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BRIDGES

By Basil Martin

Across the river's muddy flood
We build our bridges plank on plank,
Of stone and concrete, steel and wood,
And with bold skill tie bank to bank.

But chasms wider, torrents wilder,
Sweep the world sans bridge or span:
Streams of hate, distrust, disorder,
Surge and moil 'twixt man and man. . .

Give us, Lord, the higher skill
To build with faith and hope and love,
World-wide bridges of goodwill
Across which all the world can move!

DEDICATED TO THE UNO CONFERENCE
NOW MEETING IN LONDON.

Twentieth Century Christianity . . .

ADVERTISING—LIQUOR'S DOOM

Strickland Gillilan, well-known journalist and lecturer, discussed liquor advertising and its potential reactions in a letter to the Evening Star, Washington, D. C., December 8, 1945, saying:

"It was my understanding, a few years ago, that the liquor dealers, along with me, were horrified at the effects of the law known as 'prohibition.' What has changed their attitude? I take for granted that this attitude has changed, because I see clearly, along with other observant people, that they are making herculean and frantic efforts to bring it back, with reinforcements. They are buying beautiful and expensive advertisements in most of the magazines and other publications to usher in an era in which everybody drinks whiskey and whose rising generation will get the impression that intoxicating liquor, rather than bread, is the staff of life . . .

"Now, I never have been a crusader. But I love my fellow men and don't want to see them do things that degrade them and put them on the back track toward the cave dweller. . . . The effort of liquor dealers to persuade everybody, including those who would speedily become hard drinkers, to get busy and imbibing, is a direct disservice to the human race. They are doing all in their power to cause enough human wrecks to start mothers and fathers and friends working to stop their destructive course.

"And by the time enough men's and women's sons and daughters have ruined themselves physically or mentally, or both, by the time enough young women have been morally destroyed through participation in drinking parties, by the time several thousands of people's best beloved children have been killed by drunken drivers, by the time drink-incited moral depredations have become so pronounced—so glaring—that even people who do some moderate drinking shall have been roused to frenetic hate against liquor—the liquor dealers will be no more able to stem that tide toward a prohibition law than King Canute was able to keep the tide back from the shore. . . . The liquor dealers should think this over. Their present policy is stupid."

TAVERNS' SELF-PROTECTION—Bonding of bartenders and the right of a tavern owner to discharge an employee for "drunkenness, dishonesty or disorderly conduct" are among the clauses in a new agreement covering 2,000 bartenders in 1,000 Manhattan taverns and bars, according to the New York Times.

LIQUOR PROFITS—While essential industries have to delay reconversion to production of useful goods, the liquor interests are going ahead and steadily making profits. Thus: Shenley Distillers Corporation reported sales of \$561,657,181 in the fiscal year ending August 31, 1945, with a net profit of \$23,941,200, or \$9.19 a share of common stock. Seagrams, Ltd., reports net profits of \$13,803,800 for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1945, or \$7.50 per share of common stock. Hiram Walker reported net profits of \$9,411,300, or \$12.06 a share of common stock, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1945. The brewers plan an outlay of millions for new equipment and expansion "to take care not only of increased civilian but also heavy service demand."

"Liquor shares lure investors," says Business Week of December 1, 1945. "Stocks of

the alcoholic beverage producers, especially the distillers, have been running ahead of the market for the better part of four years now."

LIQUOR ADVERTISING—Robert Barry, public relations director of National Distillers Products Corporation, speaking before the Rotary Club of Staten Island, said that charges of the dregs that the alcoholic beverage industry was "spending the amazing total of \$14,000,000 in advertising annually" was an understatement. He declared the industry's advertising expenditure runs closer to \$50,000,000 a year.

WHY NOT?—A cigarette dropped by a prowler is the only likely cause of a recent fire in the editor's home town, a fire which destroyed a store building. Now we wonder why there should not be a law to pay the owner of such a building out of taxes imposed on cigarettes! A friend in Nelson County had his car smashed to pieces not so long ago by a drunken driver of another car. Why should not the State be compelled to reimburse the innocent man for car and body damage, doing it out of the taxes collected on the sale of the stuff that caused the damage? A law to make such payments imperative would soon show the foolish friends of legalized alcoholic beverages just how far wrong they are when they talk of the "big revenue" which a state realizes from the sale of the stuff—big revenue? Yes, but revenue collected at five times its value from innocent victims of the people who pay the liquor taxes.

—Western Recorder.

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Immanuel Church, Little Rock, had a total of 422 additions during 1945. Of this number, 117 were for baptism with 79 coming through the main church and 38 through missions sponsored by the church. The church gave \$108,605.08 to all causes. Average attendance in Sunday School was 825, Training Union, 247, and missionary programs of W. M. U., 183. Average attendance at the mission Sunday school was 266. All missions have full-time pastors. An educational unit was erected at Bethany Mission at a cost of more than \$5,000. Other reasons for rejoicing among the church membership during 1945 are the return of Ruth and Hugo Culpepper from Japanese internment, a church-wide school of missions, series of Charles Wells' Conferences, an eight-day revival meeting, the purchase of a parsonage at a cost of approximately \$14,000, and the calling of W. O. Vought, Jr., as pastor.

Pastor Rowland E. Crowder, First Church, Stamps, has resigned his work there to become associate pastor and church administrator at First Church, Shreveport, La., where Dr. M. E. Dodd is pastor. Brother Crowder came to the Stamps church from First Church, Parkin, August 1, 1943. He is the son of Pastor P. J. Crowder, Calvary Church Little Rock, and is one the outstanding young preachers of the state.

Eighty-eight members, with three more awaiting baptism, have been added to Central Church, Jonesboro, during the past year while J. I. Cossey has been pastor. A Brotherhood has been organized. Several new classes have been started in Sunday School. A local budget of \$8,161.94 was raised in full and \$12,498.41 was added to the building fund making a total of \$20,660.35 in offerings last year.

THE DISAPPEARING LORD

"And He vanished out of their sight."

How disappointing! Surely we come an anti-climax in this story! Would it have been more satisfying if Jesus had tended His visit far into the night or morning?

No. What would have happened if had remained? The answer is simple, the principles would have remained, too. They had been led step by step into the greatest discovery and richest experience of their lives. What must they do, sit still and adore their Lord? No, they must go and strengthen their brethren. Others are in the same gloom and confusion and doubt. They must hurry to Jerusalem and tell others of their discovery.

This is the meaning of our service to God and the purpose of our experience with Him. To go in service to God and tell others of our experiences with Jesus will save us from falling into idleness and doubts.

Two young girls were talking one day. "How is splendid of you, Elsie," said one, "to spend so much time to teaching the tenement children. I never had any call to that kind of work."

"Any call?" Elsie eyes were questioned.

"Yes, of course, I suppose you felt a special call to the work, didn't you?"

"I don't know. I don't think I ever thought of it in just that way. I saw the need of something that I had the time and strength to do that was all. But wouldn't that be enough?"

Two things are needed: an experience with Jesus, and others who need to hear of that experience.

"And they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight . . . and they returned to Jerusalem . . . and they told what things He had done in the way." Luke 24:31-35.

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"Modern Man is out of Date" was the subject of Pastor M. Ray McKay's sermon at Second Church, Little Rock, January 13. The subject was suggested by Norman Coe's editorial in the Saturday Review on the applications of atomic energy. He discussed the way in which the scientist has outdistanced the religionist and the way modern man has been outmoded by his own invention. Dr. McKay believes the answer will be found not in retarding scientific development through personal regeneration, Christian controls, and cooperative effort.

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Across the Editor's Desk . . .

Godless Religion

Hirohito recently issued a rescript to the Japanese people. In it he said that belief the Emperor is divine is a false conception based on myths and legends. By his statement, he abdicated as god of Shintoism. The action in effect left Japan's national religion without a god.

There is little possibility that Shintoism, as a religion in Japan, can survive. Without a god, the whole structure will collapse from its own weight.

How different it is with Christianity. Jehovah God, the Creator, existed before man, witnessing the fall of man into sin and then leading the Hebrew nation into a plan of world redemption through Jesus Christ, His Son. Men have never been able to hide from Jehovah or put an end to His divine plan. Men did hang Jesus on a Cross and bury Him in a tomb, but He rose again on the third day and in His glory went to be with the Father in Heaven.

The Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, are from everlasting to everlasting. Christians know of God's wisdom, of Jesus' love, of the Spirit's guidance and comfort in all of life day by day. Christianity's God will never die nor abdicate.

Visualize the challenge that is ours in now presenting to religionless Japan the Christian religion . . . whose God lives from everlasting to everlasting, and whose Christ has given us truths that have stood victoriously through tests of two thousand years, though empires have fallen in ruins. We must take seriously our opportunity and its challenge. The Japanese will not long be without a religion of some kind.

Liberty Redefined

The United States Supreme Court has ruled, five to three, that members of Jehovah's Witnesses may distribute their literature within a company-owned town or on a Federal public housing project, regardless of state laws or regulations to the contrary.

Justice Black wrote the majority opinion, based of course on the Constitution's Bill of Rights. He said: "The managers . . . cannot curtail the liberty of press and religion of these people consistently with the purpose of the Constitutional guarantees."

Said Justice Reed, in a dissenting opinion: ". . . this is the first case to extend by law the privilege of religious exercise beyond public places or to private places without the consent of the owner."

