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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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**Children at play - - -  
Supervised by Dad and Mother**

## Inspiration, Interpretation, Translation and Revision

By W. B. O'NEAL, *Batesville, Arkansas*

The Bible is the inspired word of God. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Timothy 3:16, 17. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:20, 21. These two references show not only that God's word is inspired but they show that the scripture is not to be interpreted by individuals but only through the Spirit who indited the matter. What a harmony there would be both in doctrine and in Christian activity if all were led of the Spirit in the interpretation of the word!

But the word of God in the original was given in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic. In order to convey the meaning of God's word to people of this age, some individual or individuals must know Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic and must be able to translate the meaning set down in these ancient tongues and to convey them into the languages of this day so that they may be understood. Consequently we have the Bible today in English, German, French, Japanese, and other tongues. There is no way to measure how much the world owes to the great scholars who have so faithfully devoted themselves to translating the Bible into the tongues of the nations of men.

However, there is another problem that constantly faces Bible students. The prob-

lem is that languages change. Words go out of usage and new words come into use. Word forms change, too, so that one trying to read a thing that was written some years ago is often nonplussed. The language of Wycliffe who translated the Bible into English was good in his day, yet there are few, if any, high school pupils in our day who could read it with any great amount of understanding. Thus it is necessary to revise or re-edit the Bible ever so often, not to change any of its meanings but to put its meanings into the tongue with which we speak.

Our King James version is a revision. Many expressions in this version have changed in meaning or usage since it was first published. The word, "offend," (Luke 17:1, 2: "Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.") doesn't mean to stir some one to wrath as we use the word now. The word, "prevent," (I Thessalonians 4:15: "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.") does not mean to keep a thing from taking place as we now use it. And, again the word, "charity," as used throughout the 13th chapter of I Corinthians, does not mean kindness or generosity like we use the term.

Revisers are not changers of God's word but persons trying to put God's word into the language of today. May God ever guide them.

## Freedom of Worship Insured In New Rhode Island Charter

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, November 24, 1663 (BP) — There was uninhibited rejoicing here and throughout Rhode Island today as news reached these shores that King Charles II has granted to the territory a new charter which insures freedom of worship.

The charter, bearing the stamp and seal of His Majesty, was delivered to civil authorities by George Baxter, a Boston sea captain, at a mass meeting here today. Captain Baxter held aloft the new charter for all to see and then solemnly read it to the assembly. Following an enthusiastic demonstration, the assembly unanimously voted the thanks of the colony to the king for his "high and inestimable; yea, incomparable grace and favor."

"No person within the colony at anytime hereafter shall be in any wise molested, punished, disquieted, or called into question for any differences of opinion in matters of religion," declares the charter. "At all times hereafter all persons may freely and fully have and engage in their own judgments and consciences in matters of religious concerns, not using this liberty to licentiousness or profaneness, nor to the civil injury or outward disturbance of others."

News of this new religious liberty is especially prized by Rhode Islanders. Many settlers here were banished from other colonies for their religious activities, and it was the hope of Roger Williams and other early set-

tlers that Rhode Island might be a place of religious and political freedom.

The hero of today's celebration was not present, however. He is John Clarke, the Baptist preacher who went to England twelve years ago with Roger Williams, also a preacher, to secure a new charter for Rhode Island.

Williams and Clarke were awarded a charter by the Cromwell government and Williams returned home. Clarke remained in England and it was well for the future of Rhode Island that he did. When King Charles II came to the throne, the charter had to have his approval.

Clarke petitioned the king for greater freedom in Rhode Island. "Your petitioners have it much in their hearts," declared Clarke, "to hold forth a lively experiment, that a flourishing civil state may stand; yea, and best be maintained with a full liberty in religious concerns."

At the same time John Winthrop, Jr., governor of Connecticut, had won preliminary approval of a charter which, as Clarke later pointed out, "swallowed up half of the territory of Rhode Island." The persuasive Baptist diplomat not only won a decision over the influential Winthrop in favor of Rhode Island, but secured the amazingly generous new charter as well.

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—17th Century Baptist Press

## Freedom Through Christ

A Devotion By The Editor

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

American freedom is unique in world history; it is one of our greatest possessions and most treasured traditions. The founders of the American Republic undertook to free the American people from the tyrannies of the old world and guarantee to future generations the free exercise of all the rights inherent in life. This freedom has given opportunity to the inventive genius of the American people which surpasses any other people of the world.

But this freedom of which we boast has also produced another result which is just the opposite in its expression and effects. Although we are the freest nation in the world and the most inventive nation in the world, yet we are the most lawless people in the world. There is grave danger that the profligate use of freedom may lead to a bondage more stifling and disastrous than anything from which our fathers sought to escape. To use freedom for the unrestrained exercise of all the wild and errant passions of life is to submit to a slavery which lacks the higher and nobler capabilities of life.

The Jewish nation in the days of Jesus had come to just such a state of being. They boasted to Jesus that they were Abraham's children, and therefore heirs of the promises of God; that they were free men and in bondage to nobody. And yet, at that very time they bore the yoke of Rome. And back through the years they were forced to bow successively to Babylon, Assyria, and Greece.

But more devastating still was the bondage which they had brought upon themselves — the bondage of selfishness, immoralities, and untruths by which they lived. By this self-imposed bondage they had stifled the voice of prophecy, they had darkened the horizons of life; they had lost their initiative, their hopeful expectancy, and all those qualities of life which in the past had produced great prophets and great kings; their great psalms and great music were now hidden beneath a mass of meaningless tradition or dissipated in self-indulgence.

Jesus comes to such a people and declares that they will find freedom in truth and further proclaims that He is the king of truth.

"I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

"I speak that which I have seen with my father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father" (John 8:36-38).

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# Report of the Southern Baptist Convention

## Kansas City, May 27—June 2

By The Editor

Kansas City! And it is quite a city—on or eight hundred thousand souls, I understand. The Baptists will add fifteen to twenty thousand to the population of the city this week of May 27 to June 2.

This is Monday afternoon, shortly after my arrival in the city. Already the headquarters hotel is filling up rapidly and the pre-Convention meetings are already in progress. The WMU meeting, of course, is in session, and I understand that the ladies have voted without any dissension for the change in the status of the Carver School of Missions and to make it an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are and will continue to be numerous committee meetings beginning today and continuing through tomorrow and, in fact, throughout the sessions of the Convention.

The Executive Committee of the Convention will meet tomorrow, May 29, to review its recommendations to the Convention and perhaps make some changes or some additions. It is possible also that there will be deletions. The Executive Committee always meets on Tuesday before the Convention session begins on Wednesday.

The Southern Baptist Press Association will have a dinner meeting Tuesday evening here at the Muehlebach Hotel. This meeting is mainly for fellowship, though there are usually some items of business to be taken care of. In former years the editors had a meeting during the breakfast hour but we were always in a hurry to get through and get to the session of the Convention. It was usually held on Wednesday or Thursday morning. The year that I was president of the Southern Baptist Press Association I proposed that the meeting be held on Tuesday evening instead of Wednesday or Thursday morning. The idea seemed to please the members of the Press Association and the practice has been continued ever since. We are not so crowded for time nor do we have to rush through our meeting. Editor B. J. Murrie of the *Illinois Baptist* is president of the Press Association.

### Pastor's Conference

The first session of the Pastor's Conference opens at 7 o'clock this evening, May 28, and will continue throughout tomorrow with a morning, afternoon, and evening session. This Conference is a very popular feature. Dr. Sterling L. Price, pastor, University Church, Abilene, Texas, is chairman of the Conference. Others on the program whom the Baptists of Arkansas will recognize are: Gale Dunn, who will direct the singing; Dr. B. L. Bridges is scheduled for a prayer; Angel Martinez is on the program for an address; also W. Marshall Craig of Texas; Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance; and pastor of the First Church, Richmond, Virginia, will bring a message; also Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, author of the "Counselor's Corner" in the *Arkansas Baptist*; Dr. R. G. Lee of Bellvue Church, Memphis, Tennessee, will bring the closing message Tuesday evening.

There are many other outstanding men on the program of the Pastor's Conference which assures those who will attend an inspiring, informative, and withal a really great Conference.

There will be committee meetings throughout the sessions of the Convention. Some of them special committees and some of them standing committees. The work of these committees is very important to the Convention and its business.

Then there will be various luncheons and dinner meetings. For instance, the alumni of our five seminaries have their separate banquets. The chaplain's organization will have a dinner meeting. Most of these have been announced in the *Arkansas Baptist* in advance in order to provide information for the persons interested in these group meetings so that they will be on schedule. If a person could attend all of these banquets and dinner meetings and luncheons, I am sure he would be so gorged that he might need a doctor before he got over it.

### Convention Proper Wednesday Morning, May 30

Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of First Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, is president of the Convention. He will be remembered in Arkansas as pastor of the Immanuel Church in Little Rock preceding the pastorate of Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., the present incumbent. This promises to be one of the best Conventions in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. The largest budget ever adopted by the Convention is being proposed this year—eleven million dollars. The progress reports of the various agencies and institutions of the Convention are encouraging and show advances on all fronts. Our mission boards, our seminaries, the Relief and Annuity Board, together with all other boards and commissions will give heartening and encouraging reports of their work together with their needs and the opportunities of the future.

Some of the outstanding features on the proposed program for the Convention are as follows: the president's address by Dr. Warren, which appeared in last week's issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*; The Convention sermon, by Harry P. Stagg, state secretary of New Mexico, whose sermon appears together with this report; Congressman Brooks Hays is scheduled for an address Wednesday evening and the Wednesday evening session will close with an address, "America for Christ," by Billy Graham; the feature address Thursday morning is by Dr. Theodore F. Adams; Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will speak for the seminaries; Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU, will deliver an address Friday afternoon on "Separation and Spirituality"; Howard Butt is also scheduled for an address.

### Other Highlights

Two of the highlights of every Convention are the reports of the Foreign Mission Board

and the Home Mission Board. There is no phase of the work of Southern Baptists that stirs the hearts of our people like missions and that is as it should be. Jesus Himself was the first missionary in the Christian era and we are but following His example and His command when we carry the gospel to the ends of the earth.

