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-H. Armstrong Roberts.

The Star Of Bethlehem - - -

"A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." Luke 2:32.

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From
The Arkansas Baptist
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To all our friends and readers of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST, we extend Christmas greetings and our very best wishes for the holiday season and for the New Year.

I wish to express my personal appreciation to you for your gracious cordiality throughout the year to me as editor of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST, for the reception which you have accorded the ARKANSAS BAPTIST, for your many encouraging words and your splendid co-operation.

And now, I hope you will accept this little greeting from both Mrs. Duncan and myself for your friendship which we cherish, and for which we are profoundly grateful.

We wish for each one of you the very richest of God's blessings, and we hope that the Christmas season may bring to you the peace and assurance of Him who prayed, "Holy Father keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are."

B. H. DUNCAN, Editor.

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift," our Savior, Redeemer. May His presence bless you in a special way throughout this Christmas season.

And as we approach the New Year, may we be more dedicated to His will and purpose in our lives than ever before.

MRS. HOMER D. MYERS, Editorial Assistant.

Wishing you the charm of an old fashioned Christmas and the happiness of a glorious New Year.

MRS. E. F. STOKES, Bookkeeper,
Circulation Manager

May the Lord's richest blessings be with all of you during the holiday season.

MRS. HARRY GIBERSON, Assistant,
Circulation Department

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to every reader of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST.

BERTHA LOU WILSON, Secretary

May Christmas day bring you happiness, and the New Year peace and joy.

FRANK KINNEY, Mailing Clerk

The Origin Of Man

A Devotion by the Editor

"Let us make man."

Where did you come from? Where are you going? And what are you doing along the way? Your answer to these questions reveals your conception of life in general and your conception of your own life in particular.

One's conception of his own origin and destiny will have much to do with what one does, how one acts, and what one thinks along the way of life. Is it possible for one's level of thinking, one's standard of conduct, one's mold of character to rise higher than his conception of his own origin and destiny?

If a person considers that he came from nothing and is going to nothing, his life ideals can hardly rise higher than nothing. If a person considers that he came from an impersonal materialistic origin and is going toward the same kind of destiny, it is not likely that his life will rise above the materialistic level. If a person believes that he came from God and is going to God, he will make some effort to rise to the implications and challenges of such a conception of life.

What are the purposes of life immediately before you now and in the future? The answer to this question will determine in large measure your relationships in the present and your preparation for the future. Men positionize themselves in the present largely by the estimate they place upon the current purposes of life. And men determine their positions in the future largely by the estimate they place upon the values and the purposes of the future.

"What is man?" And the whole question turns upon that "what." The heavens, the sun, moon, and stars are the work of "Thy fingers." But man is the very breath, the spirit of God himself. The sun cannot think God's thoughts, the stars cannot feel the touch of the divine, the universe cannot consciously, interestedly, and enthusiastically, enter into the purposes of God.

Man alone, of all the creatures of God, can enter into the purposes of God and approve the ways of God and with intelligence and by free choice fulfil the purposes of God in life. Other creatures may fulfil God's purposes, but not on the level of the moral, spiritual, personal, and intellectual.

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: . . . And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Genesis 1:26, 2:7.

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From The Editor's Desk

Remember Christ This Christmas

What if Jesus had not come! It is beyond the power of the human imagination to visualize what the world would be today if Jesus had not come. And we shall not undertake the impossible task of describing such a world.

The glorious fact is that Jesus did come! The Christmas season each year was originally designed to remind us of His coming. Although commercialism has sought to steal the occasion from the Christian consciousness and obliterate the original concept of Christmas, yet the reminder of the coming of the Christ Child still survives; it cannot be buried underneath the debris of commercialism or sinning indulgences. For this survival, we are thankful.

As we remember the coming of Christ during this Christmas season, may we also take stock of our Christian heritage which has come down to us through the centuries. We should be sobered by the reflection that the same powerful satanic forces which attacked our Christ when He was here in the flesh have also survived the passing of time and are as vigorous in their attack upon Christianity and Christ's disciples today as they were in Christ's day upon this earth.

Therefore, to fully appropriate our Christian heritage, we must not only recognize the power of Christ whose coming we commemorate, but we must also make sure that we do not succumb to the enemies of our Christ nor be awed by their propaganda.



May this Christmas season mean to us an enrichment of our spiritual experiences, a deepening of our devotion to our Lord, and the rededication of our lives to the cause for which He came.

A Timely Observation

A messenger to the recent meeting of the Baptist State Convention writes to the editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* and makes an observation which deserves the attention of all persons who attend such meetings.

The observation is this: "I think a reprimand is in order for any and all preachers who 'visited' in the vestibule of First Baptist Church in Little Rock during our State Convention. The afternoon session of the Convention could not be heard in the main auditorium because so many men and a few women didn't care enough about the Lord's business to listen to the reports."

One of the main values of any such Convention as the State Convention or the Southern Baptist Convention is the opportunity of meeting and visiting with friends. However, when such visiting disturbs the Convention session and prevents those in the auditorium from hearing the Convention program, it becomes irreverent and is lacking in the proper respect which should be shown to any Christian service and in courtesies which should be accorded those who are attending the sessions of the Convention.

The visiting should be carried on far enough away from the auditorium so that it does not disturb those on the inside who are attending the sessions of the Convention, and who want to hear the reports and the discussions of the reports.

A word to the wise should be sufficient for future gatherings of this nature.

Take Your Stand

We appreciate the uncompromising stand of Governor McMath toward the granting of a franchise for the proposed Dixie Downs track at West Memphis. We believe the moral forces of the state will be encouraged by the Governor's stand, and will vigorously support the Governor, in his opposition to the establishment of the Dixie Downs track, by registering their protests with the racing commission.

The weakest argument of the commission for granting the franchise was that the issue was to be submitted to the voters of Crittenden County. Crittenden County politics are notoriously rotten. Governor McMath, in his letter to the members of the racing commission requesting their resignation, correctly stated that "A local option election on this question in Crittenden County would be a farce."

An editorial in the *Arkansas Gazette*, November 17, the same issue that reported McMath's call for the resignation of the members of the commission, rightly charges that the Dixie Downs issue is not merely a "local matter, but a state matter."

The establishment of a racing track at West Memphis would constitute a moral blight upon the state of Arkansas unequalled by anything in the history of the state; it would constitute an insult to the neighboring states, particularly Tennessee and the city of Memphis.

As stated in the *Gazette* editorial, the increased cost of law enforcement and welfare

Loose Thinking

We have entitled this item "Loose Thinking," though that may be entirely too mild for the incidents to which we call attention. They might properly be termed "Sinister Movements."

We refer to a suggestion by A. F. Jones, executive editor of the *Syracuse Herald Journal*, who offers the novel idea of establishing a department of religion in our national government. Such a suggestion is either loose thinking, or if there is any serious thinking in it at all, it becomes a sinister thing. The establishment of a department of religion in our national government would completely break down the wall of separation of church and state and would open the door wide for all sorts of problems which our founding fathers sought to prevent by the establishment of a free church in a free state.

While we do not believe there is any immediate danger of the establishment of a department of religion in our national government, yet the suggestion is dangerous enough to alert the Christian people of the country, it is too dangerous to be ignored.

Perhaps the suggestion was prompted by the President's appointment of General Mark Clark as an ambassador to the Roman Catholic Pope in Rome. In fact, it reveals the same type of thinking and the same danger is involved.

Another example of loose thinking, or should it be called "materialistic thinking," is the suggestion of Howard W. Weatherbee, director of publications for a Baptist hospital in New England, that the clergy should organize into unions to get better pay. Certainly we would have no objection to our ministers receiving larger salaries to meet more adequately the pressing economic demands upon them. But to organize into unions in order to achieve this result would violate every principle of a God-called and spiritual ministry.

Perhaps it will be thought that this suggestion is so ridiculous that it does not deserve a second thought. But on second thought, it does suggest that there are some ministers among us who are so materialistically minded that they would be willing to resort to any device in order to increase their salaries.

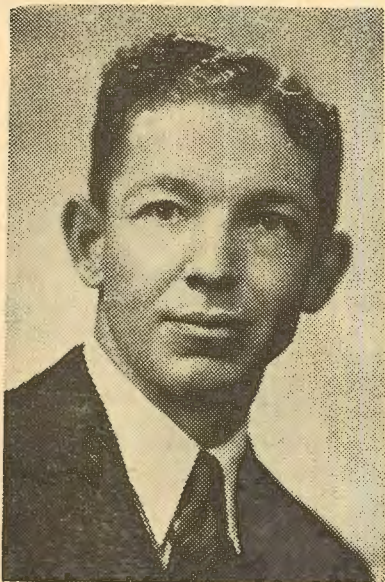
The minister must pay his bills. Groceries and other items of living expenses cost the minister just the same as any one else. But when the ministry is put upon a commercial basis, it at once loses its spiritual content.

The salary level of Southern Baptist preachers should undoubtedly be raised. But we have no fear of them resorting to such methods to get an increase in salary.

payments would over balance any revenue the state might receive from the track. The moral and spiritual degradation which such a track would bring to the state should cause every decent citizen of Arkansas to rise in protest against this insult to the moral conscienceness of the citizenry of the state.

Kingdom Progress

Morrilton Pastor



Ed. McDonald

Ed. F. McDonald Jr. has resigned the pastorate of Dermott Church to assume the pastorate of First Church, Morrilton, December 30.

Mr. McDonald is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, the University Law School, and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Besides student pastorates, he was pastor of First Church, Hamburg, prior to serving the U. S. Army as Chaplain for two years. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

During his four and one-half year pastorate at Dermott, the membership of the church increased from 346 to 506; there were 328 additions to the church membership, 133 by baptism. An annex was added to the education building, the auditorium was redecorated, and the church recently voted to build a new home for the pastor. Mission gifts increased from \$1,217 in 1947 to \$3,527 in 1951.

