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The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

Psalm 27:1

Dr. Santa Claus

By AUGUST SHERMAN

The Bible

A Devotion by the Editor

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures."

I wish to raise a very pertinent question, which may sound a bit startling: What kind of Bible will our children inherit from us?

This may seem a very strange question. I hope it will be an arresting question. No doubt you will say, "We will pass on to our children the Bible which we have." Exactly so. And in too many cases that is the tragedy of the heritage of the children of today.

Are we bequeathing to the boys and girls of our day a Bible that is a mere good luck sign, a Bible the possession of which gives us a sort of superstitious sense of protection and security just to have it in the house even though we don't always know where to find it and seldom or have never read it?

Or are we giving our boys and girls a Bible that is the law of life, the law that grips and holds and guides one through life? A Christian teacher was once asked, "Do you hold such and such Bible teachings as truth?" "No," he replied, "It holds me."

Are we bequeathing a Bible whose precepts and teachings are repudiated and denied? Are we teaching by our neglect of the Bible, by our disobedience to its instruction, by our repudiation of its claims upon us, by these methods are we teaching the boys and girls that they can put the Bible aside and ignore it and disobey it and repudiate it?

Shall we bequeath to our children a Bible that is read and studied and obeyed, a Bible that is respected and cherished and loved? A young university man, speaking of the quagmires into which some of his professors delighted to lead their students, said this, "When I was through my course I didn't know what I believed so far as religious teachings were concerned. I wasn't sure what the Bible really did teach. I couldn't tell what my faith was. I said to myself, 'I can't go on this way. I must have a working basis.' So I read my Bible over again, studied the faith that had made my father and mother the best people I ever knew, and finally came back to my old camping ground."

Here is a plain case where the Bible bequeathed to a boy by his father and mother saved him in the perilous time of his life when other influences were conspiring to defeat his life and take away the anchor that would hold him true to life's aims and objectives.

"And from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15

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Out of the human heart spring so many life giving thoughts that we are given a clue to the scripture saying: "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life."

Everyone wants to get along well but often we fail to dig that well deep enough to tap the deep spiritual fountain that never runs dry.

We are now thinking of that fine human high tide of good will that we call Christmas. Coming at the year's end when all accounts are balanced we should be glad to add in our favor that substantial factor of good will and good fellowship that make the books look hopeful.

In our modern life we sometimes personify Christmas in the Santa Claus character who behaves as philosopher, doctor, and efficiency

expert. Do we ever see so many happy faces—so much fine co-operation in the long work days of Christmas preparation? The children who live nearer to the source of life than their elders invariably get a full supply of the Santa Claus tonic. That is why a little child may lead us out of our low level of fear and frustration.



The fine attitude of "help the other fellow" rekindles old friendships, and carries us up and over many troubles, such as boredom, selfishness and loneliness.

The sacrifices that the poor and handicapped make in an all out effort

to widen the peephole into heaven at this season makes us all see the importance of the faithful effort to make thought and action to become habits in our happy experience of Christmas and Christian living.

Baptists Exchange Greetings

Recently two associational meetings, one Northern and the other Southern, met at the same time in Vancouver, Washington. The Executive secretaries and other leaders of the two State Conventions exchanged visits and expressed fraternal greetings to the two associations. The leaders exchanged ideas, and later letters, concerning the points of agreement and difference between Northern and Southern Baptists in the State of Washington.

While the whole spirit of these meetings was most cordial, they did reveal that there is a vast difference in the way the two groups approach the carrying out of the Great Commission. One difference is in reference to co-operation with the Federal Council of Churches and comity arrangements.

Another great difference, although somewhat related to the first, has to do with the organization of community or federated churches by Baptists. For instance, the Washington Baptist Convention (Northern Baptist) in the period from 1945 to 1948 organized eight new churches of which five were community or federated churches which have open membership and receive members of all denominations on any sort of baptism.

In spite of these differences of convictions and approach, the Executive Secretary of Northern Baptists in Washington expressed appreciation for the fact that Southern Baptists had acted "with Christian courtesy in the establishment of their churches in Washington," and expressed hope that each group would treat the other with "highest Christian courtesy in the future." This hope was echoed by Southern Baptist leaders.

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"There is a way today to get men to Jesus. It may take wisdom to find it and work to accomplish it. We may have to search the community, find the lost people enroll them in Bible study, teach the truth, pray with them, exercise great faith and patience, and try various ways, but there is a way to reach Jesus with needy people."—Jerome O. Williams, *The Sunday School Builder*.

Moral Character Needed

Moral character is the greatest asset any nation can possess, and the salvation of the United States and the entire world depends on the ability of the national character of the American people to match the country's great resources, Chief of Army Chaplains, Roy H. Parker, declared at a dinner on December 2, in the Muehlbach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, marking the conclusion of Achievement Day ceremonies at William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri.

Featured speaker at ceremonies honoring seven alumni, Chaplain Parker urged his audience to adopt a qualitative rather than quantitative yardstick in measuring achievement.

"Because we are the richest, the most powerful nation in the world," he said, "the question of American character, of American morality, will continue to overshadow every other question, for the paramount issue of humanity in our time is a moral, not a political or an economic one. Have we as a people achieved sufficient awareness of the presence of God to be fit custodians, worthy stewards of this power? 'Fitness,' you see, is a moral question."

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Rockefeller's Religion

When asked by Dr. Louie Newton if he tithed, Dr. John D. Rockefeller Sr., made the following statement:

"Yes, I tithe, and I would like to tell you how it all came about. I had to begin work as a small boy to help support my mother. My first wages amounted to \$1.50 per week. The first week after I went to work, I took the \$1.50 home to my mother and she held the money in her lap and explained to me that she would be happy if I would give a tenth of it to the Lord.

"I did, and from that week until this day I have tithed every dollar God has entrusted to me.

"And I want to say to you, young man, if I had not tithed the first dollar I made I would not have tithed the first million dollars I made.

"Tell your readers to train the children to tithe, and they will grow up to be faithful stewards of the Lord."

—Baptist and Reflector

From the Editor's Desk

The Savior Is Born

occurred nearly two thousand years ago, the birth of Jesus, the greatest event in the history of the human race! The news of His birth was not announced by the news agencies that day, nor was it proclaimed by government dignitaries. In fact, the event seemed to have little news value, for it had a very limited circulation. It caused a little excitement among those who were privileged to receive the news, but it appears that they soon forgot the story, becoming absorbed in their own and material interests.

Although the world gave scant attention to the news of His birth, all heaven was a thrill of ecstatic joy when Jesus was born. Heaven could not contain itself; it broke out of its bounds of secrecy and invisibility and an angel appeared on earth to announce the birth at which men passed up so lightly. And the announcement drew a "multitude of the heavenly" choir who rendered an anthem composed in heaven and unequalled on earth. This "heavenly" choir was "praising and praising" However, only one quotation is taken from the praises they sang. We may not believe that their anthem was much better than this brief quotation, "Glory to Thee in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," which undoubtedly was the refrain.

Only a few awestruck shepherds heard that refrain on the night Jesus was born. But ever since that night, the refrain has reverberated through the corridors of time as human voices, attuned to the music of heaven, have caught up the words of the angels and heralded them abroad to every nation on earth.

There is a definite and vital relation between the glory of God and peace on earth. They are, in fact, complementary to each other, completing a unitary and harmonious scheme of being.

God yearns for the praise of men, for the love and devotion of men. He has placed before men every possible inducement that they could invent to lead men to give Him their voluntary praise and devotion. Thus men are accorded the unprecedented privilege of glorifying God. Paul exhorts, "For we are bought with a price: therefore glorify Him in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

As we glorify God in our bodies by service, and in our spirits by prayer and devotion, the peace of God will fill our souls. The peace is the other as naturally as day follows night. It is just as certain that we cannot have peace within our souls without glorifying God.

And the peace of God may be had in the midst and in spite of the tumult and strife and confusion within the world. Jesus prayed for the Father that He might "Keep them in Thy world," the world torn by strife and afflicted by sin. It is a glorious provision that God has made, that we may be at

peace amid the storms of life.

The story is told that two artists were requested to produce each his own painting which would represent his conviction of peace. One artist painted a landscape scene. It was the picture of a broad field with a placid lake in the center, which was rimmed with wild flowers from which the bees and butterflies sipped nectar. Cattle were contentedly grazing in the pasture. At the farther edge the forest trees lifted their heads to kiss the clouds which were floating lazily by. Above and beyond was the blue of the sky. Every feature of the painting spoke of peace, tranquility, and contentment.

The second artist painted the picture of a furious raging waterfall. With maddened haste the waters gathered above the precipice for their desperate plunge below. With a mighty roar and spewing foam the rushing current leaped and plunged, sending a geyser many feet into the air from the pool below.

Nothing about the scene suggested peace, until it was discovered that back of and under the falls in a cleft of rock a little bird sat peacefully on her nest undisturbed by the torrents of angry waters rushing over her head.

"And on earth peace." On this earth of trouble, of strife, of toil, of trial; on this earth where flow the angry emotions, the low passions, and the vain ambitions of depraved humanity, and in the midst of it all the peace of God will rest upon the trusting soul and the glory of God will radiate from the redeemed life.

