of the school. Dr. Otto Whittington brought a great message that stirred our hearts. All in all our school was one of the best it has been my privilege to attend and I have been attending since their inauguration."

Pastor Jim Brewer, First Church, Morrilton and Pastor V. H. Coffman, Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, were also principal speakers. Twenty-six churches were represented in the average attendance of 36.

The Brethren Are Asking Questions

Relating to the proposed Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan. We answer herewith a number already asked. Others will be answered through these columns in the near future. If you have still others to ask, send them to your state office at an early date.

1. **What is this Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan?**
It is a plan by which a married man can provide some income for his wife in event he dies before retiring from active service.
2. **Who may join this plan?**
Any married man, servant of the denomination, holding membership in some contributory retirement plan of the Board is eligible for membership in the Widows Plan.
3. **How does a person join this plan?**
A pastor fills out three participation agreements, keeps one in his files, and mails the other two, together with his first month's dues, to his state office prior to July 1 next. Unless at least two-thirds of the eligible pastors in a given state do this prior to that date, the plan cannot be inaugurated in that state for another year.
Anyone other than a pastor must participate in the "B" type plan, participation agreements to be secured from his employer and dues paid through the employer prior to July 1 next. Unless at least two-thirds of the individuals within a given group and two-thirds of the groups representing the various boards, institutions, and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention do this prior to July 1, 1946, the "B" type plan cannot be inaugurated on that date.
4. **May a person join this plan at any time?**
Membership may be entered upon as of July 1 of any year, but at no other time. Applications should be made a month or so prior to that date.
5. **What will membership cost the individual?**
Pastors of churches pay 1½ per cent of their salary (maximum \$4,000) prior to age 60. After 60, but prior to 70 years of age, members pay 2 per cent, and, after age 70 is attained, if participation is desired beyond that age, 2½ per cent. All other workers not in the pastorate, whether ordained or lay, pay 1½ per cent up to age 50, 2 per cent from 50 to 60, and 2½ per cent above 60.
6. **Should those in the upper age brackets join this plan?**
By all means, as age increases the probability of death.
7. **Why must the older men pay more in dues?**
The cost of the protection this plan affords increases rapidly with increasing age of the member. To meet part of this higher cost, each member must pay slightly more, if he wishes such protection to continue.
8. **Why should young men join?**
Some men die young, but, regardless of that fact, such participation offers the young man the rare opportunity to plan his security program wisely and well with a minimum of cost.
9. **What does the member get for his money?**
He gets satisfaction of providing his wife an annuity, payable to her, following his death, for the balance of her life, ceasing only in event she remarries.
10. **How is the widow's annuity computed?**
If the member has participated five years or longer, the annuity will be 40 per cent of one-half the average salary on which he had paid dues into this plan. If he had participated less than five years, the annuity would be graded according to the following table:

Year of Eligibility Widows Annuity	Widows Annuity: Percentage of Potential Age Retirement Annuity
1st	20
2nd	24
3rd	28
4th	32
5th	36
6th and later	40
11. **Is the member's wife protected under this plan as soon as he begins to participate and pay dues?**
The member's wife is not protected until he has paid dues one full year.
12. **What if a member dies during the first year of his participation?**
In such an event, whatever he had paid as dues will be refunded to his widow or estate.
13. **What if a widow remarries?**
The remarriage of a widow relieves the plan of any further obligation to her, her widow's annuity ceasing, as she is no longer a widow.
14. **Is this Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan uniform Southwide?**
Yes, save for a minor adjustment in North Carolina to meet the peculiar provisions of their Ministers' Retirement Plan, and for the fact that in South Carolina the Widow's Plan will be in operation one full year before elsewhere.
15. **Can a member move across state lines or from one type of denominational service to another without affecting his rights in this plan?**
Yes, as long as he goes into a state participating in the plan, or to a denominational board, institution, or agency participating.
16. **What is the difference between Type "A" and Type "B" of the plan?**
No difference whatever, save in the personnel covered and the dues increasing at earlier ages in Type "B".
17. **Why must members in the "B" type plan increase their dues earlier in life than members in the "A" type plan?**
Because the cost basis of 3 per cent of the member's salary, of which cost he pays but half, presupposes the inclusion of all age groups, with the average age at 45 years or under, and the age average of the personnel of the "B" type plan is somewhat higher than that figure.
18. **Is there any connection between this plan and the (Old) Annuity Plan?**
None whatsoever.
19. **Can a widow receive from both the (Old) Annuity Plan and this new Widow's Plan?**
Yes, provided her husband was a member of both these plans.
20. **What if a member becomes disabled and cannot pay his dues?**
Once a member enters upon a disability annuity, his dues in this Widow's Plan are paid for him by his state board or other employing agency, thus maintaining protection for his wife in event of his death.
21. **If a man's wife dies, should he continue as a dues-paying member?**
If a man's wife dies, he may continue paying dues into the plan, but there is no point in his doing so unless he contemplates remarriage.
22. **If a widower remarries, can he enter the plan again to provide protection for his second wife?**
Yes, but, in that event, the protection he provides will be limited according to the terms of Paragraph 11 in the certificate.
23. **What could be the maximum widow's annuity under this plan?**
The necessary conditions met, a widow would receive \$800 a year, the equivalent of 3 per cent interest on an estate of over \$25,000.
24. **Does a member pay into this plan after he has retired?**
No. The plan applies to the member as long as he is in active service. Upon retirement, the plan ceases to operate, and he pays nothing further.
25. **Does this mean there is no annuity for the widow of the man who dies after he has retired?**
There is none under this plan, but if, upon retirement, the member takes a reduced annuity in the retirement plan in which he has participated, he can make provision for his widow to receive an annuity following his death.

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Central College Reports On Its Stewardship

By EDWIN S. PRESTON

"Consistency, thou art a jewel" applies with special truth to the building of an institution. Length of history alone is not sufficient to produce growth and progress. The gains of any one year or any one period of years must be consolidated. Immediate efforts must be put forth to add substantially to these gains in the following year or period of years.

Central College has had more than fifty years of continuous history. That history has been continuously bright in one vital all-important attribute: The emphasis, clear-cut, unwavering, and unashamed, upon an education that is understandably Christian. This one attribute has not dimmed at any period in the more than a half century of service. That fact in itself would bring any person interested in Kingdom affairs a glow of satisfaction. Many of the alumnae and friends of Central College have had this one reason for pride in the institution even when not all other attributes merited a feeling of satisfaction.

Gloriously consistent then in one—THE one—all-important basic factor in Christian education, that of earnest Christian emphasis, Central College has moved along the way from those years of beginnings in 1892 to this present hour.

Comparisons With the Past

Finances have been down frequently—up only occasionally. Enrolment has gone from an all time low of 25 in the session 1921-22 to an all time high of 130 enrolled for the two years of Junior College work in the session 1935-36.

The value and condition of the physical property of the college has varied from the portion of Main Hall that was originally erected for the beginnings of the college through buildings gutted by fire and almost decapitated by tornado and on to the present plant completely redecorated in all major areas.

The support of Arkansas Baptists has varied widely in plan and amount. At one time, the college was practically leased by an incoming president for a period of years, and the denomination assumed the obligation only of keeping the insurance in effect on the buildings. All receipts from gifts and student fees were to be disposed of for instruction and other operating needs by the president.

