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My Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, be my Guide.
Pray, keep me near my Saviour's side,
And as I live each fleeting day
Help me live the Jesus Way.

Although my witness may be small
Help it to be my all in all.
Help me to do the best I can
To win the souls of my fellow man.

A little lad once gave his bread,
Which, blessed by Jesus, multitudes fed.
The message still to my heart rings true.
He needs my loaves and fishes, too.

Though little my faith and my talents few,
Help me to give them all to You,
To be used of You for the greatest yield,
To work for You in Your harvest field.

With laborers so few and harvest so white
Oh God, give us courage to labor till night.
And then with the sunset, and the last soul won,
May we hear from Thy lips the blessed, "WELL DONE."

Charleta Beindorf

Lordship and Liberty

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

TRUMAN BEGS CHURCH'S SUPPORT

President Truman spoke to a special meeting of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America at Columbus, Ohio, last week, pleading for church support of his stalemated domestic legislative program.

He termed the Christian spirit of sharing as vital in his housing and relief programs which he said are being fought by interests "greedy for gold." He urged religious support also for the development of atomic energy under "a high moral code" to rescue "a sick world in the doorway of destruction."

Religious Revival Vital

Saying forces of "selfishness and greed and intolerance" are again at work, Mr. Truman declared that they create situations demanding "moral and spiritual awakening in the life of the individual and in the councils of the world."

"There is no problem on this earth tough enough to withstand the flame of a genuine renewal of religious faith," the president said. **"And some of the problems of today will yield to nothing less than that kind of revival."**

"If the world is long to survive, the gigantic power which man has acquired through atomic energy must be matched by spiritual strength of greater magnitude. All mankind now stands in the doorway to destruction—or upon the threshold of the greatest age in history. Only a high moral code can master this new power of the universe, and develop it for the common good."

Need Spiritual Awakening

He said America's churches—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish—bound together in the American "unity of brotherhood," must provide the "shock forces" to accomplish the "spiritual awakening" necessary to substitute "decency and reason and brotherhood for the rule of force in the government of man."

"Oh, for an Isaiah or a Saint Paul to reawaken a sick world to its moral responsibilities," he declared.

Unless the church forces provide the spiritual awakening in this atomic age, the president continued, "we are headed for the disaster we would deserve."

Calls for Brotherhood

The president said that if the people "really believed in the brotherhood of man, it would not be necessary to pass a fair employment practice act" to prevent racial discrimination in job-giving, and added:

"If certain interests were not so greedy for gold there would be less pressure and lobbying to induce Congress to allow the price control act to expire, or to keep down minimum wages, or to permit further concentration of economic power."

"A truly religious fervor among our people would go a long way toward obtaining a national housing program, and an extended and improved social security program."

The president said that "every possible resource of government would be used to reach

our goal of 2,700,000 low-cost homes within the next two years," and added:

"The spiritual welfare of our people of tomorrow is going to depend on the kind of home life which our nation has today.

"That is why it is so important that all churches throughout America co-operate in the national share-the-home effort. If each congregation of the 250,000 churches and synagogues in this country would open their spare rooms to only four veterans, one million veterans and their families could receive temporary shelter until new houses are available."

Prove Faith By Sharing

The president called upon all Americans to prove their faith by doing their share "to save starving millions in Europe, and Asia and Africa."

"Share your food by eating less," he said, "and prevent millions from dying of starvation. Reduce your abundance so that others may have a crust of bread. In short, prove yourselves worthy of the liberty and dignity which you have preserved on this earth, by helping those less fortunate who have been starved by the dictators for so many long years and who still starve even in liberation."

BLUE LAW — Mississippi's 124-year-old Sunday Blue Law was invoked by the State Supreme Court in a decision invalidating the dismissal of two company employees because it took place at a board of directors meeting held on a Sunday.

"The Sunday Blue Law of 1822 prohibits anyone, under penalty of conviction, from laboring at his own or any other trade, calling, or business, with certain exceptions, such as drug stores," Justice Julian P. Alexander, who teaches a Presbyterian Sunday School class, pointed out.

NORTHERN BAPTISTS — Mutual understanding between the United States and Russia that will lead to cooperative action through UNO for world peace was urged by the Council on Christian Social Progress of the Northern Baptist Convention in a resolution.

Another resolution endorsed the McMahan bill for civilian control of atomic energy declaring that "such control would provide greater freedom for the constructive use of atomic force in the interest of human welfare and world peace."

The Council commended President Truman's appeal to citizens to limit consumption of food in order to make more supplies available for starvation-threatened countries. It pledged wide publicity to the appeal through churches of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Re-affirming support of the Martin resolution for international abolition of compulsory peacetime military training, the Council declared that "this is a major step the United States should take in the expression of its own peaceful intentions."

FOREIGN STUDENTS — A million-dollar scholarship fund for students abroad who wish to obtain their education at Methodist schools in this country was announced by the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church. The fund will be administered jointly by the Board of Education and the Board of Missions.

It is expected that 250 students will benefit by the plan, money for which will come from the \$25,000,000 collected by the church in its recent Crusade for Christ campaign.

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Upon returning from church one day boy asked his father, "What is the difference between a man who has received the Spirit and one who has not?" "The said the father, "as the difference between needles, one of which has received an electric shock while the other has not. The one having received the electric shock has high virtues, it is rendered a magnet, while the other is not."

In the case of the needles, one has mastered by the higher laws of the universe and is capable of guiding a man across trackless desert. The other obeys only lower laws of the universe and has no ability to direct one's course across uncharted areas.

The soul that has received the Holy Spirit rises to the higher level of the lordship of Christ, and, being charged with the divine spirit, will guide the man across the trackless desert of sin and to the Father's bosom while the soul that has not received the Spirit is lost in the maelstrom of life.

The Holy Spirit is free and cannot be bound. Jesus makes this clear to His disciples by speaking of the Spirit: "Whom the world cannot receive." A better rendering which the word will admit is "Whom the world cannot seize." The world will seize Jesus and Him. But the world cannot seize the Spirit, nor imprison Him, nor slay Him. He is free. And those accepting Him as Lord are as free as the Holy Spirit Himself.

Paul was imprisoned, but he was freer than the Roman emperor who had imprisoned the apostle. John was banished to the Isle of Patmos, but he was a free man.

"Now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." 2 Cor. 3:17.

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Christians need to remind themselves again and again of their basic function in the kingdom of God. They are witnesses of the life of Jesus Christ. This is the purpose of God in their redemption.—Clifton J. Allen in Teacher.

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Across the Editor's Desk...

Our Missionaries

Earn Recognition

President Truman received 32 Baptist missionaries at the White House a few days ago. There was not any big show about it, just a cordial handshake and a friendly greeting; but it was the first time in our memory that any such official recognition has been given missionaries.

It set us to thinking about the lack of gratitude a nation shows to these ambassadors of Christ. These missionaries are the best envoys of good will representing any nation on foreign soil. These missionaries with their gospel of love won beforehand many battles which could have been critical for our forces in the recent war.

But the ambassadors of government come home with bands playing and are received in lavish balls. The soldiers come home amid parades and acclamation and an eternal place in the hearts of the people. The missionary, who has done a more lasting and probably a more sacrificial work than either the ambassador or the soldier, comes home usually unwelcomed and unsung.

The missionary's life is one of sacrifice. It is the missionary who goes to foreign shores determined to give his very life to people he has never seen. It is the missionary who works intelligently and silently, thousands of miles away from his family and home environment, to plant seeds of God's love in the hearts of these strange people. The missionary goes because he loves lost people, because God has commanded that we tell the story of salvation, because we know that Christian ethics are the only hope of a joyous peaceful world.

We churchmen are as negligent as our government and the general public in applauding the work of our missionaries. True, our missionaries serve for reasons much deeper than salaries and popular acclaim. But they are deserving of all the praise and all the support that is ours to give.

The need for more mission volunteers is desperate. Southern Baptist pocketbooks are financially able to send scores more than the pitifully small band of 550 missionaries now representing us on foreign fields. Volunteers must be found immediately if we even begin to meet the challenge now open to us around the globe. We need to preach missions, pray missions, practice missions, pay to missions. Let us be world-minded in terms of the gospel.

The Christian journalist is an evangelist, whether he works in his home town, in Ibadan, in Rio, in Canton, in Rome, or in Jerusalem.—Marjorie E. Moore in Baptist Student.

They DO Read It

Frequently the Editor hears reports from various churches in which conscientious leaders have raised the question that the ARKANSAS BAPTIST is not read by enough families to make it worthwhile for the church to send the paper to every family in its membership. We believe that these people are conscientious in their objections, but we sincerely believe they are wrong.

We can cite many instances in which we know that the ARKANSAS BAPTIST becomes a vital part of the home into which it goes, even though the family was insufficiently interested in it to request it at the beginning.

There is an instance of a young couple who was not interested in denominational work or religious work generally. The paper came for several weeks and was opened only occasionally. On one of these occasional openings, however, the husband read a brief article and liked it so much he reread it to his wife. He turned some more pages and read more articles he liked. That couple now is one of our most regular readers. Would the church have been justified in not sending the paper to this home even though it was known that this couple was not interested?

There is another home in which the paper reached more people than was ever intended. A non-Christian boarding in the home in going through the magazine rack read an issue of the paper, became interested and a few weeks later was converted to Christianity.

In another home the children run each day to the mail box after the mailman has passed. On days the ARKANSAS BAPTIST arrives, these children are reminded of the Sunday School, the church, and all Christian work. To them the coming of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST each week is a visit from Christian forces and a witness for Christ. The paper on the library table is testimony to the parents and to the children that the church is interested in their home.

A woman from another home tells us that her Negro postman greeted her one day with, "Mrs. Brown, you must be a Christian." "Yes, I am, why?" she replied. "Well, you get the Baptist paper every week."

One woman told us quite frankly that the church held little interest for her, but she did testify that a front page poem meant so much to her that it has been clipped, framed and hung over her library table, a constant reminder of Christ's will for her life. One issue, perused casually, is proving a blessing worth many times the cost.

We know of one church which added eight prospective families to its regular subscription roll. Only three months later the church

treasurer wrote us: "Here are some families who are prospects for our church. Send the paper to them. Members of all of those first families have joined the church some through profession of faith."

Yes, we grant that many folks are not interested enough in the paper to ask for it, but we doubt seriously that it goes into the home many times without doing good.

Week-End Revival

A Week-End Revival, with young preaching from Ouachita College bringing gospel messages, is slated March 15-17 in a Youth Christ effort at Lonoke Baptist Church. Pastor W. M. Pratt announces that Claude Smart and Jerry Davis will do the preaching.

The revival will open with a preaching service at 7:30 p. m. Friday, followed by a fellowship and recreation hour. Worship services will be held Saturday at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., with the afternoon devoted to organ visitation.

The young people will be in charge of Bible School Sunday morning and the worship service following. An open forum for young people is scheduled for 2:30 p. m. and will be continued at 6 p. m. The evening worship service will close the special effort.

We look forward to hearing news of the week's results.

