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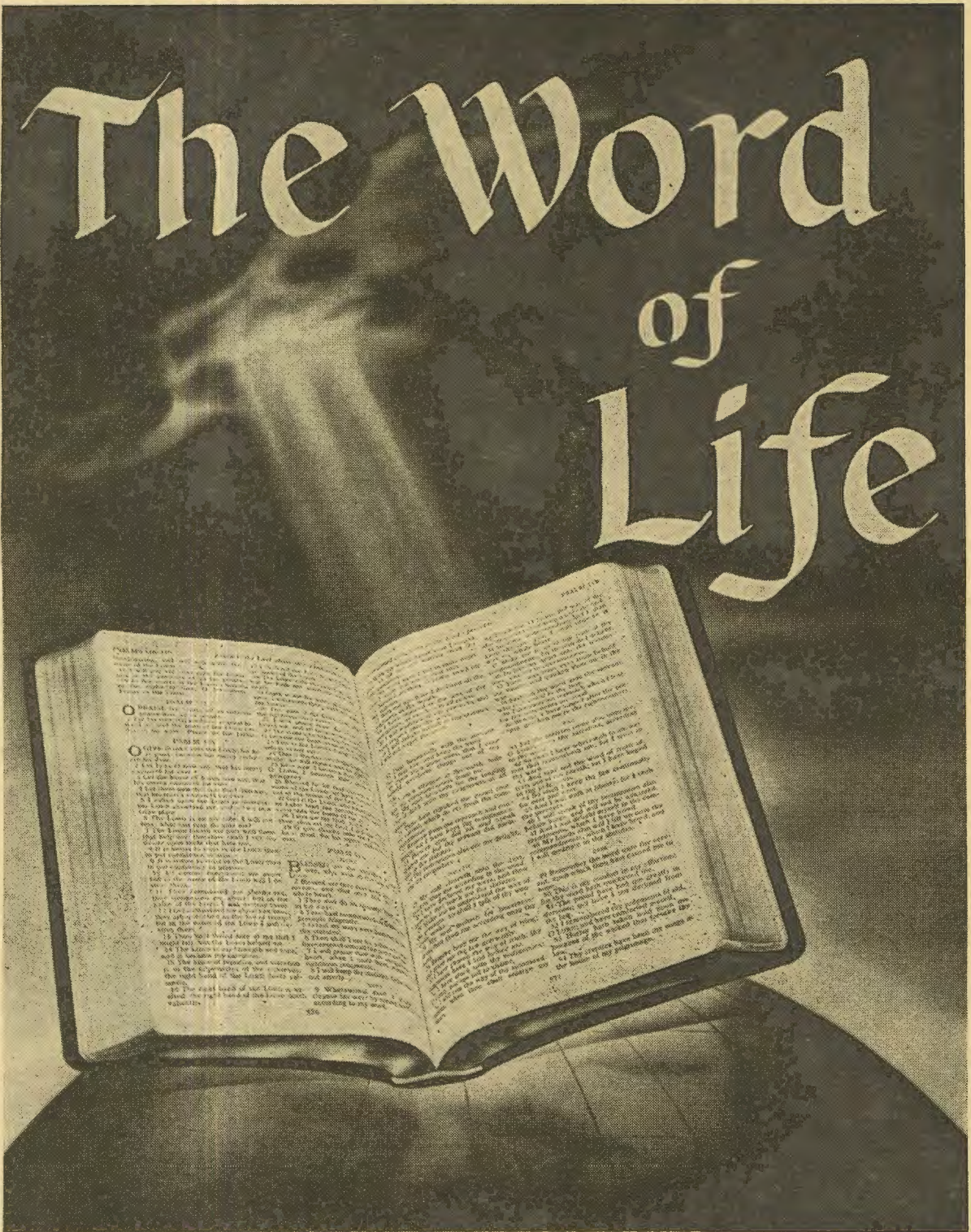
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"Victorious Past — Challenging Future"

By LLOYD A. SPARKMAN

President's address delivered at the recent meeting of the
Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Text: Psalm 98:1, "O Sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory."

Defeat is not in God's vocabulary. From Genesis 1:1 where light and order were brought out of darkness and chaos to Revelation 22:21, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." we have the story of God saving a world from Satan's snare. The final battle has not been fought and the ultimate victory has not been won.

Victorious Past

Arkansas Baptists began in 1818, but had no Convention until 1848. Arkansas had become a state in 1836 and had a population of 209,000 when the Convention was organized in 1848. There were only 23 churches and two associations represented in the organization of the Convention.

At that time there had been organized about 200 churches and 14 associations. In Brownville Church at Tulip, in Dallas County, 72 persons—71 men and one woman—from 23 churches organized a Convention on September 21-22, 1848. The Convention obtained a charter in 1859.

The 1850 Convention in Bethel Church, Clark County, took note of the lost condition of the slaves and appointed a committee to urge masters to allow their Negroes to attend the churches. Also a committee urged support of the Sunday Schools and the education of ministers. We find this Convention had an Executive Committee. In 1853, at the Camden Convention, the word "committee" was changed to "board," so Arkansas Baptists have been Board Baptists since 1853 and all our Landmark brethren were "board" Baptists for 58 years, or until the split in 1901 at Paragould.

The Fort Smith Convention in 1861 was the last until the Little Rock Convention in 1867. There were 301 churches with 12,000 members. In 1867 it was found that non-progressives were critical and began to oppose missionary vision. Ouachita College came into being in 1886, Central College in 1892.

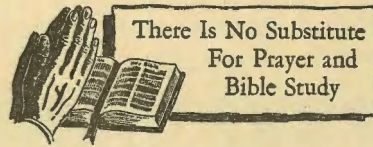
We now have 10,083 churches with one quarter million members. Of these churches 584 are full time; 9 three quarter time; 349 half time; 99 one quarter; 149 city churches, 156 town churches, 221 village churches, 515 open country churches, and 42 are inactive.

Challenging Future

There are more than 1,000,000 lost souls in Arkansas who challenge us to win them to Christ. We should have 2,500 Baptist students in Baptist schools. We should be caring for 500 orphan and helpless children. Our Baptist Hospital should be equipped to care for 500 persons per day. There are 250 communities in Arkansas which should have a Baptist church. Arkansas Baptists should be giving \$1,000,000 a year to Southern Baptist Convention causes. We should have 500,000 members by 1960. We should have a total budget of \$2,000,000 by 1960, we should baptize 250,000 people in the next ten years.

We live in a grand and terrible day. The terror of atomic and hydrogen bombs is upon us. Liquor runs in the alley no more—it flows in the air conditioned hall and in

the home. Gambling has left the dive and entered the school and the home. Amusements are not occasional but obsessions. Wanton worldliness walks into sacred precincts. Liberalism and modernism stand in the pulpit and sit in the pew. Materialism and secularism are Siamese twins of Satan that win converts whom Communism cannot touch.



But just as bread is still the staff of life to human bodies, the word of God is the bread of life to human souls. This same Jesus who preached at Pentecost and was able to save the multitude is able to save these million souls in Arkansas.

Arkansas Baptists have the multitude of members; they have the money in tithes and offerings; they have the method of personal witnessing; they have the message, salvation by the blood of Jesus; they have the Master who is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him.

Nine hundred-eighty of these churches have contributed to the Cooperative Program. For the first ten months of 1952 Arkansas Baptists have contributed undesignated \$758,906.26 which is \$28,588.02 more than the allocations require. Arkansas Baptists will give undesignated between \$900,000 and \$1,000,000 in 1952 and properly led they will give \$1,200,000 in 1953. Some one said a year ago that my suggestion of a \$1,000,000 budget in 1952 was visionary. Who can count the victories or name the victors of the yesteryears? The debts and doubts of the '30s have become the assets and assurances of the '50s. The derelictions and defeats of yesteryears are dedication and determination now. Our hospital is second to none; our orphanage meets every standard; our college is ready for the future; our debts are paid and our honor is redeemed. Four years ago, when vice president of this Convention, as I introduced him, I said, "Ben L. Bridges is due more credit than any other person for leading us out of debt." I rejoice that he has lived and remained active long enough to see this day. I, for one, want to say, "Thank you, Brother Bridges."

God saw this day when Whittington, Garrett, Blaylock, McKinney, Rogers, Compere, Winburn, Hinsley, Waller, Luck, Harris,—time would fail me to name Cothran, Daniels, Campbell, Ferguson, Coffman, Queen, Keeling, Jordan, who were faithful—suffered for Baptist honor and determined not to come out until they had paid the last farthing. God inspired our women to major on missions. He gave us Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Pye, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Goodbar, and Nancy Cooper. He sent us Herbert Hamilton, Jake Edmonds, Edgar Williamson, C. W. Caldwell, Nelson Tull, B. H. Duncan, Ralph Davis, and Mrs. Nininger. He raised up laymen and laywomen. God took 23 weak, unorganized, untaught churches and made them the greatest people in a wonder state. Not a labor lost, or a prayer poured out in vain, or a tear shed unseen by God.

Sabbath Observance

A Devotion by the Editor

"... and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue..."

During the last war an Indian prince said to an American: "Do you know why God is punishing the Christians by letting them fight and destroy each other as they are?" Answering his own question he then said: "If I paid as little attention to my religion as most Christians pay to theirs, I would expect God to punish me." Then he went on to speak of the Christian Sabbath and how it was almost completely disregarded by the Christians. "What do they do on Sunday?" he asked. "They are hunting, boating, tennis, racing, playing cards. If you ask me why God is punishing Christian nations, I think there is the answer."

Isaiah gives the promise of God to bless those who rightly use His Holy Day. He says, "If you turn away your foot from treading down the sacredness of the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my Holy Day; and call the Sabbath a delight, and the holding of Jehovah honorable; and shalt honor it, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in Jehovah; and I will make thee to ride upon the highest places of the earth; and I will feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it."

The Sabbath is provided for the renewing of our spiritual lives, in order that we may keep spiritually fit.

A friend once said to Lord Napier: "I do not see any harm in a man's spending a few hours at work in his flower garden on Sunday. It seems to me that he might gain great good from it." Lord Napier replied, "Yes, but when a man begins in his flower garden, he is likely to end in his potato patch."

There are three considerations in relation to Sabbath observance. The first is spiritual fitness which has already been mentioned. The second is Christian teaching or witnessing. If Christian people do not observe the Sabbath for Christian teaching, witnessing, preaching and worship, how long would these Christian activities and exercises survive? And third, Sabbath observance is necessary in order that we may appropriate the Christian heritage which has come down to us from the past.

"And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught." Mark 1:21.