Mrs. McDonald is the former Miss Wanda Milhoan, Hartford, and she too is a graduate of the University of Arkansas. There are two children, Ed III, age 12, and Martha Ruth, three months.

Beech Street Over Subscribes Budget in One Day

The Beech Street Church, Texarkana, over subscribed its budget on December 9, by \$728. The proposed budget for 1952 amounted to \$99,960. In a single day, December 9, subscriptions to the church budget amounted to \$100,688.

Doctor Floyd B. Chaffin, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention, and formerly from Arkansas, preached in a revival meeting recently with the Beech Street Church, James G. Harris, pastor. There were 72 additions to the church, and the Sunday School attendance reached an all-time high of 829.

Pastor Harris recently preached in revival services at First Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, in which there were 25 additions to the church.

Ministers Ordained

An unusual ordination service was held at South Side Church, Pine Bluff, Sunday afternoon, December 9, when three young ministers, members of the South Side Church, were ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry.

It was a climactic hour for Pastor Lloyd A. Sparkman when his own son, Alfred Sparkman, and two other young men from the membership of his church, Jim Tillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tillman, and James Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wilson, were ordained to the gospel ministry.

These three young men are students in Ouachita College, and each has been called to the pastorate of a church: Jim Tillman assumes the pastorate of the Linwood Church, Moscow; Alfred Sparkman takes up the pastorate of the Anderson Chapel Church at Dumas; and James Wilson becomes pastor of the New Home Church, McCaskill.

The ordaining council was composed of ministers of the Harmony Association, and visitors outside the association included: J. T. Elliff, First Church, Fordyce, who preached the ordination sermon, and B. H. Duncan, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*. Pastor Minor Cole, Dumas, conducted the examination, and Pastor Earl R. Humble, Bethel Church, Pine Bluff, led the ordination prayer. Doctor L. G. Formby, a deacon in the South Side Church, presented each of the young ministers a Bible.

Special music for the occasion was furnished by the Pine Bluff high school A Cappella choir.

Dumas Has Successful Meeting

Pastor Minor E. Cole, First Church, Dumas, reports a successful meeting in the Dumas Church conducted by "The Challengers for Christ," with Bob Randall, preacher, and Billy Lucus, singer. There were eighteen additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, five by letter, and one by statement.

Speaking of this team of evangelists, Pastor Cole says, "They were a special blessing to our young people." Pastor Cole reports that this evangelistic team, "The Challengers for Christ," will leave January 15 for a four month evangelistic tour in Europe.

Bethel Church, Fayetteville In Revival

Pastor Roy W. Reed, recently ordained to the full gospel ministry, and the Bethel Church near Fayetteville, had the services of G. W. Morrison, evangelist, of the Immanuel Church, Fayetteville, and singer, Jack Decker in a revival meeting November 25-30.

There were five additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and two by letter.

Pastor Reed had the privilege of baptizing his only son, Donnie Wayne.

In addition to the services in the church, Pastor Harris preached each noon in a theater in the downtown section of the city. He also preached daily at McCalley Prep School. There were 112 professions of faith in one service.

News From Ouachita

Radio Program

Ouachita College ministerial students have started a daily radio program over station KVRC in Arkadelphia. The program is called "Echoes of Things Eternal" and presents religious news, human interest reports, and comments on religious life.

Time for the program is 3:20 to 3:30 p. m., Monday through Friday. Dr. L. Williams, head of the OBC Bible Department, is director of the project.

Dr. Williams states that the daily broadcast will contain variety in content and emphasis. Subjects will range from editorial comment from the religious press to biographical sketches of great men. Occasionally a book of a religious nature will be reviewed.

Christmas Activities

The Baptist Student Union of Ouachita College is planning a Christmas program. The program, scheduled for Monday night, December 17, is intended to inform college students about Student Night at Christmas, and for inspiration.

Student committees are at work on the program. Harold Osborne, B. S. U. president at Ouachita, said that the service would be the very best that is possible "in order to show everyone what they can do when they return to their home churches for Christmas."

The Ouachita male quartet and the girls' trio will provide special music for the program.

The Girls' Student Government at Ouachita College is planning its annual Christmas program during which each girl will bring a gift for a child at the Bottom's Baptist Orphanage. The gift-bringing includes girl students who live in campus dormitories.

The annual event is a highlight for girls attending OBC. "We enjoy bringing the gifts to the children much more than if we brought them for each other," one girl said.

Pastoral Change

Paul E. Grimes recently accepted the pastorate of the Wabaseka Church in Harmony Association. Mr. Grimes is also principal of the White Hall Elementary school near Pine Bluff. Until recently he was pastor of the Greenlee Memorial Church, also in Harmony Association.

Prior to coming to Arkansas, Mr. and Mrs. Grimes lived in Columbia, South Carolina.

Stewardship Revivals

There were nine stewardship revivals conducted in the White River Association during the month of November. Associational Missionary Claude Crigler, in co-operation with the pastors in these stewardship revivals, participated in the program of each.

These revivals were conducted in the following churches: Yellville, Flippin, Cotter, Gassville, Mountain Home, Antioch, Whiteville, Pilgrim's Rest, and East Cotter. More than 100 decisions to "go all out" for the Lord and His church were made.

Deacon Ordained

H. D. Ambrose was ordained as a deacon by the Canfield Church recently.

The ordaining prayer was offered by Missionary M. T. McGregor. Pastor H. W. Wagner preached the ordination sermon. Harold Hightower is pastor of the Canfield Church.

Ungirding the Work

By E. C. BROWN, *Pastor*

First Church, Blytheville

The ninety-eighth session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention was indeed a very fine one. The reports from all our work indicate that progress has been made. They also give evidence of many open doors which are challenging us to enter in the coming days. While our new Cooperative Program budget is the largest in our history, it is not adequate to meet all the needs of our great work. I am convinced, however, that the co-operative plan is the only wise and safe plan for Arkansas Baptists to follow. We must stay by it and continue to use it to undergird all the work of the Lord here in our state and even out to the ends of the earth. To sidetrack on special campaigns is to do harm to the Cooperative Program and to interfere in the program of the local church as it endeavors to meet the challenge of the community in which it serves. Arkansas Baptists must include capital needs in the Cooperative Program budget in the immediate future. Other state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention are finding that this plan works most acceptably. It will also work in Arkansas. Our Orphanage needs more building facilities in order to care for more needy children. Ouachita College needs more space for students. All of this can be accomplished through the Cooperative Program if we will plan wisely and promote this program diligently.

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Buddhist Guide Carries New Testament

By GLADYS NELSON, *Tokyo, Japan*

When Philip asked the eunuch, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" he replied, "How can I understand without some man to guide me?" We were visiting the famous Buddhist temples at Nikko last summer, admiring the beauty of the workmanship, and listening to the story told by the guides in the various temples, when one of the men who was giving his phase of the explanation in the last of the temples inquired who we were and what we were doing there. He had been a little surprised that Americans were using a little Japanese.

When he learned that we were missionaries, he seemed to brighten up somewhat. One of our group asked if he knew anything about Christianity, and he reached into his pocket and pulled out a New Testament. We were amazed that a man in his position would be carrying a Bible, and we asked him to find John 3:16 and read it. He read the passage, but like the eunuch, how could he understand without someone to teach him? Two of the ladies whose Japanese was much better than mine did their best to explain the passage of Scripture and tell him how to become a Christian. We didn't have the same results as Philip, but we were thankful that he was interested in becoming a Christian and listened with an open mind. He promised to study God's Word diligently and try to find Christ.

Incidents like this make us want to work all the harder on the difficult task of learning to speak Japanese. The language is such a barrier between us and the Japanese people, but we know that God can use even our feeblest efforts to bring others to Him.

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Next to you is a stranger; find him.

Good Will Mission Tour

Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, and Joe C. Carrington, First Baptist Mission Committee Chairman, left Austin by plane December 3, for South America. Their tour will take them to mission points in Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, and Peru.

Focal point of the trip will be the church at San Luis, Argentina, which is sponsored by the Austin church. Alfonso Olmedo, native Argentinian, is the missionary of First Church, Austin, to his own people in the interior city of San Luis, some 500 miles west of Buenos Aires.

Young Olmedo came to the attention of the Austin Church while he was a student in the University of Texas. A converted Catholic, his evangelistic zeal and determination to preach the gospel to his own people prompted the church to appoint him as their missionary to his native land. He returned to Argentina in 1945. The church has supported him ever since.

The growth of the church at San Luis has been phenomenal. The influence of Olmedo has caused many other mission churches to become realities. Last summer he attended the Baptist World Alliance as a representative of the Baptists of Argentina.

Other mission fields will be visited, according to Carrington, who has arranged and sponsored the trip.

"We are not going on a speaking tour, we are going to learn," Dr. Marney stated at the airport just before stepping on the plane. "We are trying to evaluate our investments of the past and our prospects for the future at close range. We will listen to others rather than ask them to listen to us."

"We hope to study not only what is being done now," Carrington said, "but what is being done by those who became Christians five, ten, fifteen years ago. We are anxious to learn something of their schools, Sunday Schools, Boy Scouts, and other youth organizations."

The plane schedule calls for stop-overs at Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Asuncion, and Lima.

First Church, Lewisville, Has Training School

First Church, Lewisville, J. W. Royal, pastor, recently conducted a training school in which they were assisted by a faculty from Magnolia. Only six persons out of an enrollment of 84 failed to attend every session of the school.

"Every Christian's Job" was taught to a group of adults by James Luck, and to a group of young people by Darrell Bowden. "Intermediate Fishers" for a class of intermediates was taught by Mrs. Jack Holly. Mrs. Paxton Jordan taught "Jesus Saves" to a class of juniors.