This is just a sort of a preview of the Convention, even before the Convention opens. I shall not be able to attend the sessions of the Convention as continuously as I have in former years and my report may be somewhat abbreviated. However, I hope to be able to give to the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist* sufficient information concerning the sessions of the Convention to enable them to have a fairly good idea of what goes on.

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### Profiting From Opponents

By RICHARD N. OWEN

It is always important to remember that there is a place for criticism. When we put our critics in their rightful place, we can profit from them. After William E. Gladstone had died, among his private papers his widow discovered a long list of names which bore the title: "Those Who Have Disagreed With Me." Mrs. Gladstone found at the bottom of this list of names these words which her husband had written: "Good for me to remember what notable people have disagreed with me." Great men know how to take criticism.

—Baptist and Reflector

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### Egg Any Good?

By B. J. MURRIE

We recently read of a good Baptist deacon who decided to go into the poultry business. He bought some expensive eggs from good stock and set them under an old hen. After considerable time, and when the eggs did not hatch, he put them under another hen. More time passed and the eggs did not hatch. He changed hens the third time, and then the fourth time, and still the eggs did not hatch. Someone suggested then that maybe he had better change eggs instead of the hen.

Some people in churches have the same concept about a pastor. If the progress isn't as good as they expect, they change pastors. They are jerked out of a parsonage and another put in, like the farmer changes a setting hen. Regardless of how faithfully the pastor sticks to the job, the next move is to change him for another. It might be a good idea to see if the eggs are worth sitting on.

—The Illinois Baptist.

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### KNOWLEDGE

Most men believe that it would benefit them if they could get a little from those who have more. How much more would it benefit them if they would learn a little from those who know more.

—Quote

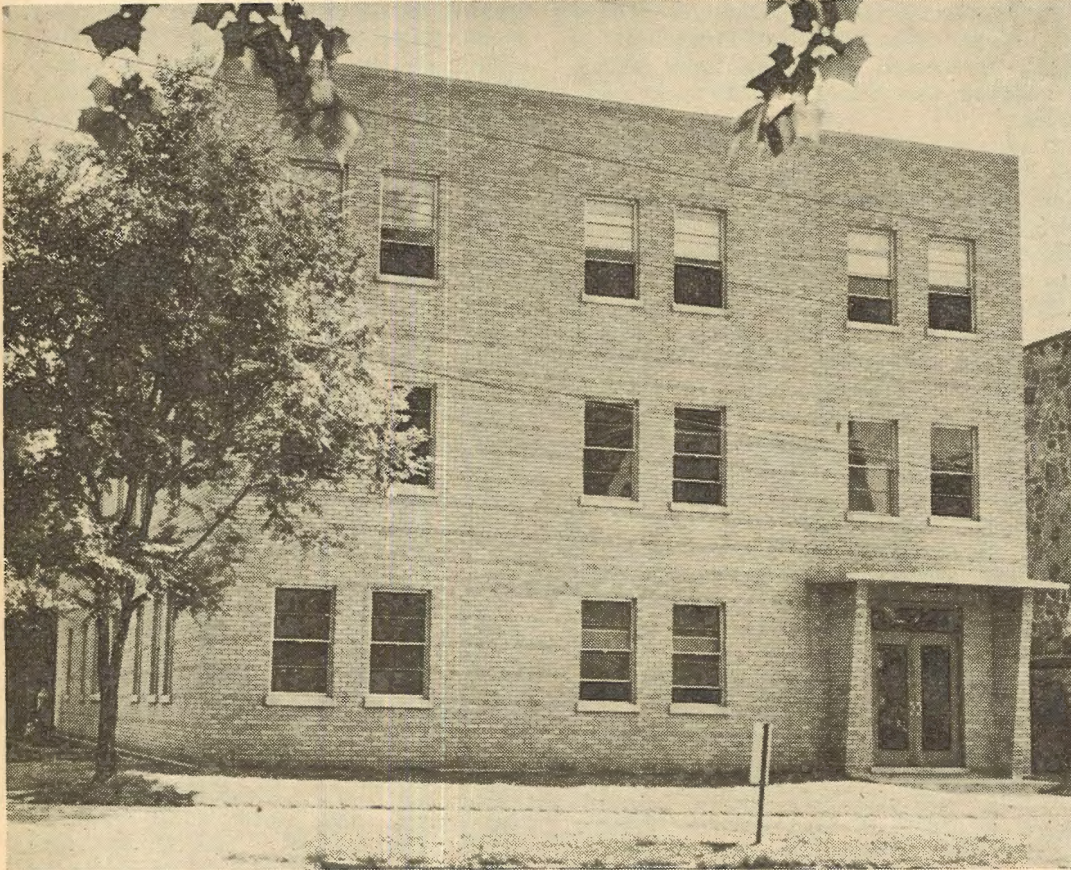
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When the pull gets long and hard, it is often better to know how to "shift gears" than to try to "shift the load."

—A. Ingram

# Kingdom Progress

## Morrilton, First, Enters New Building



First Church, Morrilton, conducted services in the new educational building on Sunday, May 13, holding open house from 2:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon. Construction began on the building July 11, 1955, and it was completed early in May. The \$75,000 building was financed by the membership raising \$35,000 and a loan from the Morrilton Security Bank in the amount of \$40,000.

The first floor of the building will provide Sunday school and Training Union facilities for single young people, and married young adults; four year old Beginners department; a nursery of four rooms, and kitchen facilities. The second floor will provide for the five year old Beginners and Primary departments, church offices and library. The third floor will be used by the Junior and Intermediate departments, containing an as-

sembly room and eight class rooms for each department. This structure, together with the basement of the main building when remodeled, will provide for 600 in Sunday school.

The building committee was composed of Roy Cutsinger, chairman; Jack Wilson, Clifford Stobaugh, C. W. Brooks, J. E. Brazil, Robert D. Harris, and Mrs. Guy Thompson. The building finance committee were as follows: A. J. Meadors, chairman; A. C. Neal, John F. Cox, P. A. Dollar, and Mrs. Gus Young. Arel Fox was bldg. superintendent.

Pastor Ed. F. McDonald, Jr., highly commends the entire membership and the members of the committees for the splendid work, sacrificial giving, and co-operation throughout the building campaign.

### Drys Ask Liquor View

At least four church groups demanded recently that presidential candidates take a public stand on liquor.

The Greater Miami Ministerial Alliance, The Full Gospel Ministerial Assn. of South Florida, the Miami Baptist Assn. and an independent interdenominational committee of Ministers, organized for the single purpose of opposing liquor, all Voiced the demand.

The groups charged that "liquor is a grave threat to our security" and asked the candidates "what remedies you propose to rid our land of alcoholic beverages?"

(Reprint from *Miami Herald*)  
May 22nd, 1956

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Many a bachelor longs for a wife who will take care of him and so does many a husband.

—Frances Rodman

### Pastor Moves, Too

Wake Forest College, Baptist college, moves soon to a new campus at Winston-Salem, N. C. The move will also include J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church. He resigned the Wake Forest Church to become pastor of the church in the college community at Winston-Salem on July 1.

Furman University's \$1,200,000 library, now under construction, has been named the James Buchanan Duke Library in honor of the man who founded the Duke Endowment. Furman has been one of the major beneficiaries from this endowment.

—Baptist Press

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Do what you can, where you can, with what you have.

### Home Mission News

Dick H. Hall, Jr., member of the Chaplains Commission, and pastor, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, will be in Europe this summer to preach at a Baptist Retreat for military personnel, civilians, and dependents in Europe. Hall is making the tour as a representative of the Chaplains Commission. He will speak in various military installations in addition to the retreat which is June 25-29, in Germany. Hall will be on the tour about three weeks.

The Home Mission Board has discontinued the printing of doctrinal and stewardship tracts due to the enlarged services of the Sunday School Board and state conventions. Home Board tracts will concern Board programs and emphases.

About 400 student summer workers for the Home Mission Board will reach their fields of service by June 11. These college and seminary students will serve for a ten-week period, assisting regular home missionaries.

**ASSEMBLIES: Ridgecrest:** Student Retreat, 7-13; Church Music Conference, 14-20; Sunday School Conferences, 21-27; 28-July 4. **Glorieta:** Training Union Assemblies, 7-13; 14-20; Home Mission Week, 21-27; Woman's Missionary Union Conference, 28-July 4.

Illinois Baptists are constituting an average of one new church a week, according to E. Harmon Moore, state superintendent of missions. On April 15, four missions were constituted as churches.

### Smackover Church In Revival

Maple Avenue Church, Smackover, participated in the Simultaneous Revival Campaign of Liberty Association recently and had B. Elrod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tioga, Texas, as evangelist. Mrs. Elrod was pianist for the meeting. She was formerly Miss Betty Lou Warren of Smackover. Eugene Johnson, choir director for the Smackover church, was in charge of the music.

Pastor John Burton reports that the meeting resulted in 11 additions on profession of faith and baptism and 12 by letter.

The School of Religious Education of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has been fully accredited this year by the American Association of Schools of Religious Education. There are seven full-time professors in the school and three teaching part-time. John M. Price, Jr., is director of the school.

### Deacons Ordained

L. O. Rawls and E. L. Ball were ordained as deacons by Fortune Church in Tri-County Association recently.

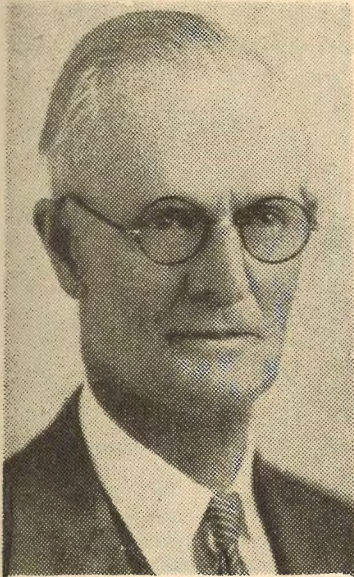
Pastor Doyle Lamb served as moderator and L. L. Wiggenton of Beck Spur served as clerk. J. T. McGill of Bartons Chapel conducted the examination; Allen Gay of Bartons Chapel delivered the prayer; and Allen VanHorn of West Side Church, Forrest City, delivered the sermon and charge.