May we capture something of the glory and peace, of which the angels sang, as we commemorate the birth of Him who was the occasion for their song of praise. May we be able to dig ourselves out from under the avalanche of materialism which has descended upon the Christmas season, and so standing upon the mound of material things which were intended to bury us may we behold the matchless glory of God as revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Anonymous Communications

We receive quite a number of anonymous letters and articles with the request that the articles be published in the *Arkansas Baptist*.

We hope that all our correspondents will understand that no item will be published in the *Arkansas Baptist* when the writer refuses to sign his name. Upon request, we will withhold the writer's name from publication, but we must have the writer's name in order to publish any item in the paper.

By far the majority of anonymous communications are kindly and complimentary. Occasionally we receive anonymous critical communications; it is obvious, of course, that we cannot reply to such communications when no name or address is given.

A Christmas Message

We send Christmas Greetings to every reader of the *Arkansas Baptist*. We sincerely hope that each one of you may have a joyous Christmas season. We hope that your joy, however, may not be pitched upon the plane of the physical and the material only, but that it may rise to the heights of spiritual experience in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As you recall and commemorate the birth of Jesus, may you discover a deeper and more profound devotion in your own heart for Him, for His church, for His gospel, and for His kingdom in the world.

We greet the children in your homes as they look forward to the coming of Santa Claus. We sincerely hope, however, that even Santa Claus may not displace the Christ in the hearts and the affections of the children.

This Christmas season will become a blight to those who forget the Christ of Christmas and dishonor Him. It can be meaningful only by honoring the Christ who was born unto you a Savior nearly two thousand years ago.

May each one of you have a joyous Christmas in the Lord. May His love and grace abound toward you to bless your lives with a richer spiritual experience.

The Editor,
B. H. Duncan

May the blessings of God and the joy of Christian fellowship be yours during this season the world has chosen to call Christmas. Let us take special care to put Christ first in all we do, as a memorial to His birth.

Editorial Assistant
Mrs. Homer D. Myers

In the true spirit of Christmas, May I wish each of you happiness on Christmas day and prosperity throughout the new year.

Bookkeeper and Circulation Mgr.
Mrs. Elson F. Stokes

May the love of Christ, and the joys of the season abide with you through the New Year.

Assistant, Circulation Department
Mrs. Harry Giberson

Greetings to you in the Name of Christ, who came to assure us happiness and peace. May your joys overflow at this Christmas season.

Editorial Secretary
Mrs. T. G. Sandusky

A critical communication is not worthy of reply unless the author signs his name. It does seem that anyone who has anything to say, whether it is critical or complimentary would be willing to sign his name. If a person isn't willing to stand by what he says, then the logic of the situation would dictate that he not say it.

Kingdom Progress

Year-Round Baptist Hour Enters Second Quarter



Charles Wellborn

With a special New Year's program January first, The Baptist Hour begins the second quarter of Year-Round network broadcasting.

The Baptist Hour speaker for the three months of 1950 will be Charles Wellborn, of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Widely known as an evangelist and speaker on college campuses, Mr. Wellborn has quite a colorful background. On two separate occasions he has won national awards for oratory and debating.

An honor graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, Mr. Wellborn later served as professor of Economics at that school. In fact, that was his position when he was called to the Ministry.

The Theme of Mr. Wellborn's thirteen messages on the Baptist Hour will be "Time for Decision." His first topic, for January 1, will be "The Land of Beginning Again."

The Baptist Hour is presented weekly by The Radio Commission of The Southern Baptist Convention as a contribution to the religious life of America, and is broadcast from Baptist Radio Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

The First Church of Blytheville has extended a unanimous call to C. S. White, a student of the School of Religious Education and Sacred Music of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, to be Minister of Music and Education.

Mr. White assumed his part-time duties December 11. He will be with the church the first and third week-ends of each month until his graduation from the seminary in May, when he will assume the full-time duties as Minister of Music and Education. He is a graduate of Ouachita College, and will receive his degrees in Religious Education and Sacred Music from Southwestern Seminary in May.

"The best strategy for our large church is to lead in the establishment of new churches in well-chosen locations. Such a policy will result in the reaching and enlistment of millions of people and will guarantee a continuation of progress and growth among Southern Baptists"—Monroe F. Swilley Jr., Sunday School Builder.

First Birthday

A huge birthday cake with one candle was presented to the Immanuel Church, East Newport, on December 1, in celebration of the first birthday of the church. The celebration came in the midst of a stewardship revival conducted by State Evangelist R. A. Hill. There were 150 people present for the celebration.

Immanuel Church was organized a year ago with thirty-two charter members, and has grown to a present membership of 103. A building formerly used as a skating rink has been purchased and converted into a spacious church auditorium.

V. E. Defreese, formerly associational missionary in Greene County, is the pastor of the new church. The Immanuel Church supports every phase of denominational work, and makes regular contributions to the Cooperative Program and associational missions.

During the recent stewardship revival, November 27 to December 4, three members were received into the church fellowship, and forty-three people pledged to tithe their income. The impact of this stewardship revival upon the church and the community is expected to result in other additions to the church and a greater number of tithers in the church membership.

The Immanuel Church in East Newport supplements the work of the First Church in Newport. The population of East Newport has rapidly increased in recent years due to the many factories and business enterprises established there. It is a densely populated area and offers challenging opportunities to the church located in that section of the city. The wisdom of the establishment of the Immanuel Church in East Newport is proven by the increase in both Sunday School and Training Union attendance, and the increase in the church membership during the first year of its history.

A record Sunday School attendance was reached on December 4, with 132 present. On the same day there were sixty-three in the Training Union, and the offering for the day amounted to \$300.

New Pastor At Riverside Mission

Bill Cook, a ministerial student at Ouachita College, has accepted a call to become the pastor of Riverside Mission, sponsored by the Immanuel Church of Little Rock.

Mr. Cook felt called to the ministry several years ago while he was attending the Assembly at Siloam Springs. He immediately began to prepare himself for the work. He is in his second year at Ouachita, and has been active in all religious activities of the school. Last year he spent the summer as a member of the staff at Ridgecrest, becoming acquainted with many of our Southern Baptist leaders and missionaries.

Telegram

Arrangements made for New Orleans Relief Center to remain open through February. Need for release supplies in certain area of war zones still desperate. Please urge Southern Baptists to continue largest possible shipments of food and clothing to Relief Center.

—Paul Caudill

Seven Deacons Ordained

Pastor Esker S. Ridgeway reports that the First Church of Sylvan Hills ordained seven deacons in special services on November 22. They were: William Lee Morgan, Victor C. Autrey, Earl S. Garvin, Gerald T. Donaho, William C. Page, Henry D. Cope, and Earl S. Ridgeway.

Garner Autrey gave the invocation and the devotional reading, and Pastor Harvey Eledge of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, delivered the charge to the candidates and the church. Dr. B. L. Bridges preached the ordination sermon, and the prayer was delivered by the senior deacon of the church, C. C. Giles. Major A. P. Holt gave the benediction. Pastor Ridgeway served as Moderator.

The First Church of Osceola has extended a call to Percy F. Herring, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hernando, Mississippi. Pastor Herring has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Osceola Church and will assume his duties January 1, 1950.

The Chickasaw Mission, sponsored by First Church of McGehee, reports a successful revival meeting with Delta Associational Missionary Allen McCurry doing the preaching, and Donald Travis leading the singing. There were nineteen professions of faith, with seventeen of them asking baptism and church membership.

During the meeting, attendance records were broken in both the Sunday School and Training Union. William H. Travis is Missions pastor.

Pastor Lowell F. Matheney of First Church of Hamburg reports that his church has had the services of Bartholomew Associational Missionary E. H. Acuff in a revival meeting at the Martinsville Mission. There were twelve additions to the church membership by baptism, and one by letter.

Pastor Matheney says, "God has richly blessed the Church in the establishing of this Mission at Martinville."

On December 4, Pastor T. S. Cowden completed his first year with Oak Grove Church in Harmony Association. During the past year the church has conducted two revival meetings resulting in sixty-eight additions to the church membership, forty-five of these coming for baptism.

Other accomplishments include the organization of a Brotherhood, and the including of the **Arkansas Baptist** in the church budget.

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick of Hot Springs recently conducted a revival meeting with the Inglewood Church of Nashville, Tennessee. There were 107 additions to the church membership, with most of them coming on profession of faith. There were twenty others converted who did not unite with Inglewood Church. There were many re-dedications, and eight young people answered God's call to the ministry and mission work.

J. Harold Stephens is pastor of the Inglewood Church.

Jack Terrell has accepted a call from the First Church of Monticello to become Religious Education Director and to work with the youth choir. Mr. Terrell will assume his duties on December 3.

Are You Prepared To Live?

By B. A. MILEY

Judges 1:6

Shua had died. No one immediately arose to take his place. Old enemies of Israel were aggressive. In the threat of danger the elites cried unto the Lord and Judah was sent to fight the enemies. Judah chose Hebron as ally and the two tribes fought the Ammonites and Perizzites and captured their city, Bezek.

Honi-bezek, the Mayor of Bezek, was captured and had both thumbs and big toes cut off. This was done to render him incapable of further warfare. Without thumbs he could not draw a bow or handle a spear and without big toes he could neither evade the victors nor pursue his enemies.

Think of the hitch-hiker in American life who has no thumb! Under what terrible disadvantage he would ride!

