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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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—H. Armstrong Roberts

*“Where is he that is born King of the Jews?  
For we have seen his star in the East and are come to worship him.”*

Matthew 2:2



## Religious Liberty

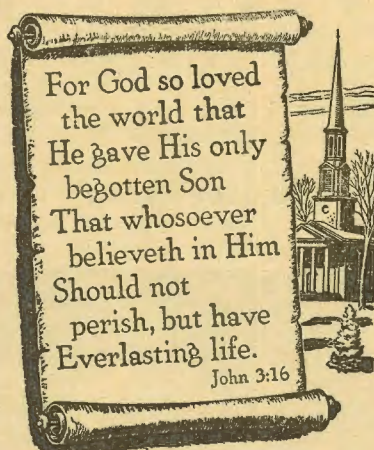
Dr. Gunnar Westin, of Sweden, was Chairman of the group considering the question of Religious Liberty at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance at Tollose, Denmark, August 4-8, 1952. The report, which was submitted by Dr. J. M. Dawson, and approved by the Executive Committee with instructions that it be sent to the Baptist Press, is as follows:

While realizing that the discussion group on religious liberty at the Tollose study week, held in connection with the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, August 4-8, 1952, was not authorized to put forth any statement to be officially adopted, the participants in the study feel that some report would be welcomed by Baptists and received with interest by others.

The seventeen members of the group together with a number of other persons who assembled with them, first of all confronted the dark fact that the world during the past several decades has suffered some of the direst assaults on human freedoms known to history. This has been due mainly to the rise of a new and powerful form of political totalitarianism which has waged relentless war upon all freedoms and particularly against religious liberty, real and full religious liberty. It has also been occasioned by fresh aggression of an ecclesiastical totalitarianism which, in certain localities at least, has shocked multitudes by acts and policies which have denied freedom to individuals and groups oftentimes with cruel persecution. After a careful survey, country by country, in which the effort was made to ascertain the exact status of people over the globe, it appears incontrovertibly plain that there are intolerable impositions upon the religious conscience in many lands and menacing threats to religious liberty in not a few others.

The study group, upon searching inquiry, joyfully discovered several reasons for hopefulness. One encouragement comes from the fact that vast numbers of people around the world have become awakened to the peril to religious freedom, which in our opinion is the foundation of all freedoms. They are taking vigorous action to protect God-given freedom on a scale, denominational, national and global. Again, it is heartening to know that the United Nations has adopted a declaration of human rights in which the

essentials of freedom for all men have been proclaimed in acceptable terms. In countries where the separation of church and state prevails as the principle for which Baptists have historically contended, organ-



ized efforts are being made to preserve the system inviolate. In several nations where established churches exist we note with satisfaction that civil disabilities have been removed from non-conformists. A striking example is to be found in Sweden, where Baptists have induced the Parliament to remove former restrictions from Roman Catholics as well as from those in the free churches. The Baptist World Alliance from its inception has stood without apology with all other forces battling for religious liberty. It may well be reckoned as one of the foremost organizations in the life of mankind for promoting this fundamental right of every man and group.

The men and women who made this special study at Tollose feel that the Crusade for religious liberty, inaugurated by earlier Baptist World Congresses and reinforced by adoption of a new midcentury Manifesto at Cleveland in 1950, should now be accepted by Baptists everywhere. They believe that the Alliance should promote the circulation of this excellent Manifesto, that the denominational press should republish it, that the denomination in all appropriate ways should re-emphasize this Baptist pronouncement, to the end that Baptists throughout the world may be joined with others to secure full religious liberty.

## Jesus Goes To Worship

*A Devotion by the Editor*

"... he entered into the synagogue, and taught."

Jesus went to church on the Sabbath morning. That is, He went to the synagogue which is the nearest equivalent to our church. He went there for worship, to join with the spiritually minded people of the community. It should be a cause of inspiration to us to observe our Lord on a Sabbath morning going to the place of worship and joining with the average men and women of the community in the worship of God. Surely we may believe that He does the same thing today. We could sustain no greater loss in our day than the loss of the spirit of worship, and may I say quite frankly that the Sunday School with its teaching service cannot take the place of the worship service.

The public worship of God should command all one's powers and faculties.

Jesus also attended the synagogue for the purpose of teaching the Word of God. This worship service was not intended merely for rest nor alone for prayer and praise, but included within its program the reading and expounding the Word of God.

Jesus attended religious worship for the purpose of conquering the devil. And there was a devil present that morning—he had possession of a man. This man had attended religious worship before, but he had never encountered any power or teaching that disturbed him. But when Jesus was in the religious worship, the devil could not rest at ease in his presence.

Our public worship has failed in its primary function if it does not disturb the presence of the devil in people's lives.

And the audience was inspired, lifted to higher planes of living, given a clearer vision of God's word, and spiritually energized for service. It was the same old building in which they had worshiped before, they read from the same old Book from which they had read before, they sang the same psalms which they had sung before, they offered the same prayers which they had offered before. But there was a new meaning in it all because there was a new presence among them. It was not a new house they needed, nor a new Bible, nor a new song, nor a new prayer; but a new presence.

"And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes." Mark 1:22.

## Revised Standard Version

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If the term in Isaiah 7:14 means literally a young woman and if "virgin" is an implied or an acquired meaning of the term, what is the objection to either translation? It becomes obvious that the virgin birth of Jesus does not depend upon the translation of this term. No matter which translation is used it does not affect the deity of our Lord nor does it change the fact that He was born of a virgin which is made clear in the New Testament.

We propose neither to defend nor condemn the new translation. It is obvious, however, that irresponsible criticism, by persons who do not know the meanings of the original words and do not take into account that all the Bible we have is a translation, can do more harm than good

by making broad sweeping statements that cannot be substantiated.

### Compare Many Translations For Broader Viewpoint

Since every version of the Bible which we have is a translation it proves to be helpful in understanding the Bible to have several different translations and compare them as we read the Bible. Such a comparison would no doubt be profitable in our study of God's Word. But whatever translation you use be sure to study it diligently, prayerfully, and with an open mind. Instead of bringing to the Bible preconceived ideas, let God speak to you out of His Holy Word, His message of love, of redemption, and of commission. And you may be sure that you will discover the message of God whatever translation you may use.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### The Revised Standard Version

The new translation of the Bible, the Revised Standard Version as it is known, released September 30, has met with various reactions on the part of Bible readers. It has been widely acclaimed as the best translation of the original text to date; it has been condemned as the word of Modernists.

It seems that those who have received the new translation with appreciation value it for its readability, its clarifying many obscure passages in the King James translation, and the more nearly modern language which is used. It would seem that those who object to the new translation and criticize the translators are reluctant, in the main, to allow any translation to take the place of the King James Version with which they are familiar. Perhaps it is understandable that some people would feel that the translators had changed the Bible when they used more modern and even more accurate translations of the words and phrases that are so familiar in the King James Version and which have become a part of the Christian vocabulary of such a great segment of Christian people.

We are not attempting a technical discussion of the new translation, even if we were capable of such a discussion. There are scholars who have given their lives to the study of the languages in which the Bible was written and who are more capable of discussing the technicalities of translation. Here we are only attempting to point out a few obvious considerations which should be taken into account in any appraisal of the new translation of the Bible.

#### All Bibles Are Translations

The very first consideration is the fact that all we have is translations of the Bible. There is not a single original manuscript of any portion of the Bible in existence. If we are mistaken in this conclusion we would appreciate some person who has authentic information to the contrary correcting us. The Greek and Latin and Hebrew manuscripts which we do have are themselves translations or copies of the originals.

Another consideration that we should keep in mind is that language changes. For instance, the language of the King James Version is the language of 1611. The English language has gone through many changes since that date. Many words and phrases in common use in 1611 are not in common use today. Many words have changed their meanings completely since 1611. The pronouns *thee*, *thou*, *thine*, were in common use in conversation in 1611. They are used today in conversation by the Quakers. But we do not use this form of the pronouns in our conversations today, and while we have become accustomed to using them in reference to deity they have no special significance.

#### King James Version Attacked for 50 Years

The King James Version was attacked as

violently in 1611 as the Revised Standard Version has been attacked today. That attack continued for 50 years or more. Copies of the translation were burned.

The vocabulary of the King James Version has become so much a part of our Christian vocabulary that it has assumed for us a sort of sacredness that many people are reluctant to give up. And that is perfectly alright. If they prefer the King James Version, no one is going to object to their using it. On the other hand, if others like the new translation, those who prefer the King James Version have no right or authority to object.

Since our Bible, whether it is the Revised Standard Version, the King James Version, or any other version, is a translation, we may admit that there is the possibility, even the probability, or might we say the inevitability, of mistakes in translation. It is entirely within the realm of probability that both those who acclaim the new version and those who criticize it would make mistakes if they were translating the Bible from Greek and Latin or Hebrew into English. So, with all the translations of the Bible which are available to us, we can take our choice and use the one or several translations which seem to us to more accurately reveal to us the mind of our Lord.

It has been charged that the translators allowed their theological training and background to influence them in their translations. That may be true and probably is to some extent. It is also likely that those who make the charge would allow their theological training and background to influence them in translating the Bible.

#### All the Translators Are Not Liberals

It has been stated that the "translators are, without exception, 'liberals' in theological viewpoint." A like charge is stated in these words, "every one of them (the translators) is a liberal in theology, not one believes in the inerrancy of the Bible." Now those statements are absolutely false. Such sweeping statements as that cast reflection upon the persons making them rather than upon the persons about whom the statements are made.