Though the interest of the Arkansas Baptist Convention has been given expression in several ways, including the present generous allocation, there have been two vital elements lacking in the Convention policy with reference to the college. The first lack has been that of a consistent policy over periods of not less than five years during which it would be possible to evaluate the success of any given policy or administration. The second lack has been that of wholehearted committal and unashamed acknowledgement of the purpose to continue indefinitely here at Central College to build an outstanding, distinctive, two year, Christian college exclusively for girls.

Though the personnel of administrations have changed over the years yet the policies of the college which are administered through the Board of Trustees can be relatively stable, consistent, and planned in accordance with the most enlightened educational counsel.

Central College is a distinctive college. It now is a unique college as far as the whole

state of Arkansas is concerned for in comparison to every college in the state it is the only college exclusively for girls.

In addition to this, in comparison with most of the colleges in the state, Central College is distinctive in that it is an unashamedly Christian College—not Christian in name only but in earnest loyal purpose backed by as intelligent effort as it is possible for the present personnel to give.

Central College is distinctive when compared to most other colleges in Arkansas in that it is a Junior College and therefore centers its work on an age level where many transitions and life adjustments must be made.

Central College is distinctive when compared to a number of other colleges in the state in that it is a small college and would intend to remain so, believing that the true test of the worth of the Christian college is in the degree to which the college community catches the Christian ideal and seeks to live it.

Progress in Present Period

The fire of April 20, 1943 was a disaster in the college history which marked a low point in the condition of the physical property. The Semi-Centennial campaign and the building program which followed late in 1943 furnishes the beginning of the current period of nearly three years.

Let us evaluate the situation of the college in all vital matters in terms of this span of 2½ years.

On April 20, 1943, when the fire seriously damaged the auditorium and dining room wing and the front of Main Hall, the physical property had not been redecorated in any major way for a period of from five to ten years. Only some rooms on the second and third floors of the West wing of Main Hall were in use. Other sections of the building were in a state of repair that did not invite students.

Bruce Hall had not been redecorated for a period of nearly ten years.

The remodeling program brought about largely as a result of the Semi-Centennial campaign, led first by Bro. J. I. Cossey and later by Bro. E. E. Griever, and added to by gifts from other sources, has resulted in the complete remodeling and redecoration of Main Hall.

The gift of \$1,000 from the Maude Richardson Estate added to by gifts permitted the redecoration of all students and faculty rooms in Bruce Hall during this past summer.

The Board of Trustees purchased and paid for a president's home in July, 1943, had it modernized and made an integrated asset of the physical plant of the college.

The damage done by the tornado which struck the college June 9, 1945 has been repaired.

Central College, I am told by those who know the college history intimately, is in the best physical shape of any time in almost two decades.

Only five faculty members for the 1942-43 session returned to continue their duties for the 1943-44 session. Nearly three-fourths of

*Excerpts From the President's Report
to the
Central College Board of Trustees*

the faculty had to be recruited in the two months of July and August.

We now have nearly three times as many of our faculty who are qualified for membership in the American Association of University Women as were qualified for such membership in the faculty immediately preceding the three year period in which we now are.

The enrolment of the year immediately preceding this present three year period was 83. Our enrolment as of today has reached 106

Student Income Gains

Income from student fees for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943 was \$19,717.75. Income from student fees the following year was \$20,587.00, a gain of \$869.25. Income the following fiscal year ending this past June 30, 1945 was \$21,463.30, a gain over the immediately preceding year of \$876.30.

Fixed Assets Increased

The gain year by year in this present three year period can be evaluated in terms of the total assets of the college including a valuation on the following items: real estate—including Main Hall, Bruce Hall, Swimming Pool, President's Home, improvements to buildings and grounds, furnishings and equipment, and library.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, the total value of property at Central College was \$324,629.50. The following year the total value was \$332,185.52—an increase of \$7,556.02.

The following year ending this past June 30, 1945, the total value of the college property was \$391,008.82—a gain over the immediately preceding year of \$58,823.30. The total gain of Central College fixed assets over the past two fiscal years has been \$66,379.32.

In this two year period, the library has been increased in value approximately 40%, furnishings and equipment have been increased in value approximately 12%. The increase in total assets over this two year period has been a little more than 20%.

During those two college fiscal years, Arkansas Baptists gave Central College through the budget \$23,500. Through the Semi-Centennial Campaign, Arkansas Baptists gave approximately \$40,000, making a total of \$73,500.

The increase in fixed assets of the college in that same period of two years was \$66,379.32. From sources other than the Convention budget and the Semi-Centennial Campaign the assets of Central College have been increased to within \$7,120.68 of the amount given through Convention sources in the past two full college fiscal years. In addition to the increase in intangible assets and two college years of service the Convention now has a college worth within \$7,120.68 of the amount it has invested in the college in the same period of time.

Contributions are Encouraging

What the Convention has invested has not only paid for its operation but has attracted the confidence of generous individuals who have become convinced that Central College is worth investment of their money.

Contributions exclusive of the allocation from the Convention budget amount to \$1,148.52 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945. In the following fiscal year contributions ex-

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Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN
Executive Secretary

E. C. ROUTH
Editor, The Commission

Dr. Robert E. Beddoe writes from Hongkong, which is still administered by the military, that the Chinese Baptist church where he was to preach the following day never missed a service through the long war and few of their members suffered. They have a large day school and crowds overflowing the building on Sundays. He found that the name of Stout Memorial Hospital was an "Open Sesame" wherever he went. He expected in a short time to be in Wuchow where the hospital is located. "Hongkong cannot recover until shipping becomes normal and this cannot happen until there is a suitable currency. All prewar accounts are still good at the banks."

The over-all offering during February for Foreign Missions, including Lottie Moon, was \$910,000, the largest in the history of the Board. Offerings for Relief the first two months of this year were \$10,000—plus above relief offerings for the corresponding two months in 1945. The budget receipts for the first two months this year represented an increase of \$374,000 above corresponding period last year. Texas led in Lottie Moon offerings with \$360,000—plus and Virginia came next with \$122,000—plus. As of date March 9, the Board has already received from the Lottie Moon offering \$1,150,000—plus.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in its meeting March 1 authorized the administrative committee to meet in Nashville March 20-21 to consider world missionary opportunities and needs, and to make recommendations to a pre-convention conference of the Executive Committee and of state and south-wide executive secretaries and Baptist editors called to meet in Miami May 14. Many Southern Baptists are asking why, with tens of millions being raised over and above the Cooperative Program for church buildings and institutional equipment in various states where we have not suffered the destruction of war, we should not make an offering for that part of the world which has been devastated by war and where doors are open as never before.

The Foreign Mission Board will meet in Richmond Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9-10. Some sixty candidates are expected for appointment to foreign mission service. Let us keep on praying the Lord of the Harvest that many other laborers will be provided for white harvest fields.

The Board of Managers of the University of Shanghai accepted the resignation of President T. K. Van and elected Henry H. Lin acting president until July . . . Missionary A. R. Crabtree has recently been elected president of the Baptist Seminary, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

One of the most significant World Mission Weeks in the South was held recently in Washington, D. C., with every one of the 34 Baptist churches cooperating and with a whole-hearted response from the people. On the program were 45 Southern and Northern Baptist missionaries representing five con-

tinents, stimulating missionary interest to an unusually high degree. One of the highlights of the week was a visit to the White House where the group was received by President Truman.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga., of which Dr. Frederick S. Porter is pastor, gave \$5,040 during Lottie Moon Week, the largest Lottie Moon offering in the history of the church.

