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"Unto the Uttermost Part of the Earth"



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Southern Baptist chaplains found the world hungry for the Gospel of Christ during their overseas experience. They served some of the richest mission fields in the world while ministering to the men of the armed forces.

Pictured above are 13 converts, natives of Guam, just prior to their baptism. They accepted Christ as Saviour in a mission at Talafofo native village under the teaching and preaching of Chaplain Ben Wofford (to the right).

Pastor J. F. Sablan, Agana Baptist Church, Guam, stands ready to administer the ordinance of baptism. He is a native of Guam, who studied in the States and returned to his homeland to preach and to teach in the high school there.

All the members of Agana Church are not in Agana; some are scattered in four or five other villages over the island. It is impossible for the pastor to get to all of

these places and some of our Baptist chaplains helped him.

Among other Arkansans who worked with the natives on Guam were Chaplain Norman Ferguson, now director of activities, First Church, Fort Smith, and Chaplain Waif Hamilton, now pastor of First Church, Stamps.

Chaplain Wofford did outstanding Vacation Bible School work with the Guamese while serving the Navy. Before entering the chaplaincy he served pastorates at Vilonia and Calvary Church, Pine Bluff. He is a graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, and Southern Seminary, Louisville. He has had four years' teaching experience.

Chaplain Wofford has not found permanent work and is available for the pastorate, study courses, supply work, or revivals. He lives at 1927 Tyler St., Conway.

Across the Editor's Desk...

Missions Endangered

By ERWIN L. McDONALD

"One Task in One World," was the theme of an address by Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, London, England, president of the Baptist World Alliance, at Missionary Day exercises observed at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, as a feature of the annual commencement week program.

Declaring that the present age has been called "the age without standards," Dr. Rushbrooke deplored an increasing prevalence of sin in England and in the United States, following a decline in church attendance. The most embarrassing question missionaries have to face, he said, is: "Why doesn't Christianity work in your own country?"

The work of foreign missionaries is in danger of being checked or thrown back, Dr. Rushbrooke said, as a result of spiritual defeat in our own countries. The one task for Christians, he said, is the winning of individual men and women to Christ and the "setting of the tone of the Christian community."

"If the tree is decaying at the root, the fruit will not long survive," he continued. "Woe is the minister if through an exaggerated emphasis on social reform or a disproportionate attention to secondary truths, he fail to proclaim the truth of the Gospel."

The baccalaureate speaker was Dr. Edward B. Willingham, pastor of the National Memorial Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., whose subject was "The Mission and Message of the Christian Minister," based on the text, "We are ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20).

The Christian minister finds the meaning of his ministry, Dr. Willingham said, in the words of Jesus: "I came that they might have life . . . not to be ministered unto but to minister . . . to seek and to save that which was lost . . . to this end was I born . . ."

"Jesus identifies our ministry with the purpose of God," Dr. Willingham continued, quoting: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." All the adjustments of the modern era, with all the latest gadgets and inventions, he said, fall short of replacing the ministry of preaching.

"The minister today must answer the crisis of the hour with the language of 1946 but with the power of eternity. Everything Jesus did dealt with life. Our message is to tell people how to have the abundant life in Christ."

President Ellis A. Fuller awarded degrees to a class of 166 men on Friday, May 3—the

largest group ever to be graduated from the Seminary. In a brief commencement address, Dr. Fuller called for a world expansion of Christian missions at home and abroad.

"Southern Baptists have only a corporal's guard giving themselves in foreign missions service," Dr. Fuller said. "If all of the approximately 400 students completing their training this spring at the three seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention should be sent as missionaries, and if this average could be continued through the next 25 years, the total would be only 10,000. There must be a tripling and a quadrupling in our seminaries, colleges, and churches!"

"We will not get very far with our world program of evangelism till we come to a fuller understanding of Christian stewardship," Dr. Fuller continued. "Christians are drunk on their own delusions as long as they spend more for such things as chewing gum, tobacco, and soft drinks than they invest in Kingdom enterprises."

When Is a Man Educated?

When he can look upon the universe, now lucid and lovely, now dark and terrible, with a sense of his own littleness in the great scheme of things and yet have faith and courage.

When he knows how to make friends and keep them, and above all when he can keep friends with himself.

When he can be happy alone and high-minded amid the drudgeries of life.

When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something besides mud, and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin.

When he knows how to live, how to hope, how to pray—glad to live and not afraid to die, in his hands a sword for evil and in his heart a bit of song. —Joseph Fort Newton.

One is educated just in proportion as he can, through his imagination, identify himself with the life of all humanity. —Ellwood.

If we work upon marble, it will perish. If we work upon brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble in the dust. But if we work upon men's immortal minds, if we imbue them with high principles, with the just fear of God and love of their fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something which no time can efface, and which will brighten and brighten to all eternity!

—Daniel Webster.

CHRISTIAN PROGRESS

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"Whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule."

The movement of the waves upon the seashore as the tide is coming in may illustrate Christian progress. One wave after another rolls far upon the beach. But it seems that each wave rolls back as far as it advanced, some seem to recede even farther back than their starting point. But come back after an hour and look again, you will discover that the crested calvary of waves has moved its battle front far up the shore.