M. Ray McKay Hospitalized

Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of Second Church, Little Rock, underwent an appendectomy Saturday night, December 15. Physicians report that Doctor McKay is doing nicely and they expect a normal recovery.

No Paper Christmas Week

According to a long standing custom there will be no paper published on Christmas week. We wish for each one of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We invite you to look forward to the issue of January 3, 1952.

History of Southern Baptist Educational Agencies

Doctor J. M. Price of the School of Religious Education, Southwestern Seminary, commends Magruder's *Historical Study of the Educational Agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1845-1945*. The author, says Doctor Price, is a Southern Baptist, and the book is a Ph.D. thesis at Columbia University.

Doctor Price says, "We feel that it would be good if it could be in all our college and seminary libraries and at our various state mission headquarters as it gives a very fine study in this field." The book may be obtained from the Bureau of Publications, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.

Misplaced Baptists

A letter from Pastor Edmon Burgher Jr., from Portland, Oregon, states, "We believe that there are several hundred Southern Baptists living here in the Northwest now who we have not yet enlisted in our work."

Pastor Burgher is appealing to the Baptist friends in other states who may have friends or relatives in the Northwest area to write him giving the names and addresses of such persons so that he and others can contact them and enlist them in the work of the Southern Baptist churches in the far West.

If you have friends or relatives or acquaintances in that area, write Pastor Edmon Burgher Jr., Lincoln Street Baptist Church, 2115 S. E. 32nd Pl., Portland 15, Oregon.

An Expression of Appreciation

Pastor and Mrs. Thomas W. Dove wish to express through the columns of the *Arkansas Baptist* their deep appreciation and gratitude to their many friends and fellow preachers for the many comforting messages during their days of sorrow in the loss of their little boy. Their message says, "They (comforting messages) have all helped us bear the loss of our little boy, and we don't know how we could have sustained it without prayers and kind words."

Local Option Liquor Election

The Christian people of Dallas County are circulating a petition calling for a local option election. Fifteen per cent of the qualified voters in the county must sign the petition before an election can be called.

An Arkansan in Texas

Dr. Charles Frank Pitts, a native of Arkansas and former pastor of Immanuel Church, Rogers, has completed his first year as pastor of the College Avenue Church, Bryan, Texas.

During this year 191 persons have been received into the fellowship of the church, 54 of these by baptism. It is reported that all phases of the church program have been expanded during Dr. Pitts first year with the Bryan Church.

In addition to carrying on his pastoral duties, Dr. Pitts completed the work and received the degree of Doctor of Theology from the Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas.

Miss Marion Mayes of Blytheville, Arkansas, a student at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, has been chosen for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."



Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

Urges Large Business Enterprises Have Religious Counselors

Business enterprises which employ several hundred or more people should have a religious counselor, it was urged in Shreveport by J. B. Shores, Dallas, Texas, director of public and employee relations for the Texas and Pacific Railway Company.

He told a Rotary Club meeting that some companies have provided religious counselors and that "the relationship between employees and employer is on a most satisfactory basis."

"Such companies," he added, "go beyond the paycheck. Through the religious counselor, they are taking an interest in the personal problems and welfare of their employees."

Mr. Shores also suggested that employee-management conferences should be opened and closed with a prayer.

"Instead of calling on the government to intervene," the executive said, "why not call on God?"

Visual Church Begins Second Season

A unique church whose program is almost entirely visual began its second series of services in the home town of many Hollywood film stars, Encino, California.

The Valley Visual church, which Dorland P. Dryer, its Baptist minister, calls "the church of the future," holds services in a movie theater. It uses religious films—supplemented by spoken Christian messages from the pastor—in place of sermons, and flashes the words of hymns on a screen.

Mr. Dryer, producer of a religious television program originating in Los Angeles, said he had been planning a visual type of church for more than 20 years.

The pastor once played the lead in a religious play on Broadway and enrolled in the first course offered in religious film production. Later he studied speech, Shakespearean acting and dramatic oratorio work with experts in each field.

Passport Restrictions to Formosa

Passport restrictions by the State Department have blocked at least temporarily the sending of missionaries to the island of Formosa, which lies 100 miles east of the coast of China, almost midway between Hong Kong and Shanghai.

According to passport officials, the shortage of housing and food, plus the danger inherent in the tension between Nationalist Formosa and Communist China, has led to a sharp restriction of persons permitted to go to Formosa. In the case of missionaries, they said, only those would be permitted to go who were in the U. S. on furlough, or who were to replace missionaries about to retire.

Mission officials plan to protest the State Department ruling. They point out that plans to enter Formosa were in response to appeals from the Chinese themselves, many of whom became Christians through mission work on the mainland.

Arkansas Churchmen Train To Defeat Race Track

Some 500 workers enlisted from this community's 18 churches began a training course preparatory to canvassing Crittenden county's 5,400 voters in an all-out ballot battle against the establishment of a horse racing track about a mile outside town.

The workers were enlisted and the training school established by the Anti-Race Track League, organized by Crittenden county ministers and laymen.

The league was formed recently when the Arkansas Racing Commission unexpectedly issued a long-sought franchise for a track at West Memphis, just across the Mississippi River from Memphis, Tennessee.

The training school for the workers, who will make a house-to-house canvass of the voters before the election, is being held on successive evenings in West Memphis, Turrill and Crawfordsville.

In Tennessee, the pastors of more than 70 Southern Baptist congregations in Memphis have agreed to hold all-night prayer meetings at the time of the voting.

The Arkansas Baptist Convention recently adopted a resolution asking the state's 240,000 Southern Baptists to bend every effort to repeal the 1935 state law legalizing horse racing. The only track now operating in the state is at Hot Springs.

Montreal Board of Trade Calls By-Law Illegal

The Montreal (Canada) Board of Trade labeled a city by-law requiring stores to close on six Roman Catholic holidays as "illegal and unenforceable."

Earlier, several large Montreal department stores began legal action against the city to declare the law invalid. They charged that by-law goes beyond the powers granted the city in its charter.

It was expected that scores of small businesses would join the department stores in defying the law and remaining open December 8, Immaculate Conception Day, one of the holidays stipulated in the by-law. The others are Ascension Day, All-Saints Day, Epiphany, Christmas and New Year's.

(Note — Catholics have been trying to get Catholic holidays legalized in the United States.—Editor.)

Business Men Urged to Avoid Christmas Drinking Parties

Business men over the country were urged by Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union to "help put Christ back in Christmas by discontinuing Christmas Eve employee drinking parties in their offices."

Mrs. Colvin said that pastors are joining W. C. T. U.s in "seeking to end the office drinking parties which have increased year-by-year until the birthday of the Prince of Peace is debauched in nearly every community."

Smile or Two

Note to a Mother-in-law

Dear Ma:

Take back your darling daughter,
Teach her the things you haven't taught her.

The simple things — like boiling water,
Before I'm tried for woman slaughter.
I've tried to eat without a quiver
Her recipes—Oh God forgive her!
Now back to you for keeps, I give her,
Before they send me up the river.

The world has seen the Stone Age, the Iron Age, and judging from the news, it is now observing the Steal Age.

Lawyer: "You say you were about 35 feet away from the scene. Just how far can you see clearly?"

Old Farmer: "Wal, when I wake up, I see the sun, and they tell me that's about 93 million miles away."

Student: To whom was Minerva married?
Professor: My boy, when will you learn Minerva was the goddess of Wisdom? She wasn't married.

Willie: "Paw, what is the difference between capital and labor?"

Paw: "Well, the money you lend represents capital, and getting it back represents labor, my son."

Walking out into the front yard, the father saw his son sitting astride another lad's chest on the grass.

"Why are you pinning George to the ground like that?" Jimmy's dad demanded.

"He hit me in the eye."
"How many times have I told you," reprimanded his father, "to count up to one hundred before you lose your temper."

"I am counting to a hundred," Jimmy explained. "I'm just sitting on him so he'll still be here when I get through counting."

"Is Bliggins a socialist?"
"To a limited degree. Of course, he holds on to any material possessions, but he is willing to share his opinions with anybody."

A man was caught off-guard in the subway rush. They took him home, and a cop knocked at the door.

"What is it?" called the wife without opening.

"Your husband," said the cop. "He was crushed flat as a pancake in the subway."

"I'm dressing," said the wife. "Slide him under the door."

Two disgruntled farmers like to grouse to each other.

"Never did see any hay grow so short as mine this summer," sighed one.

"You think yours is short," answered the other. "I had to lather mine to mow it."

Men are the only people on earth who think they have more sense than women.

Isn't it a blessing that we're not getting all the government we're paying for?

Who'll ask controls so what we buy'll Be lower priced? Why, you and I'll. And who will make the loudest squeal If what we sell is lowered? We'll.

—Don Moon

News From Baptist Press

SBC Home Missions Budget Increases Work in West, Missionary Salaries

A \$1,570,000 budget for 1952 adopted by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board at its annual meeting in Atlanta, November 27-28, includes provision for \$145,000 for work in the West in co-operation with state conventions and \$424,950 for direct mission work in the homeland. Also included was a 10 per cent increase in missionaries' salaries.

The allocation for direct missions includes work under the direction of Loyd Corder, superintendent. Dr. S. F. Dowis is superintendent of the Cooperative Missions Department.

In view of the expanding possibilities of the Home Mission Board's territory and work, a motion adopted by the Board provided for the appointment of a nine-member committee to "re-study the essential functions of the Home Mission Board and in the light of such study to suggest ways of improving, publicizing and promoting our work; and that we study the areas for co-operation with other agencies and boards of our Convention."

The committee is to include seven state board members who will represent the various sections included in the Board's ministry. A report will be submitted before the next annual meeting.