### El Dorado, Second, Receives 47

Second Church, El Dorado, had the services of Dr. T. W. Wilson of Dothan, Alabama, as evangelist in a revival meeting recently. There 36 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and 11 by letter.

D. Wade Armstrong is pastor of the El Dorado church.

## Minister Claimed by Death



WM. E. CORDER

William E. Corder, 78, was claimed by death on Tuesday, May 22.

A native of Batesburg, S. C., Mr. Corder had been a resident of the Little Rock area for 68 years. He has served as pastor of Baring Cross Church and Calvary Church in North Little Rock, and the Jacksonville Church. He was associational missionary in White County four years.

He is survived by his widow; two sons, Sam of Forrest City, and Bain of Little Rock; three brothers, one sister, and two grand children.

### Robert L. Lee Named Louisiana Secretary

Robert L. Lee, interim executive secretary of Louisiana Baptist Convention, has been elected executive secretary.

The convention's executive board also elected R. O. Cawker, of Shreveport, La., state superintendent of evangelism.

Lee has been interim executive secretary since the resignation of Executive Secretary Floyd B. Chaffin last November. Lee was assistant to Chaffin.

A native of Alabama, the new state secretary served churches in Mississippi and Louisiana before taking a post with the Louisiana Convention.

Cawker has been pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Shreveport, since 1946. He is a native of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, who has lived in the United States since 1917.

Both new officers of the convention will maintain office and residence in Alexandria.

### Books Received

Devotions and Prayers of Martin Luther  
Selected and Translated  
by Dr. Andrew Kosten  
Baker Book House Price: \$1.50

Christian Marriage  
By Martha Boone Leavell  
Convention Press

Music In The Bible  
By Paul McCommon  
Convention Press

How To Work With Juniors  
in the Sunday School  
By Lillian Moore Rice  
Convention Press

## Jubilee Planning



*This committee, made up of members of several Baptist groups, met recently in Washington, D. C., to plan the Baptist Jubilee Advance, 1959-1964. They are, from left seated, J. Howard Williams, Southern Convention, and Frank Nelson, president American Convention; first row, standing, Reuben Nelson, ABC; William C. Tapper, Baptist General Conference; C. Theron Chastain, and E. B. Willingham, both ABC, and C. C. Warren, president SBC; back row, R. Dean Goodwin, ABC; Leonard Sanderson, and Porter Routh, SBC, and O. L. Sherrill, National Baptist Convention, Inc. —Baptist Press.*

### Purpose of the Baptist Jubilee Advance 1814-1964

At the 1955 Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, it was voted "to confer with representatives of other Baptist Conventions in North America, looking toward a five-year program of advance which will culminate in 1964, the date of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Baptist work on a national level in the United States and North America."

At the meeting of the American Baptist Convention, it was voted: "That we heartily welcome the proposal of the Southern Baptist Convention and request that the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Society consider the implementation of American Baptist Convention participating in the Evangelistic Crusade and urge that the long-range objectives leading to the Sesquicentennial be referred with our cordial endorsement to the appropriate committee in the General Council for further development."

The National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A., Inc., took action in its September, 1955, meeting, endorsing the movement. At the organization meeting in Chicago on December 8, 1955, called by Dr. C. C. Warren, representatives were present from the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., the National Baptist Convention of America, the North American Baptist General Conference, and the Baptist General Conference of America. Canadian Baptists have since expressed a desire to participate.

The resulting movement, called the Baptist Jubilee Advance, has as its purpose the dramatization and deepening of the Baptist witness to the world. It is to begin with a concerted evangelistic effort by all participating Baptist bodies in 1959, followed by appropriate co-ordinated emphases in 1960, 1961, 1962, and 1963, and culminating in 1964 in the celebration of the Third Jubilee.

### MISSIONARIES' ADDRESSES

Mr. and Mrs. Rueben I. Franks, Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile who are in the States on furlough, may now be addressed at 721 Cleburne Avenue, West Helena, Ark. Mrs. Franks, formerly Edna Mae Pugsley, is a native of Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Solesbee, Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippines, are returning to the States for furlough and may be addressed in care of J. R. Enloe, Route 4, Box 258, Vernon, Tex. Mr. Solesbee is a native of Greenwood.

Growing A Christian Personality  
By R. Lofton Hudson  
Broadman Press Price: \$1.50

Christian Faith in Action  
Compiled by Foy Valentine  
Broadman Press Price: \$2.00

### Arkansans In Indiana?

The 70 people recently joining the East Gary (Ind.) Baptist Church, came from Pennsylvania, Southern Illinois, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Missouri. Two were Roman Catholics and natives of Gary. Twenty-six were for baptism, forty-four were by letter or statement.

Silas Morgan, Southern Baptist Chaplain at Illinois State Prison, Menard, Illinois, was the evangelist.

William Burk, formerly a Roman Catholic Priest, was guest speaker Sunday, May 20. Mr. Burk is now a Baptist minister, field worker for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia. Pastor W. C. Rowe says:

"Those who have friends living in the Gary, Indiana area would do well to urge them to attend the East Gary Southern Baptist Church."

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By Religious News Service

## Report Alcoholic Beverage Industry Third Among TV Spot Advertisers

The alcoholic beverage industry now ranks third among all advertisers in the amount spent on television "spot advertising," the Methodist Board of Temperance reported.

It said the Television Bureau of Advertising estimated expenditures by brewers and distillers at \$8,323,000 for the first three months of this year. This was exceeded only by the food and drug industries. The amount was two and one-half times that spent by automobile manufacturers, the board stated.

The board also reported that newspaper advertising by the alcoholic beverage industry hit a new record last year. Quoting trade sources, it said distillers spent \$41,055,000 on newspaper advertising, brewers \$17,021,000, and manufacturers of wine \$1,334,000. This was a 2.7 per cent increase over the previous record set in 1954.

## Sees Modern American Ministers Facing Perils

Modern American ministers face perils just as great as those of the early Christians, Dr. Jerald C. Brauer, dean of the University of Chicago's Federated Theological Faculty, told graduates of Humma Divinity School in Springfield, Ohio.

"The modern ministry is, in its own way, as difficult as the ministry in the first days of the church," he said. "Ministers in America are not thrown to the lions or martyred. However, they often face dangers just as great, but far more subtle."

Today's pastor, he said, is caught in a complex and confusing ministry. He spends more time speeding around in a powerful automobile making countless calls than he does in meditation and study. Endless numbers of committees, a complex business organization, numerous societies and a large plant investment make a constant demand on his time and energy.

"But if his church is to be run successfully," the dean said, "he must spend most of his time at these things rather than in counseling, visiting the sick and needy, in meditation, study, teaching children and adults and in representing the faith in his community."

"This is the threat of martyrdom faced by the modern American minister."

## Religious Publications Not Affected By Postal Rate Increase Bill

The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee approved a bill raising mailing rates for second class publications but leaving the rate for religious and other non-profit publications unchanged.

The measure, if adopted by Congress, will widen substantially the difference between postage rates for religious publications and those paid by daily newspapers and secular magazines.

It would increase the second class rate from the present 1.95 cents per pound to a graduated scale of 2.5 cents per pound on editorial and news content and 4.3 cents per pound on advertising matter.

Religious and educational publications pay 1.5 cents a pound on both editorial and advertising matter.

## Businessman to Give Profits For Religious Work

Stanley Tam, owner of a smelter at Lima, O., that does a \$200,000-a-year business, told the annual meeting of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Omaha that he will turn all of its future profits over to religious work.

Since 1940 when he "made God my senior partner" Mr. Tam has been giving 51 per cent of the profits of his States Smelting and Refining Co. to the alliance and eight other church agencies. He noted that his firm's business "took a pronounced upturn" after he made the spiritual agreement.

## Methodist Laymen to Help Dedicate Alaska Campus

Methodist laymen from throughout the U.S. will make an eight-day flying tour to Alaska July 31-Aug. 7 to help dedicate the campus of the proposed Alaska Methodist College at Anchorage.

A campaign for \$5,000,000 for the college is being conducted among Methodist churches in the U. S. by the denomination's division of national missions.

## Wake Forest College Schedules First Class on New Site

Wake Forest College, Baptist school founded at Wake Forest, N. C., in 1834 and the oldest church-related college in the state, will hold the first class on its new campus in Winston-Salem, June 19.

The class will mark the opening of the institution's summer semester and the college's official move to this community, planning for which began in 1946.

## Southern Presbyterian Missionaries Exceed 500

The Presbyterian (U. S.) Board of World Missions said that for the first time in 29 years it now has more than 500 missionaries in active service.

As of early May, it said, there were 509 regular missionaries and eight teachers in service. This compares with the all-time high of 522 — 516 missionaries and six teachers — in 1926.

## Archeologists to Search For Ancient Biblical City

A party of American archeologists have gone to search for the ancient Biblical city of Gibeon this summer in the hope of shedding new light on Joshua's conquest of Palestine. Gibeon is mentioned 43 times in the Bible.

Sponsors of the expedition are Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, Cal., and the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. Cooperating is the American School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem.

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## Brotherhood Secretary

George L. Euting, pastor of Burrows Memorial Baptist Church, Norfolk Va., has accepted the position of state Brotherhood secretary for the Baptist General Association of Virginia, with offices in Richmond.

—Baptist Press

# A Smile or Two



Mr. Blythe, could I have the afternoon off?

Four year old's reaction to its mother's modern haircut: "Mommie, if you don't stop cutting your hair, you're going to turn to a daddy!" Reminds us of an angered husband who threatened to mark the towels "His and His" if the cropping didn't slow down.

The boy looked at the prices of the menu at the drive-in, then turned to his date and said, "What will you have, my plump little doll?"