So it is with the progress of Christian people in their kingdom work. One effort or a score of efforts may seem to accomplish but little or nothing. Even long stretches of continuous effort may seem utterly barren of permanent results. But every honest effort of a sincere soul brings that soul forward on the road of righteousness and nearer that ultimate victory of the saints of God.

The apostle Paul urges that, by whatever efforts we have attained our present spiritual status, we hold fast the gains we have made and continue along the same lines to achieve further advancement.

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded . . . nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing." Phil. 3:14-16.

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Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor of Kirkwood Church, Atlanta, Ga., led in evangelistic services at Highland Park Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., which resulted in 75 additions, and at First Church, Monroe, Ga., in which 37 additions were counted. Dr. Lee Roberson is pastor of the Chattanooga Church and J. L. Drake, the Monroe Church. There have been over 200 additions to the Kirkwood Church in the first six months of Dr. Ford's pastorate.

President H. D. Bruce, East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., did the preaching in a week's revival at Eastwood Church, Houston, Tex. There were 54 additions, 40 for baptism. President Bruce emphasized the fundamental doctrines of the New Testament. R. G. Commander is the pastor.

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We Would See Jesus" . . .

THE DEEPEST LONGING OF THE SOUL

By TAYLOR STANFILL

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In the multitude that gathered at Jerusalem as Jesus made His triumphal entry were many foreigners. Among them were some Greeks who came to Philip and expressed the age-old longing of the human soul—"We would see Jesus."

Philip and Andrew together told Jesus of the Greeks desire. From the lips of Jesus came one of the greatest shouts of joy that He gave expression to during His ministry (John 12:23-32).

Job, long before, had said, "O, that I knew where I might find Him." Plato said, "We look for a God, or a God-inspired man, who will show us our duty and take away the darkness from our eyes."

That longing is met in Jesus who said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." Peter said, "To Him gave all the prophets witness that through His name there is remission of sin."

There are several lessons for our hearts as we look unto Jesus' expression of joy at the desires of the Greeks who wanted to see Him.

Heaven Rejoices When Sinners Repent

Observe the evident joyous expression of the Master when it was known that the Greeks desired to see Him. Even Heaven was present and the Father spoke to Him.

All Heaven rejoices at the salvation of the lost. Luke gives a wonderful picture of this joy in the story of the lost sheep and the expression, "Likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth;" and when the story of the lost coin is told the Master says, "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

Then the Master gives the story of a lost boy, who had lost all contact and fellowship with the Father. The boy came home and the Father, seeing him when he was a great way off, ran to him, kissed him, and clothed him and asked for merrymaking because the prodigal had returned. The Father told the other son that "it is meet that we make merry and be glad because thy brother was dead and is alive again and was lost and is found."

Salvation is Personal

It is not enough to know about Jesus, to hear of Him and about Him. We must meet Him for ourselves. The Greeks had heard of Jesus. His miracles, His wonderful ministry of mercy and healing; but that was not enough. They wanted to meet Him.

It is one thing to know about Jesus, but it is a far better thing to know Him. Salvation is very personal and can only benefit for all eternity when Jesus is received by faith by the individual. Salvation is personal in its application.

There are several expressions in the Bible that are often used to express the beauty and wonder of Jesus—"The Bright and Morning Star," "The Rose of Sharon," "The Lily of the Valley," "The One Altogether Lovely," "The Rock Which Followed Them," "The Water of Life," "The Bread of Life," "Counsellor," "Mighty God," "Prince of Peace." One know and believe that every expression is absolutely true and still not be a Christian. The Lord is my shepherd," "The Lord is my shepherd, or shepherd, not a figure, image, or symbol. We must remember that we are saved, not by a doctrine, a creed, or some-

thing we believe in or ascribe to, but by a person. That person must be known, must be met.

Christians do the Introducing

The Greeks came to the immediate followers of Jesus, Philip and Andrew, for a personal introduction to Jesus. Our business, as Christians, is to introduce others to our Saviour. There are many of our friends who would like to meet our Saviour and who are depending on you and on me to make them acquainted with Him.

I wonder sometimes if our friends even know or recognize that we have been with Jesus and know Him? Can others see Jesus in us? We are His epistles, read and known by men. We should be careful and so live that others would desire an introduction to our Master. They should see in us something, better than they have.

Jesus Changes Lives

How does the meeting with Jesus influence the lives of people? Let us look at some of the Bible characters who did know the Lord and observe their lives.

Isaiah. "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple." (Isaiah 6:1). That Isaiah saw the Lord is a certainty.

When he saw the Lord, he saw himself and said: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips." He saw himself. What a wonderful thing to see yourself as God sees you, or even as others see you! A certain teaching of the Bible is that the nearer we come to God, the more exceedingly sinful our own sins appear. David realized that his great sin was primarily against God. "Against thee and thee only have I sinned." When we approach Jesus we are fully aware that we are on Holy Ground and that our righteousness will not avail.

Isaiah not only saw himself when he saw the Lord, but he saw his neighbors. He saw them as needing the same remedy that he needed. Always when we meet the Lord we will want others to meet Him. I think that is our "first love."

Isaiah saw his task. The Lord asked, "Who will go for us, whom shall we send;" and Isaiah said, "Here am I, send me." Once you meet the Master face to face, you will see your task—go for Him, tell others.