Lt. Col. Jesse M. Johnson, a Virginia Baptist layman who has been serving as Judge Advocate in Japan, writes home: "The United States, in my humble judgment, has the greatest opportunity that could come to a sovereign nation and that is to bring Christ over here. . . . The doors are wide open and hearts and minds are receptive as never before. It would have taken centuries and centuries for our missionaries to do what they can now do overnight. This is truly a new day for both countries. We, as well as they are upon trial before the great courts of the world. We alone, in this respect, may be on trial before the Eternal Tribunal. How can they believe without a teacher? Now is the time for our Foreign Mission Board to get on the job."

In writing from Shanghai just after arriving in China, Dr. Beddoe refers to the attitude of Chinese Baptist pastors and other leaders as expressed in the statement of one of the Chinese pastors who said, "We have gone through trials and hardships; we have suffered and many have died; but God has been with us and we have pulled through years of occupation without defeat. We love and need missionaries, but we want you as fellow-laborers not on the basis of subsidy and pauperization; we need your advice, sympathy, and understanding." One of the Shanghai Baptist leaders said that he told the Japanese repeatedly, "You have power to shoot me but no power to coerce a sovereign Baptist church."

Hungarian Baptists thank Southern Baptists for \$10,000 sent them recently through the Department of State for the relief of their poverty-stricken pastors and others greatly needing help.

Among Southern Baptists recently returning to China are: Miss Ruth Ford, Mrs. H. H. McMillan, Mrs. D. F. Stamps, and Wilson Fielder . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. Raymon Brothers recently returned to Nigeria, arriving at Lagos March 3 . . . The Fay Askews returned to Buenos Aires . . . Mrs. Clem D. Hardy left Miami February 15 for Manaus, Brazil . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lindell O. Harris left February 23 for Hawaii.

Recently losses in the ranks of our Southern Baptist missionaries are Dr. C. A. Hayes, who spent forty years in China, who died February 25; and Miss Naomi Elizabeth Schell of Japan, who died February 23 in Asheville, N. C. Both of these missionaries had rendered distinguished service.

Dr. George W. Sadler is expected to return from Europe and the Near East sometime in

Far Short

Citing that the per-capita income in 1944 of individuals in states in Southern Baptist territory was \$771, Statistician Porter Routh estimates that Baptists received the average, the title of Southern Baptist income for 1944 would have been \$437,264,765. Total gift for all purposes in 1944 by Southern Baptists was only \$76,599,420, however

April. As soon as he returns we shall report on to Southern Baptists the experiences and impressions of that trip.

The Amoma Class of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, gives \$1,000 for the support of a foreign missionary.

President Truman has issued an order opening doors for shipping Relief goods to Europe many through the American agencies, permitting 2,000 tons of Relief materials to enter Germany each month from the churches and other voluntary agencies.

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Pastors' Conference

Precedes Conventions

By M. E. DODD

This is to announce the Pre-convention Pastors' Conference which will hold sessions in Miami, Florida, Tuesday morning, afternoon and evening, May 14. Dr. C. H. Bolton, Riverside Church, Miami, will have charge of the local arrangements. The following brethren have promised to appear on the program:

Dr. Robert G. Lee, Bellevue Church, Memphis; Dr. J. O. Williams of the Sunday School Board, Nashville; Dr. J. D. Grey, First Baptist Church, New Orleans; Evangelist J. Clifford of Pennsylvania; and Dr. Earl Edington, First Church, St. Petersburg, Florida.

The theme of the conference will be: "Evangelism" and some of the special topics be: "The Message," "The Messenger," "The Method," "Evangelism in the Sunday School," etc.

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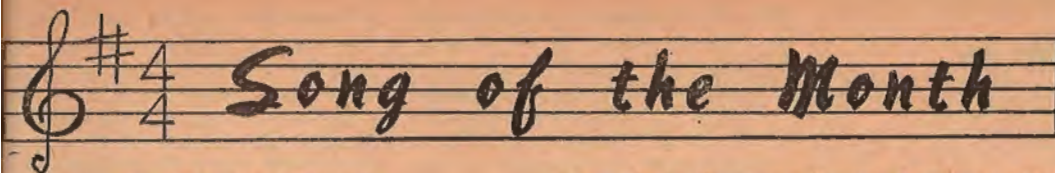
Since Southern Baptist Convention Secretaries Moore and Burnett have announced their intention of retiring after the Miami meeting, it may be of interest to the brethren to be thinking about their successors. In course, Dr. Neff will not stand for re-election and new vice-presidents will be elected. However, the Southern Baptist Convention will have an entirely new staff of officers for the time in a hundred years. That is news.

—Baptist Review

The General Board of Education of the Methodist Church has reported as "a great success" the use of 700,000 comic-book texts published weekly to teach Bible stories to children in the Sunday School.

Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced in Washington that the largest annual increase in serious crimes in fifteen years place during 1945. Such crimes jumped 10 percent over 1944.

Despite Russia's growing controversy with the Vatican, President Truman has named Gen. Walter Bedel Smith, a Roman Catholic, as this nation's new ambassador to Moscow.



By RUTH NININGER

It seems especially fitting at this spring-time of the year to take for our Song of the Month for April one so simply and beautifully expressed as to make it universal. Thus, we have chosen "For the Beauty of the Earth."

As we sing it young and old alike make this sentiment their very own. Looking upon the beauty of nature in its resurrection garb, hearing the songs of birds, experiencing the joy of human love, and feeling gratitude for the blessings and privileges of a Christian life, many of us long for the capacity to express these emotions. Though not gifted as poets all may make the words of this great song their own sincere expression of gratitude.

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;*

*For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light;*

*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild;*

*For Thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love;*

*For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight;*

*For Thyself, best Gift Divine,
To our race so freely given,
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven;*

REFRAIN

*Christ our God, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

"For the Beauty of the Earth" has long been recognized as one of the most delightful hymns of thanksgiving in the English language. It has had very general use and churches everywhere are urged to let their people learn it. "Lord of all" has been substituted in some hymnals for "Christ our God" as the introduction to the refrain.

Folliott Sanford Pierpont, who wrote the poem, was a distinguished Englishman. The music is an abridged form of chorale named Dix for its association with "As With Gladness Men of Old" by W. C. Dix. This great tune, so simple, straightforward, and devotional says exactly what is expressed in the words of the poem. It was written to be sung antiphonally, the first phrase by one group, the second by another group, all voices uniting in the majestic refrain, "Christ, our God, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise."

Conrad Kocher, the composer, was a great student of church music and edited many hymn collections. He lived and did most of

his work in Germany though he spent some time studying in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In the Church Music Department at 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, are mimeographed copies of this song combined with suitable scripture which makes an impressive short devotional service. Any one desiring a copy of this service may have it by writing to the office. It is suggested that copies be made for every member of the congregation on the first Sunday that the hymn is used. In this manner the scriptural background enhances the beauty and effectiveness of the song.