Mayor Wronged Himself

Judah's warriors surprised the garrison at Bezek and attacked to win the battle. The Mayor wronged himself by being unprepared in the face of his enemies. Many people who would not purposefully harm another, wrong themselves. Unprepared to accept opportunity, unprepared to impart knowledge, unprepared to serve in an hour of need, unprepared to live in life's day, all add to wronging themselves.

Life demands some preparation and action against a future need.

Many wrong themselves by squandering time. Better work hours, quicker transportation, modern conveniences, add to time which counts as his own. Yet, has this time resulted in a better man? Has the abiding essence of culture increased because of man's ever industrial arrangements? What have we done with our time? All are in a hurry. We are so ill prepared that leisure time only aggravates life instead of adding gravity to its character stronger because of an eight-hour shift? Has life been grasped and understood because man had time to contemplate? Has meditation or motion consumed time?

Mayor Wronged Others

Anyone who wrongs himself wrongs others. A drunkard hurts his family. The libertine's lies hurt to loved ones. So strongly ended are we in social and domestic ties, that it is impossible to hurt one's self without the vibrating to others.

The citizenship of Bezek depended upon the mayor for political and military protection.

He failed them. His program was inadequate. His vision was too narrow. His personal application to responsibility was not wide enough and his city was lost.

The price of leadership is always heavy. The young and the weak depend upon the leader to lead them. For a leader to fail and means a disrupted, weakened group. Oceans of Tens, of Hundreds, of Thousands, not in leadership! Teacher of five or fifty, not in leadership, because thereby others are wronged. Much of the wrong imparted to others is from neglect, prince among

Mutilated Body

Down the street wherever he walked the man knew he was a man with thumbs and big toes gone. His quick step gave way to a limp. He died mutilated in body and influence.

Nathan said to David, "Because by your deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme." Many years later Peter wrote from a life of trial,

these words, "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts—having a good conscience that, whereas they speak evil of you as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ." Many more start well than end well. It is said that the great danger of the high sea is that derelict ship without commander and voyage chart. It drifts. It respects neither traffic lane nor channel. It is unpredictable. It has no purpose,

One mutilated in influence often comes to the same state and condition. He has tried and failed and finally with all restraint gone, he sails uncharted seas and lives without purpose. Hope is dormant. Faith is arrested. The heart is calloused. Man drifts with thumbs and toes gone. Man hold up your hand! Do you yet have your thumb? Look to your feet, have you yet a big toe? You have! Then you are fit for the fray. It will take a fight to win but off the bench! Get into the game and give the Lord all that you have. Do it today for tomorrow may find you without thumbs or toes.

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Delegation of Visitors

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and other Convention leaders were recent visitors at Golden Gate Seminary and Calvary Church in Berkeley, California.

The visiting delegation, on a return trip from several western state conventions included: Dr. Duke McCall, Nashville, Tennessee; Judge and Mrs. John W. McCall, Memphis, Tennessee, parents of Dr. McCall; Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Virginia, south-west W. M. U. President; Mrs. L. L. Knight, Portsmouth, Virginia; Dr. S. F. Dowis, Superintendent of Cooperative Missions, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia; and Dr. Roy Sutton, Associate Executive Secretary of the Arizona Baptist Convention, Phoenix, Arizona.

Oklahoma Association Has Successful Crusade

Eleven churches participated in a Simultaneous Crusade, November 13 to 27, in the South Canadian Baptist Association in Oklahoma. C. Y. Dossey, assistant secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, was the general director, and preached in First Church, Seminole, Oklahoma. Robert S. Scales, pastor of the First Church, Seminole, was the general chairman.

The reports from eleven churches revealed that there were 296 additions to the church, of which 183 came on profession of faith as candidates for baptism.

This was the first campaign in the newly organized South Canadian Association.

THE BAPTIST HOUR

DR. R. G. LEE, Preacher

December 25—Subject:

"Who Is This Christ?"

Stations in Arkansas:

At 2:30 P. M., CST, Sundays: **KELD**, El Dorado; **KFSA**, Fort Smith; **KTHS**, Hot Springs; **KGHL**, Little Rock; **KCLA**, Pine Bluff; **KBRS**, Springdale.

1950

Simultaneous Crusade

Use Your Students During Simultaneous Crusade

Practically every church in Arkansas has one or more college students in its membership. In each of these college students there is a potential source of energy, interest, and enthusiasm that needs to be harnessed for the Simultaneous Revival Crusade.

These students know how to talk; how to meet people; how to plan a program; lead the singing; play musical instruments, and sing individually or in groups. They know how to lead in prayer, make posters, plan publicity campaigns, take a census. They know how to do visitation work and personal witnessing. Some of them know how to preach and teach—they do it every Sunday. Let's plan now to use this trained youth leadership of our churches during the Simultaneous Crusade.

The local Baptist Student Union councils on each campus throughout the state are planning a program that will prepare the students for participation during the Simultaneous Crusade.

Let us work on this program from both ends—from the home and home church, and from the Baptist Student Union in college and the college church. Working together on this with the potential student leadership which we have in our state, will add a big plus on the side of victory for the Simultaneous Revival Crusade, April 9-23.

Pastors may find this suggested plan helpful: 1. During the Christmas holidays have college students and high school seniors together for a conference. 2. Encourage the students to help make plans and suggestions to help in carrying out a successful revival. 3. Give them a chance to volunteer for the part that they will be responsible for during the revival: with the music program or sing in the choir; help with the publicity, mimeographing telephoning, or distributing hand bills. They may be glad to act as ushers; to take up the offering, and to welcome the visitors. 4. Encourage them to take a place of leadership and let them have spots of responsibility—they can produce. 5. Maintain contact with the students when they are out of town, away at school. 6. Expect great things, plan a great program, pray for a great revival, and don't be surprised when God answers in a great way.

Let's plan to use our students "the leadership of tomorrow," some 5,000 strong in Arkansas, during our Simultaneous Revival Crusade. Your Baptist Student Union pledges its best in promoting our part in this proposal. The local church and pastors need to do their part now in using this potential.

—Fred J. Vogel

"The most successful church buildings are planned not only for use at the present time but also with the possibility of desirable future expansion in mind. This requires not only a desirable location but also a lot of sufficient size and proportion to accommodate the required buildings."—W. A. Harrell, *The Sunday School Builder*.

*** Christian Horizons ***

Back-slapping Religion Won't Get the Job Done: The old East and the new Far West stand in greatest need of religious revival, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, of Portland, Oregon, told the Methodist Advance.

Bishop Kennedy called upon the 1,000 visiting clergy to recruit 10,000 new members for 330 Philadelphia area churches, to make the pastoral calling "rugged and aggressive, and not just one of teacup balancing in social visitation."

"Here in the East the greatest task seems to be to fill up the half-empty churches," he said. "In the boom areas of the West, we still have to build churches and provide enough pastors to catch up with the population. It is a task that calls for aggressive action as well as a deepening of our spiritual life.

"But beware of a back-slapping religion," the bishop warned.

"Too many people today take spirituality so lightly that they believe they can walk up to God, slap Him on the back, and say I'm for you," he said. "They may be willing to weep for their sins, without wanting to give them up.

"Every pastor needs to regard his church as a challenge, and not just as a means for his livelihood. Ministers are called to preach, not to give pleasant-sounding or classical lectures at club luncheons and dinners."

Bishop Kennedy, 42, is the youngest bishop of the Methodist Church.

Timely Sarcasm: Dr. George Little, head of the publications department of the United Church of Canada, proposed that the liquor trade be required to provide buses to carry intoxicated persons home from hotels and cocktail lounges.

"These people are intoxicated by drink provided by the wholesale and retail liquor outlets licensed by the Ontario government," he said, "and therefore the government should take action to protect pedestrians and sober drivers.

"Turning out drunks to get home on their own shows a callous disregard of human welfare, and it is costing the lives and future business of free-spending customers."

"In the end a bus would be much cheaper than an ambulance, inquest, funeral and tombstone, with an insurance claim to boot," Dr. Little added. "The wholesale and retail liquor trades could inaugurate and maintain this service co-operatively. Otherwise, the government should provide the service out of liquor profits for all cities of Ontario."

Department Store Executive Resigns to Help Seminary: Maurice Levin, chairman of the board of directors of Hearn Department Stores, Inc., New York City, announced his retirement from that post to help the Jewish Theological Seminary of America raise an endowment fund of \$15,000,000.

Levin, former president of the Hearn stores, said he had accepted the post of chairman of the Seminary's national committee on endowment development.

Senator-elect Herbert H. Lehman, who attended the press conference at which Levin made his announcement, hailed the action as an "inspiring example of enlightened social and religious responsibility," and as an act of "selfless devotion." He said Levin had accepted the new post at his direct request.

Colorado Baptists Buy Summer Camp: Purchase by Colorado Baptists of a 1,240-acre tract in the Black Forest for use as a summer camp was announced during the State Baptist Youth Fellowship convention.

The property, bought from the Black Forest Fox Ranch, Inc., will come into the possession of the Baptists next March, and the first state Baptist encampment will be held there in June.

Cominform Instructs Party Workers to Woo Religionists: The Communist Information Bureau (Cominform) has issued instructions to Communist Party workers to draw religious adherents into the fight against "the war policy of the Anglo-American imperialist bloc."