Zacchaeus. A man short of stature, a publican, hated by his fellows but curious to see Jesus, learned the route of travel to be taken

by the Master and perched himself in a tree. The Master came that way, saw him, asked him to descend and announced that He was to dine with him that day.

Note the wonderful change that came unto his life. "Behold the half of my goods I give to feed the poor, and if I have taken from any man that which I should not have taken, I restore him four fold." This meeting with Jesus affected his giving and his concern for the welfare of others. A meeting with Jesus and real surrender to Him will solve forever the stewardship problem in life, even the stewardship of possessions.

Paul. Saul of Tarsus met Jesus. That he knew about Jesus and that he was a devoted man in his religious life none will attempt to deny. His letter to the Philippians indicated his zeal, his righteousness which is in the law, and his outward manifestation of his convictions in persecuting the church before he met Jesus.

I think perhaps it was an unexpected meeting. That is, it did not happen as Saul had planned it would happen. On the road to Damascus, in the line of duty as he felt his duty, he saw a bright light and heard a voice. He saw another way for himself. "Lord what wilt thou have me do?" Before him stretched the devoted, winding, suffering way he was to tread. Think a minute of how the meeting of Saul of Tarsus and Jesus has changed the world!

John, the Beloved Disciple. Let's look at the first chapter of Revelation. Here John sees Jesus as He walks among the seven golden candlesticks. He sees him dressed in the eternal priesthood attire. Garments, hair, girdles, feet, voice are all observed. (Rev. 1:12-18).

"When I saw him I fell at his feet as dead." Though he was one of the best men to ever live, he recognizes his unworthiness and undone condition when he met the Lord. The right hand of Jesus is laid upon John and he has assurance. "Fear not, I am the first and the last, I am he that liveth and was dead; and behold I am alive forever more." Now note the influence of such a meeting on the life of the venerable and loved disciple: The book of the Revelation is ours today.

It is Important That We Meet Jesus

You ought to meet Jesus. Down in your heart is that longing, "I want to see Jesus." Jesus has been at your heart door often—knocking, waiting, longing. He would meet you; He longs to save you. Will you meet Him today?

Some very important questions arise, such as: Why desire a meeting with Jesus?

First of all, you ought to meet Him because of who He is—God in the flesh. It is important that you meet such a personality.

You should desire a meeting with Jesus because of what He will say to you and do for you when you meet Him. "Sins forgiven;" "peace given." He will be your Saviour and burden bearer.

Then, failure at this point is fatal and eternal. We have the story of a fine young fellow in the Bible who met Jesus and refused to surrender. Jesus loved him, longed for him, and watched him as he went away sorrowful. He chose possessions to have and to hold, rather than choose Jesus. Destiny is determined at this point. Will you choose Him today?

Next Week—

A full report of the Southern Baptist Convention will be published in the next issue of the Arkansas Baptist. This first post-war meeting of the Convention was attended by approximately 200 Arkansas Baptists, the largest group ever to attend one of the Southwide meetings. Read next week's paper for a discussion of plans laid for the second century of our denominational life.

Religious Education

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COORDINATION OF THE WORK

If all of the associations are to promote the associational Sunday School and Training Union meetings and do a constructive work, there needs to be a co-ordination of the Sunday School and Training Union meetings of the association. There are some who feel that if there were fewer meetings each meeting could be better attended and more could be accomplished.

For that reason it is suggested that one night each month be given over to an associational meeting. One month this would be a Training Union meeting, and the next month it would be a Sunday School meeting. There would be six associational Sunday School meetings, and six associational Training Union meetings.

There would be a great advantage in every association having the same type of meeting each month. Suggested programs, conferences, etc., could be worked out to a greater advantage, and the entire program of both the Sunday School and Training Union could be presented in each association.

January, March, May, July, Sep-

tember, and November could be the months for the Sunday School meetings. February, April, June, August, October and December could be the months for the Training Union meetings.

The following program is suggested for each meeting whether it be Sunday School or Training Union:

6:30 to 7:30, Executive Committee Meeting. (One month the Sunday School Executive Committee composed of associational Sunday School officers would meet, and the next month the Training Union Executive Committee composed of associational Training Union officers would meet.

7:30 to 8:30, departmental conferences. These conferences would be led by associational officers, and this could be varied at times by the use of panel discussions, and so forth.

8:30 to 9:15, message.

Such a program is merely a suggestion. The program could be changed to meet the needs of the association.

Each association would decide

on the time for the meeting. A few associations would meet on Sunday afternoon, but most of them would meet at night. The suggested time for the meetings is on the night that the Workers' Conference in the association is held. This would make one big day and night in each month for the associational meetings.

Training Union Awards Increasing

Training Union Study Course awards are continuing to increase. There were 2,716 awards issued during April of this year compared to 1,955 of April last year. For the first four months of this year 5,696 awards have been issued, compared to 4,174 for the same period last year. Now is the time to begin planning for your September "all-church" study course.

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Progress Made At Paragould

Irving M. Prince, has just observed his sixth anniversary with First Church, Paragould. Some of the outstanding things accomplished in the past six years are retirement of the church building debt, decorating the auditorium of the church building, construction and equipping of two mission buildings, receiving a total of 737 additions which makes the present membership 1510.