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Christian Home Week Radio Programs Ready

By SAM F. LOWE

Dr. Walter P. Binns, President, William Jewell College, and Dr. T. F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., are the speakers in two series of six 15-minute transcribed radio programs available for broadcast over your local radio station during Christian Home Week, May 5-11.

Dr. Binns brings to this new series on the Christian Home his experience as successful pastor, college president and conference leader on marriage and home for college youth at Ridgecrest Assembly.

Dr. Adams, popular speaker and recognized authority on the home has been heard over more than one hundred stations in this series of transcribed programs.

Since radio offers an effective way of reaching and blessing many homes not under the influence of church and Bible School, you will doubtless want to join others in arranging for one of these series to be broadcast over your local station during that week.

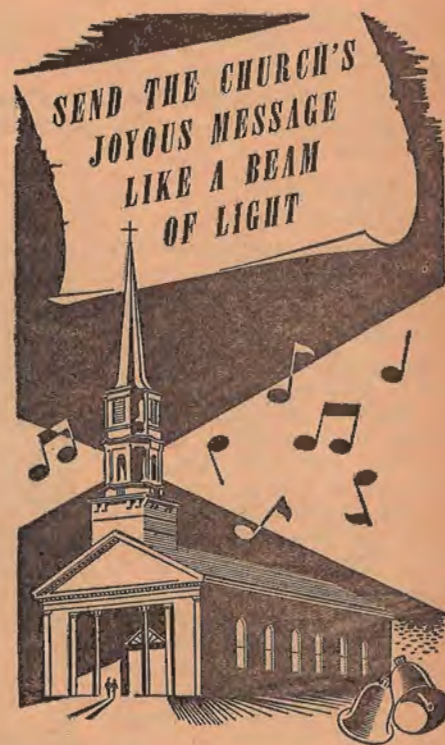
If local ministers groups, associational Sunday School groups and executive committees will approach the management of the local radio station now before their schedule is filled for the week of May 5-11, doubtless arrangements can be made for the broadcasting of one of these series on the Christian Home. Early decision on this will also enable the Radio Committee to supply the records for the broadcast.

This is a cooperative matter and we stand ready to work with you in this understanding. Address The Radio Committee, S. F. Lowe, Director, 427½ Moreland Avenue N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

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When Dr. George W. Truett died, it was proposed that a memorial building be erected at Southwestern Seminary by the alumni of that institution and their friends. Not long after his death, Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, also a great Texas Baptist, passed away. Alumni and other friends felt that the building program should be enlarged to include a memorial to Dr. Scarborough. Almost immediately, a friend of these two men and the institution offered to give \$250,000 to the memorial on condition that \$500,000 more could be raised. It was proposed that this tripartite building should be an auditorium, a library, and administration headquarters. Many memorials and special gifts and enlarged programs have come since, and little has been said lately of this building enterprise. It has now reached to within \$40,000 of the desired goal, and a special effort is being made to complete this noble undertaking.

"Church Chimes" carries the following: "WANTED—A recipe for interesting my class without the bother of being interested myself. Will pay liberal price. Address Miss Takeit-easy, Restwell, 27 Hammock Row."



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Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference

The twenty-second annual Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference was held at Central College, March 1-3, with a total registration of 203 besides the college personnel who contributed in so many ways to the success of the meetings. One hundred eighty-nine girls registered from 45 churches in 34 towns. In addition there were twelve speakers and program participants and two Conway girls.

Missionary speakers, Mrs. Clyde Hankins, Brazil, and Miss Floryne Miller, Japan, brought stirring messages in keeping with the conference theme, "Into All the World." Mrs. Albert Bagby, Brazil, brought the devotionals which were along the thought of being beautiful. Other speakers were Mrs. J. E. Short, president of the WMU of Arkansas, Mrs. C. H. Ray, state secretary, and Miss Elma Cobb of Baptist State Hospital.

Much variety made the program very interesting. Special features included a pantomime of the GA hymn, "We've a Story to Tell," presented by the YWA of Central College under the direction of Miss Hazel Cain; a clever skit, "Meet Your Relatives," presented by the speech department under the direction of Miss Judith Mayes; a reception for the missionaries given by the YWA of the college with Miss Ruth Echols in charge; a take-off on the Dr. I. Q. program for World Comrades, prepared and led by Mrs. Edgar Svenningsen; a stunt period when the various groups participated; beautiful musical numbers provided by the Central College Chorus, directed by Mrs. Howard Lefever; and an enjoyable banquet, "Style All the While," with pretty hand-painted bonnet programs, group singing, solos on styles, and a hat style show by the GA's. Mrs. Charlie Crain and eight girls of the El Dorado churches carried out most impressively and elaborately the GA Initiation Service.

A new feature—simultaneous discussion groups on four major topics of interest to girls of today—proved most popular. Many experts assisted with these discussions with Mrs. Edwin Preston, Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Mrs. Albert Bagby, and Miss Elma Cobb in charge.

Miss Le Earle Drake, a volunteer for foreign missions soon to be

FIELD WORKER



Miss Cathrine Jordan will serve as Summer WMU Young People's Field Worker in Arkansas. We rejoice in this announcement and will look for requests for her services immediately. She is well qualified for this work being a college graduate, having taught school for several years, serving in state G. A. Camps last summer, and now having spent one year in Southwestern Training School. All this training is the richer because of her years of actual experience in her own church. She is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. T. H. Jordan of Van Buren.

graduated from the University of Arkansas Medical School, assisted with the conference for volunteers. Five members of Girls' Auxiliaries over the state discussed the five star ideals as they lighted one by one the points of a large star.

The Coronation Service led by Miss Hutchison and Mrs. Short brought recognition to four Maidens, six Ladies-in-Waiting, and two Princesses. Mrs. Short placed the crown upon these Queens, Martha Ann and Ila Maude Baxter, Edna Mae Tanner, Cecile Killian, Jo Anne Burroughs, Viva Edd Thrash, and Gwendolyn Williams. Then came Lessie Ruth King to receive her scepter and the honor of being acclaimed Queen-with-the-Scepter. Lastly, the highest honors for a GA were bestowed upon Mayrene Baxter, now to be known as a Queen Regent, as the cape was placed on her shoulders by

Mrs. Short. After proper charges by the president, those wearing crowns, including five who had been crowned in their own churches during the past year, knelt with the leader for prayer.

Throughout the sessions as the missionaries spoke girls were challenged to head the call of the Lord for special work in His Kingdom. At the close of the Sunday morning session those who had at some time formerly surrendered to His call were asked to join Miss Hutchison at the front. Twenty-five came forward. Then the call was made for all, who now felt the call and now were willing to answer unreservedly, to come. Thirteen fine young intermediate girls came with all seriousness of purpose. Miss Hutchison closed the session with prayer for these new volunteers.

As the custom is with auxiliaries, opportunity for making a mission offering came during the Sunday morning session. These girls and leaders gave \$93 and voted that it go to World Relief, believing this is the greatest need at the present.

Sincerest appreciation goes to President Preston, his entire faculty group and the students for their lavish effort in entertaining this large group in their school.

Miami in May

Although May 12-14 may seem a long way in the future now, it isn't too early for making definite plans to attend the WMU sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention. In fact, the reservations are already pouring in to the McAlister Hotel, which will serve as the ladies' headquarters, and to all the other hotels in Miami. It is certainly not too early now to decide on combining a visit in the vacation city with the spiritual inspiration to be gained from the Convention.

