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Irish hospitality



The attractive (?) photo of yours truly was made in our hotel room at International Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland, looking out on the dome of the city hall. That's a genuine Irish bonnet I'm wearing.

BELFAST, NORTH IRELAND, Apr. 20—We are finding Irish Baptist hands are good hands for touring Southern Baptists to fall into. After a delightful and most hospitable week with Baptists of London, we are again made to feel at home by the Baptists of the Emerald Isle.

Editor Robert Clarke, of the attractive and informative *Irish Baptist*, and Pastor R. W. Kerr of Antrim Road Baptist Church (a 1931 graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville) have just brought us back to our hotel—the International—after a day of sightseeing, picture-making and note-taking along the famous Antrim Coast.

(We especially enjoyed today's excursion, in Editor Clarke's car with him as the driver, since we had experienced two days of driving a rented car, with me at the right-handed wheel, last Thursday and Friday on a trip to Dublin.)

Our first formal introduction to Irish Baptist life occurred last Saturday noon, at a luncheon arranged by Editor and Mrs. Clarke at the picturesque Abbeylan Hotel in suburban Belfast. There we met, among others, President and Mrs. Louis E. Deens of the Baptist Union of Ireland; Secretary (of BUI) and Mrs. Joshua Thompson and Treasurer (of BUI) and Mrs. John G. M. McCullough.

Following the luncheon (a delicious, six-course meal), Mrs. Mc and I attended a Sunday School meeting at one of the Belfast churches, where we heard three excellent addresses and where I spoke briefly.

Through the kindness of Union Treasurer McCullough and his pastor, Rev. John F. Bradley of Clifton Park Avenue Baptist Church, I was guest minister at the morning worship service of the Clifton Park church yesterday. (This church, with about 160 members, is one of the larger Baptist churches in the city.)

Last night, accompanied by Mr. McCullough, who is a realtor by profession, I attended Ireland Baptists' largest church—Greater Victorian, Belfast—and heard a sermon by Pastor Orr, who was leaving, with Mrs. Orr, just after the service on a trip the church had provided for a visit to the Holy Land. Pastor Orr introduced me (to his Sunday night congregation of 600!) and I spoke briefly on some things we Baptists have in common.

As noted on my first visit to the British Isles three years ago, Baptist churches over here seem to do a much better job of keeping their rolls clear of "dead wood" than we do. And it is not too unusual for the attendance at the worship services to be equal to the total membership. (What would we do in our churches if we had as many to come to the services as we have listed as members? Where would we seat them?)

Last week I reported on what the order of service was like in the London church where I was the guest minister. This seems to be typical. But churches here—as in the States, certainly—have their own personalities, so to speak. There are no two of them alike.

The thing that impressed me most at Clifton Park was the great emphasis on prayer. This is

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IN THIS ISSUE:

HAS your church done its part in proffering Christian fellowship to the International students within your area? If not, you might be interested to learn what others are doing. See the BSU column on page 15.

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SOUTHERN Baptist Convention at Atlantic City is just around the corner. It is most timely that President K. Owen White release his article, "Southern Baptists at the Crossroads," on pages 6 and 7. We call it to your prayerful attention.

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Ten-point type

OBSERVANT readers of our paper will have noticed that in the last few weeks we have been going to the larger, more readable, 10-point type, carrying much less of our material in 8-point.

We have known all along that 10-point type looks better and is more inviting to the reader than is smaller type. But we had used quite a bit of 8-point for the simple reason that we were thus able to pack much more material into the paper. While we ordinarily pay little attention to anonymous mail, it was an unsigned note—just one letter—that influenced us to major on the larger type. This decisive note came from an older Baptist woman (judging by the internal evidence of her epistle) who is admittedly from Northwest Arkansas, who likes to read *all* the paper but who has found real difficulty reading the small type. However, over the weeks and months, other readers have made similar reports.

So, we have concluded that if a sizeable number of our readers, or those who would like to read the paper, need larger type, it is more important to have bigger type and less materials than to print so much that cannot or will not be read.

We are not in a position to use the larger type on everything. Because of space limitations, we are continuing to use smaller type for the Bookshelf; Facts of Interest and Religious News of the World, both from *The Survey Bulletin*; the index; and attendance reports. The pages carried once a month from Baptist Hospital will also be in smaller than 10-point, since we photograph and reduce this from the Hospital's own paper.

Some may feel such layouts as that of pages five and eight of the April 16 issue constitute too much of a sacrifice of space. But this is in line with modern journalistic practices and has been found on survey upon survey to attract a higher percentage of readers.

The truth is that the editor and staff not only aspire to publish materials that are the best possible in the light of the purpose of the paper, but we want the paper to entice the greatest possible number of readers. Like the Bible, a denominational paper is just so much paper and ink if it is not being read.—ELM

The Bible Amendment

THE April 16 issue of our paper caught up with the editor in Belfast, bringing the interesting article on page 14 about certain attacks that have been made on the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Some of those who favor one or more of the proposed amendments to the U.S. Constitution to alter Amendment 1 so as to "put the Bible and prayer back in the public schools" are saying the BJCPA has come out against the Bible and religion.

Regardless of how the attackers arrived at their conclusions, this article, "Attacked for Amendment Stand," makes clear the fallacy of the conclusions to which the opposition has jumped.

BJCPA, as its chairman, Dr. Walter Pope Binns, has re-iterated, has come to no new stand, but has merely said again what it has said before. As Dr. Binns states, ". . . the Public Affairs Committee stands firm in its fight for religious freedom and against all efforts to amend the Constitution to allow government on any level to regulate in any way the religious life of the people."

It is not necessary, certainly not on the basis of the rulings of the Supreme Court against *required* Bible reading and prayer in public schools to have anything new added to the Constitution to safeguard the *individual* rights of pupils and teachers to read the Bible for themselves and to pray. But the individual has no right to compel others, against their own wills, to read or hear read the Bible and to join in public prayer. Nor is the government, in this republic (or democracy)

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entitled to such power. As we have said here before, religion has to do with the relationship between the individual soul and God. There is no way religion can be forced upon or spoon-fed to people—by the government or any other human power.

White declines renomination

HOUSTON (BP)—K. Owen White, current president of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced here he would decline any efforts to place his name on the ballot, for re-election as president of the 10 million-member denomination.

White, who described the presidency as a job "so demanding" that he is not sure any man should try to carry the responsibility for more than one year, gave reasons of health for his decision.

The 62-year-old pastor of Houston's First Baptist Church had been forced to cancel all engagements during the month of December when he was hospitalized for observation and rest.

White said his doctor firmly told him that the illness was a warning to slow down, and he was forced to cancel a trip to Russia and do little but rest for a long period.

The announcement throws the field wide-open for electing a successor to the theologically conservative pastor as president of the nation's largest Protestant denomination during Convention sessions May 19-22 in Atlantic City.

No names have yet been mentioned as possible presidential candidates. Most Baptists had expected White to be re-nominated.

In a statement to the Baptist Press, White said:

"It has been a high privilege to serve as president of the Southern Baptist Convention this year. Recently several pastors have suggested that they would like to re-nominate me for another term.

"After very prayerful and thorough consideration, I feel that for reasons of health and also in the best interests of our beloved First Baptist Church of Houston, it is imperative that I decline the nomination.

"I would call upon Southern Baptists to pray for divine guidance in the choice of successor," the statement said.

He also told the Baptist Press that the work of the convention was so tremendous and the job of the presidency so demanding that he simply could not continue another year as its president.

The decision had been in the making for more than a month, he said, and it was not made until after much prayer, counsel with friends, and thoughtful self-examination, he said.

Regardless of our feelings on this question, let us keep the facts straight. The Baptist Joint Committee is not against Bible reading and prayer—it is just against *imposed* Bible reading and prayer.—ELM

His announcement is almost certain to make election of a new convention president a major issue at the Southern Baptist Convention during sessions May 19-22 in Atlantic City, N. J.

White was elected president of the convention during sessions last year in Kansas City after carrying the banner for theological conservatives in a controversy over symbolic interpretation of the Bible.

The small, booming voice pastor had for several years been a key figure in efforts to strike liberalism from Baptist seminaries and agencies, and to uphold the Bible as the infallible, authoritative word of God.

He has been pastor of the 3,600-member First Baptist Church of Houston for the past 11 years, and was president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas when elected as Southern Baptist Convention president last year.

Previously he was pastor of Baptist churches in Little Rock, Ark.; Washington, D. C.; Atlanta, Ga.; and Gainesville, Ga.