Fifty-four percent of the American women listen with regularity to the radio "soap operas" every morning. A survey shows that women spend an average of one hour and twenty-seven minutes each morning listening to the suspense dramas.

The Fair Oaks Church, where Ouachita College student Charles F. Holland is pastor, more than doubled its membership last year. There was a 136 per cent increase by additions, the per cent being by profession of faith and baptism.

British churchmen, led this time by Catholics, have criticized strongly the almost complete absence of any religious notes at the meetings of the United Nations General Assembly. There has not been "any slight acknowledgement of the sovereignty of God," commented the Catholic Times. "Resoundant but none the less banal, speeches could more carefully have avoided any mention of the religious and moral issues which lie at the root of our disorders."

DON'T FAIL TO READ two articles in this week. "Out of Date Men in an Up-to-Date World," page five, and "General Revival Our Greatest Need," page seven remind us of our tremendous responsibility as Christians.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Beech Street Church, Texarkana, has received a memorial gift from Mrs. T. D. Nixon, Warrensburg, Mo., in memory of her late husband, Lt. Nixon, who lost his life in the Pacific area. The gift is being used to secure two palms for the church auditorium, to purchase some books for the church library, and to complete the amount needed to purchase a slide film projector for educational work in the church.

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, recently held special services and supplied the pulpit of First Church, Kennett, Mo. He has an open date in April and in May.

The Church Building Loan Department of the Home Mission Board has reduced its interest rate on church loans from five percent to four percent. Funds are now available for loans at the reduced rate.

Rev. James Phillips, aged 103, retired Negro Baptist preacher, died in Little Rock March 3. Born a slave in Kansas City, Mo., he was sold with his father. After the civil war he continued farm work until he received a call from the Lord and became a preacher. In addition to preaching he conducted night Bible schools for members of his race.

Second Church, Warren, Keith F. Babb, pastor, has completed a new pastor's home and is making plans for the erection of a new church building in the near future.

Rev. O. Afton Linger has been released from military services after serving almost two years as chaplain in the United States Navy, serving in shore-based activities and for his last duty from July 13 to November 23, 1945, abroad the U. S. S. Hooper Island. When he entered the chaplaincy he was pastor of First Church, Corbin, Ky.

Nine additions, six for baptism, were received by Immanuel Church, El Dorado, February 24. All were adults except for two intermediate girls. The church has had additions every Sunday since the middle of December. In the morning service March 3, H. B. Marks, director of education in the church, surrendered to the ministry. Pastor R. C. Brinkley writes: "Brother Marks has a very gifted personality. He has been seeking to compromise with God, and turn to educational work, but the Lord laid his hand so heavily upon him that he surrendered his all. I would say to the churches over the land that a very gifted young man with God's call upon him will be available for service, and I recommend him to the brethren at large without reservation."

Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, will have a Training Union Study Course, March 17-21, according to Training Union News, regular publication of the organization. Teachers will

be Mrs. William J. Perkinson, Mr. Charles Mankin, and Mr. and Mrs. Idus V. Owensby. The week following the course, the Life Service Band of the church is going to be responsible for conducting a Training Union Study Course at the Ninth Street Negro Baptist Church.

Hope Association has purchased a home at 918 Kirby St., Texarkana, according to Rev. Bruce H. Price, moderator. For several months the association has been renting the home for the use of the associational missionary, Rev. Ottis Denney. The purchase price was \$2750.

The Ouachita College choir sang at Beech Street Church, Texarkana, on Sunday, March 10 at 11 a. m. In the afternoon and evening the choir sang at two churches in Texarkana, Tex. On Saturday night, March 9, the group was at Ashdown.

Second Church, Arkadelphia, began a "Youth for Christ" revival February 24. Joe Shaver, recently discharged from the Navy, did the preaching and Mark Short, Arkadelphia, had charge of the music.

Joe Ambort, pastor of the Alexander Mission of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock, was ordained to the ministry at a monthly meeting of the Mission Department, March 1. He is a student in Ouachita College.

Rev. Taylor Stanfill, city missionary, Little Rock, led in evangelistic services at Amboy Church, mission of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, March 3-10. Congregational singing was led by M. O. Kelley. Miss Carolyn Coors was pianist. There were eight additions, six by baptism, one by statement, and one by letter.

Dr. Ellis Fuller, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. has accepted the invitation to deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Ouachita College May 26. The exercises will be in the new auditorium, Mitchell Hall.

Baptist Brotherhoods over the South are being invited to make contributions toward the purchase of carillon bells to be set up in the tower at Virginia Interment College, Bristol, as a memorial to the late Dr. J. T. Henderson, who was so long active in the Brotherhood movement. Dr. Henderson was for eleven years president of Interment and long a member of the board. Dr. R. L. Brantley, president of Interment, says that the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church of Bristol has made the first gift.

A ton of garments, 2216 in number, was shipped by First Church, Russellville, to the interdenominational church committee for overseas relief and rehabilitation at the close of a campaign to gather used clothing for the destitute of war-torn countries.

PASTORAL CHANGES

O. C. Hicks from First Church, Luxora, to First Church, Harrisburg.

Aubrey C. Halsell, chaplain, to First Church, West Memphis.

Arkansas Featured In Quarterly Review

The Quarterly Review, Baptist Sunday School Board publication which surveys denominational progress, carries many items of interest to Arkansans in its April-May-June issue.

Seven pages in the magazine are devoted to a story of the cooperative undertakings of Arkansas Baptists. Ten photographs of state leaders are used to illustrate our state program. Another sketch tells of accomplishments to date in meeting the denominational moral obligations. And another item tells of work being done by Taylor Stanfill, superintendent of city missions in Little Rock.

This issue of the Quarterly Review is the first wholly under the direction of its new editor, Porter Routh. Changes in style, format and use of illustrative material make the publication much more readable than in the past. It is a magazine that every leader in the South will welcome.

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Sunday School Clinic Held By Spa Church

Central Church, Hot Springs, was host to Baptist churches of the city in a recent Sunday School Clinic which was under the direction of Dr. Edgar Williamson. Enrollment reached 88. Mr. Ruey Ault, Second Church, taught the adult book; "Teaching Adults the Sunday School," Rev. Ed Vallowe, Park Place Church, taught "Teaching Young People in the Sunday School;" Rev. W. J. Hinsley, Second Church, "The Art of Teaching Intermediates;" Mrs. L. A. Myers, Central Church, "Guiding Junior Boys and Girls;" Mrs. F. T. Hill, First Church, "Guiding the Primary Child;" and Mrs. Edgar Williams, Little Rock, "Guiding the Little Child." The four pastors, W. J. Hinsley, Second Church; B. H. Duncan, First Church; Jesse Reed, Park Place Church, and Clyde Hart, Central Church, hope to have the clinic annually.

New Liberty Church, near Blytheville, held a Youth Revival, February 10-17, with Pastor Homer Robertson, Armored, doing the preaching. There was one addition and a large number of rededications. Eugene Webb served as youth week pastor; Larry Crook as Sunday School superintendent; Calvin McNair, Training Union director; Jessie L. Fondren, church clerk; Carlton Pierce, treasurer; Flora M. King, chorister; Imogene Campbell, pianist; L. H. Autry, Jr., Sunday School secretary; Vanita Campbell, Training Union secretary; and Clayton Eubanks, Jr., Jimmie Burdette, Billy Joe McCall, Jimmie Nash, Eugene Koonce, Robert Koonce, Jim Tom Weather, and Burl McNair, ushers. L. G. Miller is pastor.

Dr. Willis E. Howard, First Church, Springfield, Mo., has been called to First Church, Oklahoma City, to succeed Dr. Howard Williams, who recently became General Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Dr. Howard resigned at Springfield and at his urgent request the resignation was accepted. However, the church recalled him March 3 and the people unanimously are urging him to reconsider. He has not made a decision. First Church, Springfield, has more than 500 additions during the two and one-half years of his leadership. Attendance on the services has increased 25 percent part of the time it was necessary to have duplicate services on Sunday mornings to take care of the crowds. Gifts to all causes have increased twenty percent.

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Out-of-Date Men . . .



Text: II Cor. 2:14. "Thanks be to God, who in every place is leading me in the train of Christ's triumph." (Montgomery)

Modern man has left the ancient world very far behind. In warfare, for instance, you could take a dozen American soldiers and one little bomb, and wipe out the whole city of Rome, and the greatest army that ancient empire ever assembled. Such change has gone through all of life, so that modern man has surrounded himself and sometimes confounded himself by so many gadgets that everybody who lived before seems very much out of date.

It is All God's World

My proposition, however, concerns the man himself. Modern man is very much out of date. The things with which he deals have gone a thousand years beyond him. He has not kept up with his own inventions. He has failed to realize that this is God's world, created and sustained by Him. The material world, the intellectual world, and the spiritual world are one world: God's world; and the man who is forgetting the intellectual and spiritual controls of life is now finding that the world is getting entirely away from him.

A strange thing has happened. Modern men have followed God much more closely in the material world than in the spiritual world. Every man who has made a new discovery in the material world has been following in the footsteps of God. He has been searching out God's secrets in God's world. Now the tragedy of modern life is that men have not discovered God's spiritual secrets and made them known and kept them in control of the new world.

If we are up-to-date enough to live by the best means that God has provided in our material world, we must also be up-to-date enough to be guided by the spirit of God and motivated by the purpose of God. I know how to dial a modern-day telephone so that I can establish contact with anybody anywhere, but it is more important that I know the secret ways of prayer by which I may get in touch with God and be controlled by Him. I know how to drive a modern automobile, but how much more important it is that I know how to walk the secret pathway that leads to God and to walk it in company with God that by Him I may be guided.

"Modern Man Is Obsolete"

In his recent editorial, "Modern Man is Obsolete," Norman Cousins points out the fact that man has now "unlocked enough of the earth's secrets to provide for his needs on a world scale. The same atomic energy that can destroy a continent can also usher in an age of economic sufficiency. It is no longer a question as to which peoples shall prosper and which shall be deprived. There are resources enough and power enough for all.

So now we live in a world where every man's best interest is the best interest of all, and every nation's best interest is international welfare. Our problem, then, is to change from old ways of thinking into God's way of thinking. We will have to change from competitive thinking to cooperative thinking in all of the ways of life. We shall have so to think in terms of church and denominational rivalry.

The spiritual life of my church is hindered by the indifference of the members and by the prevailing paganism of the community.

In An Up-to-Date World

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By M. RAY McKAY, Pastor
Second Church, Little Rock

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It is not held back at all by the success of the First Baptist Church and the First Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church. If these three churches could command the attention and gain the allegiance and the spiritual devotion of the downtown area of our city, and could challenge the attention of guests throughout our city, the Second Baptist Church would awaken and go forward and gain in numbers and spiritual power much faster.

Job Is Big Enough For All

There is a job big enough in religion for all the churches to do better work than we are doing. This principle applies to labor and capital. They must learn to work and live cooperatively, or they will not live.

The same thing needs to be remembered in the problem of national security and national welfare. National independence has largely been outgrown. America in the last generation has been drawn into two wars which originally were no concern of hers. Evidently, then, the welfare of America is now tied up with the welfare of all the world. Therefore it looks as if military defense is no longer safe and adequate.