The Sunday School had the highest monthly average attendance in its history in April. The Training Union has grown from 18 units to 24, from 315 in enrolment to 397 in enrolment, from a grade of 35 per cent to 55 per cent. The income of the church has increased from \$12,386.08 in 1940 to \$25,900.09 in 1945. Though the six years all gifts totaled \$109,598.14. Twenty-five per cent of the present budget goes to missions and the Cooperative Program.

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Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.—Robert West.

RADIO



Dr. Whittington

No man in Arkansas is better known or more highly regarded by the Baptists of the state than Dr. Otto Whittington, director of the Ouachita College Campaign, who is the "Arkansas Baptist Hour" speaker for the week of May 26.

"The Great Salvation" is the subject of Dr. Whittington's message. Out of an experience rich in the rewards of souls won to Jesus this faithful minister of Christ brings a message on the subject which has been the theme of his long and fruitful ministry, "Salvation." This program may be heard over:

KFPW, Fort Smith, May 26, 5:00 to 5:30 P. M.

KLCN, Blytheville, Sunday, May 26, 5:30 to 6:00 P. M.

KTHS, Hot Springs, Thursday, May 30, 6:30 to 7:00 P. M.

KARK, Little Rock, Saturday, June 1, 9:30 to 10:00 A. M.

KUOA, Siloam Springs, Saturday, June 1, 6:15 to 6:45 P. M.

KELD, El Dorado, Saturday, June 1, 8:30 to 9:00 P. M.

You may hear Rev. Sam C. Reeves on Saturday of this week.

Standard Unions, First Quarter, 1946

Association	Church	Union	Director
Barthelomew	Monticello, First	Junior	Mrs. C. R. Pugh
Barthelomew	Monticello, First	Intermediate	Mrs. C. R. Pugh
Liberty	Galilee	BAU	Mrs. T. M. Dial
Liberty	Norphlet, First	BAU "Personal Workers"	Mrs. Fred E. Love
Mount Zion	Lake City	BAU: "Willing Workers"	Fred Carter
Mount Zion	Lake City	"Speed"	Fred Carter
Mount Zion	Lake City	"B. O. C. H."	Fred Carter
Mount Zion	Lake City	"Young People"	Fred Carter
Mount Zion	Lake City	"Intermediate"	Fred Carter
Mount Zion	Lake City	"Junior Boys"	Fred Carter
Mount Zion	Lake City	"Junior Girls"	Fred Carter
Mount Zion	Lake City	Entire Training Union	Fred Carter

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NOTES OF ADVANCE

These Churches Established High Record in April

The largest Sunday School attendance in 15 years was recorded at Central Church, Hot Springs, on Easter Sunday when 505 were counted. Since that time attendance has continued to increase with 511 present on April 28 and 524 present on May 12. On these two Sundays Central Church led all other churches of Hot Springs in Sunday School attendance. The auditorium was completely filled for the worship service and chairs were placed in the aisles to accommodate the overflow.

Average Sunday School attendance for April was 458 as compared with 334 in April, 1945 and 306 in April, 1944. Training Union attendance showed a marked increase and reached 128. Greater interest is being manifested in the WMS and prayer meetings.

The church has added 156 new members in the past 14 months. Pastor Clyde Hart and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts represented the church at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Fla.

First Church, Stamps

An all-time-high Sunday School attendance record was established at First Church, Stamps, in April with an average of 246. Several 100 per cent classes were reported.

A program in honor of and dedicated to all mothers was rendered May 12, under the direction of Pastor Waif Hamilton. Recognition was made of the youngest and the oldest mothers and each was presented with a beautiful corsage.

The evening service climaxed Christian Home Week with an unusual song and Scripture service. A lovely plaque and picture were presented to the couple who had been married longest and the couple who had been married the shortest time.

Second Church, Pine Bluff

Second Church, Pine Bluff, averaged 246 in Sunday School during April. This record is considerably higher than it has been for years. An all-time-high record was established Easter Sunday with 268 present.

The church has had additions each Sunday for the past nine weeks bringing the total during that time to about fifty. Twenty-five additions, 14 for baptism, were received during a revival in April. Dr. E. A. Autrey, Monroe, La., was preacher and Irvin Cole led the music.

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Mother's Day was a memorable occasion at First Church, Searcy. The morning service was given over to clearing the balance on the new auditorium. Lunch was spread on the recreation ground. In the afternoon a memorial was erected to the memory of the Gentry family for whom the previous building had been named. The late Mrs. W. D. Welch gave a gift as a nucleus for the Gentry Memorial Church as a memorial to her brother, the late Martin N. Gentry.

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A. L. McDaniel of Barger, Tex., has become pastor of Mt. Ida Church, succeeding Clyde Hankins, who is returning to mission work in South America. Pastor McDaniel has just been released from the chaplaincy. Before entering military service he was pastor at Chandler, Tex.

Pastor C. G. Davis, First Church, Waldron, led in revival services at First Church, Spiro, Okla. There were 82 decisions for Christ. Of this number 65 were professions of faith, four were additions by letter and 13 were rededications. One of the outstanding services was at the high school when 42 young people made a decision for Christ. Donnie Adams of Waldron led the singing. O. M. Stallings, former state missionary in Arkansas, is pastor.

Pastor Ford F. Gauntt, Calvary Church, Muskogee, Okla., formerly of Arkansas, did the preaching and H. G. Havens, Ft. Worth, Tex., led the singing in a revival which resulted in 78 additions to the church, 53 for baptism. There have been 131 additions to the church during the eight months that Pastor Gauntt has been on the field. Sunday School attendance has increased from 111 to 403; Training Union from 50 to 130.