Personally speaking

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the regular schedule of prayer meetings: Sunday 8 to 9 a.m.; and for 30 minutes before each of the worship services, morning and evening; Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7 to 8 a.m.; and Wednesdays, prayer and Bible study, from 8 to 9:15 p.m.

About a dozen were in the prayer meeting I attended just ahead of the morning service. I was impressed with the fact these people were not merely praying "sentence" prayers, but prayers of considerable length which were not stereotyped but were most timely and appropriate. Another thing I noticed was that, although nearly all of those present prayed, in turn, there was a minimum of duplication in the prayers.

I could not help reflecting on what a difference might be brought about in many of our personal lives, and in our churches, if we made a greater place for prayer.

Next, we go to Scotland, where I am to preach Sunday at Lacey Baptist Church, Dundee, the church of my good friend, Pastor Alex Stewart, who has been on a preaching mission for the last several weeks in the USA.

Don't go away!

Edwin L. McDonald

ic is given time away from work to "study" the newest engine. Then, why not a study vacation for the pastor?

The need is urgent! Thousands of pastors have had no additional training since the completion of college or Seminary. Pastors are often heard to say, "I need to stop for awhile. I need time to think and study. I need to be filled myself." Yet pressing duties keep the pastor away from a three or four day pastors' conference. The pastor keenly senses his need, but he finds it almost impossible to free himself from church and community demands.

Now the church *can and must help*. Give your pastor a study leave for one or even two months. (A few churches have given pastors a year's leave). Let him take his family, go to a seminary campus and enroll as a regular student. He can enroll for a one-month or two-month term. He can read in the library. He can have fellowship with brother pastors. He can meditate and let the Lord restore his Soul.

Seminaries can and want to help. Apartments and houses are often available in the summer. Emphasis could be given to elective courses in areas most helpful to experienced pastors. Special planning could meet the needs of the pastors' family.

A few pastors have and do take study leaves. They and their churches have found these periods of "intake" to be most rewarding. Why not ask your pastor to take a *Study Vacation*?

NEW ORLEANS—The word in the title is "study" not "steady." Some church members seem to feel that the pastor has an extended vacation. Why he speaks only two or three times each week! Seemingly forgotten are the planning, the administration, the calls, the requests for help, the community responsibility, and the other varied demands on the pastor. Especially overlooked is the time needed to prepare body, mind, and soul for those occasions when the pastor does stand and "speak for God."

This constant "out go" demands an "intake." The alternative may be a dry, unenthusiastic, uninspiring preacher who has been driven to think of preaching as a terrible burden or an unwelcome "chore." Other professions have long stressed the need for additional training. The teacher is granted a sabbatical leave; the physician takes a short course in the latest drugs and techniques; the mechan-



WHY NOT A STUDY VACATION?

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SOONER or later every man comes to the cross-roads, where he must determine which course he will follow, and must decide which road he will take. The moving tide of human affairs has brought Southern Baptists to this place. It seems very difficult for many people to realize that there is no such thing as "The Southern Baptist Church." We are merely a convention of churches, bound together by voluntary ties of fellowship and cooperation. No one speaks for Southern Baptists other than Southern Baptists themselves. This is why we send "messengers" to the convention rather than "delegates." The messengers speak for themselves.

Frequently people write the president of the convention inquiring why he does not put Southern Baptists squarely on record as favoring this or that. He cannot. He would not if he could! He cannot speak for Southern Baptists or exercise any authority over them. The convention assembled in annual session cannot exercise any authority over the churches. By majority vote it can enunciate or declare certain great principles, it can formulate and suggest policies which can be used as guide-lines in our cooperative work, it can suggest projects in which all of us can share—but in the final analysis each local congregation, by the same democratic process decides its own degree of cooperation.

A miracle of grace

How can a group consisting of over ten million members operate successfully upon such a basis? Actually, it is a miracle of God's grace! However, there are certain great underlying principles and truths upon which Southern Baptists are in general agreement.

As a New Testament denomination we accept the authority and integrity of the Bible as the work of God. Frequently we have expressed this by saying that we "accept the New Testament as sole and sufficient rule of faith and practice." We acknowledge the absolute Lordship of Christ. We place great emphasis upon the place of the local church as basic in all our denominational structure. We recognize the place for diversity in the midst of unity—yet as a people we have been marked by strong convictions concerning the great, basic truths upon which we agree, which have made us a distinctive denomination. Southern Baptists are a Bible-centered people who are characterized by evangelistic zeal and missionary vision. These very characteristics have held us together through the years.

In common with other individuals and groups we face issues and problems upon which we are not united. Our coming convention in Atlantic City, May 19-22, now commands our prayerful concern. We are

By
K. Owen White

deeply conscious of the national and international tensions in which we share. A great, sweeping tide of liberalism in every area of life seems to engulf much of the world and we are not unaffected by it. Under such circumstances not all issues are clearly defined nor are the answers easily discovered. It would seem that Satan and the powers of darkness

SOUTHERN AT CROSS

Difference of opinion

Among the problems now faced on which there is widespread difference of opinion are the following: the question of Bible reading and prayer in the public schools; the pending Civil Rights legislation and our responsibility as a denomination in race relationships; the direction of our entire educational program; and the direction which we shall take in our world mission responsibility.

These problems cannot and will not be solved by pronouncements made in great mass meetings. Individually and as local churches we shall have to take our responsible place in the life of our nation and move forward in the light of God's word as we understand it and under the compulsion of conscience led by the Holy Spirit.

Some of us feel that the decision of the Supreme Court concerning regulated or compulsory prayer and Bible reading in the schools is so vague and ambiguous at points as to leave the door open for the complete abandonment of all prayer and Bible reading in the schools and the removal of various other recognitions of God from public life. This we would regard as most unfortunate. How to find the best answer to this dilemma may not be easy.

While recognizing the worth of the individual and the need for remedial action to remove certain inequities and injustices, many of us feel that the suggested Civil Rights legislation infringes deeply upon the rightful freedoms of numerous citizens and invests altogether too much power in the hands of the federal government.

Some of us feel, also, that we must continue to give prayerful consideration to the direction of our whole denominational educational program and should therefore exercise constant vigilance in the area of "academic freedom" and "academic responsibility" in our schools.

It is probable that it would be neither wise nor possible to deal with these problems "at length" on the convention floor. Mainly we shall have to work at these matters upon the local level, but our denomination is so set up that we have certain groups and agencies to which specific responsibilities are charged and they can serve as clearing houses to help to coordinate our efforts.

The urgency of the hour

The urgency of the hour demands that we approach the coming convention with the prayerful determination that it shall bear testimony to our strong Biblical convictions, shall be deeply spiritual in all its proceedings, and shall magnify our desire for a dynamic forward thrust in evangelism both in our homeland and around the world. A mighty volume of earnest prayer to God, both now and during the meeting of the convention, will help us to find and do His will in such a way as to please and honor Him.

(Editor's Note: Dr. White is president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, Houston, Tex.)

have deliberately complicated some of the issues to embarrass and defeat us if possible.

In a bewildered age there is growing need for a great New Testament denomination with world vision and determined purpose to sound a strong, positive note. One of our seminary professors has ably discussed this under the topic, "With the Voice of a Trumpet."

BAPTISTS THE ROADS

Teenage soulwinner



QUESTION: Please give me a Scripture plan and suggestions to help me win a teenage friend to Christ. I myself am a teenager.

ANSWER: Dr. Foy Valentine is currently promoting among Southern Baptists a theme which might well become the slogan of our denomination and basic guideline for all who would become effective soulwinners. The theme: Believe and Behave!

The majority of us find it so much easier to believe than to behave.

Dr. Valentine has a new book, just released, under this same title: **Believe and Behave.** You would do a wise thing to read this book as a part of the background for making your witness really count.

Nothing on the part of a teenager has a stronger pull toward the acceptance of Christ on the part of the non-Christian friend than everyday acting like Christ and walking in His way of life. Many of us talk in such a pious way on Sunday and live in such a worldly way during the week.

It is important to be familiar with a few Scriptures that point out the way of salvation. One of these groups is familiarly known as "The Roman Road." Here are some Scriptures from the book of Romans that give a clear presentation of the way to be saved: Romans 3:10; 3:23; 5:8; 6:23; 8:1; and 10:9-10. You might give your

friend a copy of the book of Romans in the gospel-portion form. Write a personal note in the front, pencil in the page numbers of the verses listed and underline the pages in red.

Another good, workable list of Soul-Winning Bible References, designed to be pasted in the front of your Bible is furnished by the WMU department. Here are the passages:

God loves all sinners—John 3:16

Call upon Him — Romans 10:13

Turn away from sin—Luke 13:3

Believe on Jesus as Saviour —Acts 16:31

Confess Him—Romans 10:9
Assurance of salvation—John 1:12

You do not have to be a specialist to be a soulwinner. Just to have you tell him what Christ means to you, and to have you do it with simplicity and sincerity, will mean more to your friend than any scholarly presentation.