The late Dr. John R. Sampey, who spent his life teaching Hebrew in the Southern Seminary in Louisville, was one of the translators of the Old Testament portion of the Bible. Dr. Kyle M. Yates, who spent many years as the successor to Dr. Sampey in the chair of Hebrew in the Southern Seminary and now pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, is another of the translators of the Old Testament portion of the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The late Dr. A. T. Robertson, who spent his life in the Southern Seminary in Louisville teaching Greek, was a world-renowned Greek scholar, and is one of the translators of the New Testament

portion of the new translation. Dr. W. W. Adams, president of the Central Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, and a seminary classmate of this editor, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Dr. Hight C. Moore, Dr. Clifton J. Allen, all of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, were members of the advisory board.

We name these men because they are Southern Baptists, they have contributed to the scholarship of Southern Baptists, they are known to Southern Baptists in a sort of intimate way.

It is doubtless true that some of the translators are what is known as "liberal" in their theological viewpoint. But to make the statement that all, without exception, are "liberal" in their theological viewpoint, is to make a statement so false that it should not receive credence among Christian people.

#### God's Truth Lives On

Many particular passages of scripture have been pointed out by critics of the new translation. It is entirely possible that the criticisms of some of the translations are justified. Scholars do not always agree among themselves. But the glorious thing about the Bible is that in spite of the errors or mistakes in translation, the message of God has lived through the centuries and has become known to and experienced in the hearts of countless millions of people. The ultimate truth of God cannot be obscured or obliterated by faulty translations. God's truth lives on and those who read the translations of God's revelations have come to know the truth of God as it is in Christ Jesus the Lord.

Perhaps the one passage which has received more criticism than any other in the new translation is Isaiah 7:14 where "young woman" in the new translation is substituted for "virgin" in the King James translation. Some who have found fault with the new translation have claimed that this was an attempt to deny the virgin birth of Jesus. Yet every scholar whom we have read, including those who have criticized this change, state emphatically and without reservation that the word here used in Isaiah 7:14, "almah," means a young woman of marriageable age. That is the root meaning of the word, according to the scholars who criticize the change from "virgin" to "young woman." The scholars also claim that the Hebrew word "bethulah" means a "grown up girl whom no man has known."

#### New Testament Proves Virgin Birth

We like what Dr. Dale Moody of the Southern Seminary has said to the effect that the virgin birth of Jesus does not depend upon the translation of Isaiah 7:14, "but in the plain statements: 'with child of the Holy Spirit' (Matthew 1:18), and 'that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit' (Matthew 1:20)."

Dr. Moody goes on to say: "And the miraculous birth of our Lord is as clear as crystal in the words of the angel:

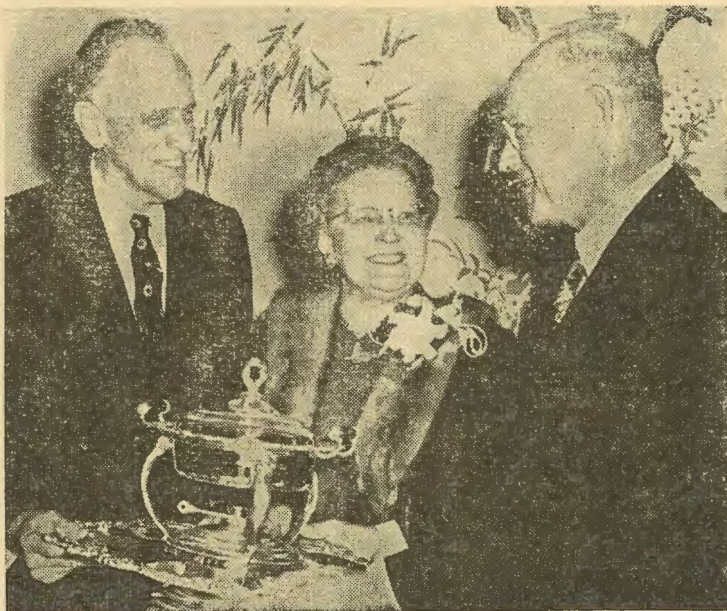
The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

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# Kingdom Progress

*Honored  
on  
Tenth  
Anniversary*



An anniversary gift is presented by Everett Brown, right, to Dr. Walter R. Alexander, who completed his tenth year as Executive Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention recently. With him is Mrs. Alexander. The gift of silver was made at a dinner honoring Dr. Alexander November 3, at the Dallas Athletic Club by the Board of Direc-

tors of the Relief and Annuity Board.

Dr. Wallace Bassett, president of the Board, presided. Brief messages of appreciation of the splendid work done by Dr. Alexander were given by Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas; Dr. W. O. Barnett, a member of the Board; and Mr. Orville Groner, treasurer.

## Mission Organized into Church

The Chickasaw Mission of First Church, McGehee, was organized into a Baptist church on November 30.

The Chickasaw Mission was established by the First Church, McGehee, seven years ago, and has been maintained under the sponsorship of the McGehee Church.

Pastor Theo T. James of the McGehee Church was moderator of the organizing council, Pastor William West served as clerk. The new church was organized with 81 charter members.

The church adopted the "Articles of Faith," and the "Church Covenant."

William West accepted a call by the new church to become its pastor.

## Jordan Goes to Louisiana Church

Pastor Stanley Jordan has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Springdale, effective December 21, to accept the pastorate of the Queensborough Baptist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana. Pastor Jordan has been with the Springdale church four years.

The Queensborough Church has a membership of 4,000, an office staff of seven, an annual budget of \$128,000, which includes an allocation of \$41,435 for mission work.

## Evangelist Ralph Dodd Kept Busy

Evangelist Ralph Dodd of Little Rock reports 25 revival campaigns in ten states and Canada during the past 16 months.

Evangelist Dodd will spend December and January with his family in Little Rock. He may be contacted at Little Rock, Post Office Box 373.

## Fisher Dedicates New Building

First Church, Fisher, Robert E. Lewis, pastor, moved into their new building October 26. The dedication service was held on Sunday, November 2, with Pastor W. T. Byrum of Augusta preaching the dedicatory sermon.

The dedicatory service was the beginning of a revival meeting which continued from November 2 to 16, with James H. Stanley of Forney, Texas, the visiting evangelist, and Pastor R. D. Harris of McCrory directing the music. The revival resulted in nine additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and three by letter, the organization of a Brotherhood, and the organization of an adult Training Union.

## First Church, Wilson Ordains Deacons

First Church, Wilson, B. D. Bledsoe, pastor, ordained three deacons on Sunday afternoon, November 23. They were Wayne Bussey, D. D. Cash, and Clarence Medlin. The ordination council was composed of the following: Pastor Bledsoe, moderator; Deacon Dwight O. Anderson, clerk; Charles Long, New Bethel, led the prayer; Orville Maguire, New Liberty, conducted the examination; A. F. Muncy, Lake City, delivered the message of the hour; L. L. Jordan, Lake City, offered the benediction.

The new deacons were honored with a dinner on Tuesday evening, November 25, at which time each was presented with a copy of the book: "Honoring the Deaconship."

## Overton Succeeds Williams Tyler Street, Little Rock



CARL OVERTON

Pastor Carl M. Overton assumed his duties as pastor of the Tyler Street Church, Little Rock, December 1. Overton comes from the pastorate of First Church, Star City.

The Tyler Street Church was organized in 1948 and Felix Williams, who recently resigned to accept the position of chaplain at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana, was the first pastor.

The church now has a membership of 260 with a Sunday School enrolment of 285. An educational building to cost \$22,000 is now under construction.

Pastor Overton came to the Star City Church August 1, 1949. During his ministry there, 81 persons were received into the membership of the church by letter and statement, and 83 persons were received on profession of faith and baptism. The average Sunday School attendance reached 200, Training Union 72.

During the ministry of Pastor Overton, the church budget increased from \$14,000 a year to \$17,000. During the three years and four months of Pastor Overton's ministry with the Star City Church, \$20,000 was given to missions and benevolences. Cooperative Program allocation in the budget for the current year is \$5,440.

## Missionaries Have New Address

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin R. Hicks, Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile, have moved from Santiago to Antofagasta where they will take up the work of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bryant, who have returned to the States due to the illness of Mrs. Bryant. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks may be addressed at Casilla 160. Mr. Hicks is a native of Arkadelphia.

## Ralph Smith to Seminary

Pastor Ralph Smith has resigned the Lake Hamilton Church, Hot Springs, in order to enter the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas.

During Pastor Smith's ministry at Lake Hamilton the membership of the church has grown, the programs of the organizations have been expanded, ground has been broken for a new church. The new auditorium is nearing completion and more adequate facilities for Sunday School are planned.



## Dr. J. B. Lawrence Resigns Effective End of 1953

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary Home Mission Board, has resigned to become the emeritus secretary at the end of 1953. Dr. Lawrence, who will be eighty next July, submitted his resignation to the annual Board meeting December 3.

In accepting the resignation, the Board went on record as recommending to the Board, which will be in power at the next annual meeting, that Dr. Lawrence's request be granted by electing him secretary emeritus and that he "work in connection with the radio program of the Board and as a writer."

Dr. Lawrence's resignation will be effective in either November or December 1953, when date of the meeting has been fixed.

Dr. Dick H. Hall Jr., pastor of First Church, Decatur, Georgia, was elected chairman of the committee to nominate a successor. Other members of the committee are O. M. Seigler and George W. Sparks, Atlanta; J. C. Wilkinson, Athens, Georgia; J. Ralph Grant, Texas; Hugh R. Bumpas, Oklahoma; Claude Ammerman, Alabama; James T. Horton, Louisiana; and Frank Brasington, D. C.

Dr. Lawrence became executive secretary of the Home Board in 1929 when it had a debt of two million dollars, and only 106 missionaries. The debt was retired in 1943 and the missionary personnel has increased to a grand total of 912, plus 362 summer student workers. The Board has its offices in Atlanta, in a million dollar building, most of which is rented commercially. Retirement of the construction debt will provide income for all administrative salaries.