Party workers were briefed in three resolutions adopted by the Cominform at a meeting held recently in an undisclosed place in Europe. The resolutions, texts of which were published here, were entitled, "The Defense of Peace and the Fight Against the War Makers," "Working Class Unity and the Tasks of the Communist and Workers' Parties," and "The Yugoslav Communist Party in the Power of Spies and Assassins."

Special attention, the Cominform resolutions declared, must be devoted in the Communist "peace program" to the masses of Catholic workers and their organizations, "in view of the fact that religious conviction is not an obstacle to the unity of the workers, especially if this unity is needed to save peace."

As interpreted in political circles here, the Cominform's directive indicates that the Party has realized the necessity of making tactical concessions to the upsurge of religious strength.

One Communist source in Prague, when reminded of the Party's theory that religion would die a natural death sooner or later, admitted that "there is no sign yet, even in the home of Communism, that this theory is working out."

Awakened Public Conscience Urged Against Gambling: A call to awaken the public conscience against the "moral, social and economic menace" of gambling in Canada was issued at the annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Churches. A report submitted by the Council's department of social relations said that pari-mutuel betting on horse racing had increased 17 per cent in 1948 over the previous year.

"Two courses of action seem to be called for," the report declared after citing other figures showing a widespread increase in all forms of gambling. "One is to maintain and enforce the laws against gambling. The other is to create and maintain a public conscience against gambling."

"Our churches," the report commented, "have condemned gambling of all kinds."

"On the brighter side," the report said, "is the record of juvenile delinquency, which dropped by 33 per cent in the five years up to and including 1947. The number of major offenses in 1947 for all delinquents is lower than any figure reported since 1924."

Rural Ministers Advised to Study Family Counselling: Rural ministers should become more expert in family counselling, it was recommended at the sixth annual Convocation on the Church in Town and Country in Lincoln, Nebraska.

A Smile or Two

A lot of men have pet names for their wives. The Milwaukee District Attorney sometimes refers to his wife as the "Secretary of War." No offense intended, of course, and friends and office employes always understand these facetious references in the spirit in which they are meant. Not so, however, with a new office secretary; when the dictator wishing to call home, thoughtlessly said, "Get me the War Department on the telephone." A few minutes later, the secretary tapped on his office door, "Wington," she said, "is on the line, sir."

—Quoted

Men who think they are irresistible to women are like a certain Marine. Two of his fighters were sitting in the public library and one of them found a book that seemed to interest him a lot, for he sat for some time with his face buried in its pages. Another boy said to him: "What's the name of that book you're reading?"

The reader said: "What Millions of Women Want."

The first one reached for the book. "Lemme see," he said, "Have they got your name spelled right?"

—Exchange

He could not have been over four, as he stood in front of the lost and found case. He hardly reached the top, and there were traces of hastily-wiped tears on his cheek as he inquired in a quavering voice, "Have any mothers been turned in this morning?"

—Baptist Messenger

"I understand your wife is a finished character," said one chap to another.

"No, not yet," replied the other, "but my neighbors almost got her last night."

—Watchman Examiner

A small boy, being asked by his teacher to write briefly concerning the manners and customs of the people of India, chewed the pencil for five minutes and then wrote: "They ain't got no manners and they wear no pants."

—Borrowed

The Irish night watchman at the observatory was new. He paused to watch a star peering through a large telescope. Just as a star fell, "Man alive," he exclaimed in amazement, "you're shur a foine shot."

—Watchman Examiner

Little Jack had been so persistently naughty that mother just had to give him a spanking, and all that afternoon a desire for revenge rankled in his little breast.

At length bedtime came, and kneeling down, he said his evening prayer, asking a blessing upon all the members of the family, individually—except one. Then rising, he turned to his mother with a triumphant smile, saying as he climbed into bed, "I s'pose you noticed you wasn't in it."

—Exchange

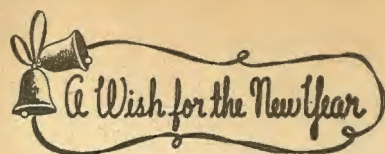
She had insisted on taking along every garment she owned. They arrived at the station loaded with baggage.

"I wish," said the husband, thoughtfully, "that we'd brought your piano."

"Now, let's not try to be funny," came the frigid reply.

"I'm not trying to be funny," he sadly complained. "I left the tickets on it."

—Christian Herald



The Home-Going of Frank H. Leavell

By DR. W. O. VAUGHT

This is the last issue of the Arkansas Baptist for the year 1949, due to a long standing custom—we only publish fifty issues each year and this is the fiftieth. Your next issue will be dated January 5, 1950.

The year of 1949 has been a most pleasant one; God has blessed His people beyond measure all over the state. The staff members of the Arkansas Baptist feel that He has been especially good to us. It has been a great joy and privilege to labor together in the production and mailing of your Baptist paper. Many hours of labor have gone into the production of the paper; it costs a great deal of money to produce such a huge publication and only the keene management of Editor Duncan and our efficient bookkeeper, Mrs. Juanez Stokes keeps us out of the red.

The many State Department heads of your Convention strive constantly to give you the very best along promotional lines for your W. M. U.; Brotherhood; Missions; and Religious Educational lines in general. The Executive Secretary and his department try to keep you informed along all lines of work or which he is responsible.

The editor and his staff, those responsible for the contents and appearance of the Arkansas Baptist, stay on tiptoe in the effort to send out to you the message of encouragement; items that will edify the Christian and build him up in the faith; items that are educational; and last but not least, items of devotional value that will serve as spiritual food to our readers and subscribers.

We appreciate your loyalty and co-operation during the past year.

We wish for you the very richest blessings that God has in His great storehouse throughout the New Year.

Will you be reminded that the Arkansas Baptist is your paper? And we need your help in making it a greater paper, with more up-to-date news of your churches, and Kingdom progress in our State.

Happy New Year! And the Lord help us to do our best for Him during 1950.

—Editorial Assistant.

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Evangelism Objective For Brotherhood

Southern Baptist men will promote evangelism as their principal 1950 objective, it was decided in the annual meeting of state representatives of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South in session at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. Thirty laymen from sixteen states were present.

Other objectives noted are development of the Man and Boy Movement and increased support of the Southern Baptist Convention's financial program, the Baptist foundations, and the Cooperative Program.

In connection with these objectives they have set as goals 300 laymen's revivals 1500 certificates for completion of man and boy projects, 1000 new local brotherhoods 100 new associational or district brotherhoods and 54,000 average quarterly distribution of the Brotherhood journal.

All present officers were re-elected. They include John W. McCall, chairman, J. N. Belate, vice-chairman, Dr. C. H. Heacock, treasurer, and E. C. Smith, recording secretary, all of Memphis. Also full-time officers, Lawson H. Cooke, executive-secretary, Hugh F. Latimer, associate executive secretary, and George W. Schroeder, associate secretary-editor.

In the early hours of the morning of December 7, 1949, Frank H. Leavell, for twenty-eight years Secretary of Southern Baptist Student Work, passed to his eternal reward. His home-going ends an era of Student Work in the United States. From his humble home at 2121 Ashwood Avenue in Nashville, Tennessee, through the Department of Southern



Frank H. Leavell

Baptist Student Work, Frank H. Leavell gave to the world an example of student leadership unequalled anywhere in the earth. By giving to his denomination the Baptist Student Union he contributed a church-centered religious program that will be a blessing to all mankind.

Power of a Christian Home

One cannot properly understand the life of Frank H. Leavell unless he knows the background from which he sprang. In a modest frame dwelling in Oxford, Mississippi, all nine Leavell brothers were born—the nine brothers who have brought honor to Southern Baptists and a benediction to the entire world. Father and Mother Leavell brought up their nine sons in the strict southern fashion, always attending church twice on Sunday and prayer meeting on Wednesday night. "Not once in our lives did we ever eat a bite of food at our table until after we had given thanks for it," Dr. George Leavell said to me the day of the funeral at Oxford.

When Frank Leavell was just eleven he almost died with pneumonia. The doctors gave him up and told Father and Mother Leavell that there was nothing more they could do. But Father Leavell was not satisfied. He said, "But there is something more I can do." He made an onion poultice and placed it on Frank's chest. All night long he knelt beside the bed and held the onion poultice against Frank's body. And when the breathing would grow faint the father would administer artificial respiration, praying all the time for God's blessing. In the morning the boy was better and when the astonished doctor returned and found the boy alive, the father said, "I couldn't let this boy die. God has something big for him to do in the world." Probably that humble father did not know just how big was the task that God had for his son out in the world.

The Baptist Student Union

In 1921 Southern Baptists commissioned Frank Leavell with the task of building a

worthy program for the Baptist College Students of the South. He immediately set up headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee and began to visit the campuses of the South, making a survey of needs and program possibilities. Some years later his headquarters were moved to the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee. Regional student conferences were held and Southern Baptist leaders were challenged with the need of an organized program for Baptist students. From these years of survey and conference the Baptist Student Union emerged. Local campus organizations were perfected, and at State Baptist Student Conventions the State B. S. U. organizations were established. A student movement was being born.