First Church, Augusta, J. O. Young, pastor, had 17 additions, 15 for baptism, in a revival led by Pastor Minor E. Cole, First Church, Forrest City, as evangelist and Billy Keltner, Ouachita College student, as singer. Among those making profession of faith was a man 74 years of age. In a special service at the High School, there were 42 professions of faith.

"The Church Using its Religious Educational Program to Meet the Needs of this Atomic Age" is the theme of Religious Education Focus Week at First Church, North Little Rock, May 19-24. Dr. W. L. Howse, professor of Educational Administration of Southwestern Theological Seminary is speaking each night at 7:30. Following his talks there is a period for questions and answers.

Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., recently observed his fifth anniversary as pastor of First Church, Amarillo, Tex. The anniversary bulletin shows that during the five years there have been 2,434 additions to the church membership, 617 for baptism, bringing the present membership to 4,617. Gifts to all causes for the five years total \$614,083.39, of which \$189,228.79 went to outside mission and benevolent causes. The present Sunday School enrolment is 3,600, with an average attendance thus far in 1946 of 2,100. The church has the largest Training Union in the world, according to the bulletin, with almost 1,400 enrolled. Average attendance in the Training Union thus far in 1946 is above 800.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Delbert McAtee from Sylverino and Harmony Grove Churches, Hope Association, to Halleyville, Okla.

A. L. McDaniel of Barger, Tex., from chaplaincy to Mt. Ida Church.

Stanley Williamson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Williamson, Little Rock, has accepted the position of educational director of First Church, Cullendale. Elmer Morgan is pastor.

First Church, Benton, has had 95 additions since Pastor V. A. Rose came on the field less than three months ago.

Sixty-six professions of faith, five additions by letter, and 33 rededications resulted from evangelistic services at First Church, Hartford, led by Evangelist-Singer Ed F. Vallowe, Assistant pastor of Park Place Church, Hot Springs. Pastor Charles M. Burgess says: "I wish to pay special tribute to the public school system at Hartford for their interest in the services. The high school students attended en masse one morning service and the grades were represented every morning service. Thank God for consecrated teachers and school boards that are interested in the spiritual welfare of the children under their tutelage.

First Church, Crossett, counted 27 additions, 14 for baptism, in a recent revival led by pastor W. T. Holland, Haynesville, La., as evangelist and Melvin Roberts, Jackson, Miss., as music leader. Mr. Roberts formerly was educational director of the church. Wilford Lee is pastor.

Missionary J. V. Chandler, Delta Association, has preached several times for First Church, Arkansas City, as the church is pastorless. At the close of one Sunday evening service there were 11 additions to the church, 10 for baptism.

First Church, Tuckerman, Ray Rhyne, pastor, has purchased a new Hammond organ.

Since his release from the chaplaincy Ambrose C. Duggar is giving full time to evangelistic work. Evangelist Duggar as preacher and singer, Mrs. Duggar as accordionist, melophonist and flutist, and Ambrose Duggar, Jr., as pianist, make up the Duggar Evangelistic Party. They live at 1601 Second Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala. They will be glad to assist pastors in revival meetings. They have several open dates in July.

QUARTERLY REPORT CORRECTION:

Through error in posting receipts during first quarter, one remittance received from Immanuel Church, Rogers, was posted to credit of First Church, Rogers. The correct totals for these churches for first quarter are: Immanuel Church, Cooperative Program Undesignated, \$43.26, Designated \$34.42; Rogers First Church, Undesignated \$430.10, Designated \$24.00.

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POINTERS IN SOUL-WINNING

There are two appeals that we should make in our efforts to win a lost man (woman, boy, girl) to Christ. First is the appeal to personal need: The lost man needs Christ! Second is the altruistic appeal: Christ needs the lost man! Christ wants to save him and use him in His service. Christ needs him!

While the soul-winning method given below is largely a development of the first appeal, the second should be tied in with its use.

Below are some pointers in soul-winning, certain steps which, if followed faithfully and in order, will help you greatly in your soul-winning efforts.

If you would win a lost person to Christ.

FIRST: Use the Bible to show the person that he is a sinner; and get him to admit it.

1. Show the origin and meaning of sin. (Gen. 2:16-17; Gen. 3:1-6; I John 3:4).
2. Who is a sinner? (Rom. 3:23a; Isa. 53:6).
3. (Admission 1): Are you a sinner? (Use I John 1:8, 10, if necessary).

SECOND: Use the Bible to show the person that he, being a guilty sinner, is lost and on his way to hell; and get him to admit it.

1. Sin brings death. (Rom. 6:23a; Ez. 18:4b).
2. Death takes the guilty sinner to hell, and hell lasts forever! (Luke 16:19-24; Rev. 14:11a).
3. (Admission 2): Where would you go if you should die today?

THIRD: Use the Bible to set forth the gospel

1. God has provided One to die in the sinner's place! (Matt. 1:21; John 3:16; 1 Tim. 1:15).
2. The full penalty for sin was paid by Jesus Christ, Who is, (1) The promised Saviour (Gen. 3:15). (2) The crucified Saviour (I Peter 2:24). (3) The risen Saviour (I Cor. 15:3-4).
3. God's salvation is for all sinners everywhere! (Isa. 45:22; John 3:16; Rev. 22:17).
4. (Admission 3): Do you need Jesus as your own personal savior?