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From The Editor's Desk

Thanks To Whom Thanks Are Due

We remember, when a student in the Southern Seminary in Louisville, the late Dr. A. T. Robertson made a trip through several of the Southern states. Upon his return he was telling his class in New Testament Interpretation about some of his experiences on the trip. He remarked that he had seen members of the families and friends of many of the students in his class and that all these loved ones and friends sent their love to the students. But he said that since he could not remember all the names of persons who had sent their love and the names of all the students to whom love was sent, he would suggest that any student who thought he ought to be loved would just consider himself loved.

Thanks To All

It would be utterly impossible to name all the persons who should be thanked for the contributions they made to the recent state Baptist Convention here in Little Rock. It might be well said that every person who attended the Convention made some contribution to its success and to the fine spirit of fellowship and co-operation which prevailed throughout the sessions of the Convention.

However, at the risk of leaving out some names that should be mentioned, it is necessary to point out certain persons who deserve special thanks by all who attended the Convention. Perhaps we should mention first of all Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., and the Immanuel Church. Both pastor and church left nothing undone which would add to the comfort and convenience of the messengers and visitors attending the Convention.

Special thanks are due the officers of the Convention for their efficient, courteous, and Christian service. President Lloyd A. Sparkman presided with grace and dignity and with fairness to all. Vice presidents L. H. Davis and E. E. Griever, measured up to the high position of presiding officers when called upon to preside in the absence of President Sparkman. W. Dawson King, man whom there is none more loyal and efficient, stayed by his desk continuously and will produce a volume carrying the proceedings of the Convention of which all Arkansas Baptists will be proud. Dr. B. L. Bridges was alert to any needs that might arise which would call for his services or explanation concerning the program of work carried on by the Baptists of Arkansas. He presented his report as Executive Secretary in an impressive and challenging manner.

Press Coverage

Many remarked that the 1952 Convention ran with greater smoothness and with less confusion than any Convention they had ever attended. We believe that Lucien Coleman is largely responsible for the smoothness with which the Convention was run. Mr. Coleman had been studying the needs of the Convention for several weeks past. He had sought to provide everything necessary for the officers, the committees, the

press, and everyone else who would be working during the Convention sessions. He had personally contacted the representatives of the press and at a luncheon at the LaFayette Hotel had briefed the reporters on what they might expect, which gave them a better understanding of the workings of the Convention and its purposes. Mr. Coleman also gave to the press the names of the honored guests who would be here from other states. This gave the reporters a chance to contact these men and interview them while they were here.

As a result of Mr. Coleman's planning it seemed to be the unanimous opinion that we had a more comprehensive coverage of the 1952 Convention than any other previous Convention within our memory. Therefore, our thanks are extended to the press in general and to the reporters who covered the Convention sessions. It was obvious that the press reports of the Convention were more understanding and enlightening than is usually the case.

Exhibit Room

Also, Mr. Coleman was responsible for planning for the booths for the departments, agencies, and institutions in the Exhibit Room. This arrangement was a great improvement over previous exhibits at the Convention. They made it possible for those attending the Convention to learn more about these agencies and departments which are charged with the responsibility of carrying on the work committed to them by the denomination.

Miss Blanche Mays and her staff from the bookstore had an attractive and worthwhile display of books and other items from the bookstore in the Exhibit Room.

The program personnel was of the highest order, both those persons from our own Arkansas Baptist fellowship and our guests who came from outside the state. The committees worked faithfully and diligently and did a superb job.

Music

Music throughout the Convention was of the highest order. The congregational singing under the direction of J. F. Moreland was the best we have ever heard at a state convention. The preachers' quartet was a favorite throughout the Convention. The college choirs were at their best and the Pulaski County Baptist Choral Club under the direction of Mrs. B. W. Nininger warmed the hearts of all who were present as it sang "Gospel Melodies in Memory of B. B. McKinney."

Of course, there was talking and visiting together out in the foyer of the church and in the Exhibit Room. But what can you expect when friends from all over the state meet at the annual Convention of Arkansas Baptists? This visiting together is, in fact, one of the greatest values of the Convention, keeping alive as it does not only acquaintances among friends but fellowship in the service of the Lord.

Taxing Government Owned Business

It is reported that the Canadian government is beginning to collect income taxes from all government owned business at the same rates as paid by private business. Yet in the United States, government owned business which is in competition with private business pays no taxes, the private business enterprises must pay the tax bill for the government owned and operated business enterprises.

The United States has grown strong and has provided the highest standard of living in the entire world on the basis of private enterprise. But government owned business has expanded at an alarming rate of speed in recent years and this government owned business which pays no taxes, if allowed to continue at its present rate of expansion, will endanger the existence of private enterprise. If the Congress of the United States should pass the proper legislation to compel government owned business to pay taxes at the same rate which private business pays, it might discourage the power-mad bureaucrats from attempting further expansion of government owned business.

Why should not all business be treated alike? Why should not government business pay the same rate of taxes as private business? Why should not government business assume its share of the financial responsibility to the nation?

The government of the United States was not founded upon the principle of government owned and operated business enterprises. It is the function of government to make business behave and not prey upon the public. The government is the umpire of the great American team and not the owner of the team. It is the function of the government to see that business, commerce, management, labor, and all the rest play by the rules of the game instead of becoming a competitor playing against the team.

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A False Impression

We knew a preacher in another state—he has since gone home to be with the Lord—who had a veneer of learning. He went to school, but never finished a single course; he studied the dictionary and acquired a vocabulary of big words; he bought a Ph.D. degree from a mail order school.

This preacher made a display of great learning. He would make broad and sweeping claims and statements which had no basis in fact. It didn't bother him that many of his friends and acquaintances knew his shallowness. He frankly admitted that he didn't care what those who knew better thought of him; he was interested in impressing those who didn't know. And among those who didn't know, he was considered a great and learned man.

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The tumult and the voting's done,
The candidates have had their say;
We hope that in the victory won
The nation hails a brighter day.
But let's be calm—lest we forget
The national debt is with us yet!

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A mule that pulls all he ought to doesn't have time to kick.

Kingdom Progress

Celebrates Anniversary



W. H. HULL

Sunday, November 30, marked the first anniversary of Pastor W. H. Hull with the North Side Church of Fort Smith.

During the year there have been 41 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and 32 by letter. The organizations of the church have been expanded, also the financial program of the church.

A Church With an Expanding Program

Pastor L. G. Gatlin and First Church, Carlisle, are now engaged in a revival meeting, November 30 to December 7, with Dr. O. W. Yates of the Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky, the visiting evangelist.

Dr. Yates is remembered in Arkansas as head of the Bible Department of Ouachita College for twelve years.

Pastor Gatlin has been with the Carlisle church for sixteen months. During this time there have been 79 additions to the church, with 45 of these coming on profession of faith and baptism. Last year the Carlisle church led the Caroline Association in the number of baptisms. Receipts of the Carlisle church exceeded the budget adopted at the first of the year by \$5,079: The budget was \$13,480 and the Carlisle church raised \$18,559. In 1951 the church gave \$1,500 to the Cooperative Program; in 1952, \$2,760; the goal for 1953 is \$3,200; for 1954, \$3,600; for 1955, \$4,000.

First Church, Monticello Receives 26 in Revival

First Church, Monticello, and Pastor Roscoe Griffin, recently had the services of Dr. John E. Barnes Jr., Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as evangelist, and John Walker, Minister of Music, First Church, Little Rock, as music director, in a revival campaign, which resulted in 26 additions to the church, 17 of which were on profession of faith and baptism.

Yuletide Pageant

For 27 years a unique Christmas pageant has been presented each year by local talent at Hot Springs. It is scheduled for Christmas Eve with more than 200 participants.

Elizabeth Bowe Sims originated the Hot Springs program in 1931, and through the years has trained and directed the participants.

Simultaneously with the singing of favorite carols by the Hot Springs Choral Club, colorful pageantry scenes are spotlighted. This portion of the program is planned and directed by the Community Players group with Ann Stell McDaniel in charge.

The program site is at the northern end of Hot Springs' showplace, Bath House Row. The traditional affair is annually scheduled for the same site, date and hour, on Christmas Eve, at 9 p. m. Mrs. Charles H. Lutterloh is general advisor.

Bath House Row, lined with its scores of evergreen magnolia and red berry-laden living holly Christmas trees, is always ablaze with vari-colored lighting along the famous promenade.

From the very beginning this program, under the joint sponsorship of the National Park Service and the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, has been a community project.

The multicolored illuminated Christmas lights, which are festooned across Hot Springs' business streets, are made possible by Hot Springs merchants, under the sponsorship of the Hot Springs Kiwanis Club. The lighting decorative scheme features stars and bells.

The pageantry stage is on a picturesque high bluff overlooking the heart of the city and Bath House Row. From the bluff, the singers, white vested and carrying lighted candles, file down a winding mountain trail in a candlelight procession into the valley below, where nature has created a perfect amphitheatre. In this amphitheatre is located a large evergreen-covered tiered singers' platform directly below the pageantry stage. The singers' platform has been constructed to look like a huge outdoor pipe organ. From a real organ amid the evergreen decorations, music by the official organist, Richard G. Morris Jr., peals out through the "Valley of Living Waters."

The city of Hot Springs, the church choirs, the Army and Navy General Hospital, the National Forest Service, Radio Station KTHS, and the Arkansas Power and Light Company all enter into this great co-operative occasion for the pleasure of the resort's Yule visitors.

Danville Dedicates New Building

Pastor Fritz E. Goodbar of the Danville Church announces dedicatory services for Sunday, December 7, when their new building will be dedicated.

Invitation was extended to former pastors, members and friends to be the guests of the Danville church for the day.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of Missions, will be the guest speaker at the morning service. The church will hold open house from 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon with the deacons and their wives as hosts.

The concluding service of the day will begin at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Director of Music And Youth Work



BILL HUBBARD

Mr. Bill Hubbard of Fort Smith has accepted the position of director of music and youth activities with First Church, Siloam Springs. He assumed his new duties with the Siloam Springs church on November 30.

Mr. Hubbard is a graduate of Southeast State College of Mississippi, and also attended Louisiana State University before being called to serve in the armed forces. He returned from Korea two months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard have a young daughter six weeks old.

Minister Ordained

First Church, Clarksville, Walter Yeldell, pastor, ordained J. C. Tedder to the gospel ministry on Sunday afternoon, November 23.

Pastor Yeldell served as moderator of the council, and R. F. Tedder as clerk. B. D. Smith, missionary of the Clear Creek Association, conducted the examination and presented the Bible; Robert Tedder, brother of J. C. and a member of Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, led the ordination prayer. Miss Mae Tedder, sister of J. C. and a member of First Church, Fort Smith, brought a special message in song. Pastor Yeldell preached the ordination sermon.

Mr. Tedder is pastor of Spadra Church, Spadra, Arkansas, and also supply pastor for Oakland Church at Clarksville. He is a junior in the College of the Ozarks and plans to enter Southwestern Seminary as soon as his college work is completed.