Probably the most significant contribution of Frank H. Leavell came at the All-Southern Student Conference in Atlanta, Georgia when he launched "The Master's Minority Movement." This was his life and soul. He believed there was a group on every campus who would emerge from the common crowd and dare to live the abundant life. God gave Frank Leavell the basis of this movement, with emphasis on worldliness out, church loyalty, prayer, and Bible reading, with emphasis on second-mile Christianity. Frank Leavell announced this program in Atlanta in 1930 and soon "The Master's Minority Movement" was a mighty force on southern campuses.

Editor of Baptist Student Magazine

Through the great gatherings at Ridgecrest each summer Frank Leavell saw hundreds dedicate their lives to full-time Christian service. Other denominations began to pattern their programs after the Baptist Student Union. Student Center buildings and student secretaries brought power and stability to the B. S. U. All states in the Southern Baptist Convention employed State B. S. U. secretaries and more than a hundred Baptist student secretaries were placed on college campuses. Today the Baptist Student Union is led by the largest group of student religious workers to be found in the world. The Baptist Student Magazine, which Frank Leavell edited for twenty-five years, goes to all campuses and to thousands of students each year.

Death came to Frank H. Leavell about three o'clock in the morning, after a busy day and evening with his family.

For two hours he talked to the members of his family, giving instructions about the promotion of his work. At one a. m. the heart ailment that took his life struck him low. Mrs. Leavell said he knew his hour was at hand, and that it was indeed wonderful to listen to him talk and hear his words of praise. After expressing love for those about him, he lifted up his voice and exclaimed, "O Lord, Our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth." And without another word his head fell on his breast and he was dead. Just one such life is the best argument for Christianity.

He is survived by Mrs. Leavell, Frank Jr., a student at Baylor University; Mrs. John Newport of Waco, daughter, and the wife of Dr. John Newport; Miss Mary Martha Leavell of Louisville, Kentucky; and five brothers: Dr. George Leavell of Bristol, Virginia; Dr. Leonard Leavell of Newman, Georgia; Dr. Clarence Leavell of Memphis; Dr. Roland Leavell of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Dr. Ullin Leavell of Charlottesville, Virginia.

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The Value of A Two-Weeks Revival

By C. Y. DOSSEY

Someone once asked Abraham Lincoln the question, "How long should a man's legs be?" Lincoln replied, "A man's legs ought to be long enough to reach the ground." Many are asking: How long should a revival continue? The answer is: It ought to continue long enough to reach the unsaved and unenlisted.

During the past few years our Southern Baptist churches have drifted into the habit of limiting their revival efforts to one week. Some are even attempting to have what they call "week-end revivals." The writer believes this last term is a misnomer. We doubt if a church can have a revival in the real sense "over the week-end."

There have been some things that have caused us to drift into this hurtful custom of limiting our revivals to one week or eight days.

During the war we had gasoline rationing; our people were busy, and they felt they could give but one week for a revival. This condition no longer exists. Our people are not so busy now. They are going to other places; sporting events and places of amusement are having their greatest attendance. We have the five day work week back. If you think your people are staying home at night,

just go out and try to visit them at night and see how few you find at home.

Another factor that has brought on the eight-day revival is laziness and indifference on the part of our people toward a lost world and their duty to God. This has caused them to be unwilling to put forth a real effort in a revival lasting two weeks. We should not give in to this spirit. Instead of giving in, we ought to challenge our people and call them back to God and their responsibility to Him and a lost world.

Another thing which has contributed to these eight day and "week-end" revivals is the poor attendance many churches have on the week nights during the second week of a revival. This can be remedied by mobilizing the forces and organizations we now have in our churches. On pages 103 and 131 of the book, entitled **The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism**, by C. E. Matthews, will be found plans for mobilizing our people through the organizations in our churches. The writer has worked all these plans and has been having larger crowds the second week of a revival than the first. The only way you will ever get some people to respond and do their duty is to put responsi-

bility upon them. These plans and methods will do that very thing.

A two weeks revival affords the opportunity to preach more of the great truths of God's Word to the masses. One will find it difficult to do this in an eight day revival. In a two weeks revival the evangelist can use the first week as a time of sowing, arousing concern in the hearts of God's people. A two weeks revival will give the Holy Spirit time to bring conviction to the hearts of the lost, the cold, and the indifferent. The second week will then be a great time of reaping.

A two weeks revival will enable our churches to reach more people for Christ. The writer has had the privilege of conducting more than four hundred revival meetings. Ninety-nine per cent of them have been for a period of two weeks and some of them for a period of three weeks. It has been our experience that at the close of the services of the middle Sunday of a two weeks revival we can total the number of additions we have had, and that total will be about sixty per cent of the total additions we will have in that two weeks revival meeting. If these four hundred revival meetings had been limited to eight days each,

forty per cent of the people that we have reached would not have been reached. It is the hope that, during the two great simultaneous crusades which Southern Baptists will undertake during 1950 and 1951, every church will go in for the full two weeks of the campaign. Now is the time to give the gospel a chance and to give God a chance to use us in a great way in winning the lost to Christ.

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Another Way

It was said that the Wise Men, after visiting the Babe in the manger, "went back another way."

No one can really see Christ and go back the same way. Life does become different from that hour.

As we come to the manger again at this Christmas time, let us go back another way. Let us leave our hates and go back the way of persistent good will; let us leave our racial prejudices there and go back the way of human brotherhood that will transcend all distinctions of color and class; let us leave all halfway responses, all compromises, and go back to be abandoned to Him and to His kingdom.

Another day—another Way!
—Baptist Bulletin Service

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Do You Believe in Divine Retribution or the Law of Compensation?

Does Your Conscience Keep Bringing the Matter Up Before You?

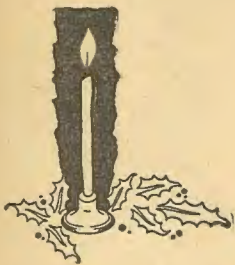
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B. L. BRIDGES, Director
200 Baptist Building, Little Rock

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Woman's Missionary Union

Our Greetings



May yours be the "better Christmas—a Christmas that is better than any in the past, better in its inward uplift and urge, better in its spiritual dynamic, better in its manward service, better for you and all about you . . ."

And "After Christmas—What?" "Forward in the light of a Christian Christmas. . . . Forward with the Lord of a consecrated Christmas . . . Forward in the life of a continuing Christmas."

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Day of Prayer for Community Missions

Suggested plans for observance of the Annual Day of Prayer for Community Missions have been prepared by Mrs. Ralph Douglas, State Community Mission chairman, and will be published in the January 5 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*.

Has your Society set a definite date for this observance? We would suggest the fifth Monday, January 30. Urge W. M. S. members to read and to preserve that issue of our state paper. It will stimulate interest and simplify program planning and preparation.

Associational W. M. U. Leaders to Convene

WHEN? January 10-11, 1950.

WHERE? Central College, North Little Rock.

WHO? Associational Superintendents, Associate Superintendents, Associational Young People's Counselors, Associational Community Missions, Stewardship and Mission Study Chairmen.

WHAT? "Down-to-earth" discussion and promotional planning for Associational W. M. U. activities.

Arkansas Student Reports on Golden Gate Seminary

One of Arkansas' own, Miss Mary Lambert of Turrell, writes concerning her experiences:

"First, let me say that I am happy above all expectations to be at the Seminary here. The school is small and we have many needs, but I feel that our standards are in all ways equal to those of our other seminaries.

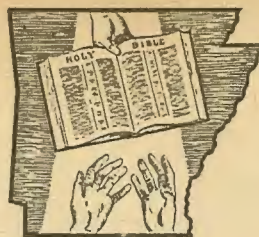
"Living conditions for students are good and there are opportunities for service on every hand. . . . By far the greater number of our ministerial students have begun new missions or organized new churches in localities where there was no Southern Baptist work.

"Workers of every kind are needed, and Golden Gate students do a tremendous amount of work in the missions and churches of the Bay area. We have a practical activities department which tries to enlist every student in definite and regular Christian service—in missions and churches, among international groups, among shut-ins, in special children's work, in institutional service, in counselling activities, and in the production and distribution of gospel tracts

"As for the mission opportunities here, surely it is as great a mission field as any in our homeland, and probably the people are more easily accessible. For instance, it is said that there are three thousand lost and unchurched people in the immediate vicinity of the church where I belong.

"Life here has been a real blessing to me and I have felt the leadership of the Lord more than at any other time in my life. You will be happy to know that I have surrendered for service in Japan and am making application to the Foreign Mission Board for appointment this spring. Pray with me that the Lord will strengthen me wherever I am weak, supply my needs where I lack, and open every door which leads to greater service for Him."

NOTE: Arkansas' Woman's Missionary Union rejoices in the opportunity to help this fine young woman and others through the Lillian May Scholarship Loan Fund.



Department of

MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Be Sure To Hear Charles A. Wells

Journalist, Cartoonist, World Traveler

Charles A. Wells of New York will be one of the featured speakers on the State-Wide Evangelistic Conference program, January 16-18. He will speak Wednesday morning on the subject, "A Revival—Or Else." Mr. Wells is an outstanding journalist, cartoonist, and world traveler. Those attending the conference will be fortunate, indeed, in having the privilege of hearing Mr. Wells.

wrong idea about supplementing a pastor's salary. Some seem to think that if a pastor has a large family and has had a great deal of sickness that he should be given some financial help. Pastoral

Superintendent Visits Des Arc

It was our privilege recently to be with Pastor E. L. Finch and the Des Arc Church for a Wednesday evening service. A brief message on missions was given and then two movie films shown. An offering of \$12.51 was made to State Missions.