I remember a college boy who said to me: "I have a friend who is a Jew, and I think he actually wants me to tell him how to accept Christ, but I just don't know how."

Isn't it strange how much more hesitant we are to tell people about our best friend, Jesus, than we are to tell them about a favorite teacher, a doctor who is successful in treating some physical

problem they have, a place that fixes food teenagers like ...

Your question is a most encouraging experience. So long as there are high-school boys and girls who are interested in winning their friends to Christ and influencing them to live as Christians there is hope for this world in which we live.

Read books on soulwinning. Many good ones are available.

Read the soulwinning passages so often that they will become as much a part of you as the Model Prayer and the Twenty-Third Psalm.

Pray with deep earnestness for those you are interested in winning.

All of us who want to win people to Christ need to feel the spirit of this prayer expressed by John Baillie in his *Diary of Private Prayer*:

Jesus Christ said, **When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any.**

O God, give me grace now so to do.

Jesus Christ said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

O God, give me grace to-day to think, not of what I can get, but of what I can give.

Jesus Christ said, **Enter ye in at the strait gate.**

O God, give me grace this day to keep to the narrow path of duty and honourable dealing.

Jesus Christ said, **Judge not.**

O God, give me grace this day first to cast out the beam out of my own eye, before I regard the mote that is in my brother's eye.

Jesus Christ said, **What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?**

O God, give me grace so to live this day that, whatever else I lose, I may not lose my soul.

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INFANT BAPTISM

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THIS practice is rejected by Baptists and by many other Christian groups. But it is followed by



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Roman Catholics and by many Protestant bodies. It stems from belief in original sin and of baptism as a means of removing the guilt even without personal repentance and faith in Christ. So

it is actually an outgrowth of belief in baptismal regeneration. Baptists believe in original sin, but do not believe in baptismal regeneration.

When did this practice begin? Mention of it is found in a questioned reference of Irenaeus (circa 200 A. D.). In this general period references to it are found in the writings of Tertullian and Origen. But Tertullian expressly favors the baptism of adults only, a view shared by many of his contemporaries. At this time infant baptism was not an established and general practice. But by the time of Augustine (354-430 A. D.) it seems to have been firmly established. However, in the fourth century Basil the Great and his brother, Gregory of Nyssa, two outstanding Christian leaders whose family had been Christian for several generations, were not baptized until adulthood, probably upon personal profession of faith. Evidence shows that until the end of the fourth century both adult and infant baptism were practiced side by side. For all practical purposes infant baptism was general by the sixth or seventh centuries.

The matter of infant baptism was the center of much contro-

versy between our spiritual forebears and Roman Catholics and some Protestant groups prior to and after the Reformation. It even involved persecution of the former by the latter groups. The name "Baptists" stems from "Anabaptists," meaning "re-baptizers," because our spiritual forebears upon profession of faith in Christ immersed converts from Roman Catholicism. Refusal to baptize their infants brought persecution to Baptists even in the American Colonies.

What is the basis of support for infant baptism? In addition to the doctrine of original sin and belief in baptismal regeneration, the following claims are made. (1) Baptism of infants corresponds to circumcision in the Old Testament. (2) Family baptisms in the New Testament included infants (cf. Acts 16:32-33; I Cor. 1:16). (3) Some call it a dedication looking toward the subject's later profession of faith.

Upon what bases of Baptists reject infant baptism? (1) While admitting original sin, they reject the teaching of baptismal regeneration (2) There are no scriptural grounds for relating baptism to circumcision. (3) Infants are not specifically mentioned in household baptisms. There may have been children, not infants, who were baptized upon a personal profession of faith, a practice to which Baptists subscribe. (4) There is no New Testament evidence of infant baptism nor of teachings to that effect. (5) It is based upon tradition not warranted in the New Testament. (6) New Testament baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in Christ upon a personal profes-

Papa Wore No Halo, by Susan Herring

Jeffries, John F. Blair, 1963, \$4.95

Mrs. Jeffries tells here the poignant and often hilarious story of her father's four turbulent decades in China and of the two families that shared the life of his unorthodox missionary.

The hero of the story, David Herring, lived and preached in China for more than 40 years, coping with Boxers, cows, kites, bandits, scorpions, motorcycles, wheelbarrows, thieves, and civil wars, before the political situation in 1927 forced him to leave.

Mrs. Jeffries, a statistical analyst in genetics at North Carolina State College, has a captivating style. You will find no dull moments in this 450-page classic.

The Unpopular Missionary, by Ralph E.

Dodge, Fleming H. Revell, 1964, \$3.50

A Bishop of the Methodist church who has spent more than 25 years in Africa, Author Dodge attempts to answer the question: Why are so many of America's Christian missionaries unpopular?

He quotes from some frank, young African students: "The missionaries must acknowledge and recognize the infinite, boundless, and limitless capacities of an African as an equal member of the human family and must endeavor to develop such capacities so that in due course, the contributions and interdependence of the African and the white race will be reciprocal."

From another African student he quotes: "The concept that the African is working for the missionary must have its funeral. There should be the feeling that the African and the missionary are working together toward one common goal."

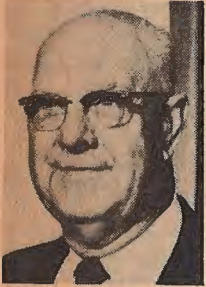
sion of faith in Christ as one's Saviour. Such is impossible for an infant. (7) Infant baptism tends to serve as a deterrent to a later personal profession of faith in Christ (8) Infant baptism tends toward an unregenerate church membership. (9) In many countries infant baptism is related to a State Church which Baptists reject. (10) Infant baptism tends to deprive baptism of its New Testament symbolic form as to both mode and meaning.

It is of interest that many leading theologians in Protestant denominations which practice infant baptism are now calling for a re-examination of the New Testament teachings. They question that the New Testament teaches it. Some suggest that the practice should either be discontinued, or else that it be continued only as a tradition having no scriptural basis.

I challenge you

BY J. I. COSSEY

I CHALLENGE you to be a big man for Christ. You can be a big man with Christ, but a very little



MR. COSSEY

man without Christ. Christ uses big men in his service, and the devil uses little men in his services. Each man can determine his own size and his own master.

A big preacher can develop a small church into a big church in a very few years. A little preacher can become pastor of a big church and soon his big church will be reduced down to his size. I challenge you to make your life program Christ-like and Christ-centered.

A church is a product of Christ and given a world-wide commission by Christ. If you are a God-called preacher, you are called to a world program and your vision is to be world-wide. If your vision does not go beyond the border of the community where you serve, you will likely never leave that community.

When I speak of a big man I am not talking about avoirdupois, but about purpose, attitude, vision, humility, and determination. Where do you get the measurement of your program, from God or the devil? When you set your pace, who is to be your companion? Are you moved by the dollar mark or by the desire to serve? We need Christian statesmen in the pulpits, not time servers.

Are you happy in a little program limited by the border of your home town or do you have a world-vision? Our horizon should extend to the remotest point where human beings live. However, we will not do anything for that remote human being if we are not

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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First public mission service in Burma

BAPTISTS held their first public mission services in Burma in April, 1819.



DR. SELPH

Earlier in the month Adoniram Judson had erected a Zayat, an open shed, on a busy street in Rangoon for the purpose of preaching the gospel.

Personal witnessing had been carried on in a private manner and had done much to pave the way for Christianity. This was the first formal public worship. The first congregation numbered 15, besides children, and was noisy and inattentive. The second Sunday 25 or 30 attended and tracts were handed out.

Through the week Mr. Judson sat on the floor in the open room of the Zayat from morning until night talking and teaching any who might chance to stop by. To create interest he would call out to the crowd passing by.

Moung Nau, the first convert, of Judson's in Burma, made his appearance, Apr. 30, 1819. He repeated his visits for several days.

Judson wrote in his journal May 5, "Moung Nau has been with doing something for the same type human being on our home street.

I wonder if we are big enough to cope with the opportunity we have at hand. A man with mediocre ability may earn top rating in the success world. Having ability is not as important as the dedicated use of it. Many of us sell ourselves too cheap. God created us for high value, not for low value. I challenge you to get up and get out for God and the right. Please don't sit and howl like a sick dog until all your friends lose respect for you.

me several hours. I begin to think that the grace of God has reached his heart. He expresses sentiments of repentance for his sins and faith in the Saviour. The substance of his profession is, that from all darkness and uncleanness and sins of his whole life, he has found no other Saviour but Jesus Christ; nowhere else can he look for salvation; and therefore he proposes to adhere to Christ, and worship him all his life long" (S. F. Smith, Missionary Sketches, p.11).

Four days later Moung Nau declared his faith in Jessu Christ in the presence of several of his countrymen. On the 6th of June he addressed a letter to the missionaries requesting baptism. This request was granted and Moung Nau was baptized June 27, 1819, the first baptism to occur in the Burman empire.

After six years of preaching, teaching and praying Judson had won his first convert in Burma.

The Cover



—Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts

Mother's Day

All-Gracious! grant to those who bear

A mother's charge, the strength and light

To guide the feet that own their care

In ways of Love and Truth and Right.

—William Cullen Bryant
"The Mother's Hymn"

Student to USSR

THOMAS N. Bjorkman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bjorkman, North Little Rock, and a sophomore at Vanderbilt University, has been selected for participation in the University of Kansas-University of Colorado Summer Russian Program in Finland.



MR. BJORKMAN

Bjorkman, a physics major, will leave New York June 8 and return Aug. 20. He will study the Russian language at Jarvenpaa, Finland, and will visit points in Finland, Sweden, and the Soviet Union during his stay to improve his conversational Russian.

The faculty will consist of a member from each sponsoring university and two from Finland. A Russian-speaking staff of nine will be on hand at all times.

An honor graduate of North Little Rock High School in 1962, he is attending Vanderbilt on a Founder's scholarship. He is a member of Central Church, North Little Rock.

Fitzgerald to Newport

REV. James H. Fitzgerald, who has served as pastor of the Kelley Height Church, Ft. Smith, for three years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Immanuel Church, Newport. He will begin his work in the new pastorate May 17.

Before coming to the Kelley Height Church, Mr. Fitzgerald was pastor of Calvary Church, Blytheville, and Park Place Church, Hot Springs. During his ministry in Hot Springs, 700 members were received and a \$250,000 auditorium was constructed.

He is a graduate of Union Baptist University, Jackson, Tenn. and attended Southwestern Seminary.

He is currently serving his second term as moderator of Concord Association and has served on the Executive Board of the Arkansas State Convention and as a member of the operating committee.—Reporter

Obscene magazine sales stopped



NEW state Baptist Student Union officers elected last week-end at Tanako are Glyn Finley of SSC, vice president; Cathy Layman of OBC, secretary; and William Echols of HSTC, president. More than 200 newly elected officers attended the annual Spring Planning Retreat which provided job training for campus BSU positions, saw the commissioning of Arkansas' eight BSU summer missionaries and its many Home Mission Board summer missionaries, the installation of new state officers and seventeen local presidents, and heard messages relative to the retreat theme "The Christian And The Crisis."

Accepts dedication

MRS. Joe Sterling, secretary to the president of Southern College, received the dedication of the school annual, *The Southern*, at the annual freshman-sophomore banquet.

Other awards went to Kenny Wilkerson, a sophomore of Fisk, Mo., as campus king; Arliss Dickerson of Piggott as Mr. Southern; and Miss Glenda Sisco of Poplar Bluff, Mo., as both campus queen and Miss Southern.

PINE BLUFF—In a precedent setting decision, a Jefferson County Chancery Court jury has declared that eight magazines were obscene and Chancellor Joseph Morrison of Stuttgart ordered that their sale be stopped.

The all-male jury told Judge Morrison that, in its opinion, the magazines were obscene. The judge does not have to abide by the jury's decision in a chancery suit, but Judge Morrison immediately issued a permanent restraining order prohibiting the sale of the magazines in the Fourth Chancery District, which includes Jefferson, Arkansas, Lincoln and Cleveland Counties.

"I want it clearly understood that I don't want this slush sold in this community," he said.

Defense attorneys said they would appeal the decision to the state Supreme Court.

The magazines were named in a suit charging them with obscenity under Arkansas Act 261 of 1960. The Act says that obscenity exists when, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material appeals to prurient interests.

Lawyers said it was the first test of the law. Judge Morrison ordered Prosecutor E. W. Brockman to draft the precedent as soon as possible and told defense attorneys that they could file an exception.

The suit was brought after a Pine Bluff group composed largely of ministers organized to clean city newsstands of what it considered objectionable material.

Judge Morrison, in his charge to the jury, said that jurors should decide what constituted the moral standards of the community and whether the magazines were immoral. He said that neither the freedom of speech nor press allowed persons to infringe upon other freedoms. (DP)

What's in a name?

WANT to win a free trip to camp this summer, boys and girls? Then here's your chance.

The Arkansas State Convention is looking for a name for its new camp on Highway 9 near Paron and they're asking your help. Your entry must be in by May 18 to Melvin Thrash, Business Manager, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock.

Mothers and fathers and older friends of the family are also eligible to win—they can donate their prize to the boy or girl of their choice.

Here's what you're naming: It's 266 acres of mountains, plains, trees and stream. Twelve cabins have been constructed. There's an activities building, a dining room and kitchen and a swimming pool. Maximum capacity now is 204. The camp will be used each year by the Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors and other groups within the convention.

After May 18, the judges will pick the best name submitted by a boy and the best by a girl. Both will win a free week at camp. Then we'll print a ballot in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* and everyone can vote to pick the name the camp will be known by forevermore.

Judges will be the presidents of WMU, Brotherhood and the Executive Board.

Put on your thinking caps and let us hear from you!

Pirtle accepts church



GEORGE E. PIRTLE JR.

REV. George E. Pirtle Jr., pastor of Second Church, Pine Bluff, has resigned to accept the First Church, Sylvan Hills, North Little Rock.

During Mr. Pirtle's stay in Pine Bluff he has served as moderator of Harmony Association, as teacher in the American Baptist Theological Seminary Extension Center, and as commissioner for the 8th District of the Arkansas Baptist Historical Commission. He

is currently serving as chairman of the Missions Committee of Harmony Association.

During his ministry at Second Church, there were 200 additions. The church indebtedness has decreased \$25,000. Sunday School educational space has been added at a cost of \$8,000. From the total income of the church of \$150,000, the amount of \$1,800 was given to local associational missions, \$7,000 through the Cooperative Program mission work, and \$10,750 to all outside mission causes.

A native of El Dorado, Mr. Pirtle is a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary. He took post graduate study in history at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Pirtle have a daughter, Sarah Leah, 8.

Caroline Association

New pastors

REV. Virgil Tarvin has accepted the pastorate of Toltec Church. He moved from Missouri.

Rev. Pat Mahaffey of Hunter has assumed his new pastorate at Biscoe.

Cabot First Church has a new pastor, Rev. Harold O'Bryan, formerly of Dermott.

To Cedarville



GARLAND BRACKETT

GARLAND Brackett, who lives in Fort Smith and has been serving the Palestine Church near Greenwood the past year, has accepted the pastorate of the full-time Cedarville Church, 13 miles north of Van Buren.

The 31-year-old minister is a student in Fort Smith Junior College, and has been a student in the Concord Seminary Extension Center. He succeeds John Clement who resigned to accept a pastorate in Hot Springs.

Mrs. Brackett is the former Annette Chancellor of Dardanelle. They have three sons and one daughter, Ricky, 8, Randy, 5, Danny, 3, and Tracy Gail, 10 months.

Snyder to Rowe's Chapel

ROWE'S Chapel Church, Monette, has called Rev. Gerald Snyder of Blytheville as pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have a son, Gerald Ray, 5, and a daughter, Betty Ann, 4. They have moved on the field.

MISS Nan Owens, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, is now serving at the Baptist teacher training college in Obinze (her address: Baptist Training College, Obinze, Nigeria, West Africa). She formerly taught in Baptist Girls' Secondary School, Agbor. She is a native of Union County, Arkansas.

Former students meet

BAPTIST Former Students of the University of Arkansas Association will hold its semi-annual meeting from 12:30 to 4 p.m. May 9 at Allsopp Park's new pavilion.

Those who do not know the location are requested to meet at 12 at the Baptist Student Union on South Elm.

Non-members of the association, who were Baptist students at the university, are invited. Dinner will be furnished.

Buy more property

FOREST Highlands Church, Little Rock, has voted to purchase additional property to complete a one-half square block owned by the church. The lot is the site of a brick house with three bedrooms and a bath and a half, centrally heated and air-conditioned, which will be used at present for a pastorium.

Rev. Jim E. Tillman is pastor. Property purchase plans were completed by Perry Reed, Floyd Lewis and Bill Gilstrap.

News about missionaries

MISS Paula Kortkamp, one of 14 Southern Baptist missionary appointees for Spanish America, returned to the States Apr. 17 after a year of language study in San Jose, Costa Rica.

An appointee for Mexico, she may be addressed, c-o Paul Kortkamp, 608 Devon Street, North Little Rock. She is a native of Moline, Ill.

MISS Josephine Harris, Southern Baptist missionary to Hawaii, expects to arrive on the mainland April 30 for a four-month furlough. She may be addressed at P.O. Box 593, Glorieta, N. M. Daughter of a Baptist minister, Miss Harris was born in Brinkley and grew up in Little Rock and Jonesboro.

MISS Nan Owens, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, may be addressed at Obinze Baptist College, Box 129, Owerri, Nigeria, West Africa. She is a native of Union County, Ark.

MAY 7, 1964



FIRST IN ARKANSAS?—Probably the first presentation of Training Awards in Arkansas was made Apr. 8 at First Church, North Little Rock. Top honors went to Mrs. J. G. Darby (left) with all five diplomas complete with red, blue and gold seals. Mrs. T. A. Spencer received four diplomas with three seals and the fifth with two. Bobbie Lee Taylor received two diplomas with three seals on each. Rev. J. C. Myers is pastor. C. E. Carroll is minister of education.

Arkansans in London

Rev. D. D. Smothers, pastor, First Church, Prescott, Mrs. Smothers and Dr. George Ballentine, pastor, First Church, Hope, joined 23 ministers Apr. 27 for a spiritual mission program in London.

The mission grew out of an exchange of pastorates in 1961 between Mr. Smothers and F. R. Skeet, pastor of Shirley Church, Southampton.

May 5 the party were guests of Sir Cyril Black at a tea reception in the House of Commons.

Upon their return May 18, Mr. and Mrs. Smothers will attend the Southern Baptist Convention at Atlantic City.

Alumni to Meet

SPRINGDALE—Alumni of New Orleans Seminary will gather for a breakfast meeting, May 21, during the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City, according to Burton A. Miley, Springdale, Arkansas alumni president.

The annual gathering will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Renaissance Room of the Ambassador Hotel.

Mr. Miley urges Arkansas alumni to purchase breakfast tickets now from the Seminary alumni office at \$2.50 each.

Dr. Webb speaker

DR. PERRY F. Webb Sr. of Little Rock will appear on the program of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in Atlantic City May 18-19. Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis will address the opening session on Monday morning, May 18. Other speakers on the program include Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, Dr. H. H. Hobbs, of Oklahoma City, and Rev. Bill Moyers assistant to President Johnson.

The program theme will be "Baptist Ideals" and Dr. Webb will address the group Monday evening on the topic, "The Truth That Makes Men Free."

Sixty years of ministry

T. R. HAMMONS, who is completing 60 years in the ministry, will be honored at a special recognition service at Burnt Cane Church, Forrest City, May 10.

Mr. Hammons has served 82 churches, and has baptized approximately 9,000.

He and Mrs. Hammons would have been married for 65 years on Apr. 3 if she had lived another month.

Mr. Hammons, whose son, O. P., is representative of St Francis County, has served as House Chaplain.

New program of advance

BY IONE GRAY
DIRECTOR OF PRESS RELATIONS

THE Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board climaxed its three-day April meeting with the adoption of a program of expansion calling for 5,000 missionaries and an annual income sufficient to support them and their work. The new program will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in Atlantic City this month.

"Southern Baptists will grow or fail to grow partly in terms of our concern for the world," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, said. "God has not given us our current resources that we may use them upon ourselves. God's purposes will go on regardless of Southern Baptists, but the question for us is, 'Will we go where God wants us to go?'"

The number of missionaries and the financial resources for the work have about trebled since Southern Baptists launched their earlier advance program in 1948. (The overseas staff now totals more than 1,800; the Board's income last year exceeded \$22,000,000.) The new goals are just less than treble the current missionary forces and resources.

Though the Board did not set a date for reaching them, Dr. Cauthen said: "In my heart I believe that as God led the last advance to reach its fulfillment in 16 years it would be realistic to hope and pray that within another 16 years Southern Baptists may have 5,000 missionaries."

Plans include a consultation on foreign missions in 1965 to give impetus to the new thrust.

An innovation of the program is a category of special overseas service for unmarried college graduates through the age of 26. This will consist of a two-year, nonrepeatable term on the mission field, preceded by three months of preparation. The participants will be chosen on the basis of requests from the Missions (organizations of missionaries) for special tasks. The Board hopes to send 50 young people in this category during 1965.

"We believe Southern Baptists are going to respond to this project even as young Americans have responded to the Peace Corps," Dr. Cauthen said.

In addition to missionaries and money, the new program, outlined in detail, calls for geographical advance to additional countries and new sections of countries already entered. It calls for advance in depth through strengthened programs of direct evangelism, church development, publications, medicine, education, leadership training, relief, literacy, student work, agriculture, community service, and international exchange. Efforts will be made to capture the current opportunities of witnessing through

media of mass communications: radio, television, audio-visual materials, and the press.

"In looking ahead to the new program of advance, the Foreign Mission Board is focusing particular attention on the open doors for evangelism and church development," Dr. Cauthen said. "Without any apology, we assert that the primary objective in foreign missions is to make disciples and bring them into the fellowship of New Testament churches where they can be taught to observe all things our Lord has commanded."

Special projects, such as preaching missions, simultaneous evangelistic crusades, evangelistic conferences, city-wide revivals, and central crusades in major cities, will be undertaken upon the recommendation of Missions and national Baptist conventions on the fields and the approval of the Foreign Mission Board. These projects will be organized and correlated through the office of the Board's consultant in evangelism and church development and in close co-operation with the area secretaries.

"The Foreign Mission Board stands ready to appropriate funds to implement special projects in evangelism and church development as resources may permit," Dr. Cauthen said. "Missions and conventions will recommend these projects with confidence that the Board will as readily provide funds for them as for any other undertaking recommended after consideration and prayer."

The new program of advance also seeks to lead inforcement for the world task. "We must have a new experience of depth in prayer," Dr. Cauthen said. "Organization will not achieve what we are talking about. Promotion will not do it. We need to develop a spiritual longing. Who can foresee what God may do with Southern Baptists if we lay ourselves absolutely at the feet of Christ and commit ourselves to the implementation of the Great Commission in these closing decades of the 20th century?"

Board members overseas

DR. J. Levering Evans, of Richmond, Va., chairman of the Board's committee on the Orient, spoke briefly concerning his recent trip to that area, and Rev. Meredith K. Roberson, of Richmond, first vice-president of the Board and chairman of the Africa committee, described his month-long "spiritual pilgrimage" to Africa (while overseas he also made brief visits to Europe and the Middle East). Both men emphasized the importance of the new program of advance in light of what they experienced. Mr. Roberson said, "I am more convinced than ever that the Great Commission is for everyone and that the time is now."

At the time of the April meeting, Rev. Thomas L. Neely, Board member from South Carolina, was engaged in an evangelistic effort on Corn Island, off the coast of Nicaragua; Rev. Forrest H. Siler, Board member from Kansas, was participating in a Bible study and stewardship emphasis on Trinidad; and Dr. Ralph M. G. Smith, Board member from Missouri, was helping with evangelistic meetings in Australia.

Departments

Student Union

Many thanks

TO THE WMU of Baring Cross Church and Pulaski Heights Church, the Hugh Cantrells of



DR. LOGUE

First Church of Stephens, Dr. John Miller and Dr. John Maddox of First Church of Camden, and Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Whitlow of Little Rock for their excellent help this year in

welcoming our International students to the state.

A special thanks again this year to the Woman's Missionary Union of the state for providing financial assistance so that again this year the International Student Retreat could be held. Misses Nancy Cooper, Elma Cobb, and Mary Hutson gave their whole Thanksgiving week-end to the project.

The WMU of Baring Cross (Mrs. L. B. Percy, president) has twice hosted the monthly gathering of Internationals held at the BSU Center at the Medical School. Mrs. S. A. Whitlow has been in charge of these monthly meetings and Dr. and Mrs. Whitlow have opened their home to the students on several occasions.

The Hugh Cantrells of Stephens have opened their home for special meals for the Internationals of SSC and have formed many friendships with these students. First Church of Camden two weeks ago invited all the Internationals of OBC, Henderson State, A & M, and Southern State to spend the week-end with their people and their church. The students arrived Saturday afternoon for Open House at the John Millers. (Dr. and Mrs. Miller were former missionaries to China and he is at present a Camden physician). Saturday evening there was a meal at the church for the students, their hosts, and interested friends. The students spent the night in the homes of

the hosts and worshipped Sunday morning with the people of First Church of Camden.

Still another group to be thanked is the WMU of Pulaski Heights Church (Mrs. Buford Bracey, president) for their refreshments and entertainment at one of the monthly gatherings of Internationals.

To these and many others who have made our 200 Internationals studying in Arkansas feel welcome, we say a sincere "thank you."—Tom J. Logue, Director

Sunday School

Small children and Siloam Springs

IS there a problem involved for families with small children in attending the state assembly?



MR. HATFIELD

Some have expressed the problem of "taking care" of small children for a week at the assembly grounds, when their purpose in attending is to study during the morning hours.

Parents do not have this problem now that there is a Children's Building on the grounds.

This building (three years old) has been provided by Arkansas Baptist to help meet the teaching needs of young children and at the same time frees parents to attend their morning classes and worship.

This educational building has the finest facilities for boys and girls. It has a clean smooth floor, pastel color walls, ceiling fans, and the best in kitchenette and plumbing equipment. The teaching equipment is the latest and best.

There are four large functional rooms. There are two Nursery rooms for children through three; a third room is for Beginners, ages four and five; and the fourth room for Primary boys and girls ages six, seven and eight.

Trained faculty members teach approved units of study for each of these groups. There are periods for stories, activities, music, rest,

Training Union

Baptist Heritage Week

MANY of our churches have observed Baptist Heritage Week and have received a blessing by studying our Baptist history.



MR. DAVIS

Task No. 5 of the Training Union is to provide organization and leadership for special projects of the Church. One of

these special projects is the ob-

NOTICE

IF you are going to Youth Week at Glorieta (June 4-10) or the Youth Week at Ridgecrest (July 2-8) and can take a sword drill or speakers' tournament participant, please notify the State Training Union Department.

servance of church membership week each spring. The study course this spring was on Baptist heritage.

Brother Training Union Director, have you requested study course awards for those who took the course? If you need Award Blank No. 150, write to your State Training Union Department.

In 1965 the church membership study week will use books on worship. This function of the church will be emphasized throughout 1965—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

recreation and refreshment.

This provision allows for the best possible teaching experience for the children, allows parents to be involved in their own morning activities and allows a laboratory of observation by leaders who are scheduled to see this teaching unit from prepared "observation booths" alongside each room.

Evening provision is made for Nursery children only during the worship period. Afternoons are open for all to participate in rest and recreation. No activities in the Children's Building in the afternoons. — Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary

GLIMPSES OF 75TH ANNUAL ARKANSAS

First Church,



Rejoice



OFFICERS elected for 1964-65 were (l. to r.) Nancy Cooper, treasurer; Mrs. R. E. Snider, Camden, president; Mrs. Floyd Chronister, Little Rock, vice-president; Mrs. William B. Davey, Little Rock, recording secretary. In background, amid setting for pageant, is the banner designed and used during the Jubilate Year, 1913.



RICHARD L. Goodbar, writer and director of pageant, "I, Paul, Send Greetings," autographed program for Lawson Hatfield. Back of the author are his parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Goodbar of Little Rock, and on the left is Mack Ferguson. The men had roles in the pageant.

MISS Annie Armstrong, first executive secretary of WMU, SBC, was greeted by Mrs. J. K. Pace and Miss Ella Miller, representatives from Arkansas who attended organizational meeting in Richmond, Va., in 1888. With Miss Armstrong was her sister, Alice. Playing these roles were Mrs. W. H. Patterson, Mrs. Jack Ferguson, Mrs. Troy Cate and Mrs. Frank Wofford.



HISTORIC MEETING WMU

Little Rock



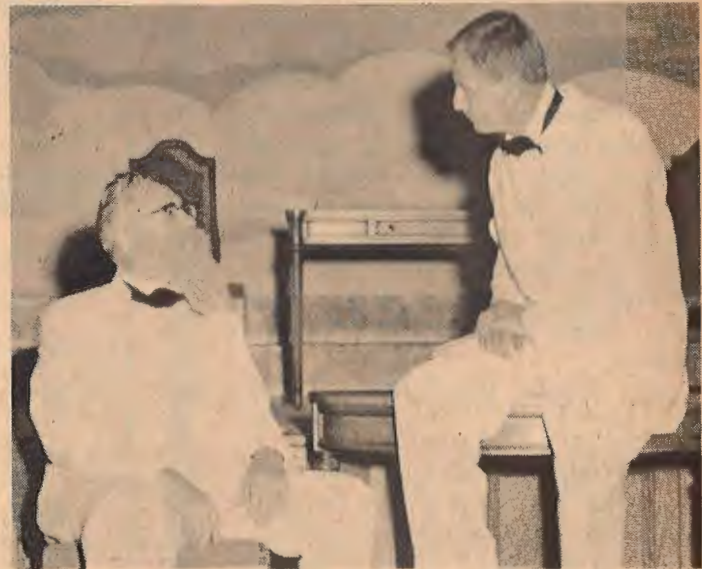
SETTING for 75th Anniversary luncheon at Immanuel Church. Organizations which are 75 years old and those which attained 75th Anniversary goals were recognized.



TERTIUS, played by Carol Rosenbaum, summons Mrs. James P. Eagle, first president of Arkansas WMU, represented by Mrs. S. Ladd Davies, and Lydia of Philippi, played by Mrs. Floyd Chronister, to join Paul the Apostle, Dale Cowling, who is seen in the heavenly heights.



PRESENTING realistic humor and missionary interest throughout the pageant were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Upton played by Lawson Hatfield and Mrs. Bob Buice. Pictured with them is Mrs. Jack Royce, a friend and co-organizer of missionary societies by the name of Mrs. Stone.



THE great ministry of Charles E. Smith, the first Baptist foreign missionary to go from Arkansas, was presented by Bernes Selph of Benton. He is shown above conferring with S. G. Pinnock, a fellow missionary in Nigeria, played by Don Thompson.

Why not?

WHY not plan an extension revival somewhere within reach of your Brotherhood during the summer? You might well plan two or more such revivals in areas or in communities which are unchurched, or where churches need outside assistance. Maybe your pastor will do the preaching if you men will "break the ground" in preparation, and back him up by your prayers, your visitation, and your personal work. Or several of you men, yourselves, can give your testimonies, and bring simple messages setting forth God's wonderful plan of salvation.



MR. TULL

"Breaking the ground" will require a survey (census) of a prospective area (find who needs to be reached!); also some prayer-meetings in homes of lost and unenlisted people before the revival begins; an adequate place to meet; plans for the music; etc.

Holding a revival even in a small area requires those same elements of preparation that are needed in a larger area. Making the necessary plans and carrying them through to successful completion will be a liberal education in evangelism and in elementary mission work for all the men involved. And, after the revival, the men will be more experienced, more ready, and more anxious to lift the regular work of their church to a higher level. This has been proved many, many, times.

Too busy? Too busy for God who gave you all the time you ever had? God help you!

The terrific struggle to find men for the West Coast Crusade and the Colorado-Nebraska Crusade is revealing all too clearly that many of God's men who are financially able and experientially qualified are just too busy with their own business to find time to have a part in some of the great

est Christian enterprises of this generation.

The call is going out for 1,000 men for the Crusades, out of the more than 3,000,000 Southern Baptist men. This is one Crusader for every 200 Baptist men, or 1/2 of 1 per cent. Does your church have 200 men in its membership? Has your church produced the ONE man that is your minimum

share of Crusade personnel? Search him out, for he is there. Find him for God!

If you would like to go on one of the Crusades, but, after prayer and a heart felt search into your affairs, you find that it is utterly impossible for you to get away, and you are financially able to do so, why not help some other man who would go if he could go?—Nelson Tull, Secretary

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Spiritual growth

(Continued from last week)

I. PASTOR'S LETTER

The Pastor should write the new member and congratulate him on being a member of the greatest institution on earth next to the home. Remind him that he may be a nominal member or above the average.



MR. REED

Include a schedule of the services of the church, a church covenant, a pledge card or tither's card or both and a tract on tithing. A package of church envelopes should be given.

The pastor should express his desire to be of service to the new member. The sponsor should take a baptismal certificate signed by the pastor. The church should follow the "Deacon Led Spiritual Growth Program." Get pamphlets from state Training Union Department.

II. PASTOR'S CLASS

The pastor or some responsible leader in the church should teach "Your Life and Your Church" by Sullivan. The church covenant should be given out and taught. Baptism, the Lord's Supper, the budget and how it is made up, adopted and subscribed, and tithing should be taught. Enroll each new member in Training Union.

This teaching period covering five or six Sunday nights of Training Union time is one of the most important things a pastor can do. Count them in total attendance in Training Union.

III. Assign to organizations as prospects. If the new member is not already enrolled in Sunday School, Training Union, Women's Missionary Society, Royal Ambassadors, Girls' Auxiliary, Sunbeams or Brotherhood, enroll him where he belongs. The choir director should contact him as to singing in the choir.

ACTS 18:26 says "Whom Aquilla and Priscilla had heard they took him unto them and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." Appollos did not seem to be grounded in faith. This is spiritual growth.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

(Continued next week.)

Revival statistics

FIRST Church, Bigelow; Refus Caldwell, pastor; Garland A. Morrison, pastor, Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, evangelist; 22 professions of faith; 1 by letter; 1 surrendered to full time service.

BIGELOW Church; Rev. Garland A. Morris, pastor, Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, evangelist; 22 professions of faith; 1 by letter; 1 for full time service; Refus Caldwell, pastor.

FIRST Church, Magazine, Mar. 23-29; Walter K. Ayers, evangelist; Bill J. Storts, Magazine, singer; 13 by baptism; 1 by letter; Noel D. Greenfield, pastor.

FIRST Church, Star City; Jim E. Tillman, Little Rock, evangelist; Bob Fuston, singer; 10 for baptism; 8 by letter; Don Cooper pastor.

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FIRST Church, Smackover, Apr. 19-26; David Blaylock, Memphis, song leader; D. C. McAtee, pastor, evangelist; 21 for baptism; 3 by letter.

CENTRAL Church, Magnolia, Apr. 5-12; Dr. W. D. Wyatt, pastor, First Church, Albuquerque, N. M., evangelist; Earl Bailey, Central, Magnolia, song director; 21 for baptism and 12 by letter; Dr. Loyd L. Hunnicutt, pastor.

FRANKLIN Avenue Church, New Orleans; Jim E. Tillman, Little Rock, evangelist; Harry Cooper, singer; 7 for baptism; 9 by letter; Don Moore, pastor.

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By Anobel Armour

MAKE a scrapbook to bring joy to a special friend. Make the inside pages of construction paper. These sheets can be used whole or, for a smaller scrapbook, they can be folded. A friend who takes trips might like a smaller scrapbook better. It will tuck nicely into a suitcase and will be handy for pasting in menus or any other souvenirs. By the time the trip is over, its record is safely and easily pasted.

The size of the construction paper to be used must be decided upon first. Then covers can be cut to match. The cardboard in shirts as they come from the laundry is a good size and weight. The lid and bottom of a box also make good material.

Cover the two boards inside and outside with wallpaper. Most dealers will supply you with a few samples of pretty wallpaper. If wallpaper is not available, cover the boards with colored pages from seed catalogs.

Punch holes through the covers and the inside sheets. Tie all together with a shoestring or any colored cord. Bring the ends from the bottom to the top so that a bow can be made on the front of the book.

One more step makes this attractive scrapbook a personal gift. Cut block letters from advertisements and paste them on the cover. Letters in many colors are available. They might read: *ANN'S BOOK* or *TOM'S TRAVELS*. Of course the words can be lettered with crayons, but cutouts are more in keeping with the scrapbook's design.



By Barbara Turnbo

Magic May

By Thelma C. Carter

MAY is the fifth month of the year and the last month of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. It is one of the most beautiful months of the year. In many places May is a festival month. There are apple blossom festivals, music festivals, May Day festivals, parades, sailboat races, and canoe races.

In our part of the world, the North Temperate Zone, May is the month of light, fluffy clouds in blue skies and an abundance of birdsongs. All about us, bright colorful irises, poppies, and tulips are at their best. Pink and white peonies remind us that this spring-time month is the time when we honor our mothers on Mother's Day.

Wild flowers bloom on mountainsides and prairies, in desert areas and forests. They turn the earth into a fairyland of color. One cannot help but say with the psalmist, "Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone" (Psalm 86:10).

If you visit a small pond in May, you will find a thriving community of insects and small creatures among the cattails and bulrushes. These include dragonflies, water beetles, minnows, frogs, and toads.

In Bible times, May was also a month of festivals. When feast days were observed, the people made garlands from flowers which they gathered in fields and gardens. Among these were the golden yellow narcissus, the bright red rose of Sharon (tulip), and many beautiful roses.

Dear Mother, so lovely
And fair as the rose,
As pure as the dew
On the lily that grows,
Whose hands have fashioned
And heart has extended
To quiet my fears,
God must have known
When he made our land,
He needed someone
With a magical hand.
So this tool he placed
In the heart of no other
Than our wonderful friend
We all love to call Mother.

Unscramble us, please

By Mabel Niedermeyer McCaw

THE following scrambled words are the names of objects or persons seen in your church. Give yourself a score of ten for each one you can decipher.

1. gnroa
2. hsreus
3. tilpup
4. hicor
5. ibelb
6. fiofnrge talpes
7. setirimn
8. ymhnokobs
9. agrectoningo
10. wesp

Answers

1. organ, 2. ushers, 3. pulpit, 4. choir, 5. Bible, 6. offering plates, 7. minister, 8. hymnbooks, 9. congregation, 10. pews

Nursing Scholarship Contest

Five Baptist hospitals in the Mid-South will each award three tuition scholarships to their schools of nursing beginning with the 1964 fall term.

Young ladies who are interested in nursing careers may enter the scholarship competition by writing an essay of not more than 500 words on "WHY I WANT TO BE A NURSE." Contestants must meet the admission requirements of the school to which they submit essays.

First place awards by each school will be full tuition scholarships. Second place winners will receive two-thirds of their tuition and third place winners will earn one-third of their tuition.

Entries should be submitted BEFORE JUNE 1, 1964 to the NURSING SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST at the School of Nursing in care of one of the following participating hospitals:

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ARKANSAS BAPTIST HOSPITAL, Little Rock, Ark.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL, Nashville, Tenn.

EAST TENNESSEE BAPTIST HOSPITAL, Knoxville, Tenn.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL, Jackson, Miss.



The Christian's use of leisure

BY JIM TILLMAN, PASTOR
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MATTHEW 6:33; MARK 6:30-32; I. COR. 6:12-14, 19, 20;
PHILIPPIANS 4:8

MAY 10, 1964

THE American Automobile Association reports that the American people spend \$25 billion on vacations every



MR. TILLMAN

year. This is an indication that there is a need for Bible-centered study on our use of leisure time. We feel that we do not have any time that we can call

"free," and yet we realize because of the many modern conveniences in our homes and in our work that we have more time. Let's admit two things: First, that we have leisure time, and second that we have need to learn to use this time as a Christian.

This lesson is the final piece of the whole. We are made aware at all times that we are to live as a Christian on the job, and at school. Now the leisure time is brought into the picture, therefore completing the total life of man.

The first verse of our text and the Golden Text give us the basis for the use of our leisure hours. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God. . ." Matt. 6:33a. In work, service, or play this is the basis for our actions. When we consider the Lord and His Kingdom first, we will find the relaxation that we all need and desire. A man is never truly relaxed until the Lord is first in his life. In writing to the Christians in Corinth Paul states in our Golden Text, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Cor. 10:31. There will never be a question about our actions at any time if we will always use the above verses as our basis and guide.

The Christian's Use of Leisure 1. IS DIFFERENT

(Mark 6:30-32)

"And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus." This lesson deals not only with what the child of God should do during his leisure time, but also reveals his choice of associates in his moments of leisure. The apostles had been out in the fields of service and now return after finishing the assignment. It is a normal experience for Christians to desire to spend their leisure with fellow Christians, for there is no greater enjoyment. I mentioned in the introduction the great activity in the realm of vacationing, and it is during these vacations that the Christian reveals his different attitude toward leisure from the non-Christian. Many people plan, along with their sight-seeing tours, the churches that they would like to visit. New Christian friends are found as a result, and the joys of being a Christian deepen.

The difference is seen in the choice of associates for the casual hours. Not only do Christians enjoy being with each other, but they find real satisfaction to have Christ in their midst. The Christian needs to "get away," but he doesn't want to escape the atmosphere of Christian friends or the influence of the Christ. Some think the followers of Christ to be "odd" as they spend even their leisure engaged in discussion of the kingdom as these early apostles. This is another basic difference from those of the world. If you have been leaving your Christian friends or Christ out of your leisure — dare to be different, and find lasting joy in this area of your life.

11. IS DISCIPLINED

(1 Cor. 6:12-14; 19, 20)

The Christian has a different outlook on the body in which he lives. The body is made for the glory of the Lord. He created our bodies, He sustains the body, and in the life of Jesus He raised the body of our Lord.

The Christian is not wasting time to rest. He needs the refreshment in order to be a more effective servant, but this should be our motive for our leisure. With this being our motive we will not have too much of a problem in the discipline of our leisure time.

The apostle Paul states that all things are lawful for him, but all things are not expedient or beneficial for himself or for others. It is at this point that the Christian finds the need of exercising discipline. The Christian uses discipline in regard to his social life and his pleasures because his body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. There are things that just do not fit inside our church, and there are things of the world that do not fit in the life of a Christian. To be the temple of God is wonderful, but to be bought by the price of God's only Son is even more wonderful. It is because of these great truths that we are to discipline our leisure in such a way that will ". . . glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." I Cor. 6:20b.

III. IS DEMONSTRATIVE

(Philippians 4:8)

The power that is in this one verse is tremendous. We are to think and as a result of thinking on these things we are to demonstrate the power of Christ in our lives. We are to be true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and full of praise. This should be our eight-point standard in every area of our lives, and certainly in our leisure. This kind of life demonstrates to other Christians, and to the unsaved the joy of being, "totally Christian."

Conclusion: May we as Christians be proud of the fact that our leisure is different, disciplined, and, most of all, that it is a demonstration of the Christ dwelling within.

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Berryville, Freeman Hgts.	153	75	
Blytheville			
First	718	255	54
Chapel	40		
Gosnell	319	123	2
Trinity	242	84	2
Camden			
Cullendale First	396	179	
First	531	162	1
Conway, Pickles Gap	80	52	
Crosssett			
First	574	142	1
Mt. Olive	202	77	
Dumas, First	320	73	
El Dorado			
East Main	302	133	1
First	850	199	
Northside	44	26	
Forrest City, First	575	122	
Midway	54	39	
Fort Smith			
Barling, First	131	98	
Grand Ave.	715	428	3
Mission	31		
Spradling	243	110	6
Temple	253	128	1
Trinity	282	138	
Harrison, Eagle Hgts.	251	86	15
Huntsville, Calvary	43		
Jacksonville			
Berea	122	67	
First	505	155	3
Marshall Road	149	67	
Second	218	94	2
Jonesboro			
Central	493	208	2
Nettleton	238	82	
Lavaca	257	139	
Little Rock			
First	1001	36	
White Rock	43	18	
Forest Highlands	190	97	7
Immanuel	1320	481	4
Forest Tower	32	25	
Kerr	33		
Rosedale	275	119	4
McGehee, First	440	167	1
Chapel	80	26	
Marked Tree, First	185	53	
Monticello, Second	289	126	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	724	190	2
Southside Mission	48	22	
Camp Robinson	50	33	
Calvary	451	123	1
Forty-Seventh Street	193	78	2
Gravel Ridge First	205	109	2
Runyan Chapel	47	16	
Park Hill	832	234	1
Sherwood First	207	95	1
Sylvan Hills First	273	95	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	253	105	
South Side	786	221	2
Shannon Road	43	24	
Tucker	16	6	
Springdale First	543	214	19
Van Buren			
First	440	168	1
Second	78	23	
Vandervoort First	51	36	
Ward, Cocklebur	52	35	2
Warren, Immanuel	303	69	
Westside	88	49	1

Dogfood commercial

"I WONDER if you would be so kind as to weigh this package for me," said the customer in the meat market.

"Why certainly," the butcher agreed affably. "It weighs exactly three and a quarter pounds."

"Thank you," the customer replied. "It contains the bones you sent me in the four-pound roast yesterday."

Pa will anyway

DON McNeill overheard two fathers discussing their children. "What's your son going to be when he gets out of college?" asked one.

Replied the other, "Looks like he's going to be an old man."

Howzzat?

MOTHER—You are at the foot of the spelling class again, are you?

Boy—Yes'm.

Mother—How did that happen?

Boy—Got too many z's in scissors.

Option

"MY wife says if I don't give up golf, she'll leave me."

"I say, that's hard luck."

"Yes, I'll miss her."

Happy graduation

THE customer was buying a fountain pen for his son's graduation present.

"It's to be a surprise, I suppose," observed the clerk.

"I'll say it is," the father replied. "He's expecting a convertible."

What's the score

THE Main street tourist was greatly impressed by the Coliseum at Rome.

"Boy, what a nifty stadium," he remarked. "Where's the college?"

No help here

DINER to Waiter: "Is it raining outside?"

Waiter: "Sorry, sir this isn't my table."

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Tennis, anyone?

AN elderly golfer was slowly struggling his way around the course. Seeing the contemptuous look on his caddy's face, he apologized: "I'm not playing my usual game today."

"No?" said the caddy. "And what would that game be, sir?"

Nothing Succeeds like success

MATRON to paratrooper on furlough: "Son, how many successful jumps must you make before you graduate?"

Paratrooper: "All of them ma'am."

Riddle

WHAT is yellow, weighs 1,000 pounds, and sings?"

Answer: "Two 500-pound canaries."

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In the world of religion

... JAMES W. Carty, Jr., (a frequent contributor to Southern Baptist publications and also a speaker at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist assemblies), is the author of a new paperback, *Communicating with God*. Carty is chairman of the Journalism department at Bethany College in West Virginia. He uses communications concepts to explain religion. Formerly he was religious editor of *The Nashville Tennessean*.

... What the Second Vatican Council is to the Roman Catholic Church, the first Pan-Islamic Congress, which recently closed in Cairo, Egypt, after month-long sessions, seems destined to become for the more than half a billion Muslims throughout the world. Attended by 67 delegates from 42 Muslim countries, the congress was concerned principally with the problem of enabling the adherents of a 1,300-year-old religion to come to terms with conditions of modern life without compromising the teachings of the Koran.—*The Survey Bulletin*

Dedicates Fair pavilion

NEW YORK (EP)—Dr. Billy Graham formally dedicated the "Billy Graham Pavilion" at the New York World's Fair as a structure which will seek to bring Christ's message to the fairgoer through "straight evangelism without apology."

The evangelist declared that the octagonally-shaped building located near the fair's main entrance will join other religious exhibits in a symbolic expression to the world that "we in America believe that man is made in the image of God and is morally responsible to Him."

At the same time, the evangelist said, the Billy Graham Pavilion will be "unique and different" from other exhibits in that it will be almost totally directed toward obtaining "decisions for Christ."

"It is our prayer that hundreds who visit the World's Fair will find the new life in the fifth dimension as a result of visiting the Pavilion."

His quote was a reference to a film, "Man in the Fifth Dimension," which will be shown hourly in the comfortable, 400-seat theater which dominates the pavilion.

The half-hour film, produced by the Todd-AO process and seen on a wide, wrap-around screen, is a panoramic presentation which discusses the Creation and concentrates on the Gospel message. The sound-track can be heard in any one of six languages through special earphones.

Featuring Mr. Graham as narrator, it closes with the evangelist in a face-to-face appeal to the viewer to respond by immediately meeting with a member of the evangelistic team.

For this purpose, counseling rooms are located to the rear of the theater screen.

Debate baptism age

MUELHEIM, Germany (EP)—Karl Barth of Basle, Switzerland, and his son, Prof. Markus Barth of Pittsburgh (Pa.) Theological Seminary, were among prominent participants as a meeting of German and foreign Protestant theologians convened here to discuss the theological problems of baptism.

Both advocated the administration of baptism at adult age.

Dr. Markus Barth said there was no Biblical justification for the baptism of babies, holding that Christ's word "Let the children come to me" had been misinterpreted and could not be used in support of church laws providing for the baptism of children.

He noted that, on the contrary, the traditional baptism of children was completely irreconcilable with the latest findings of Biblical research

In recent years, German pastors and theologians in growing numbers have begun to question the theological justification of the baptism of children. They have recommended baptism only for adults who can decide on church membership of their own free will. Moderate supporters of a change of baptism practices have urged that both the baptism of children and of adults should be allowed "side by side."

A major issue of theological controversy in the German Churches, the issue of baptism has already caused sharp clashes between individual pastors and their church managements. In several cases pastors have refused to have their own children baptized.

Pledge remains same

BALTIMORE, Md. (EP)—A request that it delete the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was rejected here by the Baltimore Board of Education.

Mrs. Madalyn Murray, avowed atheist and complainant in the court tests leading to the U. S. Supreme Court ban on devotional practices in public schools, had made the request.

"I'll take it to the Supreme Court," she told newsmen. She contends use of the words fosters religion and is unconstitutional.

Mrs. Murray has two sons in the Baltimore public school system; she wants them to be able to recite the pledge, but not with reference to God.

Dr. George Brain, superintendent of schools, said the Board of Education had rejected the request because it "lacks the authority to do so."

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