Many are planning to drive down to Miami, seeing Florida on the way. Those who have their cars will be especially fortunate, for they can engage rooms in Miami Beach, and drive the three miles across the causeway each day to attend the services. They can thus enjoy the beach and ocean at their door steps, in the intervals of meetings.

The Miami ladies in charge of

reservations request that those who plan to bring their cars indicate the fact when they reserve their rooms, and make early reservations, please! Surprised enough, the rooms on the city side are priced more reasonably than those on the city side.

Miami has attracted a host of visitors this winter: Winston Churchill, stars of stage, screen and concert hall, politicians and leaders of every phase of American life. With them have come thousands of others to enjoy the warmth and pleasures of the City. In May, however, the city will be especially honored to host to the spiritual leader of the Southern Baptists.

In addition to the physical beauties of scenery and climate, the waters and sparkling beaches, Baptist visitors will find spiritual refreshment as well. Great speakers, rousing music and the congeniality created by a congenial absorbing interest will make the days memorable for all delegates. So plan now for Miami in May. Mrs. Paul W. McEntire, WMU Publicity Chairman for Miami Meeting.

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The fundamental teaching of religion must be at the base of that essential harmony and brotherly respect between men of all creeds and races. Under these teachings there can be no "wrong side of the tracks" in our cities. . . . We do not point with pride to our churches and close our eyes to the slums . . . we cannot be content with Sunday and church schools of all faiths, filled with one-half of our communities' children and ignore the other half of our children who are not receiving any religious training or education whatsoever.

—Capt. Harold E. Sta

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The war is not over in any sense until we have found the way to remove the factors and tensions which make possible recurring wars, with their accompanying death, suffering and despair of innocent millions.

—Dr. Roy G. B

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Government, at best, in a society is a watchdog, a defender and protector, of free men.

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BSU SECRETARY SPEAKS



Emma Lee Standifer from Ho Springs, a junior at Ouachita, is serving this year as secretary of the state Baptist Student Union. She says:

"Thank you for letting me have the privilege of serving you for this school year. Someone said 'Thanks are like mortgages to be paid in installments.' My installments are the opportunities that I have this year to serve as secretary.

"I sincerely believe in BSU because I know how much it has meant to me as a student. I like BSU because it gives me an opportunity of serving for Christ while I am a student. There was an old deacon who didn't want to help move the chairs in the church because he wanted 'jest to sit and get sperichal.' BSU helps to put my Christianity into action.

"If we will work and depend on God we can make this a great year for the Lord as we serve him on our own campus through the 'spirit of BSU.' Christ is our Imperative!"

Speakers and Dates Are Announced for District Training Union Conferences

April 22-May 3, 1946

Ten District Training Union Conferences will be held during the weeks of April 21 and 28. These will be one-day, two-session meetings. The theme will be "Enlisting to Win." The program personnel will consist of the following:

J. E. Lambdin, Secretary-Editor, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, Editor, Junior and Intermediate Literature, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mrs. B. W. Nininger, State Music Director, Little Rock.

Miss Thelma Arnote, Director Story Hour Work, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

R. Maines Rawls, Director, Young People's Work, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

C. Aubrey Hearn, Editorial Associate, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

J. Earl Mead, Educational Director, Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

Dr. A. E. Tibbs, Head of the Department of Religious Education, Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans.

Ralph W. Davis, State Training Union Director, Little Rock.



J. E. Lambdin, Secretary-Editor, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, who will bring messages, lead demonstrations, and conduct conferences during the second week of the District Training Union Conferences.

Use Your Posters

Attractive posters announcing the ten conferences have been mailed to every church. We urge those who have received these posters to put them up in a conspicuous place and call the attention of the church membership to them. The poster announces the meeting places and the program, schedule and personnel.

The meeting places and dates for the conferences are as follows:

April 22—Pine Bluff	Immanuel Baptist Church
April 23—McGehee	First Baptist Church
April 24—El Dorado	Immanuel Baptist Church
April 25—Hope	First Baptist Church
April 26—Arkadelphia	First Baptist Church
April 29—Harrison	First Baptist Church
April 30—Springdale	First Baptist Church
May 1—Charleston	First Baptist Church
May 2—Wynne	First Baptist Church
May 3—Paragould	First Baptist Church

Better Speakers

The winners of the Better Speakers' Tournament and the Intermediate Sword Drill at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly will be sent, with all expenses paid, to represent Arkansas at Ridgecrest provided the following requirements are met:

1. Twelve associations must send contestants to the Arkansas Baptist Assembly.
2. There must first be a church

contest and an associational tournament. The contestants must come up through the church run-off and the associational run-off.

The following bulletins on church music are available. Simply address a card asking for the ones you need to Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock. Church Music Bulletin, Music for Easter, Hymns for Contest, Materials for Junior Choirs, Youth Choir Festival, Easter Services.

Plan Now For Vacation Music School

Many churches are introducing a course in Church Music in connection with regular Vacation Bible School work, using one of the associate state church music workers whose services may be had only in the summertime. Schedules for these workers are being made. Churches desiring this service should communicate with Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, at once.

It is suggested, if it is not desirable to combine these two schools, that the possibility of having a separate Vacation Music School sometime during the summer which will meet the needs of the children as well as young people and adults, be investigated. Classes would be held for different age groups where hymn playing, study of great hymns and music fundamentals would be taught.

Many of the smaller churches have found it practical to go together for such a school using only the one worker. Typical of this idea is the Vacation Music School scheduled for Harmony Association, Zone 1, for July. The association missionary, Bro. Marvin Jaggers, is assuming the responsibility of promoting this school and is most enthusiastic about it.

BSU Spring Retreat

The Baptist Student Union Spring Retreat will be held at Russellville Tech, April 26-27. There will be three sessions: Friday night, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon. All students attending the retreat will be housed by Tech and will stay in dormitories with students. Meals will be served in the college dining hall.

The total cost for the retreat aside from transportation is \$1.50 per student. This pays for the bed and meals for the entire retreat.

The retreat is held each spring for the new council officers to inform them what their duties

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Central College Reports Its Stewardship

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clusive of those from the Convention budget amounted to \$12,-684.17.

In the fiscal year which closed last June, the contributions exclusive of the Convention budget and exclusive of the Semi-Centennial Campaign were \$11,662.41.

In the operating account closing last June 30, the college came to the end of the fiscal year with a balance of \$330.62. Not quite the full amount of the \$16,000 asked for this period was required to bring about this result.

Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Jim G. Ferguson, the college now has a scholarship trust fund which is valued by the auditors at over \$4,000. The income on this, it is anticipated, will be in excess of \$100 a year and will be used as a full tuition scholarship for a worthy girl each year.

"Greater Central" Movement

The college operating budget is not large enough to aggressively press the program for a greater Central College which was authorized by the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Baptist Convention and announced at the Convention.

In recent weeks a contribution in the amount of \$5,000 has been received from an anonymous donor and is being used to make possible an aggressive approach by the college in all areas to secure an enlarged student body and a more substantial permanent support. The request is made that this amount be matched in money available for the same purpose from sources other than the budget of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. The cooperation of individuals is requested so that the fine impetus given the greater Central College program may be conserved. Such monies as may come to the college without designation as to purpose may be used to match this gift.

Direct approaches to individuals and corporations will continue to be the consistent and ethical plan of the college in seeking to match this amount for the aggressive outreach toward an enlarged student body and an increased permanent support.

Current Year is Best

In practically every way the current college year has been the best of the three college years included in the present three year period. The student body has been satisfactory in size considering every factor.

The entering class this year was twice as large as the entering class of the year before. It is expected that the amount received from student fees this current year will be greater than the amount received each of the two preceding years. The present faculty is better qualified as a whole for the specific duties than has been true



President Preston

of the average in the past two years. The spirit of the student body is more cooperative, more optimistic, and more enthusiastic.

Objectives for Greater Central

The objectives of the greater Central College movement set forth in the recent Convention and restated here as information are as follows:

New Buildings and Permanent Improvements.

Immediate Objectives:
 Gymnasium and Student Activities Bldg. \$50,000.
 Practice Home and Faculty Apartments 15,000.
 New Equipment 10,000.
 Campus Improvement 5,000.
 Endowment and Permanent Support.

Annual Gifts from Individuals:
 Endowment Needed 500,000.
Units Within Endowment Goal:
 For Annual Tuition 3,500.
 For All-Expense Scholarship 15,000.
 For Annual Lectures Series on themes vital to a Christian College 20,000.
 Founding Bible Department or other one of the 12 departments 50,000.

TOTAL ENDOWMENT NEEDED \$500,000.

Steady Progress Made Each Year

The course of the college in the past three years has been consistently upward. The fees of the college have been increased to where they are comparable with other colleges which offer similar facilities and program.

The qualifications of the faculty have been raised. The buildings and grounds are in the best shape in a number of years. The fixed assets of the college have been substantially increased. The average quality of student and the scholastic level have been improv-

ed. The income from student fees has increased each year.

Every dollar of student accounts owing to the college during each of the two past fiscal years has been paid. Not one dime is owing the college on the college fees of any student during this two year period. Payments by students in this current fiscal year are on schedule. Bills and accounts of the college for this current fiscal year are in good shape. No obligations of the college in the operating account are outstanding.

\$1250 has been paid during the past year on the improvement tax owing by the college as a direct obligation of the Board of Trustees.

All insurance settlements for the windstorm damage were successfully terminated and the repair work completed with the counsel of the local Board of Trustees.

The amount of the insurance the college carries on all property is considered adequate and is in full effect.

The amount of the windstorm damage which was deducted from the total face value of the policies has been reinstated. These policies, including fire and extended coverage on all buildings including Main Hall, are in full effect in the amount of the face value of the policies. A major part of this insurance is carried on a three year basis in order to secure a lower rate of premium.

Look Ahead With Faith

Central College stands like Hebrew people at Kadesh-Barnea looking forward into a promised land which I confidently believe is attainable. There are those who doubt it, but facts of progress in these nearly three years, the obstacles overcome, and the outlook ahead combine to make me believe that we should stabilize our thinking with regard to Central College, give the college the benefit of a Convention which has been led by facts to a personal sense of committal to the college and to what it stands for—a committal that will refute by its informed optimism the querrulous voices of uninformed or faithless who would seek to divert Central College from its objectives.

The Arkansas Baptist Convention can give interest and helpful and enthusiastic support of the greater Central College objectives. I predict that if this be the course chosen, a few years only in the future this Convention will look back with pride on the faith evidenced. Even then it will be bearing fruit in terms of a college respected in the academic field, financially stable, producing products who fit into Christian homes and into the work of our Baptist churches. Such a time of justifiable pride will come in the near future if to the facts is added faith.

These Chaplains Are

CIVILIANS AGAIN

The following chaplains have been discharged from military service and are available for torates, according to the Department of Camp Work of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Complete information may be obtained from the paper office:

Raymond A. Coppenger, Auburn, Ala.

James H. Cox, 1417 No. 8th Wichita Falls, Tex.

James B. Dailey, Rt. 37, Box U, New Orleans, La.

Edward C. Derr, Shamrock, Tex.

James F. Heaton, 2232 E. Tulsa, Okla.

James Hugh Kelly, Calhoun, Ala.

Vernon C. Kuester, 1936 St., Houston 3, Tex.

Lee Edward McGowen, Box Moorhead, Miss.

Homer W. Thompson, 831 Fern St., Sherman, Tex.

Carmah C. Underwood, 145 press St., Kansas City, Mo.

Earl C. Whitsitt, 812 E. St., No. Kansas City, Mo.

Melvin T. Wilson, Box 163, Rouge, La.

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Figures to Inspire

March 10, 1946

Church	Adds.	S.S.
Arkadelphia, Second	25	274
Atkins, First	4	135
Benton, First	4	491
Blytheville, New Liberty	1	131
Conway, First	3	398
Crossett, Mt. Olive	—	124
Dumas, First	2	284
Dyess, Central	—	145
El Dorado, First	2	747
Eudora	—	184
Fort Smith Churches:		
First	1	857
Including Mission	—	909
Immanuel	—	588
Fountain Hill, First	—	93
Gentry, First	4	189
Hamburg, First	3	266
Harrison, First	—	316
Hope, First	—	445
Including Mission	—	479
Hot Springs Churches:		
Central	3	332
First	—	284
Park Place	22	468
Second Baptist	23	580
Including Mission	—	670
Little Rock Churches:		
First	13	1217
South Highland	2	273
Tabernacle	5	416
Magnolia, Central	—	371
Malvern, First	2	302
Mena, First	2	261
Monticello, First	2	226
Norphet, First	—	201
N. Little Rock Churches:		
Baring Cross	10	587
Including Mission	—	642
Pike Avenue	4	155
Ozark	—	209
Including Mission	—	243
Paris, First	5	372
Pine Bluff Churches:		
First	—	761
Including Mission	—	789
Second	2	232
Including Mission	—	241
South Side	—	433
Including Mission	—	477
Rogers, First	1	292
Siloam Springs	—	212
Springdale, First	—	377
Including Mission	—	422
Tuckerman, First	1	104
Tyronza, Barton Chapel	—	136
Warren, First	14	473

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The "Youth for Christ" movement, holding regular mass meetings with large attendance, is now spreading in Arkansas and Japan.

Another Reminds Us. . .

Baptists Are Not Protestants

By E. D. Estes
State Missionary

How long will the general public and a few Baptists think and speak of Baptists as Protestants! Baptists are not Protestants. We do not protest against things that are wrong, but we never came out of another religion. We as Baptists had our beginning before ALL other religions, except the Hebrew religion and Paganism. Both the Bible, religious history and secular history show and prove these facts. Religions, scripturally and chronologically, come in order as follows:

1. **The Hebrew religion** — with ALL believers saved by the Grace of God, through personal faith in the coming Christ, just as we are today.

2. **Paganism**—and we still have plenty of it today even among us, here.

3. **Baptists**—the Christian religion—the fulfillment of the pure Hebrew religion. Baptists were ordained of God, prepared by John the Baptist for the coming Messiah, by preaching repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ and then baptizing the saved. Then Jesus called out some of the baptized believers and set up His first church and built it up as others trusted Him and were baptized and finally was located in Jerusalem. Many other such Baptist churches were established later on as the Bible and history as well as observation shows.