Brother Finch has been pastor of the Des Arc Church just a few months and is happy in his work. The church is taking several steps of progress.

Lake Village And Mission Stations

Pastor H. O. Malone and the First Church of Lake Village have the right missionary outlook. We were privileged to be with the Brotherhood in their monthly meeting recently, to tell about our mission program and to show some of the work being done by means of a movie.

This church is not content to wait for people to come to their services. They are carrying the gospel to the people in the outlying districts. Within the last two years, two churches have been organized, mostly through the influence of the Lake Village church. Four other mission stations have been opened which had 130 in attendance the last report. The best report of all is that the church baptized 112 people during the past associational year.

Pastoral Aid

How long should a church be helped in paying a pastor's salary? In the state of Alabama, aid will not be given to any church longer than two years. They state that if a church cannot become self-supporting after a pastor serves them for two years, there is no need to continue further aid. Should that policy be followed in Arkansas?

Many people seem to have the



Charles A. Wells

aid, however, is not given with the idea of helping a man but to help the church. Then, there are some who seem to think that because a church is unusually weak in number and finances it should be helped. Sometimes a letter comes to our office, stating that the people have moved away and that there are only two or three families left to carry on the church work and that they would like for the Mission Department to help them pay their pastor's salary. It is not our policy to help a church simply because it is weak. There must be possibilities for a church to become self-supporting if aid is given. We want to help where there are possibilities of growth. If there are no possibilities for the church showing any increase or ever becoming self-supporting, there might be some question as to whether or not it should continue as an organization. Maybe it should be a mission under some church!

Every church receiving supplementary aid ought to make some progress and should look forward to becoming self-supporting at the earliest possible date.

Religious Education

EDGAR WILLIAMSON, DIRECTOR

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Training Union Director
 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock

FRED J. VOGEL
Student Union Secretary
 MRS. B. W. NININGER
Church Music Director



Concerning Speakers' Tournament Tracts

In recent weeks, when the Tournament tracts were sent to the various churches, a mimeographed sheet was sent containing the subjects for the Speakers' Tournament. The Speakers' Tournament tract is now available, and may be secured by writing to the State Training Union Director, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Convention-Wide Sunday School Conference Dallas, Texas, December 27-30

The closing session of the Convention-wide Sunday School Conference in Dallas, Texas, December 27-30, will bring to a climax the plans for the year. Participating in this session will be persons representing every Sunday school position in a church, an association, or state.



Duke McCall

Dr. Duke McCall will close the period as he leads in a great dedication service, using as his subject "We Dedicate Ourselves to the Task."

Sunday Night, December 25

Only two more planning days left until "Student Night at Christmas."

Have you included a "Student Night at Christmas" program for your Sunday evening, December 25, worship hour? You still have time to plan and prepare for it. Students are already home for the holidays. Contact them, use them, plan with them a high hour for the December 25, evening worship period.

If you want to know more about the usefulness and effectiveness of a Student Night at Christmas program, ask any pastor who has had one or write the Baptist Student Union Secretary, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Directions for the Teaching and Study of the Training Union and Sunday School Books for Credit

I. Directions for the Teacher

1. Ten class periods of forty-five minutes each, or the equivalent, are required for the completion of a book for credit.

2. The teacher of a training class is given, when requested, an award on the book taught.

3. The teacher shall give a written examination covering the subject matter in the textbook, and the student shall make a minimum grade of 70 per cent. The examination may take the form of assigned work to be done between the class sessions, in the class sessions, or as a final examination at the end of the course.

Exception: All who attend all of the class sessions; who read the book through by the close of the course; and who, in the judgment of the teacher, do the classwork satisfactorily may be exempted from taking the examination.

4. Application for Sunday school awards should be sent to the state Sunday School department and for Training Union awards to the state Training Union department. These departments will provide the forms for these applications. They should be made in duplicate and both copies sent.

II. Directions for the Student

1. In Classwork
 (1) The student must attend at least six of the ten forty-five minute class periods to be entitled to take the class examination.

(2) The student must certify that the textbook has been read. (In rare cases where students may find it impracticable to read the book before the completion of the classwork, the teacher may accept a promise to read the book carefully within the next two weeks.)

(3) The student must take a written examination, making a minimum grade of 70 per cent. (All who attend all of the class sessions; who read the book through by the close of the course; and who, in the judgment of the teacher, do satisfactory classwork may be exempted from taking the examination.)

2. In Individual Study by Correspondence

Those who for any reason wish to study the book without the guidance of a teacher will use one of the following methods:

(1) Write answers to the questions printed in the books, or

(2) Write a development of the chapter outlines.

If the first method is used, the student will study the book and then with the open book write answers to the printed questions.

If the second method is used the student will study the book and then with the open book write a development of the chapter outlines.

In either case the student must read the book through.

Students may find profit in studying the text together, but where awards are requested, individual papers are required. Carbon copies or duplicates in any form cannot be accepted.

All written work done by such students on books for Sunday school credit should be sent to the state Sunday School secretary. All of such work done on books for Training Union should be sent to the state Training Union secretary.

III. Interchange of Credits and Awards on Comparable Subjects

On comparable subjects for young people and adults in the Sunday school and Training Union courses only one award, either Sunday school or Training Union, may be received for completing one book.

Awards for missions books are granted in all departments of the Training Union when the study course requirements are met. Sunday school awards are granted on the missions books to young people and adults when the study course requirements are met.

Cullendale Music School

The First Church of Cullendale has just closed a very successful school of Church Music which was directed by Mrs. B. W. Nininger. More than 125 people were enrolled in the school, with an average daily attendance of 73. Sixty-four people qualified for awards. The major emphasis was placed on music fundamentals in the study periods, and the rehearsal periods for all three groups, namely, Juniors, Youth and Adults, was spent in preparing a Christmas Service which will be presented at the church on the evening of December 18.

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A vision without a task makes a visionary; a task without a vision makes a drudge; but a vision plus a task makes a missionary.

They Shall Have Music

This is the TIME to prepare for—
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total baptisms, seventy-eight and two-tenths per cent of total Sunday school enrolment, eighty-seven and four-tenths per cent of W. M. U. enrolment, eighty and two-tenths per cent of Brotherhood enrolment, eighty-six and two-tenths per cent of total church property, paid seventy-nine per cent of all pastors salary, and gave eighty-seven and five-tenths per cent of total mission gifts.

Figures To Inspire

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Sun-day School	Train-ing	Addi-tions			
Ft. Smith	1,145	501	5	Rogers, First	345
Little Rock, Immanuel	1,104	304	2	Conway, First	337
Including Missions	1,339	518	5	Smackover, First	321
El Dorado, First	838	205	8	N. Little Rock, First	304
N. Little Rock,				Including Mission	334
Baring Cross	803	256	5	Searcy, First	304
Including Missions	910	338	7	Norphet, First	301
Little Rock, First	785	201	2	Pine Bluff, Second	297
Little Rock, Second	687	117	6	Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	277
Pine Bluff, South Side	611	232	1	Harrison, First	274
Including Missions	667	281		El Dorado, West Side	266
El Dorado, Second	558	202	3	Mena, First	242
Fayetteville, First	541	232		Little Rock, Galvary	216
Including Mission	603	277		Little Rock,	
El Dorado, Immanuel	526	282	6	Reynolds Memorial	211
Including Missions	578	319		Bentonville, First	196
Crossett, First	519	173		*Little Rock, Hebron	179
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	514	174	3	Warren, Immanuel	134
Arkadelphia, First	510	143	3	El Dorado, Joyce City	129
Including Mission	539			Strong, First	129
Camden, First	508	223	2	Sweet Home, Pine Grove	123
Including Missions	708	351		Little Rock, Woodlawn	122
Magnolia, Central	506	167		Ft. Smith, Northside	97
Including Missions	660	211	2	Kelso	97
Hope, First	485	119		Grannis	86
Warren First	484	101	1	Little Rock, Bethel	81
Forrest City, First	480	76	1	Douglassville, Second	60
McGehee, First	473	193	1	Vimy Ridge	19
Including Missions	600	253			8
Texarkana, Beech Street	471	171	9	*Standard Sunday Schools.	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	451	112	3	NOTE: REMEMBER TO SEND IN	
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Ft. Smith, Grand Avenue	426	151	24	OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEM-	
Russellville, First	424	147		BER THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY.	
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South Highland	343	114	1		

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Every Baptist home in the land ought to get every week the denominational paper. May God hasten the realization of this acutely necessary goal! And may He also give needed wisdom for the editors and all others who write for these papers!

To the faithfully discriminating, constructive, Christian paper the denomination owes an immeasurable debt of gratitude. By all means, let us all worthily magnify our denominational papers. They furnish our supreme medium for informing our people. And let us pray, without ceasing, that the editors and all others who write for these papers shall be clothed with God's wisdom and Spirit for their exalted mission! Beyond question, our papers largely hold the key to our denominational spirit and progress.

—George W. Truett, Baptist Bulletin Service

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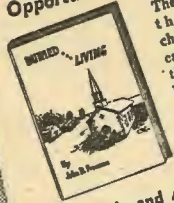
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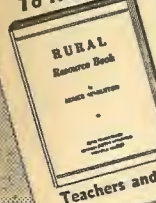
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Forty-Two Men's Rallies In March, 1950!