The Old Timer remembers when charity was a virtue instead of an industry.

## ON A TOMBSTONE—

Here lies my wife—and for the best Because—it gives us both a rest!

They say a sharp nose indicates curiosity; Well, then a flattened one must indicate too much of it.

Pastor: "Do you say prayers before eating?"

Little Boy: "No, sir, I don't need to, my mother's a good cook."

"And then," said the witness, "my wife hit me with an oak leaf." The judge said that couldn't hurt very much. "Well, you see," explained the fellow, "the leaf was from the center of our dining room table."

A gentleman in the optical business was instructing his son in the technique of chiseling a fair and honest price out of a customer. He said: "Son, after you have fitted the glasses to a customer and the customer asks, 'What's the charge?' you should say: 'The charge is ten dollars.'

"Then pause and watch for the flinch. "If the customer does NOT flinch, you say: 'That's for the frames, the lenses will be another ten dollars.'

"Then you pause again—but this time just slightly—and again you watch for the flinch.

"If the customer doesn't flinch, you say, 'Each.'"

A would-be pest sat down next to a well-known clergyman on a streetcar. Wishing to start something he said, in a loud voice, "I won't go to heaven because there isn't one." The clergyman merely sat quietly.

"I say there isn't any heaven. I ain't going to heaven," continued the tormentor.

The clergyman replied in a low voice, "Well, go to hell then, but do it quietly."

## News From Baptist Press

### Missourians Acquire Kansas City Hospital

Baptist Memorial Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., has become property of the Missouri Baptist General Association.

Amendments to the charter of the hospital, which is only partially constructed at present, provide that members of the hospital board be elected by the state association. Under previous charter provisions, the board was self-perpetuating.

Earl Harding, state executive secretary, reported that hospital trustees have been instructed to proceed with a \$600,000 fund-raising program. The state association's executive committee will submit recommendations for providing the remaining \$1,200,000 necessary to put the hospital into operation.

Al Land, chairman of the hospital board, said plans are to add three complete floors to the existing structure. This will provide a hospital of 150--175 beds.

The recent action, taken at a general association executive board meeting in Jefferson City, Mo., follows action by the association at its annual meeting in Joplin last fall.

Two basement floors have been completed on the local hospital, located on a 23-acre tract at 66th and Rockhill Rd., and over \$1 million spent already for the site and construction by Kansas City Baptists.

### Billy Graham Cites Baptist Evangelism Leadership

"The Baptist responsibility to the world is to lead in evangelism," said Billy Graham in an address to the recent Baptist World Alliance Executive meeting. "In my journeys I have found the Baptists always in the forefront of soul-winning."

He told of recent travels in the Far East, where crowds ranged from 20,000 to 115,000. Four things impressed him during his trip: (1) All minds are the same the world over. They respond in India, America, Germany the same way. (2) People will respond to the gospel when it is preached in simplicity and power. (3) Christ can give grace, strength and power when he is truly accepted. (4) There is a common denominator that we have with all men, the spiritual denominator. It will be the basis of real peace.

### Carolina School And Hospital Considered

Eastern North Carolina Baptists have been asked to consider operating a school and hospital in that section of the Tarheel state.

A 31-member committee headed by Douglas M. Branch, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, will study the possibilities of establishing a hospital and four-year college.

Pineland College-Edwards Military Institute, located at Salemburg, N. C., has been offered to the group for consideration. The group also has been asked to consider assuming operation of an existing hospital in New Bern, N. C.

### 300 Oklahomans Visit Baptist History Sites

Three hundred Oklahoma Baptists combined history and recreation in a two-day state Baptist golden jubilee tour recently.

The pilgrimage, which originated in Oklahoma City, carried them to places identified with the beginnings of Baptist denominational life in Oklahoma.

The itinerary was principally in eastern Oklahoma, including Muskogee, Shawnee, Tahlequah, and the assembly grounds at Talihina.

### Temperance Institute At Southern Seminary

The 12th annual meeting of the National Temperance Institute will be held on the campus of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., June 19-27.

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, is also president of the National Temperance League which sponsors the institute.

On the program for the 8-day conference will be A. C. Miller, Nashville, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission; Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology of religion and pastoral care at Southern Seminary, and Temperance League executives from 11 states, Washington, D. C., and Canada.

The National Temperance Institute is designed to provide background information for temperance leaders and workers, and to train students for service in the various areas covered by the National Temperance League.

### Ceremony Marks Ground Breaking For Hospital

First steps toward erection of a new 500-bed hospital in Oklahoma City were taken recently when ground was broken for the initial 200-bed unit of Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Ground breaking program included brief talks by T. B. Lackey, executive secretary of the Baptist General convention of Oklahoma; W. P. (Bill) Atkinson, who was chairman of the Oklahoma City fund drive in which \$1 million was raised for the hospital, and Senator Robert S. Kerr.

### Baptists Take Part In Air Force Conferences

The U. S. Air Force has announced it will hold two spiritual life conferences for Protestant personnel and their families.

One will be at Ridgecrest, N. C., Baptist Assembly Aug. 31-Sept. 4. The other is scheduled for July 9-13 at Estes Park, Colo.

Speakers at the Ridgecrest conference include Henry Edward Russell, Montgomery, Ala.; John H. Haldeman, Miami minister who has been vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dow Kirkpatrick, Athens, Ga.

One of the speakers at the Estes Park conference is Luther Holcomb, Southern Baptist minister in Dallas, Tex.

### New Stetson Center

Campus organizations and local civic groups participated in the groundbreaking ceremonies of the new student union building on the campus of Stetson University in Deland, Fla., May 21.

### Churches Asked For Finance Information

What methods has your church used to raise money?

The division of promotion, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, would like to know. It wants the help of local churches in this, so it can make plans for its future program of church finance.

The questions to which the division of promotion wants answered appear in the May issue of the Baptist Program, with answer boxes in which you can indicate the procedure you may have used.

These questionnaires may be torn from the magazine and mailed to the promotion office at 127 Ninth Ave., No., Nashville, Tenn.

## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

### Cruel Criticism

**Question:** Good Christians show a wonderful attitude toward sinners whom they are trying to win to the Lord. Why do they sometimes direct the most cruel kind of criticism toward each other?

**Answer:** I have often wondered the same thing. I guess it is for the same reason that we criticize the critics. Intolerance of intolerance is something like that. Pardon me while I stand before the mirror for a minute; I think some of my own is showing.

I will give you five reasons why Christians are sometimes cruel toward each other.

(1) They get to playing God and fall into judging each other.

(2) They forget that they themselves not only were sinners, but are sinners and always will be sinners, though saved by grace. They need to join the human race.

(3) They are still babes in Christ. Anger and raw hatred are often expressed by children. We need to be Christian Christians, if you get what I mean.

(4) They forget, if they ever knew, that the way to help people is not to attack people but to love them.

(5) Some of the so-called Christians have never been born again. They are like Mark Twain's man who "was a good man in the worst sense of the word."

Did I say "they?" "Fret not thyself because of evildoers." Just set them a better example.

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### Mars Hill Climaxes Centennial Observance

Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C., largest Southern Baptist junior college, climaxed its centennial celebration with ceremonies June 1-4.

The dramatics department of the college presented a historical pageant depicting important events in the 100-year history of the college. Descendants of the pioneer settlers of this mountain community who founded the school in 1856 were honored during the pageant.

The centennial baccalaureate sermon was preached by R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., and a graduate of Mars Hill. Dr. and Mrs. Caudill's son, Paul, Jr., is a member of the graduating class.

The commencement address on June 4 was delivered by Frank Porter Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina who is now a mediator for the United Nations.

Centennial year enrolment reached an all-time high of 1080. Mars Hill occupies a 120-acre campus in the Blue Ridge mountains north of Asheville.

### \$16,000 Fire Damage At Campbell College

It will cost about \$16,000 to repair damages to Kivett building at Campbell College, Buies Creek, N. C., caused by a recent fire.

The Baptist junior college plans to repair and redecorate the building, housing its business and science departments, this summer.

Meanwhile, the college planned to open bids on construction of an addition to its library.



## The Convention Sermon

## THE MEASURE

By DR. HARRY P. STAGG

New Mexico Baptist  
Kansas City, Mo.

Life seems to be one serious crisis after another, and the measure of a man is determined by his ability to readjust, refocus, rearrange, re-evaluate and re-engage in the better conquest. The measure of a man in his attitude toward his fellow man may be expressed by the nature of his activities. He may trade or just tirade. He may transport or just import or deport. He may transfigure, or he may trample. He may transform or he may just deform. He may transcend or he may just descend. He may transmit or he may just demit. He may transfer, or he may defer. He may translate or he may just be too late. He may transpire or he may just aspire. He may inspire or he may just expire. It all depends upon the source of his standards of measure, his recognition and conviction concerning them.

**Attitudes are Important**

A man may be measured in his attitude toward evil. Some seem to feel the need of indulgence in evil in order to understand it. We do not need to experience evil to understand its damaging effects. Jesus did not. We cannot show just indifference toward evil, we must openly oppose it. Some would pretend to face evil with ignorance, but ignorance of sin cannot be maintained. Some of us show only indignation toward evil and strive to force others from participation therein. You cannot have enough authority to make a man do what he does not want to do by conviction.

King Saul said, "I have played the fool," when he disobeyed God and kept back the spoils which he had been commanded to destroy. We cannot fool God. We find out the truth of the statement "to obey is better than sacrifice." He seemed sorry only that he got caught. Our prisons are full of sad spectacles of humanity who must, by force, be separated from society for its own protection. Man cannot set his will against the will of God, or against the will of society, or against the will of the authority of his own established government, and not pay the serious penalty involved therein.

Moses has been recognized as the meekest man, Solomon the wisest man, and Samson by far the strongest man, who ever lived. Even though he had strength to lift the gates from the city and carry them single handed to the top of the hill, or to meet a lion and to tear him apart with his bare hands, as one would pull apart the tender limbs of a little lamb, or to take the jaw bone of a donkey and slay the enemy, yet he did not have the moral fiber to withstand the temptations of three beautiful and fascinating females. After breaking his vow to God and man, and reposing, in his final relaxation, his head in the lap of a Delilah, at the shout of the Philistines, he arose to measure himself as heretofore, but knew not that the Spirit of the Lord had been removed from him.

Man, by his own moral measure refrains not from adultery, drunkenness, gambling and debauchery. Man, by his own ethical measure is incompetent to the true, the right, the fair, the honest dealings. Man, by his own spiritual measure is entirely inadequate for the conquests and demands that can only be met by superhuman, spiritual forces. Human systems, based on moral, ethical or spiritual measures, are ineffective weapons

in combat with spiritual wickedness in higher places, and the personal ability of a spiritual Satan.

**Spiritual Affinities Determine Conduct**

Man's conduct is not determined by the type or amount of his information, or his intellectual ability, but by his affection, by his spiritual affinities. We do that which we want to do most, not that which we know to be right. Therefore, our religious convictions control our conduct to the extent of our devotion thereto. Religion really determines the food we eat and the manner in which it is prepared; the kind of dress we wear, the style as well as the material; the dwelling in which we live, the architecture as well as the substance. Our mode of life, our attitude toward the universe and toward our fellow man in all relationships, is measured by our religion, or that of the majority of those among whom we live.

The measure of man has always been seeking to integrate religions. The children of Israel failed to keep their possession of the Holy Land, because they introduced the false religions round about them. This came mainly under Solomon's rule as he sought to establish world alliances by marrying the princesses of the leading nations then involved, each one of whom brought their own idolatrous worship into the Holy City. The integration of these religions broke the faith of the people with the true God, in compromising their doctrine and practice, which neutralized the effectiveness of their worship.

Religions have claimed unlimited devotions and sacrifices from their seekers. Mighty temples have been erected to the living and to the dead, expressing the utmost in architectural strength, beauty and costliness, to the utmost of man's measure in conception and contribution, and yet with all of this expenditure of toil and treasure, religions have not been sufficient to answer the continuous cry, "Shew us the Father and it sufficeth us" John 14:8. The altars and inscriptions to many gods persists even to our day, very little change from the hour that Paul proclaimed the gospel on Mars Hill of ancient Athens.

**We Face A New Day**

Through the centuries various tribes have been more or less isolated from the rest of the world. They have been able to largely maintain and to protect their own traditions, customs, mannerisms and worship. The small trickle of missionaries from other nations and other religions have really disturbed them very little, but now we face a new day.

The peoples of this world, every tribe and tongue, color, race and creed, are being hurled with supersonic speed into the atomic age. Fantastic and unbelievable miracles are being wrought among us hourly. Planes without wings are being flown, the sun is being used for refrigeration, and gasoline can be made from water. Truly we know not what a day may bring forth.

Among the many changes which are inevitable, is the mixing and mingling of the people of this globe. No longer is it possible to protect your tribe with its traditions and customs and peculiar religious rituals. The supreme test is upon us, but what religion

can measure up to this atomic atmosphere, attitude and attainment? Is the world spiritually prepared to accept these miracles and revolutionize living standards, or will they be rejected and thus doom suffering humanity to another dark sentence.

We are told in the second chapter of the book of Ephesians, "That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world: But now, in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity, thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

**Integrated Religions Cannot Reproduce**

The attempt to integrate religions brought destruction around the golden calf under the leadership of Aaron, even while Moses was in the mountain top to receive the commandment of the true God. "In time past at this ignorance God winked, but now commandeth all men to repent; and in times past he suffered the nations to walk in their own ways. Now he calls all to repentance until we all come into unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

America may be able to assimilate in a democratic political freedom the various races, colors, languages, customs and traditions, but America can never survive the integration of the various religions of the world. The compromise of doctrinal convictions will neutralize the operational functions. To compromise the principles involved in the process, will neutralize the practices invoked in the product. Religions are built upon human philosophies. They contain many commendable principles with high moral and ethical ideals set forth in their noble aspirations. But religions based upon human systems, no matter how wise, moral, ethical or beautiful in their search for purity, cannot propagate eternal life. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the Life. I give unto them eternal life. I am come that they might have life."

Integrated religions cannot reproduce. The compromise will neutralize. The religion that

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serves the atomic age of tomorrow must be viril, able to produce and reproduce, it must be supernatural, superhuman and Spiritual.

In the study of Romans, first chapter, 1 Corinthians chapter 10, we find that from the Bible point of view religions do not bring people in touch with God, though they do reveal the universal feeling of all mankind for the need of worship. Man in sin is evil



**The Bible is the BOOK  
for all the World . . .**

cannot be made better or improved. He must be created anew completely. In our natural measure we not only do sinful things but love to do them. We become adherents to religions but we experience Christianity. The measure of a man reveals personal sins, domestic sins, social sins, and religious sins. Paul said, "Christ came to save sinners, of which I am chief." "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Those who are consecrated to false systems of worship do not consider their need to be saved from religion. Other religions have palliatives for distress brought on by sin, but do not produce conscious need as does Christianity. Their comfort is commensurate with their realization of need. They are not conscious of the need of Christ to comfort and save from sin. But when Christ and the cross are presented, great disturbance follows. That is why all other religions attempt to throw up a shield of protection for their people against the introduction of Christianity. Many are moral and religious but not Christian.

When Jesus came the world was divided into four main types; the moral type, expressed by the Jew; the intellectual type, expressed by the Greek; the political type, expressed by the Romans; and the commercial type, expressed by the Phoenicians. Jesus could not be placed in any type. He introduced a new form of life and a new measure for man in his relationships to God and his fellowman. Christianity is the only religion that gives back more than it exacts from its followers. Christianity is the only

productive religion. War, famine, and pestilence are caused by religion. The starving multitudes in slavery today, are there because of religion. Christianity, only, produces all that people need. Seek you first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things, food, clothing, shelter, and necessary support will be added. The greatest demonstration in the history of the world has been made in America. Our major problem is a surplus of goods.

## God's Standard Is Christ

Religion without a divine Saviour is incompetent. 1 Corinthians 1:24 states, "Christ, the power of God." Human systems are doomed unless they measure up to His standards. Jesus said, "At least believe me for the works sake." In Christianity we have a Person, not just a program. We have the Divine, not just the human. We have the Spiritual, not just the moral and ethical. We have the supernatural and not just the natural. Faith in Christ is the process, and character of the individual is the product. Man sins against God most in his religion. People desire religion to condone what they want to do.

Christianity demands that we give up self and obey God. We have a revelation but we need a demonstration. We have preached Christ, exalted him, worshiped him, and "Crowned Him Lord of All" in music, but we yet have to live the sermon on the mount. Someone has said that man has learned how to fly in the air like a bird and learned how to swim in the ocean like a fish, but has never been able to walk on earth like a man.

## God's Example Is Christ

To live the way Jesus lived is the only thing that can change this world. A declaration of faith is not sufficient. To find the measure of the fullness of the stature of Christ is to "follow me." Our weakness is not in the lack of understanding but in the lack of courage to execute the commands of Christ. Does Christianity cost more than government, or war, or famine? He must have had complete hope in his followers when he said, "And ye shall receive power, and greater things than these shall ye do, because I go to my Father. Ye are the salt of the earth." The measure of a man can only be complete when he is connected with the measure of God and is willing to yield himself in the spirit of 2 Corinthians 4:5, "And ourselves your servants for Jesus Sake."

## God's Measure Unlimited

The measure of God has no limits. He made the world and all things therein, he holds the destiny of man and of the universe in His hand. He made the weights for the wind and measured the waters. He sets the measure for the rain and the harvest. The stars and the planets of heaven obey His will to exact precision. Only man, of all His creation, has not chosen to follow in complete obedience. God's love knows no measure in meeting human sin because He "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He is able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God through faith in him. He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. "Though

your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." He measures full redemption in the needs of forgiveness.

God's love knows no measure in meeting human needs. Jesus went about doing good. He healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, caused the dumb to speak, the deaf to hear, fed the hungry and raised the dead. He wept with Mary and Martha, and His heart was deeply touched when the rich young ruler turned away. His grace is sufficient for every experience and all things do work together for good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose. Even in the empty tomb, the sorrowing women saw an angel.

The sermon on the mount does not abrogate the ten commandments, but offers inspiration, courage and power to execute the spirit thereof. The measure of a man with God would place the love of God first. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."

## Love is the Test

After the establishment of the supreme love of God the Father through faith in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and our appreciation of the office work of the Holy Spirit to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, the measure of a man would reach out to the consideration of his brethren. By this we know that we have passed from death unto life, if we love one another. The sermon on the mount and the measure of a man with God would have to go beyond these principles, even to love for your enemies. Matthew 5:44, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." As a supreme test of manhood, in battle or in crisis, will separate the men from the boys, so likewise this passage of scripture "love your enemies," separates the Christians from the non-Christians. The application of this philosophy would quickly clear our world situation.

## Christ is a Must

In man's measure with God love never faileth. In chapter 17 of John, Jesus prayed that to His followers might be imparted that love wherewith the Father loved Him before the foundation of the world and that the unity of that love being one with Him might convince the world that God had sent him to bring the message of eternal life and "That the world may know that thou hast sent me and has loved them as thou hast loved me."

My dearly beloved, this, according to the measure of a man, redeemed from sin by the blood of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit of God, a loving expression of supreme love of God to mankind, is the hope of the world. Potential tragedy is eminent. The urgency of the hour cannot be overly emphasized. Christ is a must of this generation.

## G. A. Coronation at Harvard Ave. in Siloam Springs



Harvard Ave. Church was the scene May 16 for an impressive Forward Step Coronation service for 20 of the G. A. Members. Awards were given to 20 members, seven ladies-in-waiting, two princesses, and 12 maidens.