Elected to serve as president of the Board for the coming term is Frank Garrison, Atlanta. Dr. J. B. Lawrence was re-elected to his twenty-first year as executive secretary.

Other officers elected include W. A. Duncan, pastor First Baptist Church, East Point, Georgia, vice-president, and Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, recording secretary.

Missions? Ten Per Cent Give Nothing Only 140 Churches Divide 50-50

Nearly 10 per cent of the churches co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention gave nothing to missions in 1950 and only 140 churches—one-half of one per cent—spent as much for missions as for themselves. This information was released this week by the Division of Promotion of the Executive Committee, Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director.

The 140 churches giving half or more of their budgets for missions represent all four classifications of churches. Twenty-eight city churches, sixteen town churches, twenty in villages and seventy-six in the open country make up the one-half of one per cent.

The 10 per cent giving nothing—2,664 churches—includes 224 city congregations, 119 town churches, 292 village groups and 2,029 open country churches.

The majority of the churches, including all classifications, give from 10 per cent to 20 per cent of their total budgets for missions. The next largest range is a smaller percentage with 22 per cent giving 5 to 9 per cent.

Less than 7 per cent of the 27,788 Southern Baptist churches gave more than 30 per cent to missions, including those giving 50 per cent.

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For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the year through, The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

—Whittier

January Bible Study

By DR. JOHN L. DODGE

For the past five years, the January Bible Study Week, promoted by our Sunday School Board, has been observed with much profit by thousands of our churches in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. This Week of Bible Study has met with increasing interest by both the churches and pastors.

Brother Pastor are you planning a Week of Bible Study for your church in January 1952? If you have not done so, it is not too late to plan for this Week of Bible Study.

It was strongly emphasized in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention that Arkansas Baptists believe in doing things together. Why not Arkansas Baptist Churches being one hundred per cent for Bible Study Week in January?

First Baptist Church, Hot Springs, has observed Bible Study Week in January the past three years. The people now ask, "Are we planning for the Bible study again in January? We want it."

The emphasis last year centered around the book, *The Bible and Prayer*, by Dr. R. G. Lee. It is suggested by the Sunday School Board that next January's study center around, *The New Testament Doctrine of the Church*, by Dr. J. Clyde Turner. The time was never more urgent than now that the people called Baptists study this vital doctrine. This is your opportunity, Brother Pastor, to teach your people the great doctrine of the New Testament Church.

Let me urge that you take advantage of this opportunity, thereby strengthening your people in the doctrine of the church. Dr. Louie D. Newton said, "Informed Baptists are convinced Baptists, and convinced Baptists are working Baptists, and working Baptists are victorious Baptists, all of which adds up to a hearty commendation of Dr. Turner's *The New Testament Doctrine of the Church*, which Southern Baptists will study in January 1952."

Look at the contents of this book, Brother Pastor, and you will say at once, "I must, with God's help, lead my people in the study of this great doctrine." The chapter headings are:

- I. The Beginning of the Church
- II. The Growth of the Church
- III. The Nature of the Church
- IV. The Government of the Church
- V. The Officers of the Church
- VI. The Ordinances of the Church
- VII. The Worship of the Church
- VIII. The Work of the Church
- IX. The Triumph of the Church.

Let's have one thousand Baptist churches in Arkansas studying the *New Testament Doctrine of the Church in January 1952!*

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A Protestant minister isn't using the Tuberculosis Christmas seals this year because he doesn't think a "grinning" Santa Claus represents the real spirit of Christmas.

Paul Adams, pastor of Woodland Avenue Lutheran Church, Youngstown, Ohio, returned his seals to the T. B. county office, explaining that they had no meaning in terms of the birth of Christ.

Instead, for his own holiday cards and packages, Mr. Adams used seals issued by his own denomination (American Lutheran Church) for support of a T. B. hospital in San Antonio, Texas. They bear a representation of Jesus.

—Religious News Service.

Season's Greetings

The Brotherhood Department takes this means of wishing to every reader of the *Arkansas Baptist*, and to every Baptist man and his family, everywhere, a pleasant Christmas season, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

May God grant to each of you during the coming year a closer walk with Him, as you seek to make of 1952 the greatest year of your life, in effective service to Him Who gave His all for all of us.

In His Name,
Nelson Tull.

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Future Plans for Expansion At Golden Gate Seminary

Enrolment neared the 200 mark for 1951 fall session of Golden Gate Seminary as one hundred and ninety-two students entered the seminary in September.

The student body represents 27 states and Hawaii, and five foreign countries: Japan, China, Cuba, Brazil, and Ireland.

Selection of a permanent site for the seminary in Berkeley and a five year program of expansion is the immediate challenge for Golden Gate Seminary.

The seminary will receive \$1,000,000 during the next five years from the Cooperative Program for building construction in Berkeley. The money is Golden Gate Seminary's share of the \$14,500,000 capital needs funds being designated for twelve Southern Baptist agencies.

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He who has no Christmas in his heart will never find Christmas under a tree.

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Keeping Christmas is good, but sharing it is better.

Take someone to church this week... you'll both be richer for it



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Dr. W. H. Knight Dies After Extended Illness

Dr. W. H. McKnight, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention since 1941, died December 13, in Alexandria, following a month-long illness. He had been in the Baptist Hospital since early November when he suffered a heart ailment.

Dr. McKnight, a native of Louisiana, has been active in Baptist leadership since his student pastorates while in Louisiana College. He received his bachelor of arts degree from that school in 1941, and the master of theology from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth in 1917.

Serving on the Southwestern Seminary faculty as professor of missions from 1918 to 1923 and again in 1929-1932, he also earned the doctor of theology degree from the institution in 1919.

Prior to coming to Louisiana as head of the state work, his pastorates included Riverside Church, Fort Worth, Texas; First Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1923-1927; First Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, 1928-1929; Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, Georgia, 1932-1938; and First Church, Pineville, Louisiana, 1938-1940.

Several churches while under his ministry were well-known for their high record of baptisms.

He served on many boards and commit-



tees for various institutions during his more than thirty-five years of service. Among them were the state executive boards of Louisiana, Georgia and Arkansas, in addition to the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and the Education Commission.

Funeral services were conducted December 15 at Alexandria.

—Baptist Press

Swimming in Butter

In the view of the president of the American Bankers Association, overspending by government, private organizations and individuals is putting a dangerous strain on the economy. To use his words, "our huge military and foreign aid programs, coupled with continued non-essential spending by government, business, and individuals, create a demand for goods greater than our current capacity to produce."

In this, government is unquestionably the worst offender—if only because it is the biggest. In the fiscal year which begins next July, the Federal government alone will spend a minimum of \$80,000,000,000 and perhaps much more. The minimum figure works out to \$2,050 for every family in the country, as compared with \$265 in 1939.

The apologists for do-everything government say that the budget is necessary in the light of present world conditions and that substantial cuts cannot be made without endangering the security and safety of the country. But the fact remains that the budget is loaded with big appropriations for projects which could either be postponed, abandoned, or undertaken by private enterprise. Analysis after analysis indicates that the budget could be cut by perhaps \$10,000,000,000 without affecting our defense or eliminating any activity which is necessary.

The point is, of course, that the spending must be cut—no matter how hard that may be on the bureaucrats and the seekers after treasury funds—if a runaway inflation and a murderous squeeze on our productive plant is to be avoided. It isn't a case of guns or butter here. But it is a case where we can't have the guns and at the same time swim in the butter. Extravagance and unnecessary spending are crimes against the people now living and the generations not yet born.

—Industrial News Review.

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Always do your best—sing, pray and give.

The Adventure of Finding God

By Virginia Church

A Book Review by Dale Cowling

This is one of the most helpful and refreshing little books that I ever remember reading. From the background of a broad education and much personal contact with students, Miss Church has given a series of discussions that will be most helpful to any young person in facing the problems of youth. She begins with how we can know that God is real and continues by considering the nature of God. She magnifies the Bible as a guide for life and exalts Christ as Lord of Lords and King of Kings through whom we interpret God. She points out the importance of the church and magnifies it as a center of worship and service. In another chapter she gives a discussion of the great men who have influenced the world of today and points out their dependence upon God and their simple faith in Christ. This chapter alone is worth many times the price of the book. She gives three chapters in which she traces how God whispers in the ear of men through poetry, great literature, and great art. She makes prayer real, practical, and inviting. There is a beautiful and impressive chapter on the subject of immortality. The book comes to a climax in the closing chapter which discusses our personal relationship with God.

There is certainly nothing trite or warmed over in this little book. It thrills the soul and leads one to a real experience with God. I highly recommend it for any young person with problems, or any individual who wishes to refresh his soul.

Abingdon Cokesbury Press: Nashville, Tennessee; Price \$1.50.

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Convalescing in hospitals in other states, as a result of serious illness, are the following well known Baptist leaders: Robert G. Lee, Memphis; and C. Livingston Mays, Nashville.

What Does a Car Cost a Pastor?

By H. H. McGINTY, Editor

The Word and Way

What does it cost, on the average, for a pastor to operate his automobile in the discharge of his duties? Interest in the question has in the past been confined mostly to these pastors who pay the bills; but there are increasing signs that self-respecting churches are giving belated attention to this considerable item.

The Joint Commission on Pension Plans and Clergy Salaries of the Episcopal Church recently released a study of the cost for operation of a car by a minister. For the territory similar to the Southern Baptist Convention, it figured \$453 per year plus 3.2 cents per mile. The \$453 represents the cost of purchase, insurance, license and replacement; the 3.2 cents per mile is the price of maintenance and operation.

Findings released recently by the Rural Church Department of Drew Seminary, based upon actual records kept by 119 rural pastors in thirty-five states, show that the average pastor on a rural field travels more than 8,000 miles each year at a cost of \$417.50 doing his pastoral work.