Beech Street Church Over-Subscribes Budget

Beech Street Church, Texarkana, over-subscribed its \$109,295 budget on Sunday, November 23. The total subscription for the day amounted to \$115,620.16.

Of the 900 pledge cards signed, more than 600 were tithing cards.

"Southern Baptists have sent to Korea more than \$90,000 in relief money. There is no way of adequately describing the blessings which this money has brought in direct relief, medical care, strengthening Christian workers, and providing for war victims."

—Baker James Cauthen

Let's Get the Story Straight

By M. THERON RANKIN, Executive Secretary

It was just one small line of type; but when it got lost in a print shop the facts in a news paragraph were completely reversed. And those facts had to do with Southern Baptist foreign mission money!

The original paragraph, picked up evidently from the November issue of *The Commission*, by a syndicated church press, read: "Treasurer Everett L. Deane, of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, reports that 94.08 per cent of each dollar reaching the Foreign Mission Board in 1951 was used on foreign fields, while only 5.92 per cent was used for administrative, promotion, general, and miscellaneous expenses in the States."

After the line of type with the words, "on foreign fields, while only 5.92 per cent was used," has inadvertently been dropped out of the story, it read, "Treasurer Everett L. Deane, of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, reports that 94.08 per cent of each dollar reaching the Foreign Mission Board in 1951 was used for administrative, promotion, general, and miscellaneous expenses in the States."

The incorrect story was carried by several daily newspapers and a number of Southern Baptists have rightfully become concerned. This is to get the story straight.

Anyone who works with type knows how easily such errors are made; but there is always the question, "Why did it happen to us?"

The Word of Life Book Marks Free

Millions of bookmarks similar to the cover page this week were distributed by the American Bible Society to people in 45 countries participating in the 1952 Worldwide Bible Reading program, from Thanksgiving Day through Christmas. The bookmarks also list Bible passages to be read during the 29-day program.

Former Arkansas Pastor Serves Golden Gate

The new head of Southern Baptists in California is Dr. A. L. Aulick, chairman of the Department of Greek and New Testament at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary. Dr. Aulick is a former pastor of the Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock.

Elected at a recent meeting of the Southern Baptist General Convention in San Jose, Calif., Dr. Aulick stepped up from the position of first vice-president.

A native of Kentucky, Dr. Aulick came to Berkeley in 1947 to join the faculty of Golden Gate Seminary. Before that time he taught Bible in Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and held pastorates in Texas and Oklahoma, as well as in the Little Rock church. He was the first traveling secretary of the Baptist Student Missionary Movement, forerunner of the Baptist Student Union. He is the founder of the Baptist Chair of Religion of Eastern New Mexico University, Portales.

Dr. Aulick received the A.B. degree from the University of New Mexico, the Th.B. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, the B.D. and A.M. from Colgate University, and the Th.D. from the University of Dubuque. He has been listed in "Who's Who in America" for many years.

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When you take a job, don't stop looking for work.

Guest Speakers in Regional Man-Boy Rallies



G. A. RATTERREE



J. I. BISHOP

G. A. Ratterree, Brotherhood Secretary of Florida, and J. I. Bishop, Southwide Royal Ambassador Secretary, will assist Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary, in a series of Regional Man-Boy Rallies in Western Arkansas, December 9-12. Announcement of these rallies appears in the Brotherhood Column of this issue of the *ARKANSAS BAPTIST*.

Revival at Mount Olive

Pastor R. O. Ekrut reports a weekend youth revival at Mount Olive Church near Crossett. Mason Craig was the visiting preacher and Dale Pogue directed the music. Both young men are students at Ouachita College.

There were three additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and one by letter. The young men surrendered to the ministry: Charles Pennington and Pastor Ekrut's son, Bobby. The Mount Olive Church licensed these two young men to preach.

Pastor Ekrut writes, "The climax of our services on November 23 is one the pastor will never forget. His oldest son came forward and fell into his arms weeping and declaring his surrender to preach. He was followed by our third son accepting Christ as Savior. Enough to fill to overflowing the heart of anyone."

"Trick or Treat"

By ROBERT M. WRIGHT, Pastor
Kelley Heights, Russellville

The boys and girls of Kelley Heights, a mission of First Church, Russellville, decided to get a head start on their offering for the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage. So for trick or treat, they ask for offerings for the boys and girls at Monticello, rather than something for themselves. Accompanied by adult sponsors with cars, about thirty of them went forth to have a good time, doing for others. Of course refreshments awaited them on their return to the mission. As a result, we sent to the Home at Monticello: 92 pints of home canned fruits and vegetables; 129 cans of vegetables, meats and relish; 6 cans fruit; 5 cans milk; 1 can popcorn; 1 bottle vanilla; 3 boxes cereal; 12 boxes Jello; and 9 bars of soap. To speed the offering on its way, Pastor W. E. Speed, of First Church, and Missionary J. D. Seymour turned it over to Superintendent Seefeldt at the Convention in Little Rock. I am proud of our boys and girls and their contribution to those who live in our home in Monticello.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

Pastor C. Clayton Mosier, of the Webb City Church, reports that Lewis Dewett surrendered to the gospel ministry in the morning service on November 23, and the church licensed him to preach. Pastor Mosier reports that this decision brings to a total of 503 young men who have surrendered to preach under his ministry as evangelist and pastor.

North Crossett Church and Pastor J. A. Hogan recently had the services of Dr. and Mrs. E. P. J. Garrott in a stewardship revival, November 2-9. Mrs. Garrott taught a book on stewardship and missions for the women of the missionary society, and Dr. Garrott spoke each evening.

Four girls from the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage were guests of the North Crossett Church on a recent Sunday. These girls gave their Christian testimony at the church service.

Nelson Tull, state Brotherhood secretary, was guest speaker at the Brotherhood meeting of the Calvary Church of Camden, Saturday night, November 22. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Church served a turkey dinner for the occasion.

Dr. O. W. Yates, pastor of Rosedale Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky, and formerly head of the Bible Department of Ouachita College, was guest evangelist in a revival meeting at First Church, Clarksville, October 27 to November 7.

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THINK ON THESE THINGS

When a church member rests, he rusts. The Lord's big job is to get his church into the world without getting the world into his church. The biggest liar in the world is the Christian who gives excuses for not doing his duty.



Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

Oklahoma Baptists Oppose Government Aid

A resolution providing that Oklahoma Baptist institutions will accept no "gifts, grant or aid" from federal, state, county or city governments was adopted by the Oklahoma Baptist Convention.

Delegates approved the resolution after rejecting a proposed constitutional amendment containing the same provisions.

Opponents of the amendment argued that the cause of separation of Church and State did not require an amendment to the Convention's constitution.

Danish Baptists Get Official Recognition

Full recognition as an approved religious community has been granted the Baptist Union of Denmark, it was announced by the Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs.

The government action empowers the Baptist church organization to issue baptismal, marriage and other certificates, giving these documents the same legal status as those of other recognized communions.

Baptists, with 39 congregations and a membership of more than 7,000 adults, are the largest Free Church group in Denmark. Some 10,000 children and teachers are enrolled in Baptist Sunday Schools, while Boy Scout and other young people's groups affiliated with the Church have a membership of about 5,000.

Baptists Ask Eisenhower Not To Appoint Vatican Envoy

A wire protesting any appointment of an American ambassador to the Vatican was sent to President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention from its annual meeting.

The wire also repeated the Baptists' strong support of the principle of separation of Church and State.

Action to send the message was taken after an address by Dr. McNeill Poteat, president of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Christian Law Enforcement Group Gets Action

A meeting of the Pike County Christian League for Law Enforcement in McComb, Mississippi, was postponed on the request of the sheriff and the county attorney.

R. S. Price, of Osyka, chairman of the league, said that Sheriff "Bucky" Moore and County Attorney Gordon Roach requested the postponement "so that they could make a better report" to the group.

The sheriff and other law enforcement officers had been invited to attend a mass-meeting of the league.

Mr. Price and C. B. White, league treasurer, are Baptist deacons. The vice president and the secretary are Methodist ministers.

The Pike County league is one of many citizens groups in Mississippi pressing for better enforcement of the state's prohibition and anti-gambling laws.

Bishop Moore Calls Church In Europe 'Valiant'

Christianity and the Church are "holding their own with remarkable vitality" even in the Russian zones of Europe, Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta declared.

Bishop Moore, returning from his 22nd crossing of the Atlantic Ocean and a mission which took him to Methodist conferences over central Europe and North Africa, said:

"The church in Europe may not be leading a great victorious march, but it is fighting valiantly. Its courage and spirit of sacrifice often puts our own church to shame."

Even in East Germany, the Methodist leader reported, Christian groups, while constantly watched by the Communists, are not under a heavy hand and churches are crowded as a religious revival is manifested.

The bishop, traveling in Switzerland, Yugoslavia, England, France, Belgium, Austria and Africa, noted that "national animosities are lessening, tensions and bitterness slowly being dissipated as travel and the mingling together of people from different countries shrinks our world."

Schedule Methodist Evangelistic Convocation

A World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism will be held June 26-28, 1953, in Philadelphia, it was announced by a special committee of the Council of Bishops.

The committee, which drew up plans for the convocation, said the meeting will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, of Philadelphia, president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, who presided at the planning committee's sessions, said the convocation is part of the world-wide evangelistic program authorized by the denomination's 1952 General Conference.

Billy Graham to Write Newspaper Column

Evangelist Billy Graham is going to become a newspaper columnist.

The column, to be titled "My Answer, by Billy Graham," will be written six days a week and is being offered to daily newspapers beginning December 1.

Dr. Graham will thus add another medium to his evangelistic work.

Police Chief Bids Churches Wipe Out Charitable Gambling

A police chief asked California and Nevada churches to launch crusades in their home towns to wipe out church raffles and other charitable gambling.

Ray Blackmore, police chief of San Jose, Calif., spoke to the commission on legislation and public morals of the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches.

Chief Blackmore said gambling could be eliminated if the churches made an effort to convince the public that all games of chances are morally evil and lead to corruption.

Smile or Two

When my neighbor wheeled her baby past our drive, she reprimanded Keith who was pummeling my four-year-old Randy. "You shouldn't hit smaller boys," she said. "You're a big boy going to school already."

Randy looked up from the beating he was getting and quietly told her, "He just goes half days tho, so he doesn't learn very much."

—Quote

A new congressman flung down several typewritten sheets before his secretary.

"Don't use such long words in my speeches," he said. "I want to know what I'm talking about."

A Negro gentleman approached a grand, old judge of the court with a calendar for a Christmas present.

"Judge," he said, "I'se giving you twelve months, but I hope you ain't gwine to return the compliment."

A salesman was proposing to his best girl. "And sweetheart," he said, "I'll lay my whole fortune at your feet."

"It isn't a very big fortune," she reminded him.

"I know, dear," he replied, "but it will look awfully big beside your little feet."

He got the girl.

—Ex.

A wise guy stepped up to the bus as it pulled into the bus terminal, and said to the driver: "Well, Noah, you got here at last. Is the ark full?"

Driver: "Nope. We need one more monkey. Hop right in."

Little Helen had been coaxing to be allowed to go to the College Club dinner with Mother and Daddy.

"No, dear," said her mother, "we cannot afford to take you. The banquet costs two dollars and fifty cents a plate."

"But, Mother," urged Helen, "I could take my own plate."

The school mistress was giving her class of young pupils a test on a recent natural history lesson.

"Now, Bobby Jones," she cried, "tell me where the elephant is found."

The boy hesitated for a moment; then his face lit up.

"The elephant," he said, "is such a large animal that it is scarcely ever lost."

A man could retire nicely in his old age, says old Doc Anklam, if he could dispose of his experience for what it costs him.

A teacher was slightly in doubt as to what mark to give the boy on his answer in an examination to the question "What is a will?" The boy's answer: "A will is a written document in which a person tells how he wants his property divided among his errors."

—Ex.

"Now what we gwine do 'bout dat billy goat in de crate, boss?" asked the colored employee at the express office. "He's done et whar he's gwine."

JUST BEFORE THE BLAST

Irate Wife: "Oscar, one of the ducks you were shooting yesterday called and left her number."

News From Baptist Press

King James Version Used By Sunday School Board

"The Baptist Sunday School Board plans to continue use of the King James Version as the basic text in all its publications," according to a joint statement released by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, and Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary for the Board. "The blessing of God has been upon this Version, so that it has brought light and life, faith and consolation, direction, inspiration, and strength, to countless millions of people."

The men also said that the Baptist Sunday School Board is always anxious to answer questions about its literature and various publications.

"The Scriptures, inspired by the Holy Spirit, were first written in Hebrew and Greek by holy men of God in the long ago. The King James Version is a translation of God's Word. Had the Scriptures not been translated, most of us would not be able to read them. It is surely God's will that his Word be translated into all languages and that it be translated into the common language of succeeding generations.

"Baptists believe in the Bible, and they stand for its widest possible distribution. God grant this blessing to America!"

Auto Accident Claims Godbold

Edgar Godbold, 72, prominent Louisiana Baptist leader, died as a result of injuries received in an automobile wreck. The accident happened only a little while before he was to preside at the opening of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Dr. Godbold served for many years as president of Louisiana College. Before that he was general superintendent for Missouri Baptists. He was born in Mississippi. Following his education, he taught school and led in laymen's activities. From 1919-23 he was president of Howard Payne College in Texas. In 1929 he moved to Missouri to become general superintendent.

Enrolment Loss for Baptist Schools

Total regular campus enrolment of Baptist seminaries and colleges is now 36,021, or a loss of 220 since last year when the total had reached 36,241. Included in the report released by Dr. R. Orin Cornett are seventy institutions, seven seminaries including the W.M.U. Training School, twenty-nine senior colleges, twenty-three junior colleges, three Bible schools, and eight academies. Grand enrolment including Saturday students, correspondence and extension students for this year is 45,586.

A total of 8,818 students were graduated last year: seminaries, 964; senior colleges, 5,226; junior colleges, 2,271; and Bible schools and academies, 357.

Famous Dry Leader Dies In California

One of the nation's most persistent dries is dead. William David Upshaw, 86, former Georgia congressman and one-time presidential candidate on the Prohibition ticket, passed away in Glendale, California, Friday, November 21. He had been under treatment for an illness following his return from a European speaking tour.

Upshaw, a Baptist, was an old-style orator. For many years he made annual appearances before the Southern Baptist Convention. A colorful personality, he was easily distinguished by his crutches.

Convention Song Leader



DR. EDWIN MCNEELY

Dr. Edwin McNeely, voice professor in Southwestern Seminary will lead the music at the Southern Baptist Convention, Houston, next May 6-10, according to an announcement by President J. D. Grey.

Old Time Camp Meeting Held On Brazilian Ranch

Approximately 100 people from the Rio Verda section of Mato Grosso left their ranches for eight days in August to attend their annual camp meeting. They traveled from 15 to 60 miles on horseback and in oxcarts to reach the camp site which is located on the Estrela D'Alva ranch. Though kept busy during the mornings and in the evenings with Bible study classes and preaching services, the campers had free time in the afternoons to hunt and to catch up on their visiting.

Three Baptist missionaries directed the week's activities. They were: Glenn Bridges and Charles Compton, missionaries for the state of Mato Grosso; and Alvin Hatton, director of the Royal Ambassador's Department of the Brazilian Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mr. Hatton reported seven baptisms during the week, and six professions of faith. He said 30 children attended the Vacation Bible School conducted each morning. Film strips and slides were shown each night after the preaching service.

Parana Baptists Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary

Baptists of the South Brazil state of Parana held their Jubilee celebration September 2 to 7 in the city of Paranagua. Honored on that occasion were Mrs. A. B. Deeter, whose husband, the late A. B. Deeter, was the first missionary to go to that state; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Oliver, missionaries in Parana since 1938; and pioneer Brazilian Baptists. Services were held in the Paranagua Baptist Church.

There are now 42 Baptist churches in Parana, nine of which are completely self supporting. In addition to the Olivers, two missionary families, the T. N. Clinkscales and the Harvey Headriks, are serving in this state.

—Atlas News Service

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Even after you leave school you can't get away from the 3 R's: Romance at 25; Rent at 35; Rheumatism at 65.

—Quote.

Houston Hotel Information

By Ross E. DILLON

Executive Secretary, Union Baptist Association

No more hotel rooms are available in Houston for the Southern Baptist Convention, all available ones having been reserved. Those holding reservations are requested by the Housing Committee to send \$10 in confirmation of their reservation, this amount to be applied on their account. If this deposit is not sent by December 15, the reservation will be automatically cancelled even though already confirmed by the hotel.

Three hundred units are available in motels. Please address all further correspondence about hotels or motels to Union Baptist Association, 2420 Milam, Houston 6, Texas. Each application for a reservation must be accompanied by a check for \$10 payable to Union Baptist Association, this amount to be paid to the motel where reservation is secured. Please state time and day of arrival and departure.

Some rooms are available at the Shamrock Hotel for May 4-8 (only) which would necessitate checking out on May 8. This would fit into the plans of some ministers who desire to return to their pulpits for Mother's Day.

For those desiring to stay in homes, please write the Homes Committee, 2420 Milam, Houston 6, Texas, sending deposit of \$2 for the first night, also stating time and day of arrival and departure and mode of transportation. Reservations will be consummated in January and you will be notified in order that you may correspond directly thereafter.

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Additional Recommendations Of the Executive Board

1. We recommend that the Hospital Board be authorized to borrow up to \$750,000 for the enlargement of the institution and that a public campaign in Little Rock for funds be authorized, it being understood that the goal will be \$500,000 to \$600,000 and that the above mentioned loan will be contingent upon the success of such a campaign. We further recommend that this Convention declare the existence of an emergency which makes this plan and program necessary.

2. We recommend that the Orphanage receive 40 per cent of the amount received from the liquidation of the Central College property to be applied on capital needs with the understanding that Ouachita College also receive 40 per cent and the Hospital 20 per cent.

3. We recommend that the Board of Trustees of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage be authorized to enter into a building program which would include only the erection of three cottages, with the understanding that no debt be incurred.

4. We recommend that the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College be authorized to negotiate a loan with any recognized lending agency for the purpose of constructing buildings to be used for housing purposes as the Board of Ouachita College deems wise and necessary. It is understood that none of the physical properties of the college are to be mortgaged in the securing of said loan and that the loan will be retired out of income rentals from buildings to be erected.

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The art of being well-dressed for most of us is a skillful blending of the arts of make-up, make-over and make-do.

"Arkansas Baptists Marching Together"

By LLOYD A. SPARKMAN

Thank you for a great Convention. God gave us a Convention long to be remembered because our people are a co-operative people who, under God, desire to work together. Never did a presiding officer have more kindness and consideration shown him than that accorded to me by the leaders and messengers during the sessions of the recent Convention. I am grateful for a small part with so great a people and program. Let us march together:

1. In closing the year 1952 with a surplus of \$60,000 in our undesignated receipts. Let every church send in a worthy amount. Let the churches, now contributing regularly, step up their contributions for November and December. Ouachita and South-Wide causes will share in the overage. If we love World Missions and Christian Education, this is the way to show our love in a tangible form.

2. In making the Thanksgiving Offering a genuine "love" offering. All of us will determine to give over and above to the support of our orphan children. All of us will want to have a part in building the long past due facilities for caring for more children. Those who have "extra" amounts which God needs should give them, and the rest of us will contribute so that the \$100,000 goal can be reached.

3. In putting the Cooperative Program in our church budgets for 1953 in the proper proportion. The Cooperative Program is the life line of every agency, institution, and cause, here and around the world. If pastors, denominational leaders, editors, and church leaders, will get behind the Cooperative Program and major on this God given method of financing a world-wide program, we shall raise \$1,200,000 in 1953.

4. In a worthy Christmas Offering to Foreign Missions. The "Lottie Moon" offering is becoming a church wide effort in many churches. Let us join with our Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas in a glorious undertaking.

5. In giving our heartiest co-operation to our great Baptist hospital. Greater Little Rock will put money into this wonderful institution. Given the opportunity, our unusual administrator, John Gilbreath, and the Board of Trustees will give to Arkansas Baptists a 500 bed hospital free of debt to minister to the sick until Jesus comes.

6. In continued loyal support to Ouachita College. Surely we will not stop now. Ouachita must be accredited. She must have adequate housing for students. We must show President Haswell, the faithful faculty, and our Trustees that we will hold the line while they build.

1. In fidelity to our Heavenly Father.

(1) Prayer. Prayers of thanksgiving and petitions for guidance.

(2) Preaching. Baptists are a preaching people. The gospel is our hope.

(3) Personal witnessing. If we will go from door to door, they will enter the doors of our churches and be saved.

(4) Press the battle. Let us storm the very gates of hell. Let us uproot any bitterness and fault finding. Let us love as He loved us. Let us labor as though the end is near, and well it may be, and that the kingdom of our Christ waits on Arkansas Baptists.

Let Arkansas Baptists march together with Christ.

Arkansas Baptist Foundation

By W. A. JACKSON, Secretary

As the new secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, there are many things I would like to say to our people about the Foundation. Space, however, will permit only a brief statement at this time. I shall be giving additional information in the *Arkansas Baptist* about the Foundation from time to time.