As a part of the general preparation for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade of 1950, Dr. C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, is requesting that a great rally of Baptist men be held in every district association sometime during the month of March.

The purposes of the associational-wide men's rallies are: (1) To inform Baptist men of the enormous and sacred responsibilities that are theirs in the campaign; (2) To inspire them to go all-out for Christ; and (3) To enlist them in the greatest and most comprehensive soul-winning effort of their life-time and of modern history.

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It takes Christian men to win lost men to Christ. Unless God's men are encouraged and enlisted in the sacred task of soul-winning, most of the lost men, and many, many, of the lost boys of our land will never be saved. The whole evangelistic program of a church is remarkably stimulated when the men of the church get busy in the field of personal soul-winning.

Consecrated, enlisted, man-power is the key to the evangelizing of our church-fields, of the Southland, of the world.

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In preparation for the men's rallies mentioned above, each associational Brotherhood president is being sent a set of suggested plans for the meetings. Whether these suggestions are carried out to the letter is not important, since adjustments must be made for nearly every meeting. But it is vitally important that every association shall arrange its rally at a time when every church will be represented, and a great number of men will be present.

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The Brotherhood Secretary recently had the privilege of working with Brother C. R. McCollum and the Hazen Baptist Church in a Brotherhood-Stewardship revival. The Lord blessed wonderfully. There were additions to the church at every service but one. The Lord gave twenty-one additions, nineteen for baptism, and a heart-warming experience to every person who participated in the revival effort.

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Your Brotherhood Secretary takes this opportunity to wish every Baptist man in Arkansas a wonderful Christmas season, and a happy and prosperous New Year. May the Christ whose name we bear warm our hearts, and help us to make 1950 the best year of our lives, for His sake.

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Southwest Zone Hymn-Sing

Plainview Church was host to the regular monthly hymn-sing for the Southwest Zone of Pulaski County association, on Sunday afternoon, December 4, at 2:30. Ninety people from four churches took part in the singing with B. O. Turner as director, and Mrs. Cecil Abbott as organist.

Special numbers were presented by Alexander, Crystal Hill, and Plainview. The next meeting of this group will be held at the

The Training Union Adopts Slogan and Aim

At the Southwide meeting of Training Union Secretaries at Nashville, Tennessee, during December 7-9, the following slogan was adopted for the Training Union for 1950: "The Training Union is a Family Affair." The aim is, "Every Baptist Family in Training Union."

Crystal Hill church on January 1st, 1950.

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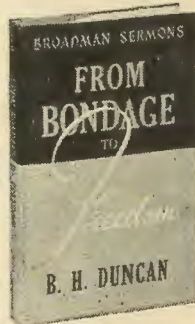
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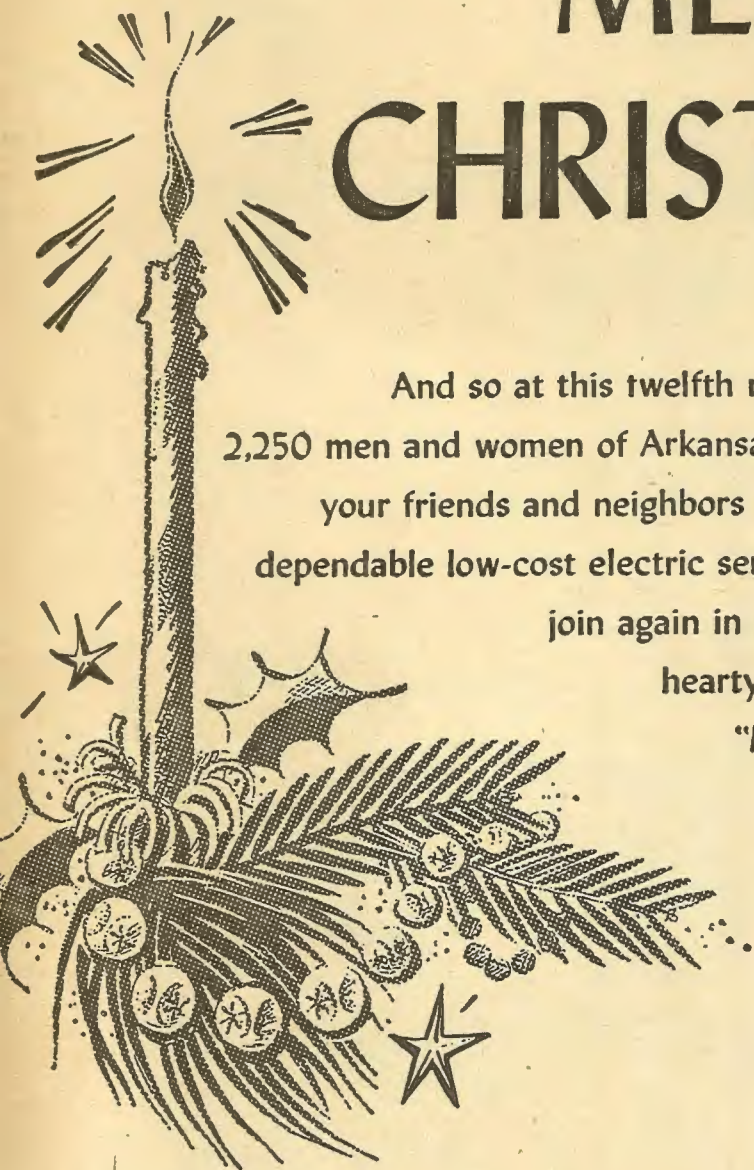
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The Big Sin Of Littleness

Secretary M. A. Huggins of North Carolina often reminds his people that one of the big sins of Baptists is the sin of littleness: littleness in vision, outlook, giving, and services. So often the work of the church is marred by problems, not big problems but the little things which do not matter much.

Paul had this sin in mind when he wrote to the Christians at Corinth, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not with meat; for ye were not yet able to bear it; nay, nor even now are ye able."

We often wonder why so many Christians are touchy, peevish, and childish when it comes to some of the problems of the church. It seems that many church members carry a chip on their shoulder, and any little disagreement or problem knocks the chip off and causes an uproar. This is often true also in the outside world. Too many people let little things mar their happiness and success.

The Christian should be patient, long-suffering, kind, and tolerant toward others. We should pray for vision and grace to see the big vital things in the Christian religion, and major on them. Being sincerely devoted to Christ and His program helps greatly to cure littleness and selfishness.

—Biblical Recorder.

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Jonesboro Has Music School

Mrs. A. M. Norton of Lake City has just closed a very successful School of Church Music with the people of Fisher Street Church in Jonesboro, Arkansas. A great interest was manifested in the classes in music with the people of Fisher Street Church in Jonesboro, Arkansas. A great interest was manifested in the classes in music fundamentals, directing, hymn appreciation, and choral work with both Adult and Youth Choirs. Over one hundred people were enrolled in the school with an average attendance of sixty-one. Forty qualified for awards.

Current River Associational Hymn-Sing

The Reyno Baptist Church was host to the regular monthly Hymn-Sing of Current River association on Sunday afternoon, December 4; 107 people attended the Sing, representing nine churches in the association.

Mrs. A. M. Norton of Lake City, who was conducting a Music School in the association, directed the congregational singing. The program was built around Christmas Carols. The next Hymn-Sing will be held at Success church on January 1, 1950.

Jesus, God's Messiah

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Sunday School Lesson for December 25, 1949

Isaiah 2; 9:1-7; 11; Luke 2

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light . . ."

Four millenniums of spiritual darkness had cast its shadows over the entire earth. From the day when Mother Eve sinned and was driven from the Garden of Eden, the human race had looked for the coming of a Redeemer who would make reconciliation between God and fallen man.

Four thousand years rolled by; civilizations rose and fell; at a time when the world was steeped in idolatry; at a time in history when the Grecians worshiped at the altar of knowledge and culture; when the Roman Empire worshiped at the altar of power politics and military might, just a few years after Caesar had named himself "Augustus"—"Savior of the world"—"one worthy of reverence;" at a time when the Pharisaic Jews sought salvation by the outward observance of the law of Moses, and when perhaps the priesthood thought salvation consisted in ceremonies and ritualisms; when only a faithful few

looked for the coming Messiah as described by the prophets of old, the heavens opened one night and the Angels appeared in glory as they announced the birth of the Prince of Peace to a little band of lowly shepherds on a Judean hillside. They sang the sweetest song that this world has ever heard: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." A new light has dawned; the shadow of death is not so dark; spiritual gloom may now be dispersed. The Prince of Peace has come; and "Thou shalt call His name Jesus," which means Savior; "His name shall be called Immanuel," which being interpreted is, "God with us;" God in our very midst.

Isaiah's Picture of Messiah

In Isaiah 9:6-7, we have perhaps the most completely descriptive verses of the life and work of our Messiah to be found anywhere. "Unto us a child is born . . . a son is given . . . and His name shall be called Wonderful . . ." Let's look at a few of the "wonders" of His life. He was wonderful in His conception and birth—never another like it, when God blended His own divine nature into a human body and gave us the virgin-born God-Man, the mystery of the ages.