Opening the program were RA Pages Harold Foster and Frank Hess, as candle-lighters who revealed the theme of the coronation "Jesus-King of My Life." Sunbeams Robby Henry and Steve Hopkins acting as color bearers,

preceded the entrance of the G.A. girls who were arrayed in pastel formals. Kneeling on the platform, the girls repeated their watchword in unison, which was the cue for the entrance of the two princesses, Kathleen Brown

and Jennifer Ford.

As each step was explained by the counselor, Mrs. Jerry Hopkins, the maidens and ladies-in-waiting each gave one part of their step including scripture and summary of things learned during the year's work. Mrs. Wilma Martin pinned on the awards as each girl knelt at the center of the platform. Crowning the princesses, the Rev. Jerry W. Hopkins, Pastor of the church, urged the two girls to strive for the crown of the Queen next year.

Following the recessional the host of friends and families of the group met in the educational building for a reception. The serving table, beautifully decorated in G. A. colors, green and white, held lime punch and yellow angel food cake, which was served to 136 guests.

Music was furnished at the reception by Maiden Sharon Friesen and Lady-in-waiting Carol Cox. Others receiving titles were: Maidens, Ahniwake Gardner, Ruth Mounger, Cathy Cox, Cecelia Smith, Murlene Taylor, Geraldine Hess, Sharon Hall, Pamela Shipley, Carol Harris, Janie Leroy and Virginia Brown; and Ladies-in-waiting, Judy Mounger, Johnnie Brown, Linda Ward, Louise Ward, and Mary Etta Gobble.

## Miss Wollerman is On New Field

Friends have followed with much interest accounts of the work done by Miss Ann Wollerman in Brazil. Upon her recent return to that great country and before going to her new field of service, she visited in Amambai where she had served so effectively for several years and where she had organized their first school and church. Her arrival was joyously hailed by her Brazilian friends, and during her stay an appropriate ceremony was held at the school which she founded and which offered the first educational opportunities to the masses during which the school was named for her. It stands as a monument to her untiring, dedicated service. With mixed emotions she left the work in the hands of native leadership whom she had trained, and went to a needier field where she felt the Lord would have her serve.

"Here I am in Cuiaba safe and sound, thanks be unto our Lord who was with me every mile of the way." Thus read the opening sentence of a letter written upon arrival. It bore account of a long, hard trip over very, very muddy roads, over treacherous mountain passes along which crude wooden crosses marked the burial spots of many unfortunate travelers. The trip was made in a pick-up truck just having had a delayed and very expensive overhauling. It was so stiff and hard to drive that Ann's hands were swollen and sore from gripping the wheel so tightly, and furthermore, many parts

literally fell out and off the vehicle—typical of mechanical work there — causing much trouble en route. She was accompanied by two young Brazilians who rendered invaluable service and one of whom remained to help her.

"This is a hard place in which to work. The people are either fervent Catholics or indifferent to religion . . . with the greater part dominated by a form of spiritualism, Black magic, witchcraft . . . The church is weak and struggling. So far the members are . . . very, very poor and uneducated. The church began two years ago in the home of the Brazilian pastor. We now have a rented house where we have a pretty nice size room for services and three for Sunday school. Sunday we had 70 in Sunday school and the church possesses only 18 chairs, two medium sized backless benches, and two small backless benches! The rest of the people sat on boxes. There was such confusion moving all the boxes from auditorium to Sunday school rooms and then back again that I was just sick. They hadn't any money to buy chairs, so I told the pastor to have the carpenter begin making chairs and benches and I would pay for them . . . There will be many opportunities to use the offerings given me by my generous friends for the work here.

"This part of the state is poorer than the south. It is so isolated that living conditions are poorer and everything is higher . . . The people are weak and sickly and

pale and indolent. This is also a hot place . . . The needs are great — but the greatest is for the gospel of Jesus Christ . . . It is not going to be easy, but then the Lord doesn't have just easy tasks to be done . . . The people are humble but nice. They prayed so that God would send someone here. I felt led to come. So, I know that He is in it all and that all is going to be well and He is going to bless. I've felt your prayers. Please keep praying."

Her address:

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### A NEW PLAN OF STUDY

The summer months offer an ideal time for the consideration of Stewardship! In the June, July and August issues of *Royal Service* under "Notes to Committee Chairmen" suggestions are being given for the correlation and combination of three books on stewardship, each of which has a unique emphasis. They are *Sacrifice and Song* by Farmer, *Stewardship Enriches Life* by Hatch, and *Partnership with Christ* by Conrad. Plans call for five sessions, using materials each time from all three books. The general aims and titles for the sessions are:

- I. The Basis of Partnership Between God and Man
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- III. Partnership in Action
- IV. Stewardship of Money —the

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To be more specific, we found on the Foundation mailing list a number of names after which we have had to write, "Dead." They were persons to whom we had written and sent literature about the Baptist Foundation. We had tried to encourage them to study the Foundation and the opportunity it presented to those who would like to make investments of their material possessions for the Lord. Some we had talked with in person about the Foundation program, about how they could set up trust funds with the Foundation, and about making their wills.

But we are speaking in particular about those who in the last few years have died. Aside from their spiritual preparation, which, of course, is of supreme importance, we have wondered in what condition they have left their estates. Had they made their wills, and provided for an orderly settlement of their estates? Had they made any provision whereby kingdom work would receive any part of their possessions being left behind? We recall one person in particular who left no will or plan for the distribution of his estate, and we have heard that there was in prospect a "mad scramble" on the part of some of the relatives for a share in the little estate the man left. How easily and wisely he could have avoided all this if he had only made a will.

Then there comes to mind another prominent Baptist layman who died unexpectedly some months ago. He was considered somewhat wealthy. He had written us that he thought well of the Baptist Foundation and that he meant to do something for the Lord's work through the Foundation. But he evidently never got around to doing it before he was suddenly called from the stage of action. We have had no report of his having made it possible for the Foundation to receive even a small part of his estate. He did not carry out his own expressed wish. He delayed too long. And we could mention others who have died, who were interested in their churches and the general work of Arkansas Baptists and who seemed minded to show their interest in a special financial way, but never did get around to doing anything about it.

We are mentioning these special cases to emphasize the fact that one should not put off this matter of setting his business house in order. When we need a will, it is too late to make one. If we mean for the Lord's work to share in our estates, that fact must be definitely set forth in a legally drawn will. Where there is no will specifically setting aside a bequest the cause of Christ is disinherited. When there is no will, the door is left wide open for the entering of all kinds of trouble and expense, and family bickering and dissension. We would most urgently say, Play safe; do right by your family and those whom you love and want to see get a proper share of your estate, be it large or small. If you have not already done so, **MAKE YOUR WILL NOW.** And then when you make that will, let your **BEST FRIEND**, the Lord Jesus, be one of your beneficiaries.

*W. A. Jackson, Secretary  
Baptist Foundation*

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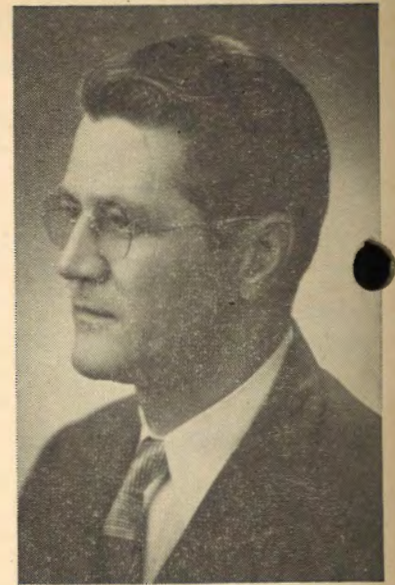
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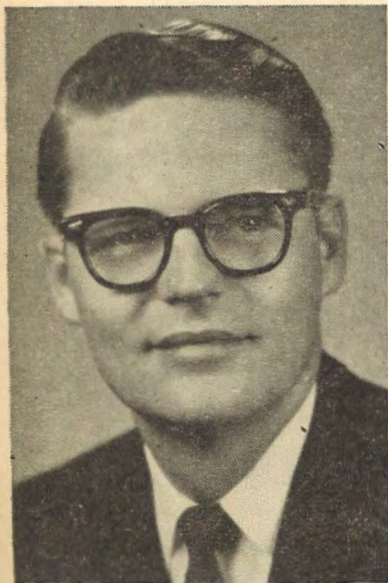
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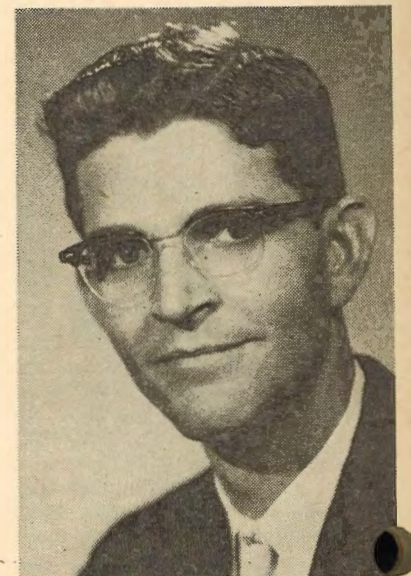
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# Children's Page

## GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD



Have you ever watched a jet plane warming up for a take-off, and saw the flames shoot out from its tail? You do not have to be told that it's mighty hot inside!



Back in the tail cone, where the gas stream flows, the temperature gets up to 3400 degrees Fahrenheit. (212 degrees is the boiling-point of water.) It's needless to say that the metals in jet planes take a terrific beating!

You can also see that ordinary metals could not possibly stand the punishment of jet combustion. Steel has to be mixed with alloys. An alloy is a metal or ore extraction which, when it is mixed

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Note: If you have a question that you want answered about God's wonderful world, send it to God's Wonderful World, c/o Baptist Press, 127 9th Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.

### Red Rose

By ELLEN BROWN

"Joe, will you stay here and look after Joy while I go to the grocery store?" asked his mother.

Joe thumped his marble. "Plop," went the marble in the hole.

"I did it! I did it!" he said happily. "Now you try," he said to Arthur. "What did you say, Mother?"

"I said, 'will you look after Joy while I go to the grocery store?,' " Mother said again.