Expansion of the Board program has created departments of co-operative missions including the city, rural, and mountain mission work; school of missions; education and promotion and also the Chaplain's Commission. Dr. Lawrence's administration also has directed the expansion of Southern Baptist work into Western states and Alaska.

G. Frank Garrison, Atlanta layman, was re-elected president of the Board. Dr. W. A. Duncan, Atlanta, was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. Ralph B. Smith, Decatur, was re-elected recording secretary.

In addition to Dr. Lawrence, others re-elected for 1953 included Dr. Courts Redford as assistant secretary.

J. W. Wing, office secretary, was retired on the age limit and that position left vacant temporarily. B. M. Crain was re-elected business manager and assistant office secretary.

## Late Report on Advance Program

Home and foreign missions received \$664,459 from the Advance Program between November 7, when that part of the Southern Convention budget went into effect on November 29, the date of the latest report, according to Porter Routh, treasurer of the Convention. Foreign missions received \$498,344 and home missions \$166,114.

Southern Convention Cooperative Program receipts are up 13.54 per cent for the first eleven months in 1952. In 1951 the total for the January-November period was \$7,360,073, this year \$8,356,459, or an increase of \$996,385.

## Worker Available

Ben D. Kyzer, a native of Arkansas, and formerly of Little Rock, a graduate of Ouachita College and the New Orleans Seminary, is now living in El Dorado, and is available for the pastorate, supply work, or evangelistic work. He may be addressed at General Delivery, El Dorado, telephone 2-3376.

Mrs. Kyzer is also a graduate of Ouachita, and has a Master's Degree from the University of Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyzer are members of First Church, El Dorado.

## Hook Assists Neighbor Church

Pastor R. B. Crotts and Third Church, Malvern, had the services of Pastor Don Hook of First Church, Malvern, in revival Services November 19-30. There were 14 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and one by letter. Enoch Hammond, a member of the Third Church, was in charge of the music.

Pastor Crotts expressed warm appreciation for the services of his neighbor pastor, Don Hook, in this revival meeting.

## Bolton Resigns SBC Foundation

Dr. Charles H. Bolton, executive secretary for the Southern Baptist Foundation, has resigned to become pastor of the Avon Park Baptist Church in Avon Park, Florida. Dr. Bolton has been with the Foundation since 1949. Before that he served Florida churches as pastor and was for a number of years state secretary for Florida Baptists.

## Broadman Books

### "AS LOVE KNOWS HOW"

A Texas newsman and his wife are co-authors of a first novel by both, released October 15 by the Broadman Press of Nashville.

They are David A. Cheavens, chief of the Associated Press bureau at Austin, and his wife, Alice Dawson Cheavens.

The book, "As Love Knows How" is backgrounded in the life of a mythical northeast Texas town called Morton's Mills. Its principal characters are a young high school teacher, a country editor, and a Latin American student.

Throughout, the book carries a deeply religious theme of universal appeal. It deals with religious conflicts, racial prejudices, small town gossip. It was written primarily for young people, but the publishers believe its appeal is to all ages.

Mrs. Cheavens is the daughter of Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C. and former pastor of churches at Hillsboro, Waco and Temple, Texas. She is active in church and secular youth work and has written many articles for such magazines as Parents, and for denominational publications.

Mr. Cheavens is a news writer on political and public affairs, and has written many articles and fiction for a wide variety of magazines. His parents were Southern Baptist missionaries to Mexico. He is now director of college Training Union activities for the University Baptist Church at Austin. He worked on newspapers at El Paso, Waco, Dallas, and Marshall, Texas, before becoming a member of the staff of the Associated Press.

## "Home-Life" Magazine Reaches Half-Million Circulation

"Home Life," the Baptist Sunday School Board's monthly Christian Family Magazine, has reached total circulation of one-half million copies.

A special promotional campaign on "Home Life" was begun one year ago to increase circulation figures from 413,270 to 500,000. This goal was reached with the November, 1952 issue.

Dr. Joe W. Burton, editor, said this achievement is due to: "America's interest in the home and home life. There is a wide-spread, nation-wide concern for the home, as evidenced not only by the Southern Baptist home magazine, but also the great number of books and magazines, dealing with this phase of American life, published by other leading religious publishers." Dr. Burton further stated: "The intensive work of Southern Baptist Sunday Schools to promote the circulation of 'Home Life' has made it possible for this magazine to reach this half-million figure."

A score of editorial assistants, artists, copy and proof-readers are enlisted in the production of this magazine. "Home Life" carries articles of interest to parents, on social problems, such as school, tobacco, narcotics, divorce — articles to strengthen homes and transplant truths into children's lives. It has a column in each issue by Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, in which he answers queries on problems relating to life in the home, school, and in society.

### FENCE CORNERS

Some people, passing, look at fence corners  
And see weeds and briars in the angle of  
space

Where the plough seemed to miss its fur-  
rowing:

They do not see the nest, well hidden, with  
the five small eggs,

Nor the swift, brown wings that flash out  
and in,

And out and in,

Until the five yellow mouths open wide for  
food;

They do not see, nor understand, how much  
the drama of life is lived

In fence corners.

These excerpts are from the title poem, *Fence Corners* by Marel Brown, a publication released November 10 by the Broadman Press, Nashville.

Marel Brown (Mrs. Alex B. Brown) of Atlanta, Georgia, is the author of two other books of poetry and two juvenile books. In addition to local writing groups she is a member of the Poetry Society of America and the Authors' League. For ten years she has held national offices in the League of American Pen Women and at present is serving on the National President's Council.

*Fence Corners* is a sparkling collection of fifty-one poems and fourteen informal essays concerned with the aspects of nature — not in its beauty or strangeness alone, but also in the spiritual significance and eternal values. With keen discernment the author uses phrases from the title poem to develop the thread of the book in its three divisions—"The Angle of Space," "The Rustle of Grass," and "The Rhythm of Strokes."



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# Christian Horizons

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By Religious News Service

## Graham to Conduct Evangelistic Crusade in Korea

Evangelist Billy Graham has announced plans to go to Korea in December to conduct an evangelistic crusade among United Nations' fighting men.

Dr. Graham plans to leave from Los Angeles December 5. He said his request for entry into Korea has not been officially approved yet, but added "it's probably on Gen. Mark Clark's desk now."

"I wanted to make the announcement now so that people wouldn't think I am trying to cash in on Eisenhower's proposed trip to Korea," Dr. Graham said.

(Since this release was received announcement has been made that Doctor Graham's request for entry into Korea has been officially approved.—EDITOR)

## Newspaper Gives Entire Front Page to Religious Appeal

This city's daily newspaper, *The Norwalk Hour*, turned over the entire front page of its November 19 edition to an editorial urging Americans to strive for a Christian world and to "give a little more of yourselves to God's purpose."

The editorial appeared in three columns of 24-point type (average newspaper type-size is 8-point) under a two-line streamer across the page saying "In the Balance—The Christian World."

The startling action brought the newspaper a flood of congratulatory letters, telegrams and phone calls from laymen and clergymen of all religious groups.

## Protestants Ask Aid to Spain Be Withheld

Four hundred Protestant ministers and laymen have asked President Truman to withhold financial aid from Spain until "discrimination" against Spanish Protestants is eliminated.

They also urged that "no consideration be given to an alliance" between Spain and the U. S. "until the Spanish government establishes full civil rights and freedom of faith and worship in Spain."

A letter containing the proposals was delivered at the White House by a delegation of Protestants.

## Clergyman May Seek Noah's Ark by Helicopter

Dr. Aaron J. Smith, who still dreams of finding Noah's Ark on "the mountains of Ararat," has plans for a new expedition—this time by helicopter.

"A helicopter would be perfect," he said. "It would take us above the rocky crags and into hidden valleys impossible to reach on foot. Man must use modern means—even when in search of a holy relic."

Dr. Smith's previous expedition to Mt. Ararat in 1949 drew criticism from the Russians, who charged that the expedition was a "biblical masquerade" to spy on the Soviet Union. (Mt. Ararat is in Turkey, near the western border of Soviet Armenia.) The Russians called the clergyman an "intelligence agent of the Anglo-American bloc of imperialists."

## Reports 1,600,000 Copies of Revised Bible Sold

A total of 1,600,000 copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible has been sold in the eight weeks since it was published.

This was announced by Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean emeritus of Yale Divinity School and chairman of a committee of scholars who prepared the revision. He said that acceptance of the new work has been "far beyond our hopes."

The million-copy first printing was sold out within two days of the publishing date on September 30, Dr. Weigle said. More than 600,000 additional copies have been sold since then, he added, and another big printing is now rolling off the presses.

## Bishop Herrera Minimizes Protestant Question in Spain

Reported conflicts between Protestants and Roman Catholics in Spain were minimized in Washington, D. C., by Bishop Angel Herrera y Orta of Malaga as only "occasional" outbursts of "some fools and madcaps."

They do not reflect the tolerant thinking of the Spanish people and clergy as a whole, he said in a press interview at the Spanish Embassy.

Bishop Herrera said that Spain has "more freedom than appears to the outside world," and Protestants there are free to worship as they choose. The only thing they are denied, he said, are "outward manifestations."

In a reference to recent anti-Protestant statements by Pedro Cardinal Segura y Saenz of Seville, the bishop said that condemnations of Protestantism by members of the Spanish hierarchy should be read as "ecclesiastical opinions" and not construed as "political."

(NOTE: *The actual facts, instead of propaganda, are revealed in the following item. Were the ARRESTS made by "fools and Madcaps?"*—EDITOR)

## Report Spanish Protestant Pastor and Wife Arrested

The pastor of a Protestant chapel at Medina del Campo and his wife were arrested November 16 while giving religious instructions to a class of 10 children, Protestant sources said.