In Jerusalem

There are seventy cities in the South with a population of 80,000 or more. In these seventy cities is 35 per cent of the entire population of the South. And in them is fifty per cent of the unsaved persons of the whole Southern Baptist territory.

Until a few years ago Southern Baptists did almost nothing in this greatest of its mission fields. But happily now an ambitious program is being carried on under the general direction of the Home Mission Board. The program was explained last week by Dr. S. F. Dowis, southwide superintendent of the city mission program, at a luncheon meeting of Little Rock pastors.

Seventeen hundred sixty-three Baptist churches participated in city mission work during the year, with 81,000 volunteer workers conducting 87,000 mission services. Fifteen thousand people made public professions of faith in these services, and 13,000 were baptized into the churches.

The work included the operation of 348 mission stations during the year, and some 72 new churches were organized.

Possibility of accomplishments for good in witnessing in our Jerusalem is practically unlimited. Regardless of the size of our towns and the number of churches in them, there undoubtedly are many, many souls crying for light. We are not doing our part in following the Great Commission if we do not do our best in winning our neighbors.

Childhood's Enemy

"Would that there could be burned into the heart of every man and woman in the civilized world the truth that the liquor traffic is the inveterate, persistent enemy of child life, and that this is the raw material with which the traffic must work. Unless it can get control of this raw material—the youth of the world—the traffic will become extinct."

—Sir George Foster.

"Never lend them" is one of the first lessons in book keeping.

It is much easier to find a fact than to face it after it is found.

It is so easy for us to substitute the silly distinctions which men make for the standard which Jesus set.—John L. Hill in Training Union Magazine.

Southwide Giving Increases One-Third

Southern Baptist gifts to the Southwide Cooperative Program in 1945 were one and a half million dollars greater than in 1944, according to a report just issued by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The report reveals a total of \$5,735,559.83 for 1945, as compared with \$4,227,492.30 for 1944. The 1945 total included \$1,627,668.12 for designated objects. A total of \$244,292.37 was raised in the Centennial Thank Offering.

Southwide disbursements for the year were made as follows:

HTC Fund (R & A Board)	\$ 2,890.97
S.B.C. Budget Fund	115,821.28
Foreign Mission Board	2,929,693.90
Home Mission Board	1,381,071.50
Relief & Annuity Board	613,371.08
Southern Baptist Hospital	463.46
Southern Baptist Seminary	196,730.39
Southwestern Baptist Seminary	185,805.23
Baptist Bible Institute	191,462.15
W.M.U. (Training School and Designated)	39,223.62
American Baptist Seminary	76,981.03
Miscellaneous	2,045.22

TOTAL

\$5,735,559.83

Arkansas' Record

During the year the Arkansas Baptist Executive Board forwarded to the Southwide Executive Committee a total of \$149,724.99. Of this, \$111,833.38 was undesignated, with \$1,982.63 designated for home missions and \$5,074.73 designated for foreign missions. The portion of the Centennial Crusade Thank Offering forwarded to the Southwide Executive Committee amounted at \$30,834.25.

The State Board remitted directly to the Foreign Mission Board \$2,811.45 for use in mission work and \$2,016.11 for world emergency relief. Other direct remittances were \$6,002 sent to the Southern Baptist Seminary, \$741.50 sent to Southwestern Seminary, and \$320 to Baptist Bible Institute. A total of \$1,970.92 was forwarded to the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction.

A grand total of \$544,300.23 was handled by the State Executive Board during 1945. Undesignated Cooperative Program contributions were \$306,666.76.

Our philosopher friend suggests that plastic surgery might do well to make over a nose that would stay out of other people's business.

The Montreal Star editorializes: "Now is the day of all days when men who bear the vessels of the Lord should be good men and true, and when forces of righteousness should present a solid, united and inflexible front before an unbelieving yet perishing world."

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Many churches are making good use of returning chaplains. These preachers who have served in Army camps in this country and overseas with the nation's young men have had experiences that have enriched their spiritual, moral, and mental outlook. Our churches should grasp the opportunity of having these men in their pulpits whenever possible. It might not be amiss to use these chaplains for a week's series of services, either of the revival or Bible study emphasis.

J. W. Royal, former pastor of First Church Rogers, who has served as chaplain in the army since he volunteered the day after Pearl Harbor, has accepted the pastorship of First Church, Lewisville. He is already on the field.

Lenox Medford, for three years pastor at Wilton and Dierks, has accepted a call to Norman Church and began his work there January 6. He is a graduate of Ouachita College. He succeeds Carl Stone, who resigned over a month ago to accept the pastorate of a church in Iowa.

Missionary Claude Crigler, White River Association, recently led in the organization of a Sunday School at Antioch Church No. 1, where there has not been a pastor for more than two years and no Sunday School for a year. Carl Huddleston, recently discharged from the Navy, is the new superintendent. Missionary Crigler and Pastor W. B. O'Neal of Yellville and Flippin churches have raised money to repair the building of Blooming Grove Church.

Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, former pastor of First Church, Little Rock, now residing in Pine Bluff and serving as evangelist over the nation, witnessed 2,021 professions of faith in his services in 1945. In addition there were 3,300 rededications and more than 300 additions to churches by letter.

First Church, Brinkley, has adopted a challenging and far reaching program for 1946 with an \$8,140.20 budget, \$1,500 of which will go to missions and benevolences. On the program for the year are two revivals, study courses, Vacation Bible school, and a full time youth program for the summer months, with a special worker for this phase of the work. The first study course of the year began January 13 with Pastor D. D. Smothers, First Church, West Helena, teaching the adults; Pastor Boyd Eldridge, Almyra, the young people and intermediates; and Pastor T. R. Achord, Elaine, the junior, primary, beginners, and cradle roll workers.

Pastor Ray Branscum, South Highland Church, Little Rock, has been elected president of the Baptist Pastors' Conference of Greater Little Rock to succeed Pastor Charles

PASTORAL CHANGES

J. W. Royal to First Church, Lewisville. Harold Presley from Mt. Bethel, Pleasant Hill, and De Gray churches, Red River Association, to become missionary of Carey Association.

E. F. Simmons to become missionary of Faulkner Association.

E. Lawrence, First Church. Pastor P. J. Crowder, Calvary Church, is vice president, and Pastor Joe L. Ingram, Woodlawn Church, secretary.

"Unity" was the subject of the address given by Pastor Paul Aiken, First Church, Warren, to the Brotherhood of First Church, Fordyce, at its recent meeting. He stressed that there must be world unity and Christian unity in order to fight effectively the evil forces at work in our midst.

Thomas Berryhill was ordained as deacon by New Hope Church, Sparkman, January 6. The ordination council was composed of Rev. Sterling Coleman, chairman; Pastor R. T. Strange; Associational Missionary Harold Presley; Deacons Veat Selph, Phillip Deaton, and H. O. Thweatt of New Hope Church; Deacons W. E. Summers, L. H. Elms, and J. L. Hubbard of First Church, Bearden; and Deacons W. E. Adams and J. C. Johnston of Manning. Missionary Presley preached the ordination sermon and Pastor Strange gave the charge.

An attractive calendar printed for members of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, contains a schedule of church, state, and Southwide activities.

R. G. LeTourneau, outstanding Christian layman, will be at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, for speaking engagements February 9-10.

Everett Quinton, pastor at Peru, Ind., preached at the evening service of First Church, Paris, January 6. He was baptized and ordained by the church.

Ozark Church has purchased a 32-passenger bus which will be used for bringing people from the outlying sections to services at the church.

Pastor M. Ray McKay, Second Church, Little Rock, spoke on "I Believe in the Dawn" at vesper services for the graduating class of Little Rock High School held the afternoon of January 20 in the school auditorium.

Theo T. James, who served as chaplain with the American Airborne forces in Berlin for three months and with the First Army in the European theater for two years, has accepted a call to First Church, McGehee. He succeeds Rev. L. C. Craig, who resigned the pastorate to become minister of North Dallas Church, Tex. A graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and Ouachita College, he was pastor of Rison Church from 1935 to 1938 when he accepted a call to a Memphis church, remaining there until he enlisted in military service in September, 1942.

Dr. S. E. Tull, Jackson, Miss., is preaching at First Church, Pine Bluff, during the month. He is a former pastor of the church and is now doing evangelistic work.

Following recommendation of its architect, High Street Church, Little Rock, has decided to defer construction of a new church building until material and labor are available. Pastor Harvey Hicks has announced. The new church

was to have been erected on the northeast corner of Twenty-third and Broadway, present property, valued at \$17,500, which have been purchased by Immanuel Church, Little Rock, for a mission site, but completion of the deal reportedly will now be delayed.



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Much Building in Prospect

First Church, El Dorado, and Immanuel, Little Rock, are among the most modern and complete church buildings in the state. One may assume they do not need to build. However, both congregations are raising funds and making plans for worthy additions to be used by the Sunday School at a cost of \$150,000 and \$200,000, respectively.

In the present stampede there is a note to be sounded for the benefit of pastors and building committees: expert guidance is necessary in making the plans for the new building or much money will be wasted and the church will not have the needed facilities for its work. It often costs as much or more to make mistakes than to build correctly.