It isn't much use now to build up a great standing army and navy and to guard the secrets of the atomic bomb, when rumor has it, at least, that Russia now has an atomic bomb that makes ours obsolete. Before you could ever launch a navy or start an army I take it we might be wiped off the face of the earth. The idea of peacetime conscription needs to face that same thought. Will marching boys on training fields in situations that may not contribute anything to their spiritual or moral uplift do anything to help our security the world around?

It seems to me that cooperation in world government is the only answer in this area of life. World government, however, is not an automatic answer. It is simply an organization through which a vital peace can operate. Such government is not itself without danger. World government could lead us to the worst despotism we have ever known because world government must be administered by the men of the world; therefore, unscrupulous men may gain control and manipulate world government for selfish ends.

Spiritual Rebirth Is Answer

Well, then, what is the answer? There is no answer as long as we have out-of-date men in an up-to-date world. With present day man or any unregenerated man, with any unsaved man, our world is in tremendous danger of chaos and slavery.

Who is the up-to-date man? He is the man who can take the third chapter of the Gospel of John and say with Jesus, "Ye must be born

again," or "If the Son shall set you free, free from selfish ambition, from evil desire and corrupt practices—if the Son shall set you free, ye shall be free indeed."

World affairs can only be handled by world citizens under God's control. We must have new men for our new day. That is the first step. And the freedom which is found in Christ is the only freedom that will ever keep us from physical disaster. But if it did not keep us from physical disaster it would still keep man from disaster, for a man remade by Christ has eternal life. Still if Jesus Christ can save us eternally, He can save us in our present world.

Therefore if the next step beyond world government is to activate men by the Christian principle, it requires a world wide proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the world's saviour. If the Christian church is to take its place in the present world dilemma, it must awaken to its opportunity and take up the slogan of the Southern Baptist Convention and "Launch a New Century for Christ."

Evangelism of World Our Task

And our first and greatest job is this business of evangelism. It is changing the hearts and lives of individuals. When men accept Jesus Christ as their saviour, they are no longer part of God's problem, they are part of God's answer. Therefore it is the up-to-date man's only way out.

Evangelism must be followed by a cooperative effort to bring the world to Christ. Our whole missionary enterprise has to be supported and directed and vitalized by the thought and effort and money of Christendom everywhere. Then we must go two steps farther. Not only are we to go out in a world missionary enterprise, but we are to vitalize and make more effective our own Christian way of living.

Cooperative thinking is new to us; we have been trying to compete all of our lives. Now we must recognize that the world's mutuality is a real as its individuality. We are bound in a bundle of life, and in God's great wisdom there is no conflict between the individual's best interest and the best interest of the total group. Therefore not in any area of life any more is the up-to-date man to cut the other man's throat, not anywhere, because a man is his brother's keeper. A man's best interest is tied up with the best interest of his fellows.

To review: First, we must be born again. Second, we must extend His Kingdom the world around. Third, we must think cooperatively in all the areas of life. Fourth, our living must be God controlled. We still know how to manipulate materials better than we do motives. Religious men must catch up in finding out how to touch God and walk with Him.

To every young man and woman I want to say the greatest challenge for adventure in this world is in your church and your office and your home and your heart. Can you learn to walk with God and do His will, so that you may help other men to become up-to-date enough to live with God in the modern world and in the world to come?

CITY MISSIONS PAY DIVIDENDS

Taylor Stanfill, Superintendent,
City Missions, Little Rock

On January 1, 1941 the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention had a City Mission Program in two cities. A total of 10 mission stations were in operation in the two cities. By the end of 1945, five years later, City Missions was in operation in 45 cities with a total of 340 mission stations.

There are 1763 churches in the 45 fields where work is now being done and out of this number 530 make regular reports of their mission activities. In the last five years a total of 54,039 sermons were preached in the 340 mission stations which resulted in 31,158 professions of faith. A total of 166 new churches were organized from missions and the total additions to the churches sponsoring the program was 25,185 . . . or an average of 5000 additions each year. 1945 was the highest year with 11,858 additions.

One of the main features of the City Mission Program is the use of volunteer workers. In 1941 we have reports that only 600 volunteer workers assisted in the program. At the end of the five year period a total of 176,335 volunteer workers had had some part in the operation of the program in 45 cities. We have no record of the attendance in all the services for 1941 and 1942, but for the three year period of 1943—44—45, records show that the total attendance upon all the services held in all the missions and in all places of mission activities reached the staggering figures of 5,624,372.

Schools of missions and city wide evangelistic campaigns were of main emphasis and there were 110 city wide schools of missions conducted and 65 city wide evangelistic campaigns conducted under the auspices of the City Missions Committees.

The above reports reflect the work of 45 or more paid servants of the Home Mission Board. They are called Superintendents of City Missions. The 45 men leading in this program traveled more than a half million miles in 1945, visiting a total of 6,042 mission stations and churches. They delivered 7,332 sermons and addresses in 1945 and witnessed 3,724 professions of faith and 4,710 additions to the churches in 1945. The superintendents worked with 1,763 co-operating churches in 1945, and 90,051 volunteer workers from those churches. The total attendance in all services reached more than two million.

It will be difficult to find a more fruitful ministry for the past five years. Southern Baptists may well thank the Lord for the great reach and mighty blessings that have come to us through the City Mission Work. There are constant demands made upon the City Missions Department to expand the work. Many cities and communities with a population of from 5,000 to 50,000 people are asking for the expansion of the program to include them. To meet this call, the Home Mission Board has recently employed Dr. J. L. Aders, Birmingham, Ala., to visit, upon invitation, any city of less than 75,000 people to assist in setting up missions committees and organizing a church sponsored and church directed local mission program.

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Statistics Cited On Gifts to Churches

J. E. DILLARD

The statistical compiled by the United Stewardship Council from figures supplied by the officials of twenty denominations in the United States shows the following:

Per capita Contributions for Denominational Benevolences 1944:

Average all denominations \$3.06, increase of 3c.

Methodists \$2.68, increase of 55c.

Northern Baptists \$3.33, increase of 42c.

Southern Baptists \$3.20, increase of 63c.

Per capita Contributions for All Purposes in 1944:

Average all denominations \$16.06, decrease of 51c.

Methodists \$14.44, increase of \$1.94.

Northern Baptists \$20.04, increase of \$1.77.

Southern Baptists \$14.18, increase of \$2.10.

While all reports for 1945 are not in hand, those we do have indicate that Southern Baptists contributed \$4.00 per capita to benevolent causes in 1945, and if the present rate of increase continues it will be \$5.26 in 1946.

The largest per capita contribution for benevolences in Southern Baptist history was \$4.45 in 1920 under the urge of the 75 Million Campaign. It fell to 93 cents in 1933, but has increased each year since.

Yet our contributions are still distressingly small and inadequate to meet the dire needs of our causes and a broken bewildered world. We must work and pray for the enlistment of all our people in the more adequate support of all our work. We ought to have and we can have a million Southern Baptist tithers for Christ.

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"Why I Wrote It"

"The Lost Weekend," chosen by critics as the best movie of the year, was written by Charles Jackson, a newspaperman whose own experience turned him against liquor. He explains his purpose: "I wrote it because I had seen so many people drink themselves out of a job. Many moderns laugh at drunkenness. I tried in my book to take the joke out of alcoholism, for I do not think it is funny to those who suffer from its evils."

James Street, the author of "The Guantlet" which relates the story of a raw young Baptist minister in a small Missouri town, has a less lofty purpose for his book: "I write for a living, and wrote this book to pay for a home I've recently bought."

The best-selling religious book of all times, excepting the Bible, was "In His Steps," written by the late Charles M. Sheldon who realized practically no money out of it because of a faulty copyright.

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Harmful effects on church attendance is listed as a primary reason for Governor Ben Laney's opposition to daylight savings time in Arkansas this summer. Late rising of the sun makes folks late to Sunday School and late setting of the sun makes them late to the evening preaching service. Too, one is reminded that cows still insist on being milked by standard sun time.

Howard Halsell Is Alabama Secretary

Howard Halsell, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. Halsell, Little Rock, has accepted the post of State Student Secretary of Alabama and has already begun his duties.

Mr. Halsell was graduated from Ouachita College and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. During his college he held several offices on the Ouachita Executive Council, served as first vice-president of the State BSU Council and was active in the summer field work program.

Since leaving school, Howard has been State Secretary at Ouachita College, and served 42 months in the U. S. Navy. His military service included 21 months in the Pacific where he was Executive Officer on the Staff of Admiral Nimitz. With the rank of full-grown Lieutenant, Mr. Halsell's period of active service was terminated in December.

Mrs. Halsell is the former Charlene Jordan. They have one child, a daughter, Kitty, aged two.

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Lee Gammill Heads Hospital in Georgia

Col. Lee C. Gammill, superintendent of Baptist State Hospital at Little Rock for two years, has been appointed superintendent of the Georgia Baptist Hospital at Atlanta.

During World War II he was Air Force hospitalization chief, a member of the Technical Committee of the Federal Board of Hospitalization and member of the Hospital Equipment Commission under the Bureau of Standards.

During World War I he was aide to Admiral Kennedy, inspector general of naval hospitals. While in the navy, Colonel Gammill attended Georgetown University at Washington, where he received the degree of Ph. C. After completing a course at the University of Chicago he received a certificate of F. A. C. H.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. L. Newton, chairman of the Hospital Board of Commissioners, said, "We feel that we are very fortunate at Georgia Baptist Hospital in securing this experienced administrator."

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Toward old age: "Recognize the advantage of a person less by the infirmity of body than by the maturity of the soul." Happy is the youth who has a best friend so one of mature years.—Frank Leavell in Baptist Student.

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General, Genuine Revival Our Greatest Need

By FRANK E. BURKHALTER

Although many worthy objectives have been set up and attained by Southern Baptists in recent years, this writer has a growing conviction, which he has reason to believe is shared by many others, that the thing which we individual Baptists, our churches, and our denomination need today above everything else is a general, genuine, heart-penetrating revival of spiritual religion.

Nothing else could possibly so amply afford us the needed preparation and impetus with which to seize the challenging opportunities that confront us on every hand as we stand upon the threshold of the second century of our Convention.

Eight Compelling Reasons

Such a revival is needed, among other considerations, for the following compelling reasons:

1. As individual Christians we Baptists need to be brought into a more intimate contact and fellowship with God that will enable us to command his power in the execution of His program. A spirit of conformity with worldly standards, in both thought and conduct, has penetrated many of our minds and hearts to the point that we have lost much of the genuine joy of religion, to say nothing of its power and influence.

2. Such a revival is needed to afford us a new conviction that the millions of unsaved persons immediately about us are lost without Jesus Christ, and that we have an individual responsibility to lead them to the Saviour.

3. We ourselves need reviving so that our lives may afford a silent as well as oral testimony to the fact that we have been with Jesus, and that we possess within our souls a treasure which all the world needs and may have.