FOURTH: Use the Bible to show what a lost sinner must be willing to do before God can make the death that Jesus died answer for the sinner's sin.

1. The sinner must repent! (Luke 13:3; Isa. 55:7).
2. The sinner must believe on Jesus! (John 3:18, 36, John 3:14-17).
3. The sinner who repents of sin and trusts Jesus will be willing to confess Him before men. (Rom. 10:9-11; Matt. 10:32-33).
4. (Admission 4): Ought you to repent of sin and trust Jesus as your own personal Saviour, and then confess Him publicly?

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FIFTH: Press for a decision then and there!

(If a lost person makes admissions 1, 2, 3, and 4:

- That he is a sinner;
 That he is lost and on his way to hell;
 That he needs Jesus as his own personal Saviour;
 That he ought to repent of sin and trust Jesus;
 Then, if he sincerely wants to be saved, he must exercise his will to do what he knows he ought to do: Repent of sin and trust Jesus!)

1. Answer all excuses and difficulties with the word of God.
2. Have earnest prayer before asking the person to make his decision. Get him on his knees, if possible, and ask him to pray. (Rom. 10:13).
3. (Admission 5): Will you repent of sin and trust Jesus as your own personal Saviour? (Use 2 Cor. 6:2b; Heb. 3:7b-8a; Prov. 27:1; if necessary).
4. If the person accepts Christ, use the Bible to lead him into assurance! (John 3:16; John 3:36a; John 5:24).
5. Have a prayer of thanksgiving!
6. Urge the new convert to join the church and follow the Lord in baptism, without delay; and to begin telling others what God has done for him, and to follow the Lord as He leads in Christian service!

Win a soul now! Soul-winning is the wisest possible use of time, of talent, of influence, of everything! Remember: "He that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30); and that "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever" (Dan. 12:3). May God give you that measure of Love for Him that will drive you out into His harvest field in a sincere and sustained effort to win a soul to Christ now! Let's all be wise!

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It should be a genuine comfort to know that God has His hands on the steering wheel of the universe.

Woman's Missionary Union

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"To Serve the Present Age"

The Centennial year of Southern Baptists and the fact that we were unable to assemble in annual session the past year caused people in larger numbers than ever to journey the long distance to Miami to share in the fellowship and inspiration of this most spiritual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in its fifty-eighth year.

Eight states had full delegations of 50 each, Arkansas being one of these. The total registration was 2,715 of whom 701 were delegates.

The general theme, "To Serve The Present Age," emphasized through every report and message brought enlarged vision and a greater realization of the opportunities and responsibilities of Christians in the forward march of missions in our generation.

Spirit of Dedication

From the first session held on Sunday afternoon in the Central Baptist Church to the final session on Tuesday evening there was manifested a spirit of dedication of our best in strength, mind, and heart to this great task.

The worship periods were led by home and foreign missionaries who told of the great needs of the world and who prayed so earnestly that as Christians we fail not in giving the Gospel to a lost world.

Stimulating Reports

Miss Kathleen Mallory, executive secretary, reported 41,277 organizations with a total enrolment of 739,360. The Centennial goal of 10,000 new WMS members was almost doubled. Gifts for the past year reached the high total of \$6,517,321.87 exclusive of Cooperative Program gifts of \$3,469,588.-65.

"While these gifts are large," said Mrs. C. V. Hickerson, "they are out of proportion to the blessings we have received, for Jesus measures our gifts by the amount we have left. This year we report only 177,871 tithers, not one-fourth our constituency." She urged that we major on securing new tithers in 1946, the goal being 333,334, or one-third of the South-wide goal of one million.

Less than half of the WMU members are actively engaged in community missions, less than one-third in definite evangelistic efforts, according to the report of

the community missions chairman, Mrs. Edgar Godbold. She attributes this to indifference to winning the lost, lack of understanding of the work, unwillingness to go where there is human need, etc.

Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, mission study chairman, reports "2,431 more classes the past year, 52,699 in all. Over 200,000 did not study a single book last year. As a result of the study of missions, we must produce the missionaries needed and the means to send them. God cannot make his appeal through prejudice. He is saying to us today, 'get ready, open your minds and hearts, learn the task given us. Study missions.'"

Sunbeam Sixtieth Anniversary

Featuring the sixtieth anniversary of Sunbeam Bands, testimonies of grownup Sunbeams, pastors, missionaries and other denominational leaders, were given. Group representing each graded auxiliary and the motions demonstrated by word and pageantry the fact that a broken world must be rebuilt by Christians of all nations.

Special Speakers

Lack of space forbids comment on the outstanding missionary messages heard. The need for volunteers for missionary service with both the Home and the Foreign Mission Boards was stressed by all speakers.

I would like to close this report with the following quotation from an annual message of our late WMU President, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong:

"This is the day of march for citizens of the kingdom without frontiers. We must rid ourselves of the trappings which hinder that march, we must equip ourselves and our daughters for that march triumphant."

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Association With Jesus Gives People a New Sense of Values

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

No one can dwell in the company of Jesus for long without experiencing a new sense of values. That is why this lesson is important. It reflects the influence of Jesus upon the lives of others in the realm of material things. Men everywhere need to distinguish between the things that differ. Selfishness and greed and basic dishonesty lie at the root of every disorder in the sphere of human relations.