Help From Nashville

The selection of a competent architect does not assure that grave mistakes in arranging the building will be avoided. The architect must know and understand the Baptist educational program as well as the Baptist worship service. Many able architects have never built a Baptist church and others have had only a very few church building experiences, and know little about our Sunday School, Training Union, and social needs.

It was this condition which brought the establishment of the Department of Church Architecture by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. A letter to W. A. Harrell, Secretary of the Department, will bring helpful information to any church. All of the services of this department are free.

In no sense of the word is the Department of Church Architecture in competition with the professional architect. Its purpose is to offer advice and assistance to the church and to the architect selected by the church. The Department is a service institution and cannot accept any responsibility connected with construction.

The architects and draftsmen in the studios under Mr. Harrell are specialists in planning Baptist churches. They give all of their time and study to drawing floor plans and offering their valuable help to the churches and architect on the job for his use. With this information in hand the architect will work out the specifications and detail plans, and have complete responsibility of supervision.

Choosing the Architect

The contract with the architect is usually presented to the church for its signature by the architect. Before signing on the dotted line, this contract should be approved by a lawyer. The architect may be employed for a definite sum or on the basis of a percentage of the entire building cost. Most of the profession prefer the latter plan and the standard fee including supervision, is about six per cent. This service costs money but it is worth much more than the cost.

In a large building program it may be to the advantage of the church to secure a local architect near the job, and employ the assistance of an out-of-town architect who has had wide experience in church building. Some

THAT NEW BUILDING



By **BRUCE H. PRICE,**
Beech Street Church, Texarkana.

(A second article on church building)



of them do not like this plan because they want all of the compensation but usually this can be arranged by a split of the fee at no extra cost to the church.

It matters not how capable an architect the church may be able to obtain, it should be understood with him that in no case would the church accept and approve the final plans without their being reviewed by the Department of Church Architecture. This is a protection available to all of our churches that should be accepted.

Needless to say the plans should be approved by local civil authorities in charge of fire

zoning and building inspection. This is usually necessary before a building permit will be granted.

Choosing the Contractor

The actual construction may be placed in the hands of a contractor who has made the lowest or best bid. The two are not always the same. If certain payments are to be made as the building reaches various stages of completion, it will be wise to see that they do not exceed the cost to the contractor.

A few years ago a church in Washington made advanced payment to the contractor of \$100,000. In the midst of construction he went into bankruptcy and it was found he had spent only \$40,000 on the building. This church would advise that the contractor be bonded.

In recent years some builders are taking contracts on a cost plus basis. The value of this plan depends on the ability and character of the contractor.

Another method is for the contractor to meet with the architect and church committee and agree on the estimated cost of the project. It is also agreed on the sum to be paid the contractor based on this cost. If it is built for less the contractor will receive a percentage. If the cost is more than the estimate, the contractor will pay a percentage of the extra amount.

Some churches may wish to employ a supervisor to have complete charge of buying materials and working the labor. When this is done he may be paid by the week or given a contract to supervise the entire construction for a stated amount. Unless the church is sure of its man, great dangers are in this plan.

West Memphis Church Had 25 Per Cent Increase By Baptism Alone in 1945

J. S. COMPERE, Corning

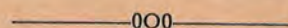
I have just completed a few weeks of delightful service supplying for First Church, West Memphis. This fine church has been without a pastor since Rev. E. Butler Abington recently resigned to accept a pastorate at Lake Charles, La., and the church itself and its magnificent and commodious new building are monuments to Brother Abington. The church had an unusually fine growth under his leadership, and every dollar of the cost of the new building is paid and they have a comfortable balance in the treasury.

In the associational year 1944-45 the increase in membership by baptism alone was more than 25 percent, and the total net increase for that year was almost exactly 35 percent. There is in the church the finest spirit of fellowship and willingness to work, and I know of no church anywhere that has more magnificent prospects for future growth and worth-while service.

On the last Sunday in December we ordained Rev. William Walker to the full work of the ministry. Brother Walker is a young man with a wife and three children, and he has made one of the very finest records that I know anything about. He has rendered unusually fine service in the church, in its missions, and in evangelistic work in surrounding sections. In two meetings last summer he had more than fifty professions of conversion.

The West Memphis church believes in him and they are helping to support him and his family as they go to school.

The treatment given to me and my wife while we were at West Memphis was simply superb, and we shall always hold in grateful memory our experiences with those good people.



B. B. I. Extension School Enters New Semester

The Little Rock Extension School of Baptist Bible Institute, held in the building of First Church, North Little Rock, has completed the first half of the year's work. The average attendance has been good with a total average enrollment of 32. Classes have been held on each Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Beginning with the second half of the year's work all classes are held on Thursday. The new class schedule is as follows:

- Homiletics—4:15 p. m.—Dr. M. Ray McKay.
- Christian Doctrines—6:15 p. m.—Rev. W. H. Hicks.
- Studies in the New Testament—7:00 p. m.—Rev. H. A. Elledge.
- Evangelism—7:45 p. m.—Rev. Robert O. Barker.

THE UNCOMELY LAMP

By VIVIAN A. BRUNER

There was once a little lamp—an ordinary, homely little lamp. Day by day it sat on a shelf by scores of other lamps. There were silver lamps, Dresden lamps, crystal lamps and ivory lamps; each one more beautiful than the homely little pewter lamp which stood far back in a dusty corner.

Often the unfortunate lamp looked at herself with tear-dimmed eyes. So crudely fashioned she was, without so much as a consoling coat of paint to hide a knotty surface. And many times her heart was wrung by the indifferent, haughty air assumed by those more alluring than she. On occasion she heard a half-concealed whisper or titter among them—they too noticed how very unattractive she was. These things, however, were not allowed to embitter her attitude. Said she, to herself, "I can, for all my handicap, keep my heart filled with the oil of helpfulness and my chimney clean and shining."

One morning when her head was lowered in meditation she heard the Dresden lamp say in a high confident voice, "My dears, I have come from a royal line which dates back hundreds of years. My grandparents occupied a place of honor in the palace of the king. So beautiful were they that admirers came from miles around to see them. Some day, I too shall be given a place of station in the palace of the king."

"Alas," thought the ugly lamp, "such heritage is not mine. Of my origin I know nothing. Surely my grandparents must have been humble lamps like myself." She sighed and resigned herself to a destiny unadorned by adventure and glamour.

Suddenly a hush fell upon the chattering group. A stranger had entered the room. For a long while he stood looking carefully at each lamp. He lifted one, then another. As he approached the far dark corner where sat the little lamp, she shrank closer to the friendly wall.

"Good morning," said the stranger. And his voice was kind and tender. It seemed that his salutation was directed toward the unattractive lamp.

"Is there something I can do for you, sir?" she asked in a soft voice.

"I am looking for a particular kind of lamp for the palace of the king," said he.

"That must be the Dresden lamp," thought the little lamp, "she is so beautiful."

"Oh, are you the king, sir?" she asked aloud.

"No," answered the man. "I am his servant. He wishes me to find for him a lamp which is humble and unobtrusive on the outside but bright and shining on the inside. There is a dark corner in which he wishes an abundance of light."

"Oh," thought the homely lamp, "I am humble on the outside, to be sure. I only wish that the inside of me could apply."

The stranger noticed the wistful expression on the little lamp's face. "See here," said he, as he picked her up. "I believe that you are the lamp for which I am searching. M-m-m-, humble, clean, filled with oil and shining. Yes, I believe that you are the one." And with that he started toward the palace carrying the uncomely lamp.

"But sir," said she, "I didn't dream that

In All Thy Ways

A Page Dedicated to
Christian Homes

In Memory of Our Sons

By HELEN H. GRIFFIN

*The war is o'er, the fight is won,
The skies o'erhead are clear,
The blood's all shed, the price is paid.
This victory came dear.*

*By one's and two's the boys come home,
To face a harder fight,
To catch once more the threads of life
All tangled in our fright.*

*Tonight a father sits and mourns,
A mother's eyes are sad,
No step tonight upon the walk,
No "Hello, Mom and Dad."*

*We do not know of all the lads
Who paid the price so dear,
But God the Maker saw them fall,
He noted every tear.*

*We do not like to think of death,
Of loss and pain and fear,
But sometimes life can take its toll,
The price we pay almost too dear.*

*My boy came home a shell-shock case
He did not stay with me,
Your lad lies under foreign skies
Far over land and sea.*

*He lived his life in one grand flight,
He did not die in vain
Unless we weaken in our fight
To right the world again.*

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QUESTIONS ON THE BIBLE

Number II

QUESTIONS

1. What persuaded Adam and Eve to disobey God?
2. What did Satan persuade them to do?
3. How did they feel after they had disobeyed God?
4. Where did God send them for their disobedience?
5. What were the names of Adam and Eve's two sons?
6. What kind of man was Cain?
7. What kind of man was Abel?
8. What did Cain do to his brother?

ANSWERS

1. Satan.
2. To take fruit of which God had said they must not eat.
3. They were ashamed and afraid.
4. Out of the Garden of Eden.
5. Cain and Abel.
6. A wicked man.
7. A good man.
8. He got angry with him and killed him.

the king could use such as I."

"Why," said the servant, "most of his chosen ones feel the same way. And haven't you heard, 'Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart?'"
—Baptist Standard.

A Neglected Duty

By LOUIS J. BRISTOW

Disease is of the devil. I will give two natural proofs. In the case of Job we are distinctly Job's sickness was brought him by Satan. In Luke 13:11-17 we have the story of the woman who had been afflicted for many years, and Jesus spoke of her as "whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eight years." I could give other proofs. Healing of God. In Ex. 15:26 God says to the people of Israel, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." In the 103rd Psalm the writer says it is "who healeth all thy diseases." In Matthew 8:16 we are told that Jesus with His healing was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah "Himself took our infirmities and bore our sickness." Peter told Cornelius that "went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil" (Acts 10:38) can cite other texts.

Ministry to the sick is a Christian duty and privilege. In the story of the judgment Jesus identifies himself with all of our defects, and especially with the sick: "I was sick and ye visited me;" and "inasmuch as ye did it unto these . . . unto me." Christ and His denominations have recognized their duty to the sick and have established hospitals which to minister to them. For in our modern complex civilization hospitals are the best institutions for the care of the sick.

Southern Baptists were late getting started in their ministry of healing, but have done well. There are 27 Baptist hospitals in the South, and I know of eleven others now in process of being established. I have had a part in promoting nine of them. In many cases they are well on their way—charter money are in hand—and in others only preliminary work has been done. We will do more about these hospitals later.

Existing Baptist hospitals are being enlarged. Nearly everyone of them has a more demand for service than it can handle. For Baptists have demonstrated they can operate hospitals successfully, and folk come to them.

But there is need for many additional hospitals if Baptists are to meet their responsibility in the field of healing. Other denominations are away ahead of us in number of hospitals and in volume of service. Cept politicians and social uplifters are trying to put all medical and hospital services in the hands of the Federal Government. They make their argument for such a step in the practical lack of facilities. Christians have not met their duty in this respect. My hope and prayer is that Baptists will meet this challenge with Christian spirit, and to the glory of God.

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BURDEN-BEARERS

Burden-bearers are we all,
Great and small.
Burden-bearers be ye all,
Great and small.
Where another shares the load,
Two draw nearer God.
Yet there are burdens we can share
none,
Save God;
And paths remote where we must walk
With God;
For lonely burden and for path apart
Thank God!
If these but serve to bring the burden
heart
To God.

—John Oxenb

THE GREATER POWER

Much is being said now about the atomic bomb. Scientists have been working for years on the theory of atomic power. Its use and power have been latent with men, and it seems that God has withheld its use until the nations that recognize Him could use it to bring temporary peace to a war-torn world.

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By W. J. MORRIS, Evangelist

"Because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."—I JOHN 4:4.

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Tremendous Power of Death

The extent of its power is not fully known. Usually, what is termed "wild speculation" about such things is heard from the illiterate class of people, the class that does not read so as to be correctly informed; but it seems to be different in this instance.

The editor of one of our religious papers is greatly disturbed about the future use of this death-dealing device. He says that he has found only 1000th part of its power was used in Japan. No less a personage than General Douglas MacArthur recently made a statement, when referring to the atomic bomb, that another world war might destroy civilization. Almost every news paper and magazine carries one or more articles about it. Surely its powers are great.

But the tragedy of its use, thus far, is found in the fact that it brings death instead of life. It produces woe and misery instead of peace and happiness. The peoples of the world dread its effect. The legislative bodies of the world think that those who have its secret should keep it from the rest of the world, lest civilization be obliterated by its use. It is thought by many that its use will end wars.

It brought to an end World War II, but to what extent will it be effective in preventing future wars? Will man-made devices bring peace to the world? Those who know the power of God in the hearts of His children say "No."

A Greater Power of Life

I want now to turn from the power of the inventions of man to "The Greater Power." A power that has and will bring life instead of death, peace instead of trouble and distress. A power that, if allowed to take root in the hearts of the peoples of the world, would mean the end of all wars.

God intended that men should possess it. This power has been evident in the world since God created the first man, Adam; but the depraved condition of man has kept it from doing what God intended it should.

Certainly this power was more fully felt, and its purposes carried out, in what men are pleased to call "The Dispensation of Grace." I speak of the power of the Holy Spirit. In the second chapter of Joel, God has given us a direct prophecy of the advent of the Holy Spirit and His power. "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions," etc. This was written 800 years before Jesus came. Its fulfillment is found in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

A Force for Redemption

Talk about atomic power! It is insignificant, and sinks into oblivion when compared to the power of the blessed Holy Spirit. Reader, think for a moment of its origin and pur-

pose. Before the foundation of this universe, God, in His infinite wisdom, looked down on a people yet unborn, and saw them rebellious, sinful, lost, of the Holy Spirit by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:4.

Certainly the work must be wrought through human instrumentality. First, Jesus chose twelve men to begin this stupendous task. It was to be like the seed of the mustard which was to grow into a tree large enough for the fowls of the air to lodge in it. Its power has been felt around the world. The world looks on with amazement as men of culture, wealth, and education, as well as men of all other classes give evidence of its power in their own lives, and they proclaim it to a dying world.

Demonstrated in Lives of Followers

To know the greatness of this greatest of all powers one has only to turn to the Word of God, and to investigate its power in the lives of the followers of Christ since the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost. It was transcendent in the lives of Christ's chosen followers.

It transformed the heart and life of impetuous, self-willed, Christ-denying Peter into one who held first place among the apostles, and who became one of the greatest soul-winning preachers the world has ever known. It is so great that it changed Saul from the arch persecutor of God's children to Paul, the most self-sacrificing, conscientious, loving follower of Christ, and who became the greatest defender of Christianity to be found in the annals of sacred history.

Who would deny its power in the life of the beloved John, who earlier was called Boanerges, which signifies vehemence, one who would act with great force—furious to one, who later was perhaps one of the most serene of all the apostles?

Its power caused Livingston to go to darkest Africa as one of its first missionaries to open the way for the gospel on that sin-blighted continent. It sent Carey to India to preach seven long years without a convert, that afterwards thousands should find Christ.

It is the same power that sustained our missionaries in recent years, and left that passion for the lost that makes them anxious to return to their former fields. A recent news item states that a missionary now 86 years old has obtained a passport to return to his work in the foreign field.

It has made monumental, self-sacrificing, God-fearing christians and preachers out of men like Jerry McAuley, Sam Jones, D. L. Moody, Billy Sunday, George Truett, and miriads of others.

As a humble preacher of the gospel I would suggest to the pastor whose church has "a form of godliness," but has no power to bring

salvation to the lost sinner—forget the atomic power, and magnify the power of the Holy Spirit. Preach Christ and Him crucified. "For other foundation can on man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 3:11.

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Pine Bluff Church Changes Name and Launches Forward

The congregation at Ohio Street Church, Pine Bluff, has changed its name to the Second Baptist Church. The change of name was in connection with the launching of a vast move forward in evangelism and enlistment work.

In a resolution retaking the name of Second Church, which had been the congregation's choice at its organization in 1904 (but was altered to Ohio Street a year later), the congregation made a new pledge of cooperation to denominational work. The resolution states that the church "was organized, is now, and shall continue to be a missionary Baptist church, independent of all outside authority, cooperating with Harmony Baptist Association, the Arkansas Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention."

The church has been growing rapidly in recent years and at present is under the pastorate of Homer H. Bridges. There were 21 additions to the church Sunday, January 13.

★ RADIO ★

Dr. Francis P. Gaines, a layman, of Lexington, Va., returns to the Baptist Hour for a message next Sunday morning, as disclosed by the Southern Baptist Radio Committee. His subject, "Courage for the Tests of Peace," will be of particular interest to young people, especially returning service men and women.

Dr. Gaines, a South Carolinian by birth, an educator by training and profession, has served as President of Washington & Lee University for sixteen years. An effective leader in the educational and civic fields he has held responsible positions through the years, according to Mr. Lowe, having served as Chairman of the Alfred I. duPont Radio Award Committee, President of the War Finance Committee.

Mr. Lowe states that because of his abiding Christian faith, his extensive knowledge of people, and his unusual ability as a speaker, Dr. Gaines is one of the most effective radio speakers in America.

An attractive feature in these broadcasts is the music by the Baptist Hour Choir of Atlanta, John D. Hoffman, director, and George L. Hamrick, organist.

The program can be heard in ARKANSAS over radio stations KUOA Siloam Springs, WFAA, Dallas, Texas, WREC, Memphis, Tenn., and WHAS of Louisville, Ky., at 7:30 CST. Also over KTHS, Hot Springs at 4:30 p. m. Saturday afternoon.

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The formal dedication of Shell Lake Church, Tri-County Association, was held January 6. Pastors and churches of the association took part in the service.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 10-16

**SECOND
LITTLE**

STATE MISSION DEPARTMENT—RELIGIOUS



Dr. Otto Whittington



Dr. J. O. Williams



Mary Virginia Lee



Dr. Edgar Williamson



J. N. Barnette

WHO WILL LEAD?

J. N. BARNETTE, secretary of the Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board, will be the director of the clinic. Others from the Sunday School Board to assist him will be J. P. EDMUNDS, in charge of associational work, JESSE DANIEL in charge of enlargement work, and the superintendents of all the different departments. These will include MISS PAULINE HARGIS, Beginner Superintendent; MISS AILENE BRYAN, Primary; MRS. LILLIAN MOORE RICE, Junior; MISS MARY VIRGINIA LEE, Intermediates; PHILLIP HARRIS, Young People, and A. V. WASHBURN, Adults, and others. DR. OTTO WHITTINGTON will direct conferences for associational and state missionaries. DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, State Sunday School Superintendent, will help with the practical work.

WHAT IS THE PLAN?

A. AN ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN will be conducted in Second Baptist Church beginning Sunday, March 10.

1. **Census** will be taken Sunday afternoon, March 10.
2. **Census cards** will be worked during week March 10-15.
3. **Organizations** will be enlarged, graded and adjusted.
4. **Classes for workers** will be held each night Monday through Friday for Second Baptist Church and clinic workers. Sunday School Board leaders will teach these classes.
5. **Prospects** found through the census will be visited during the week and invited to join Second Baptist Sunday School.

Clinic workers will have opportunity to observe and participate in all phases of the enlargement campaign.

B. CLASSES AND CONFERENCES FOR CLINIC WORKERS.

1. **For all Clinic Workers.** Classes and conferences will be held each morning and afternoon, March 11-16. Sunday School Board leaders including Barnette, Edmunds, Daniels, Washburn and others will lead in this work. DR. T. L. HOLCOMB, DR. J. O. WILLIAMS, H. E. INGRAHAM, DR. HOMER GRICE and others are scheduled to speak during these sessions. All phases of the Sunday School work will be presented and discussed. The entire technique of the enlargement campaign will be studied and mastered.
2. **State and Associational Missionaries.** In addition to the regular clinic work there will be special conferences each day for the state and associational mission work under the leadership of Dr. Otto Whittington, J. P. Edmunds and others.

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WHAT WILL IT COST?

Bed and breakfast will be provided free of charge by Second Baptist Church.
Dinner and supper meals will be provided free of charge by Religious Education Department.
All books used will be provided free of charge by the Sunday School Board.
TRANSPORTATION:
1. **State and District Missionaries only.** Transportation to Little Rock and return will be paid by the State Mission Board.
2. **All others** will pay their own transportation to Little Rock and return.
ENROLMENT FEE. All who are accepted for enrolment in the clinic will pay an enrolment fee of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50).

HOW MANY MAY ENROLL?

The number of those who may enroll in the clinic is limited to one hundred (100).

HOW TO ENROLL

Fill out the application form below and mail immediately to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock. When application is accepted, notice will be given. Mail application as soon as possible as the number to be accepted is necessarily limited.



H. E. Ingraham

APPLICATION FORM

State Sunday School and Missionary Clinic
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 10 - 16

Realizing the benefit to be derived from enrolling and participating in the State Sunday School and Missionary Clinic to be held in Second Baptist Church beginning Sunday, March 10, under the auspices of the Religious Education Department and State Mission Department of Arkansas and the Sunday School Board, I herewith make application to be one of the one hundred enrolled as a member of the clinic for the full time.

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
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Position or office held _____



J. P. Edmonds

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SUNBEAM BAND 60th ANNIVERSARY



In 1886, Dr. George Braxton Taylor organized children of his church in Virginia into a missionary organization known as the Sunbeam Band. This idea spread throughout our Southland and last year there were 6,724 Sunbeam Bands in the South, 179 in Arkansas.

Through Sunbeam Bands Woman's Missionary Union has developed missionary interest and leadership which testify to Sunbeam Band values for from such Bands have come 75 per cent of our missionaries, many pastors and pastors' wives, Training Union secretaries, Sunday school secretaries, W. M. U. leaders and secretaries, directors of religious education, teachers, workers in orphanages, earnest missionary-minded Baptist men and women. This statement should cause EVERY MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO DETERMINE TO FOSTER A SUNBEAM BAND.

The most lasting impressions are those made in earliest childhood. Through the Sunbeam Band will come impressions of world mis-

sions. Habits of reading missionary magazines, stored up Scripture to guard against the evil days which will surely come, delight in planned deeds of community missions that develop a helpful unselfish attitude, faith in prayer and ease in talking with God about everything, these are among the worthwhile impressions made in Sunbeam Bands. Sunbeams learn lessons in stewardship. Their gifts tomorrow no one can measure! See that the children of your church have their chance to develop in the distinctly missionary atmosphere of a Sunbeam Band.

Since there are only 179 Sunbeam Bands in our state this means that there are 371 missionary societies that do not foster this important auxiliary and it means that 621 churches in our state do not have missionary organization for the most impressionable age. Any society or church wishing to organize a Sunbeam Band for children from 4 through 8 years of age may request the free helps from the State W. M. U. Office. See how many new Bands we can foster during this Sixtieth Anniversary of Sunbeam Bands.

Warren Sunbeam Band Sends Excellent Annual Report

Mrs. Guy Meek who has served as a Sunbeam Leader for seventeen years sent in a most interesting annual report of the Sunbeam Band of Warren First Church. Though they started 1945 with forty members, they ended the year with 75. The average attendance for the year was 38 for the 24 missionary program meetings.

Financial figures show they belonged to the Baptist Honor Club, contributing the \$12 to that cause for the year, \$60 to the Cooperative Program and \$40 to church expenses, a special gift to the Orphans' Home of \$6.00 and gifts to the poor amounted to \$17.18. Their three special season of prayer offerings all exceeded those of the preceding year: Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions-\$30; Dixie Jackson Offering for State Causes-\$27 and Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions-\$35. All gifts amounted to \$230.59.

Their community missions reports was thrilling with such figures as these: 33 Bibles given away, 331 visits in the interest of Sunday school and church, visits to the hospital 174, etc. These Sunbeams observed their Focus Week, studied two mission books, had an Easter egg hunt and a picnic and participated in their Church Night of Stewardship Program. Who follows in their train?

Conferences For District And Associational Officers Held At Central College

Two separate conferences were held at Central College for district and associational officers. The conference for district and associational superintendents was conducted by the executive secretary. There were seven presidents and fifteen superintendents in attendance, as well as two State chairmen and several visitors.

Devotionals were brought by Mrs. E. Rawlings, Mrs. H. L. Robinson, Mrs. C. D. Wood and Dr. Edwin S. Preston, president of Central College. Mrs. Ruth Culpepper also spoke to the group telling us something of their experiences as prisoners of the Japanese and of their future plans for missionary service. This conference served its purpose through the

discussion of ways and means promoting our associational work in a more effective way during the coming year.

For two days at Central College five District Young People's Counselors and fourteen associational young people's leaders and State Royal Ambassador Secretary conferred with the State Young People's Secretary on plans for missionary education in our associations. Plans were laid associational methods conferences, camps, rallies, coronation and recognition services, YWA house parties and other affairs through which missions may be promoted. It was decided that the main duty of each leader present this year was extension work. There was determination to see missionary auxiliaries organized in new churches. Rev. and Mrs. H. U. Culpepper, missionaries, brought most helpful devotionals at sessions.

Chaplain Spraggins Returns to St.

Chaplain Henry G. Spraggins has returned from illustrious service as an army chaplain in European battle front. He was wounded several times in rendering service to his men at the front.

Chaplain Spraggins finished Howard Payne College in 1942. He is a man of evangelistic gifts. Many men were converted under his ministry during the war.

I want to recommend him to Arkansas pastors and churches now that he is available for pulpits and meetings. He has a marvelous story to tell about war and the power of God in the saving grace of Jesus.

Chaplain Spraggins will be home at 312 West Pine Street, Warren.

—Thomas H. Taylor, President, Howard Payne College, Brookwood, Tex.

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Christian Universities to Be Founded in Korea and Japan

By Religious News Service

Tokyo—Two large-scale Christian universities, one in Korea and one in Japan, will be established this spring to educate young Koreans and Japanese in internationalism and Christian democracy. First steps toward the project have been taken in Tokyo by a group of Christians, headed by Tosen Yoshimoto, a layman.

The universities will be staffed by professors of all nationalities and will enroll about 2,000 students. They will be co-educational. Prince Ri, a Korean nobleman in the Japanese court, has made an initial gift of one million yen toward their founding. The two projects will cost an estimated 300,000,000 yen (about \$2,000,000).

The Korean university will be built in Seoul and called the National Foundation University. The university in Japan proper, not definitely located yet, will be called the International University.

Among the advisors of the schools will be Tamon Maeda, Minister of Education in the present Japanese cabinet; Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan's most internationally-famous Christian; Zenichi Hidaka, publicity secretary of the Church of Christ in Japan; and Tameichiro Kanai also of the Church of Christ in Japan. All four are Christians.

Christian education in Japan has traditionally confined itself to the lower grades and sub-university training. Only two Christian universities have been built up during the past seventy years—St. Paul's University (Episcopal) in Tokyo, and Doshisha (Congregational) in Kyoto.

The proposal for Japanese to found a university in Korea has excited considerable comment in Tokyo. No declaration of policy has yet been made by the occupation power on whether or not Japanese will be permitted to carry on educational activities in Korea, even if the project is dedicated to internationalism and reconciliation as this one is.

Express Caution on Hirohito Embracing Christianity

Richard T. Baker, Religious News Service Correspondent in Tokyo, writes that although Emperor Hirohito's New Year's rescript renouncing claims to divinity is being interpreted in some quarters here as a strong indication of his democratic tendencies, it is not yet the time to say that the Emperor intends to embrace Christianity immediately.

Although Shigeru Nambara, president of Tokyo's Imperial University, predicts without qualifica-

tion that the Emperor will become a Christian, other Christian leaders would rather say that he is studying Christianity and is sympathetic toward it.

The Emperor is described by those who know him as a democratic humanitarian who is interested in Western thinking (particularly science and bacteriology, traits which are adventagious to Christianization.

The New Year season is a traditional period for study and lectures in the Imperial household. Toyohiko Kagawa, noted Japanese Protestant leader lectured at the palace on cooperatives and Christianity with 15 princes and princesses present, including the younger brothers of the Emperor himself.

The Japanese Imperial Family has long been interested in the humanitarian works of Christianity. Forty years ago Emperor Meiji gave the first Imperial gift to Christianity—a donation of 10,000 yen to the YMCA. Meiji's successors have continued these contributions, donating to Roman Catholic, Protestant, YMCA, Salvation Army and other charities.

He Wants Church-Going Restored as Priority

Peacetime priorities on church-going, relaxed during the war by millions of Americans, should be put back into effect, a Washington, D. C., pastor has told his congregation.

Speaking on the topic, "Some Priorities Must Not Be Relaxed," he declared that "church-going is one of the priorities that was relaxed by many persons during the war and must now be restored."

"Some people have let lesser values of life carry higher priorities, while the most priceless values were 'bumped off,'" he asserted.

"Thousands of people in Washington dropped church attendance because Sunday was the only day in which to catch up on a score of things which piled up during the other six days during wartime. Now that we're back on a five-day week without further delay prior claims of the spirit should be invoked."

"The Arkansas Baptist is helping greatly to educate and indoctrinate our people in Arkansas, and if we do not do a good job of this we will have to abdicate as a denomination of Christians. More power to you!"—Roy L. Johnson, recording secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Lake City Training Union Breaks Record

The total enrolment, with the exception of one, of the Training Union of Lake City Church was present January 6. It was the evening before a study course was begun. The school's enrolment reached 112 with an average attendance of 95. There will be 114 awards as several are taking the course individually.

Attendance was excellent in spite of the rainy weather because members who had cars organized to bring all prospects to the services. Folk from the several missions sponsored by the church also attended.

Pastor W. E. Speed directed the school. Workers were Mt. Zion Associational Missionary M. S. Lloyd, Mrs. Lloyd, State Missionary James H. Fitzgerald, and Mrs. Fitzgerald. Fred Carter is the Training Union director.

Orphanages Consolidated

One home will be formed of the two Kentucky orphanages now located at Louisville and Glendale, following recent action of their state association. A committee of six members from each board of trustees of the present homes is taking care of all details, selecting the site and the name, writing a new charter, and looking after all the legal matters of consolidation. This action was taken after a recommendation of the Kentucky Children's Commission of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists was passed without opposition by both boards.

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Dr. Powers Plans Retirement After 45 Years in Pastorate

Dr. O. L. Powers has announced his intended retirement from the pastorate of First Church, Jonesboro, effective April 1, which marks the end of ten years service with the church. His retirement comes after he has served continuously for 45 years in churches of Kentucky, North Carolina, Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas.

He plans to devote his time to holding revival meetings and supplying churches that are without pastors. Dr. and Mrs. Powers plan to make their home in Wichita Falls, Tex., where he served as pastor for eighteen years.

First Church, Jonesboro, has made an excellent record under the leadership of Dr. Powers. Church membership has grown to 1,100 and many improvements on the church property have been made. He enjoys a wide personal popularity in Jonesboro, not only among members of his own congregation but with members of other denominations as well. He has taken an active interest in civic affairs and has for a number of years been a member of the Rotary Club.

During Dr. Power's pastorate in Wichita Falls about 4,000 members were received, of which approximately 2,000 were for baptism. He led the church in erecting a \$450,000 building.

Dr. Powers graduated from Wake Forest College in North Carolina. He received his Th. M. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville. He was given the Doctors Degree by Howard Payne College of Texas.

He is regarded as one of the leading ministers of the Southern Baptist Convention. He represented Texas for three years on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and was on the Finance Committee of the Executive Board of Texas. He attended the first Baptist World Alliance meeting, held in London in 1905. While abroad he toured Europe. Recently he was elected a trustee of Southern Seminary.

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Vocational Emphasis At Central College

Life choices and an emphasis on the various vocations was the theme for Vocational Emphasis Week conducted by the Baptist Student Union at Central College last week.

Speakers on the chapel programs at Central College were Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of Second Church, Little Rock; Miss Elma Cobb, student secretary at Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock; Gale Dunn, director of music and education at Second Church, Little Rock; and Kermit Canterbury and Hugo Culpepper, both of Conway.



Dr. Powers

Various vocations for women were presented. Special programs were presented at the noon-day prayer services during the week.

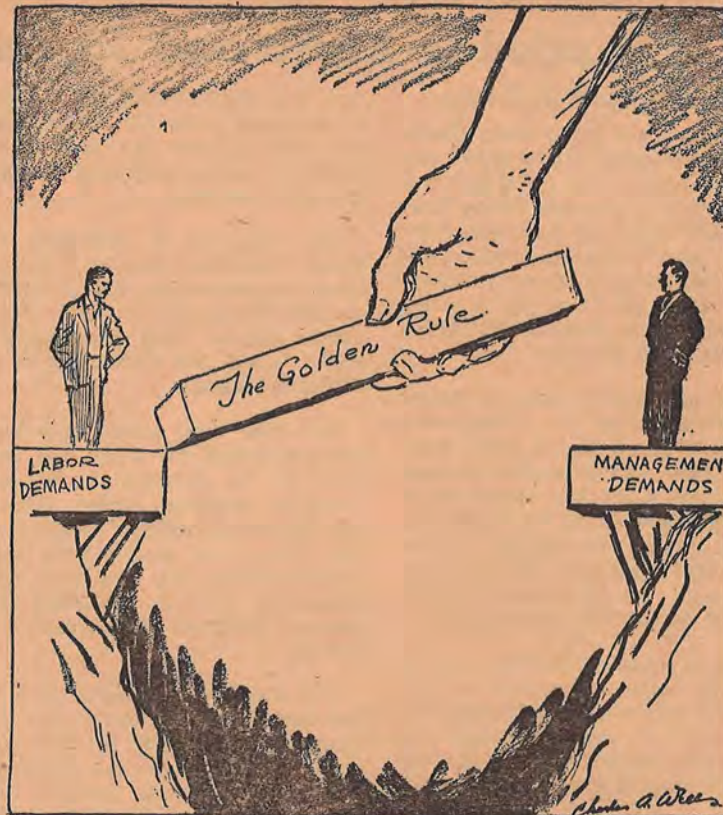
Miss Mary Glenna Rowland of Blytheville, president of the Baptist Student Union on the campus, led in the week's activities with the assistance of Miss Marjorie Toole, student secretary for the college.

Students heard the Sunday morning Baptist Hour message brought by Dr. W. O. Vaught, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, on "Life's Supreme Allegiance." Activities were climaxed at a decision service at First Church, Conway, with message by Pastor Harold B. Tillman.

No Atheists

"The statement, 'There are no atheists in fox holes,' is true," said Thomas L. Cashion to the Baptist Brotherhood of First Church, Eudora. Mr. Cashion served in the submarine division of the U. S. Navy. He told of men praying to God in time of danger, only to forget God when they were safe again. He added that most service men really experienced the presence of God in the war and that it is up to the churches to do their utmost in providing a place in which these men can and will fit in the building of God's kingdom. Lamar Jones recently back from the Pacific, gave a motion picture of snaps taken on Iwo Jima, where he was stationed. Approximately 40 men were present.

IT CAN BRING THEM TOGETHER



The chasm between labor-management is more spiritual than economic. There is an abundance for all, and both industrial leaders and labor leaders know it. Almost any one of them, in private conversation, could tell you right now what will have to be done to get agreements established in a permanent constructive way. They all admit there must be a new spirit of sharing, cooperation and responsibility. Yet why is this not accomplished? It is because war is in men's hearts, bitterness, hatreds and selfishness have become dominant. When the fever of these ills has burned itself out sufficiently until men begin to recognize the human and spiritual elements in their conflicts, the quiet miracle of peace will begin to appear. Jesus cut through all the maze of philosophic and economic theorization when he said we would never solve such problems until we learned to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Charles A. Wel

Chaplain Horace L. Ford writing from Marburg, Germany, makes some interesting statements regarding Pastor Niemoeller and religious conditions in Germany. He says "It is my humble opinion that Martin Niemoeller is one of the great men of the day. I believe that he is every inch a Christian. I believe further that he is a worthy minister of Christ. I left him with the feeling that I had been in the presence of a great soul." Then he goes on to say about Germany, "The general religious conditions in Germany at the present time are most favor-

able. It is my firm conviction that Germany is ready for the greatest religious revival it has ever witnessed."

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This week as we browse through the book store, we want to give you some help on your programs in your churches. There are so many fine books these days for program help.

Let us suggest three that are on our best seller's list. They are the three books which have been written by Mr. R. L. Middleton, who is head of the accounting department at the Baptist Sunday School Board. Mr. Middleton is also Superintendent of the Intermediate Department of the First Baptist Church at Nashville. These three books include, OUR YOUTH FOR CHRIST, YOUTH'S TALENTS FOR CHRIST and YOUTH CONQUERING FOR CHRIST. No worker with young people in any Baptist Church, should be without these books. They are a must in the library of every worker with young people.