The earliest Baptists were regenerated, baptized Jews and the Apostle Peter was in the number. Wake up parents and people and see what is in school history and so-called science—even from the fourth grade in our public schools! Read Acts 14:2, "But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and made their minds evil effected against the brethren"—the early Jewish Baptists. These same kind of early Baptists "Were called Christians first in Antioch," Acts 11:26.

4. **The Catholic religion.** Read Acts 14:2 again and see the beginning of the Catholic religion. The Catholic religion is not a church. It is a developed religion among Gentiles which came into its power in 606 A. D., putting on the "Dark Ages" by killing many of our early Baptists—not by name every time, but in the New Testament Doctrines.

The Catholic religion is the most subtle religion in the world. Read Revelation chapter 17 and see part of the out-come. Yet, every person who trusts Jesus for personal salvation is saved, whether they be Jew, Pagan, Baptist, Catholic or Protestant. Jesus saves every person who trusts Him and many are saved in spite of their religion, but

Baptists are saved because we preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified, dead, yea risen and alive for ever more and that each person must repent to God, trust Jesus only for salvation by the help of the Holy Spirit, then follow Christ in beautiful baptism and live for Him daily. Oh yes! we have some so-called Baptists, but God will take care of them in due time.

5. **Protestants**—Catholics really could be called Protestants because their early leaders, as also unbelievers with unbelieving Jews, did all they could to stop Baptists soon after Jesus went back to Heaven and they are still at it.

Why do our Baptist men have to assume the name Protestant in the Armed forces? Catholic pressure! Wake up people! Baptists had been preaching the Gospel for 1500 years before Protestant Reformation began to take place. Why should Catholics have so much power in our government so as to over-ride "Freedom of Conscience" and our Baptist men had to go as Protestants when they should have felt free to speak up as a Baptist? But all you could hear: Hebrew, Catholic, Protestants. Wake up Baptists!

Some Catholics are Christians, but their religion is far from being a Christian religion. Many

Protestants are Christians along with every other believer in Jesus Christ. Thank God for that fact. May many others read the Bible, trust Jesus and follow Him daily.

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Inter-Racial Problems Basically Theological

By E. N. PATTERSON
Baptist Bible Institute

During the week of January 21, it was my privilege to be one of the speakers in an Inter-racial Bible Conference held in the Olive Baptist Church (Negro), Beaumont, Tex. This work in the state of Texas is under the leadership of Dr. A. C. Miller. There certainly is a solution to our racial problems here in the Southland and I believe with all my heart that such a meeting as this one will be the basis of solving our problems.

May I point out several things that are accomplished by such a meeting as this. We find out after all that regardless of our racial differences we are worshiping the same God and fundamentally in the same way. By listening to ministers and speakers from each group we learn that we believe pretty much the same things about God. No Christian can go through such a week as this without discovering that we are drawing from the same source, power for our ministry among our own brethren. We find that God's spiritual children do have things in common

and have a basis for settling problems.

I certainly understand that the only basis for cooperation for solution of problems whether they be social, economical or spiritual is the Christian basis. We have problems in our own racial groups caused by unchristian attitudes and principles that we will never solve except these attitudes and principles be changed.

May we say about the racial problems as others are saying about other world problems, the solution is basically theological. The last question is a world wide problem. It must be solved not only here in America but over the entire world. If it is solved it will be by Christian leadership shorn of all race prejudice.

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Church Uses Want-Ad For Sunday School Attendance

By Religious News Service

What with the scarcity of housing, automobiles and other things, more people than ever before are reading the newspaper want-ad columns.

That's the conclusion apparently arrived at by a Buffalo, N. Y. Sunday School which advertised in a community paper as follows:

"Wanted—Parents to bring their children to Cleveland Evangelical Sunday School for Christian training and Bible study. Every Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. Classes for all ages."

Southern Baptist College Will Be Host to Annual Rural Church and Pastors' Conference, April 2-3

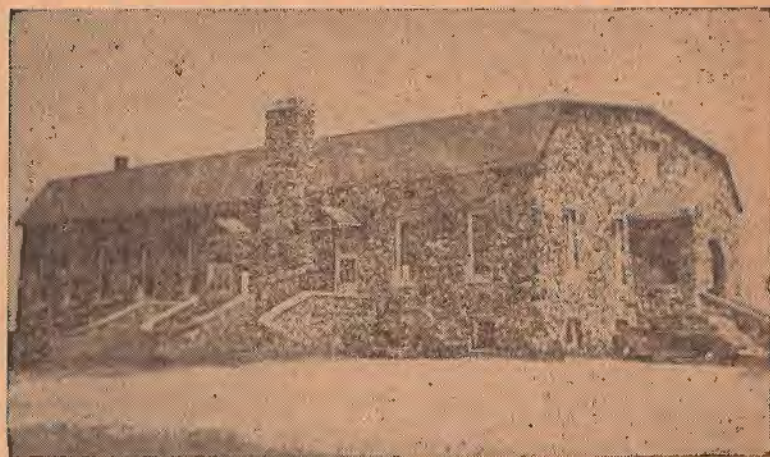
The annual Rural Church and Pastors' Conference at Southern Baptist College, Pocahontas, April 2-3, will face "with serious concern the fact that the church is facing a new area and is in need of the best men and better methods to conquer for Christ," President H. E. Williams of the college has announced.

"Every attempt will be made to get right down to bed-rock problems facing the modern church and pastor," Williams continued in his announcement. "Every message is to be practical. It is not a time for speakers to go over the traditional or rehash old sugar stick sermons. The conference must be kept on a very practical and helpful basis."

Pastors and their wives will be entertained with bed and breakfast by First Church, Pocahontas. Other meals will be served in the college dining hall for a nominal fee.

Registration for the conference will begin at noon, April 1. The showing of a film "King of Kings" in the college auditorium will be a pre-conference feature.

Speakers for the conference will include: Dr. Courts Redford of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.,



Administration Building, Southern Baptist College

or Dr. John D. Freeman as his substitute, speaking on "The Problems Confronting the Rural Church and Pastor;" Dr. Wallace Hale, Professor of Rural Church Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kans., speaking on "The Rural Church in the New Era;" Dr. R. C. Medearis, general superintendent, Missouri Baptist General Association, Kansas City, Mo., as inspirational speaker; Dr. Otto Whittington or substitute from the State Department of Rural Church

Work, speaking on "The Work of the Rural Church in World Service;" Editor C. E. Bryant, of the Arkansas Baptist paper and president of the Southern Baptist Editors' Association, speaking on "Putting the Church Before the Community and the World in Good Publicity;" and Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state music secretary, speaking on "Building Worshipful Church Music Programs." A number of leading pastors and others also will appear on the program.

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Nation-Wide Plea Hits Congress to Dry Up All Post-War Camp Ar

Faced with a possibility that peace-time universal training may soon become a fact, a veritable deluge of mail pleas asking for post-war liquor-free trainee camps is piling up at Washington in the office of Representative Andrew J. May of Kentucky, who is Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee by which the proposed measure is being considered.

"Don't make the same mistake twice," seems to be the gist of thousands of messages being received from all parts of the country demanding that a provision be incorporated in the Universal Training Bill, to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages within, and in zones immediately adjacent to, all such projected training camps.