4. Furthermore, our churches need to become positive, alert, and inviting soul saving stations that will attract the unsaved adults about them, as well as the children. Only a genuine revival will make them such. Our present-day evangelistic campaigns seldom reach any lost grown people.

5. Such a Southwide revival would bring many church members to a daily study of God's Word and the establishment of family altars. Such a development would, in turn, make a tremendous contribution toward curbing divorces and juvenile delinquency, and toward elevating social life generally.

6. Again, a deep, penetrating revival would create in the churches a hospitable atmosphere for the fuller spiritual growth of the members, new and old. With a consecrated and cultured membership the churches would no longer be so seriously handicapped by a lack of adequate workers in their teaching, training and other programs.

7. A spiritual awakening that would bring individual Christians to frankly face their full duty in every realm of life would produce such a practice of Christian stewardship as would make available to the churches and all the agencies of the denomination, state and Southwide, the resources they sorely need to enable them to expand their ministries in this day of open doors at home and around the world.

8. A revival is far more than an evangelistic campaign. Today we need an infilling of the Holy Spirit more

than we need an ingathering of numbers; but if we had the infilling, the ingathering as well as the power, would assume Pentecost proportions. Revival fires thus generated would spread to other denominations and perhaps extend to the ends of the earth.

Necessary to Keep Pace

Such a revival is the only force that can enable the spiritual progress in the world to even approximate the advance that has been made in scientific realms. Religion has not kept pace with science primarily because we Christians haven't worked at the job like the scientists have at theirs. Religion has at its command a force even more powerful than the atomic bomb—the energy of the Holy Spirit, but very, very few of you have had the faith, courage, and devotion to avail ourselves of that power.

No matter how cordially all members of the United Nations cooperate in the procedures promulgated by that body, a universal, just and durable peace can be produced and maintained only if it is undergirded by a positive Christian religion. And that religion can in turn be made available only through a mighty spiritual revival.

A Responsibility of Southern Baptists

With their numbers, resources, organization, leadership, and orthodoxy, Southern Baptists, with the help of God, are in a position to make a truly significant contribution to world welfare, as well as that of the kingdom of God, by rededicating themselves and their resources to the Lord as they begin their second century of organized existence.

God not only has the power to revive his people, but he has pointed out the road to such revival in II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

Then when our Lord, recognizing the weakness of his first disciples and purposing that they should have the needed strength to become world evangelists, gave plain, positive and dynamic direction for the attainment of their equipment: "Tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be endured with power from on high." The disciples obeyed immediately and literally, and the fire fell.

God's Promises Still Apply

That fire would fall again today in an equally powerful manifestation if the Christians of this generation would but claim God's promises, which are as eternal as they are never failing, and infinitely more irrevocable than the laws of the Medes and Persians.

As an encouragement to believe that it is possible for Southern Baptists to inaugurate the greatest revival that the South, America, or the world has ever witnessed, we need only re-examine the scope of just four of God's promises, and heed Paul's exhortation, "Pray without ceasing."

Here are four of God's challenging promises to us:

"With God ALL things are possible." Matt. 19:26.

"All things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23.

"Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." Acts 1:8.

"Call unto me, and I will hear thee, and answer thee, and show thee great things and difficult which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3.



BIBLE CONFERENCES LAUDED

CAMDEN

Twenty-five churches were represented at the District Bible Conference held at First Church, Camden, February 26-March 1. Principal speakers at the school were S. E. Tull, Otto Whittington, C. W. Caldwell, Sam C. Reeves, W. J. Hinsley, Garland Anderson, R. C. Brinkley, W. J. Zimmerman, Loyal Prior, Leroy Smith, L. L. Hunnicutt, and T. L. Harris, host pastor.

Rev. J. E. Morgan, dean of the school, reports: "The school was well received by those attending. The interest and enthusiasm was much better than in previous schools.

"To me, it was the best such school that I have attended (and I have gone each year). The spirit of it was inspiring and challenging. The splendid cooperation of the pastors in rendering their respective parts kept the school running presenting his subject matter with an earnestness and zeal that thrilled and challenged us all. Truly they were profitable days."

DeQUEEN

Twenty-seven preachers registered for the District Bible Conference held at First Church, DeQueen, February 26-March 1. Approximately 175 people attended some part of the school.

"The heart of the school was well prepared and conducted Bible study under Dr. D. Swan Haworth, First Church, Vicksburg, Miss.," reports Boyd Baker, host pastor. "People generally are glad of the opportunity to hear well-known preachers, but this Bible study on the book of Phillipians was a unexpected and unexcelled joy."

Other speakers were J. R. Grant, B. L. Bridges, W. J. Hinsley, Otto Whittington, Carl Clark, District Missionary H. A. Zimmerman, Bruce Price, W. E. Perry, Earl Humble, Mis-

sionary Ottis Denny, Boyd Baker, Russell Armer, Sidney Oxendine, John L. Smith, Broken Bow, Okla., and Delbert McAtee, of Southwestern Seminary. Devotionals were led by B. Attabery M. L. Wallis, L. A. Thompson, D. W. Bolton, and Aubrey Halsell.

Resolutions were made to do more praying, and stronger preaching on the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, and to take a firm stand against all that is wrong in and outside of our churches. The conference voted to have the school at DeQueen again next year and to invite Dr. Haworth back as Bible teacher.

MT. IDA

"The program for the recent Bible Conference held at First Church, Mt. Ida, was the best I have ever seen," says Clyde Hankins, host pastor. "Dr. C. R. Barrick, Tucumcari, N. Mex., gave us some of the finest Bible lessons and expository preaching it has ever been my privilege to hear. The entire school gave us such a spiritual impetus as I had not expected to receive, for it was filled with the power of the Spirit of our Lord from beginning to end.

"We owe much to Dr. Otto Whittington, Little Rock, and District Missionary H. A. Zimmerman, the planners of our program, for they certainly gave us the best they had available. Mt. Ida considers herself fortunate in having had these brethren with us and we hope that the general plan of having such schools will never be abandoned."

Twenty-three churches were represented at this conference.

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Teaching a class and then going immediately into the pulpit to preach puts a heavy strain on the minister, and may easily result in lowered quality, both of his teaching and preaching.—G. S. Dobbins in Sunday School Builder.

Lowell Queen, son of Rev. J. F. Queen, Rock, has celebrated his third anniversary as educational director of First Church, Angelo, Tex. During the time the church had 1342 additions, 432 for baptism. The day School has sixteen departments with average attendance of 1000; the Tra Union has ten departments and has a record attendance of 505. The church maintains an excellent library of 1500 volumes. Ultra violet ray lamps are used in the nursery. Recently the church has voted to spend \$1000 for visual education equipment. Dr. A. C. Smith is pastor.

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Clyde V. Hickerson, a former pastor of Russellville and First Church, Hot Springs, for the past two years pastor of Bethesda Heights church, Richmond, Va., has been elected by Richmond University that the degree of Doctor of Divinity will be conferred on him at the June Commencement. Amy Florence, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hickerson, will receive the B. A. degree at the same time. She is a grand-daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Compere, Corning.

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A Brotherhood has recently been organized at Shiloh Church, Texarkana, and they are already making plans for practical missionary activities which will greatly increase their Christian service. The Brotherhood Manual was studied before the organization and the book of Hebrews is now being studied. A. C. Mosley, membership vice-president, has definite plans for visitation. Roy Tibbit, activities vice-president, is planning the practical service activities. Bill Moore is secretary.

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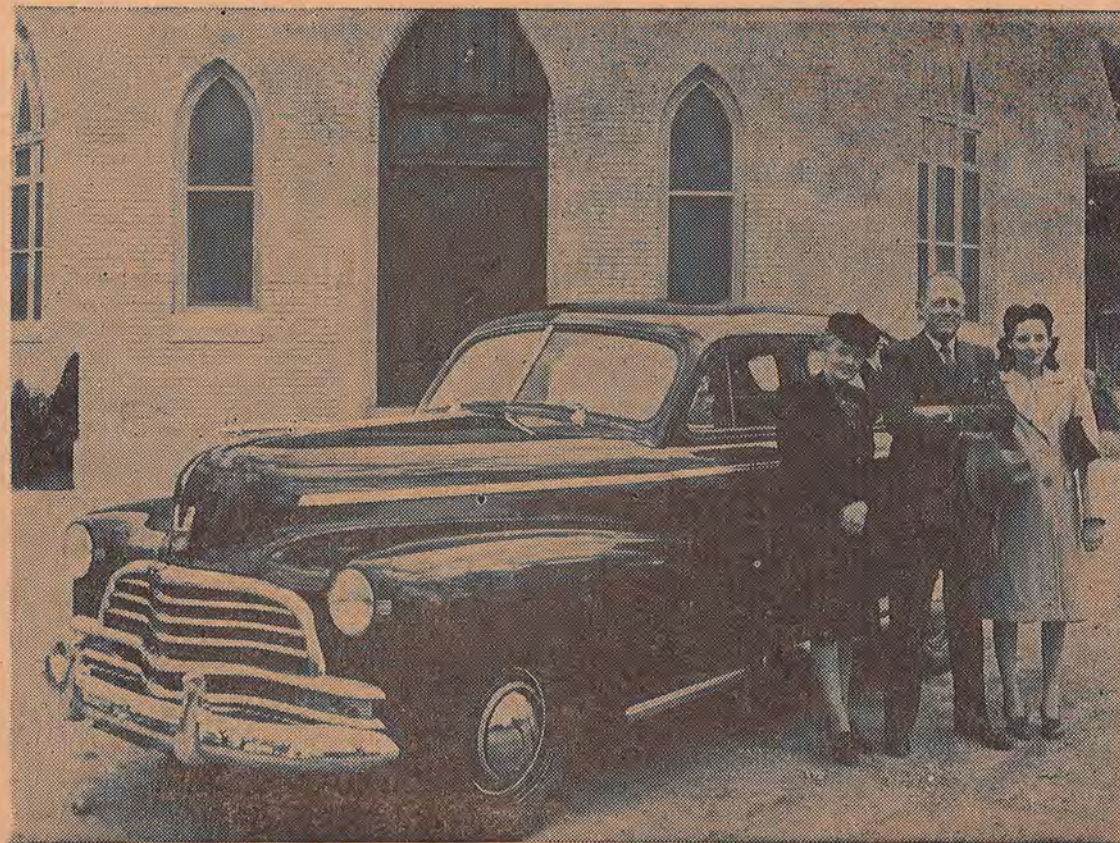
The expression of God's love in the sacrificial gift of his Son is the strongest appeal that can possibly be made to sinful man to accept Christ as his Saviour.—John L. Hill in Methodist Union Magazine.

SPRINGDALE BAPTISTS DEMONSTRATE THEIR LOVE FOR PASTOR

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First Church, Springdale, presented their pastor, Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, the first 1946 four-door Chevrolet received by the Springdale dealer. This was a Christmas gift of 1945, delivered March 1. The car is pictured above with the pastor, his wife, and their daughter, Mrs. William H. McGivern. The pastor is ably assisted by returned chaplain, Major R. Allen Brickey, who preaches in the four mission points, two of which are in the city limits, sponsored by the church.