Another book which has proved to be a very good seller is INVITATION TO WORSHIP by Reid. It is used by many people who work with adults and young people. We recommend it highly.

For the junior worker, certainly every superintendent should have the Junior Superintendent's Manual. It has been revised within the last year or so and has many good fine helps for Junior Superintendents.

Every primary superintendent should have the Primary Superintendent's Manual. These two manuals which we have just mentioned are based on the graded Bible Lessons for the various Departments. Certainly you will want them to help you to plan a better Sunday School Work for this coming year.

48 PRIMARY WORSHIP SERVICES by Kellogg is a book that appeals greatly to primary workers. It has stories in it as well as suggested outlines for work in that department. It is arranged by the year and can be followed throughout the entire year.

The pastor or speaker who is wanting new illustrations will find Macartney's Illustrations which has recently been published a valuable help. The alphabetical arrangement, with the sub-division and cross reference, makes it a gold-mine of illustrative material readily available to the minister,

writer, or a speaker. This is a good book for any speaker.

The pastor will also be interested in the book 65 WAYS TO GIVE AN EVANGELISTIC INVITATION. It is one of our best sellers at the present time.

Many pastors like to have the annual edition of DORAN'S MINISTERS MANUAL. This gives suggestions for all services in a church. It is done by the year and therefore fits in with the Sunday School Lesson, the various seasons of the year as well as special days.

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New Era Demands God Have Place

"The day of the common man is here," Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, pastor of First Church, Springdale, told the Rotarians of the city in a meeting January 1. "The nation, the churches, must be ready to take their places in this era and give to the common man the aid he seeks in both spiritual and economic life," he said. "God taught of the common man—Lincoln spoke of God's love for the common man 'for he made so many of them.' The recent announcement of the Emperor of Japan that he was not a Heaven-sent divinity makes it imperative that the churches give the Japanese people something else to save them from paganism. The need for the world is the same as that in our own community; if either is to find happiness in this New Era of 1946, then we must get ready to shed the burdens of yesterday, look upward for divine guidance, and with new zeal attack the problems of today, and plan for tomorrow."

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GORDON G. SINGLETON

These Chaplains Are

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

James A. Adams, Hale, Mo.

Exum Ferrell Baker, Andrews, N. C.

William H. Bowman, P. O. Box 103, Tylertown, Miss.

Ernest Linwood Brandis, Jr., 1500 Porter St., Richmond, Va.

Kenneth E. Couch, Princeton, Mo.

Ernest L. Combes, 725 N. 32nd St., Kansas City 2, Kan.

Joseph H. Cosby, 30 Sellus Ave., Lexington, Va.

Orvill A. Clarkston, Rt. 2, Traveler's Rest, S. C.

Charles W. Duling, 88-28th St., Huntington, W. Va.

Eugene Mosley Cross, Hickory, Miss.

Floyd H. Chunn, R. F. D. 1, Neuberts, Tenn.

J. Paul Clark, 311 S. Mueller St., Bethany, Okla.

Raymond Collier, Dallas, Tex.

Carlton B. Ellis, 705 Melba Ave., Gladewater, Tex.

Vertio C. Dameron, Seminary Heights, Kansas City, Kan.

Frank K. Brasington, 205 Ingle-side Ave., Catonsville, Md.

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Roy A. Carley, Box 987, Rosenberg, Tex.

Dozia D. Cash, 1923 Spurgeon St., Fort Worth, Tex.

Urban A. Moss, East Third St., Jackson, Ga.

Carroll T. Aly, Kermit, Tex.

David E. Bowerman, 312 W. Georgia St., Shawnee, Okla.

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A new law insuring exemption from taxation and protection of property for all religious organizations in Japan has been effected as an imperial ordinance here. The law scrupulously avoids giving the government any control or supervision over doctrine or policy of the religious bodies.

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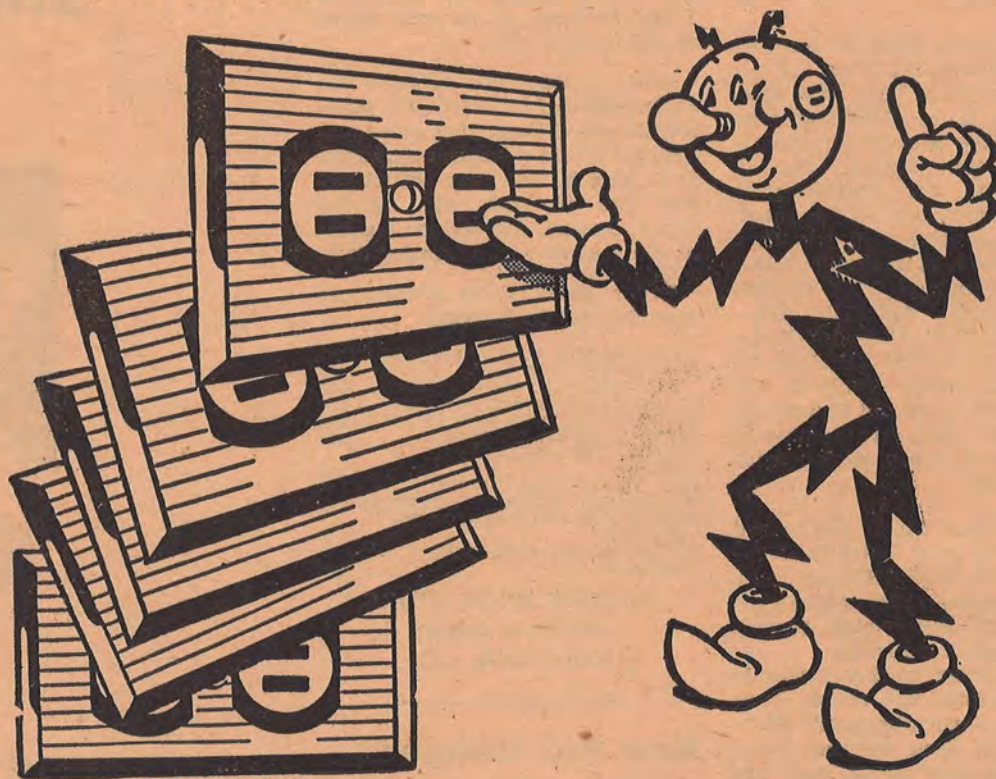
The Charleston, S. C. Ministerial Union has adopted a resolution requesting the South Carolina delegation in Congress to exert immediate action to end current strikes in the nation. The resolution said strikes are disrupting economic life.

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This month's Victory Clothing Collection appeal, headed by Henry J. Kaiser, has received the support of the Northern Baptist Convention, according to a statement from the World Relief office of the denomination here.

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Consecration to God Above Self Is Call to Peoples Through Ages

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

The Children of Israel's relation to God during their long period of captivity in Egypt is not portrayed at length for us in the Bible. Evidently the 430 years they had spent in Egypt among pagan surroundings had left their mark upon them. Their behaviour in the wilderness in hours or bitter trial indicates a lack of moral and spiritual strength and a need for a greater faith in God.

Upon leading the Children of Israel out of Egypt, therefore, God begins to give to them a body of laws which they are to observe and through which observance they are to become a people after his own heart. The lesson that is before us brings us face to face with the method employed by God in leading the Hebrews into the realization of His plan for their life.

The Lord's Commands

"And Moses spake into all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded." Moses then proceeds to outline for them the character of the offerings which they are to bring unto the Lord. These offerings were to constitute a basic means of fellowship with God. They would be for the Children of Israel a test of their sincerity, an act of love.

Even casual study of the life of Israel under the leadership of Moses reveals the extreme care and effort on the part of Moses to observe the commands of the Lord. The Children of Israel were not to engage in acts of religious observance that were borrowed from pagan neighbors but were rather to adhere to the precepts of the Lord as handed down through his leader Moses.

The virtue that obtained in their religious acts would stem from their deliberate desire to co-operate in the doing of the will of the Lord. To them God was very real.

Is it not possible that the followers of Christ have drifted too far away from the precepts of God in their modern day acts of religious devotion? Have we not sought to accommodate the manifest expressions of our faith to our own comfort and convenience rather than to attempt to carry out the more disturbing commands of our Lord?

For instance, there are many who regard private worship within the home as an acceptable act of devotion on Sunday while forsaking the gathering together in hours of public worship as the Scriptures enjoin. Then, too, in the matter of the actual giving of gifts, it may be said that the great majority of our people do not fol-

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Exodus 28:1; 35:4-9, 20-29

low the teaching of the Scriptures. Failing to do so, they place themselves under the rebuke which God gave ancient Israel in Malachi 3:8-10.

However far we may proceed in our age of "enlightenment and reason," we need to be constantly aware of God's will for our lives and of our ability to perceive that will and our capacity to heed it.

Willing Hearts

In the study of this lesson one is impressed with the emphasis placed upon the voluntary side of worship. "Whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord . . . And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him up, and everyone whom his spirit made willing . . . And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted. . . . The Children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman whose heart made them willing."

Perhaps nowhere else in the Bible is the voluntary nature of our religion emphasized more clearly. God gave Israel His commands, but the effectiveness of their obedience to those commands rested upon the willingness of their hearts. Their relationship to Him was of dutiful, loving hearts.

One wonders if the Apostle Paul did not have in mind this passage of Scripture when he wrote to his Corinthian brethren, "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing." (1 Cor. 13:3).

God does not want His children to look upon Him as a slavish taskmaster, exacting unwilling acts of fidelity. He wants them to do right and even defines the principles of righteous living. But these acts of devotion must spring from willing hearts if they are to avail in His sight.

It is possible that at this point churches fail most today in their effort to finance the work of the kingdom of God at home and abroad. They fail to instruct the people as to the commands of God, and, in the next place, to lay hold of their hearts for God.

If you want a person to become a great steward of substance, see that he becomes first a great steward of self. I have never seen a great giver who was not a great Christian. But, his capacity in the

realm of stewardship, without exception, developed only in proportion as his eyes were uplifted and his heart impregnated with the spirit of devotion to the commands of the living God.

When the heart becomes willing, then the bringing of tithes and offerings into the storehouse of the Lord becomes joyful. And the willing heart is born out of fellowship with God in Christ Jesus and with his word as recorded in the Bible.

Laboring for the Lord

"And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen." There is something tender and beautiful about this passage. When the servants of the Lord voluntarily, with their own hands, labor for the fulfilment of a divine objective, there is always immeasurable blessing. Some of the greatest offerings that have ever been brought into the treasury of the Lord have been the widows' tithes, offerings that recall many an hour of toil, many a prayer, and many a dream.

In the final analysis, God seeks not ours but us. He wants the gift of self far above the gift of substance. When we labor with our own hands for Him and bring to Him the fruit of our toil, we are laying at His feet coined personality—true gifts of self.

The crying need in our churches today is for more workers, more who stand ready with their own hands to labor wherever the need may be, however inconspicuous the task. Would that more and more of our people would say to their pastor, as a young couple recently married said to theirs, "We just wanted you to know that we are ready now for some task; we are ready to go to work for the Lord."

The Home Mission Board cleared the land and tilled the soil for the planting of the Baptist faith in the great Southwest. Now it is a Baptist empire.

Figures to Inspire

January 13, 1946

Church	Addns.	S.	S.	T.	U.
Atkins, First	1	110			47
Benton, First		426			114
Camden, First	2	470			102
Conway, First	2	420			89
Crossett, First	1	368			76
Including Mission		384			
Cullendale		255			123
El Dorado, First		709			204
Eudora	2	173			58
Fort Smith Churches:					
First	6	823			343
Including Mission		850			
Immanuel	2	557			153
Hamburg, First	1	275			137
Harrison, First	4	277			142
Hope, First	5	384			69
Hot Springs Churches:					
Central		341			84
Park Place	1	402			174
Second	4	470			84
Including Mission		50			
Hoxie		107			48
Jacksonville	4	154			58
Jonesboro, Walnut St.		219			59
Levy		138			57
Little Rock Churches:					
Bethel		54			20
Calvary		123			63
Grace	7	81			23
Immanuel	8	904			334
Including Mission		1227			343
Liberty					36
North Fork		60			
Reynolds Memorial		161			69
South Highland	3	263			87
Tabernacle	2	385			91
Mamolia, Central	4	336			83
Malvern, First	5	253			57
Monticello, First	6	227			50
Norphet, First		228			121
N. Little Rock Churches:					
Baring Cross	6	552			117
Including Mission		594			133
Central	2	211			50
First	1	444			111
Ozark		161			62
Paris, First	5	336			123
Pine Bluff Churches:					
First	11	654			146
Second	21	289			94
Including Mission		302			
South Side	2	378			88
Including Mission		418			
Rogers, First		222			73
Stuttart, First		310			124
Tuckerman, First	1	74			38
Wilnot		50			28

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New Term At Central College

Registration for the second semester will be held for new students Monday afternoon, January 28. Students now at the college are registering this week. Examinations closing the first semester began January 22 and will continue through Friday morning.

President Edwin S. Preston attended the annual session of the American Association of Junior Colleges in Chicago last week. Central is a member of the Association.

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THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

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Many of us do not mind special offerings. They lift our spirits, and oftentimes bring money into the work of the Lord which would not otherwise be given. The writer does not mind special appeals, and sometimes greatly rejoices in making a special offering, but we should remember the hope of our denomination work is in our cooperative missionary method. Is your church doing its best for cooperative missions?

More Churches Support the Causes

Although the number of churches giving through the Cooperative Program in 1945 was slightly smaller in 1945 than the number supporting the Cooperative Program in 1944, yet the total number of churches giving to all causes through our office in 1945 was greater than the number giving in any previous year. Eight hundred and seventy one churches made contributions for some cause during the year. 721 of them supported the Cooperative Program.

1945 Cash Receipts

For your information we are giving you here, the figures that represent the cash receipts of the Executive Board for 1945. Disbursements have been made exactly according to instructions of the Convention, and will be certified to by a reputable firm of auditors in the city of Little Rock, and is being published in the Convention Annual.

Please notice carefully the caption over these figures. In the first place we say "CASH" receipts, in the second place this is a report of the cash receipts of your "Executive Board." This does not include anything that you may have sent directly to one of our institutions. This office cannot say that it received and handled it. We cannot list on our books as "cash receipts" that which you have sent to some other Board or to some institution or agency, other than the Executive Board.

1945 was a great year for us from a financial standpoint. Here are the figures:

CASH RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Program—	
Undesignated Contributions	\$306,666.76
Designated Contributions:	
Baptist State Hospital	1,514.99
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage	4,850.03
Centennial Crusade Thank Offering	61,390.77
Central College	118.02
Ouachita College	4,821.41
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Enlargement Campaign	650.00
State Missions	25,543.95

Arkansas Baptist Assembly	
Cash Offerings	113.60
Arkansas Baptist Honor Fund	22,513.36
Negro Work	100.74
Ministerial Student Aid	200.00
Columbia—Jarrett Baptist Memorial Church Building and Marker	487.01
American Bible Society	377.00
Foreign Missions	7,886.18
Home Missions	1,982.63
World Emergency Relief	2,016.11
Old Ministers Relief	218.76
Baptist Bible Institute	320.00
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	6,002.00
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	741.50
Overseas Relief and Rehabilitation	1,970.92

Total Designated Contributions \$143,818.98

Total Cash Contributions \$450,485.74

Miscellaneous Cash Receipts:

Ministers Retirement	
Members' Contributions	\$16,702.88
Churches' Contributions	22,075.65
Special Contributions	
Baptist State Hospital	70.03
Payment by member — 1% Penalty On Delinquent Dues Prior To Current Year	1.46

Total \$38,850.02

From Relief and Annuity Board for Ministers Retirement Administrative And Promotion Expenses \$1,329.88

Baptist Boards Employees Retirement Plan:	
Amount of Dues withheld from Salaries	1,453.95
Contribution of Dues By Employer	1,453.95
From Baptist Sunday School Board	9,055.10
Church Music Festivals	195.05
Love Offerings Received From Churches for Summer Field Workers	2,286.03
Pulaski County Youth Rally Offerings	87.16
Baptist State Hospital Contribution to Payment on Old Debt (Arkansas Baptist State Convention Bonds)	30,000.00
Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, for State Mission Work	7,262.50
Federal Withheld Tax	1,254.20

Interest Received on Investments:

State Mission Fund	\$ 50.00
State Mission Endowment Fund	132.50
S. A. Apple Educational Trust Fund	67.50
Office Building Fund	15.00

Honor Fund \$

Total \$

Church Choir Concert Offerings:

Immanuel Church, Little Rock, \$

Immanuel Church, El Dorado \$

Total \$

B. S. U. Convention Registrations \$

Total Miscellaneous Cash Receipts \$ 93

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS \$544

\$61,000 Thank Offerings

Our Baptist people in Arkansas during made "Thank Offerings" totaling \$61,000. This was about \$6,000 less than the amount prayed for the churches to give. The Association leader and following Association report that they have reached the goal.

Association	Leader	Thank Offerings
Arkansas Valley	W. F. Couch	\$2,000.00
Benton County	Rel Gray	1,000.00
Big Creek	G. W. Napier	1,000.00
Black River	H. D. Palmer	1,000.00
Boone-Carroll	G. E. Lafferty	1,000.00
Buckner	John Evans	1,000.00
Caddo River	J. J. Franklin	1,000.00
Carey	J. M. Basinger	1,000.00
Caroline	H. G. Jacobs	1,000.00
Clear Creek	W. O. Taylor	1,000.00
Concord	G. H. McNutt	1,000.00
Current River	H. W. Johnston	1,000.00
Delta	Clarence Cutrell	1,000.00
Faulkner County	H. S. McLaren	1,000.00
Gainesville	H. W. Johnston	1,000.00
Independence	S. A. Wiles	1,000.00

Piney Grove Increases Mission Allocation

Piney Grove Church in Hope Association, Lawrence Ferriell, pastor, has increased mission allocation 25 per cent. They are pleased in the Cooperative Program and are pleased to give their heartiest support to it.

The Prescott Church Moves

First Church, Prescott, has adopted a new budget for 1946. Rev. Fred White, progressive young pastor. They propose to give \$720 for cooperative missions and for association missions. Brother White is a resourceful leader and good preacher, and has some good laymen in this historic church.

Rev. Orville Reid, missionary from Mexico, showed movies of life and conditions in Mexico at First Church, Fayetteville, on January 6. A native of Stilwell, Okla., he is on furlough from Mexico.