According to the report, Felix Pradales, pastor of a Spanish Christian Mission chapel in the town, and his wife, Donna Maria Abrodos, were taken to police headquarters in Valladolid, 30 miles north of Medina del Campo, and fined 1,000 pesetas (about \$25) each.

Senor Pradales, who works at a secular job during the week to support his family and help maintain the mission, was able to pay his own fine and be free to report to work the following morning, the report said. However, he did not have enough cash to cover his wife's fine, the Protestant sources added, and she was sentenced to serve a 15-day jail sentence.

The arrests have been protested in notes sent to Gen. Francisco Franco, Spanish Chief of State, and Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Artajo, the Protestant sources said.

# Smile or Two

It was in a remote section of our country and the local women were having a party one afternoon to sew and exchange local items of gossip. One woman found herself next to an elderly woman and trying to make conversation, she said.

"I see by the newspaper last night that in the war in Korea, the enemy is being driven back."

"Being driven back!" snorted the old lady with a toss of her head, "I'd let them walk back!"

—Dan Bennett  
—Quote

Magistrate—The officer says you and your wife had some words.

Accused—I had some, sir, but I never had a chance to use them.

—New York Journal

Came the day of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary and the man of the house started out to do his work in the fields as usual.

"John," his wife called. "Don't you know what day this is?"

"Yes, indeed I do," said John smoothly.

"Well, how are we going to celebrate it?" persisted his wife.

"Sure and I don't know, Maggie," said John, scratching his head in puzzlement. "How about two minutes of silence?"

The Draft Board doctor was examining a prospective recruit.

"Read that chart," he commanded

"What Chart?" asked the draftee.

"That's right," said the doc, "there isn't any chart. You're in, boy!"

A man's life is a sentence. Illness makes the commas, and death makes the period.

One of my neighbors bought a new dog. I went over to pay them a visit. When I rang the door bell the door opened and there stood a vicious looking bulldog.

"Will that dog bite?" I asked.

"We don't know yet," my neighbor said, "We're just trying him out. Won't you please come in?"

A Tennessee woman 80 years old has never seen an automobile. Which may be the reason she is 80 years old.

Florist: "It's always nice to say it with flowers, Sir. How about sending your girl two dozen roses?"

Young Man: "Make it half-a-dozen. I'm a man of few words."

Fred stopped at Tony's house to play, and by supper time it was raining. Tony's mother got out her son's raincoat and rubbers for his little friend to wear home.

Fred seemed reluctant, and Tony's mother said, "I'm sure your mother would do as much for Tony."

"My mother," said Fred, "would ask Tony to stay to supper."

A Texas farmer was the owner of a good Short-Horn bull. A stranger, admiring the animal one day, went to the farmer and asked: "What will you take for your bull?" The farmer scratched his head for a moment, and said, "Are you a tax-assessor, or has he been killed by a train?"



## News From Baptist Press

### Leonard Leavell Dies in Georgia

Leonard O. Leavell, sixty-six year old retired pastor, died at his home in Newnan, Georgia, November 26. Dr. Leavell had served in pastorates in Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, Alabama, and Georgia. He had lived in Georgia for the past ten years, the last two in retirement.

Dr. Leavell was one of nine brothers, several of whom have been active in Southern Baptist denominational life. His brother, Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary conducted the funeral services at Newnan.

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Leavell graduated from the University of Mississippi and received his Ph. D. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

### Ford and Howell to Birmingham First

J. T. Ford, pastor of First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama, has accepted a call to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Ford succeeds John L. Slaughter at this post.

Charles Ed Howell, of Nashville, has accepted the call of the church to become its educational director. Howell has held a similar position at First Baptist Church, Nashville, for the past two years. Prior to this he had been an associate in the state Sunday School Department in Alabama. He assumes his new duties January 1.

### Baptists on the March

**Baptists on the March** is a condensed, accurate, re-write of Baptist history. Written by E. C. Routh, a man whose heart is fervent with appreciation of Baptist history, this book fills a wide need in Baptist life.

The appetites of those who read this book will be stimulated to desire to know more of the subject. The author wrote it not for scholars or theological students, but the multitudes of Baptist people. Those who read it will be helpfully served.

### Holcomb Accepts Board Music Post



CLIFFORD A. HOLCOMB

Clifford A. Holcomb was elected as associate in the Church Music Department, Division of Education and Promotion, Baptist Sunday School Board, at the monthly meeting of the Board. This announcement was made November 29, by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary-treasurer, and Harold E. Ingraham, business manager.

For the past seven years, Holcomb has been head of the Department of Church Music for the Florida Baptist State Convention. His undergraduate studies were done at Howard College and Texas Wesleyan College; his graduate work at Southwestern Seminary.

Prior to his service in the army, he was director of music in churches in Fort Worth, Texas, Pineville and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Holcomb will serve primarily with the promotion of church music education within the states and associations.

### Call From Korea

By CHAPLAIN ALVIE L. MCKNIGHT

"There are literally thousands of crippled and orphaned children here. They are being fed fairly well, but are sadly in need of clothes. Our Corps has raised \$75,000 to assist in the restoration of Korean children who have been crippled during the war.

"Please appeal to our churches through the Baptist press for clothing for these unfortunate people. For the Seoul area, send to Chaplain Alvie L. McKnight, Hqs. I Corps, Off. of the Chaplain, APO 358, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif., and for the Pusan area, to Dr. John Abernathy, Baptist Mission, APO 59, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif."

### Bible Study Week Approaches

J. D. GREY, *President*

*Southern Baptist Convention*

"Studies in Philipians" will be used as a guidebook for Bible Study Week in our churches early in January. This new guidebook comes fresh from the warm heart, brilliant mind, and facile pen of Dr. Ralph A. Herring. His deep, scholarly treatment and warm personal presentation will greatly assist every student in a clearer understanding of this letter of Paul's.

January 5-9, 1953, is being dedicated to Bible study in churches throughout the Convention territory. A blessing is in store for every church that will secure the teacher and books, then plan and pray for a great week of inspiration in Bible study. Plan to make the event church-wide with every group in the church supporting the week of Bible study.

C. G. Davis, Texarkana  
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## Arkansas Baptist Convention Committees, 1953

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# A Prospectus of Baptist State Program

## Summary Reports of Baptist State Conventions

### Tennessee Adopts Two Million Budget

Tennessee Baptists in convention adopted a \$2,000,000 budget for 1953 to be divided, 60 per cent to state causes and 40 per cent to Southern Baptist causes. A new set of bylaws was adopted calling for rotation of board members. Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, was elected president. The convention will meet next year in Knoxville, on November 10-12.

### Maryland Adopts \$200,000 Budget

Maryland Baptists adopted a 1953 over-all goal including designations and the Cooperative Program of \$200,000. Half of this will go for state work. The rest for out-of-state causes.

New president of the Maryland Baptist Union Association is William B. Orndorff, pastor, First Baptist Church, Western Port, Md. Next year's meeting will be with the Temple Baptist Church, Baltimore, October 21-23, 1953. Attendance this year reached 352 messengers and 157 visitors.

### Florida Sets 1953 Goals

Florida Baptists in session set a \$1,160,000 Cooperative Program goal for next year. Administrative purposes will require \$115,825; \$944,174 will be divided 50-50 between state and Southern Convention causes.

The convention also inaugurated a new ten-year program establishing goals for all areas of Baptist work.

James Parrish, of Miami, was elected president. Next year's convention will meet in Tampa, Florida, November 11-12.

### Kentucky Baptists Up Mission Budget

Kentucky Baptists adopted a total Cooperative Program goal of \$1,600,000 in their annual association. The budget is divided two ways: (a) a preferred item of \$334,000 including \$144,000 to pay the three hospitals out of debt, (b) distributable funds of \$1,266,000 to be divided 40 per cent to Southern Convention causes and 60 per cent to state causes. This new budget represents an increase to Southern Convention causes over last year.

Judge Eugene E. Siler of Williamsburg was elected president. Next year's association will meet in Owensboro, Kentucky, on November 17-19. Nine hundred and twenty-five people attended this year's session.

### Arizona Baptists to Raise \$500,000 for Grand Canyon

Arizona Baptists have launched a campaign to raise \$500,000 for Grand Canyon College in the next five years. The money will be used to retire present indebtedness and to build a chapel-gym. The convention also adopted an elaborate and detailed five-year program of progress calling for advance in all areas of Baptist life.

The 1953 Cooperative Program budget is set at \$138,744, to be divided \$98,060 for the state and \$40,684 for the Southern Convention.

Eight hundred and eighty-five attended this year's session. Mr. J. Will Howell, Tucson, was re-elected president. The convention will meet next year on November 9-12, in Tucson.

### Illinois Ups S.B.C. Cooperative Program

Illinois Baptists voted a 2 per cent increase to Southern Convention causes in their annual association. Last year they divided offerings 60-40. This year they will be divided 58-42. The new budget calls for \$236,253 to state causes and \$191,079 to Southern Baptist Convention causes, making a total of \$427,333.

The convention registered 1,138 people in attendance. Dr. Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary, announced that the new \$300,000 state office building will be finished soon.

Dr. L. H. Moore, pastor, First Baptist Church, Anna, was elected president. The convention will meet next year in Salem, Illinois, on October 28-30.

### California Sets \$200,000 Budget

California Southern Baptists have set a \$200,000 Cooperative Program goal for next year to be divided, after expenses, 75 per cent to state and 25 per cent to Southern Convention causes.

The Convention meeting October 29-31 also (1) voted to invite the Southern Baptist Convention to establish a major hospital in the Los Angeles area, (2) establish a children's home at Formosa, and (3) organize a Baptist Foundation with Julian L. Stenstrom as executive secretary.

Dr. A. L. Aulick, teacher at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, was elected president of the convention. Next year's convention will be held in Santa Barbara, November 3-5.