"Oh, yes. I will. Where is she?" He stopped playing marbles. "I'll be back in a minute, Arthur."

"She's in the house cutting out paper dolls," mother told Joe.

Joe went in the house to find Joy.

"Joy, will you bring your paper dolls outside? You can cut them in the back yard. Then Arthur and I can keep playing marbles while I watch you."

"Yes," Joy said. She began picking up her paper doll book. She picked up her scissors. She went outside and sat down on a nice smooth patch of grass under the oak tree.

Joe ran back to Arthur. "It's your turn." Arthur rolled his marble. "Plop," went the marble. They played and played. Ever so often

Joe looked back to see that Joy was all right.

"I don't see why mother wants me to watch her," Joe said. "She sits and sits. Nothing will happen to her. Look, there comes Mike."

Mike ran to the fence which separated the two yards. "Joe, you and Arthur come go with me to the drug store, and I'll buy you an ice cream."

"We can't," Arthur spoke up quickly. "We're watching Joy. Joe's mother said not to leave Joy for a minute."

"Come on, Arthur," Joe begged. "It will only take a minute. She'll be all right."

"I'll stay with her. You go," Arthur said.

Joe hopped over the fence. He was off like a greyhound. Arthur watched Joy cutting paper dolls. He practiced shooting marbles. "Plop," went the marble in the hole.

"Oooch," said Joy. Arthur jumped up and ran to her. She was rubbing a scratch on her wrist. "Oooch," said Joy.

"Don't worry," Arthur said, "we'll find some medicine for it. He helped her in the house. He

looked for medicine. He couldn't find any.

"We'll go to my house, Joy," he told her. "I'll know where the medicine is there." He held her hand and helped her across the street. He went in his house and found a nice red bottle of medicine. "We'll paint your scratch a pretty red color. Then you'll have a red rose on your wrist." He painted a red rose on Joy's wrist on the scratch. He went over the scratch a little. But Joy was so interested in the red petals of the flower she forgot to hurt.

"That's pretty. That's pretty," said Joy.

"We'd better take you back home now." And he helped her across the street again. He heard Joe and Mike calling.

"Joy! Joy! Joy!" "I have her," Arthur said. "She's safe — she's right here with me."

Joe was so happy to see Arthur he almost hugged him.

"Thank you, Arthur. I was afraid you'd left like we did and Joy had run off. I shouldn't have left. I didn't do right at all. I'll never leave again when mother asks me to keep her."

"Pretty flower, pretty flower," said Joy pointing to the red rose Arthur had painted on her wrist.

"Thank you, Arthur," Joe said again. "Thank you for looking after her and painting the red rose."

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### GUESS ME

By ELLEN BROWN

I have four legs  
But not one shin;  
I have a top  
But cannot spin.  
You eat with me  
But I've no teeth,  
And lots of feet  
Are underneath.  
I have no arms,  
One foot, one head;  
Yet everyone  
By me is fed.

ANSWER—(Dinner table).  
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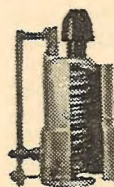
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A child seeing a horse-drawn buggy for the first time, exclaimed: "Oh, look Mama: See the big black thing pushing that poor horse!"

—Myrtle Shay

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### "Words of Life"

By JIM HEFLEY

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For hundreds of years the "tumbling down of Jericho's walls" when mentioned in university groups brought only skeptical grins from educators. Excavations had been made at the site of the Jericho of Jesus' day only to find it to be a comparatively young city. But then the astounding discovery was made of an older Jericho only one mile to the north.

Dr. John Garstang, director of the British school of Archaeology in Jerusalem, discovered evidence that the older Jericho had been destroyed about 1400 B. C., coinciding with Joshua's date. Dr. Garstang's digging unearthed more astounding evidence. In his own words the archaeologist says: "The walls fell down flat." He found that the outer wall fell outwards, and down the hillside, dragging the inner wall and houses with it.

He further confirmed the Scripture when he discovered that the city had been burned with fire at the time of the collapse of the walls.

God commanded the Israelites to "keep yourselves from the devoted thing" (Joshua 6:18). Dr. Garstang found under the ashes and fallen walls an abundance of food stuffs untouched and uneaten.

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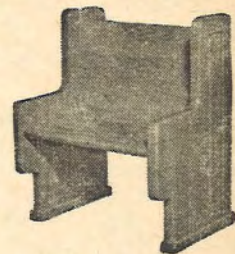
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## Home Missions Challenge Greatest In Century

By COURTS REDFORD

Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board

The extension of Home Mission Board ministry into the areas now served by Southern Baptists constitutes the greatest challenge that Southern Baptists have had at home since reconstruction days.

The rapid expansion of Southern Baptist work into new areas has greatly increased the Home Mission Board's opportunity for service.

The Board is now serving 42 states, Alaska, Cuba, Panama, and Canal Zone. It is seeking to serve 182 per cent more territory and 170 per cent more people than were served in 1940.

Six new state conventions of Baptists have become affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention since that year. The territory added has only 14 per cent as many Baptists in proportion to the total population as has the territory served in 1940.

The increase in church membership, plus an ever-growing population and the constant movement of American people, have made necessary more and better churches. Thus the Home Mission Board has a major emphasis on a church-centered mission program, designed to establish new missions and constitute new churches in areas not now occupied by Baptists.

### 15,000 Communities

The Board's success in these efforts has been phenomenal but there are still 15,000 communities without a Baptist church.

No nation can grow spiritually by segments. The minority groups need much consideration since they are often unable to adequately care for their own needs. Their presence in American society may become a great asset or a great liability, depending on

each individual's relationship with Christ and the group's attitude toward Christian principles.

For these reasons, the Home Mission Board has given special attention to foreign language groups, Indians, Negroes, the underprivileged, the deaf, and other minorities which need special encouragement, guidance, and support.

Failure to provide a Christian ministry for these groups would leave them without the gospel message and would create a great spiritual vacuum. The spiritual vacuum would invite false religions and false philosophies that readily become like a spreading cancer.

Much additional work must be done among these minority groups.

### Key To Progress

Southern Baptists' progress at home and abroad depends upon

their success in winning more converts, starting more churches, and giving a more effective Christian witness.

America can not give to world that which she does not have herself. To extend and maintain a great worldwide mission program, Southern Baptists must have a strong home base.

The Home Mission Board has helped to stimulate, coordinate, and support this program of advance in the homeland. The progress has been stimulated by the evangelistic crusades and the constant emphasis on year-round, church-centered, soul-winning, efforts.

In spite of Southern Baptists' unprecedented success, there remain more lost people to be won to Christ than ever before.

—Baptist Press

## Help Wanted: 375 More Missionaries, Now!

By ELMER S. WEST

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has urgent specific requests to appoint 500 missionaries this year.

Indications are that at least 125 young Southern Baptists will qualify for missionary appointments in 1956, but where are the other 375 who are needed now?

Where are the preachers, doctors, nurses, teachers, medical technicians, hospital administrators, and other specialists to increase the missionary staff to the goal of 1750 missionaries and beyond?

Southern Baptists now have more than 1000 missionaries under appointment and serving in 35 countries and territories overseas. The Foreign Mission Board is ready to begin work in three new countries this year — if missionary personnel is available.

This fact is certain: God has called many more young people for missionary service overseas than have yet answered. And in all probability some of these young people are in your church — ready to go, or in a position to get ready.

### Disproportionate Witness

Look at it this way: Christ's marching orders in the Great Commission are valid for every Christian, for the whole world. Southern Baptists, over 8 million strong, have 27,000 ordained preachers but only 350 ordained preachers witnessing overseas.

It is significant to serve God in America, but our disproportionate witness puts the burden of explanation upon us.

Daily the Foreign Mission Board receives letters from young men and women who are searching

their souls in this matter. Until recently many of them never dreamed that God's place for them was overseas. But the facts are stabbing them wide awake.

They are looking at themselves — and the lost world for which Christ died. And in these circumstances, the miracle of commitment and revelation takes place. Some prepare to go overseas. Others, sensing positive divine leadership to remain at home, commit themselves to a significant personal stewardship in world missions.

Sometimes those who are willing and ready to go, find it impossible to qualify for missionary appointment. More often, however, those who rationalized that they could never become missionaries, find that they can meet appointment qualifications.

This surge of concern and enthusiasm among young people should continue — and increase. All Southern Baptists must commit themselves to a greater faithfulness in stewardship and prayer in response to this life dedication.

### Sounding The Call

Missionaries on furlough and Foreign Mission Board staff members are sounding the call for missionary personnel. Leaders among students are seeking to inform and challenge them for world service in Christ's name. Churches have a responsibility to pray, and give, and inspire young people to a worthy commitment of life.

What about you? Have you ever spent five minutes considering the possibility of God's leading you to missionary service overseas? If you are beyond the age

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## Evils of Liquor

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Last year a U. S. Army captain who had been drinking led a patrol into a nearby community in search of stolen goods and, breaking into a Korean home, kicked the householder to death. It was soon discovered that the householder was the vice-president of the Korean National Council of Churches. Imagine what the Red propagandists did with that!

No military official has ever denied that the habitual drunkenness around our military bases was the key to the cunning timing and effectiveness of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor. Many chaplains have testified to the large part drunkenness plays in the majority of court martials.

—Baptist Press

# The Gospel Overcomes Paganism

By BURTON A. MILEY

The hatching chick has to disassociate himself from the shell before he can become a separate, impressive entity. Christianity had to separate itself from Judaism. This was not an easy endeavor neither was it all the battle. Actually while this battle raged Christianity had to protect itself from false religions and out-ranking paganism. Christianity strove for its place within the world. Today's lesson teaches its victory as it became disentangled from those things which would either wholly or partially absorb it and appropriate its power to their promotions.

Paul touched Ephesus on his second missionary journey and left there Aquila and Priscilla. After he had reported to Antioch he began the third missionary journey in a manner similar to the second. He retraced his steps and strengthened disciples at points of first contact. He returned to Ephesus and found there a few believers who had been improperly instructed. Paul set them right. They became a nucleus around which he worked for a long time.

## PAUL'S MINISTRY

Paul taught in the Ephesian synagogue for three months. Two classes developed during this term. The first were the "die hards" who would not believe and who strongly resisted his teachings. This eventually caused an eruption and Paul led the disciples who believed out of the synagogue into the school hall of a man named Tyrannus. Tyrannus operated a school and may have been a teacher. He would have gladly rented his hall to Paul. Paul continued his work for two years which was so effective that those who dwelt in the Roman province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

One is not justified to believe that this great number came to the hall, but rather that the hall was the center from which went the mission enterprises that carried the gospel to the various territorial extremes. It was an unusual ministry. Not only did Paul teach and preach the gospel, but miracles were performed through him. All the miracles are not detailed. The twelfth verse reveals that there were some who brought handkerchiefs or aprons which literally touched the skin of Paul and were used in the dispensing of diseases and evil spirits. One function of the miracles was to prove the effectiveness and aloftness of the Christian cause from the religious cults and practices of the pagan world. One should study closely the details of verses thirteen through sixteen. Pagan cults attempted to absorb Christianity. The attempt was unsuccessful and fear fell on Jews and Greeks dwelling about Ephesus while the name of the Lord was magnified. Paul's ministry was

## Sunday School Lesson

Sunday, June 10

Acts 19:8-10, 18-20, 23-27;

Ephesians 5:15-18

definitely successful. One of the results was that any who had practiced the pagan cults and curious arts brought their literature to a bonfire and burned them. The bonfire was a ten-thousand dollar blaze. It is a wonderful thing when the purging, purifying, gospel of Jesus hits a man and moves his heart to right.

## FURTHER OPPOSITION

Ephesus was the seat of the great temple of Diana. The temple was one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It was about 340 by 160 feet in size. Gold is reputed to have been used between the joints of the marble blocks. It had 127 pillars 60 feet in height, each erected by a King. They had drums or foundations 20 feet in circumference and 6 feet high with eight life-sized figures sculptured on each.

One of the businesses practiced by craftsmen was the making of miniatures of the temple or figures of the goddess of the temple. After the expensive ten-thousand dollar bonfire of books on black arts and magic and the preaching of Paul on one God, business went into a tailspin with these manufacturers. They immediately called a meeting of their union to discuss the situation. Spokesman Demetrius outlined the difficulties. First, he filed the downfall of business and the subsequent loss of profits. Secondly, he raised the question of the defamation of the temple and of the goddess herself. Evidently his hearing was extremely sympathetic. The city was filled with confusion and a near riot prevailed. The jostling crowd moved on into the theater which would seat 20,000 people. The confusion continued. Alexander was brought out of the multitude, probably to disclaim from Jewish point all responsibility for Paul and his crowd with their teaching. Two hours of noisy bedlam prevailed. However, any superficial enthusiasm will eventually wane and after the great wave was past the town clerk arose and appealed to the people. This important personage handled the matter in a worthy manner. He spoke of the stability of great Diana and how the worship was entrenched to the point that it would not be easily unseated. He called attention that no definite charge had been made against the goddess by the men of God. If Demetrius and his craftsmen had any matter, normal channels of law were opened to them to settle the dispute. His last appeal had cleanching effect for he said that

the town was in danger for the uproar because there was no cause for the gathering. He dismissed the assembly which went away quietly. Christianity won that day in Ephesus! It held distinction from cults of its day.

## WHO AGAINST THE CHURCH

The work of the church can be evaluated by those who oppose it. Those who oppose the church set out in bold relief what the church stands for. Consider the liquor traffic, the corrupt politician and the gambling syndicate. These realize that the church stands against their practices. They are willing to expend energy and great money to fight for their own existence.

It is not unusual for the liquor traffic to justify its existence in popular mind by publication of the amount of taxes which it pays the government. There is an implication that the church has little value because there is no tangible resource produced for the people. Let not these masters of figures fool anyone. The liquor traffic has never been a paying enterprise. Its taxes are offset by that which it causes in absenteeism from industry, hospitalization of its addicts, and economic loss and moral failure of those who follow its downward path. The liquor traffic does not take the "slum-bum" as symbol of success. It is more impressive to talk in terms of a million dollars than it is to acknowledge defeated personalities that slush to the side of society but who continue a ward to those who earn and must support them.

## PRACTICAL LESSONS

Christianity is first. The first commandment is "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." This moves Christianity to first place. The second commandment is "Thou shalt not make any graven image." God cannot be duplicated or substituted. He is either first or He is nothing. Early Christians fought for this first place. Modern Christians may be inclined to make substitution or duplication for God. One cannot serve God and mammon, neither can he serve God and self. God is first or He is nothing to the person. He is above and separated or else He ceases to be God.

**The Devil's Strategy.** The devil would like to incorporate spiritual Christianity with that which would modify, adulterate it, and bring it to small power. An unscrupulous politician once promised a rural church a Delco lighting system if the congregation would vote for him. This deal tied the hands of that congregation against the evil or corrupted politics. The devil likes to join in and when he does spiritual power fades.

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## FEAR

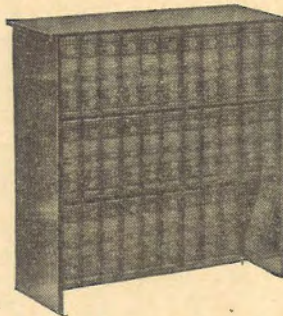
Our greatest enemies are not wild beasts or deadly germs but fears that paralyze thought, poison the mind, and destroy character. Our only protection against fear is faith.

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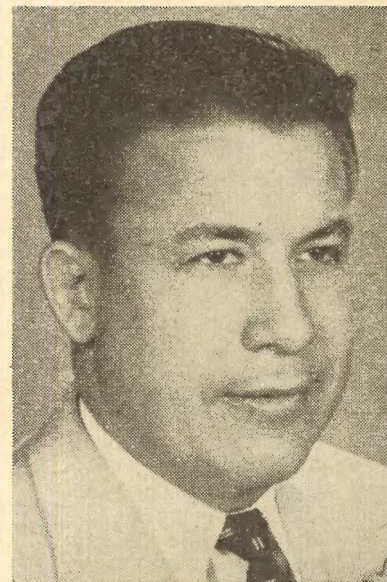
## Central, Magnolia, Staff Workers



LOYD HUNNICUTT, *Pastor*

We are publishing on this page today the pictures of a great church staff, the Central Baptist Church in Magnolia. Loyd Hunnicutt has been pastor of this great church several years and the church has erected, under his leadership, buildings that are a credit to a town of a much larger population. Magnolia, however, is a prosperous city in South West Arkansas and is an important center. One of our state colleges is located there. The church has grown tremendously under the leadership of Pastor Hunnicutt. It is constantly increasing its gifts to missions and a check comes regularly now for \$1,050 every month besides some extra from a mission.

Pastor Hunnicutt leans heavily upon the members of his staff. Miss Josephine Dew has been church secretary for a number of years and there is no better in all the land. She is not only efficient, but she is also a consecrated and affable Christian young woman. Ken Green is the Pastor's assistant and bears much of the load that the pastor otherwise would have to carry. He is an excellent yoke fellow and does his work well. Joel Bruner is the new B. S. U. Secretary who works with the students in the college under the direction of the church. This is a great staff in a great church. — B. L. B.



KEN GREEN, *Assistant*



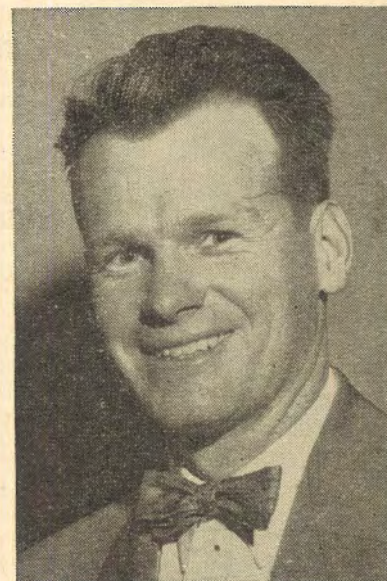
MISS DEW, *Secretary*

### A Good Plan For Relief Offerings

First Church at Stephens, Brother Hugh Cantrell, pastor, has a good plan for helping the retired pastors and their widows, who could not get into the Ministers Retirement Plan.

They observe the Lord's Supper once a quarter and take an offering for Ministerial Relief at each service. This plan has been used for two years, with gratifying results.

We would not suggest a plan for your church, but if each church could and would take an offering and send it to the Convention Treasurer by July 1st it would help many of our worthy people. Unless enough money comes in by that time to make up a \$2,000.00 plus deficit, these who wrought so well in days gone, will suffer. We reiterate, the Cooperative Program is the way to finance our Baptist causes and we believe in using that program, but this is an emergency. Do the worthy thing — make this "over — and — above" gift by July 1st. — R. D.



JOEL BRUNER, *BSU Secretary*

### New Churches Can Begin Right

For the first time in a number of years the Moreland Church near Russellville met and made plans for a worthy program. The church voted to give 10 per cent to the Cooperative Program and the church sends its first check. The church is meeting in a home in the community pending arrangements for a more satisfactory place of meeting. In one week they raised more than \$200.00 for a new church building. There is a future for this faithful, loyal, crowd of Baptists. Rev. Raymond Palmer has been serving as acting pastor. — B. L. B.

### Vacation Bible Schools Support All Causes

In the many Vacation Bible Schools across our Convention, the children are taught the Bible.

Through example, they are taught to give through their own church program. Each day, during the worship period, an offering is taken. That money goes into the church. This also teaches the children about the Baptist plan of work.

It is easy for a church, or group of Vaca-

tion Bible School leaders to get interested in one phase of the Lord's work, and ask the children to give generously to that. But, when the boys and girls are taught the Cooperative way of giving, all phases of our Baptist life grow and the givers grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Teach the boys and girls in your Vacation Bible School the Bible plan of giving and then send all offerings out to the world through the Cooperative Program. — R. D.

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