Moreover, these costs are increasing and with the prospect of higher prices and taxes, they will continue to do so. When ministers made pastoral calls, using a horse and buggy, they would often come home at night with a sack of oats. But few people stop the minister today and ask for the privilege of filling his gas tank.

Increasingly, churches are revealing an aroused conscience on this subject. Some are providing a car and an operation fund complete; others are making provision for the pastor's transportation in the church budget. But too many have neglected the spirit of fair play in this matter.

If a church pays the travel expenses of its pastor, he will be encouraged to do more pastoral and evangelistic work. If he must pay his own expenses out of a meager salary, there are those who will suffer. The same condition prevails with the associational and district missionaries.

No reputable business firm would expect its representative to pay his expenses out of his salary. Are the children of this world still wiser than the children of light?

—The Baptist Program



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Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT:
"No Vacancy"

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KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.
KUAO, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.
KOSE, Osceola, 8:30 a. m.
KVRC, Arkadelphia, 2:15 p. m.
KGHI, Little Rock
Consult local paper for time.

Progress

By BURTON A. MILEY

Isaiah set his prophetic eye to the progress of the Lord's work. He knew that God must progress within the nations of the world. The challenge was hurled to Israel: "Lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." This text reminds one of William Carey, who probably more than any other, made the text prominent in modern times.

When progress is contemplated no individual should be overlooked. Had I been choosing one to lead in establishment of a new missionary spirit in the modern world, I would have overlooked Carey, because he was only a humble cobbler. God saw good timber in him. Had I been looking for one to revolutionize the world through spiritual values, I would have overlooked the helpless babe in Bethlehem's manger. That babe was God's timber. Had I been selecting those, who would more closely than others attach themselves to Jesus, I would have overlooked the fishermen and the publican, but Jesus saw in them timber for His work.

Progress must never overlook one individual. There is no call from God concerning His work which one individual can do alone. It is all a co-operative work. The preacher must work through the prayers and support of his parishioners. The organizational leader must work through the hands and support of his parishioners. The organizational leader must work through the hands and hearts of the members of the organization. To choose a few close friends and confine God to work through these alone is the blight of progress and the hurt of short-vision on the part of leaders. Many churches overwork the few and leave out the many.

Always there have been hinderances to progress. Isaiah confronted them. Christ came in contact with them. Every leader

who has striven for progress has been made mindful of the hinderances. Chief among the hoods on progress is the idea of change. People are slow to accept change. They are creatures of habit and sameness. Many today do not care for travel by air because it is such a change from ground travel. Some older ones were reluctant about motor-powered travel, because it was a change from the horse and buggy. Change for the sake of change is wrong. Change for the sake of progress is right.

Many of the methods, but never the message, of the church have become outmoded. One Divine has said that folks had rather see a preacher stand on his head and work his feet, than to see him stand on his feet and work his head. Clowns entertain. But the Edisons, Westinghouses, Fields, and Bells have given inventions to bless man. These gave headwork.

Progress Demands Vision

Shortness of vision is a great hindrance to religious progress. Religion viewed from the spiritual viewpoint is not a whim of today or a fancy for tomorrow. It is the stuff upon which the pilgrim between two worlds leans and gains support. Many become interested in the mechanics of a program and cannot or will not see the spirit of progress beyond the mechanics. Many cannot see a long range accomplishment for fear that a short-sighted goal will be lost. Isaiah had a long vision as progress demands.

What are some assets to progress? God is alive and is life. Life is never static, but is constantly creative. For life to cease to be creative means decay and death. Therefore to follow God is progress. No one has

accused God of being a fossil. No charge of senility has been laid before His face. No bold-hearted reprobate has challenged the creativeness of God. Follow God and progress must be! No other recourse can come. Was it not Judson who said after seven years of work on the mission field without one convert that the future was as bright as the promises of God? If you want progress, follow God.

Progress Demands Resourcefulness

Another asset is the resourcefulness of the human mind. When I was a boy I never dreamed that there was a way to core an apple except to eat the apple from around the core. Now the human mind has made a gadget which removes the core and leaves the apple! The candle has been replaced with the incandescent light. We cook differently from the way Grandmother cooked. We sleep on different types of beds. We travel differently. We approach life differently. Everywhere the resourcefulness of the human mind is apparent. Can it be that the mind is impotent in the field of religion? I fail to believe so. The resourcefulness of the human mind is an asset in the field of progress in religion. Let us be done with reluctance to change, with our clings to the past and with shortness of vision.

Then God promises to be with us always. This is on condition that we do His work. If we have failed to go with Him, if we have used the resourcefulness of mind in every other field except that of spiritual religion, can we expect God to go with us unto the end of the age? Let us strengthen our stakes and lengthen our cords and let go for God. No failure attends progress for Him.

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We are morally responsible for every wrong which we have the power to prevent.

An Exchange of Letters

Doctor J. M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., wrote President Truman under date of October 19, 1951, asking for an opportunity to discuss with the President "an urgent question . . . about which I wish a few moments to confer with you as early as possible. If at all permissible, I would respectfully solicit a few moments of your time Monday, October 22, or as early thereafter as you can allow . . ."

The "urgent question" which Doctor Dawson wished to discuss with the President was the bill passed by Congress granting tax money to sectarian hospitals in the District of Columbia.

On October 20, the day after Doctor Dawson had written his letter to the President, Mr. Truman announced the nomination of General Mark Clark as Ambassador to the Vatican, whereupon Doctor Dawson commented on Mr. Truman's appointment and of course expressed his opposition to the appointment.

On October 30, Matthew J. Connolly, secretary to the President, replied to Doctor Dawson's letter, obviously on orders from President Harry Truman. It should be noted that Mr. Connolly is a Roman Catholic. His letter follows:

"Almost simultaneously with the receipt of your letter of October 19, requesting an appointment, the President read in the press

a statement credited to you attributing a base and despicable motive to his action in nominating an Ambassador to the State of Vatican City. Indeed, you were quoted as saying it is 'a frantic bid for holding machine-ridden big cities in the approaching hot Presidential race.'

"If this is a correct quotation, the feeling at the White House is that no useful purpose could be served by the conference which you request . . ."

Doctor Dawson replied in part that he had no inkling of the President's forthcoming announcement of the appointment of General Clark, but sought to discuss the bill providing government aid to church hospitals. Referring to Mr. Connolly's reference to his statement concerning the appointment of General Clark as Ambassador to the Vatican, Doctor Dawson states that he used the word "perhaps," which is not a positive declaration. However, he continues, "Apparently my statement is the common judgment of practically all Americans, who, whatever their position in regard to the propriety of the appointment, feel that political expediency dictated the appointment. I am one of the very many Americans who trusted the President's pledged word made more than once to Protestants that no diplomatic relations would be established with the Vatican."

The Washington Religious Review com-

ments: "The exchange of correspondence is both revealing and amazing, when all factors are considered. One point revealed seems to be the President's determination to cut himself off from his former Baptist ties, or at least to all Baptists except those who will toady to his point of view. There likely are some, but not many. Another point revealed, which may be surprising to some Americans, is that it's possible for a person who disagrees with Mr. Truman to get a letter from the White House which does not have any profanity in it . . ."

"An amazing point about this exchange of letters is that, while it was made public to all the wire services and newspapers of Washington, not a single line about it has appeared in the newspapers and not a paragraph dispatched throughout the nation, so far as can be ascertained . . ."

"Perhaps the most amazing point to the correspondence is that it indicated there is a possibility—maybe even a probability—that the President is staying sober much of the time. After the passel of profane letters a year ago, his close followers began to insist that the President no longer was getting drunk . . ."

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A good way to control the tongue is never to use it unless you can say something good.

—Copied

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Some people have the right aim in life but they never pull the trigger!

A Christmas Greeting

"A Merry Christmas to you!
Merry with holy mirth;
As happy a Christmas to you
As can be on this earth;
A consecrated Christmas,
A Christmas full of rest;
God give you, for your Christmas,
Whate'er His love deems best."
—Copied

Women's Missionary Union

Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary
Doris DeVault, Young People's Secretary

ANNOUNCING NEW SERIES OF BOOKS ON HOME MISSIONS

The new series of books, prepared for study preceding the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 3-7, will be available early in January. Plan now for all age groups to study and order your book requirements from the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock.

For Adults—

Crusade in Home Missions, by Dr. Courts Redford. (More than a survey, a study of home missions, present and future.)

For Adults and Young People—

Tangled Threads, by Dr. Ralph Phelps Jr. (Discussion of labor, race, communism, alcoholism, and the underprivileged.)

For Intermediates—

I, Too, Can Be a Missionary, by W. Barry Garrett. (A study of home missions through reports of summer student missionaries.)

For Juniors—

Everywhere Preaching the Word, by Josephine R. Medlin. (The life stories of half a dozen missionaries who carry the gospel by foot, or horseback, by automobile, boat, street car, and train.)

For Primaries—

Any one of the following: **Lilly May and Dan**, **Carmita of Cuba**, **Katie of the Canyon**, **Strawberry Road**, **Anthony Becomes Eagle Heart**, **The Farmer Twins**, and **Precious in His Sight**.

For Teachers—

Home Missions Meeting Spiritual Needs, by Mary Christian. (Source book on the 1952 series.) Each of the above is 50 cents.

QUARTERLY REPORT BLANKS

Quarterly report blanks will be included in the program material for the Day of Prayer for Community Missions which will be mailed immediately after Christmas. Watch for these and report promptly to the State W. M. U. Headquarters, Associational Superintendent and Associational Young People's Leader.

"ALL WORKING FOR CHRIST"

That is the challenging theme of the associational denominational rallies scheduled for February 11-22. This is a wonderful new plan of presenting Arkansas Baptists' and Southern Baptists' whole denominational program. Every phase of "our" work will be presented, and every Arkansas Baptist should attend. Check the schedule as found on the back page of the December 13th issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* and plan now to attend the meeting in your association. It is an unusual opportunity to meet and know state workers and to become acquainted with a correlated presentation of plans to present the gospel to the world and of enlistment of Christian forces in Christian activities.

"PAY WHAT'S DUE IN '52"

Let's do it! Have you planned for systematic gifts to wipe out the Honor Debt? Personally and as organizations may we put emphasis on this important task of paying every cent of our debts during 1952.

Send Your Pastor To Evangelistic Conference

By DR. C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent of Missions

The annual Evangelistic Conference probably means more to the pastors of the state than any other meeting. Its inspirational features help to kindle the flames of evangelism in the hearts of the preachers and sends them back to their churches with compassionate hearts and fervent messages. Churches cannot help but notice a difference in their pastors' messages following an Evangelistic Conference. It is a spiritual uplift to the pastors who have been facing problems, bearing burdens, and running in circles with multitudinous duties. He needs to get away from all the call and annoying problems for a few days to get his own life spiritually quickened.

All of this means that the church can do no greater service to its pastor than to see to it that he attends the Evangelistic Conference at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, January 14-16. The church, after all, will be the one to profit by his attendance. Hence, the church should gladly pay all of the pastor's expenses to this conference. It will be money well spent. Give him a big Christmas present and include in it money for the Evangelistic Conference.

By the way, don't forget the missionary either. It has almost become a custom for churches to remember their pastors at Christmas time, but who thinks of the Associational Missionary? Don't forget him at Christmas time or in sending him to the Conference.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH TOWN CHURCHES

Sometime ago we called attention to the fact that churches in the towns (from 500 to 2,500 population) are showing the least growth of any group in Arkansas. The country areas are decreasing in population, yet the open country churches are showing the greatest gains along all lines than any others in the state. The city churches are next in growth. The village churches—those in communities less than 500—show a fair increase. But for some reason the town churches are at a standstill. The number added to the church rolls just about bal-

ances the losses. The Sunday School enrolment stays about the same from year to year.

What reason can we give for this lack of growth in the town churches? Is it because of the lack of aggressive pastoral leadership? Or, is it because the progressive element in the town churches have moved away and left them without any diligent workers for the Lord? Could it be that those in the town churches are not willing to finance the type of services, program, and building that will attract the people? Are they just "too set in their way" to move forward? Are they content to live in the past with no plans for a better church in the future? Country churches are making progress. Village churches show gains. City churches are increasing. What is wrong with the town churches?

Maybe the trouble lies with our denominational emphasis. Have our state and southwide leaders launched programs and published literature which were designed primarily for the larger churches? Have they given as much time in the town churches as in the city churches? Is it not true that the city churches, with employed educational directors, have the services of state and southwide workers most of the time, and seldom do they go to a town church?

On the other hand, our mission program has been primarily for the country churches. Thus, the country churches have had the services of the missionaries and, perhaps, for that reason they show an increase. But the missionary may feel that he is not needed in the town church and, in turn, the town church may feel that the missionary's work should be in the country. So, the town church is left without any assistance or encouragement from any denominational servant. Can this be the cause of the town churches being at a standstill?

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON
Director

**Merry Christmas—
Happy New Year**

**God so loved—that He gave
His Son**

We, the workers in the Sunday School Department, are grateful for each and every opportunity to serve given by the pastors, missionaries, and workers in the churches. We are grateful for the help given in promoting each phase of the work—through the association, and in the local church. During the year, advance has been made in Sunday School enrolment, and in Teacher Training. For all who have had a share in this work, we are grateful.

We wish for all a Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

*Edgar Williamson, Secretary
George H. Hink, Associate*

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY WEEK

Begin the new year with a week of Bible study in your church. A doctrinal study of the church is suggested. The book, *The New Testament Doctrine of the Church*, by J. Clyde Turner. Order your books early in order that they may be in the hands of the people for advance study.

Promote January Bible Study Week with all forces. Enlist the support of the deacons. Put the entire Sunday School above the Primary department into this week of study (Juniors and Intermediates may study in separate groups). Check on attendance by departments. Ask all of the organizations in the church to co-operate. Use posters and frequent announcements to keep the interest high.

**JUNIORS AND INTERMEDIATES
STUDY DOCTRINES**

Mary Virginia Lee

Every year some Baptists join churches of other beliefs. Why? Evidently we need to do more doctrinal teaching. This is the purpose of the Bible Study Week in January. The best time for learning is while one is young; while he is inquisitive; while he is eager to know; and before he has formed opinions, and has arrived at convictions. It is easier to cast the thinking of youth than to re-cast the opinions of adults.

So, if you want your boys and girls to know the truth, to become intelligent Baptists, to have definite convictions on vital matters, be sure to enlist every Junior and Intermediate in the study of *The New Testament Doctrines of the Church*, by Clyde J. Turner. Don't miss this opportunity.

TRAINING UNION DEPT.

RALPH W. DAVIS
Secretary

Our Program for 1952

I. State Program for 1952

1. Goal of 20,000 study course awards (1951-17,740)
2. All associations reporting study course work — 500 churches reporting study course work.
3. A functioning associational Training Union organization in every association.
4. 100 additional churches in Arkansas with Training Union work.
5. An increase of 7,000 in Training Union enrolment in Arkansas.
6. 500 churches in the crusade to enlist members in daily Bible reading.
7. 500 churches in the crusade to increase prayer meeting attendance.
8. 250 churches observing Youth Week, April 6-13.
9. Observance of Church Loyalty month in March with churches using the doctrinal and church membership study course books.
10. Promotion of Junior Memory Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill, and Young People's Speakers' Tournament in churches and associations.
11. Group Schools and Central Leadership Schools to be conducted in a large number of associations during 1952.
12. State Training Union Convention, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 14-15, 1952.

II. Associational Program

1. Regular Training Union meetings for association.
2. Group leadership or central leadership schools for associations.
3. Set time and place for elimination tournament for Junior Memory Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill, and Speakers' Tournament.
4. Promotion of Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, July 1-9, and Ridgecrest (third week, July 24-30).
5. Plans to reach the churches in each association that do not have Training Union work with conferences or study courses.
6. A goal of at least one study course conducted in every church in every association during 1952.
7. Lead every officer of the associational Training Union organization to study by correspondence the Associational Training Union Manual just as soon as possible.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

DR. DALE COWLING
Director

Student Night at Christmas

One of the greatest stabilization influences in the life of a college student is to feel that his home church has a vital interest in him and is concerned about him even though he is away. Our churches have a real opportunity to express this kind of concern through the Student Night at Christmas program. The evening service of December 30 should be completely given to the college students who are visiting back home from college. A program should be planned in which each student will have some definite part. The program could take the same form as training union parts where each student would discuss a different phase of college life and show how the Baptist Student Union has helped him meet that phase of life in a Christian way. Some could give parts on their chosen vocation as a means of serving Christ. This type of program will prove very helpful to the students who take part.

Student Night at Christmas also is a blessing to the church. It is thrilling to hear the testimonies of your own college students. Many fathers and mothers will be made glad to know that Baptists have a plan of work which seeks to develop the college student for Christ.

Will you make it your personal responsibility to see that your church observes Student Night at Christmas this year?

**What Christ Is Doing
Through Youth**

The spirit of God is moving in a powerful way among the college youth of today. Testimonies such as the following constantly come to the attention of those of us who work with college students.

"My freshman, sophomore, and junior years in high school I was mostly seeking honors for myself. My senior year my attitude was changed. Instead of wanting to be popular, I sought to let the beauty of Jesus be seen in my life. I found that when I put Christ first, others second, and self last, and lived Matthew 6:33, these other things were added unto me. I was elected president of the Future Teachers of America, and the choral club, vice-president of the Future Homemakers Club and Hi-Y, most beautiful girl, and was second in the cutest girl in campus Who's Who, was band treasurer, a member of the basketball team, a cheer leader, a member of the Student Council, and the National Honor Society. The only reason I was given any of these honors was that God wanted to show others in our school that you could be well-liked and be a consecrated Christian."

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**WOODRUFF COUNTY
HYMN-SING**

The Woodruff County Hymn-Sing was held in McCrory Church, Sunday afternoon December 2, with 10 churches and one mission representing 166 people. R. D. Harris directed the program, the theme being "Christmas." Miss Myrtle Rose Best was the organist for the meeting and Mrs. Christine Foster, pianist. Special numbers were brought by Augusta, Morton Gregory, Riverside, Pleasant Grove, Raynor's Grove.

**PULASKI COUNTY EAST-ZONE
HYMN-SING**

The East-Zone Hymn-Sing for Pulaski County was held Sunday, November 25, in the Biddle Baptist Church, Little Rock. There were a total of 42 people present representing four churches. M. O. Kelley directed the program and Mrs. Paul Cobb was the accompanist. Pine Grove Baptist Church brought the special number.

The next Hymn-Sing will be held in the East End Baptist Church the fourth Sunday in January.

**LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
HYMN-SING**

The Little River Association met with First Church, Lockesburg, Sunday afternoon, December 2. There were 250 people present representing 23 churches. The entire program was given by the Ouachita Baptist College Choir directed by Fred Becker with Miss Johnette Jackson as pianist.

**PULASKI COUNTY NORTH-
WEST-ZONE HYMN-SING**

The Pulaski County Northwest-Zone Hymn-Sing was held Sunday afternoon, December 9, in Crystal Valley Church. There was a total of 84 people present representing five churches. Miss Jo Anne Sullivan directed the Sing, and Mrs. Reid Sullivan was the accompanist. Rev. Vernon Wickliffe led the devotional, the theme of the program being, "Christ is Born." Churches bringing special numbers were Amboy, Peoples, and Crystal Valley. The next Hymn-Sing will be held January 1, 1952 in the Peoples Baptist Church in North Little Rock.

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Religious Unity, a la President

President Truman in the fall of this year issued a ringing appeal for religious unity in a time of crisis. He criticized church leaders for being unable to agree on a simple statement of basic affirmation which could be used in the ideological battle against Communism.

We agree with that multitude of Christian editors and others who raised the question, "Since when did it become the function of the president of the United States to lead the churches into religious unity?" The President stated that he had been trying for some time to get religious leaders of the world to agree to a statement based on Exodus 20 and Matthew 5, 6, 7.

The President over-simplified the matter when he said sharply that he could not even get religionists to agree on the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, and when he said, "we should lay aside our differences and come together now — for never have our differences seemed so petty and insignificant as they do in the face of the peril we face today."

Maybe the President could not get church people together in matters of theology, but he has certainly gotten all Baptists and Protestants together in their opposition to sending an ambassador to the Vatican at Rome. Never has anything in our nation been so unanimously opposed by the non-Catholic population as the nomination of a Vatican ambassador.

Japanese Give To Missions

By IONE GRAY

Baptist women of Japan are giving sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering this year. The Woman's Missionary Society of the church where Mrs. Edwin B. Dozier, Southern Baptist missionary, belongs gave 19,000 yen, or over \$52 in American money, during one day of its Lottie Moon Prayer Week. Mrs. Dozier expects the amount to double.

"How I thank God for the development of these Christian people," Mrs. Dozier wrote. "This year I have come to feel that some have a vision of the worldwide challenge of giving Christ's message and realize their responsibility in sending the message to the ends of the earth. It seems that everyone gave so joyously that the real spirit of Christ was felt by all."

Mrs. Besho was absent from the meeting. But she had a good reason, for she was suffering from acute tuberculosis. The poverty-stricken family live in a little shed-room six by four feet with a place to cook on the ground just outside.

Not only has the President succeeded in uniting Baptists and Protestants on this vital matter, but he has sowed the seeds of the worst religious prejudice campaign this nation has ever known. It is easy for opposition to the Vatican envoy to degenerate into religious hatred and persecution. This is church unity a la President.

—Arizona Baptist Beacon.

Watchdogs Needed

In a letter to Senator Lodge, former President Hoover endorsed a proposal to set up a new congressional committee to act as a watchdog on military spending. Mr. Hoover wrote, "When appropriations were a few millions, the members of congress or its committees formed sufficient guardianship of their proper expenditures."

"But now that they run into many billions, something more than the normal congressional committees are essential for watchdog purposes."

It is often said that, despite the burning need for rigid economy in government, we must not tamper with the rearmament program. This is true — on a general principle. But waste in the military establishments is just as bad as waste in the Interior Department, the Executive establishment, or anywhere else. Congress has been properly disturbed by reports that military officials have pursued purchasing policies which artificially and unnecessarily drove up prices — and thus bought the country less defense for the money available than would otherwise have been the case. Senator Lodge, a veteran of the last war and one of the strongest advocates of full preparedness, believes that the proposed new committee should maintain "a 365-day a year supervision of all defense spending."

We are now paying the highest individual and business taxes in our history, save for the peak reached briefly during World War 11. In spite of this, we are running a tremendous deficit and going farther and farther in the red.

—Industrial News Review

Figures To Inspire

Sunday, December 9.

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.	
Little Rock, Immanuel	13-6	449	3	
Including Missions		1507	556	
Fort Smith, First	1282	763	15	
Including Missions		1618	879	
Little Rock, First	1023	401	4	
El Dorado, First	965	274	1	
Including Missions		1042	314	3
No. Little Rock, Baring Cross	924	349	5	
Including Missions		965	369	
Little Rock, Second	835	179	3	
Hot Springs, Second	714	199	3	
Fayetteville, First	695	304		
Pine Bluff, South Side	684	256	6	
Texarkana, Beech St.	610	284		
El Dorado, Immanuel	590	318	5	
Including Mission		641	361	
Benton, First	583	115		
Including Mission		641	162	
Paris, First	560	180	7	
Magnolia, Central	548	202		
Including Mission		602		
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	548	161	2	
Crossett, First	545	241	2	
Camden, First	539	134	5	
Including Missions		863	310	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	524	246	1	
McGehee, First	507	157	2	
Including Missions		582		
Warren, First	501	96	1	
Silcoam Springs, First	481	317	3	
Booneville, First	478	68		
Little Rock, Gaines St.	476	268	2	
Paragould, First	476	234	2	
Including Missions		652	379	
Fordyce, First	470	185		
El Dorado, Second	469	223	1	
West Helena, West Helena	460	156	2	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	457	182	1	
Springdale, First	446	185		
Including Mission		547		
Cullendale, First	427	191		
Conway, First	422	145	2	
Malvern, First	418	127	2	
El Dorado, West Side	405	155		
Fort Smith, Calvary	387	160	1	
Rogers, First	385	178	4	
Including Mission		460	226	
Little Rock, So. Highland	382	144	2	
Stuttgart, First	361	198		
Including Mission		400	241	
Oseola	359	161	1	
Smackover, First	348	145		
Bauxite, First	347	234	3	
Monticello, First	335	112		
Fort Smith, South Side	330	128	2	
Northlet, First	314	223		
Texarkana, Calvary	310	136		
Hamburg, First	304	138		
Little Rock, So. Highland	302	138		
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	302	78	3	
Fort Smith, Temple	301	207	4	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	301	144	2	
No. Little Rock, Central	293	105	2	
Mena, First	283	109		
Wilson, First	282	167	1	
Pine Bluff, Second	272	102		
Bentonville, First	254	79	2	
Including Mission		263		
Piggott	243	86		
Hot Springs, Piney	241	161	1	
Gurdon, Beech St.	239	114		
Wynne	239	67		
Greenwood, First	236	107		
No. Little Rock, First	235	85		
Fort Smith, Trinity	235	85		
Little Rock, Calvary	231	68	2	
Levy	229	106	2	
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	222	93	1	
Gentry, First	215	184	1	
Alma, First	212	111		
Star City, First	210	91	2	
No. Little Rock, 47th St.	209	107		
Little Rock, Hebron	200	127	5	
No. Little Rock, Pike Ave.	192	71		
Carlisle, First	186	94		
Rector, First	182	72		
Augusta, First	169	49		
Including Mission		218		
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	165	129	1	
Crossett, Mt. Olive, No. 2	163	100		
Nettleton, First	160	102		
Pine Bluff, Bethel	150	96	2	
Levaca	147	84		
Curtis	124	97		
Little Rock, Tyler St.	138	72	1	
Van Buren, Oak Grove	131	92		
Warren, Immanuel	119	81		
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	107	77		
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	89	60	2	
Fort Smith, North Side	87	59	4	
No. Little Rock, Grace	78	34	2	
Booneville, Glendale	76	54		
Arkansas City	76	50	2	
No. Little Rock, Davis Chapel	74	72		
Magazine	74	26	1	
Little Rock, Bethel	65	41		
Little Rock, Biddle	65	60	1	
El Paso	59	49		
Fort Smith, Rye Hill	59	61		
Little Rock, Markham St.	48	46	2	
Alexander, First	45	25	2	

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Love,
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(I love you)

November 23, 1951

Dear Arkansas Baptist:

Christmas is a time most people think of receiving things and giving things. Most people forget that Christmas is the most important day of the year because it is Christ's birthday. I have realized there is a more important thing about Christmas than receiving gifts. But we should remember and be thankful that we have a Savior and He was willing to die for us. This Christmas I am not asking for anything, but I am telling Arkansas Baptists how much I appreciate my home and everything that has been done for me. I appreciate the people in the home that is trying to help me. Because if it hadn't been for Christ speaking to Arkansas Baptists I probably wouldn't have a home today. And a Christian home is what more people need today, and I am thankful I live in a home where Christ lives. All I am asking of anyone this Christmas is that they will continue to help boys and girls that do not have a mother and father to care for them. Please pray for me that I will be more thankful for my home and the freedom of religion as the days come and go.

Your friend in Christ,
(Signed) Mary Lynn Gilmore.

As you think of Christ and Christmas . . .
Don't forget the
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H. C. Seefeldt, Superintendent
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Dear Santa:

I want to thank you so much for the gifts you sent me last Christmas I enjoyed them very much. I want some football shoes or a wrist watch. I will be every happy if you will send these things I asked for. I like Christmas very much, because I can give as well as receive. I think I will like this Christmas very much. Now I guess I will close now.

Your truly,
(Signed) OLEN WILLIAMS.

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Dear Santa Claus:

I am thankful I have a home, and that I can go to school and to church, for the food and I am thankful I have a House Mother to take the place of a mother. I appreciate all the nice things the Baptist Home has done for me. I would like a zipper notebook, if it is not too much trouble, and a raincoat with a hood, if it is not too much trouble.

Love, CAROLYN.

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Sunday School Lesson for

December 23, 1951

Isa. 9:6-7; Luke 1:46-55, 2:1-7

"And she brought forth her first born son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger." Luke 2:7.

Read it again and again! Untold volumes are written into that short verse of scripture. The whole universe hangs upon the fact therein stated. It is the pivot of all truth, spiritual and physical. It is the foundation of all facts, known and unknown. Ancient races looked forward to that hour for the fulfillment of all their hopes; all who have lived since must look back to that occasion as the greatest epoch making event in the history of mankind.

For the past three months we have studied specifically the "Promises of God." We began this series of studies with the call of Abraham, when the greater promises to man began to develop. In her song of praise, Mary referred to the promise of God to Abraham, and to their forefathers, Luke 1:55.

Please get this: All the promises of the past, every promise found in the Old Testament, every promise of God for time and eternity, are embodied in Christ. All have been or shall be fulfilled in Him. Shall we notice just a few; (now is a good time to read Colossians and Ephesians).

All Knowledge of God Revealed in Christ

1. He is the "fullness of the Godhead bodily," Col. 2:9; He is the image of God, Col. 1:15.

2. He was the firstborn of all creatures. Also the firstborn from the dead.

3. By Him all things were created, in heaven and in earth; visible and invisible; whether they be thrones, dominions, principalities, or powers, all were created by Him and for Him.

4. He has reconciled all things in heaven and earth by the blood of His cross, so in Him we have redemption, even the forgiveness of sin.

5. Through Him we have obtained an inheritance.

6. He sustains the universe: "By Him all things consist."

7. He maintains the universe: "He upholdeth all things by the word of His power."

8. In Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col. 2:3)

9. In the fulness of time, all things shall be gathered together in Him, both in heaven and in earth, Eph. 1:10.

10. All the goodness, mercy,

and grace of God is extended to us through Christ Jesus, Eph. 2:7, not for any other reason that one might imagine, but "That we shall be to the praise of HIS GLORY." Eph. 1:12.

11. "That in all things he might have the pre-eminence." Col. 1:18

Go with us to Isaiah 9:6-7: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end . . ."

In Jesus the Christ, the spiritual promises of God are fulfilled first; spiritual things always come first with God. "Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior . . ." His primary purpose in the world was to save sinners.

Salvation from sin involves eternal life; we are saved from something, to something. Thus our salvation moves from the realm of the spiritual into the physical. We might have been saved FROM a burning hell—only to sleep forever; just saved from the punishment our sins deserve.

A Personal Matter

And just here let's place the emphasis where it belongs: That Christ has been born into the world is generally accepted; but Christ in the world is not enough; "Christ in you (is) the hope of glory." He must be born into the hearts of individuals to save them from sin and destruction. "Who-soever believeth in him shall have everlasting life."

But Christ is much more than Savior. He is not only Lord and Master of the spiritual realm, but also of physical, the mental, the economical, the political.

(1). "His name shall be called Wonderful." How people marveled at the miracles He performed while on earth. His power over disease, over demons, even over death, amazed His contemporaries. His great love for sinners was truly wonderful. His teachings revolutionized the minds of men.

(2). "His name shall be called Counselor." A counselor is one who gives advice, a lawyer, one who is capable of instruction. Jesus is a Counselor, and more, to the Christian; He is not only our Advocate, our lawyer, our Mediator with the Father, but He is our bodily companion. He invites us to bring our cares to

Him and leave them there; He will take care of them in the way that will be best for us. He asks to share our "burdens" with us; He will carry them if we will only lay them upon Him instead of struggling with them ourselves. The smallest care, the heaviest burden, He will carry for us as our Counselor.

(3). "His name shall be called the Mighty God." As God, He possesses all the attributes of Deity; all powerful, all knowing, and ever present. As our friend and Savior, we benefit from all His power; He knows all about us, He is ever with us, and has the power to do all things for our good and His glory.


(4). He is the Everlasting Father. We see things in the light of TIME only, God sees for eternity. We place too much importance upon the material, the earthly, today is the most important time we know; we judge the future by the past and present. Our vision is short; we are nearsighted. Our moods and attitudes are governed largely by existing circumstances. But ten years later we can look back and see the pattern God was working out for our lives—while we fretted and complained. He is the Everlasting God; He knew the end from the beginning; He knows what is exactly

best for us today, in the light of our tomorrows. Why not just trust Him with the present and the future.

(5). He is the Prince of Peace. Men strive for peace; all sane people crave peace. But there is no peace outside of Christ. ALL the promises of God must be fulfilled in Christ. There is no other answer; there is no other way. There shall be no peace until the Prince of Peace sits upon the throne of His glory. It is a little beside the point to expect sinful men to produce peace in this world. The devil is the prince of this world, and mankind has never been a match for Satan.

(6). "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."

Every nation in history has at one time or another been under the dominion of another. We love to think of our own America as being unconquerable. Whether we shall follow the trend of the ages and go down in defeat, only time will tell. But the Christian's citizenship is above the clouds. We are subjects of another domain. And when we come into our own, when our King takes over the reins of the universe, it will be a permanent kingdom; we are assured of good government, and a lasting peace.



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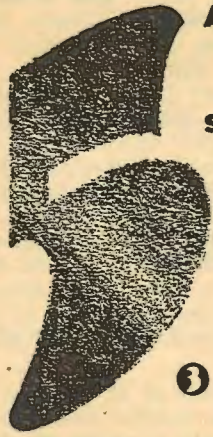
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Let's Rally to the Rallies!

The ASSOCIATIONAL DENOMINATION RALLIES to be held throughout the state, February 11-22, deserve the attention and support of every church in the state. Five teams of fifteen members each will go into the associations during this period with a program designed to give our people first hand information about every phase of our work. Each department of our work will be represented by a speaker as will each institution affiliated with the Convention. Following is the tentative program for these rallies:

Tentative Program

Baptist Denominational Association Rallies—February 11-22

Morning

- 10:00 Song, Scripture and Prayer
 10:10 Presenting Our United Front—Team Leader
 10:20 We Are a Part of the Baptist Family—Orphanage Speaker
 10:40 A Teaching and Healing Institution—Hospital Speaker
 11:00 The Pastor's Assistant—Arkansas Baptist Paper Speaker
 11:20 Recognitions and Announcements
 11:25 Special Music
 11:30 Magnifying Missions for the Master—Missions Department Speaker
 12:00 Recess for lunch (lunch served by host church)

Afternoon

- 1:15 Song and Prayer
 1:20 For all the Church—Baptist Book Store representative
 1:35 A Fortress for Missions—W. M. U. Speaker
 1:55 Special Music
 2:00 A Building Rock—Baptist Foundation Speaker

- 2:20 Ouachita on the March!—Ouachita College Speaker
 2:40 The Campus of Christian Purpose—Southern Baptist College Speaker
 3:00 "Our Sunday Schools Working for Christ"—Sunday School Speaker.
 3:20 A Trained Church and a Tremendous Challenge—Training Union Speaker
 3:40 Song
 3:45 Stewardship Sermon—Representative of the Executive Board
 4:15 Recess for recreation and evening meal

Night

- 7:00 Song, Scripture and Prayer
 7:10 Christ Lives on the College Campus Through the B. S. U.—B. S. U. Speaker
 7:30 Recognitions and Announcements
 7:40 Utilizing God's Men—That's Brotherhood—Brotherhood Speaker
 8:00 Make the Most of Music—Music Department Speaker
 8:20 The Youth Choir Sings
 8:25 All Working for Christ—A sermon on the Cooperative Program
 9:00 Adjourn

The theme for the programs is "WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHRIST." These rallies will demonstrate the theme as we shall see the State Missions, Sunday School, Training Union, Baptist Student Union, Church Music, W. M. U., Brotherhood, Arkansas Baptist, Executive Board, and Baptist Foundation departments, working together and with Southern Baptist College, Ouachita Baptist College, the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, the Baptist Book Store, and Bottoms Baptist Orphanage.

We sincerely urge every pastor and every leader of the various church departments to begin planning now to see that their church and particular phase of work is represented by a large group. Lets rally to the Rallies!

Let's Pray For Crittenden County Christians

Our Christian brethren and friends in Crittenden County are literally "going through fire" in their fight against the Dixie Downs Race Track group. Let's pray for them and for victory at the polls when, and if, the matter is presented to the voters of that county. Brother Russell Clubb is pastor of First Church, West Memphis, and T. D. Douglas is pastor of Grace Church, also of West Memphis.

Jasper and Gunther

"I am happy to report that Jasper has raised its contributions to the Cooperative Program from \$120 per year to \$350 for 1952. Boxley and Parthenon have not set up their budget as yet but I feel sure that Boxley will want to raise their contributions also."

—Wayne D. Gunter, Pastor.

Christmas Greetings

Dear Baptist Friends:

The office force of your Executive Board wishes to express to you our deep appreciation for your fine Christian spirit and for your denominational interest and loyalty. We also take this method of extending to one and all of our Baptist friends CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. We not only wish for you a Merry Christmas, but we also wish for you the most prosperous year in 1952 that you have ever had, both materially and spiritually.

—All Your Employees.

Off For Christmas

We are suggesting that our employees extend their holidays from December 21 to December 26. We plan to close the offices on the afternoon of December 21 and not open them until the morning of December 27. If you have requests or need to see us about something, please do it by Friday, December 21 or after December 26.

Cotton Plant Going Up!

A letter received this week from Brother Homer Randall, the fine treasurer of First Church, Cotton Plant, states: "Just a line to let you know that we are going to give 18 per cent to the Cooperative Program year." This figure will represent an increase over last year, and Brother Randall says further, "Maybe very, very soon we can beat that."

Brother W. Ray Tatum is the new pastor at Cotton Plant. He is a young man of much ability and personality. Thank you brethren!

Junction City and Beach

"I felt at the time that the 18 per cent increase over last year's contributions was asking quite a bit, but after speaking to the Lord and then realizing that because we as Baptists have been so selfish with our means in the past that now we are paying almost 25 per cent to Uncle Sam in increased taxes to pay for a war which might have been averted had we responded to the challenge of missions sooner, I must report that I have proposed a budget to the deacons with that increase over last year and they have received my recommendation in a wonderful manner. They have voted to recommend it to the church."

—Phil J. Beach, Pastor.

C. Oscar Johnson, former president of the Baptist World Alliance, was seriously injured in an auto accident in St. Louis, hospitalized for at least a month, he refused to prosecute the driver of the car because "he was going into the service next week."

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