### New Mexico Baptists Adopt \$70,000 Glorieta Campaign

New Mexico Baptists have voted to adopt a campaign of \$70,000 for New Mexico Hall at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. This campaign, reactivated under new organization, will complete a \$100,000 drive started some months ago.

The Baptist Convention of New Mexico, in session at the First Baptist Church, Las Cruces, also voted to appropriate \$35,000 for buildings and equipment for the Chama Medical Center.

An over-all goal of \$250,000 for 1953 was adopted by the convention. Sixty per cent of this will go for state work and 40 per cent for Convention-wide causes.

L. M. Walker, pastor of Fruit Avenue Baptist Church, Albuquerque, was elected president. Next year the convention will meet in Tucumcari, October 27-29.

Attendance this year reached 600.

### Kansas Baptists Vote Two Building Projects

Kansas Southern Baptists in their annual state convention meeting voted two new building projects, an assembly forty-one miles south of Topeka and a \$20,000 Baptist student center at Pittsburg. They also announced completion of the new \$37,000 headquarters building located in Wichita.

Next year's \$41,250 Cooperative Program budget will be divided 80 per cent to state causes and 20 per cent to Southern Conven-

tion causes. Dr. George D. McClelland, Wichita, was elected president. The convention will meet again next year in Wichita, on November 10-12. A total of 650 people attended this year's sessions.

### South Carolina to Build Home for Baptist Aged

The Baptist denomination of South Carolina has voted to establish a home for aged Baptists, accepting a gift of \$100,000 and a 100-acre site in Darlington County for that purpose. The action was taken at the annual convention meeting recently. The convention also adopted a \$2,000,000 Cooperative Program budget consisting of three parts: (a) \$205,000 for general causes, (b) \$1,050,000 to be divided 50-50 between state and Southern Convention causes, (c) \$695,000 to be divided 60 per cent to state causes and 40 per cent to Southern Convention causes.

L. K. Simpson, of McCormick, was elected president. The convention will meet next year on November 10, 11, 12, at Charleston.

### Oklahoma to Build Four Million Dollar Hospital

Oklahoma Baptists have committed themselves to build a four million dollar hospital and nursing school. They will take ten years to raise the money. Two million and five hundred thousand dollars is expected to be raised in Oklahoma City. The action was taken in the annual convention meeting. The group also approved a \$400,000 science building for Oklahoma Baptist University, two new cottages for the children's home, and announced that work is beginning at once on the two new Baptist student centers at Stillwater and Norman to cost \$100,000 each.

Next year's Cooperative Program calls for \$1,400,000.

Attendance this year reached 2,616. Robert S. Scales of Oklahoma City was elected president. The convention will meet next year in Tulsa, on November 10-12.

### Oregon-Washington Baptists Increase Cooperative Program

Southern Baptists in Oregon and Washington have adopted a \$45,137 Cooperative Program goal for 1953. It will be divided 74 per cent to state causes and 26 per cent to Southern Convention causes. The action was taken at the annual convention, October 22-23.

The convention also voted to increase the Southern Convention one per cent of the total each year for the next five years. An item of \$12,500 was approved for a camp site at Deming, Washington.

Pastors and representatives of 20 new churches appeared before the convention and these were received into the fellowship of the General Convention of Oregon and Washington. A final report showed 63 Southern Baptist churches in the two states.

Two hundred and fifty people attended this year's convention. E. R. Jacks of Longview was elected president. The convention will meet next year in Seattle, October 27-29.



# In The Southern Baptist Convention

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## Pelican State Baptists Fix Million Dollar Goal

Louisiana Baptists have adopted a Cooperative Program goal for next year of \$1,024,800, to be divided 57½ per cent to state causes and 42½ per cent to Southern Convention causes.

Other plans for next year include a continuation of the Louisiana College endowment program until two million dollars is reached. State leaders were called upon to help lead a campaign to re-establish family altars. Churches were urged to send offerings to the American Bible Society, and to include the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation in their budgets. The convention also requested the president-elect, Dwight D. Eisenhower, not to send a representative to the Vatican.

One thousand and thirty people attended the convention. Dr. W. L. Sewell, Bossier City, was elected president. Next year's convention will be held November 10-12, in Shreveport.

## Missouri Adopts \$1,250,000 Goal

Missouri Baptists have voted a \$1,250,000 budget for next year. The action was taken in the annual association meeting October 28-30. The first \$1,050,000 will be Cooperative Program to be divided, after expenses, \$482,500 to state causes and \$482,500 to Convention-wide causes. The remaining \$200,000 will go to state capital needs, including a \$65,000 press building.

The association also (1) voted fuller cooperation with the Temperance League of Missouri in effort to secure local option for the state, (2) set up a committee to study and propose a ten-year program, (3) decided to establish a committee on ordination to advise with churches when requested on ordination problems, and (4) heard a proposed constitutional amendment to be voted on next year for increasing number of state board members.

Fred C. Eastham, Springfield, was re-elected moderator. Next year's association will be held at Sedalia, on October 27-29.

## Texas Enrols Record Crowd

Texas Baptists enrolled the largest number of messengers attending their annual convention in history, a total of 4,200. Grand attendance reached more than 7,000. Like the Southern Convention, the Texas convention has grown so large that only a few Texas cities can accommodate. They will meet in San Antonio next year, October 20-22, and again in Fort Worth in 1954.

A 1953 budget of \$6,000,000 was adopted, including both Cooperative Program and designations. Another \$6,000,000 will be raised from individuals and corporations.

Dr. J. Howard Williams, state secretary, announced that receipts from the special western mission offering taken to assist churches in the Far West in building buildings had totaled \$400,000. He said that it is expected to exceed \$600,000.

Dr. Forrest Feezor, Waco, Texas, was re-elected president, and Dr. Woodson Armes of Fort Worth was invited to preach next year's annual sermon.

## North Carolina Baptists Vote Headquarters Building

North Carolina Baptists have launched a plan to build a Baptist headquarters building at Raleigh in 1954-55. The project will be partly financed through resale of present office buildings. The project was approved by the convention recently in its annual session.

A 1953 Cooperative Program goal of \$1,700,000 was adopted, of which \$937,500 will be used on state work and \$762,500 on Southern Convention work.

Other convention action included (1) approval of a special offering to be taken the third Sunday in February for the old people's home, (2) call for completion of special campaigns to raise \$1,500,000 for Wake Forest College and \$700,000 for the Baptist Hospital, (3) strong resolution opposing appointment of special diplomatic representative to the Vatican by the new president, (4) appropriation of \$9,500 for a North Carolina temperance group.

R. Archie Ellis was elected president. The convention meets next year, November 10-12, in Greensboro.

## Mississippi Advances Cooperative Program

Mississippi Baptists in their 117th convention adopted an all-time high Cooperative goal for 1953 of \$1,100,000. The 1952 goal was \$925,000. Receipts were \$1,039,000. The convention voted to divide Cooperative Program gifts 57½ per cent for state causes and 42½ per cent for Southern Convention causes. This is an increase of 2½ per cent for Southern Convention causes.

The convention honored Auber J. Wilds, who concludes 35 years of service on January 1 as state Training Union secretary, by presenting a check for \$1,682. Mr. Wilds is retiring because of the age limit.

The convention also adopted a resolution asking that churches set one dollar per year per member as a goal for Baptist work to be administered by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. They voted a long range goal of \$500,000 to be used for the erection of student centers in various schools throughout the state. The Southern Baptist Education Commission was asked to conduct a survey of the Mississippi Baptist schools and make needed recommendations to the 1953 convention. John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg, is the new president. The convention will meet again next year in Jackson. This year's attendance was 2,000.

## Howard College Plans New Campus

Alabama Baptists will outfit Howard College with a new campus. Final action was taken at the annual convention. The resolution calling for the project says:

"The convention requests the board of trustees of Howard College to proceed at the earliest possible moment to the development of the new campus and the construction of necessary buildings. The convention authorizes said board of trustees if necessary to the development of the campus, to arrange for the financing of that part of the work for which cash funds are not available, provided no indebtedness shall be created without the consent of this con-

vention."

The convention authorized the college to proceed in borrowing \$3,000,000 from the Federal Housing Authority which will be self-liquidating. The college now has about \$2,500,000 in cash and assets. Goal is an \$8,000,000 expenditure. A special convention will be called if the college can get loans for about \$2,500,000.

The new budget for next year calls for \$2,174,737 to be divided, 54 per cent to state causes and 46 per cent to Southern Convention causes.

## Youngest President in Georgia

Possibly the youngest president ever to serve the Georgia Baptist Convention is Dr. Searcy S. Garrison, pastor of the Bull Street Baptist Church in Savannah.

Dr. Garrison was elected to succeed Dr. Louie D. Newton. He is the youngest man to hold the office in this century and possibly in the 131 years of the Georgia Convention. He was 40 in November.

The convention adopted a Cooperative Program budget of \$1,513,550 for next year, larger by \$224,750 than the current budget. It continued the 50-50 division between state and Convention-wide causes after deduction of administration and promotional expenses.

The Georgia Baptist Hospital was authorized to borrow \$1,400,000 for erection of a professional building to be occupied by doctors, which advocates said would be self-liquidating. It will adjoin the hospital which was enlarged last year by an addition costing \$4,500,000.

Next year's sessions will be held at First Baptist Church in Macon, November 17-20. The sermon will be preached by Dr. Howard P. Giddens, pastor of First Church at Athens. This year's preacher was Dr. George F. Brown, retired minister of Marietta.

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## Baptists Invited to Hold Joint Session in Washington

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention has invited the Southern Baptist Convention and the American (Northern) Baptist Convention to hold a joint session here in 1955.

A resolution to this effect was adopted by the Convention at its 76th annual meeting. It said that the nation's capital is an ideal site for such a meeting, with friendly relations existing in the local community between Baptist churches with Northern and Southern affiliation.

## Colorado Voters Reject Slot Machines

Colorado voters rejected a state constitutional amendment which would have legalized slot machines. The vote was 265,592 to 121,586.

The measure was fought by churches, taxpayers' groups and civic organizations. Opposition was led by the Colorado Council of Churches.

At the Council's request, clergymen in more than 1,000 churches preached against the amendment on the Sunday before election.

The amendment would have legalized slot machines unless communities voted to ban them—a sort of local option in reverse.

—Religious News Service



# Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON F. TULL, *State Secretary*

## For Those Who Will Be Men

Look in this column next week for the announcement of the selection and election of an associate in the Brotherhood Department, a man whose work will be largely with the boys and young men of Arkansas.

The associate will work with the Brotherhood Secretary in Brotherhood promotion on both the men's level and the young men's level; he will also help the Brotherhood Secretary in the promotion of the Royal Ambassador program on both the Junior and the Intermediate levels.

Thus this Department is broadening its field of work to include boys as well as men; to build a program which is designed to win and hold both boys and young men and men, for the Lord and for the church and denomination.

Pray for your Brotherhood Department as we seek to pioneer in this new field!

# Church Music Department

Mrs. B. W. NININGER, *Director*

## "Gloria in Excelsis Deo"

(Glory to God in the Highest)

The birth of our Savior was the occasion which released the most beautiful music ever to be heard by human ears, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." It was wafted earthward by angel choirs, taken up by the shepherds, passed on to lowly men and women all along the rocky, winding path to the humble stable, where lay this "Holy Infant, so Tender and Mild." From that day, voices of children have taken up the glad refrain of the Christmas angels and now all men join in the swelling chorus of enchantingly beautiful Christmas Music. Church choirs all over the land have been preparing this music for weeks. Adult, Youth, Junior and Cherub Choirs will all have a part in the procession which leads to the place of the Savior's birth. Again the human heart will reaffirm its worship of God's Son who took upon Himself the form of a little child, born of a virgin, to dwell among us for a time and to bear our sins to Calvary. Sing for Christmas!

It has been said that "The singing church is a growing church," and we look to our young people for future leadership in music as in other vital church activities. The Youth Choirs are organized not just to display choral ability, or to provide an interest feature for wor-

shippers in the Sanctuary. The Carol Choir of today assures the Cathedral Choir of tomorrow a membership well-schooled and consecrated by years of apprenticeship. The underlying purpose of Junior Choir participation is but a branch of the Church's grand plan of reaching, teaching, and keeping the child, using Music as a means of Christian Education, at the same time offering specific musical training, a familiarity with fine sacred music and hymns, and an early opportunity for the unique experience of actual participation in the Worship Services.

The Adult Choirs exist primarily to enrich the act of Worship for those in the pew, and their membership is necessarily limited to persons who are musically and spiritually mature. While the Youth Choirs are maintained for the benefit of the singers themselves, the Adult Choirs are concerned with the efficacy of their ministry upon the hearts of those that listen.

Lastly, our great congregation is a most significant part of our singing church. The singing of hymns is almost as old as Christian Worship. Through the years, our hymnody has become a most treasured heritage, in which young and old, regardless of aptitude and training may join.

Brother Pastor . . .

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## Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, Secretary

### Leadership School, Beech Street, Gurdon



On September 22-26, 1952, the Red River Association held a Training Union Leadership School, at Beech Street Church in Gurdon. Delbert McAtee led the conferences. There was an average attendance of 90 with 91 awards. Enrolment was 107.

#### WE ARE SORRY BUT—

We are sorry, but there is nothing we can do about it. The Sword Drill and Speakers' Tournament Tracts will not be available until sometime in January. The Junior Memory Drill scriptures have been available for some time. Those who are interested in the Intermediate Sword Drill should use the materials found in the Intermediate

quarterly from July 1, 1952 to March 31, 1953. The same materials that will be in the new tract are found in the Intermediate quarterlies. The subjects for the Speakers' Tournament may be found in the November 20 issue of the Arkansas Baptist and the Young People can be preparing their six-minute messages before the tracts are available.

## Baptist Student Union

MISS RACHEL QUATTLEBAUM, Office Secretary

### Plan Now for Student Night in Your Church

Each full time pastor of our Baptist churches in Arkansas should have received the material for the Student Night at Christmas program from the Southwide Department of Student Work in Nashville by this time. If you have not already made your plans for Student Night at Christmas, now is the time to do this. Students at college should contact their pastor at home and offer to help present the Student Night program. Pastors should contact their students and solicit their help.

Student Night at Christmas is a joyful occasion when the students come home to tell of the spiritual experiences of the college campus. Nothing is of more vital interest to Christian parents and friends than the Christian activities on the college campus and in the church at the college center.

No matter how few or how many students there are in a single church a Student Night at Christmas program should be held. The program material can be adapted to high school and former students for the enlightenment and inspiration of all. A

well balanced program will use high school students, preferably seniors and former BSU'ers who may be available in the community.

Student Night should be planned well in advance. After the students have arrived home for the holidays it is too late to begin an effective program. A committee rather than one individual should be placed in charge of planning. The program should be presented as an entire service on Sunday evening, December 28.

Baptist students in college represent the majority of the potential future leadership in our Southern Baptist Churches. The observance of Student Night acquaints the hometown people with the spiritual activities of those who are in college and with the program of the Baptist Student Union. It relates the program of the home church to that of the church at college and increases the student's appreciation of the home church. Student Night also serves to encourage the students in their Christian witnessing on the campuses.

Pastors and students should plan the program carefully.

## Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, Secretary

### A Giant Stride for Vacation Bible Schools

As the books are closed for the year of 1952, the record shows a grand total of 612 schools. This is 121 more schools than were held the previous year.

In the terms of Bible teaching more than 8,000 boys and girls were taught the verities of God. Based on averages, there were 400 or more professions of faith, and 300 dedications recorded in heaven. The enterprises sponsored by Arkansas Baptists were blessed as more money came through the Cooperative Program. More boys and girls learned about stewardship and missions. The increased results can be measured only in the light of eternity.

This marvelous record is made possible by pastors and people with a vision.

By the side of these churches stand the associational Sunday School organizations that have worked untiringly to make this record possible. Associational missionaries have put planning and energy into the Vacation Bible School program. They have seen the wisdom of investing energy where it will count the most. To these men and women who have worked so faithfully we say, "Congratulations for a job well done!"

#### LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER YEAR

The year 1953 would show even greater results in Vacation Bible Schools. Here are some things that can be done:

1. Vitalize your associational Sunday School organization. Complete your organizations and inform the officers of their duties.
2. Elect an associational Superintendent of Vacation Bible School work with the understanding that he will attend the State Vacation Bible School Clinic in Little Rock, February 2-3, 1953.
3. Plan to have at least one associational Vacation Bible School Clinic in your association in April or May, 1953.
4. Inform yourself and share with your friends the values of

Vacation Bible School.

5. Determine to have a Vacation Bible School in your church.
6. Persevere until every church or mission point has a school, and report same on the forms for that purpose.

Some reason why the State Vacation Bible School Clinic will aid in greater work in 1953:

1. Information and inspiration will be given by Southwide and Statewide workers — Mr. Sibley Burnett and Dr. Edgar Williamson.
2. Handwork helps will be made available.
3. Visual Aids will be presented.
4. Experiences will be shared.
5. Materials will be studied.
6. Challenging plans and goals will be formulated.
7. Fellowship will be enjoyed.

#### JANUARY EMPHASIS

##### In the Churches

1. Observe the January Bible Study Week, January 5-9. The suggested book is "Studies in Philippians." This book is available now at your Baptist Book Store. If the books have not been ordered, place your order NOW. You will want to have them in hand well in advance.

2. Begin plans to have workers attend Ridgecrest or Glorieta one of the three Sunday School Weeks. Here are the dates:

##### Ridgecrest

June 18-24

June 25, July 1

July 2-8

##### Glorieta

July 13-19

July 20-26

July 27, August 2

##### In the Association

Encourage each church to observe January Bible Study Week, January 5-9, and plan to have a representative from each church to attend one of the Southwide Assemblies—Ridgecrest or Glorieta.

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# Associational Missionaries Doing Pioneer Work

By DR. C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

If Arkansas Baptists could hear the associational missionaries tell of their pioneer mission work, they would have a greater appreciation of our State Mission program.

Missionary Amos Greer in Greene County started a mission in a garage north of Paragould last summer. In a short time a church was organized. The Methodist church house in the community, which had been closed for years, was purchased by the new Baptist church. Missionary Greer reports that Sunday, November 30, there were 40 present and 38 pledged to tithe their income.

In August, a church was organized in Patterson under the leadership of Missionary Freeman McMennis. For several weeks he had conducted services in a school house, with the McCrory Church extending an arm to receive the converts. Lots have been purchased and a building program is on. The missionary is there to direct it.

Tom Poole, missionary in Little Red River Association, says that he has hopes of establishing Baptist work at Post Oak. He states that during the summer he went there for a revival. The attendance, at first, was small but increased until there were near three hundred. This place is on his heart and he hopes to get a Baptist church organized in that needy community.

Carroll County Association has Dennis James as missionary. He is working in the community of Osage in an effort to establish regular services. A home has been offered until a suitable building can be secured. Osage is a nice community and there is no Baptist church for many miles.

John Stratton, missionary in

Boone County, has gone into the community of Everton where there was once a Baptist church, but which has been dead for years, and has set up a new organization. The Valley Springs Church extended an arm to receive members until a church was constituted. It is interesting to note that a few years ago Valley Springs church was inactive. The Mission Department supplemented a pastor's salary to get the church on its feet. They now are self-supporting, have built and paid for a pastor's home, and are enlarging their church building. S. W. Wilkerson is the pastor.

In Current River Association, Missionary H. W. Johnston has led the association to purchase a school building for \$400 which he states is worth \$2,500. He will conduct regular services there under the sponsorship of the association and expects to organize a church in proper time.

These illustrations are just a few samples of the work our missionaries are doing throughout the state.

## TEN-YEAR RECORD OF BAPTISMS IN ARKANSAS

1943	7,577
1944	8,183
1945	9,537
1946	9,941
1947	11,476
1948	13,947
1949	14,560
1950	16,367
1951	14,023
1952	14,767

The ten-year record above shows an increase for eight consecutive years. An outstanding record was made from 1947 through 1950. In 1951, the record of baptisms dropped. That was the year of the eastern crusade beyond the Mississippi River.

# Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary

## These Say "Thank You"

Hearing of the lack of office equipment in the W.M.U. Headquarters in Cuba, those attending the State Business Woman's Conference at Ferncliff in July voted to promote an offering for the purchase of some of the much needed equipment. Consultation with Miss Mildred Matthews, veteran missionary on that field and president of Woman's Missionary Union, revealed that they had no adding machine. The offering taken at the conference was not sufficient to cover the cost of the machine, but additional gifts were sent from some Federations and local circles making possible the forwarding to Miss Matthews of sufficient money for an adding machine. (The Pulaski County Associational Federation also sent money for a typewriter for Miss Matthews.) In a letter of gratitude for these two machines, "Miss Mildred" included a telegram from the Cuban W.M.U. treasurer which, translated, read: "Received adding machine. I am very happy. I will write."

Miss Wilma Weeks, who was guest missionary speaker in four District W.M.U. meetings and who will soon be going to one of the new areas being entered by Southern Baptists, wrote upon receipt of a check sent her for \$267.05 to apply on the cost of a car:

"There aren't words to tell you how much I appreciate your state doing that much for me. I don't know how you can say 'thank you' for me to all those women, but maybe in your column in the state paper you could tell them for me. In Hawaiian 'mahalo' and in Japanese 'arri-gato.'"

At the request of Mrs. Gerald Riddell, another guest missionary speaker in District meetings, offerings given for the work in Colombia were forwarded directly to the field in care of Mrs. R. C. McGlamery who wrote:

"We do appreciate having the check (\$456.13), and feel that it can be used to the best advantage in equipping the camp for next summer. We held camps this summer without beds—with the children bringing their straw mats and sleeping on the floor.

By next summer we hope to have bunks built and screens put on the windows and door so that we shall actually feel quite 'modern.'"

Part of the mission offerings given at the Junior G.A. Camps last summer were sent through Miss Kathleen Manley to the Nigerian field. From a member of Girls' Auxiliary there came this lovely letter of appreciation:

"Thanks very much for your kindness toward me. The Lord grant you wisdom to do His work. Though I cannot express my thanks fully in this letter, I feel that you will accept my gratitude. Thanks very much for providing me the bed for our new dormitory. They are working very hard on the building now. I did not expect such a deed of kindness, but due to your love for others you have presented this to me. Thanks. I hope that God will help you in all that you do.

"I am working on my Queen Step. Our G.A. meetings are held on Tuesday evenings. Some of our girls will go to camp this year. We also have our Baptist Training Union which is held on Sunday evenings." Signed Joanna Odoko, Baptist Girls School, Agbor, Africa.

The above letter was directed to Junior G.A.'s in Arkansas.

## PARDON US, NORTHWEST-

In reporting the eight District W.M.U. meetings held in Arkansas October 28-November 7, details of the meeting held in Northwest District were inadvertently omitted. First Church, Springdale, the home church of the president, Mrs. J. E. Wilson, was the gracious host. Attendance totaled 189, the offering designated for the missionary speaker, Miss Weeks, totaled \$57.77. A \$460 share in the District Budget for 1952-53 was heartily adopted by the group. Mrs. Ebb Carson of Harrison is District Young People's Leader.

## GLEAN WELL!

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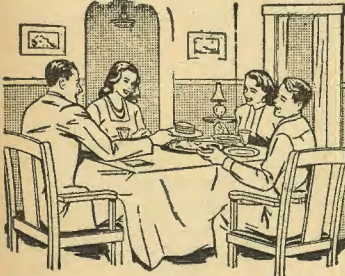
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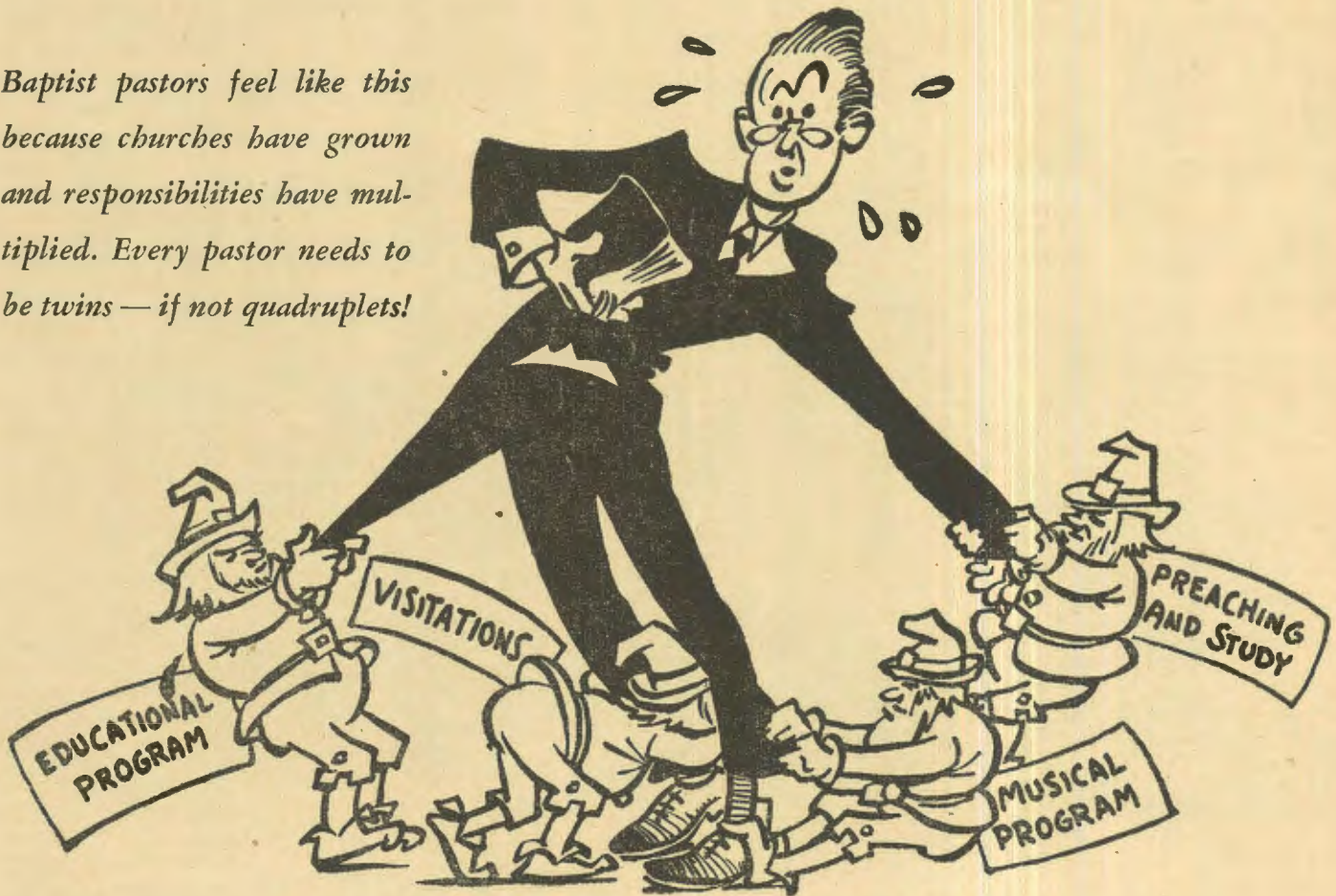
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# Jesus Dispels Fear

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

## LESSON BACKGROUND

News has spread abroad that John the Baptist has been murdered.

Jesus was out in the mountains preaching to a multitude, where He fed the 5,000. After the people were refreshed He sent them away, and instructed His disciples to cross the sea, while He went into the mountains to pray.

## FEAR OF THE STORM

The disciples entered a boat and set sail. "The ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with the waves; for the winds were contrary."

Surely there is nothing like "boisterous winds," a storm with foreboding darkness, rolling clouds, howling thunder, and forked lightning to make a human being feel just like nothing in the midst of its fury. How frail and helpless we are when the very elements are broken up, trees are blown around like so many match sticks, houses are tossed about like cardboard boxes, and sometimes the concrete foundations of a house are never found.

And how typical of life itself is the uncontrollable storm. We sometimes feel that fate deals us some hard blows, there is so much in life that is beyond our control. The only strength is man's faith; his spirituality; his nearness to Christ. The unsaved person has no such comfort. He is like one who would stand and scream at the tornado, trying to call it under control. He is helpless in the path of the storms of life; he is without chart or compass; he has no spiritual leader, no guide to direct him over the smooth pathways and away from danger.

Fear is an awful thing. Fear renders one helpless. Fear paralyzes. Fear detains the cause of Christ. The one answer to fear is God; an understanding of and fellowship with the God of all power and the God of love. One of the New Testament writers said, "Perfect love casteth out fear." It is our own imperfections that create fear within us. Fear denotes a lack of confidence—we do not fear one whom we trust implicitly. We fear an enemy. A Christian should never be afraid of God.

There is a reverential fear, a respect for the power of God that we should have; but that is separate and apart from anxiety—or what we commonly call fear.

## FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN

When those men in the boat that night saw one walking on the water, they were afraid. No one had ever seen such a thing. They suggested it must be a ghost. They were so afraid they

## Sunday School Lesson for

December 14, 1952

Matthew 14:22-33

cried out. Jesus dispelled their fears by reassuring them that He was merely coming to the boat.

Someone has said that we only fear the unknown. We fear certain diseases until we get them, then somehow they are not as bad as we had imagined. Many fear the future simply because of its uncertainty. The Bible warns us that we know not what a day will bring forth. But the same Bible also tells us that the "Just shall live by faith."

People fear death because they do not understand it. No one has ever returned from the land of the dead to tell us about it. To the unsaved, death should be dark and foreboding. But saved people should not look upon death as the unbeliever. Again, it is the Bible that gives us comfort and consolation in the time of sorrow. All we know about the future is what we learn from the scriptures, whether pertaining to our earthly or eternal abode.

The Christian has everything to gain in death. We do not believe there is a "dark river" for the child of God to cross. We believe that death is a portal, simply a door way, opening to eternal light; joy and happiness, relief from fear and fatigue alike, a glorious reunion with loved ones gone on before, an entrance into the presence of our Redeemer.

Jesus dispels fear of death for those who love Him and abide in Him daily.

## FEAR OF CIRCUMSTANCES

When the Lord called to the people in the boat that it was He who walked on the water, Peter made a great display of his faith—or was it his natural impetuosity? He cried out, "Lord, if it be you, let me come to you." Jesus gave His consent, and Peter started. He made a good start, but when he viewed the circumstances about him, he became afraid, then he began to sink.

Peter's first fault was his impetuosity. Hasty actions always backfire. The Bible teaches us to sit down calmly and count the cost of any endeavor. Anything that is worth doing is worthy of careful and prayerful consideration. The Christian should move with purpose and determination. "Be sure you're right" then go forward.

Peter's second fault was a roving eye: when he looked around and viewed the circumstances about him, he discovered the

winds were boisterous and he became afraid. Then and there he began to sink.

We today cannot afford to look around us, we must look up. Our eyes, our hearts, our affections must be centered in our Christ. Everything on earth is uncertain. Circumstances are unpredictable. The fewest of people are wholly dependable. There is nothing to lean on but Christ; no other person has the power to keep us from sinking in the inky black waters of discouragement and despair. No other can give us the authority to stand on our two feet and go forward.

What is your pet fear?

Is it starvation, insecurity, illness, old age? Are you afraid of death, the judgement? Are you afraid of storms and circumstances? Are you afraid to step out on the promises of God to go where He wants you to go, to do what He has called you to do?

Shame on us! Jesus dispels fear—if we will let Him.

There is no fear in the mind of any person that is not answered in the Bible if we will seek the answer. Fear is Satan's

weapon; it's a good weapon for evil, and he doesn't fail to use it. Fear is our worst enemy. Fear holds us in bondage, makes slaves of us. Fear makes people ill, fear drives people to suicide, fear fosters insanity. Fear is the cause of most nervous breakdowns. Fear is a dangerous enemy.

Why not turn wholeheartedly to Jesus, cast your fears upon Him, and let Him give you the peace of mind that only He can give in this age of turmoil and confusion.

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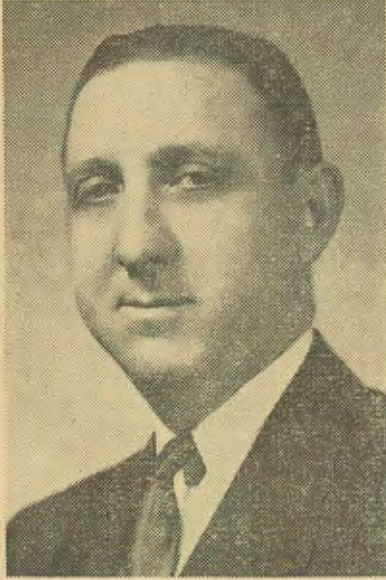
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## Another Arkansan Makes Good



E. V. APPLING

E. V. Appling is a native of Arkansas. He grew up in the eastern side of Grant County, and when he was still a school boy was called to preach. He was fluent in his speech, and learned a great deal about the Bible. He went to school and soon found that the community in which he lived was erroneously linked up with our Landmark brethren, and Bill, as I call him, joined a Convention church. He was pastor in Arkansas City and Wilmot, and then went to the Baptist Seminary in New Orleans, and while he was still in the seminary he became pastor of a little mission church in North New Orleans. The church developed and finally grew to be a large church under his ministry. Beautiful buildings were erected and adequate space was provided for a growing congregation. Just a few days ago on November 30, Brother Appling preached his farewell sermon to Metairie Baptist Church and accepted the pastorate of First Church in Haynesville, Louisiana. This is an important church in a growing, fine town, and E. V. Appling will make them a great preacher. We congratulate Brother Appling, and we congratulate the saints in Haynesville for being able to secure him as their pastor.

## Ray Branscum and South Highland

We prayed that South Highland Church might give \$3,900 in 1953 for the Cooperative Program. We told them what we were praying for. They will go one better. Both pastor and deacons have agreed to recommend to the church that \$4,500 be given for the Cooperative Program in 1953. We have no doubt that this great church will follow the leadership of pastor and deacons. Ray Branscum is not only a good leader, but he is a powerful preacher, and wins and baptizes many souls. We thank the Lord for him.

## Debt of Honor

Arkansas Gazette Editorial

"The Arkansas Baptist State Convention generally, and Dr. B. L. Bridges and certain of its other leaders and loyal workers particularly, deserve all possible credit for completing payment finally on a \$700,000 "honor debt" which, by court order, they were not required to pay. The sense of moral obligation which inspired their successful retirement of their two-decades-old debt is a singular one indeed when viewed in the light of depression days when settlement of obligations for considerably less than face value was a not uncommon occurrence.

"The story, well-known by now to most Baptists, involves the \$1,200,000-old indebtedness into which the Convention entered in the '20s in support of an ambitious program of missions, education, and medical care. It reached its nadir in depression-ridden 1931 when the Convention reached a catastrophic state of bankruptcy, and its climax when, after a legal agreement to settle for 35 cents on the dollar, the Baptists agreed to go forward and pay everything.

"And the story has now reached its happy ending 21 long, lean years after that hard decision by which, as Dr. Bridges put it, they hoped to prove to the world 'that Christians must be honest.' Each of those 21 years will stand as a monument to their decision and to the faith upon which it was founded."

## Calvary and Ussery

Calvary Church in Texarkana increases Cooperative Program gifts \$1,000 for the year 1953. It will be \$4,000 next year. Many of you know young C. C. Ussery, the pastor. He has led this church in the erection of a church edifice and has been its pastor several years, and seems to be going stronger every year. Thank you brethren at Calvary.

## Benton and Selph

We have stumbled onto a copy of the budget for First Church in Benton. Dr. Bernes Selph is the pastor of this great church, which has had a long history of missionary zeal. The \$10,000 item for the Cooperative Program for 1953 is continued evidence of their perennial and loyal support for the missionary causes. This is not all they are doing for missions either. They are giving \$600 for associational missions, and they are sending Miss Amanda Tinkle a sizable sum every year. Miss Tinkle was a member of the Benton Church. They also have local missions that they are sponsoring. It is a great church, and it listens to sermons from a great preacher.

## Crowder and Pine Bluff, Central

A note from a dear comrade, P. J. Crowder, Central Church in Pine Bluff, tells us that this splendid church will make a 100 per cent increase for the Cooperative Program in 1953. This is not an old church, it is only two or three years old, but it has a great missionary vision and its pastor is a prophet and leader and builder.

## Jonesboro, First Church

First Church in Jonesboro has just celebrated its 100th anniversary. A beautiful brochure issued by the church carries the pictures of the two preceding church houses and the pictures of their pastors along with a historical sketch of the church. First Church in Jonesboro has one of the most beautiful and commodious church buildings in the state of Arkansas, and the pages of its history have been graced by great preachers. The present pastor is C. Z. Holland, whose ministry ranks with the other great leaders that have served this wonderful church. The brochure also carries the picture of Miss Mildred Matthews, who has been missionary in Cuba. The picture of Mr. J. R. Gregson, who for 47 years was Sunday School Superintendent, is also a worthy insert in this publication. Miss Dorothy Ladd, the church secretary, some of the early deacons of the church, and the picture of Dr. L. E. Barton likewise appear, as well as a picture of the pastor and deacons turning dirt for a Baptist Student Center which the church is building on the campus of the Arkansas State College in Jonesboro. They will give \$11,000 for Cooperative Missions in 1953.

## A New Preacher

J. E. (Jim) Birkhead of Crossett, who has been officially in charge of Education and Music in First Church, Crossett, was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry on Sunday, November 23, 1952.

Brother Birkhead has been active in the church work as assistant pastor and education director and as music director in various churches for several years. Now, he is ready to be the full-time pastor of some splendid church. Brother Birkhead has had much experience working in and with several of our leading churches. He is qualified, therefore, to fit into the administrative position as pastor of any good church. He is a good preacher, and in addition to this he can lead the music and do anything in a church that is necessary to be done by a human being. Mrs. Birkhead is a splendid companion for a preacher. She is quite religious and she has a good personality and understands the work in the various departments of church life. This will make a fine couple for some good church.

## Hatfield and Calvary

Calvary Church in Little Rock has a good budget committee for the church, and the committee is recommending a contribution for the Cooperative Program amounting to \$3,800 in 1953. Pastor Lawson Hatfield, youthful, vigorous, and consecrated, is leading this church from victory to victory.

The Rocky Bayou Association held its fifth Sunday hymnsing with the Melbourne Church, November 30. Herman Dover, associational music director, announced that the next hymnsing will be held with the Sage Church the fifth Sunday in March.