He was wonderful in His life. He left the glories of Heaven and made His debut into human society through the humble home of an ordinary day-laborer, Carpenter Joseph. He identified himself with the poorest class of people in His day. He exchanged the treasure chests of Glory for a situation where he had no place to lay His weary head. His only purse was the mouth of a fish; He rode upon the back of a borrowed beast; and in death He was buried in a borrowed tomb. He was wonderful in His service to humanity: He healed the sick, raised the dead, comforted the widows and orphans. He preached the gospel of salvation to the rich and poor alike, not neglecting the one who despised the other.

He was wonderful in His teachings: He, like many today, was looked down upon because He had no "formal" education. Was not this Jesus the unlearned son of poverty-stricken Joseph and Mary? They were mere "nobodies." Were not His brothers and sisters just ordinary people? Yet Jesus taught as one having authority and not as the Scribes and Pharisees, who could only quote what others had written or said.

On one occasion the officers of the law sent their deputies out to arrest Jesus. They were arrested instead—by His keene personality and divine power. They returned without Him, awe stricken, and we can imagine their subdued tones as they answered their superiors: "Never man spake like this." He was the great Master-teacher of the ages.

Birth and Life Insufficient

He was wonderful in His birth, and wonderful in His life—but if the story ended there, we would still be in our sins. His birth was necessary but it doesn't save us; His life was essential but we are not saved by His perfect life. As we proceed further, we find that:

He was wonderful in His death; He was born that He might live and die—for others. His death was to atone for sin. For we read that, "He who knew no sin BECAME sin, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." He became sin, and was judged as sin, on Calvary's cross, dying the sacrificial death, the substitutionary death, the atoning death, for the sinner, that whosoever will may come to God through Him and have eternal life—for a look; that sinners might have free salvation through faith in the blood of the Crucified One.

"Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God—(now?) through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Reconciled to God! What a revelation!

I live because, and only because:

"There was One who was willing to die in my stead That a sinner, unworthy, might live."—Mrs. Frank Brecke.

But if He had only lived and died, mankind would still be doomed. So we march on to view the victorious triumph of His wonderful resurrection. "He became the first fruits of them that slept."

Resurrection—A New Thing

Up to that hour the resurrection was a mere theory among men. Nobody had ever crossed that dark river to return and tell the story. So when the crucified Jesus was laid to rest in Joseph's new tomb, there settled down upon the disciples a despairing finality of lost hopes and broken dreams. Their leader was dead. The One in whom they had trusted; the One they had expected to take over the reins of government and redeem Israel from Roman bondage was dead; He who had done such marvelous deeds for three years so that the eyes of the civilized world were focused upon Him, He was just a man after all and had gone the way of all flesh, to the grave.

But when the Sabbath day drew to a close, and the dawn was about to break forth a new day and a new week, word came to the disciples that the grave of Jesus was empty; He was not there; He had arisen from the dead. He had broken the chains of darkness and spiritual death. So the scriptures tell us, "He died for our sins, and rose again for our justification." Paul said, "If Christ be not raised from the dead, we are still without hope and without God in the world." "We are of all men most miserable." But we worship a living Savior—not a dead hero.

In Acts I we have the story of His wonderful ascension back into Heaven, where He sits as our Advocate, our lawyer, our High Priest, to make intercession for our many sins.

And now, we await His wonderful return to this earth, when the remainder of Isaiah 9:6-7, and Chapter 11 shall be fulfilled. "And the government shall be upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called . . . Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace . . . Upon the throne of David, to order it, to establish it . . . henceforth, even, for ever . . ." And get the closing phrase: "The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

Today, as 1900 years ago, the world is steeped in idolatry and heathenism; the world still needs that message, "Fear not—the Savior is born."

As then, we too have the aggressor nations who trust in power politics and military might, as did the Romans. There remains today those who worship at the altar of culture and knowledge as did the Grecians; and others who trust in ceremonies and ritualisms as did Israel.

So, while we await the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies concerning King Jesus, we, like the angels on the Judean hillside, have a message to bear: There is one name given among men whereby men must be saved, the name of Jesus. "The light of the world is Jesus," and may the Lord help us to spread that light around the earth.

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Can We Rejoice Over A 1949 Cooperative Program Victory

This will be the last issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* in 1949, hence this is our last general public appeal for Cooperative contributions. Last month we told you that we needed \$110,000 to complete the budget—\$55,000 in November, and \$55,000 in December. We did not get the \$55,000 in November, but we got more than \$50,000. All the time we had our doubts about getting the \$55,000 in November because Convention months never are as good in contributions as they ought to be, but we fully expect to get more than \$55,000 in December. It will take approximately \$59,000 to put us over. We hope we can get it. This refers, of course, to undesignated contributions. We will hold our books open for you three or four days in January, but do not take any chances, please. Send your contribution as early as possible because mail deliveries are often delayed, and especially around the holidays.

What Is The Trouble In Your Church?

Two or three months ago we called attention to the unrest that exists among preachers and churches throughout the state. We asked the brethren to write us their opinion about the cause of this unrest. Maybe there has been none with your church and pastor, but many of us know that this evil has been widespread. Many of the brethren replied to our letter, and we have undertaken to classify their answers and suggestions. We are giving herewith a compendium of the suggestions. If you have observed this unrest and unsettled condition, or even trouble of this sort around you, maybe you can find your latitude and longitude in ecclesiastical matters by studying these suggestions:

The following conditions and circumstances are responsible for the unrest existing among pastors and churches:

The Fault of the Preachers:

Wrong attitude prevailing between pastors and churches.

Leadership of Holy Spirit not properly sought or wrongly interpreted.

Lack of emphasis upon **Powerful Bible** preaching.

Vain ambitions for carnal things.

Politics in the call of a leader (Pastor).

Patience and forbearance on part of preachers. A spirit of humbleness needed instead of doing the spectacular, among preachers.

Lack of fellowship and comradeship among preachers generally.

A re-study of the call, practice, ethics and problems of preachers and churches needed.

Depending upon friends rather than the Lord in considering a call, by both prospective pastor and pastorless churches.

Lack of faith and consecration by both pastors and churches.

Lack of proper training in colleges and seminaries of preachers, in business administration, and handling ordinary problems.

Lazy preachers.

Lack of effort on part of pastors to make deacons his friends.

Preachers neglecting prayer and "not working at the job."

Need of "restless" preachers to re-think their situations.

Be sure God is "in" on the move we are about to make or want to make.

Unregenerate persons in places of church leadership.

Too many programs outside of worshipful programs.

Lack of church discipline.

A need to listen to God's voice—"When you have filled the position where you are God will move you up higher."

The Fault of the Churches:

Wrong attitude prevailing between pastors and churches.

Leadership of Holy Spirit not properly sought or wrongly interpreted.

Demands upon leadership in attaining material objectives to the neglect of spiritual needs.

"Church out-laws"—Those who will not stay with the church covenant or the New Testament.

Lack of prayer on part of pastorless churches.

Failure on part of some churches to properly care for pastor in salary.

A re-study of the call, practice, ethics and problems of preachers and churches needed.

Depending upon friends rather than the Lord in considering a call by both prospective pastor and pastorless churches.

Lack of faith and consecration by both pastors and churches.

Lack of conviction by many church members as to their responsibilities.

Failure of churches to use their own pastors in revival meetings.

Lack of prayer support for pastors by their churches.

Unregenerate persons in places of church leadership.

Lack of church discipline.

The Fault of the Deacons:

"Church out-laws"—Those who will not stay with the church covenant or the New Testament.

Attitude on part of some deacons who want to dictate rather than serve the Lord and their churches.

Deacons may not appoint pastors to their duties, but pastors should appoint deacons to their duties. Acts 6:3.

Faults of Others:

Carrying on programs "over the heads" of our people and too fast.

Economic conditions.

The General Secretary "boosts" pastors too much.

Christmas Greetings

As you read this issue of the paper you will be in the twilight zone of Christmas. The office force at Baptist headquarters extends greetings to you. Our Baptist people at this season of the year must remember HIm who "in the beauty of the lilies was born across the sea, with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me." We extend to you best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and for a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

We Need a Change

Layman:

Sister Jones is hurt again,

We need a change.

Brother Brown is raising Cain,

We need a change.

The young folks do not attend,

Our preacher's sermons oft offend,

This pastorate has got to end,

We need a change.

Preacher:

I've been here quite long enough,

I want a change.

The going here is very rough,

I want a change.

My salary's unpaid,

No man comes to my aid,

My decision is fully made,

I want a change.

Denominational worker:

'Tis a very bad year to move,

You better stay,

Another year will better prove,

You better stay.

Sister Jones will simmer down,

Brother Brown is leaving town,

Bear your cross and win your crown,

You better stay.

—Robert C. Wells, in *The Pastor's Journal*

Prescott and Humble

The First Church in Prescott under the leadership of Pastor Earl Humble magnifies the Cooperative Program and "steps up" the allocation for 1950. Early in December the church adopted its budget for 1950, and increased the Cooperative Program allocation nearly two and one-half times over what they gave last year. They will give about twenty-five per cent of their receipts for Cooperative Missions. The pastor adds "it is a step in the right direction." Yes, Brother Pastor, it is a long step. You are to be congratulated and commended. Prescott is not doing small things any more. This kind of an attitude and generous spirit on the part of our churches would bring in more than a million dollars for the Cooperative Program in 1950.