The Grip of Gold

Jesus looked upon riches as a matter of great peril. In fact, He said that it is easier for a camel "to enter in through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." (v. 25).

The pull of material things of ten becomes so great as to distort one's whole outlook on life, robbing him of a true sense of values. That is what happened to the rich fool (Luke 12:19-20). Somehow the more he has the more he wants. The acquisition of wealth creates a burning desire for more wealth. Life comes to be lived more and more on "me" and "my" basis. One comes to think more of self than others. Eventually the slogan becomes "Take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry."

It is too, bad that we do not begin when our children are very young to teach them about the peril of riches and the danger of the grip of gold. "The love of money," says the Apostle Paul, "is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Tim. 6:10 ASV).

A Miracle of Grace

A rich man can be saved but his salvation is a miracle of God's grace. He cannot save himself. Salvation by self is an impossibility whether a man be rich or poor. Jesus was stating an impossibility when He said, "how hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to enter into a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." (Luke 18:24-25).

It is the love of money that becomes the stone of stumbling. There is nothing inherently wrong in money so long as it is rightly obtained and properly used. The

Sunday School Lesson For May 26

Luke 18:24-37; 19:1-10; Romans 14:16-17

evil lies in the love of it and in the misuse of it. That is why those who are rich enter with difficulty into the kingdom of God. They enter only as their lives are transformed by the power of the saving Christ.

The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. The plan of salvation rests not upon the works of man or upon self. (See Ephes. 2:8-9). However, salvation involves personal responsibility. There must be individual acceptance of the plan of salvation and appropriation of the divine blessings which Jesus has provided for us.

Proof of a Changed Heart

In the story of Zaccheus the publican we have a twofold message. First, we see how the kingdom of God is open to all men. Zaccheus was apparently the head of tax collections in the region. Naturally, as commissioner of taxes, he would be looked upon as a sort of quisling. Through his exorbitant collections he had grown to be very wealthy.

Hearing that Jesus was passing through Jericho, Zaccheus, decided to see Him. Being of little stature and seeing the pressing throngs that crowded around Jesus, he ran on before and climbed up into a sycamore tree.

As Jesus approached, He looked up and saw Zaccheus and said to him, "Zaccheus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house." Zaccheus's response to Jesus is representa-

tive of that which takes place in the life of every believer who comes to grips with Christ. "And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have wrongfully exacted ought of any man, I restore fourfold." What better proof of a changed heart could one ask than that of restitution?

Jesus recognized the sincerity of Zaccheus and his desire for the new life and said to him, "Today is salvation come to this house, . . . For the son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost."

The Kingdom of God

"For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 14:17). There is no place for epicureanism in the doctrines of Jesus Christ. The son of man came into the world not to be ministered unto, but "to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Matt. 20:28).

Those who would follow in His train, therefore, must die to self. The Christian life is not an easy journey. Roses will bloom all right, and there will be beds upon beds of them; but there will also be thorns and crosses, and hours upon hours of selfdenial.

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it." (Matt. 16:24-25).

MEN AT WORK!

By JESSE L. ADAMS

The concerted effort of the men of First Church, Dumas, coupled with the inspiring leadership of their spirit-filled pastor-evangelist, Ralph Douglas, has caused the attendance to almost double within the past six weeks.

An average attendance of 358 in Sunday School was attained for April. During the past eight weeks there have been 50 additions to the church.

A Brotherhood banquet was held

CIVILIAN



Chaplain Maurice M. Hall, native of Arkansas and former pastor in the state, has been released after 44 months active service in the army.

Chaplain Hall is a graduate of Ouachita College, attended Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and received the Th. M. and Th. D. Degrees from Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, while serving as student-instructor. He has had a wide and varied experience as pastor, teacher, missionary, and chaplain. He has held pastorates in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma. At present he is serving as pastor of a mission conducted by Calvary Church, Lawton, Okla.

Mr. Hall may be contacted at 1007 Euclid Ave., Lawton, Okla., phone 950 R.

Friday night, May 3, with 73 men present. Pastor A. B. Pierce, First Church, Pine Bluff, was the speaker.

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THE NEED FOR POSITIVE PREACHING

By H. G. M. HATLER, Princeton, Ky.
In *Western Recorder*

All of us know that our world is in a most needful state. At home and abroad sin, sorrow, confusion and the threats of another war hold sway. The question arises as to how we can save our civilization. In answer we are told that we must educate people for a better day. And yet the best educated people the world has ever known produced the present distressful conditions.

We are further told that we cannot go far on the road of abiding peace without a world police force. No doubt this plan has some virtues, but it is also true that both individuals and nations held in check by force alone are at best human volcanoes. The volcano may not be erupting, but it is smoking all the while.

Still others tell us that when the nations gather around the peace table there must be a fair adjustment of territorial boundaries. Certainly this should be attempted, but it will be a most difficult thing to do. The nations whose representatives will sit at the peace conference are composed of human beings, and human beings are selfish to the core by nature.

Religion of Jesus Is Need of World

And then there is a very small minority saying that the world should try religion. This group is right if they have in mind the right kind of religion. Their suggestion is worthless if they have in mind any of the false varieties.