It is the desire of the Foundation Board and myself that the Foundation, as set up by our Convention, will be fully understood, for we believe that when the people understand the Foundation they will appreciate and lend their support to it.

This division of our work is not new; it is not an experiment. Foundations have been in operation in other Southern Baptist Convention states long enough to prove their value in the promotion of the financial interests of Baptist causes and institutions. Our Foundation can be made to render a great service here in Arkansas—the needs are great and the opportunities unlimited. The Foundation does not exist for itself, but instead it is a service agency of the State Convention, through which individuals can support the capital and endowment needs of our Baptist causes and institutions.

The Foundation was organized as a corporation by the Convention and chartered under the laws of the State of Arkansas, and is thus authorized to act as the permanent trust agency of the Convention and of all other agencies and institutions sup-

ported by the Convention. As such trust agency it procures, safeguards, invests and disburses funds for the capital and endowment needs of Baptist causes, agencies and institutions. In other words, the State Convention is endeavoring to do through the Cooperative Program for the operating needs of its missionary, benevolent and educational causes. Through the Foundation, Christians can make gifts now while they live that will render service for the Lord for them on out in the future.

This high and noble purpose of the Foundation is entrusted to a board of nine men elected by the Convention to serve terms of three years each. These men must be active members of co-operating Baptist churches, either laymen or ministers, and are expected to be men of high integrity and business ability, men who can be trusted to handle the Lord's money safely and wisely.

We want our people to be informed about the Foundation, and we earnestly invite questions and comments. We especially desire the names of persons who might be interested in making gifts of money, stocks, and bonds, through the Foundation, and leave legacies to or include the Foundation in their wills.

Our office is in the Baptist Building, Little Rock.

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You can tell Americans trust in God by the way they drive.

Five Year Program

B. L. Bridges, executive secretary, presented a challenging five year program at the recent meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The five years include 1952-1956.

Following are the goals to be reached by 1956:

Membership: 310,000; baptisms increased each year until the goal of 20,000 persons are baptized in 1956.

Stewardship: 150,000 tithers, and per capita gifts of \$38 by 1956; a Cooperative Program budget of \$1,500,000; increase of percentage of local church budgets allocated to Cooperative Program to 20 per cent (it is now only nine per cent average over the state); 25 churches dividing their budgets on a 50-50 basis.

Ministers' Retirement Plans: 550 ministers participating, and 300 in the Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan.

Arkansas Baptist: A circulation of 62,000, capital investment of \$125,000, providing a printing plant.

Woman's Missionary Union: 2,445 organizations with 46,192 members.

Sunday Schools: 1,300 schools with 275,000 enrolled.

Training Unions: 875 unions with 100,000 enrolled.

Brotherhoods: 600 organizations with 15,000 members.

Baptist Student Union: Seven buildings with seven local secretaries.

Music Department: 244 full time music directors in churches with 25,000 enrolled in graded choirs.

State Missions: An increase each year in missions founded and new churches organized with a goal of 75 new missions and 50 new churches in the year 1956.

Vacation Bible Schools: A continuous increase in the number of schools each year, with a maximum goal of 1,100 in 1956.

Baptist Foundation: Capital investment of \$500,000 by 1956, and 100 wills in which the Foundation is included.

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Bible Study Week

By DR. JOHN L. DODGE

For a number of years our Baptist Sunday School Board and other agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention have promoted, through the churches, a week of Bible study in the month of January. In the past, this has proven to be not only a blessing, but a means of enriching the lives of the members of the churches that participated in this program. Many have been the testimonies from Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Training Union Directors, W.M.U. Presidents, and Brotherhood Presidents, and other leaders of the churches, of the value of this week of intensive Bible study.

In January, 1953, we are hoping and praying that thousands of Baptist churches in our Southern Baptist Convention, and hundreds of our churches in Arkansas will give intensive preparation for the Week of Bible Study. This year, we will have as our guide, "Studies in Philippians" by Dr. Ralph A. Herring. These small books are to be accepted primarily as guides. May we use God's Word as our textbook and give ourselves prayerfully to the study of God's Word in one intensive week. Brother Pastor, it is my belief that the spiritual lives of your people will be greatly enriched if you will give yourself to this Bible Study Week. Paul's letter to the Philippians is rich and full of grace. No person can read it and remain indifferent to the cause of Christ. I commend Bible Study Week.

Favorite Verses of Presidents

By BRUCE H. PRICE

Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, writes: "For many reasons I regard II Cor. 8:9 my favorite verse in the Bible. 'For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.'"

Recently I wrote to Dr. Grey and the twenty-two presidents of state conventions in Southern Baptist territory asking each to send me his favorite Bible verse. Thirteen of the state presidents responded, and my letter to President J. L. Brantly of California was returned to me for a "better address." I had used the address given in the 1952 Southern Baptist Annual.

By the time this is in print some of these state presidents may have completed their terms of office but they have served during the year 1952.

Dr. Louie D. Newton of Georgia selects Romans 8:28. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." Reason: "Having accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, I find that His Lordship is as real as His Saviourhood, and I face each day, unafraid."

From the very heart of the Sermon on the Mount Dr. John H. Buchanan of Alabama takes his favorite verse. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33. Dr. Buchanan adds that this verse enunciates a principle of Christian living that is sound for the present and future worlds. It gives the great standard of values for the Christian indicating what should take priority.

Matthew 28:10 and 20 are the verses selected by Dr. S. Arthur Eppley of Maryland. He adds special emphasis to the words "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." He also says, "with such a promise nothing is impossible."

Dr. Leon M. Latimer of South Carolina states that Ephesians 2:10 is his favorite.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Jesus Christ unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." To this Dr. Latimer relates: "This verse declares that the redeemed are divinely commissioned. It is one of Paul's finest statements of the Christian's obligation and privilege to serve. It is a great missionary text in its broadest application."

A verse that embodies one of the most important truths about our religion is John 15:8. "Herein is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." Dr. R. E. Loving of Virginia adds that he is more convinced every day that we need to put more emphasis on fruit-bearing.

From Kentucky and President Elwyn N. Wilkenson comes the verse John 3:16. He says that it has always been his favorite verse because he was led to give his heart to Jesus as an eleven year old boy through its message. Dr. Theo. Whitfield of McComb, Mississippi, walked a mile and half to where he lived and when alone asked him to read John 3:16 which resulted in his becoming a Christian.

In I Peter 5:6-7 God reveals to Dr. George D. McClelland of Kansas the secret of complete peace and of power unlimited. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor of Texas states that

near the top of the list of his favorite verses would be Romans 8:28. This is the same as selected by Dr. Newton. Dr. Feezor continues, that the verse which may appeal to his heart most is one that he keeps on his study desk from Psalms 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

From Florida and Dr. Albert L. Carnett comes the words "For me to live is Christ." Philippians 1:21. He adds, "This should be the magnificent obsession of every Christian's life, the dynamic motivation of Christian conduct, and the impelling and empowering incentive to Christian witnessing."

The secretary of Dr. Fred Eastham, the Missouri president, writes that he is out of the city but that his favorite scripture passage is Proverbs: 3:5 and 6. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path."

A layman from Mississippi, Purser Hewitt, selects II Timothy 1:7. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Mr. Hewitt continues by saying, "This verse seems to me to provide assurance, hope, and challenge in one breath."

"My favorite verse of scripture is Philipians 4:6 and 7, writes L. H. Moore of Illinois. "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus." With a word of explanation he relates, "Through the years these verses have been my assurance in many problems."

Dr. Edgar Godbold of Louisiana selected as his choice Philippians 4:19. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

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Report of Resolutions Committee

In its report to the Convention on November 20 at the Immanuel Church, Little Rock, the Resolutions Committee paid tribute to Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr. and the Immanuel Church "for the splendid manner in which they have provided for our comfort and needs." In expression of its appreciation the Committee also included President Lloyd A. Sparkman, the vice presidents of the Convention, L. H. Davis and E. E. Griever, and the recording secretary, W. Dawson King. The daily press also came in for a word of appreciation for its coverage of the Convention; an expression of appreciation to the churches throughout the state and to Dr. Bridges for his leadership in retiring the old debts.

The 1953 budget was referred to as a challenge to Arkansas Baptists for the next year.

Other resolutions reasserted the traditional stand of Baptists for a free church in a free state. Protests were registered against Sabbath desecration, the sale and use of intoxicating drinks, the advertising of beer and liquor in all forms, gambling of all sorts, and a breakdown of American homes by divorce and worldly preoccupation.

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"If we want God as our partner we must make our plans large."

"Uncle Fuller" Added To Heavenly Choir

By W. PLUNKETT MARTIN

In the home-going of Professor Ernest O. Sellers the New Orleans Seminary lost a great friend. There is no one who loved the seminary more than "Uncle Fuller."

Mr. Sellers came to New Orleans from overseas service with the Y.M.C.A. during the first world war. Before that he was on the faculty of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. This was the second year after the opening of the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans.

Someone has said of Mr. Sellers, "He can do more things and do them well than any man of my acquaintance." Only eternity will tell his full service to the student bodies of B.B.I., now the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, during his 25 years of teaching and since his retirement.

He set up the Practical Activities Department along the lines of the work he had seen done at Moody Bible Institute. This department has been a blessing to thousands of students and to the Baptist work in the New Orleans area. He was always interested in the teaching of soul-winning, and was active in establishing the course in Evangelism.

Professor Sellers was a student of sacred music. He left us some lasting songs, for some of which he wrote both words and music.

His greatest field was teaching, composing and leadership of congregational singing. The place of music in the worship of God was predominant in his thinking.

"Worship, Why and How," which Mr. Sellers wrote for his class in church music and worship, was a real contribution to the work of our seminary. It was the first book on this subject ever written by a Southern Baptist. Our students have been greatly helped by it. His other books have been most helpful to students in all departments of the seminary.

Soon after his retirement from active teaching duties, Professor Sellers gave the seminary \$3,000 in building and loan stock as an endowment for a scholarship to a worthy music student each year. This already has been a help to some students and will continue to be so for years to come.

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Good News From Home Mission Workers

Three Southern Baptist chaplains: Aubrey Halsell, Edward O'Neal, Livy L. Cope, at Sampson Air Force, New York, reported 324 professions of faith for August and September.

C. Y. Dossey, knee deep in snow in Alaska, reports 100 additions during the first week of the Simultaneous Revival Campaign there.

Ismael Negrin, Key West, Florida, had a Youth Revival with the Crenshaws, missionaries to Seminoles, leading in it. The kindergarten had 112 enrolled. More space and helpers would permit those on the waiting list to be accepted. "We would like to do more efficient work for the Lord; lack of space, material and equipment and workers do not permit it," writes Mr. Negrin. This is the circumstance and desire of all our Home Missionaries.

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And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, *Secretary*

Plans For "M" Night

Other associations are reporting that they are planning to observe "M" Night. Arkansas Valley will meet at West Helena. Stone - Van Buren - Searcy will meet at Marshall with a goal of 150. Concord will meet at Immanuel, Fort Smith, and they have a goal of 750. Hope Association will meet at Beech Street, Texarkana. Ouachita Association will meet at First Church, Mena. Dardanelle-Russellville will meet at Danville on December 11, with a goal of 200. Tri-County will meet at Cherry Valley. Little River Association will meet at Ashdown, with a goal of 200.

Thus far we have heard from 38 of 45 associations, stating they are planning to observe "M" Night. Will your association be one of the few not to have an "M" Night meeting?

CORRECT TRAINING UNION TERMINOLOGY

THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION. This is the name of the training agency of a Baptist church, just as Sunday school is the name of the teaching agency of a Baptist church. Say **Training Union** and not **B.T.U.**

NURSERY DEPARTMENT (Ages 3 and under). This is the

name used in referring to one group of children in this age group of the Training Union. There may be multiple Nursery departments, but each group of children is referred to as a department.

BEGINNER DEPARTMENT (Ages 4 and 5). This is the name of one group of children in this age group.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT (Ages 6-8). This is the name of one group of children in this age group.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT (Ages 9-12). A Junior department in the Training Union is composed of two or more Junior unions. There may be multiple Junior departments depending upon the size of the church.

BAPTIST JUNIOR UNION. This is the name of one organization in the Junior department. Do not say **Junior Training Union**, but rather **Junior Union**.

BAPTIST INTERMEDIATE UNION. This is the name of one organization in the Intermediate department. Do not say **Intermediate Training Union**, but rather **Intermediate Union**.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION. This is the name of one organization in the Young People's department. Do not say **Young People's Training Union**, but rather **Young People's Union**.

BAPTIST ADULT UNION. This is the name of one organization of Adults in the Adult department of the Training Union. Do not say **Adult Training Union**, but rather **Adult Union**.

Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, *Executive Secretary*

Five Important Interracial Conferences

Planning in conjunction with Miss Gwendoline Luster, Field Worker co-operating with the two Negro Baptist Conventions of Arkansas and supported by the Missions Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, five Interracial Conferences have been planned for December 9-15. These will feature training for officers and leaders in the Missionary Societies and young people's missionary organizations of the Negro churches. The schedule follows:

December 9, First Baptist Church (Negro), El Dorado; December 10, Baraque Street Baptist Church, Pine Bluff; December 11, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Little Rock; December 12, Salem Baptist Church, Forrest City; December 15, New Prospect Baptist Church, Russellville.

Each day's conference will start at 10 o'clock and close at three. The theme will be "Laborers Together," and the hymn to be featured each day is "We're Marching to Zion." Conference leaders will include Mrs. R. E. Hagood, State W.M.U. Worker; Miss Nancy Cooper, State W.M.U. Secretary; and Miss Luster. Some local aid is being solicited for each meeting. Those attending are asked to bring "school girl lunch."

Please publicize among your Negro friends and leaders in their churches the meeting nearest your locality. Help them attend. They need our help. We need their spirit as we are "Laborers Together."

TWO FIRSTS

W.M.S. Focus Week, January 18-23. It's something new! It can be something very wonderful! Make it so! Study the suggested plans found on pages 16-17 in the December issue of **Royal Service**. **AND REMEMBER** in Arkansas we will observe the Day of Prayer for Community Missions on the closing day of the week, the 23rd. Detailed plans for that day will be mailed late in December. Be planning NOW!

Royal Ambassador Congress, August 18-20. The first Southern Baptist convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress will be held in Atlanta, August 18-20, 1953. Six thousand boys are expected to attend. Mr. Ivyloy Bishop, convention-wide R.A. Secretary, is in

charge of all plans and promotion. Your boys should go!

WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE BECOME QUEEN REGENT

By JAN MOSES, *Hope*

Do you know the countries where Southern Baptists send missionaries? Do you know the localities of the foreign schools and medical centers? You don't? Well, I didn't either until I began working on the steps of Queen Regent that asked me to name those things. It was a tremendous challenge to me as I searched for this and other information. As I read about certain foreign countries, I could see the need that is so prevalent in Europe, Asia, and Africa.

When I made my Cooperative Program poster, I learned the percentage of Southern Baptist funds that go to foreign missions, home missions, and to other causes. As I recorded 50 per cent for Foreign Missions in my mind I thought, "How much greater would be that 50 per cent if all Southern Baptists' eyes were opened to the great needs on the mission fields." I also told myself "How thankful I am that I have had the opportunity to gain such knowledge in the formative years so that it will be easy to be generous when I become an adult."

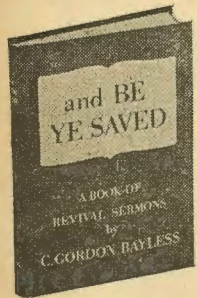
Oh, how I wish that every person had the chance to become Queen Regent as I have. If this had been the case, and if everyone had taken the work seriously, I know the world would be better today.

It is wonderful to be Queen Regent of Girls' Auxillary, and I challenge each of the younger G.A.'s and Sunbeams to work hard. Then, you too, can receive the cloak of humility and have that before you throughout life to make you to "do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God."

(Note: This testimony can be duplicated many times. Is there a Girls' Auxillary in your church offering such fine training to the girls? If not, pray earnestly and be willing for the Lord to use you in this type of leadership for our young people.)

"LOVEST THOU ME? . . . FEED MY SHEEP"

The above theme was used for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the admonition should stir hearts to action — praying and giving and witnessing. The convention-wide goal for the Lottie Moon Offering is \$2,000,000 and Arkansas' goal is \$65,000. What share have you had or will you have? Was it worthy? Would you like to increase your offering?



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December 9: Fayetteville, First Church, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor, a great rally of men and boys from Benton County, Washington-Madison, and Carroll County Associations.

December 11: Fort Smith, First Church, Dr. J. Harold Smith, pastor, a rally of men and boys from all over Concord, Clear Creek, Buckner, Dardanelle-Russellville, and Ouachita Associations.

December 12: Texarkana, Beech Street Church, James G. Harris, pastor, many men and boys from Hope, Little River, and Red River Associations.

Come to the meeting in your area!

Bring the boys of your church with you!

Help to get the word around to see that your church gets to your meeting a worthy representation of your men and boys.

Come, whether or not your church has an organized Brotherhood; whether or not your church has a Royal Ambassador chapter.

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SUCH NEWS AS THIS WE LOVE TO HEAR!

Below are some very interesting words from John W. Johnston, pastor of First Church, Booneville.

"When I came here about four months ago we did not have a Brotherhood. A group of these men have helped me get a Brotherhood organized in this church and have been invaluable in helping to keep it going. We had our second meeting recently and will have the third one in December. Already we have a fine group gathering for the monthly dinner meetings for fellowship and inspiration.

"During the week of November 2-9, First Church, Booneville, had one of the most unusual revivals of its entire history. On those dates a number of laymen from Brotherhoods in Fort Smith came down giving their songs, testimonies, personal work and sermons. With the exception of a soldier who has surrendered to preach, not a one of these men were (or claimed to be) preachers but the power of God was evidently in each service.

"Under the sponsorship of the Brotherhood of First Church, Booneville, through Mr. Perry Mikles, president, the revival was

conducted nightly for this week. Mr. Thel Smith of Fort Smith directed the singing. When the smoke of the revival fires had cleared a little 17 had been converted (9 were grown men), one joined by baptism, and 7 moved their letters. Practically the whole church rededicated itself anew to the Lord. This group was composed of policemen, firemen, printers, soldiers, traveling salesmen, painters, feed store operators, carpenters, bookkeepers, cleaning and pressing men, scissors factory employees, and from many other occupations, all working at the big job of winning souls. It was a wonderful time!"

BROTHERHOOD REVIVAL AT MONTE NE

Some six miles below Rogers there is a little town named Monte Ne. It was here that Coin Harvey, many years ago, started the building of a pyramid in which were to be preserved records of the Twentieth Century for future ages. The pyramid was never finished; and God has the record intact for Judgment Day.

Hotels built by Harvey and others have fallen down. The community has some of the appearance of a ghost-town. But people still live in Monte Ne!

Some seven years ago a Baptist church was established; and for the past five years W. E. Bland has been its pastor.

A few weeks ago your Brotherhood Secretary had the gracious privilege of laboring with the people of Monte Ne Baptist Church and the pastor in a Brotherhood revival. God graciously blessed, and twelve souls were added to the church, all on profession of faith.

God's people are lovely in Monte Ne. The singing during the revival was spirited, indeed. Fellowship was wonderful!

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Evangelistic Conference For 1953

January 19-21, Little Rock.

The 1953 State-Wide Evangelistic Conference will be held in Second Church, Little Rock, January 19-21. Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tennessee, will be the principal speaker.

Dr. I. L. Yearby will take up his work as Superintendent of Evangelism, January 1. The committee on evangelism has asked the Superintendent of Missions to prepare the program and make plans for the next conference. We have the program practically complete and we hope it will be one of the greatest conferences ever held in the state. This year we are largely following a suggested program made up by the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, of which Dr. C. E. Matthews is superintendent. The theme will be, "The New Testament Church."

We are looking forward to the coming of Dr. Yearby to assume the responsibility of promoting evangelism in Arkansas. The Mission Department will continue on its same work without any conflict with the new department. It has been a pleasure, during these years when the state had no Department of Evangelism, to have a small part in trying to keep evangelism at the front of all our work. Naturally, we will continue to spearhead all of our mission work with evangelism and co-operate in every way possible with an evangelistic movement.

We would like to urge now that churches arrange to send their pastors to this next State-Wide Evangelistic Conference, providing for their traveling expenses. We would also suggest that pastors urge their laymen and laywomen to attend this conference. It will not be for preachers only.

Write directly to the hotels for your room reservations.

MISSION EMPLOYEES BUSY

M. E. Wiles has just returned from Missouri where he was the

speaker in an associational School of Missions. He is now conducting a revival meeting at Friendly Hope Church, Mt. Zion Association.

R. A. Hill was the speaker in two associational Schools of Missions in Gainesville and Current River Associations the week preceding the Convention and is now engaged in a revival meeting with Shady Grove Church in Pulaski County.

Dr. L. B. Golden was also a speaker in the Gainesville and Current River School of Missions. He recently conducted a revival meeting in one of Camden's missions and is now making a survey, house to house, in the Cammack-Kingwood area of Little Rock, where a new work will likely be established soon.

Your Superintendent of Missions has had the pleasure, this fall, of being with Des Arc Church, C. R. Cooper, pastor; and Second Church, Monticello, Allen McCurry, pastor, in revival meetings. He preached the dedication sermon for Floral Church, November 30, and will be the speaker for a dedication of First Church, Danville, December 7; and on December 14 will participate in the organization of a new church in Forrest City.

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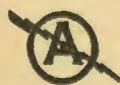
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BSU at Little Rock Junior College

By BETTY SUE HOLT, President

Prayers were answered for a group of Little Rock J. C. students when a Baptist Student Union was organized only six weeks before school was out last year. The "Spirit of BSU" has grown this year, until all the students on the campus are aware of this spiritual organization. God is richly blessing and great things are expected to happen for the Glory of God through the BSU this year. The group of enthusiastic BSU'ers are "Living Christ" on the campus and showing the other students that Christ is Real!

The BSU sponsors interdenominational chapel on the campus each week, with the students in charge. Through the chapel service, many students are seeing what can be done through their lives, when dedicated to the will of God.

The BSU also had charge of the annual all-school Thanksgiving assembly on November 26, with Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, as guest speaker. Several members of the BSU participated in this program.

As a special Thanksgiving project, the BSU outfitted a basket for a needy family in the city. Other mission projects will be conducted throughout the year.

Plans are being made for members to attend the annual BSU Convention to be held December 5-7, at Second Baptist Church in Little Rock.

The BSU has had only one social prior to Thanksgiving, but plans are being made for a pro-

gressive dinner to be had before the Christmas holidays.

In order to get the students on the campus better acquainted with BSU, much publicity is being done. An extensive advertising campaign is on. Colorful posters have been placed all over the campus advertising BSU. Seven students are also "picketing" for BSU. For two days before the meeting, they wear clever signs inviting the students and announcing about the next BSU meeting.

Signs are to be placed on the campus advertising BSU, similar to Burma Shave signs on the highway; also, arrows will be placed on the buildings pointing to the room where the BSU meets.

We also plan to have a "town crier" going over the campus, ringing a bell and calling for "All Baptist Students." This will get the attention of the students as they go about their campus activities.

To further promote the campaign, the BSU'ers will be wearing tags which say, "I go to BSU, Do You?"

Won't you pray for us and our BSU as we endeavor to do the will of God and reach the students for Christ on our campus? We are expecting great things from God and working toward that goal! Through the Baptist Student Union, we believe Christ can be magnified on the campus of Little Rock Junior College. Can we count on your prayers?

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Schedule Your Music School

As the church calendar for 1953 is being made up, it is well to set aside a suitable week for the Annual School of Church Music. Such a school is as vital to the well-being of a New Testament Church as schools for Sunday School, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Society workers. Music, to be used effectively in every service, needs to be understood, not only by those charged with the responsibility of leadership but by the entire membership of the church. Singing "with the spirit and the understanding" makes for a more joyous spiritual experience and is possible through a week of study in church music.

Pastors and church cabinets are requested to include plans for such a week of study in the new calendar of activities.

Write to the Church Music Department giving the choice of dates for the school and asking for one or more workers to conduct the school. The services of the state director are available through the Cooperative Program and other approved workers are available for a small honorarium plus traveling expenses and entertainment.

Arkansas Valley Association — There were 80 present at the sing held in Marianna, November 16, with four churches represented. Mrs. L. Y. Lewis was the director and Mrs. N. C. Hodge, the accompanist. Burton A. Miley led the devotional. The

theme of the program was "Thanksgiving in Song." Special numbers were presented by representatives from Helena, Marianna, Brinkley, and Clarendon. The next sing will be held at Marianna, February 10, 1953.

Mississippi County — There were 185 present at the Sing held at First Church, Manila, November 16, with 12 churches represented. Harold White was the director, Mrs. Ed Williams, the accompanist, and Dr. E. C. Brown led the devotional. The theme of the program was "Memorial to B. B. McKinney." Special numbers were presented by representatives from Blytheville, First, Trinity, Osceola, First, Wilson, and Manila. The next sing will be held at Wilson, on February 15, 1953.

Caroline Association — First Church, Cabot, was the meeting place of 59 people representing seven churches. L. G. Gatlin was the director, and E. R. Thompson, Cabot, led the devotional. Mrs. B. W. Nininger, State Music Director, was a guest. She displayed the music poster from the exhibit booth at the State Convention and spoke briefly about the calendar of music events for 1953.

Bartholomew — Ebenezer was the meeting place for 35 people November 16. J. M. Langston was the director and Miss Barbara Spraggins, the accompanist. The theme of the program was "Sing unto the Lord."

Temperance Report

(NOTE—The following excerpts are taken from the report on temperance read by Thomas H. Berry at the annual session of the Ashley County Association, October 7.—EDITOR)

If prohibition is not orderly then what a blunder is the Holy Writ! "Thou shalt not kill," "Thou shalt not steal," etc., occurs throughout the Book and yet that volume outsells all others. But do some retort that prohibition in the liquor traffic doesn't work? Does it in any of the others? Sense is just as useful as nonsense. Sense demands that crime be retarded as much as is possible. More liquor is sold and consumed under the present regime than ever previously. Prohibition is morally right.

The tragedy of a representative government is that it represents. By consent and assent the populace of our commonwealth has declared that John Barleycorn replenishes the country's public treasury. Do not men's opinions vary with their interests? No funds reach the country's treasury except the country's constituency puts them

there. If there's a dollar in the treasury you put it there. The dollar spent for liquor was a portion of the contribution. The dealer in liquor passed the expense on to the consumer. Money thus spent put no molasses in the pitcher, no socks on the feet, no coal in the bin, paid no rent, nor bought a single loaf of bread. The 1940-50 census has it that the consumer spent \$13 on liquor that \$1 might find its way to the treasury. Your reporter lays no claim to business acumen, but if this is good business he had a poor instructor, indeed, in readin', writin', and 'rithmetic. Joe Marsh is well able to hoodwink the gumps and the gullible.

As of even date it appears that little progress has been made in the control of the liquor traffic. It is exceedingly difficult for people to rise above its leadership. The highest executive in the land can undo in a moment all that has been accomplished

in years. However, be it known that this was done with our consent. Did we want repeal because we wanted liquor or was it because prohibition was not enforced? Have either of the prohibitions of the Bible been enforced? Has murder ceased? Have folks quit stealing? Is there no such thing as perjury any more? Our effort declared the traffic shameful and abusive. Unable to kill all the rattlesnakes in the country, shall we permit them to den up in the front yard? And shall one say that it is all right just so they den up in the neighbor's yard? "Am I my brother's keeper" shall recur again and again. "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

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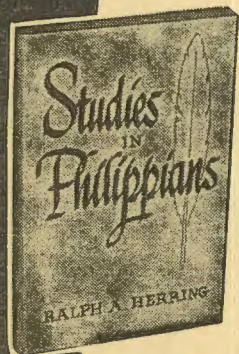
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By Ralph A. Herring



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Concerning The 1953 State Assembly

By DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, Director

The Dates: There will be two Assemblies in 1953. The first beginning on Thursday night, July 2, and continuing through Tuesday night, July 7. The second beginning on Thursday night, July 9, and continuing through Tuesday night, July 14.

Program Personnel: With one exception, the program personnel will be the same for both Assemblies. Dr. Vance Havner, well known pastor, preacher, evangelist, Bible conference speaker and writer, will be the speaker for the night sessions. Dr. O. L. Bayless, pastor, Second Church, Hot Springs, will be the morning devotional hour speaker for the first Assembly, and Dr. Carl Goodson, Bible teacher at Southwest College, Bolivar, Missouri, the morning devotional hour speaker for the second Assembly. Walter Hill, Associate Pastor of First Church, Little Rock, will serve as Assembly song leader for both Assemblies. Miss Rose Arzoomanian of Chicago will serve as soloist for each of the Assemblies. The organist and two pianists will be the same for both Assemblies. Those who will serve on the different faculties during the morning study courses will, so far as possible, be the same.

Dining Hall Changes: Working in close co-operation with the State Board of Health, the old kitchen and dishwashing room has been replaced with two entirely new rooms—one for the kitchen, the other for the dishwashing. New equipment has been purchased for the dishwashing room. The dining hall seating has been changed. This will make for a smaller seating capacity, but for greater use and comfort in serving and being served.

Professional cooks are being engaged and every effort will be made to serve the best food possible and under the most healthful conditions.

Water Supply: For the past several years, the drinking water on the Assembly grounds has been treated and therefore the water used in the kitchen and at the drinking fountains has been safe, but again working in close co-operation with the State Board of Health, we are now providing treating facilities that will make it possible to treat all water on the Assembly grounds, including that used in the swimming pool, rest rooms and elsewhere throughout

the grounds. It will be safe to use the water anywhere on the grounds.

Assembly Accommodations: There are places in the Assembly owned dormitories for 544. There are 39 single cabins, three double cabins and five rooms of single cabin size on the first floor of one of the dormitories. In addition to these Assembly owned accommodations, there are a number of church owned dormitories. The combined accommodations for both Assembly and church owned dormitories and cabins is approximately 1,000, and each one of the two Assemblies should be limited in registration to this number.

Who Should Attend and When: As announced, the State will be divided by associations based on the 1952 Assembly attendance from the different associations. The churches in the different associations are asked to co-operate with the Assembly leaders and to register only for one of the two Assemblies as indicated. This designation is being made so as to reach more people with the Assembly program and to assure two Assemblies with proportionate or equal attendance. It should be kept in mind that the leading program personnel will be the same for both weeks. The two Assembly programs will be the same.

First Assembly July 2 to 7

Registrations will be accepted for this Assembly after January 1, 1953, from the following associations:

Black River, Buckner, Buckville, Caddo River, Clear Creek, Concord, Conway-Perry, Current River, Faulkner, Gainesville, Greene County, Hope, Independence, Liberty, Little Red River, Little River, Mississippi, Mt. Zion, Ouachita, Red River, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, White County, White River, and Woodruff.

Second Assembly July 9 to 14

Registrations will be accepted for this Assembly after January 1, 1953, from the following associations:

Arkansas Valley, Ashley County, Bartholomew, Benton County, Big Creek, Boone County, Carey, Caroline, Carroll County, Centennial, Central, Dardanelle-Russellville, Delta, Harmony, Newton, Pulaski, Rocky Bayou, Tri-County, Trinity, Washington-Madison, and Motor Cities.

NOTE: Churches owning their own dormitories are asked to attend the Assembly designated for their association. Please do not ask to be changed. All of this is in the interest of two well balanced Assemblies for Arkansas Baptists.

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By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

INTRODUCTION

Today we have the lesson in parables. A parable is a truth told in story or narrative form. It isn't too far from our modern use of illustrations. Most great truths in the physical world have a parallel in the spiritual. For example, we have the physical birth and the spiritual birth; physical exercise is necessary to keep our bodies strong and healthy, spiritual exercise is also required to maintain spiritual health and strength. It requires food to build physical bodies, it requires spiritual food to build spiritual bodies. Again, there is physical blindness; there is spiritual blindness. There is physical light, there is spiritual light. And one could go on and on with this phase of our study.

So, Jesus often took the truths of the physical realm, truths with which the people were familiar, and used them as object lessons to convey spiritual truths to His disciples.

KINGDOM OCCUPANTS

Matt. 13:24-30

A man had a field of wheat said the Lord. During the night his enemies stole in and sewed tares in his wheat field. We are told that wheat and tares look alike. But the tares are a curse to the wheat. When it was discovered, the servants desired to go out and dig up the tares. But the farmer said, "No, lest you also ruin the wheat. Let them grow together till harvest time, then the wheat would be separated and saved, and the tares would be thrown aside and burned."

The parable is speaking of the Lord's enemies, but it has to do with the lives of His subjects in the kingdom. God's enemy is out to destroy God's wheat—His children. The enemy has tried every method in the catalog. His first effort was to slay God's Son. But the Son's death was a part of God's plan for redemption.

Then Satan tried to destroy the church. He failed again. So he creates a great mass of confusion by counterfeit and false doctrines. The Bible speaks so plainly that salvation is by grace, and through the person of God's Son, over and over again. Yet some religionists bitterly deny these Bible truths and preach long and loudly that you must work for heaven if you ever get there. Satan has caused confusion there.

The Bible plainly states that baptism is a burial. Yet many denominations ridicule the scriptures and say it makes no difference what the Bible says. Again, Satan has caused great confusion in people's minds.

Then again, many people believe very nearly the same thing

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but they refuse to accept any phraseology but their own. You must say the truth in exactly my own words or you are mistaken.

So, in this great wheat field, the world, the kingdom of God is being developed, and all sorts of people are His subjects, good, bad, and indifferent. The saved and unsaved, good and evil; and evil is always opposed to good.

Many times we have been asked the question: "Why does God permit evil?" The answer is simple: "Because He is God." The very patience and long suffering of God proves that He is God. He has His plans for the wicked, but the iniquity of mankind must be fulfilled. At the appointed time, God will attend to the wicked, and woe be unto evil in the great harvest when the tares shall be burned.

One high point of the parable is the fact that we have spiritual enemies; and never underestimate the power of an enemy.

PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM

Matt. 13:31-32

In another sense, the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed, the smallest of seeds, but when it is sown it grows into a bush or tree that the birds might build their nests in the branches thereof. Its growth is phenomenal. So it was with the kingdom of heaven on earth. It had a small and humble beginning. It was despised and persecuted for centuries. Today that kingdom has subjects around the globe. Not all have heard the gospel, but some in every nation, no doubt, has accepted King Jesus and has become a subject of God's future kingdom. The church is only one phase of God's kingdom, and it is now a great institution, known around the world, and it began with such a few constituents.

MYSTERY OF KINGDOM GROWTH

Matt. 13:33

Again, "The Kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened."

Leaven simply means a form of yeast. Every housewife has had some experience with yeast. We know it will permeate a batch of dough, that it will spread through the dough until it multiplies itself many times. This spreading quality of yeast is a mystery. Yet it is a fact.

Jesus spoke of the mysteries of the kingdom; Paul spoke of the mysteries of the gospel. It is a mystery, yet a fact that the Holy Spirit can take the word of truth and reach thousands of converts each year with salvation. It may seem to be a slow moving process; it is so individual and minute. It moves from person to person; people are won, one by one. But we know it happens.

VALUE OF THE KINGDOM

Matt. 13:44-46

Quite often there is a farm in a community that every other farmer would love to own. Many would go to extreme to purchase the ideal home. Jesus compared the value of the kingdom to a wise man who learned that a pearl of great price was hidden in a certain field; he hastened to sell all he had in order to invest in that valuable piece of property.

The kingdom of heaven should be that important to us. Whatever our earthly possessions may be, however great, nothing is so valuable as the kingdom of heaven. It is worth our while to go

all-out for an inheritance in God's great kingdom. It has all the advantages there are to be had: Eternal life; eternal joy and health and happiness; eternal fellowship with the God-head. At long last, the kind of service we have always desired to render will be realized. We can really go places and do things when we come into our inheritance in the kingdom.

Who knows but what this is a proving ground on earth which will determine in a great measure the extent and manner of service we shall be able to render over there.

Dignity is the capacity to hold back on the tongue what never should have been on the mind in the first place.

Careful Driver: The fellow that can wear out a car without the help of a railroad engine and a crossing.



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Dr. I. L. Yearby Will Lead in Evangelism

Dr. I. L. Yearby of Oklahoma City has been elected by the Executive Board to be the State Secretary of Evangelism under the direction of the Executive Board. He will begin work January 1, 1953, and his office will be in room 204 at Baptist Headquarters. In this paper last week the editor gave a good report of Dr. Yearby's life and ministry, so, all we need to say today is that this man chosen to "spearhead" and emphasize and promote the spirit and work of evangelism and soul-winning, and to actually lead in doing it, is one of the greatest evangelistic preachers in the land. We consider that we are fortunate indeed to be able to procure the services of a man of his strength and ability and faith and fervor. We commend him to the churches and their pastors. From Dr. Yearby we have received the following telegram:

"Dr. B. L. Bridges, Executive Secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention 403 West Capitol Little Rock, Arkansas.

"After prayerful consideration of your invitation to become the leader of Evangelism for the Baptists of your great state and with a definite assurance that the Holy Spirit had made it clear that it is the will of God that I come, I most humbly accept the position of Secretary of Evangelism for Arkansas Baptist State Convention according to the proposition outlined by the chairman of your committee services to begin January 1, 1953. Call your people to prayer for a mighty Holy Spirit endued revival in the churches and a great soul saving Evangelistic crusade of the masses of unsaved throughout the state. Praying that you will have a great convention. Letter follows."

I. L. Yearby.

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The Secular Press and Our Baptist Work

We are grateful indeed for the recognition that the secular press has been giving us recently about the work of Arkansas Baptists. The press reporters are becoming more and more familiar with our work, our policies, our doctrines, and our terminology. The fact is some of these reporters are Baptists themselves. We are not unmindful of the difficulties under which a press reporter works. He is rushed every hour of his working day. He does not have much time to collect and properly write the news items or the articles that he is required by his employer to bring up. We think they are a great set of people, and we have learned to love and appreciate them.

Baptist Woman Gives Refrigerator

Mrs. W. E. Talbert of Jones Street in Little Rock has responded to our request and suggestion and has given to Baptist Headquarters a refrigerator. Any workers at Baptist Headquarters who desire to do so can bring a lunch and put it in the refrigerator, and it will be good at the noon hour. We are indeed grateful to you, Mrs. Talbert.

Dr. Edgar Godbold

Many of our people knew that great soul and Baptist leader, Dr. Edgar Godbold, recently of Louisiana. Dr. Godbold was a layman and his life was spent largely in the interest of the denomination. He served so well in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Louisiana. He was fatally injured in an automobile accident in Louisiana on his way to their annual meeting of the State Convention of which he, himself, was president. What a loss to the cause when a great man like this checks out!

Berryville and Webb

Many of you know that First Church in Berryville recently called Brother A. E. Webb to be its pastor. He is on the field and the church has made up the budget for 1953. The budget includes \$1,250 for the Cooperative Program. Those who know Webb are profoundly grateful for his return to Arkansas from his pastorate in Kentucky. He is a man of great personality, well chosen in his ministry, and is a distinctive contribution to the Baptist cause.

Speed and Russellville

We notice in the Russellville First Church bulletin an item of \$7,100, which is 20 per cent of the budget for the Cooperative Program in 1953. The church also has a good allocation for associational missions in the budget. W. E. Speed is the pastor and leader. He is a man with a lot of foresight and a prayerful life.

Gaston and Flippin

Pastor Albert Gaston of Flippin writes that the Flippin Church has voted 10 per cent of its total church income to go through the Cooperative Program. Many of you will remember that this is where we helped to build a church house a few years ago. This church is now established in the town, and Pastor Gaston is its beloved leader.

Aulds Church and Leroy Brady

"We have begun our work in the Aulds Church in Delta Association. We see growth already. In the three weeks, we have organized a Training Union, had one conversion for baptism, made plans for regular donation to our associational offering, have planned and started work on a building program, and we are sending \$60 to the Cooperative Program instead of the \$44 requested of us."—Leroy Brady.

Bumpass and Urbana

We rejoice in a word received from Brother Claud Bumpass, pastor of Urbana Church, stating that the church would give \$2,040 through the Cooperative Program in 1953. The church gave \$720 in 1951, is giving \$1,500 for this year. Thank you, brethren. This is a good report.

Village and Bennett

Brother Amos Bennett, the able, aggressive, and young pastor of the Village Church informs us that his church has voted to increase its Cooperative Program gifts 16 per cent in 1953 over its gifts this year. How we do rejoice in this encouraging report. Thank you, Brother Bennett, and friends at Village.

Second Church, Little Rock, and the Cooperative Program

The Second Church in Little Rock plans to give \$33,600 in 1953 for the Cooperative Program. The Finance Committee and the deacons are whole-hearted in making this advance in their gift for missions, and they deserve a great deal of praise and encouragement. The congregation, likewise, is happy over this forward step.

Pastor Dale Cowling is happy that he has a group of leaders whose vision is lifted high in denominational interest.

Bailey Hill and Escott

The Bailey Hill Church in Concord Association, Fort Smith, is increasing its percentage allocation for the Cooperative Program in 1953. The percentage is lifted to 15 per cent and in all probability, this should amount to as much as \$2,500. The whole Baptist cause in Fort Smith is growing and Bailey Hill, under the leadership of Pastor Escott, is taking its place in the advance.

Mt. Hebron and Robinson

Mt. Hebron, in Greene County, is increasing its allocation for Cooperative Missions in 1953. Thank you, Pastor Robinson, deacons, and church. Our brightest hope for the Cooperative Program lies in the disposition of our churches to give a worthy percentage of their budget for Missions. The average throughout the state has been less than 9 per cent of the total amount of church budgets that goes to the Cooperative Program.

Wilson and Bledsoe

Pastor Bledsoe, of First Church in Wilson, is a missionary soul. We understand that the church has adopted a budget which calls for \$3,300 for the Cooperative Program in 1953. Thank you, Brother Bledsoe.

Lake City and Muncy

Lake City Church is lifting its Cooperative Program allocation again this year. We do not remember the exact figures, but we have heard of the agreement of the church to make a substantial increase in its contribution for Missions. Many of our people know Mr. Fred Carter, who is prominent among us in denominational work and who has been on our state-wide boards. Pastor Muncy leans heavily upon his deacons and with one accord, they are stepping forward in a worthy manner.