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Washington Baptists Make Capitol Mission Minded

By R. EDWARD DOWDY
Washington, D. C.

"One World, One Need, One Gospel" was the theme of Washington, D. C., Baptists in what is termed the largest scale World Mission Week yet to be undertaken by Baptists anywhere in the land. Forty-five speakers, representing all the areas where Baptist work is done, at home and abroad, spoke more than 300 times to an aggregate audience of 20,000.

The missionaries represented all of the national mission boards of Southern Baptists and Northern Baptists. Churches in the District of Columbia are affiliated with both Conventions and the mission gifts of the D. C. Baptist Convention are divided equally.

One of the high lights of the week was a trip to the White House to call on President Harry S. Truman, who is also a Baptist. The President greeted each one with a cordial handshake and talked with the group while they posed for photographers. He indicated his deepest interest in the mission enterprise, and warmly approved the contribution of missionaries to a world of peace and brotherhood. President Truman, who is a member of the Baptist church in his home community, attends the First Baptist Church in Washington, of which Dr. Edward H. Pruden is minister.

Three Congressmen spoke during the week. They were: Hon. Leonard Allen of Louisiana, Hon. A. S. J. Carnahan of Missouri and Hon. Brooks Hays of Arkansas.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, recently appointed Secretary for the Orient, addressed the opening mass meeting of 1,000 held on Sunday afternoon at the Calvary Baptist Church.

At a luncheon meeting each day during the week, the missionaries shared their experiences and the whole field of Christian work was reviewed, emphasizing the theme of the week, "One World, One Need, One Gospel."

Plans of the week originated in the D. C. Baptist Ministers Conference which appointed the following Committee: Rev. Luther J. Holcomb, Rev. R. Edward Dowdy and Rev. Henry Osgood. The Committee was later enlarged to include Miss Jesse Ford, Miss Ruth Goodin, Mrs. Carlton Long, Mrs. Morgan Beatty, Mrs. Jack Patterson, John Gordon Mein, Walter O. Welch, and Herbert B. Ludwig.

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116 Attend S. S. Study Course at El Dorado

By GEORGE H. MOSELEY

First Church, El Dorado, has just completed a very successful Sunday School study course with 116 officers, teachers and members enrolled in the nine classes. Besides the administration books that were taught in every department, we also had the books, "Associational Sunday School Work" and "Alcohol the Destroyer."

A splendid faculty was secured and each did a fine piece of work. This faculty included Dr. T. L. Harris, Mrs. Edgar Williamson, Dr. and Mrs. Carl A. Clark, Mrs. Seibert Haley, Mrs. Lee Ellison, N. B. Crain, W. H. Jameson, and George H. Moseley.

Dr. Harris preached the sermon on Sunday School work that he used throughout the state last fall at the district meetings. He is a great man and is a specialty on adult work. Mrs. Williamson helped us get our Cradle Roll and Nursery Departments all lined up. After working with her for a week I am firmly convinced that she is the best that I have ever worked with in children's work.



PRESIDENT TRUMAN talks with some of 32 Baptist missionaries who called on him at the White House, February 28. The President is a Baptist himself.

Front row (left to right): H. C. Lacerda, Rio De Janeiro, Brazilian pastor; Mrs. Aaron Hancock, American Indian, McAlistier, Okla.; Miss Louise N. Giffin, South China; Miss Inabelle Coleman, China missionary; Mrs. H. P. McCormick, Nigeria; Congressman A. Leonard Allen, Louisiana; President Truman; Rev. Luther J. Holcomb, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Holcomb; Miss Martha Franks, China; Dr. E. H. Clayton, China, and Mrs. Dewey Moore, Italy.

Back row (left to right): Rev. Aaron Hancock, American Indian, McAlistier, Okla.; Rev. Howard Haworth, Washington, D. C.; H. Leo Addleman, Palestine; R. Dean Woodwin, New York City; Dr. Marian Criswell, West China; Dr. A. S. Gillespie, China; Dr. J. W. Marshall, Richmond, Va.; Dr. S. F. Dowis, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. M. Chandler Stith, Washington, D. C.; Miss Geraldine Brown, Washington, D. C.; Earl Riley, president of Bacone College, Oklahoma; Rev. James Belote, Hawaii; Rev. A. F. Merrill, Assam; Rev. A. Lincoln Smith, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Lewis Martin, Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. Dewey Moore, Italy.

Seminary Professor Lauds Spiritual Atmosphere On the Ouachita Campus

By Dr. HAROLD W. TRIBBLE
Southern Seminary, Louisville

The week of February 24-March 1 brought me a most delightful experience in Christian fellowship. I was on the campus of Ouachita College for the annual Student Revival.

I found a genuinely spiritual atmosphere that seemed to include the administration and faculty and students. Arkansas Baptists have every reason to be proud of Ouachita. It is doing a great work in training young men and young women for service as Christians and as citizens.

The administration and student leaders had already canvassed the student body and found that not more than eight or ten were listed as not being members of some church. Consequently, the services of the week were directed largely toward deepening the spiritual life and making Christian experience more vital and dynamic. But we also sought to win the lost. It seemed to me that some success was achieved in both directions. Certainly on the last day it was an inspiring sight to see students take their stand for Christ and dedicate their lives to him.

I found at Ouachita a splendid group of ministerial students. They are making their presence felt on the campus in positive Christian living and testimony. I also found a number of the girls are thinking definitely of full-

time Christian service, either at home or on the foreign field.

Dr. Grant and Dr. Yates and the others on the faculty and in the administration are guiding the students in a most fruitful and consecrated manner, and the student leaders are proving themselves worthy of the investment that Arkansas Baptists are making in them.

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Plans for rural mission work were made at the Carey Associational Youth Rally held at First Church, Sparkman, February 22 with 161 in attendance. Miss Mary Elizabeth Selph, New Hope Church, who has charge of young people's work in the association, had the opening devotional. The inspirational message was brought by Miss Alma Mae Ward of Ouachita College on the subject, "Christ, My Imperative." Miss Mattie D. DeLaughter, Sparkman, had charge of the entertainment and refreshments which followed the worship service. Miss Ruth Holt, Ouachita College, gave two readings.

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Announcing State WMU Annual Meeting

The State WMU Annual Meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, April 9-11, the first session opening at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. Out-of-state speakers will be Miss Mary Christian, representative of Southern WMU, Miss Inabelle Coleman, representative of the Foreign Mission Board, and Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, representative of the Home Mission Board.

Elect Delegates to This Meeting Now

Each missionary society is entitled to five delegates and one from each young people's auxiliary to the State WMU Annual Meeting. Elect these at your next business meeting and send names to the chairman of the Homes Committee in order to have your home assignment ready upon arrival. Bed and breakfast will be furnished free and other meals may be secured at nearby eating places. Any number of visitors may attend.

Delegates to Southern WMU Meeting

Delegates to the meeting of Southern WMU in Miami are elected at the State WMU meeting in Pine Bluff. Arkansas is entitled to fifty delegates. If you desire to attend this meeting as a delegate, please send your name to the State WMU office in advance of the State WMU meeting in Pine Bluff so that all names may be listed for the nominating committee. Several names have already been received. Others may go as visitors.

Pine Bluff WMU President Extends Invitation

The women of Pine Bluff First Church are making plans now, looking forward to the coming of our WMU Annual Meeting, April 9-11. During the war years our attendance was curtailed somewhat but now that the situation has eased, we are expecting large numbers of our women from over the State, to come with us.

We would appreciate some advance information from the societies in regard to the number who plan to attend, and are asking that the secretaries send in the names of those who plan to attend. Send these names in as soon as possible to our Home Assignment Chairman, Miss Scotty Winters, 817 W.

Sixth Street, Pine Bluff. Bed and breakfast will be furnished for all.

Make your plans now to come and help make this the greatest meeting in our history. Come praying that the Lord may direct us in all things.—Mrs. B. A. Gray, president.

New Royal Ambassador Magazine

Beginning in June, 1946, a new Royal Ambassador Magazine, known as Ambassador Life, is to be published. It is to be ready for distribution by the time of the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami in May.

The Ambassador Life will take the place of World Comrades for the R. A.'s, the World Comrades remaining the magazine for the G. A.'s and Sunbeams. This new R. A. magazine will be an all-out boy's magazine. Besides the Mission Programs there will be special missionary stories, recreational, handicraft and other sections of special interest to boys.

This magazine will come directly to the boy in his name if he is a subscriber. Every R. A. will want to take this new magazine Ambassador Life. Send \$1 for a year's subscription to 1111 Comer Building Birmingham 3, Ala. Subscribe now so you can get the very first copy. If you are a subscriber to World Comrades and want your subscription changed to Ambassador Life, tear out the subscription blank in the back of the April or May World Comrades, fill in and send to 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Ala.

World Comrades Now a Girl's Magazine

Since the Royal Ambassadors will have their own magazine beginning with June, World Comrades will carry altogether girls' programs and articles of interest along with some portion for Sunbeams. The price will remain \$1 for the year. Girls' Auxiliary members will want to subscribe to this magazine all the more now since it will be particularly a girls' magazine. Order from World Comrades, 1111 Comer Bldg. Birmingham 3, Ala.

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June 20-26—North Carolina Training Union Assembly.
June 27-July 3—Southwide Sunday School and Associational Officers' Conference. (First Week.)
July 4-10—Southwide Sunday School and Associational Officers' Conference. (Second Week.)
July 11-17—Southwide Baptist Training Union Leadership Assembly. (First Week.)
July 18-24—Southwide Baptist Training Union Leadership Assembly. (Second Week.)
July 25-31—Southwide Baptist Training Union Leadership Assembly. (Third Week.)
August 1-7—Home Mission Board Conference. Baptist Brotherhood Conference. Editorial Conference.
August 8-14—Woman's Missionary Union Conference. Business Woman's Circles.
August 15-21—Foreign Mission Board Conference. Young Men's Mission Conference.
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the Southern Baptist WMU, May 12-14, and the Southern Baptist Convention, May 15-19, in Miami, Fla. Send their requests direct to the Reservations Committee, of which Rev. Harold A. Davidson, Flagler Street Baptist Church, 3501 West Flagler Street, Miami, is chairman.

Pastor Davidson says: "It will greatly help the committee if they know those people that will be driving so that we may place them in outlying hotels and even at Miami Beach. Down town hotels are practically filled and better accommodations are available at Miami Beach. Letters will be acknowledged and assignments made just as quickly as we possible can."

Conversion of Jews to other religions has spurred the launching of a \$15,000,000 campaign to establish new training centers and new congregations. Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, asked for 4,000 new rabbis and religious teachers as he warned: "What Hitler could not hope to accom-

plish is being achieved here. We are losing their Judaism at such a rapid rate that in a generation two the American Jewish community will cease to have any significance."

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A Prayer

O God of all the universe,
Take from my heart today
All selfishness,
Greed,
Malice,
Envy,
And put in their places
Selflessness,
Love,
Goodwill,
Helpfulness.
Help me through each day,
To be humble before Thee.

For each hour give me strength
To work untiringly,
To pray unceasingly,
And to live carefully
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Ten District Training Union Conferences

Posters and announcements regarding the Ten District Training Union Conferences to be held during the week of April 22 and 29, have been mailed to all churches. Every effort has been made to have a good program for each of the ten conferences.

Six department conferences will be held during the afternoon session and these conferences will be for every department of the Training Union. In addition to this, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, State Music Director, will conduct a conference for all church musicians, including the choir directors, song leaders, and department pianists.

The program theme will be "Enlisting to Win." One thing to be kept in mind is that the goal of all Training Union work is to win others to Christ. These conferences will deal with the problem of how to enlist people in Training Union work so that they will be trained for a real purpose—how to win others. Practical, usable aids for enlistment will be given in each conference.

Wanted for 1946 Assembly

waiters and waitresses—to serve in the dining hall. These may be boys and girls, young men or young women of high school or college age.

dormitory matrons—for girl's dormitories.

dormitory supervisors — for boy's dormitories.

nightwatchmen—to serve from the evening supper hour until midnight.

gatemmen—to serve from the rising bell until the midday meal is served.

lifeguards—1 for boys and men and the other for girls and women.

In return for this service, the Assembly will furnish bed and all meals during the Assembly session. Those accepted for this work will need to arrive at the Assembly sometime during Monday, July 1 or early Tuesday, July 2.

Those desiring to apply for staff positions should write to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock. Applications should be sent in as soon as possible.

Southwide Intermediate Month

Goals to be reached during April and climaxed on the last Sunday include:

1. Increased enrolment. One new pupil for each class.
2. Increased attendance. Every class working for 100% attendance at Sunday School and preaching service.
3. Winning the lost. A great ingathering for Christ.
4. Enlisting the saved. Salvation of life for service.
5. Reaching the parents. Enrolling all parents of intermediates in Sunday School.

Southwide Intermediate Day, April 28

Suggested features:

1. Listening-in Breakfast. Most radios can get the Baptist Hours, if not they can tune on some good devotional program. Follow this by an appropriate program perhaps of class meetings or visitation.
2. Sunday School. Every member of every class present.
3. Morning preaching service. All intermediates attending and seated in a body. An evangelistic message and appeal.
4. Afternoon—Associational Intermediate Rally. Bands, choruses and special features by intermediates of different churches. A spirited singspiration followed by a brief inspirational message.
5. Training Union. Special program in the Training Union. Every intermediate in some group.
6. Evening preaching service. Sermon suggestion, "God's Call to You," an appeal for intermediates to commit themselves to Christ and to prepare for service in his kingdom.

Intermediates are within reach, are responsive and are accountable. Intermediates are within reach. Some unsaved intermediates are enrolled in your Sunday School. There are many others in your community who are not in any Sunday School. Intermediates are responsive. They are more easily won to Christ than they will ever be again. Intermediates are accountable. There is no question as to whether they have reached the age of accountability. Every normal intermediate is either lost or saved.

Every effort should be made to use April to reach intermediates.

Write to your State Sunday School Department for an illustrated leaflet on reaching the Intermediates during Intermediate month and Intermediate day.

Credit For New Book, "Baptist Distinctives"

Within a few weeks, the new Sunday School study course book, "Baptist Distinctives" by Dr. W. R. White, will be off the press. For 1946, diploma credit will be allowed in group III, Doctrines and Evangelism, on the new book, "Baptist Distinctives." This credit to apply on the Sunday School worker's diploma.

Regarding Assembly Reservations

Reservations for the 1946 session of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly which will be held July 2-11 are being received daily. Church groups desiring to be placed together in the dormitories; those desiring cabin reservations are urged to send in their reservations as soon as possible. Space in Assembly-owned dormitories is limited. Just as soon as the available space is reserved, no further reservations may be received. So, plan now to attend the Assembly then send your request for reservation with the \$2 fee for each individual to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock. Reservations accepted for which receipts are issued are guaranteed to 9 p. m. Tuesday, July 2. Send your reservation as soon as possible.

What Some Sunday School Associations are Doing

1. Hebron Association, Georgia
The record of this association for 1945 is unexcelled. There are 44 churches in the association: mostly rural. In 1945 they had a census, a training school, a revival and a Vacation Bible School in every church. They hold regular monthly meetings and average more than 400 in attendance.
2. Nelson Association, Kentucky

This association has been or-

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ganized for 12 years. The present superintendent has served as superintendent during this entire period. They have held regular monthly meetings during this period with an average attendance of from 100 from 60% of the churches. In all phases of the work, this is one of the example associations in the south.

3. Atlanta Association, Georgia.

This association was organized in 1911 and has held monthly meetings since that date. In 1923 they began providing department conferences in the meetings. This association is now first in percentage of white people enrolled in Sunday School; first in big Sunday Schools, 19 with over 900 enrolled; first in standard Sunday Schools in the south; first in number of new Sunday Schools started. They have been a standard association for the past 4 years. Through the years, the interest in their monthly meetings, has not waned and they are as well attended today as ever.

4. Kansas Association, Missouri

This association has been organized 18 years; has held monthly meetings with an average attendance of 451 from 73% of their churches. In a seven-year period they increased their Sunday School enrolment in the churches 75%.

Some Prerequisites To Successful Associational Sunday School Work

1. A stronger emphasis on the place of the association in our Baptist life.
2. A more permanent organization. The average term of office for our associational superintendents is two years. The annual turnover of our associational officers is too great. Something should be done to encourage longer terms of office.
3. A better trained organization. Associational officers should study

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May 15-19, 1946

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Wednesday, May 15

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer
(B. B. McKinney, Director of Music during Convention)
- 10:10—Secretaries' Report on Registration
- 10:15—Order of Business.....R. C. Campbell, Chairman
- 10:20—Address of Welcome.....C. H. Bolton
President Florida Baptist State Convention
- 10:30—Response.....F. C. McConnell
- 10:40—Address of President.....Pat M. Neff
- 11:10—Appointment of Committee on Committees and
Committee on Resolutions.....Pat M. Neff
- 11:15—Recognition of Fraternal Messengers and Visitors
- 11:40—Music
- 11:45—Convention Sermon: "Christ's Clamant Call"—
.....J. W. Storer, or Ralph A. Herring, Alternate

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer
- 2:10—Miscellaneous Business
- 2:20—Executive Committee—Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary, re-
tiring; Duke K. McCall, incoming.
- 3:30—Evangelism—W. H. Knight, Chairman
- 4:00—Revision of Constitution and By-Laws....L. E. Barton, Chairman

EVENING SESSION (Centennial Session)

- 7:30—Music
Scripture Reading (Psalm 100) and Prayer.....J. L. White
- 8:00—"The Work We Sought to Do, and Did Begin"....Louie D. Newton
- 8:40—Special Music
- 8:50—"Carry On With 'Widening Reach and Heightened Power' "
.....W. R. White
- 9:20—Film: "The Romance of a Century".....J. E. Dillard, Writer

Thursday, May 16

MORNING SESSION

- 9:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer
- 9:10—Journal
- 9:20—Southern Baptist Hospital.....Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent
- 9:40—Relief and Annuity Board.....Thos. J. Watts, Executive Sec'y.
- 10:40—Statement of Principles.....Ellis A. Fuller, Chairman
- 11:00—Sunday School Board.....T. L. Holcomb, Executive Sec'y.-Treas.
- 12:00—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power' in the Pulpit"—
.....C. Oscar Johnson

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer
- 2:10—Miscellaneous Business
- 2:20—Baptist Papers.....Finley W. Tinnin, Chairman
- 2:40—Baptist Papers' Circulation Campaign....Louie D. Newton, Chmn.
- 3:00—American Bible Society.....Thomas T. Holloway, Field Sec'y.
- 3:10—Baptist History.....W. O. Carver, Chairman
- 3:30—W. M. U. Work.....Mrs. Geo. R. Martin, Chairman
- 4:10—Election of officers

EVENING SESSION

- 7:30—Song, Scripture, and Prayer
- 7:45—Foreign Mission Board.....M. T. Rankin, Executive Secretary
- 9:00—Special Music
- 9:05—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power' in Foreign
Missions".....Charles E. Maddry
(Executive Secretary 1933-1944)

Friday, May 17

MORNING SESSION

- 9:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer
- 9:10—Journal
- 9:20—Committees to Report 1947.....Report of Session Committee
- 9:30—Time, Place, and Preacher 1947
- 9:35—Calendar of Co-ordinated Denominational Activities—
.....W. Morris Ford, Chairman
- 9:50—Education Committee.....Charles D. Johnson, Chairman

- 10:15—Negro Ministerial Education.....Ryland Knight, Chair
- 10:35—American Baptist Theological Seminary—
.....E. P. Alldredge, Chairman of Commi
- 10:55—Baptist Bible Institute.....Duke K. McCall, Retiring Presi
- 11:15—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.....E. D. Head, ;
- 11:35—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.....Ellis A. Fuller, ;
- 11:55—Special Music
- 12:00—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power' in Christian
Education".....E. D. ;

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer
- 2:10—Miscellaneous Business
- 2:20—Resolutions.....Report of Session Comm
- 2:30—Luther Rice Memorial.....W. S. Brooke, Chair
- 2:40—Nomination of Boards.....J. Dean Crain, Chair
- 2:55—Public Relations.....E. Hilton Jackson, Chair
- 3:15—Social Service Commission.....J. B. Weatherspoon, Chair
- 3:45—World Peace.....J. M. Dawson, Chair
- 4:10—Report of Radio Committee.....S. F. Lowe, Chair

EVENING SESSION

- 7:30—Song, Scripture, and Prayer
- 7:45—Home Mission Board.....J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secre
- 9:00—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power' in
Home Missions".....J. B. Lawr

Saturday, May 18

MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Song, Scripture, and Prayer
- 9:45—Journal
- 9:55—Miscellaneous Business
- 10:10—Commission to Cooperate with Returning Chaplains—
.....L. L. Carpenter, Chair
- 10:30—Memorial Service (15 minutes each)
J. T. Henderson.....F. F. Br
Mrs. F. W. Armstrong.....Miss Kathleen Mal
L. R. Scarborough.....R. C. Camp
George W. Truett.....W. R. W
- 11:30—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power' in World
Redemption".....Robert G.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Recreation and Sight-Seeing Under Direction of Local Committee

EVENING SESSION

- 7:30—Song, Scripture, and Prayer
- 8:00—Baptist Brotherhood of the South—
.....Lawson H. Cooke, General Secre
- 9:00—Address: "Widening Reach and Heightened Power' in
Baptist Brotherhood"

Sunday, May 19

Morning services in Miami churches

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 3:00—Song, Scripture, and Prayer
- 3:30—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power' in Making
Disciples".....W. A. Cris
- 4:00—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power' in Teaching
Them".....J. D. C

EVENING SESSION

- 6:45—Song, Scripture, and Prayer
- 7:00—Baptist Training Union.....J. E. Lambdin, Secre
- 8:00—Special Music
- 8:10—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power' in Baptist Studen
Union Work".....Robert S. De
- 8:30—"Widening Reach and Heightened Power' in Sunday School
and Training Union Work".....W. F. Po
- 9:00—Final Adjournment

*And may the men always ready, as the years come and go, to c
on, with widening reach and heightened power, the work we sough
do, and did begin!"—Dr. John A. Broadus (Closing sentence in
"Memoir of James P. Boyce").

R. C. CAMPBELL, South Carolina, Chair
Committee on Order of Business.

These Chaplains Are CIVILIANS AGAIN

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

- Ray H. Watkins, Decatur, Tex.
- Charles M. White, Caldwell, Tex.
- Grover E. Stillwagon, Meadville, Mo.
- Olyn S. Sims, Bonita, Mo.
- John W. New, Keams Canyon, Ariz.
- Wm. H. Martin, Bentley, La.
- Marvin J. Pitney, 5141 Michigan Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
- Alfred L. Pollock, 110 E. Congress St., Lincolnton, N. C.
- Bruce W. Lowe, 444 Olive St., Shreveport, La.
- Henry L. Lyon, 1903 Dauphine St., Mobile, Ala.
- James S. Parks, 3908 Lamar St., Houston, Tex.
- George C. Patterson, 1406 N. 21st St., Richmond, Va.
- Marshall T. McGregor, 823 Wood St., Waco, Tex.
- Winton R. Mizell, P. O. Box 234, Morning, Ark.
- Vollie M. Piland, Oil City, La.
- Clyde L. Jackson, 2133 Merchant St., Abilene, Tex.
- Atwood J. Jones, Jr., 4121 Ave. Fort Worth, Tex.
- Henry Lee Scott, 504 Buffalo St., Farmville, Va.
- Williard Ashburn Irving, Jr., Rt. Appomattox, Va.
- Ira A. Harrison, 602 E. Broadway, Anadarko, Okla.
- Felix M. Gresham, Elgin, Tex.
- Roger C. Gwaltney, 122 N. Green St., Statesville, N. C.
- Thomas Everett Funderburk, 142 Harris St., San Angelo, Tex.
- Horace Lee Ford, Box 656, Laurinburg, Va.
- Howard M. Kinlaw, North, S. C.
- Nathaniel H. Brittain, Ridgecrest, N. C.
- Lee M. Roebuck, Rt. 4, Waxahatchie, Tex.
- Paul L. Morgan, Coushatta, La.
- Wm. Henry Harris, Rt. 2, Boaz, Ala.
- Nolan P. Howington, Rt. 3, Shelby, N. C.
- Jesse W. Wood, Hammond, La.

- Thomas R. Brown, Box 143, Stanford, Ky.
- Troy Ernest Brooks, Rt. 2, Box 59, El Paso, Tex.
- Glenn M. Harbin, Jackson, Miss.
- Charles G. Clark, 616 Johnson Ave., Macon, Ga.
- Robert J. West, 227 S. Locust St., Dexter, Mo.
- Estus A. Autrey, Fulton, Ky.
- Fred Hale Wilhoite, Cromwell, Okla.
- Oscar T. Smith, Jacksonville, Tex.
- Estus Rushing, Rt. 1, Salem, Va.
- Victor L. Mabra, 409 Mill St., Monroe, N. C.
- J. B. Nichols, R. F. D. 1, Bloomburg, Tex.
- Paul R. Jakes, Elgin, Tex.
- Leon H. Hollingsworth, Box 346, Wake Forest, N. C.
- Norris B. Ray, Caddo Mills, Tex., Rt. 2.
- Woodrow W. Hill, 418 S. Hamilton, High Point, N. C.
- Lewis V. Simmonds, Box 63, Bruni, Tex.
- Eugene L. Skelton, Celeste, Tex.

Waldrup to Head Visual Education

Earl Waldrup has been elected secretary of Visual Education Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and has already begun work.

Mr. Waldrup was born and reared in Mississippi; received the A. B. degree from Mississippi College; the Master of Religious Education from Southwestern Seminary; and has completed the required resident work for his M. A. degree at Baylor University, having majored in English and Bible in both college and seminary.

Though Mr. Waldrup is an ordained minister, as he pursued his college and seminary training he felt definitely led to dedicate himself in service in the field of Religious Education. Some three years ago he was further led to choose the field of Visual Aids in Religious Education and has since devoted himself largely to preparation for service along this line.

Figures to Inspire

March 3, 1946

Church	Addns.	S.S.	T.U.
Alma	119	43	
Atkins, First	115	56	
Barton Chapel	122	129	
Bauxite, First	4	346	89
Benton, First	8	483	112
Blytheville, Liberty	148	99	
Booneville, First	236	58	
Including Mission	353		
Cache Valley	81	51	
Camden, First	3	453	103
Conway, First	10	393	100
Crossett, Mt. Olive	101	70	
Cullendale, First	1	265	102
Dumas, First	5	266	64
Dyess, Central	120	79	
El Dorado, First	6	767	187
Eudora	2	195	58
Fort Smith Churches:			
First	4	892	427
Including Mission		942	
Immanuel		615	126
Fountain Hill		106	36
Gentry		200	87
Hamburg, First	1	264	142
Harrison, First	3	307	121
Hot Springs Churches:			
Central		331	74
First	1	233	38
Park Place		509	165
Second		517	136
Including Mission		596	
Hoxie, First		130	49
Little Rock Churches:			
First	9	1288	433
South Highland	2	285	101
Tabernacle	3	435	91
Malvern, First		289	69
Marmaduke		104	53
McGehee, First		408	110
Monticello, First		225	51
Nashville, First	6	288	128
Norphlet, First		232	128
North Little Rock, Baring Cross		553	128
Including Mission		608	144
Ozark	3	230	93
Paris, First	5	372	177
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	1	739	185
Including Mission		751	
Matthews Memorial	2	105	74
Second		232	93
South Side	3	414	105
Including Mission		445	
Rogers, First	3	273	103
Stuttgart, First		282	125
Tuckerman, First		117	61
Warren, First	2	478	78

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Oklahoma Baptists' 32 associations reported a grand total of 15,212 people won to Christ in 1945, as compared with 12,422 won in 1944. An all-out spiritual program for 1946 purposes to increase the number of baptisms 100 per cent.

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"My Shepherd"

By MARY WHITE JOHNSTON
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If I have a favorite chapter in the Bible, I think it is the 23rd Psalm, perhaps because I once owned and loved a small flock of sheep.

A good shepherd leads his sheep where it is best for them, although it may not always seem best to the sheep. It is possible for an earthly shepherd to make a mistake, but not so with the Good Shepherd, Jesus, who knows what is best for us before we ask him.

The sheep is a timid animal and tries to run away from danger when frightened. We are like the sheep at times when trials overtake us and we become afraid the Lord has forgotten us, but the trouble is within us, not in God. If we completely trust Him, He will give us grace to overcome and bear whatever trials confront us. Just as the earthly shepherd loves his sheep with their fears and weakness, so Jesus knows our weakness and lifts us, though sometimes through chastisement.

The earthly shepherd will leave the sheep that are safe within the fold and go out even to dangerous places and bring a lost one back. If an earthly shepherd will do this for his sheep, will not Christ do more for us, for is not a human soul worth more than many sheep?

When we trust God completely the pastures of heavenly grace are indeed green. A sheep, I think, never lies down in the green pasture until he is full. So when we follow our Shepherd completely he fills us with His grace and love so that we can lie down and enjoy the peace that passeth all understanding.

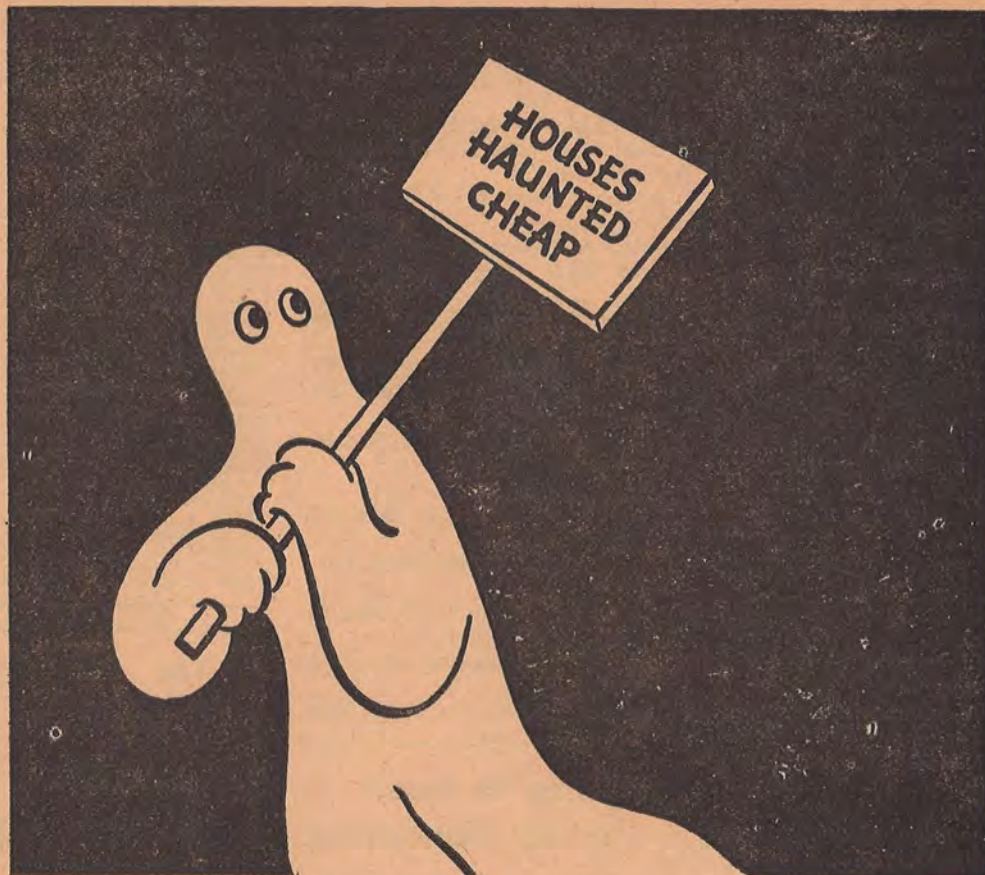
Sheep do not like to drink from a rough or rapidly flowing stream, but where the water is calm and peaceful, and we have peace and calm if we follow where He leads us.

When we are discouraged and feel that we have failed Jesus is still there to restore our faith, our hope, our soul, and to lead us in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. The sheep know their shepherd and they follow him as he guides them to safety. We must keep our eyes on the Good Shepherd and he will provide a rod and staff and though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death we fear no evil. With this complete trust there is joy; the cup runneth over with the love and blessings of God and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Her back-seat driving is no worse than his dinner-table cooking.



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R. PAUL CAUDILL

This lesson recalls one of the most beautiful stories ever penned. It is a story rich in the beauty of understanding that existed between a mother and her daughters-in-law.

The scene is laid in the country of Moab, to which Elimelech, of Bethlehem-judah, and his wife Naomi and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, had gone on account of the famine. At that time the land of Moab was fertile and highly cultivated. Travelers often allude to it as a "land of streams." Here Elimelech was able to provide for his family through the period of the famine that existed in his own country.

Dealing With Death

Sometime, just how long we are not told, after reaching the country of Moab, Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died: "And she was left, and her two sons" (v. 3). Later the sons took wives of the women of Moab. One of their names was Orpah and the other, Ruth. The sons with their wives and their mother continued to abide in Moab for some ten years, after which they themselves died, leaving their widowed mother and her daughters-in-law alone.

It is bad enough for a woman to lose her husband in her own country, even when she is blessed with two sons to comfort and keep her. It is thrice bad to be widowed in a strange land and, in addition, to suffer the loss of one's sons by death.

The manner in which Naomi reacted to her great loss is an example that might be emulated by all who come after her. Instead of manifesting distraction and ceaseless anxiety, we see her, with calm deliberation and poise, face a bad situation with queenly resolve to make the best of it. She decides to return to the land of her kinsmen where she will have the fellowship of those of her own country and her own house.

In the light of the Scripture narrative her behavior was worthy of that of a Christian. Had she possessed the revelation that was later to come through the triumph of our Lord over the grave, she could hardly have reacted better.

We need, as followers of Christ, to learn how to deal with this thing called death. Death, in the light of Christian truth, is not the awful experience that it is represented to be by unbelieving minds. It was for the Apostle Paul an avenue through which he would gain more of Christ.

He desired his friends to sorrow not "even as the rest, who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13). Said he, "Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last

trump, for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (1 Cor. 15:51-53).

Adjusting Family Relationships

The attitude of Naomi toward her daughters-in-law furnishes Christians with another example worthy of emulation. Upon the death of her sons, following the death of their father, Naomi felt that she must return to her homeland. This involved her future relations with her daughters-in-law. They were of Moab and she of Bethlehem-judah. Would they return with her to the land of her fathers, or would they, in accord with custom, return to the house of their mother?

According to the Levirate law, if Naomi had other sons, one of them would have been obligated to marry their deceased brother's widow. This would have guarded against the extinction of the dead man's name and would have served to keep the property belonging to the family from being broken up and dispersed among other families. But Naomi had no other sons. And so she said to her daughters, "Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband" (v. 12).

The affectionate regard of Naomi for her daughters-in-law apparently touched them deeply. We are told that after she had kissed them "they lifted up their voice, and wept" (1:9). At first it appeared that Ruth and Orpah would both remain with Naomi. They said, "Nay, but we will return with thee unto thy people" (v. 10), to which Naomi replied, "Turn again, my daughters: . . . go your way."

At this point they lifted up their voice and wept again: "And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clave unto her."

All too often family relationships are marred because of the failure of parents to understand the problem of their children, and vice versa. In the case of Naomi and Ruth and Orpah a situation that might otherwise have been the cause of tension and misunderstanding became an avenue of increased affection.

Naomi was able to win the tender love of both the young women because of her own unselfish nature. She was willing to forego the pleasure of their future company in order that they might have fuller joy. She put their happiness

and their welfare first and that of her own self second.

Sharing Our Sorrows

Ruth's words, following a further attempt on the part of Naomi to get her to return after her sister-in-law unto her own people, constitute one of the tenderest pronouncements of love in all literature: "In Ruth we see a daughter clinging to a parent in her age, with all the unselfishness of true-hearted affection, volunteering to share her lowliness and her distress" and that without promise of reward.

Hear her words: "And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, and to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: Jehovah do so to me, and more also, if I ought but death part thee and me" (vv. 16-17).

Ruth's impassioned declaration reaches the poetic heights of noblest filial affection. She could not have chosen stronger words to portray her fond attachment for her mother-in-law.

According to the ideas that existed in the days of Ruth, a God and his people were inseparable. This meant that in going over to Naomi's fatherland, Ruth would, of necessity, accept their deity. The decision that she made was not an easy one. It called for a complete break with the past. But life would be richer, nobler, fuller. Naomi and she would share their sorrows, even as they, in better days, had shared their joys.

Religious Education

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associational Sunday School work. Groups could meet for two or three nights for special study.

4. More regular promotional meetings. Meetings are vital in the promotion of associational Sunday School work. They are necessary if a monthly calendar of activities is promoted. They are essential if the great majority of our Sunday School officers and teachers are to be helped.

5. A monthly calendar of activi-

ties. It is needed to insure a definite month by month program, to insure a balanced program for the year, to challenge the churches in a cooperative effort and to lead the churches to greater achievement.

6. Mutual cooperation between the associational organization and the associational missionary.

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Gifts Roll In At Seminary

Cash donations totaling \$70,000 have been received by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from friends of the seminary for the erection of a six-family apartment dormitory for missionaries, and for the enlargement of Barnard Hall, dormitory for women attending the seminary's School of Church Music. President Ellis A. Fuller has announced.

The apartment dormitory will be financed by a \$35,000 gift received from an individual who designated that it be used to provide living quarters for missionaries who may want to spend their furloughs at the seminary for study or for research in the seminary library.

The remaining \$35,000, of which \$20,000 was given by one person, will be used for the erection of additional bedrooms to Barnard hall. When these rooms are completed, the dormitory will have adequate accommodations for the girls of the music school.

Work on the new building program will begin as soon as materials are available. It is hoped that the building can be completed before the opening of the next session, in September.

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PROTESTANT TOTALITARIANISM

It would be difficult indeed to conceive of anything more totalitarian than is Roman Catholicism. Even the Cardinals lie flat on the floor in evidence of their obedience to the Pope. The Pope's encyclicals are to be respected and obeyed by all who subscribe to Roman Catholicism. One of the unbelievable things about it all is how a red blooded American can be made to believe that the salvation of his soul depends upon his obedience to a foreign dictator like the Pope of Rome.

We have no fight against Catholic individuals, we know many of them who are fine men and women. The thing that we think is outrageous is the system of dictatorship and the teaching of paganism under the guise of Christianity, which the Roman Catholic system uses in holding sway over its members.

There is another organization taking form in the circle of modern religions which is on exactly the same road on which Roman Catholics find themselves. We are referring to the Federal Council of Churches. If it were strong enough it would be just as totalitarian and vindictive and arrogant as the Roman Church. Sooner or later the doctrines will be enunciated from its headquarters and we predict those doctrines will be Christless.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is doing a lot to promote and finance this organization. John D. Rockefeller was connected with the I. G. Farbenindustries which formed a cartel that spread its tentacles into the country and shielded Nazi propoganda, etc, and which is

an index to his totalitarian outlook. Rockefeller is a member of Harry Emerson Fosdick's church, and Fosdick declares, "Of course, I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or any of that old fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the atonement; and I do not know of any intelligent minister that does."

We view with suspicion also the World Council of Churches which has just held a conference in Geneva. Leaders in the Federal Council are leaders of the U. S. delegation to the World Council. Rockefeller has contributed just recently a million dollars to the World Council.

For some reason or other, newsmen (excepting a few reporters from church publications) were barred from most sessions, according to Time Magazine.

What Time termed "Echoing widespread U. S. Protestant irritation," Stanley I. Stuber, press-relations man of the Northern Baptist Convention, asked: "What is so secret about the World Council of Churches? What has it to hide? Millions of Protestants want to know in details just what is taking place. This is certainly the wrong way to begin a world fellowship. Nothing will so rob Protestantism of its glory as will closed doors and closed minds."

We want to ask a question here: Is our Foreign Mission Board in Richmond in any way cooperating with the Federal Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches?

Liquor and Drunkenness At Its Height

Over the week-end of March 2, forty persons were charged with drunkenness Municipal court in Little Rock—in only one city. Think of it, 48 persons in 40 hours. Multiply this number by the number of cities in the nation. What a vicious condition is being produced by liquor. Mr. Roosevelt vetoed the repeal of prohibition; he said he learned to drink during prohibition which means he was a law violator.

The Governor of Arkansas at the time prohibition was repealed, asserted that if he had not improved the unsatisfactory condition he would call a session of the legislature to repeal the repeal. Every figure since that time has proven conditions have been worse under repeal than under prohibition, but no Governor has done much about it. We hereby challenge any one to show us a week-end under prohibition in which one half as many persons were arrested for drunkenness as were arrested during the week-end mentioned above.

Moreover, agents of the Bureau of Internal Revenue seized 546 illicit stills in January of this year. Time would fail us to mention the terrific conditions existing in the Army and Navy on account of liquor, to say nothing about the Pearl Harbor incident, when the Japanese took advantage of conditions largely produced by drunkenness. And yet our law lovers will say that prohibition is a curse.

County by county, however, Arkansas is going dry!

WHAT THE FORMER CREDITORS SAY

(We cannot publish all the letters from our former creditors, but here are a few.—B. L. B.)

Gentlemen:

Yesterday I received your third check for \$975 in payment to former bondholders, and because I've so long wanted to write you, I've decided to "obey that impulse" and say how greatly I do admire your organization for voluntarily making good the loss due to the depression some years ago.

During my husband's lifetime he frequently said that he knew he had made at least one "safe" investment when he bought Arkansas Baptist bonds, and I have so often remembered this remark, since receiving your first letter and check last fall. In the twelve years that I've been a widow I have never, before, been reimbursed for losses, and I only wish that my investment in another denomination's bonds would have proven even half so profitable.

Sincerely thanking each member of the Executive Board, and assuring you of my great appreciation of your very honorable discharge of the debt, I am, with all good wishes,

Respectfully,

Marianne C. Howard.

Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Brother Bridges:

I am writing to thank you for the third ten per cent payment on the balance of my Arkansas bonds. This makes three payments in about six months. I think you are getting along wonderfully well. I am now 85 and almost blind. My wife is 83 and also nearly blind, so these payments are coming in a mighty good time for us.

Again thanking you, I am,
Yours,

T. H. Farmer.

Martin, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Bridges:

I am delighted to have your letter of February 25 and the check therewith enclosed and wish to again express my appreciation of the fine manner in which the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is undertaking to make up the loss of its bondholders. This is a wonderful example to set and does your body the greatest credit.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

M. Lemann.

New Orleans, La.

Gentlemen:

We are today in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. addressed to Miss Emily A. Barnett in our care, enclosing check in the amount of

\$65 representing the third payment on honor obligation in connection with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention bonds.

In behalf of Miss Barnett we wish to express for her, her appreciation and admiration in the manner in which the Convention is taking care of this obligation.

As for ourselves, we have conferred quite a number of people in this section originally purchased your bonds and who have been receiving payments. All of these people are particularly pleased with the manner in which your Convention has come forward and a great deal of admiration and honorable publicity have been expressed.

With kindest regards, we are,

Very truly yours,

Nusloch, Baudean & Strickland
Geo. H. Nusloch

New Orleans, La.

Dear Friends:

I wish to thank you for your kind consideration, in the payment of the third principal on the bond that I had lost in the depression. Wishing you much success in the future and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

Miss Ruby M.

Memphis, Tenn.

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The church must redeem civilization or perish with the civilization it has failed to deem.

—Dr. Jesse M. B.