Epitomizing the flood of telegrams and mail on behalf of this provision, Rev. Sam Morris of San Antonio, noted radio champion of temperance and evangelism, in a statement before the Committee at Washington, Thursday, February 21, told the Federal Law makers:

"If we are going to have peace-time military conscription of all 18-year-old boys, then let us not make the same mistake that we have been making for five years, of selling booze in and about our Army camps. It is estimated that a compulsory military program will cost this Nation some three



This snapshot taken in the office of Congressman May shows him looking out to Rev. Sam Morris a batch of incoming mail on behalf of dry training camps.

billion dollars a year. Let's make it a three billion dollar annual campaign of promoting brewery, distillery and the interest of this Nation."

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The greatest element contributing to my longevity is my supreme appreciation of moral and spiritual values. I am trying to grow gracefully; to love the true, beautiful, and the good; to live the ideals of Christianity and love its eternal truths—General James F. Howell on his 99th birthday as reported in the Baptist

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They Are Doing the Job

The General Secretary thinks that he has never traveled so much as he has during this winter, probably averaging more than 1000 miles per week, sometimes 1400 or 1500 miles. But this traveling has not been aimlessly done. We have spoken to churches, we have spoken to Bible Schools and group meetings, and we have contacted individuals, and it all has been done with a purpose. We have really neglected the Administrative work in doing this field work. We have had some fine fellowship with the brethren, not the least of which has been our association with Dr. Whittington in some of our travels together. He is a fine spirit and a great soul, no one can labor with him without becoming more cheerful and prayerful. One day with him is better than a month in somebody's Theological School.

We were at Monticello last Sunday with Pastor Washington. Washington has been in Monticello for about a year and the work has definitely grown under his leadership. Good congregations are hearing him preach. His other work in the enlargement of the church is netting good results. The church has an increasingly greater outlook on the mission question. He is doing a splendid work.

We were in a Board meeting at the Orphanage where Brother and Mrs. Pugh have given 25 years of the best part of their lives. The needs there are great. Some constructive work is being done which will give the boys better practical opportunities.

We were in Fort Smith at the Immanuel Church. They have paid off the last dime of indebtedness on their great piece of property. For the first two months of this year they have contributed more than \$600 each month for the Cooperative Program. You will remember that a few years ago this church was only a little group of people without adequate facilities. Now it has a large membership and magnificent piece of property all paid for. Hats off to Pastor Coffman.

We were in Morrilton. It was inspiring to see the growth of this church under the leadership of Pastor Brewer. He is a brilliant young leader and the church in Morrilton is following his leadership and remarkable developments are apparent.

We were in Lincoln County. We spoke in Tyro. The writer was pastor of this church while he was a boy preacher. They do not have a pastor but Missionary Donnell is tiding them over the pastorless period. Some of the salt of the earth are at Tyro.

Missionary Donnell carried us to Hickory Grove church where Brother Dorsey of Star City is giving them pastoral service. The writer was pastor of this church also when he was a boy preacher. The deacons of Hickory Grove church were an inspiration to the young pastor, they were patient and kind and helpful. Brother Dorsey is making a great contribution to this community in giving his leadership.

We were in Yorktown. Pastor Barlow is doing splendid work with this group. Some of

the young men who have been in the armed forces have returned to the farms and are buckling down to work, and are making fine citizens and good members. These country churches are developing Baptist leadership.

We were in Hampton. Pastor Maule is developing a splendid church spirit with the saints in this County Seat town. Their church blew away and they are worshipping in the court house. They have appointed a building committee, however, and have some money in the treasury already to launch out on a building program. Maule makes a good leader. We were in Marmaduke. Pastor Scott is loved and followed by the church people in Marmaduke. He is a splendid preacher and a wise leader.

We were in Searcy at a workers conference. Maynard, Duggar, Anderson, Williams, Keeling, Langley, Altom, Owens, Pate, Davis, Smythe, Vestal, Hayes, are all splendid men and are putting the work on top. Keeling is the moderator. Did you know that Pastor Vestal and his crowd have accomplished a remarkable achievement in Searcy? They have completed a commodious and magnificent church house. It is a new day for the Searcy Baptists. What a preacher he is!

We were in Benton. We were there the day they called Pastor Rose from Missouri. We hear splendid reports of Rose's leadership as he begins his ministry with this good church.

Old Clothing for War Stricken People

According to an authentic report, the following contributions for old clothing and food which has been contributed for the war stricken peoples of the world and forwarded through the Church Committee, has reached the following totals. This is simply a report from one of the forwarding agencies, the one at New Windsor, Maryland. It is as follows:

For China, 265,000 lbs.
 For Holland, 260,000 lbs.
 For Italy, 240,000 lbs.
 For Greece, 160,000 lbs.
 For France, 130,000 lbs.
 For Germany, 90,000 lbs.
 For Philippine Islands, 56,000 lbs.
 For Belgium, 12,000 lbs.
 For Ecuador, 10,000 lbs.
 For Burma, 4,000 lbs.
 For Porto Rica, 3,000 lbs.
 For Russia, 2,000 lbs.

These figures are only approximate and represent the period between October 1, 1945, and February 28, 1946.

As a Baptist pastor started reading his resignation from work in one city to accept a pastorate in another location, a woman quietly got up and left the auditorium. In a few minutes she returned, smiling. She had called the pastor's landlord and rented the soon-to-be-vacated apartment.

—Survey Bulletin.

The Cooperative Program

Don't forget to increase your contributions for the Cooperative Missions. A lot of the churches have not done anything this year through this channel. Remember that the Orphanage gets its support through the Cooperative Program, so Foreign Missions and State Missions and Christian Education, etc. Won't you see to it that your church makes a worthy offering before this quarter closes April 1? We did not contribute enough in February.

Pastor Lawrence Preaches Doctrinal Sermons

Pastor C. E. Lawrence, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, is delivering a series of doctrinal messages, some of which are distinctive Baptist faith and practice. The crowd at the church are constantly increasing and interest is being shown. Brother Lawrence says that he has checked the attendance of people of other denominations and finds more than ever the people of other denominations are hearing these special messages.

Brother Lawrence also states that he believes that if we preach these Bible doctrines the Lord will not only bless church members but He will send many people from outside the church membership to hear these messages. Here are some of his topics.

"Our Glorious God!"
 "The Fall of Man."
 "How God Saves Through Christ's Blood."
 "The Way To Be Saved."
 "What It Means To Be Born Again."
 "Meaning of Sanctification."
 "Once Saved, Always Saved."
 "Which Is the True Church of Christ?"
 "Jesus Is Coming Again."
 "Meaning of Close Communion."
 "New Testament Baptism."
 "Resurrection Realities."
 "Our Heavenly Home."
 "The Horrors of Hell."
 "Work of the Holy Spirit."
 "The Great Judgment Day."
 "Justification by Faith."
 "How I Know I Am Going to Heaven."

The Watchman Examiner says: The people of our denomination would be greatly multiplied if each of our deacons would regard himself as a friend to his minister—we are all tempted to say, as a minister to his minister. Deacons often forget that the minister has a pastor to whom he may turn for guidance and inspiration.

Mark Twain gave a very penetrating thought when he said: "I want to see the devil, just to set my eyes on that person for untold centuries has been the spiritual head of four-fifths of the human race the political head of all of it. He surely has executive ability of the highest order."