However, there is a faith that can make any one a "new creation." We know how it works in our own lives, and we have seen it demonstrated in the lives of others. We have seen our own beloved nation blessed of God because of this marvelous faith. And yet, only a small minority of our land is truly Christian. Hence we are ready to say that the entirely adequate need of this chaotic world is that religion taught and practiced by our Saviour.

Since this is true we must take this faith to all men, and that means preaching. Both within the ranks of our own denomination there is preaching, and there is more preaching. What kind of preaching does this world need? There is only one answer. It must be positive. God never wanted any other kind.

Prophets Ancient and Modern Used It

We inherited this type of preaching, and we must be worthy successors of our forerunners in the faith. When Jonah entered Nineveh and preached, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown," he was preaching a positive message. Likewise the words of Amos ring with a positive note when he warned a sinning Israel, "Prepare to meet thy God."

When we read the New Testament we find more positive preaching. John the Baptist was not speaking negatively when he declared to the Pharisees, "And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees; therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is

hewn down, and cast into the fire." One of the factors of the wonderful service on the day of Pentecost was the indicting message of Simon Peter. Every word that Paul spake or wrote was very affirmative. He told the mocking Athenians that God "hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness."

And finally among all the preachers whose messages are recorded in the Scriptures there is none so positive and convincing as our Saviour. Even His enemies remarked, "Never man spake like this man." In addition to these there have followed such prophets as William Cary, Roger Williams, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, John A. Broadus, B. H. Carroll and George W. Truett. They all stirred the very souls of the people of their day by dynamic preaching. Certainly we will be most unworthy successors of such illustrious servants of the Lord if we do not unhesitatingly proclaim, "Thus saith the Lord."

Our great faith which came from the heart of God and is exemplified in the Christ is positive through and through. Its key words are love, life and righteousness. It is designed to conquer the world. Hence the complete unfitness, inappropriateness and sinfulness of a flimsy, negative ministry.

Baptists Great Because of Preaching

We are the great Baptist people that we are because of the truths which constitute our faith. We believe and accept the truth as it is found in God's Word. We refuse man's additions thereto. But it is not enough to possess the truth. It must be proclaimed to every people in a manner appropriate to its content. Faithful, courageous preaching of the Bible has made our people the greatest single group that Christ has on the earth today.

Recently one of our leaders raised a question about the Baptists of the future. He said that we are strong people of God now because our fathers did not hesitate to declare the whole counsel of God. Sinners trembled under their preaching. The backslider feared the chastening hand of God, and all who heard were instructed in the doctrines. In other words our forebears delivered to us a faith with bone and stamina.

He further commented on the preaching of the present time. Much of it, he thinks, is rather puny and deals with secondary subjects. He fears that the next generation of Baptists will know so little and be so limited in essential convictions that it will be swept into the errors of unionism.

If our brother is correct, and we are all agreed that he is as concerns the preaching of those who went before us, then let us not depart from such today. Our fathers were Spirit led in such a faithful and fearless ministry. And one thing is certain, the Holy Spirit will not lead us differently to them. They seem to rise up and speak to us as did Paul to the Philippian Church, "Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do."

The Only Thing That Reaches Sin

Then there is another good reason why the world needs positive preaching. Sin can not be dealt with successfully by other means. Sin has attacked the human race. It makes its advent into the human heart early, even with the beginning of life. It is an infection of the heart and soul.

Thank God, there is a help entirely sufficient. It is the gospel message as found in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord.

What is the plan to get this message to a sin cursed race? It is the proclamation of the "good news" by God's teachers and preachers and prophets. What shall be their manner of approach? Shall they feel their way forward? Must they present the matter lightly? Should they be hesitant? Not so. No easy, timid preaching has ever converted sinners or established saints. Preaching must be bold, without doubts, and include all the truth. And such positive preaching, we may be assured, is more than a match for sin.

Let each of us take a spiritual inventory. When were we saved? Who was preaching, and what was his text? Many among us do not remember all the details incident to our salvation, but there is one thing we all do recall. It is that the preaching which produced conviction of sin ruined us. No wonder, the preacher delivered a positive message.

Preachers Must Believe the Bible

A noted skeptic was questioned one day as to why he went to hear a certain gospel preacher. Said the inquirer, "You say you do not believe the Bible, then why do you hear the preacher?" Immediately the answer came back, "You are right. I do not believe the Bible. But I enjoy hearing any one speak who believes his message, and that preacher believes what he preaches."

We complain because sinners are not saved in large numbers under our preaching. Several things may contribute to the cause, but maybe after hearing the message the average sinner goes away to wonder if the preacher himself believes his own message. Let the Lord's prophet first hear the Lion roar, then let him declare, "the Lord hath spoken, who can but prophesy!" This kind of preaching "shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins."

Yes, the need of all the people of this troubled world is positive preaching. Let the preachers especially take heed. They are called unto the most glorious task. King George of the mighty British Empire might well envy any one of the Lord's preachers. And not a one among us would exchange places with him.

Preachers will also do well to remember that they must give an account unto God as stewards on that great day of days. Surely it will be revealed at that time that the things which we did for our Master and for humanity came forth as fruits from our positive preaching and positive living.

We may remember too that we cannot please the devil better than to soft pedal the message that we have been called to deliver. Rather let us seek to please him who saved us, and "who enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry."