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*Our Convention Goals—Like Kites—Reach for the Sky.*



# White and Negro Baptists Collaborate

By C. E. MATTHEWS

Southern Baptists are now faced with a golden opportunity to help solve one of our nation's most perplexing problems and, at the same time, tremendously extend the work of the Kingdom of God. We have reference to the acute interracial problem that exists in the United States and to the fact that Negro Baptists are now collaborating with Southern Baptists in the great simultaneous revival crusades west of the Mississippi River, April 9-23, 1950, and east of the Mississippi River, March 25-April 8, 1951.

On September 9, 1949, the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., meeting in the city of Los Angeles, California, voted to collaborate with Southern Baptists in the above crusades. Dr. D. V. Jemison of Alabama is its president, and Dr. E. W. Perry of Oklahoma, who spoke before the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City this year, is vice president. Dr. Perry was elected director of evangelism by his Convention. The Department of Evangelism of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., is sponsored by the Home Mission Board of that Convention. The corresponding secretary of their Home Mission Board is T. T. Lovelace of Chicago. This Convention has a total membership in its churches of four and one-half million. Since Dr. Perry has been elected the National Director of Evangelism, he has mailed a copy of the following program to 11,000 Negro Baptist preachers.

NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS REVIVAL  
APRIL 9-23, 1950, WEST OF MISSISSIPPI  
RIVER, MARCH 25-APRIL 8, 1951, EAST  
OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER

AUSPICES EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT  
OF HOME MISSION BOARD, NATIONAL  
BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A., INC.  
E. W. PERRY, NATIONAL DIRECTOR  
GENERAL

**Theme: "CHRIST IS THE ANSWER"**

## Plan of Promotion and Program of Operation

Each state west of the Mississippi River is to organize its own program of operation, selecting its state and associational director generals, and proceed at once to touch every pastor and church in the associations and state, urging them to side-track all other activities of their local program for this period from the first of April to the twenty-third, 1950, for the simultaneous revival.

## Week of Prayer and Consecration

From the first Sunday in April to the second should be a week of prayer, consecration and dedication. There should also be cottage prayer meetings. This should be preceded by a week of religious census taking in each neighborhood, giving the personal workers a definite objective at which to work. The week of prayer should be directed by the pastor, Brotherhood and Home Mission Society.

## Preaching—"As Ye Go, Preach"

Two full weeks of revival preaching and visitation in every church west of the Mississippi River, while the churches east of the Mississippi River engage in prayer for a great harvest, should stir America in the field of evangelism as she has not been stirred.

## A United Nationwide Service

April 23, 2:30 p. m., Central Standard Time

—All churches east and west of the Mississippi River are asked to assemble in their respective churches with a radio and listen to the broadcast of the Baptist Hour in a nation-wide hook-up by the Southern Baptist Convention. An invitation will be given at the close of the broadcast for the lost to confess Christ as Savior. This service is to be followed by baptism of all candidates, where it is practical.

Monday, April 24—All associational directors should have in hand full and complete reports of accessions: By letter—; by Christian experience—; by baptism—; total additions—to all churches—. A copy of this report should be mailed to the state director general and to the national director general of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, 511 N. E. Third Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

## Notice

BY ALL MEANS, where it is possible, have fellowship and co-operation simultaneously with white Baptist churches in your area. Daily devotions with them add stimulus, information, and inspiration. "We are workers together with the Lord, and members one of another." "We are God's husbandry."

There are probably more Baptists among Negroes in America than all other faiths combined. The plain simple gospel as preached and believed by Baptists meets with a greater response from Negroes than it does from any other race on earth. Communists and Catholics are both going all out in an effort to win the Negro. Baptists, regardless of color, have every advantage over both of these groups. A genuine Baptist, Negro or White, will never be a Communist or a Catholic. Baptists give no place in life to a totalitarian philosophy. Baptists are the most democratic people in this world; they are inherently democratic. They base their convictions on the democracy of the New Testament Christian and the New Testament church. Ritualism and idolatry are obnoxious to a real Baptist, for he believes in and enjoys a heartfelt religion. These facts obviously reveal why so many Negroes are Baptists.

## What Should White Baptists Do?

Here is our appeal. In the face of our opportunity, white Baptist pastors in every association where both races live should now, immediately meet with colored Baptist pastors and work out the most practical plan for collaboration possible. The general chairmen in each group should take the initiative in this NOW. Time is priceless; the hour has struck for God's people to do something before it is too late. Both races have worked in beautiful fellowship and collaboration in simultaneous crusades in Fort Worth, Texas; in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma; in Kansas City; and in other associations. If a Negro has Christ rightly related in his heart, he knows how to live among white people. When a white man has Jesus rightly related in his heart, he knows how to live where there are Negroes. Both races are here to stay until Jesus comes. Christ is the only answer to any and all problems that exist among all races on this earth.

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What one says when on his knees is of less importance than what he does when he arises.

# A Living Rebuttal

A Devotion by the Editor

"But now is Christ risen from the dead."

The resurrection of Jesus is His answer to all the critics and enemies of both His own life and ours.

He was accused of being an imposter. It was charged that He was in league with the Devil. He was branded as a fanatic playing upon the credulity of the people. It was claimed that His whole life and teachings were violently opposed to established truth and the religious hopes of the nation.

Christ's resurrection was the refutation of every charge brought against Him, the answer to every criticism, the rebuttal to every argument.

When those who opposed Jesus had exhausted their vocabulary in denouncing Him, when they had exhausted their hate in insults poured out upon Him, when they had exhausted their power by nailing Him to the cross and laying Him in the tomb, they had reached the end of their efforts. There was nothing more they could do. And then Jesus arose and walked forth a free, living person, glorified, resplendent in all His claims of life and power and grace. That was the answer, the rebuttal to everything that had been said or done against Him.

The same living, triumphant, and resplendent Christ has ever been the justification of the believer against the opposing forces of a sinful world. He is today the answer of the Christian heart to the carping critics of a materialistic age steeped in the infidelity of unbelief. We apologize to no one for our faith because that faith is fixed in the living Christ.

I have read somewhere the story of a woman, who, upon her death bed and to the dismay of her family and friends, remarked that it was just as absurd to believe that she would arise from the dead as to believe that a tree should grow out of her body. She died and was buried. Marble slabs marked the burial place. In the course of time a tiny sprig grew out of the grave. Year after year it grew larger and larger until at length, and by some freak of nature, its limbs wrapped themselves about the grave stones and lifted them literally out of place and held them suspended in the air as if in denial and defiance of the infidelity of the person buried there years before.

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." I Corinthians 15:19-20.

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## From the Editor's Desk

### The Arkansas Baptist State Convention

The recent State Convention was in many respects the greatest Convention we have attended in our eleven years in Arkansas, not excepting the Centennial Convention last year.

#### Spirit of Unity

There was manifested throughout the sessions of the Convention a spirit of unity. The Baptist forces of Arkansas are more solidly united in spirit and fellowship by reason of the recent Convention. These forces are united in one great program, in one great purpose, in faith and loyalty to one supreme Lord.

Because the hearts of Arkansas Baptists were fixed upon the objectives set before the disciples by Jesus, they moved in spirit and action toward one great goal, and united in prayer and purpose and method to achieve that goal—winning the lost to Christ at home and abroad.

#### Expanding Program

It seemed evident throughout the sessions of the Convention, judging from the reports presented to the Convention, that all the agencies and institutions fostered by Arkansas Baptists are vigorously promoting a comprehensive and an ever expanding program. Each department at Headquarters Building is facing the future with a holy ambition to render a greater service to the Lord in its particular field of activity.

Every institution of the state is making the greatest effort to meet the challenges of the present and prepare for the large opportunities of tomorrow. The horizons were pushed back and all the forces of the Convention are looking with eager eyes at the fields already white unto harvest, and are preparing to move into those fields at whatever sacrifice.

#### A Comprehensive Budget

The budget which was proposed by the Executive Board at its June meeting was revised upward in the Pre-Convention Board Meeting, and brought to the Convention with the recommendation that it be adopted. That budget, the largest in the history of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, was adopted and is presented to the Baptist constituency of the state with the full backing of all the agencies and institutions of the state, and, we believe, with the support of practically all the churches and pastors of the state.

A budget of \$1,016,666.67 looks tremendously large when viewed in the shadow of the difficulties and problems which will be encountered in raising that amount of money for the Lord, but it comes within the realm of easy possibility when viewed in the light of the promises and purposes and challenges and demands of our Lord.

"If the Lord delight in us, he will bring us into the land." Surely no one of us would deny that God has that amount of money in the pockets of Arkansas Baptists. He wants us to voluntarily and joyfully, as good stewards, bring His tithe into His storehouse. If we do that, we will discover that the budget

as fixed by the Convention is too small instead of too large.

#### Convention Sessions

Every session of the Convention sparkled with dynamic spiritual interest. There was not a single dull session during the entire Convention. Climax after climax was reached, and each seemed to ascend higher than the other.

Some of the greatest preaching ever heard in Arkansas was heard at the Convention. Every man who delivered a sermon seemed to be at his very best and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Doubtless it would be the conclusion of every person who attended the Convention that "surely the Lord was with us."

We believe that the spirit and power and inspiration and unity and purpose of the Convention will continue throughout the year in full force and that the 1950 Convention will find Arkansas Baptists more united and more determined to carry on this advance program than ever before.

We must, we will, advance with Christ through 1950.

### The 1950 Budget

Over a period of several months we have discussed in these columns the proposed 1950 budget. We have referred to the budget, as adopted by the State Convention, in this issue. But there is another word that we wish to say about this budget. We have urged our churches and pastors and agencies and institutions to give one hundred per cent co-operation in the promotion of the Cooperative Program budget.

We have discouraged designations which could not be channeled through the Cooperative Program budget. We believe that if the churches feel that they must designate certain amounts, those designations should be channeled through the Cooperative Program to the Capital Needs Budgets of the institutions. We will strengthen our unity and our co-operative spirit if our churches will channel all the contributions from the churches to the denominational program through the Cooperative Program, and apply every penny of their contributions on the Cooperative Program budget.

However, there is a great deal of money in Baptist hands which we cannot get through the Cooperative Program. There is money in the hands of many members of most churches that cannot be gotten into the regular church budget or the denominational budget. Much of this money is in large amounts. Our pastors and church leaders should be prospecting for these caches of money in the possession of our Baptist people. Our institutions and agencies should be continuously prospecting for this money.

Many individuals will give sums of money for particular purposes who will not give that

## Convention Officers

### Past and Present

We believe that we speak the sentiments of Arkansas Baptists in expressing appreciation for the efficient, fair, and untiring service of the past officers of the Convention and pledging our understanding and our co-operation to the present officers.

Past President E. C. Brown of Blytheville, distinguished himself in presiding over the sessions of the 1948 and 1949 sessions of the Convention in fairness and consideration for every person and every issue brought before the body. He gave generously of his time and his best thought to Convention affairs.

Vice presidents, L. A. Sparkman of Pine Bluff, and Clyde Hart of Hot Springs, gave President Brown loyal support and were on hand to relieve him when called upon to take the chair.

The new president, T. H. Jordan of Van Buren, deserves and has every right to expect the unqualified support of all Arkansas Baptists. Baptist affairs are not new or strange to T. H. Jordan and the responsibilities of the Convention presidency fall upon strong and proven shoulders in the person of Dr. Jordan.

Vice presidents, C. Z. Holland of Jonesboro, and A. F. Muncy of Wilson, are capable men and thoroughly qualified in training and in spirit, to hold up the hands of President Jordan.

W. Dawson King, recording secretary, one of the most diligent, consecrated, and efficient denominational servants, was on the job continuously during the Convention and was ready with his gracious helpfulness both to the officers of the Convention and committee members, and anyone else who needed him. We shall look forward to the minutes of the Convention, penned and arranged by Dawson King.

Dr. Ben L. Bridges, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, whose tenure of office reaches back through more than a decade, gave of himself unsparingly to the Convention sessions, and in co-operation with the officers and all committees and visiting speakers. Dr. Bridges challenged the Convention and Arkansas Baptists to meet the opportunities provided in the Advanced Program as represented in the Cooperative Program and the 1950 Arkansas Budget.

Surely all our churches will follow our executive secretary-treasurer as he directs the Advanced Program in Arkansas, supported as he is by all the agencies and institutions of the Convention.

money through the regular channels.

The Arkansas Baptist Foundation was established to receive gifts, bequests, and legacies. Surely we ought to have a man on the field to lead in this great project. Such a man could be given leads to certain financial resources by pastors and laymen and all interested persons throughout the state.

Brethren, let us channel all our gifts, designated or not, through the Cooperative Program to be applied on the 1950 Cooperative Program Budget, and let us not pass by this other possibility of securing vast sums of money for the Lord.



# Kingdom Progress

## Minister Ordained

Frank Spencer Jr. was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, Sunday evening, October 30. Immediately following his ordination he baptized two persons who had come from the Longview Mission, which is sponsored by the Immanuel Church.

Mr. Spencer is a graduate of Ouachita College, and will enter a theological seminary as soon as he is released from the armed forces. It is not definite yet which seminary he will attend.

## "Prove Me Hour" Series Heard On 125 Stations

Every set of "Prove Me Hour" transcriptions produced by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention for the Convention's Executive Committee have already been scheduled by radio stations, according to Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Commission. The 125 stations now carrying these broadcasts are scattered throughout 18 of the Convention states.

Produced to show the need of individual stewardship, the program is aimed at increased Christian missions throughout the world. Among the six 15-minute transcriptions are messages by Robert G. Lee, R. C. Campbell, J. Clyde Turner, and Duke K. McCall, also a dramatized stewardship presentation, and a series of testimonies given by outstanding Baptist laymen, including W. Maxey Jarman and others.

The First Church of Paris and Pastor Don Hook had the services of Dr. Otto Whittington, preacher, and D. O. Stucky of Almyra, singer, in revival services recently. There were twenty-three additions to the church by baptism, and nine by letter, statement, and restoration. Two young women surrendered for special Christian service: Miss Patricia Featherston and Dolores Gaston. One young man, Joe Davis, a veteran, surrendered to the ministry.

## No Members Yet: But Church Opens

A church with no new members and no steps, but with a brand new \$32,000 building and a pastor, opened its doors here on a recent Sunday morning. It is the Mayflower Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and brainchild of Dr. I. L. Yearby and of Trinity Baptist Church, its sponsor until it becomes self supporting. Hollis R. Morris is the pastor.

## Help Is Needed

"Mail receipts for year around Baptist Hour! Far below expenses thus far. Essential to overcome. Must reach December 31 with no deficit. We appeal to every Baptist for prayer, spiritual and financial support. Please enlist your friends and make this broadcast a success."

Southern Baptist Radio Commission  
Baptist Radio Center  
Atlanta 6, Georgia

## Educational Building Dedicated

First Church, Waldron, Vernon E. Yarbrough, pastor, dedicated their new Educational Building in a Homecoming service, Sunday, November 13. Dr. Ben L. Bridges conducted the service. The new building is a three story brick veneer adjoining the main building. Lunch was served at noon.

A. B. T. U. enlargement campaign was launched by the Central Church, Hot Springs, Sunday, November 13. E. W. Westmoreland, State Sunday School Secretary in Oklahoma, taught the adult class with one-hundred enrolled; Mr. Dick Carson led the young people with thirty-two enrolled; the intermediates were taught by Mrs. Lena Smith and Mr. Jeff Newkirk, with thirty enrolled; Mrs. Turl Muse and Mrs. Dick Carson taught in the junior department with thirty enrolled; Mrs. James Causey and Mrs. Joe Zahalka led the Story Hour with twenty-seven enrolled.

Mrs. H. A. Burch is Training Union director, and Clyde Hart is pastor of the church.

Roy Adams has accepted the call to become the pastor of New Hope Church, Wattensaw. His last pastorate was at Arkadelphia.

The First Church of Brinkley and Pastor H. L. Lipford had the services of Pastor H. A. Elledge of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, and Riley Keltner of Fort Smith in revival services November 6-13.

There were thirteen additions to the church by baptism, and two by letter. Both Mr. Elledge and Mr. Keltner were reared in Brinkley and were former members of the Brinkley Church.

Pastor E. A. Sherry of the Berry Baptist Church, Springdale, was in a revival meeting at the Winslow Church, November 14-20. There were nine additions to the church by baptism, and two re-dedications. The Winslow Church is at present without a pastor.

The students and faculty of Central College contributed fifty dollars as their Thanksgiving offering to Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello. The offering was delivered directly to Mr. Seefeldt, superintendent, by Alfred Mullins, ministerial student at Central, and pastor of West Side Church, Pine Bluff.

## Refugees Flood Western Berlin

"Between 400 and 500 refugees arrive in the American sector of Berlin every day . . . They cannot possibly be moved out as rapidly as they are coming in." Thus reports John H. Deutschlander, Berlin representative of Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief to CRALOG (Council of Relief Agencies Licensed to Operate in Germany).

The refugees "are carefully screened by persons who have themselves been in the Eastern European countries, and are then moved out of Berlin as quickly as possible," said Mr. Deutschlander, who was in New York for a visit. "There still remains a tremendous job of providing food and clothing for the despairing and destitute millions in Europe, especially the refugees."

—Religious News Service.

## Pastor at Smackover

Dale F. Taylor, assistant business manager an accountant at Ouachita College, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Smackover.

Mr. Taylor is a native of Malvern, graduate of Ouachita College, and attended the University of Arkansas and Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

He has served in the pastorates of the following churches; Ozan, Manning, College Hill in Texarkana, and New Bethel Church near Princeton, Kentucky, which is one of the oldest Baptist Churches in Kentucky, having been organized in 1812.

Mrs. Taylor is the former Miss Modena Holt of Harrison; Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have one son, Robert Franklin, age 12.

## Dedication

Dedication services for recently completed buildings and those now under construction at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will be held during the week of the Annual Midwinter Conference and the Holland Foundation Lectures, February 6-10, Ralph D. Churchill, publicity director, has announced. Buildings to be dedicated include the three wings of the Memorial Building, Fleming Library, Scarbrough Hall, and Truett Auditorium. J. M. Price Hall, the Religious Education Building, will also be dedicated at that time.

## McCall Travels 4,460 Miles; Four Conventions in Three Days

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, appeared hale and hearty despite a strenuous four week tour climaxed with four speeches in four states in three days. His travel notes told this story:

Between the time he stepped off a plane in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and boarded another in Phoenix, Arizona, to return to Nashville, he traveled 4,460 miles by car. Among other things, he attended the annual Baptist conventions of New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Oregon; attended to business matters relative to establishing a Western assembly at Glorieta, the Golden Gate Seminary, and the 1951 Southern Baptist Convention meeting to be held in San Francisco; and visited a number of home mission projects, particularly Indian missions.

And then came the four speeches in three days. Following the Western tour, the executive secretary was back in Nashville for a few days of office work. But early the next week he left again—this time on a three-day trip to present the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists to the annual conventions of Baptists in Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, and Tennessee.

## World Mission View

The Foreign Mission Board reports that ninety-eight of its total staff of 200 missionaries in China are still in the Orient. There are twenty Southern Baptist missionaries in and near Canton, which was recently occupied by the Chinese Communists.

There are now thirty-eight missionaries under appointment to Japan, double the previous high figure. The Japanese Baptist Convention has asked that twenty Southern Baptist ministers spend a month in Japan next spring on a preaching mission.

The Board also appointed fourteen new missionaries to make the present total 704.



## Oregon Convention Extended Welcome by Southern Baptist Leaders

By R. E. MILAM

Southern Baptist leaders extended a welcome to the Baptist General Convention of Oregon, November 3-5 meeting in the First Baptist Church of Longview, Washington, a city of twenty thousand which had no Baptist church until Southern Baptists came, in their first annual convention meeting since recognition last May as a cooperating constituency by the Southern Baptist Convention.

This party of distinguished leaders consisted of Dr. Duke McCall, Mrs. George Martin, president of Southern W. M. U.; Dr. S. F. Dowis, Superintendent of Cooperative Missions and Dr. Fred A. McCaulley, Western Representative of the Home Mission Board; Hon. John W. McCall, Chairman of Executive Committee Baptist Brotherhood, and Mrs. John W. McCall; Mrs. L. L. Knight, President of Virginia W. M. U. and Roy Sutton, Assistant Executive-Secretary of Arizona.

Dr. Duke McCall as spokesman for Southern Baptists warmed the hearts of his hearers.

R. E. Milam was re-elected Executive-Secretary, Treasurer; H. C. Price, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Portland was elected President. The Home Mission Board has provided Roland P. Hood and C. C. Brown as missionaries.

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### Mission Day

Twenty theological students made life decisions at the Mission Day Program, October 19, at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Five educational workers and two music students made the same decisions. They dedicated their lives to the foreign mission field.

Harry Schweinberg, pioneer Southern Baptist missionary in Columbia, was speaker for the special day. He emphasized the need of preachers on our mission fields. Although Southern Baptists have 700 missionaries, only 200 of them are preachers, he pointed out. Recently returning from a survey of Venezuela and Ecuador, Schweinberg reported the Kingdom needs in those countries. He spoke of missionary opportunities for schools, hospitals, and most of all for churches.

"If we had preachers to evangelize and music leaders to build great music programs, we could lead whole nations to Christ in South America," he said.

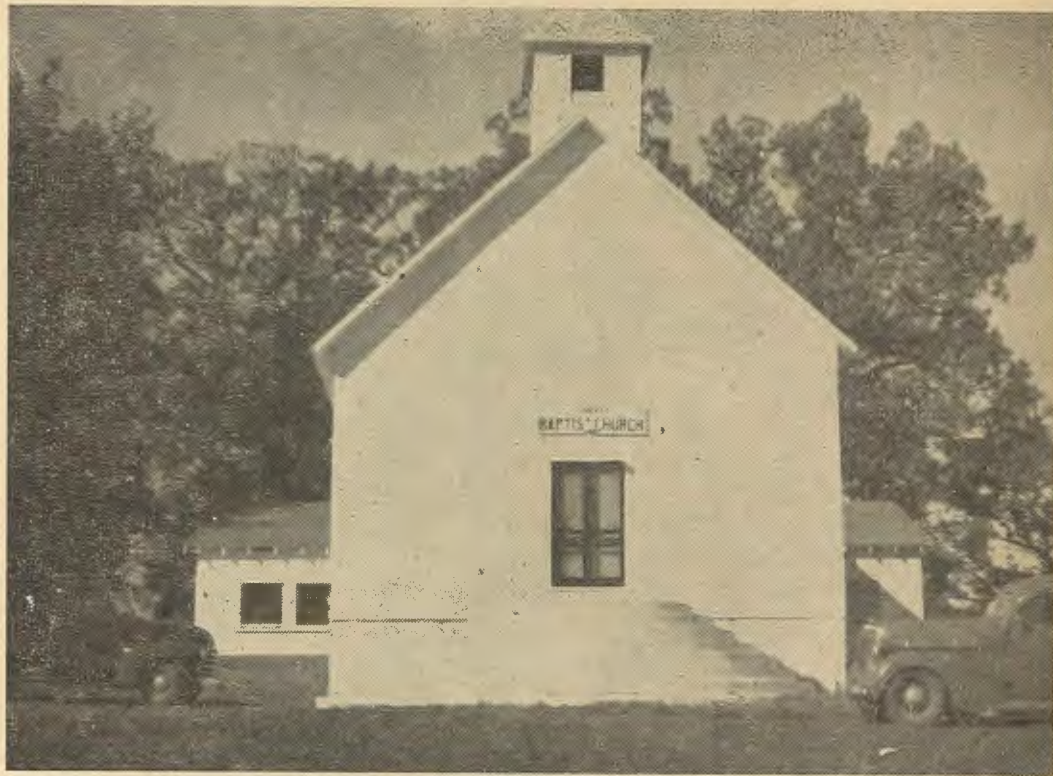
Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Bryan, China; Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Glass, China; and Miss May Perry, Nigeria, missionaries who now live on Seminary Hill, also participated on the program. Dr. Cal Guy, professor of missions, was in charge of the program.

### Foreign Mission Advance At Home and Abroad

The strength of the Advance Program lies in the fact that it is a program of advance for the entire Southern Baptist Convention. A tithing church membership committed to faithful stewardship and an equitable distribution of funds by local churches and the state conventions will automatically increase all Southern Baptist work.

This means that the whole Baptist program must be extended in order to extend the foreign mission program. It is sound policy. As the cords are lengthened, the stakes will be strengthened.

## Liberty Church Goes Forward



The Liberty Church, Dutch Mills, is progressing with a full time program, Theodore Atkinson, pastor. The Liberty Church was organized December 2, 1883, with 26 charter members who had received letters from the Vineyard Church.

In 1946 with a membership of 120, a new awakening was experienced by the church. Pastor A. J. Scott of Lincoln was invited to hold a two weeks revival. This revival resulted in launching the church on a progressive

program which is still growing. Many members were added to the church and at the end of the year the Liberty Church joined the Washington-Madison Association.

In 1947 the church started a movement to enlarge their church building, and added Sunday School facilities which resulted in the construction of five Sunday School rooms.

Pastor Atkinson moved on the field and has led the church in a progressive program. The membership now stands at 181.

### Alliance Needs \$125,000 For Relief Immediately

The Baptist World Alliance needs \$125,000 right now to carry on its relief work in Germany among the old people, the indigent, and the children, Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the BWA Relief Committee, has informed the Southern Baptist Relief Center.

"My recent statement concerning improved conditions in Germany has been interpreted in some quarters to mean that all relief activities are at an end in that country," Dr. Caudill advised Charles R. Gage, promotion director for Southern Baptist Convention relief. "Conditions in the western zone of Germany are definitely improved, but there is still a great need for relief in the Eastern Russian zone. The door is open and we are shipping everything we can into the Russian zone. Our plan to forward materials from Bremen and other points in Germany to the Russian zone has been approved by the German Baptists themselves," Dr. Caudill stated.

"Our big job in the western zone now is the operation of feeding stations for students, old people, and others who cannot help themselves. We have just spent \$15,000 for fats. It will take \$125,000 for us to maintain the three feeding stations in the western zone and the three in the eastern zone.

The money which we need so badly should be sent through the state office designated for relief or sent directly to the Baptist World Alliance in Washington, D. C.," Dr. Caudill emphasized.

### A Tribute To A Friend

By W. J. MORRIS

Little mention of his passing was found in the daily press. Since so much space in the daily papers is given to movie stars, baseball and football "celebrities," one wonders why so little mention is made of those who have contributed so much to the moral and spiritual welfare of the people.

He was never pastor of some of our great "first churches," although he has been pastor of some good churches in several states. He was one of those heroes about whom many in the world knew little, but of whom God knew much. I speak of C. L. Randall, who recently passed to his reward. It was a tribute to his faithfulness to our Christ and His cause that his funeral was held in the Merton Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, where he labored so faithfully as pastor.

I knew him personally and intimately for several years. Few preachers, if any, were ever more faithful to the cause of Christ than Brother Randall. He presented Christ as the only source of salvation. He condemned sin with all the power of his being. There was no compromise with Satan in his preaching or his life.

Brother Randall became ill while holding a meeting at Palestine, Arkansas. The pastor of that church, J. M. Hitt, told me at the Convention in Little Rock that the last song he ever sang was, "Some Time We'll Understand." In one of his messages he said, "When you hear that I have died, don't say 'he is dead,' but rather that he has just begun to live."



# The Arkansas Baptist State Convention

First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 15-17

By The Editor

(Continued from Last Week)

## Tuesday Night, November 15

Following a devotional service, led by Othar Smith of Conway, J. G. Cothran of Arkadelphia delivered a timely message on Courtship, Marriage, and Family Life. "Unless we save our homes for God," Dr. Cothran said, "we are not going to have homes worth saving." Dr. Cothran listed four necessities in building a Christian home: (1) "We must have two Christian young people. (2) These young people must love each other devotedly, sincerely. (3) God's Blue Print for building a home must be followed. (4) Link the home onto God through the church."

Mrs. F. H. Goodbar, State W.M.U. president, read the report on the Woman's Missionary Union, "Advancing With Christ Through the W. M. U.," Mrs. Goodbar reported that the total gifts to the Cooperative Program from the women of Arkansas amounted to \$114,919.16. Other special missionary gifts brought the total mission contributions of the W.M.U. organizations of the state to \$302,480.54. Local church expenses and other items not included in the mission offering totaled \$544,083.54, making a grand total for all causes contributed by the Baptist women of the state through their local organizations of \$846,564.08.

Mrs. Goodbar introduced Miss Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas W.M.U., and Miss Doris DeVault, Secretary of young peoples work. Miss Cooper spoke on Advancing With Christ Through the W.M.U., and then introduced Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary of Southern W.M.U. Miss Hunt reviewed the work of the W.M.U. throughout the south and pledged the women of Arkansas to greater achievements in the future.

Dr. M. Ray McKay read the report on Foreign Missions. Dr. McKay reported that the Foreign Mission Board now has 712 active missionaries who are assigned for service in twenty-four countries. They are located in approximately 120 strategic centers of the world, reaching out to great areas and vast populations through 2,000 churches and 3,000 preaching stations, with between 175,000 and 200,000 members. There are 2,500 Sunday Schools with 150,000 pupils in these mission churches and preaching stations; also 1,700 W.M.U. societies with 30,000 members. On our Foreign Mission fields there are eighteen theological institutions with 600 students, 474 academic schools, from kindergarden to university grades, with 49,608 pupils. The report stated that the over all operations of the Foreign Mission Board in 1950 will amount to a minimum of \$5,250,000,000. This amount is divided into two parts; Operating Budget, \$3,253,917.40; and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which in 1948 reached \$1,670,000. The goal of the Foreign Mission Board is \$10,000,000.00 per year and 1,750 missionaries on the field.

Dr. McKay introduced Dr. Frank Means, Director of Promotional Education of the Foreign Mission Board, who spoke to the Convention on the advance program of the Foreign Mission Board, and the things necessary if we make this program a reality. "We must continue to emphasize and stress tithing and stewardship," said Dr. Means, "and we will need to emphasize the 50-50 Church

Program." He urged that a worthy offering for special Cooperative Program needs be made in June, 1950, as proposed by the Southern Baptist Convention. "In 1950," said Dr. Means, "we must take the first steps in the achievement of this program."

Dr. McKay also introduced Dr. H. H. McMillan, who for thirty-six years served as a missionary in China, and who hopes to return to China as soon as conditions will permit. Dr. McMillan told thrilling stories of his work in China. He gave many illustrations to prove that in the darkest hours of our missionary work in China God led to even greater missionary opportunities and achievements.

## Wednesday Morning, November 16

D. C. Applegate, Paragould conducted the devotional service. Following the reading of the Journal, and miscellaneous business, office of the Convention were elected, resulting in the choice of: Dr. T. Hurley Jordan of Van Buren, President; Pastor C. Z. Holland of Jonesboro, First Vice President; Pastor A. F. Muncy of Wilson, Second Vice President; W. Dawson King of Little Rock, Recording Secretary, and Dr. B. L. Bridges of Little Rock, Secretary-Treasurer.

The report of the Executive Board was presented by Dr. T. H. Jordan and spoken to by Dr. B. L. Bridges. "We have occasion for thanksgiving," says the report, "and gratitude to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. This has been one of the best years and one of the most fruitful periods in the history of Arkansas Baptists." The report gave a summation of the work of all the departments fostered by the Executive Board and the institutions of the Convention. A significant item in the report of the Executive Board is that of the original indebtedness of the Convention in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 in 1931. It would require at this writing only \$139,000.00 to complete payment on the honor debt. A ten per cent payment of \$46,000 was made during the year, and the sum of \$10,000 is on hand at this time.

Included in the report of the Executive Board was the proposed budget for 1950 which was adopted by the Convention as recommended. Following is the adopted budget.

### For Operations, Preferred

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Administration                   | \$ 26,000.00 |
| Arkansas Baptist                 | 6,000.00     |
| Woman's Missionary Union         | 20,000.00    |
| Promotion and Convention         | 5,500.00     |
| Brotherhood Department           | 9,000.00     |
| Department of                    |              |
| Religious Education              | 27,500.00    |
| Retirement Plan                  | 21,200.00    |
| Old debts                        | 30,000.00    |
| Office Building (Annual Payment) | 7,500.00     |
| History Commission               | 2,000.00     |
| Baptist Hospital                 |              |
| (School of Nursing)              | 35,000.00    |
| State Missions                   | 60,000.00    |
| Ouachita College                 | 100,000.00   |
| Central College                  | 53,000.00    |
| Orphanage                        | 30,000.00    |
| Ministerial Education            | 1,800.00     |
| Emergency Reserve                | 9,500.00     |
| Baptist Foundation               | 5,500.00     |
| Southern Baptist College         | 23,000.00    |
| Camp Ground                      | 5,500.00     |

Total State Objects -----\$478,000.00

Southern Baptist Convention ---- 318,666.67

Total Operating Budget -----\$796,666.67

### For Capital Needs

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Ouachita College          | \$ 80,000.00 |
| Central College           | 50,000.00    |
| Southern Baptist College  | 20,000.00    |
| Orphanage                 | 20,000.00    |
| Arkansas Baptist Hospital | 50,000.00    |

Total for Capital Needs -----\$220,000.00  
GRAND TOTAL -----\$1,016,666.67

Dr. I. L. Yearby brought the closing message of the morning session, speaking of "Hell." The vast audience was powerfully moved by the realistic, graphic, and scriptural discussion of Hell.

## Wednesday Afternoon

Pastor Don Hook of Paris conducted the devotional service, after which the report of the Department of Religious Education was given by Dr. Edgar Williamson, Director. The report gives a comprehensive review of the work of the Religious Education Department during the year. The Department includes Sunday School, Training Union, Baptist Student Union, and church music. Looking towards 1950, the Department is planning for enlargement in every department of the work and challenges Arkansas Baptists to attempt the biggest task ever to challenge the churches. The report concludes in part: "Arkansas Baptists can accomplish the great objective set out for 1950, meeting the enlarged budget, the simultaneous evangelistic meetings, if Arkansas Baptists will see together, pray together, give together, and work together."

Dr. W. O. Vaught reported that more than 1,100 registered for the forty-third session of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs July 5-13, 1949. Definite decisions to serve the Lord in a better way were made by 791 persons and 182 young people volunteered for full time Christian service. Many of them stated definite calls to become missionaries, preachers, medical missionaries, music leaders, Christian workers in the church and the denomination. There were also many conversions during the sessions of the Assembly.

Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary gave the report on the Brotherhood. He reported 197 church Brotherhoods in the state. Between 35 and 40 new Brotherhoods have been organized during the year. All but three of the 52 associations now have one or more Brotherhoods. Twenty-two associations have Associational Brotherhoods. "Through the direct evangelistic work of the department, there have been, since the 1948 Convention, 680 additions to Baptist churches, 538 coming by baptism. In other evangelistic efforts, where the department assisted in planning and general preparations, but with little or no direct work, there were 321 additions, 223 of them for baptism." Mr. Tull stated that the goal of the Brotherhood of the south for 1950 is, "a million men for Christ."

Mr. Tull said that the Brotherhood consists of "men who are willing to put their power, energies and resources together in the Lord's work. They are willing to follow the Bible, they are willing to pray, to learn; willing to make their families Christian; wil-



ling to establish family altars; willing to be engaged in personal soul winning. God's work feeds on men. Men must lead."

Ralph Douglas of Helena read the report of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage. The report shows that during the year the Orphanage has cared for an average of seventy children. These children take their places in the church and the schools and the community life of Monticello where the Orphanage is located. Some of them are outstanding in athletics. Others are members of the school band. The report states that for fifty-five years the home has provided love, shelter, food, and general care through the co-operative effort of Arkansas Baptists.

Superintendent H. C. Seefeldt expressed appreciation for the support which Arkansas Baptists have given the home, and also called attention to the fact that seventy-five per cent of the annual needs of the home is provided through special offerings, that is the Thanksgiving and Christmas Offering. More than \$400 was raised by special offering at the Convention for the purchase of a new car for the Orphanage.

The closing message of the afternoon session was delivered by Dr. James Landes, a native of Arkansas, and the present pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas. Dr. Landes, speaking on the "Atonement," insisted that there is no parallel in human life to the vicarious sacrifice of Jesus Christ. He pointed out, however, that all of life is vicarious. "The essential difference in the vicarious sacrifice of Christ and vicarious suffering of human life is explained by the person of Jesus Christ. In Him humanity was gathered up and fulfilled. In Him was God fully revealed. Back of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ was His incarnation." Dr. Landes insisted, however, that it is Christ who saves and not a theory. He insisted that the Christian faith has been kept by those men and women who were kept by the spirit of God. The dearth of power in Christianity today is due to our lack of love, lack of concern, and awful prayerlessness.

### Wednesday Night

The session was opened by a devotional service conducted by Dr. B. B. Sawyer of Fort Smith. Lloyd A. Sparkman of Pine Bluff presented the combined reports of the three Baptist colleges in Arkansas—Ouachita, Central, and Southern. "With these three colleges," says the report, "we can cover our territory. There is a combined enrolment in the three colleges of 1,608—625 in Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge; 698 in Ouachita College, Arkadelphia; 285 in Central College, North Little Rock.

The presidents of the three colleges addressed the Convention: Dr. H. E. Williams, Southern College; Dr. Irving M. Prince of Central, and Dr. S. W. Eubanks of Ouachita. Each spoke of the mission of his respective college in the over-all educational and missionary program of Arkansas Baptists and re-affirmed the loyalty of the colleges to the fundamental principles held dear by Baptists. Over and over it was stated that the colleges were committed to the high challenge of training our young people for the greatest service in the councils of our churches and our denomination. There was manifested the finest spirit of Christian fellowship, harmony, and co-operation among these schools.

The evening session was climaxed by a sermon by Dr. James Landes on the subject, "Repentance and Faith". Dr. Landes pointed out that for the first time in history leaders in all realms of life are fearful for the future

unless civilization finds spiritual resources sufficient to control character. Pointing to Christ as the only hope for a world deluged with secularism and communism, he insisted that we must experience a revival of genuine New Testament repentance and New Testament faith. The speaker held that New Testament repentance would go down to the roots of human life, transforming the mind, the emotions, and the will of mankind. He also pointed out that New Testament faith would give to the Christians of our world an urgency sufficient to save the day.

### Thursday Morning, November 17

The session was opened with a devotional service conducted by Pastor Lloyd A. Hunnicutt of Magnolia. Pastor Minor E. Cole of Forrest City gave the report on the work of our hospitals. It was reported that during the past year the Arkansas Baptist Hospital did \$58,119.59 worth of charity. The Mother's Day offering in May, 1949, totaled \$7,896.38. This offering is for charity purposes. The Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis is the largest non-government hospital in the south and the largest Baptist hospital in the world. Each year it treats 20,000 bed patients, and 15,000 out-patients. The Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, with 250 students, is the largest of any denominational hospital in the area of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Arkansas Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees has abandoned the idea of the proposed building program which was authorized two years ago at the Texarkana Convention which would add 200 beds to the present 300 bed capacity. In lieu of this expansion of hospital facilities the Board of Trustees asked for an authorization to borrow \$500,000 for the purpose of erecting a Medical Arts Building for use of the Doctors. The entire space of this building would be for rental purposes, and the revenue produced would go to pay off the indebtedness. The authorization was granted by the Convention.

Administrator John Gilbreath spoke of two special projects of the hospital during the past year—the Warren emergency, resulting from a disastrous storm, and the Polio emergency. The hospital offered its facilities to the wounded of the Warren area, and hospitalized many of the victims. When the Polio emergency developed the hospital converted the supply room and the adjoining chapel into an isolation ward for the polio victims.

The Relief and Annuity Board report was presented by L. E. Coleman. The report shows that the assets of the Board have increased from \$100,000.00 in 1918 to \$15,094,093.60 in 1948. During the year, 1948, the Board paid out \$237,252.09 in relief benefits and \$1,055,089.75 in annuity benefits. During the thirty years of its history the Board paid out a total of \$11,333,435.51. During 1948 the Board paid out \$8,036.22 to beneficiaries in Arkansas in relief payments. This was \$3,184.95 more than the Board received from Arkansas for relief purposes. As of November 1, 1949, 601 certificates have been issued in Arkansas. The report urges all ministers to participate in the annuity plan.

The report on Home Missions was presented by Dr. W. O. Vaught. The report points out that the number of active missionaries has increased from 435 as of May, 1943, to 740 at the present. For the past year Home Mission Board missionaries reported 34,000 baptisms. In addition to the regular missionaries, there was during the year an additional group of 287 student summer workers who gave three months service in practically all the states

of the Southern Baptist Convention. There were 40,336 copies of the Bible distributed by the Home Mission Board workers, and 1,776,704 pages of tracts. Mission Study Books sold by the bookstores totaled 127,000. The magazine, Southern Baptist Home Missions, has a circulation of 116,000.

Arkansas has shared in the work of the Home Mission Board in four distinct ways: Missionary and Mrs. Sam T. Mayo of the Home Mission Board have spent considerable time in Arkansas among the migrant laborers, particularly in the large labor camp located at Springdale. The Home Mission Board helps to support the associational and city mission program in Little Rock and Pulaski County, Dr. E. A. Ingram being the associational and city missionary. The Home Mission Board also has a part in the support and promotion of our state mission program, in addition to the student summer field workers.

One of the high hours of the Convention was experienced with the sermon on the Church by Dr. Otto Whittington. It is quite impossible to put the inspiration of this hour into writing. In a masterful way Dr. Whittington carried the audience, which packed the great auditorium of the Little Rock Church, along with him as he seemed to walk by the side of Christ and the disciples as they prepared the material, and built that prepared material into the Church of Christ. Dr. Whittington said that the material for building a church must be prepared beforehand, and that it must be built out of living material, people who have eternal life. Before one can be added to the church he must be born again, regenerated. He stated further that the church established by Jesus is a democratic body. To substantiate this statement he referred to the election of the seven deacons by the church in Jerusalem, and the election of Matthias to take the place of Judas as one of the apostles.

There are two church ordinances: Baptism, and the Lords' Supper, which preach atonement by the death and resurrection of Jesus. Dr. Whittington named pastor and deacons as the two officers of the New Testament Church. He said that the New Testament is the only place to find the origin, organization, ordinances, and officers of a New Testament Church. The first great heresy, he said, was infant baptism, which opened the gates for the world to come into the church.

### Thursday Afternoon

Pastor H. O. Malone of Lake Village conducted the devotional service. Thomas T. Holloway of Dallas, Texas, spoke on the work of the American Bible Society. In 1948 the society distributed at home and abroad nearly 10,000,000 volumes of scriptures. In its world emergency program 20,000,000 volumes of scriptures were distributed to service men, prisoners of war, displaced persons, and civilian populations in Europe and Asia. In 1948 Southern Baptist Churches gave \$106,739.00 to the Society.

The report of the Steering and Planning Commission was presented by E. P. J. Garrott, who reviewed the work of the Commission during the past year.

Pastor Reese Howard of Jonesboro presented the report on Social Service. He presented some startling figures which should challenge the attention of all Christian people. "61,000,000 men and women in the United States drink some form of alcoholic beverage. Of these, 3,250,000 are excessive drinkers, and 750,000 are chronic alcoholics." The report states that according to the Federal Security

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Administration there are 31 divorces for every 100 marriages.

A statement which should shame these churches which allow the practice is that "much of this (gambling) is sponsored under the guise of religion." Any religion which must resort to gambling in order to maintain itself is obviously not worth maintaining. The report is concluded by saying, "Southern Baptists have the remedy in their hearts and in their hands. In short, it is an experimental spiritual religion—experienced in the heart and practiced in the conduct."

Dr. B. L. Bridges reported on the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign. Dr. Bridges commended Dr. Otto Whittington, Marsh Whittington and Pastor Harvey Elledge, who at different times were employed to promote the Million Dollar Campaign. Dr. Bridges reported that \$515,942.01 has been received during the campaign and that \$232,883.59 has been remitted to the building committee of the college and to the architects and contractors. He reported that after paying campaign expenses, there is now on hand a total of \$182,824.03. The college needs \$105,000.00 more to complete payment on existing contracts. He also reported that the months emergency campaign for funds to replace Old Main, conducted by Pastor Clyde Hart of Hot Springs, resulted in a total of \$78,000.00. This sum, however, is not included in the Million Dollar Campaign. Since the campaign was started, four buildings have been erected—a boy's dormitory, a dormitory for married students, a mathematics building, and an infirmary. Two other buildings are now being erected—a science building, and a library. It was recommended that the churches take special offering on Sunday, December 11, for the Million Dollar Campaign.

Dr. J. G. Cothran presented the report on the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, emphasizing the opportunity which the foundation offers for investments in the Kingdom of our Lord which will live on after the donors have passed to their eternal rewards. Through such investments in the Foundation Arkansas Baptist institutions will be enabled to render an ever greater service to the Baptist constituency of the state and bring greater glory to the Lord.

### Thursday Night

The devotional service was under the direction of Pastor Russell Duffer. Pastor Ralph Dodd presented the report on Baptist Relief and Displaced Persons. The report states that there are 800,000 displaced persons in the camps of Europe which are operated by the International Refugee Organization of the United Nations. The conditions under which these people are living have been described as a "clean replica of concentration camps." The report urges Baptist churches to consider the resettlement of DP families and says, "no church is too small to re-settle at least one DP family." Individuals may also re-settle these DP families. Application forms may be secured from Charles R. Gage, Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, Louisiana.

Thirty-seven families have already been settled in Arkansas.

Pastor T. K. Rucker of Malvern presented the State Missions report, emphasizing the vastness of the State Mission field. The report states that there are 25,600 people in Arkansas of foreign or mixed parentage, 842,578 Negroes, and a total of 1,250,000 lost

people in Arkansas. To meet the missionary challenge in Arkansas there are 1,002 churches with a total of 214,704 members, and 581 pastors. There are 12 district associations, and 36 associational missionaries. There are 965 Sunday School superintendents, 10,000 Sunday School teachers, 600 Training Union directors, and 6,000 Training Union leaders and sponsors.

The State Mission Department, with Dr. C. W. Caldwell as superintendent, has three rural evangelists; M. E. Wiles, A. B. Hill, and D. C. Bandy, and one pioneer missionary H. M. Robinson. The report states that since 1941, 134 new churches have been organized in Arkansas and that the number of full time churches has increased from 361 in 1945 to 463 in 1948.

Speaking to the report, Dr. C. W. Caldwell reviewed the work of the Department of Missions and showed a film which illustrated the work of the Department at the T. B. Sanatorium at Booneville, C. W. Finch, Chaplain, and the Mexican mission in the southern part of the state.

Rural Evangelist D. C. Bandy read the report on Evangelism. This report calls attention to the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign in all the churches west of the Mississippi River April 9-23, 1950. The Department of Missions has been charged with the responsibility of leading this crusade in Arkansas. In preparation for the crusade, the report recommends that each association be organized to promote evangelism, that each church elect a committee on evangelism, that each church and each association be urged to co-operate in the crusade.

The great Convention audience thrilled to the final message on Thursday night, delivered by Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Grey's subject was "Together," from the text: "All that believed were together, and had all things common." Acts 2:44.

"As we think of that larger fellowship," Dr. Grey said, "in our Southern Baptist Convention, with 26,822 independent, sovereign churches, with a membership of 6,491,981 born again, blood-washed, baptized believers, one word above all others needs to be upon our hearts and in our minds—Together.

We should be "Together in Doctrine and Devotion," said Dr. Grey; and, speaking of the early disciples on the day of Pentecost where 3,000 souls were converted he quoted: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine."

He emphasized the need for unity of faith in and the proclamation of the great doctrine of the Bible. "The rank and file of our Southern Baptist people are together in doctrine," he said.

Next, we should be "Together in Prayer and Fellowship." Continuing Dr. Grey said: "Let us keep the word 'together' in bold face type when we write the story of our Southern Baptist fellowship. We Southern Baptists are always the marvel of, and often the envy of, some of our evangelical brethren. They cannot understand how six and a half million Baptists working through 26,000 churches stay together and make the progress which we have made these 104 years of our Convention work. Here we are without any centralized authority with any ecclesiastical dictatorship, without any 'cabinet of bishops' and yet we continue to grow by leaps and bounds and to increase our program of giving the Gospel of Christ to the world. The answer to how we do it is a simple word; it is the one word of

our text, 'together'. The spirit of voluntary co-operation has characterized our Baptist people and has been the genius of our work. Let us keep it so.

"As Southern Baptists continue to stay together, our brethren in each section need to have a courteous and considerate attitude toward our brethren in other sections."

Staying close by his text, Dr. Grey said we should be "Together in Worship and Witnessing:" "And they, continued daily with one accord in the temple."

As we face the great Simultaneous Revival in April, 1950, in winning souls to Christ let us keep in mind as we stay "together" in witnessing, the great "program of Pentecost."

As we think of that "program of Pentecost," we see that there are three things that were done as the early church was "together." First everybody prayed. Second, everybody witnessed. Third, a man stood up and preached. If we would be resultful in our work of winning souls, we must follow this program. Let us call ourselves back to consider how we can win men to Christ, how we can evangelize."

Finally, we should be "Together in Sacrifice and Surrender," he said.

"Our glorious Cooperative Program is one of the greatest plans for staying together that we can possibly think of. It is rooted in the example of the early church. It gives to every church and to every Baptist an opportunity of sharing in everything dear to the heart of our Saviour and every cause which we Baptists propose to advance. We do not simply give to the Cooperative Program; we give through the Cooperative Program to the worldwide causes dear to the heart of our Savior. The challenging program of Arkansas Baptists and Southern Baptists for 1950 calls for the best in sacrifice giving and in surrender of self and substance of all our people.

"We will stay together as we stay united in a great task, as we work together, as we serve together, as we sacrifice together. There is no place, there is no time, there is no occasion for drifting apart. Consecrated to our Christ and united in this great cause will keep us together. We are truly laborers together with God."

## Convention Weather

Another evidence of the Lord's smiles upon the recent State Convention was the ideal weather which prevailed throughout its sessions, and still continues at this writing. We do not recall ever before attending a State Convention that it did not rain sometime during the sessions.

Surely every person who attended the Convention is thankful to God for the glorious weather which He provided, as well as for the cloudless spiritual atmosphere of the Convention.

### THE BAPTIST HOUR

DR. R. G. LEE, Preacher

December 4, 1949

"Are You Ready to Meet God?"

Stations in Arkansas:

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



## Europe Needs Our Help

By O. K. ARMSTRONG

Here at the new Baptist Seminary in Zurich, I have been talking at length with Dr. Jesse D. Franks, the man who recommended the beautiful site for this institution to our Foreign Mission Board, and who serves not only the seminary but all Baptists as liaison man for relief in Europe.

"With partial recovery from the war, is relief still needed?" I asked.

Dr. Franks answered: "While conditions are much better than before, the needs are still great. We wonder how permanent the improvement is. The shot in the arm which the Marshall Plan and other political and economic measures have given the economy of Europe will continue to produce signs of new life as long as the stimulation is given. But when American aid ceases—what will happen? Many wiser ones think, I believe, that widespread hunger and other distress may stalk the land."

Any observer in the war areas of Europe knows this is true. Our relief work must continue. The old people, the children, the growing numbers of unemployed, the sick—all must be helped. Every week, Dr. Franks receives new appeals for various kinds of medicines from Baptists who are ill. This number is largest in the Balkans, the little nations behind the Soviet iron curtain. The war left millions of victims of tuberculosis. Streptomycin and other remedies are greatly needed.

Baptists students require our continued aid. They are better fed and clothed than they were last year, but most of them have no money for the necessary board, room rent, tuition, and other student fees. Among the

## Disciples of Christ and Northern Baptists

The International Convention of the Disciples of Christ, at centennial sessions in Cincinnati, Ohio, went on record as favoring ultimate merger in 1955 with the Northern Baptist Convention, and recommended the interchange of Baptist and Disciples clergymen, interchange of ministerial students, exchange of seminary professors, carrying out of joint projects by local churches of the two denominations, and union of congregations of Baptist and Disciples in local communities.

The Convention went on record as opposing "radio and television advertising of alcoholic liquors, and voted to transmit its action to major radio and television networks, and to ask congressional representatives to support the Langer Senate Bill Number S-1847 to prohibit such advertising.

"The problem of alcoholic drink is growing in its effect in drunkenness, debauchery, traf-

thirty theological students at Zurich, not one is able to pay his own expenses. Five are being partially supported by Baptists groups in Europe or America.

What a glorious thing it would be if numbers of Baptist churches in the United States would underwrite the cost of food, books, clothing, for dormitory students at this seminary and also in special training for religious leadership all over Europe!

Truly, Baptists are on the march for the Lord in Europe today. But more than half of our struggling congregations need new church buildings or repairs for their meeting places. Here is relief of a permanent nature.

Whether for individuals, families or churches, the great heart of Christian America must still respond to the needs of Europe.

fic accidents, and crime," the resolution stated. "The liquor industry increases the problems by a constant and effective program of advertising. This advertising on radio and television, sponsoring sports and other popular programs, takes those appeals into millions of homes and to children, youths and adults."

A separate resolution noted the Convention's "deep satisfaction in the action of the people of Oklahoma in rejecting by a decisive vote the proposal to repeal that state's prohibition amendment."

The Convention also favored the enactment of legislation to provide federal assistance to public school education, provided the law was so worded that use of public funds for private, parochial or sectarian schools would be prohibited.

A Convention resolution supported the principle that all children of the nation were entitled to education in public schools and that those who preferred some other type of education should bear the expense of it, rather than demand a share of public funds.

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### Let Me Hold Lightly

Let me hold lightly things of this earth;  
Transient treasures, what are they worth?  
Moths can corrupt them, rust can decay—  
All their bright beauty gone in a day;  
Let me hold lightly temporal things,  
I, who am deathless, I who have wings.

Let me hold fast, Lord, things of the skies;  
Quicken my vision, open my eyes!  
Show me Thy riches, glory and grace  
Boundless as time is, endless as space!  
Let me hold lightly things that are mine—  
Lord, Thou hast given me all that is Thine!

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Little Rock, Arkansas



## Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, *State Secretary*

219 Baptist Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

## Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, *Superintendent*

### Brotherhood Report to Convention

The program of activities of the Brotherhood Department during 1949 has been a continuation of the promotion of CONSECRATION, STEWARDSHIP, and EVANGELISM among the Baptist men and the Baptist churches of Arkansas.

There are now, as of record on November 12, 1949, one hundred ninety-seven church Brotherhoods in our state. This means that 35 to 40 new Brotherhoods have been organized during the year. All but three of the 42 associations now have one or more church Brotherhoods. Twenty-two of our associations have associational Brotherhoods.

During the year there has been an accelerated stewardship emphasis in the work of the Department. Stewardship and the Cooperative Program have been promoted through Brotherhood meetings (church, associational, regional, and state), through stewardship rallies, through workers' conferences, and other associational meetings.

Some of the particular activities of the Department, during the year, are as follows:

1. The promotion of three series of Regional Brotherhood Tours, which included fifteen mass-meetings of men in the various districts of our state. These meetings were well attended by representative groups of men from hundreds of our churches.

2. The beginning and practical completion of a Brotherhood guide-book. This department has worked with other state Brotherhood departments and the Baptist Brotherhood of the South to produce an acutely needed book on Brotherhood methods, activities and procedures. The "Brotherhood Guide-Book" will be published in the near future.

3. The production of two special tracts, one on "Suggested Brotherhood Committee Activities," and the other on "Essential Steps in Personal Soul-Winning." Both of these tracts have been well received over the state and the Southland.

4. The holding of the annual Brotherhood Conference at Siloam Springs Assembly. The 1949 conference was one of the very best, and was attended by an average of about 90 men.

5. The promotion of Layman's Day, on October 9. Layman's Day is observed annually on the second Sunday in October.

6. The promotion of Brotherhood Night, on the eve of the Convention. This meeting, held annually, has been for some years the largest gathering of Baptist men in the state. Brotherhood Night makes a large and distinct contribution towards everything that our churches and denomination are endeavoring to bring to pass.

7. The planning of a goodly number of Brotherhood revivals and other evangelistic efforts. The Department has assisted directly in some of these meetings, and has helped in the planning of others.

Through the direct evangelistic work of the Department there have been, since the 1948 Convention, 680 additions to Baptist churches, 538 coming by baptism. In other evangelistic efforts, where the Department assisted in planning and general preparations, but with little or no direct work, there were 321 additions, 223 of them for baptism.

Thus we praise God that during the Convention year the Department has had some part in reaching 1001 people for church membership, and that 761 of these have come on profession of faith and baptism.

Included in the above report is a simultaneous Brotherhood revival, held in Mississippi County Association. Seventeen churches and one mission participated. The Lord gave 297 additions, 219 for baptism.

The Brotherhood Secretary has been extremely busy during the year. He has not been able to answer all calls, but has done what he could.

During the year the Secretary visited about 85 churches; went to seventeen annual associational meetings; spoke nearly 350 times; travelled approximately 24,500 miles; turned in to the Department more than \$1800 in honorariums and expense refunds; tried to win personally to Christ about 668 men, women, boys and girls.

It is from the depths of humility and gratitude to God that the Brotherhood Secretary makes known the last fact stated above. **That's Brotherhood Work!** Brotherhood work is centered in evangelism, and stems out from evangelism. It IS evangelism! Consecration makes stewardship possible. Stewardship, developed, is evangelism.

CONSECRATION, STEWARDSHIP and EVANGELISM: **That's Brotherhood Work!**

### More Mission Stations

"That picture on Local Mission Stations gave me an inspiration," said a pastor during the recent State Convention. He went on to say, "The town where I am a pastor is rather small, but there are about twenty-five families which will not come to our church although they are Baptist possibilities, so I think I will go back and start a mission for them."

I told him that if he didn't do it that some other group such as the Assembly of God would. Then he remarked, "They have already been going there but right now the Assembly of God is at a low ebb and the opportunity is open to us."

What has your church done to reach the neglected areas nearby?

#### Crusade Committees

The associational directors and organizers for the 1950 Crusade have been elected, but what about the various committees? The time is passing and these committees should begin their work. The first step toward the Simultaneous Revivals begins with a study of the book of Acts the first week in January. So, all committees should be appointed and they should meet for a study of their duties and then set up their plan of work. In times past a few associations have undertaken simultaneous revivals without the proper preparation and the results were not very encouraging. But where thorough preparation has been made, proper publicity given, rallies held, and fellowship meetings for pastors and evangelists, the results have been outstanding.

#### Remember Your Missionary

Your associational missionary should be remembered this coming Christmas. The majority of the churches and individual church members usually remember their pastors and endeavor to show their love and appreciation for them with various gifts. But who thinks about the missionary? He has been serving in the interest of all the churches in the association. Why not do something nice for him next Christmas? It would be a wonderful thing for each church to send him and his family a gift of some sort.

#### 1950 Engagements

If you think that you might need the services of any of the employees of the Mission Department during 1950 you should write now for an engagement. The evangelists as well as the Superintendent are rapidly filling their schedule. All are engaged for the period of the Crusade, April 9-23, but some dates are still open for the rest of the year.

#### Movie Films

The Department of Missions now has three sound films which may be used in any church where projection equipment is available. Two other films will have sound equipment placed on them soon, and will also be at your disposal. Churches should plan a Visual Aid program for the entire year and schedule the films to be shown.

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### New Auditorium at Magnolia

Central Church, Magnolia, Loyd L. Hunnicutt, pastor, observed ground-breaking ceremonies on October 9 for the construction of a new auditorium. The program was presided over by the pastor and broadcast over the local radio station. W. M. Jones, the senior deacon and a charter member of the church, was named by the church to break the ground. Mr. Jones officiated in this same capacity in the beginning of construction of the present auditorium 41 years ago. A brief church history was given by Mrs. W. M. Jones, charter member of the church, and pledges of support were made by the heads of the different organizations of the church.

The new auditorium, which will be of Gothic design, will have a seating capacity of 850. The plans include a spacious vestibule, two large meeting rooms, church office, pastor's study, choir room, dressing rooms for the baptistry, four rest rooms, flower arrangement room, and a central heating and cooling system. The edifice will be constructed of dark brick with Austin cut-stone trim. A triple arch over the driveway along the west side of the educational building will join that structure to the new auditorium.



# To Acquaint Arkansas Baptists With Their Home For Homeless Children

HAROLD C. SEEFELDT, *Superintendent*

1949 REPORT

C. C. SMITH, *Chairman of Board*

Your Superintendent is making a report of his first year's stewardship in charge of your Orphanage in Monticello.

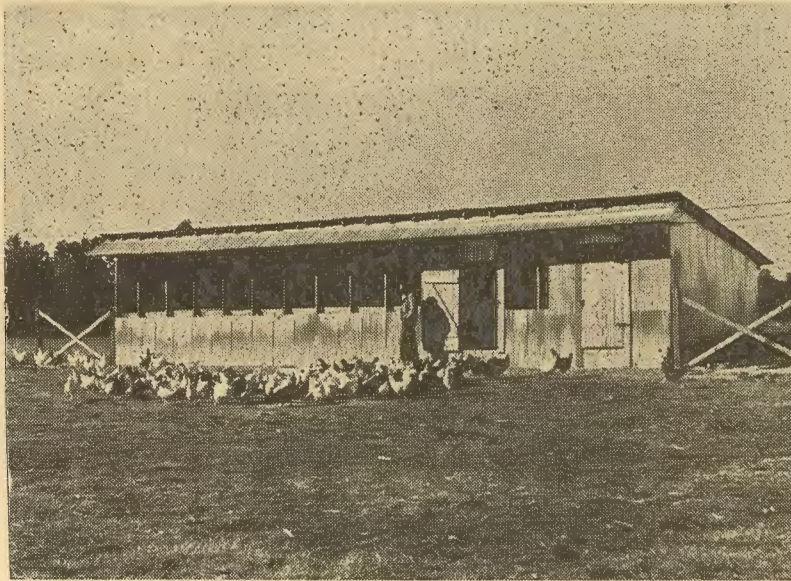
## Our Sincere Appreciation

We want to express our sincere appreciation for the fine way in which Arkansas Baptists have been opening up their hearts in supporting our Home for homeless children. The response from churches and friends has been most heartening. All too many of us have taken the Orphanage for granted, as a part of our Cooperative Program, and did not realize that although it is included in the Cooperative Program, the amount given through the Cooperative Program is only a part of the support needed. We were surprised, having come from a pastorate last year, to find that only about 25 per cent of our support came through the Cooperative Program, leaving 75 per cent to come from special offerings, food, feed, clothing and equipment. For the year ending October 1, 1949, we find that for each dollar that came through the Cooperative Program, a little better than \$2 came through special gifts, through the Little Rock office and direct to the Home. This would appear to show that one-third of our support comes through the Cooperative Program, and does not take into consideration the food, feed, clothing and equipment that is sent direct to the Home, and not handled through the books, which I think will justify the statement that 75 per cent of the support of the Home this past year came outside of the Cooperative Program gifts.

## Wise Stewardship

During this past year we have tried to use the money placed in our care as wisely as possible, in cleaning up the buildings, painting, and repairing.

We have converted the upper floor of the storage building into comfortable quarters for the Farm Manager and his family. We have provided a chicken house. We have increased the herd of milk cows to provide milk for the children, and beef cattle and pigs to provide meat. We have planted fruit trees. Fences have been provided and general improvements made, as far as we had money to go. Our funds ran out in June and we have been living by faith, depending largely upon the amounts received each month from the Cooperative Program and gifts coming directly to the



*Your Superintendent has endeavored to give you some ideas about your Orphanage through the variety of pictures furnished in recent issues of the Arkansas Baptist. The above is a view of the chickens owned by the Orphanage.*

Home, but working on a cash basis. We are depending on the Thanksgiving Offering to take care of such bills payable as we have on hand at present.

## Financially Speaking

Please bear in mind that as we care for an average of around 70 children, we must maintain a family of around 85, and it might be interesting to know that during this last year our utility bills totaled \$3,441.25; food bill \$7,618.03, which looks like it is considerably less than last year's report. This of course is in addition to what was sent in; clothing \$3,963.78, in addition to clothing sent in; school supplies \$463.62; medical expense \$746.98, in spite of the kindness of the doctors in Monticello and Little Rock. And our Baptist Hospital in Little Rock has been most considerate. The Hospital makes no charge for the care of a child. Our only expense being transportation; the laundry and cleaning bills amounted to \$1,268, in addition to colored help used in the Home.

## Well-Rounded Program

During this past year, thirty-seven children have made a profession of faith, or have come into the First Church of Monticello, by letter. They all attend Church, Sunday school, Training Union and a number are enlisted in the W. M. U. organization. All our children, except two, who are too young, are enrolled in the public school,—twenty-six in high school

and the others in the elementary school. The high school children carry their lunches and the elementary children are brought home for lunch.

Our children take their places in church, school and community life. Several of them are quite outstanding in athletics, several take piano, and some are in the school band.

A number of our children are enrolled in 4-H work and our boys received 108 points in the local County Fair on cows, calves, chickens and pigs entered. Two of our boys were in the top four of the county in the State Judging Contest and were sent to Little Rock where they competed with boys from over the State and remained in the top four. One of these will represent Arkansas in Chicago.

It has been most difficult to secure sufficient efficient help, which has made the load on the present staff very heavy. We ask that you join us in prayer that God will give us the needed help and that you will provide the necessary funds.

## Things Especially Needed

The tractor needs to be overhauled, more fencing needs to be done. It would help us greatly if we had a hay baler and a manure spreader, as new equipment.

Caroline Association has made possible a new truck. But \$566 is needed to take care of heavier tires, taxes, and provide a body for the truck.

We would appreciate getting calves, cows, pigs, chickens or rabbits. We will be grateful for all kinds of food, fresh and canned, including eggs, meat, chickens, a group might get together and get up a truck load of corn, dairy feed, chicken feed, commercial fertilizer. We always need sheets, towels, table cloths, pillow cases, aprons, dish towels, soap, tooth paste and brushes, school supplies, candy, combs, bobby, straight and safety pins.

Good used clothing is always acceptable.

## Recreation Hall and Clinic

When the weather is bad the children have no place to play and therefore one of our needs is a gymnasium.

We need facilities to take care of the children when they are ill and need to be isolated from the other children, but not sick enough to be sent to the hospital.

We need a movie projector, more practice pianos, radios and record players, with records.

## Arkansas Baptists Care And Share

If all of our churches would have done as well as some did last year there would have been no need for embarrassment. If all the churches would have done as little as some did, it would have been tragic indeed. Remember please how much the Orphanage depends on Special Gifts. The churches who gave the largest amounts last year were churches who had people who visited the Home, and we have yet to hear of a church or individual who gave a worthy offering to the Home where it hurt their local work or the Cooperative program. It usually stimulates the work.

## Support the Whole Program

We earnestly urge all of our churches to get behind the Cooperative Program as a whole, for next year. In so doing you will have a part in helping all of our Institutions in their operating expenses and also provide something for capital needs, which is sorely needed.

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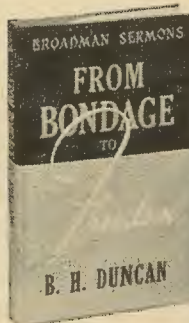
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## West Zone Hymn-Sing

The West Zone of Pulaski County Baptist association held their regular monthly Hymn-Sing on Sunday afternoon, November 20, at the Pleasant Grove church. One hundred and three people were present, representing eight churches. W. H. Luck of Calvary Church, directed the congregational singing, and Mrs. John McMahon was the accompanist. Special numbers were presented by a group from Crystal Hill, Calvary, and Pleasant Grove. The state director, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, was present and spoke of the music education program throughout the state, and also directed a combined male chorus, singing "The Old Rugged Cross."

The next meeting of this zone for hymn singing will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 18, at Shady Grove.

## Convention-Wide Sunday School Conference

Dallas, Texas, December 27-30, 1949

One entire session of the Convention-wide Sunday School Conference in Dallas, Texas, December 27-30, will be used for a practical discussion of "Better Workers."

Some of the conferences and discussions will be led by Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas; Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor, Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Kentucky; Dr. J. H. Landes, pastor, First Church, Wichita Falls, and Dr. John Haldeman, pastor, Allapattah Church, Miami, Florida.



W. A. Criswell

### "M Night is Mobilization Night"

Ten teams will conduct Training Union rallies in forty associations during the nights of December 5-9. Training Union forces will be mobilized to put into practice the 1950 Training Union program of work. Make plans to attend the rally which will be

held in your association on one of those nights. Two meetings will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 4.

"M" also means MUCH, MORE, MANY, MULTITUDES. Pulaski County and Liberty Associations are in an attendance race. Concord, Central and other associations are planning for a big attendance. Word has come that Little River Association will have an attendance of 400.

Every pastor and every Training Union Director should plan to take car loads and bus loads to the "M Night" rally.

All pastors are urged to attend the 7:00-7:30 conference.

## The Baptist Student Union And the Master's Minority Movement

For the past ten or fifteen years Southern Baptist students have promoted the Master's Minority Movement. The technique of this program is simple. Each executive council member meets daily with a small group of students, not fewer than three, nor more than twelve, for prayer, Bible study, and sharing of Christian experiences. On a campus there may be five or six such groups, or from thirty to fifty students thus involved. These groups do not interfere with morning watches, noon day prayer meetings, vesper services or meeting of prayer mates. The Master's Minority focus their attention on specific projects of activity. They meet and have prayer "for something." Aimless prayer, we believe, is useless prayer.

Could not this same technique be used and enjoyed by others. The churches of our state would profit much by promoting just such a program. Business men, school teachers, house wives, secretaries, grammar and high school students, might spend fifteen minutes at the beginning of each day, or at least once or twice a week, in a Master's Minority group, praying "for something." Such a program will revitalize our spiritual experiences and bring about a more glorious witnessing for Him.

## Carey Association Hymn Sing

On Sunday afternoon, October 30, Carey association held their quarterly Hymn-Sing at the First Church, Sparkman, Arkansas. W. D. Ellis, Fordyce, newly elected associational Music Director, was in charge of the service and directed the congregational singing, accompanied by Miss Charlotte Moseley at the piano. One hundred and six persons were present, representing six churches.

Special music numbers consisted of a choir number from the Sparkman Baptist Church, "That Will Be Glory for Me," and the Fordyce Ladies' Sextet singing, "Have Thine Own Way."

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Ellis and son, Pastor and Mrs. T. K. Rucker and son of Malvern, were visitors, and Dr. Ellis favored by leading two congregational numbers.

The next regular quarterly Hymn-Sing will be held at Fordyce, January 29, 1950.

## School of Music At Monroe Church

The Monroe Baptist Church had the services of Mrs. John Holston of Clarendon, who is one of the associate music workers, for a school of Church Music the week of November 13-18. There was a total enrolment of 31, with an average attendance of 18. Eleven people qualified for awards.

Mrs. Holston met with the Junior group, and Youth group preceding the regular session in the evening. Classes were held in the Fundamentals of Music, Hymn Interpretation, and the study of Music in Worship. Pastor and people expressed delight in the results of the school.

## Successful Music School At Marshall

The state music director, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, led the Marshall church in a school of Church Music the week of November 6. Commencing with an associational Hymn-Sing on Sunday afternoon which was well attended, the school held two sessions daily. A large group of Juniors met for study and rehearsal each afternoon, and the Young People and Adults met together in the evening. Music fundamentals, and the study of music suitable for Thanksgiving and Christmas services occupied the major portion of the class periods.

Ninety-one people were enrolled, and there was an average daily attendance of sixty-two. Thirty-seven qualified for awards.

## North Zone Hymn-Sing

The churches of the North Zone in Pulaski County Association met for the regular monthly Hymn-Sing at Harmony church, Sunday afternoon, November 20, at two-thirty. M. O. Kelley directed the congregational singing.

Eighty-eight people attended, representing six churches. Special numbers were furnished by choirs from Friendship, Zion Hill, and Harmony churches. The group voted to have the next Sing on January 15, at Friendship church.

## Figures To Inspire

| Sunday, November 20, 1949    |       |        |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Fort Smith, First            | 1,987 | 525 79 |
| Little Rock, Immanuel        | 1,237 | 433 5  |
| Including Missions           | 1,498 | 693    |
| N. Little Rock, Baring Cross | 830   | 334 7  |
| Including Missions           | 1,036 | 456 34 |
| Little Rock, Second          | 781   | 124 3  |
| Hot Springs, Second          | 752   | 181 4  |
| Pine Bluff, South Side       | 635   | 297 5  |
| Including Mission            | 705   | 346    |
| Camden, First                | 591   | 240 7  |
| Including Missions           | 787   | 379    |
| Little Rock, Tabernacle      | 540   | 164    |
| Warren, First                | 523   | 140    |
| Hope, First                  | 522   | 129 1  |
| Magnolia, Central            | 520   | 166 4  |
| Including Missions           | 622   | 192    |

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|----------------------------|-----|--------|
| Arkadelphia, First         | 513 | 225    |
| Including Mission          | 549 |        |
| McGehee, First             | 511 | 181    |
| Including Missions         | 628 | 363    |
| Crossett, First            | 492 | 201    |
| West Helena                | 472 | 172    |
| Russellville, First        | 471 | 199    |
| Including Mission          | 548 | 250    |
| Ft. Smith, Immanuel        | 460 | 156    |
| Hot Springs, Central       | 456 | 214 3  |
| Malvern, First             | 451 | 143 1  |
| Including Mission          | 486 |        |
| Little Rock, Gaines Street | 449 | 278 4  |
| Including Mission          | 553 | 336    |
| Hot Springs, Park Place    | 446 | 160 11 |
| Pine Bluff, Immanuel       | 444 | 172    |
| Paris, First               | 415 | 179    |
| Including Mission          | 460 |        |
| Rogers, First              | 415 | 133    |
| Conway, First              | 408 | 123 1  |
| Fort Smith, Grand Avenue   | 407 | 133 7  |

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|--------------------------------|-----|-------|
| N. Little Rock, First          | 372 | 136   |
| Including Mission              | 387 |       |
| Little Rock, South Highland    | 370 | 132 1 |
| Stuttgart, First               | 362 | 220 1 |
| Including Mission              | 400 |       |
| Ft. Smith, Calvary             | 359 | 66    |
| Smackover, First               | 357 | 141   |
| Siloam Springs, First          | 344 | 188   |
| Hot Springs, First             | 343 | 88 10 |
| El Dorado, West Side           | 312 | 103 1 |
| N. Little Rock, Park Hill      | 310 | 70    |
| Pine Bluff, Second             | 307 | 125 2 |
| Monticello, First              | 304 | 130 2 |
| Mena, First                    | 281 | 106   |
| Dumas, First                   | 266 | 115   |
| Including Missions             | 348 | 145   |
| Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill         | 250 | 109 5 |
| Little Rock, Reynolds Memorial | 228 | 75 3  |
| Texarkana, Calvary             | 225 | 107 4 |

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| Gurdon, Beech Street          | 224 | 92    |
| Bentonville, First            | 224 | 60    |
| Ft. Smith, Trinity            | 221 | 96 3  |
| Jacksonville, First           | 207 | 116 5 |
| Little Rock, Hebron           | 203 | 109 1 |
| Warren, Immanuel              | 152 | 105   |
| Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial | 128 | 92    |
| North Crossett, First         | 124 | 64    |
| Hot Springs, Grand Avenue     | 118 | 70 2  |
| Little Rock, Tyler Street     | 111 | 64 2  |
| Reyno, Kelso                  | 101 | 90 4  |
| Little Rock, Bethel           | 101 | 5     |
| El Dorado, Parkview           | 98  | 35    |
| Grannis                       | 93  | 67 1  |
| Ft. Smith, Northside          | 88  | 51 1  |
| Little Rock, Capitol Hill     | 84  | 48 2  |
| Douglaville, Second           | 78  | 41 1  |
| Little Rock, Biddle           | 75  | 43    |
| Rogers, Pleasant Hill         | 66  | 42    |
| Hot Springs, Immanuel         | 57  | 36    |



## Woman's Missionary Union

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## Gleanings From W. M. U.'s Convention Report

Reports! What history they do record! Compilation of those received in the State W. M. U. Headquarters October 1, 1948, through September 30, 1949, revealed that Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas has progressed in some phases of the work during that period. Conviction prompts the statement that many other evidences of progress would have been noted if more organizations had reported. Won't you see that your organization is one of the many to respond to the quarterly plea for reports? Thank you! Be a reporter in 1950!

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|---|--------|
| Number Organizations  | 1,644  |
| W. M. S.  | 507*   |
| Y. W. A.  | 180    |
| G. A.   | 556    |
| R. A.   | 316    |
| Sunbeam Bands   | 304    |
| Number Mission Study Classes                                | 1,644  |
| Number Organizations engaged in Directed Community Missions | 595    |
| Number Tithers  | 7,139* |

### Financial Report

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|--|---------------|
| Gifts to Cooperative Program               | \$144,919.16* |
| Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions  | 52,592.80*    |
| Special Gifts to Foreign Missions          | 2,991.96      |
| Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions | 20,657.27*    |
| Special Gifts to Home Missions             | 1,661.00*     |
| Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions  | 16,494.96     |
| Special Gifts to State Missions            | 648.87        |
| Baptist Honor Club                         | 5,224.37*     |
| Associational Missions                     | 11,227.60*    |
| District Budget                            | 5,258.85*     |
| Orphans' Home (Cash)                       | 7,403.48      |
| Orphans' Home (Value of Boxes)             | 10,849.11*    |
| Arkansas Baptist Hospital (Cash)           | 9,528.66*     |
| Arkansas Baptist Hospital (Supplies)       | 3,888.07      |
| Arkansas Baptist Hospital (Building Fund)  | 1,000.00      |
| Christian Education                        | 5,129.19*     |
| Building Fund, Southern W. M. U.           | 1,382.93*     |
| Burney Gifts (Margaret Fund)               | 31.00*        |
| Narcotics Education                        | 1,048.29*     |
| Gifts Miscellaneous                        | 542.97        |

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Gifts Reported to Missions    | \$302,480.54* |
| Total Gifts Reported for Local Work | 544,083.54*   |

Total Gifts Reported to All Causes \$846,564.08\*

\*Denotes increase over previous year.

### Remit State Mission Offering

By this time, no doubt, the major portion of the offerings for State Missions has been placed in the hands of the organization's treasurer. Prompt remittance according to the plan of your society and church will be appreciated. Check should be made payable to Miss Nancy Cooper, State Treasurer, and sent to her, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Let's attend to this important matter before taking the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions. You will regret to note in the above report that our offerings to date for State Missions do not equal those of last year at this particular season. We must not fail our own Arkansas!

# Foreign Mission Advance

## Zurich Seminary

Purchase of land adjoining the present grounds of the Zurich seminary and the erection of a dormitory were authorized by the Foreign Mission Board at its monthly meeting November 10. Funds already allocated for use in Europe will provide the \$100,000 needed for the property and building.

Dr. J. D. Franks, who laid the groundwork for establishing the international seminary, arrived in the States November 9 and spoke to the Board members regarding the theological seminary and the proposed addition to its property.

The maximum number of students expected the first year was twenty-four. But twenty-six are already on the campus and several more are making arrangements to enter later. Apparently the number of students at the seminary will be limited only by how many can be accommodated, Dr. Franks said. Every student received is first recommended by Baptist leaders in his country.

The present student body represents twelve different countries. Room assignments are so made that none from the same nation room together. The international outlook gained by students at the school will have a tremendous influence on the European nations as each goes back to his own country to serve.

When Dr. Franks returns to Zurich early next year he will serve the seminary as personnel representative and business manager.

The resignation of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Kilgore, missionaries to Argentina, was accepted by the Foreign Mission Board with regret. Dr. Kilgore was professor of theology and related subjects at the Buenos Aires theological seminary.

Dr. T. B. Stover and Miss Jo Withauer, missionaries to Brazil, were married November 1 in Rio de Janeiro.

## South China

South China mission stations were rapidly falling to the Communists as Secretary Baker J. Cauthen wrote out his November report to the Foreign Mission Board. The Communist army, gathered on the borders of Kwangtung Province early in October, made the initial push into Kukong with very little fighting. Miss Clifford Barratt, missionary in Kukong, reported that church services proceeded as usual after the turn-over. Once or twice soldiers have come to her gate to make inquiry, but have not asked to enter the property.

Mission activities in Canton have gone on as usual since the Communist army took over the city. There was a heavy loss of civilian life as the retreating Nationalist army blew up ammunition dumps, the airfield and a big bridge over the Pearl River the night before the Communist army occupied Canton. But the occupation itself was peaceful and the city quietly accepted the change of government with no looting or rioting.

Shiuhing, where Missionary Margie Shumate is located, has also been occupied, and the remaining South China stations will undoubtedly be occupied within a very short time. So far, the difficulties encountered under the Communist regime have not been as great as anticipated.

## Rome Training School

Miss Virginia Wingo, director of the women's training school in Rome, Italy, plans to move into the new school building in January with four or five students.

A memorial from the women of the South to Mrs. Frank W. Armstrong, the cornerstone of the building was laid June 2. The site, on Via Antelao in the Monte Sacro section of Rome, was chosen in the summer of 1948.

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# Prophets . . . True and False

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Sunday School Lesson for  
December 4, 1949  
Jeremiah 23-27

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Just what was a prophet?

He was one who fore-told future events, one divinely inspired. God's people had a prophet to whom they could look for guidance, since the days of Moses; One who was divinely inspired with God's message for His people; One upon whom they could rely as an authority in divine matters.

God has never left His people for long without a true prophet. But the arch-counterfeiter, the Devil, has kept up the supply of false prophets at the same time. Jeremiah had to defend his divine call to service and his inspired messages to Judah against false prophets; but so did Moses his predecessor; and so did the Apostle Paul centuries later; and without being extremists we can declare, so have Baptists for nearly two millenniums. Baptists are commonly known as a narrow-minded "sect" who still believe the Bible! Few people are ignorant enough in America to deny that the Bible teaches the doctrines to which Baptists cling—the marvel of the ages is that there is today a great body of people who believe, teach, and try to practice the "Thus saith the Lord."

## Variety of False Prophets

There seemed to be two schools of false prophets with whom Jeremiah had to deal: One was the religious politician. They were a group who found out what the people wanted, then catered to their desires. Nobody loves a message of woe such as Jeremiah had to deliver. Jeremiah's messages were repulsive to himself; it was his choice to warn Judah, it was a "must" in his life. When he delivered his soul of God's truth, it meant unpopularity for him, prison terms, and hardships unspeakable. But he had to do God's bidding. Not so with the false prophets. God's hand was not upon them. They had no warning to deliver, so their messages were pleasant to the ears, they promised peace and prosperity to Judah; they led the people to a false sense of security; their messages were invented to dispell gloom.

But the sad thing about these smooth tongued racketeers was that they even preached their un-inspired sermons in the name of Jehovah—"Jehovah hath said, Ye shall have peace — — —no evil shall come upon you." And the masses were only too anxious to believe the false rather than the true prophet. But can we say that

human nature has improved? Never has there been so much "religion" in the world as there is today. Never have men and women been more susceptible to false prophets and false doctrines than now. The scriptures and doctrines of the New Testament are badly perverted in their interpretations, but some sets even have their own false bibles and teeming thousands of deluded minds accept it as being authentic. The superstition and idolatry, and much that is propagated in the name of religion today would render Jeremiah speechless if he were returned to this so-called civilized world of ours. I suspect he would think the false prophets had carried on right well since his day.

The other school of false prophets contemporary with Jeremiah were not necessarily malicious and wicked; Hananiah in chapter 28 was of this type. Jeremiah listened to this prophet and said "Amen," to his prediction that Israel would break the bonds of her captors in two years—Jeremiah had no word from the Lord at that time, so he listened and said "Amen." But Hananiah had not received his message from God. He was merely fanning patriotic enthusiasm, he had ideas of his own with which God had nothing to do, and consequently, Hananiah died.

## False Prophets in Our Day

We are made to wonder if this is not the type of false prophet Jesus warns us of today in Matthew 7:15-23. In the day of judgment some shall say to Jesus, "We have prophesied—in Thy name; We have cast out devils—in Thy name; We have done many wonderful works—in Thy name." And Jesus does not deny their statement. But He must profess "I never knew you." The radio brings many messages into our homes of evil men who prophesy in HIS name. They are workers of "Righteousness." But God never promised to save the "righteous workers." He emphasized over and over that He came to save "sinners." If people would avail themselves of their privilege of studying God's revelation to men; If people would do their own thinking; If people would seek the correct interpretation of the Scriptures rather than listening to anybody who can quote a few Scriptures, they would not be so easily deceived.

The Omnipresence of God  
In Jeremiah 23:23 false teach-

ers are warned that God is everywhere. There are no secret places with Him, Whether one is a true or false prophet, he is ever in the very presence of God, and would do well to conduct himself accordingly.

As a physician explores the body with modern medical devices such as the horoscope, even so God explores the heart and mind of man. "His eyes runs to and fro throughout the earth, beholding the good and the evil." God is listening, He is listening, He is seeing, observing the ways of men. The false prophets of Jeremiah's day nor ours cannot steal their messages, use their tongues to deceive, make a racket of religion as many are doing, without one day learning:

## The Omnipotence of God

The Word of God is like a fire in judgment, and has the mighty crushing force of a hammer, Jeremiah 23:29. The golden text says, "He that hath my Word, let him speak my Word faithfully." It is a great responsibility to be a servant of God; how terrible it is to deceive and mislead humanity, as false prophets have always done. It will be a sad day when Jesus shall say, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity, I never knew you."

But all the responsibility is not upon the preacher. The masses are just as responsible for the way we hear. Though God's warnings seem

hard, we had better listen. Flatteries will soothe the senses of the people, but God's message is a positive one; Thank God, Baptists still cling to this inspired Book as our all sufficient rule of faith and practice.

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## Pastor Sparkman Reports On Christian Education

We have heard comments of fine praise for the report on Christian Education that Pastor Lloyd Sparkman of Pine Bluff brought to the Convention. His address was interesting and sublime. Brother Sparkman spoke out of his heart to our people in the interest of Christian Education, and the place of Christian Education in a great Christian denomination. Brother Sparkman is having a fruitful ministry in the Southside Church in Pine Bluff. This good church as grown marvelously under his leadership. It is becoming one of our great churches. They are now working on a large and beautiful auditorium that will seat some seven hundred people. During the last few years Brother Sparkman has had rich experience of grace in leading lost souls, and in some cases outcasts, to the Lord. These experiences have greatly enlarged his ministry. His report to the Convention on Christian Education and his direction of the entire program concerning our colleges was well done.

## Calendar of Activities for 1950

### January:

- 2-6 Bible Study Week
- 10-11 W.M.U. Leadership Conference, Central College
- 16-18 State-wide Evangelistic Conference, Little Rock
- 24 Meeting of Administration and Finance Committee
- 27-28 State B.S.U. Planning Conference.

### February:

- 2-3 State Vacation Bible School Conference
- 5 Religious Census by every Church
- 5-11 Young Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week
- 6-10 Sunday School Study Course Week
- 27-March 3 W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions
- 28 State W.M.U. Executive Board Meeting

### March:

- Training Union Study Course Month
  - Month for Associational-wide rallies for men in behalf of Simultaneous Crusade. Meetings sponsored by Brotherhood Department.
  - 3-5 Intermediate G.A. Conference, Central College
  - 17-18 State Training Union Convention, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock
  - 28 State Annual W.M.U. Executive Board meeting, Fort Smith
  - 28-30 State W.M.U. Annual meeting, Fort Smith
  - 28-April 1 Denominational and Leadership Conferences
  - 31-April 1 Youth and Junior Choir Festivals
- ### April:
- 2-8 Cottage Prayer Meetings sponsored by Brotherhood Department
  - 2-8 W.M.U. Week of Prayer and Visitation-Evangelism
  - 2-9 Youth Week (Training Union)

## 5,000 Extra

During October we received just a little more than \$50,000 for the Cooperative Program. We need \$55,000 for the month of November. We believe that the churches will give it. We received more in October than we did in September. Many churches are not on the budget plan of financing. Their offerings will be greater this month. If we can get the \$5,000 extra this month, and the \$5,000 extra next month we will be over the top for the year in the Cooperative Program budget.

When you read this paper Brother Treasurer it will be about the last day that you can send a check to us and get credit for it on the month of November. Our books will hold open until Monday morning, December 5, for your contribution. Please do not disappoint us.

- 4 Administration and Finance Committee Meeting
  - 9-23 Simultaneous Crusade
  - 24-26 Associational Missionaries Retreat
  - 28-30 State B.S.U. Spring Retreat
- ### May:
- 7-13 Girl's Auxiliary Focus Week
  - 7-14 Christian Home Week
  - 8-9 Southern W. M. U. Annual Meeting,
  - 9-12 Southern Baptist Convention, Chicago Chicago
- 23 State W.M.U. Executive Board Meeting
- ### June:
- Vacation Bible School Month
  - 5-10 G. A. Camp, Revenden Springs
  - 7-14 Ridgecrest Student Retreat
  - 12-17 R. A. Camp, Revenden Springs
  - 15-21 Y. W. A. Camp, Ridgecrest
  - 19-23 Rural Church Conference, Central College
  - 19-24 Intermediate R. A. Camp, Ferncliff
  - 25-July 2 Brotherhood Conference, Ravenden Springs
  - 25-July 2 Assembly, Ravenden Springs
  - 26-July 1 Junior R. A. Camp, Ferncliff
  - 30 Associational Moderators Conference
- ### July:
- 5-13 Arkansas Baptist State Assembly
  - 5-13 Brotherhood Conference, Siloam Springs
  - 8 Hymn Playing Tournament
  - 18 Administration and Finance Committee Meeting
  - 19 Executive Board Meeting
  - 31-August 5 Junior G. A. Camp, Ferncliff
- ### August:
- 3-10 Young Men's Mission Conference, Ridgecrest
  - 5-6 Y. W. A. House Party, Ferncliff
  - 6-12 Sunbeam Band Focus Week
  - 7-12 Intermediate G. A. Camp, Ferncliff
  - 10-16 W. M. U. Conference, Ridgecrest
  - 17-23 Southwide Brotherhood Conference at Ridgecrest

## Help Brother Faulkner

J. D. Faulkner of Greene County fell a few nights ago and broke his right thigh. He is in the hospital and the doctors say they will operate. He was visiting his son in Flint, Michigan when the accident occurred. Some time ago Mrs. Faulkner crossed the river and Brother Faulkner has been with his children since that time. He still counts Green County his home, but visits his children occasionally.

Brother Faulkner is perhaps the Dean of Baptist preachers in Arkansas. We do not remember his exact age, but he is around ninety years old. He preached on Sunday night before the accident occurred.

Brother Faulkner was a great Baptist stabilizer in the blustery years when a few Landmarks tried to raise so much trouble in Baptist ranks. It was his influence that kept so many of the Baptists on the beam in northeast Arkansas. On account of his age he has not had much activity in the ministry over the past few years. We seldom make a public appeal for anyone, but this is an exception. Brother Faulkner does not have employment on account of his age. He has no income, hence this appeal. Your contribution will be a good investment. You can send your money to his daughter, Mrs Sallie Dollins, Paragould, Arkansas, or to Reverend J. E. Hooker, 711 Walnut Avenue, Flint, Michigan. Tell them whom your contribution is for. His children have not asked for any help for him. We are writing this appeal without their knowledge.

### September:

- 2-4 W. M. U. Business Woman's Circle Conference, Ferncliff
- 5 Association Sunday School and Church Music Leadership Meeting
- 11 W. M. U. Season of Prayer for State Missions
- 17-22 Forty-two Associational Sunday School Rallies

### October:

- 8 Layman's Day
- 16-17 State Sunday School Convention
- 20-22 Baptist Student Union Convention
- 24 State W. M. U. Executive Board Meeting
- 28 Administration and Finance Committee Meeting
- 30 State Meeting for Associational Training Union Officers

### November:

- 5-11 Royal Ambassador Focus Week
- 6 R. A. Fellowship Supper
- 6-7 Brotherhood State Convention
- 6 Brotherhood Night
- 7-9 State Convention Meeting
- 27-28 Executive Board Meeting

### December:

- 3-15 Regional Brotherhood Meetings
- 3-8 Forty-two Associational Training Union Meetings
- 4-8 W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
- 31 Student Night at Christmas



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*Our Convention Goals—Like Kites—Reach for the Sky.*



# White and Negro Baptists Collaborate

By C. E. MATTHEWS

Southern Baptists are now faced with a golden opportunity to help solve one of our nation's most perplexing problems and, at the same time, tremendously extend the work of the Kingdom of God. We have reference to the acute interracial problem that exists in the United States and to the fact that Negro Baptists are now collaborating with Southern Baptists in the great simultaneous revival crusades west of the Mississippi River, April 9-23, 1950, and east of the Mississippi River, March 25-April 8, 1951.

On September 9, 1949, the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., meeting in the city of Los Angeles, California, voted to collaborate with Southern Baptists in the above crusades. Dr. D. V. Jemison of Alabama is its president, and Dr. E. W. Perry of Oklahoma, who spoke before the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City this year, is vice president. Dr. Perry was elected director of evangelism by his Convention. The Department of Evangelism of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., is sponsored by the Home Mission Board of that Convention. The corresponding secretary of their Home Mission Board is T. T. Lovelace of Chicago. This Convention has a total membership in its churches of four and one-half million. Since Dr. Perry has been elected the National Director of Evangelism, he has mailed a copy of the following program to 11,000 Negro Baptist preachers.

**NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS REVIVAL  
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## Plan of Promotion and Program of Operation

Each state west of the Mississippi River is to organize its own program of operation, selecting its state and associational director generals, and proceed at once to touch every pastor and church in the associations and state, urging them to side-track all other activities of their local program for this period from the first of April to the twenty-third, 1950, for the simultaneous revival.

## Week of Prayer and Consecration

From the first Sunday in April to the second should be a week of prayer, consecration and dedication. There should also be cottage prayer meetings. This should be preceded by a week of religious census taking in each neighborhood, giving the personal workers a definite objective at which to work. The week of prayer should be directed by the pastor, Brotherhood and Home Mission Society.

## Preaching—"As Ye Go, Preach"

Two full weeks of revival preaching and visitation in every church west of the Mississippi River, while the churches east of the Mississippi River engage in prayer for a great harvest, should stir America in the field of evangelism as she has not been stirred.

## A United Nationwide Service

April 23, 2:30 p. m., Central Standard Time

—All churches east and west of the Mississippi River are asked to assemble in their respective churches with a radio and listen to the broadcast of the Baptist Hour in a nation-wide hook-up by the Southern Baptist Convention. An invitation will be given at the close of the broadcast for the lost to confess Christ as Savior. This service is to be followed by baptism of all candidates, where it is practical.

Monday, April 24—All associational directors should have in hand full and complete reports of accessions: By letter—; by Christian experience—; by baptism—; total additions—to all churches—. A copy of this report should be mailed to the state director general and to the national director general of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, 511 N. E. Third Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

## Notice

BY ALL MEANS, where it is possible, have fellowship and co-operation simultaneously with white Baptist churches in your area. Daily devotions with them add stimulus, information, and inspiration. "We are workers together with the Lord, and members one of another." "We are God's husbandry."

There are probably more Baptists among Negroes in America than all other faiths combined. The plain simple gospel as preached and believed by Baptists meets with a greater response from Negroes than it does from any other race on earth. Communists and Catholics are both going all out in an effort to win the Negro. Baptists, regardless of color, have every advantage over both of these groups. A genuine Baptist, Negro or White, will never be a Communist or a Catholic. Baptists give no place in life to a totalitarian philosophy. Baptists are the most democratic people in this world; they are inherently democratic. They base their convictions on the democracy of the New Testament Christian and the New Testament church. Ritualism and idolatry are obnoxious to a real Baptist, for he believes in and enjoys a heartfelt religion. These facts obviously reveal why so many Negroes are Baptists.

## What Should White Baptists Do?

Here is our appeal. In the face of our opportunity, white Baptist pastors in every association where both races live should now, immediately meet with colored Baptist pastors and work out the most practical plan for collaboration possible. The general chairmen in each group should take the initiative in this NOW. Time is priceless; the hour has struck for God's people to do something before it is too late. Both races have worked in beautiful fellowship and collaboration in simultaneous crusades in Fort Worth, Texas; in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma; in Kansas City; and in other associations. If a Negro has Christ rightly related in his heart, he knows how to live among white people. When a white man has Jesus rightly related in his heart, he knows how to live where there are Negroes. Both races are here to stay until Jesus comes. Christ is the only answer to any and all problems that exist among all races on this earth.

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What one says when on his knees is of less importance than what he does when he arises.

# A Living Rebuttal

A Devotion by the Editor

"But now is Christ risen from the dead."

The resurrection of Jesus is His answer to all the critics and enemies of both His own life and ours.

He was accused of being an imposter. It was charged that He was in league with the Devil. He was branded as a fanatic playing upon the credulity of the people. It was claimed that His whole life and teachings were violently opposed to established truth and the religious hopes of the nation.

Christ's resurrection was the refutation of every charge brought against Him, the answer to every criticism, the rebuttal to every argument.

When those who opposed Jesus had exhausted their vocabulary in denouncing Him, when they had exhausted their hate in insults poured out upon Him, when they had exhausted their power by nailing Him to the cross and laying Him in the tomb, they had reached the end of their efforts. There was nothing more they could do. And then Jesus arose and walked forth a free, living person, glorified, resplendent in all His claims of life and power and grace. That was the answer, the rebuttal to everything that had been said or done against Him.

The same living, triumphant, and resplendent Christ has ever been the justification of the believer against the opposing forces of a sinful world. He is today the answer of the Christian heart to the carping critics of a materialistic age steeped in the infidelity of unbelief. We apologize to no one for our faith because that faith is fixed in the living Christ.

I have read somewhere the story of a woman, who, upon her death bed and to the dismay of her family and friends, remarked that it was just as absurd to believe that she would arise from the dead as to believe that a tree should grow out of her body. She died and was buried. Marble slabs marked the burial place. In the course of time a tiny sprig grew out of the grave. Year after year it grew larger and larger until at length, and by some freak of nature, its limbs wrapped themselves about the grave stones and lifted them literally out of place and held them suspended in the air as if in denial and defiance of the infidelity of the person buried there years before.

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." I Corinthians 15:19-20.

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## From the Editor's Desk

### The Arkansas Baptist State Convention

The recent State Convention was in many respects the greatest Convention we have attended in our eleven years in Arkansas, not excepting the Centennial Convention last year.

#### Spirit of Unity

There was manifested throughout the sessions of the Convention a spirit of unity. The Baptist forces of Arkansas are more solidly united in spirit and fellowship by reason of the recent Convention. These forces are united in one great program, in one great purpose, in faith and loyalty to one supreme Lord.

Because the hearts of Arkansas Baptists were fixed upon the objectives set before the disciples by Jesus, they moved in spirit and action toward one great goal, and united in prayer and purpose and method to achieve that goal—winning the lost to Christ at home and abroad.

#### Expanding Program

It seemed evident throughout the sessions of the Convention, judging from the reports presented to the Convention, that all the agencies and institutions fostered by Arkansas Baptists are vigorously promoting a comprehensive and an ever expanding program. Each department at Headquarters Building is facing the future with a holy ambition to render a greater service to the Lord in its particular field of activity.

Every institution of the state is making the greatest effort to meet the challenges of the present and prepare for the large opportunities of tomorrow. The horizons were pushed back and all the forces of the Convention are looking with eager eyes at the fields already white unto harvest, and are preparing to move into those fields at whatever sacrifice.

#### A Comprehensive Budget

The budget which was proposed by the Executive Board at its June meeting was revised upward in the Pre-Convention Board Meeting, and brought to the Convention with the recommendation that it be adopted. That budget, the largest in the history of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, was adopted and is presented to the Baptist constituency of the state with the full backing of all the agencies and institutions of the state, and, we believe, with the support of practically all the churches and pastors of the state.

A budget of \$1,016,666.67 looks tremendously large when viewed in the shadow of the difficulties and problems which will be encountered in raising that amount of money for the Lord, but it comes within the realm of easy possibility when viewed in the light of the promises and purposes and challenges and demands of our Lord.

"If the Lord delight in us, he will bring us into the land." Surely no one of us would deny that God has that amount of money in the pockets of Arkansas Baptists. He wants us to voluntarily and joyfully, as good stewards, bring His tithe into His storehouse. If we do that, we will discover that the budget

as fixed by the Convention is too small instead of too large.

#### Convention Sessions

Every session of the Convention sparkled with dynamic spiritual interest. There was not a single dull session during the entire Convention. Climax after climax was reached, and each seemed to ascend higher than the other.

Some of the greatest preaching ever heard in Arkansas was heard at the Convention. Every man who delivered a sermon seemed to be at his very best and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Doubtless it would be the conclusion of every person who attended the Convention that "surely the Lord was with us."

We believe that the spirit and power and inspiration and unity and purpose of the Convention will continue throughout the year in full force and that the 1950 Convention will find Arkansas Baptists more united and more determined to carry on this advance program than ever before.

We must, we will, advance with Christ through 1950.

### The 1950 Budget

Over a period of several months we have discussed in these columns the proposed 1950 budget. We have referred to the budget, as adopted by the State Convention, in this issue. But there is another word that we wish to say about this budget. We have urged our churches and pastors and agencies and institutions to give one hundred per cent co-operation in the promotion of the Cooperative Program budget.

We have discouraged designations which could not be channeled through the Cooperative Program budget. We believe that if the churches feel that they must designate certain amounts, those designations should be channeled through the Cooperative Program to the Capital Needs Budgets of the institutions. We will strengthen our unity and our co-operative spirit if our churches will channel all the contributions from the churches to the denominational program through the Cooperative Program, and apply every penny of their contributions on the Cooperative Program budget.

However, there is a great deal of money in Baptist hands which we cannot get through the Cooperative Program. There is money in the hands of many members of most churches that cannot be gotten into the regular church budget or the denominational budget. Much of this money is in large amounts. Our pastors and church leaders should be prospecting for these caches of money in the possession of our Baptist people. Our institutions and agencies should be continuously prospecting for this money.

Many individuals will give sums of money for particular purposes who will not give that

## Convention Officers

### Past and Present

We believe that we speak the sentiments of Arkansas Baptists in expressing appreciation for the efficient, fair, and untiring service of the past officers of the Convention and pledging our understanding and our co-operation to the present officers.

Past President E. C. Brown of Blytheville, distinguished himself in presiding over the sessions of the 1948 and 1949 sessions of the Convention in fairness and consideration for every person and every issue brought before the body. He gave generously of his time and his best thought to Convention affairs.

Vice presidents, L. A. Sparkman of Pine Bluff, and Clyde Hart of Hot Springs, gave President Brown loyal support and were on hand to relieve him when called upon to take the chair.

The new president, T. H. Jordan of Van Buren, deserves and has every right to expect the unqualified support of all Arkansas Baptists. Baptist affairs are not new or strange to T. H. Jordan and the responsibilities of the Convention presidency fall upon strong and proven shoulders in the person of Dr. Jordan.

Vice presidents, C. Z. Holland of Jonesboro, and A. F. Muncy of Wilson, are capable men and thoroughly qualified in training and in spirit, to hold up the hands of President Jordan.

W. Dawson King, recording secretary, one of the most diligent, consecrated, and efficient denominational servants, was on the job continuously during the Convention and was ready with his gracious helpfulness both to the officers of the Convention and committee members, and anyone else who needed him. We shall look forward to the minutes of the Convention, penned and arranged by Dawson King.

Dr. Ben L. Bridges, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, whose tenure of office reaches back through more than a decade, gave of himself unsparingly to the Convention sessions, and in co-operation with the officers and all committees and visiting speakers. Dr. Bridges challenged the Convention and Arkansas Baptists to meet the opportunities provided in the Advanced Program as represented in the Cooperative Program and the 1950 Arkansas Budget.

Surely all our churches will follow our executive secretary-treasurer as he directs the Advanced Program in Arkansas, supported as he is by all the agencies and institutions of the Convention.

money through the regular channels.

The Arkansas Baptist Foundation was established to receive gifts, bequests, and legacies. Surely we ought to have a man on the field to lead in this great project. Such a man could be given leads to certain financial resources by pastors and laymen and all interested persons throughout the state.

Brethren, let us channel all our gifts, designated or not, through the Cooperative Program to be applied on the 1950 Cooperative Program Budget, and let us not pass by this other possibility of securing vast sums of money for the Lord.



# Kingdom Progress

## Minister Ordained

Frank Spencer Jr. was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, Sunday evening, October 30. Immediately following his ordination he baptized two persons who had come from the Longview Mission, which is sponsored by the Immanuel Church.

Mr. Spencer is a graduate of Ouachita College, and will enter a theological seminary as soon as he is released from the armed forces. It is not definite yet which seminary he will attend.

## "Prove Me Hour" Series Heard On 125 Stations

Every set of "Prove Me Hour" transcriptions produced by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention for the Convention's Executive Committee have already been scheduled by radio stations, according to Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Commission. The 125 stations now carrying these broadcasts are scattered throughout 18 of the Convention states.

Produced to show the need of individual stewardship, the program is aimed at increased Christian missions throughout the world. Among the six 15-minute transcriptions are messages by Robert G. Lee, R. C. Campbell, J. Clyde Turner, and Duke K. McCall, also a dramatized stewardship presentation, and a series of testimonies given by outstanding Baptist laymen, including W. Maxey Jarman and others.

The First Church of Paris and Pastor Don Hook had the services of Dr. Otto Whitington, preacher, and D. O. Stucky of Almyra, singer, in revival services recently. There were twenty-three additions to the church by baptism, and nine by letter, statement, and restoration. Two young women surrendered for special Christian service: Miss Patricia Featherston and Dolores Gaston. One young man, Joe Davis, a veteran, surrendered to the ministry.

## No Members Yet: But Church Opens

A church with no new members and no steps, but with a brand new \$32,000 building and a pastor, opened its doors here on a recent Sunday morning. It is the Mayflower Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and brainchild of Dr. I. L. Yearby and of Trinity Baptist Church, its sponsor until it becomes self supporting. Hollis R. Morris is the pastor.

## Help Is Needed

"Mail receipts for year around Baptist Hour! Far below expenses thus far. Essential to overcome. Must reach December 31 with no deficit. We appeal to every Baptist for prayer, spiritual and financial support. Please enlist your friends and make this broadcast a success."

Southern Baptist Radio Commission  
Baptist Radio Center  
Atlanta 6, Georgia

## Educational Building Dedicated

First Church, Waldron, Vernon E. Yarbrough, pastor, dedicated their new Educational Building in a Homecoming service, Sunday, November 13. Dr. Ben L. Bridges conducted the service. The new building is a three story brick veneer adjoining the main building. Lunch was served at noon.

A. B. T. U. enlargement campaign was launched by the Central Church, Hot Springs, Sunday, November 13. E. W. Westmoreland, State Sunday School Secretary in Oklahoma, taught the adult class with one-hundred enrolled; Mr. Dick Carson led the young people with thirty-two enrolled; the intermediates were taught by Mrs. Lena Smith and Mr. Jeff Newkirk, with thirty enrolled; Mrs. Turl Muse and Mrs. Dick Carson taught in the junior department with thirty enrolled; Mrs. James Causey and Mrs. Joe Zahalka led the Story Hour with twenty-seven enrolled.

Mrs. H. A. Burch is Training Union director, and Clyde Hart is pastor of the church.

Roy Adams has accepted the call to become the pastor of New Hope Church, Wattensaw. His last pastorate was at Arkadelphia.

The First Church of Brinkley and Pastor H. L. Lipford had the services of Pastor H. A. Elledge of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, and Riley Keltner of Fort Smith in revival services November 6-13.

There were thirteen additions to the church by baptism, and two by letter. Both Mr. Elledge and Mr. Keltner were reared in Brinkley and were former members of the Brinkley Church.

Pastor E. A. Sherry of the Berry Baptist Church, Springdale, was in a revival meeting at the Winslow Church, November 14-20. There were nine additions to the church by baptism, and two re-dedications. The Winslow Church is at present without a pastor.

The students and faculty of Central College contributed fifty dollars as their Thanksgiving offering to Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello. The offering was delivered directly to Mr. Seefeldt, superintendent, by Alfred Mullins, ministerial student at Central, and pastor of West Side Church, Pine Bluff.

## Refugees Flood Western Berlin

"Between 400 and 500 refugees arrive in the American sector of Berlin every day . . . They cannot possibly be moved out as rapidly as they are coming in." Thus reports John H. Deutschlander, Berlin representative of Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief to C.R.A.L.O.G. (Council of Relief Agencies Licensed to Operate in Germany).

The refugees "are carefully screened by persons who have themselves been in the Eastern European countries, and are then moved out of Berlin as quickly as possible," said Mr. Deutschlander, who was in New York for a visit. "There still remains a tremendous job of providing food and clothing for the despairing and destitute millions in Europe, especially the refugees."

—Religious News Service.

## Pastor at Smackover

Dale F. Taylor, assistant business manager an accountant at Ouachita College, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Smackover.

Mr. Taylor is a native of Malvern, graduate of Ouachita College, and attended the University of Arkansas and Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

He has served in the pastorates of the following churches; Ozan, Manning, College Hill in Texarkana, and New Bethel Church near Princeton, Kentucky, which is one of the oldest Baptist Churches in Kentucky, having been organized in 1812.

Mrs. Taylor is the former Miss Modena Holt of Harrison; Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have one son, Robert Franklin, age 12.

## Dedication

Dedication services for recently completed buildings and those now under construction at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will be held during the week of the Annual Midwinter Conference and the Holland Foundation Lectures, February 6-10, Ralph D. Churchill, publicity director, has announced. Buildings to be dedicated include the three wings of the Memorial Building, Fleming Library, Scarbrough Hall, and Truett Auditorium. J. M. Price Hall, the Religious Education Building, will also be dedicated at that time.

## McCall Travels 4,460 Miles; Four Conventions in Three Days

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, appeared hale and hearty despite a strenuous four week tour climaxed with four speeches in four states in three days. His travel notes told this story:

Between the time he stepped off a plane in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and boarded another in Phoenix, Arizona, to return to Nashville, he traveled 4,460 miles by car. Among other things, he attended the annual Baptist conventions of New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Oregon; attended to business matters relative to establishing a Western assembly at Glorieta, the Golden Gate Seminary, and the 1951 Southern Baptist Convention meeting to be held in San Francisco; and visited a number of home mission projects, particularly Indian missions.

And then came the four speeches in three days. Following the Western tour, the executive secretary was back in Nashville for a few days of office work. But early the next week he left again—this time on a three-day trip to present the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists to the annual conventions of Baptists in Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, and Tennessee.

## World Mission View

The Foreign Mission Board reports that ninety-eight of its total staff of 200 missionaries in China are still in the Orient. There are twenty Southern Baptist missionaries in and near Canton, which was recently occupied by the Chinese Communists.

There are now thirty-eight missionaries under appointment to Japan, double the previous high figure. The Japanese Baptist Convention has asked that twenty Southern Baptist ministers spend a month in Japan next spring on a preaching mission.

The Board also appointed fourteen new missionaries to make the present total 704.



## Oregon Convention Extended Welcome by Southern Baptist Leaders

By R. E. MILAM

Southern Baptist leaders extended a welcome to the Baptist General Convention of Oregon, November 3-5 meeting in the First Baptist Church of Longview, Washington, a city of twenty thousand which had no Baptist church until Southern Baptists came, in their first annual convention meeting since recognition last May as a cooperating constituency by the Southern Baptist Convention.

This party of distinguished leaders consisted of Dr. Duke McCall, Mrs. George Martin, president of Southern W. M. U.; Dr. S. F. Dowis, Superintendent of Cooperative Missions and Dr. Fred A. McCaulley, Western Representative of the Home Mission Board; Hon. John W. McCall, Chairman of Executive Committee Baptist Brotherhood, and Mrs. John W. McCall; Mrs. L. L. Knight, President of Virginia W. M. U. and Roy Sutton, Assistant Executive-Secretary of Arizona.

Dr. Duke McCall as spokesman for Southern Baptists warmed the hearts of his hearers.

R. E. Milam was re-elected Executive-Secretary, Treasurer; H. C. Price, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Portland was elected President. The Home Mission Board has provided Roland P. Hood and C. C. Brown as missionaries.

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### Mission Day

Twenty theological students made life decisions at the Mission Day Program, October 19, at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Five educational workers and two music students made the same decisions. They dedicated their lives to the foreign mission field.

Harry Schweinberg, pioneer Southern Baptist missionary in Columbia, was speaker for the special day. He emphasized the need of preachers on our mission fields. Although Southern Baptists have 700 missionaries, only 200 of them are preachers, he pointed out. Recently returning from a survey of Venezuela and Ecuador, Schweinberg reported the Kingdom needs in those countries. He spoke of missionary opportunities for schools, hospitals, and most of all for churches.

"If we had preachers to evangelize and music leaders to build great music programs, we could lead whole nations to Christ in South America," he said.

Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Bryan, China; Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Glass, China; and Miss May Perry, Nigeria, missionaries who now live on Seminary Hill, also participated on the program. Dr. Cal Guy, professor of missions, was in charge of the program.

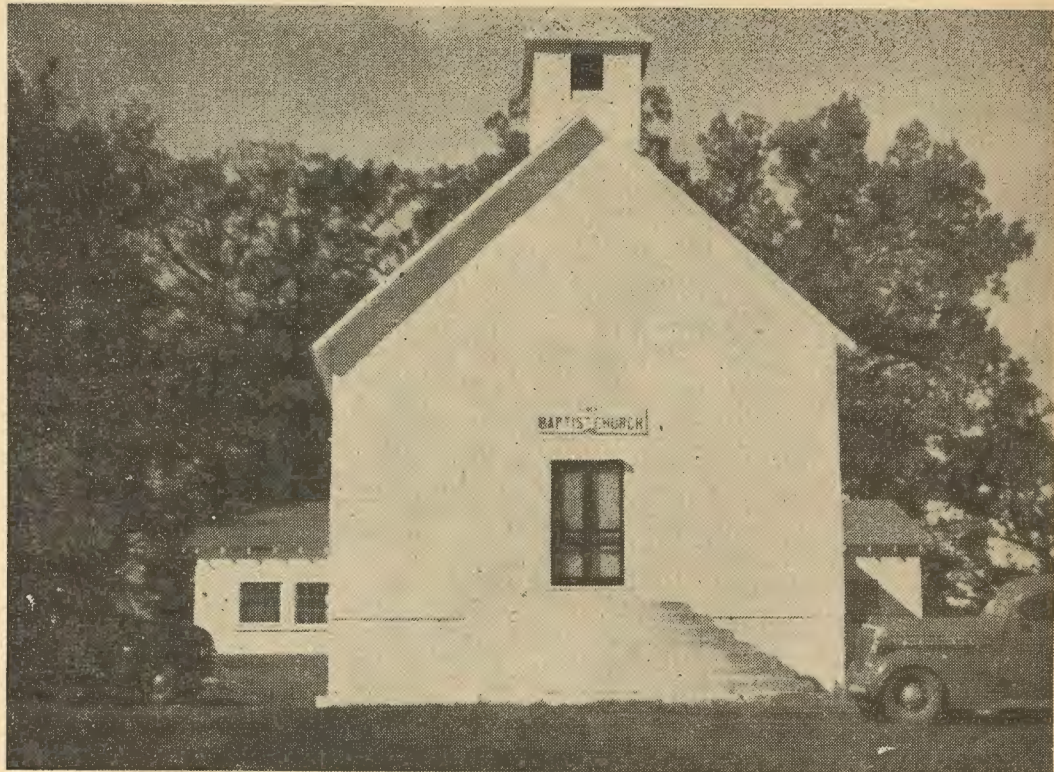
### Foreign Mission Advance

#### At Home and Abroad

The strength of the Advance Program lies in the fact that it is a program of advance for the entire Southern Baptist Convention. A tithing church membership committed to faithful stewardship and an equitable distribution of funds by local churches and the state conventions will automatically increase all Southern Baptist work.

This means that the whole Baptist program must be extended in order to extend the foreign mission program. It is sound policy. As the cords are lengthened, the stakes will be strengthened.

## Liberty Church Goes Forward



The Liberty Church, Dutch Mills, is progressing with a full time program, Theodore Atkinson, pastor. The Liberty Church was organized December 2, 1883, with 26 charter members who had received letters from the Vineyard Church.

In 1946 with a membership of 120, a new awakening was experienced by the church. Pastor A. J. Scott of Lincoln was invited to hold a two weeks revival. This revival resulted in launching the church on a progressive

program which is still growing. Many members were added to the church and at the end of the year the Liberty Church joined the Washington-Madison Association.

In 1947 the church started a movement to enlarge their church building, and added Sunday School facilities which resulted in the construction of five Sunday School rooms.

Pastor Atkinson moved on the field and has led the church in a progressive program. The membership now stands at 181.

### Alliance Needs \$125,000 For Relief Immediately

The Baptist World Alliance needs \$125,000 right now to carry on its relief work in Germany among the old people, the indigent, and the children, Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the BWA Relief Committee, has informed the Southern Baptist Relief Center.

"My recent statement concerning improved conditions in Germany has been interpreted in some quarters to mean that all relief activities are at an end in that country," Dr. Caudill advised Charles R. Gage, promotion director for Southern Baptist Convention relief. "Conditions in the western zone of Germany are definitely improved, but there is still a great need for relief in the Eastern Russian zone. The door is open and we are shipping everything we can into the Russian zone. Our plan to forward materials from Bremen and other points in Germany to the Russian zone has been approved by the German Baptists themselves," Dr. Caudill stated.

"Our big job in the western zone now is the operation of feeding stations for students, old people, and others who cannot help themselves. We have just spent \$15,000 for fats. It will take \$125,000 for us to maintain the three feeding stations in the western zone and the three in the eastern zone.

The money which we need so badly should be sent through the state office designated for relief or sent directly to the Baptist World Alliance in Washington, D. C.," Dr. Caudill emphasized.

### A Tribute To A Friend

By W. J. MORRIS

Little mention of his passing was found in the daily press. Since so much space in the daily papers is given to movie stars, baseball and football "celebrities," one wonders why so little mention is made of those who have contributed so much to the moral and spiritual welfare of the people.

He was never pastor of some of our great "First churches," although he has been pastor of some good churches in several states. He was one of those heroes about whom many in the world knew little, but of whom God knew much. I speak of C. L. Randall, who recently passed to his reward. It was a tribute to his faithfulness to our Christ and His cause that his funeral was held in the Merton Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, where he labored so faithfully as pastor.

I knew him personally and intimately for several years. Few preachers, if any, were ever more faithful to the cause of Christ than Brother Randall. He presented Christ as the only source of salvation. He condemned sin with all the power of his being. There was no compromise with Satan in his preaching or his life.

Brother Randall became ill while holding a meeting at Palestine, Arkansas. The pastor of that church, J. M. Hitt, told me at the Convention in Little Rock that the last song he ever sang was, "Some Time We'll Understand." In one of his messages he said, "When you hear that I have died, don't say 'he is dead,' but rather that he has just begun to live."



# The Arkansas Baptist State Convention

First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 15-17

By The Editor

(Continued from Last Week)

## Tuesday Night, November 15

Following a devotional service, led by Othar Smith of Conway, J. G. Cothran of Arkadelphia delivered a timely message on Courtship, Marriage, and Family Life. "Unless we save our homes for God," Dr. Cothran said, "we are not going to have homes worth saving." Dr. Cothran listed four necessities in building a Christian home: (1) "We must have two Christian young people. (2) These young people must love each other devotedly, sincerely. (3) God's Blue Print for building a home must be followed. (4) Link the home onto God through the church."

Mrs. F. H. Goodbar, State W.M.U. president, read the report on the Woman's Missionary Union, "Advancing With Christ Through the W. M. U.," Mrs. Goodbar reported that the total gifts to the Cooperative Program from the women of Arkansas amounted to \$114,919.16. Other special missionary gifts brought the total mission contributions of the W.M.U. organizations of the state to \$302,480.54. Local church expenses and other items not included in the mission offering totaled \$544,083.54, making a grand total for all causes contributed by the Baptist women of the state through their local organizations of \$846,564.08.

Mrs. Goodbar introduced Miss Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas W.M.U., and Miss Doris DeVault, Secretary of young peoples work. Miss Cooper spoke on Advancing With Christ Through the W.M.U., and then introduced Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary of Southern W.M.U. Miss Hunt reviewed the work of the W.M.U. throughout the south and pledged the women of Arkansas to greater achievements in the future.

Dr. M. Ray McKay read the report on Foreign Missions. Dr. McKay reported that the Foreign Mission Board now has 712 active missionaries who are assigned for service in twenty-four countries. They are located in approximately 120 strategic centers of the world, reaching out to great areas and vast populations through 2,000 churches and 3,000 preaching stations, with between 175,000 and 200,000 members. There are 2,500 Sunday Schools with 150,000 pupils in these mission churches and preaching stations; also 1,700 W.M.U. societies with 30,000 members. On our Foreign Mission fields there are eighteen theological institutions with 600 students, 474 academic schools, from kindergarden to university grades, with 49,608 pupils. The report stated that the over all operations of the Foreign Mission Board in 1950 will amount to a minimum of \$5,250,000.00. This amount is divided into two parts; Operating Budget, \$3,253,917.40; and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which in 1948 reached \$1,670,000. The goal of the Foreign Mission Board is \$10,000,000.00 per year and 1,750 missionaries on the field.

Dr. McKay introduced Dr. Frank Means, Director of Promotional Education of the Foreign Mission Board, who spoke to the Convention on the advance program of the Foreign Mission Board, and the things necessary if we make this program a reality. "We must continue to emphasize and stress tithing and stewardship," said Dr. Means, "and we will need to emphasize the 50-50 Church

Program." He urged that a worthy offering for special Cooperative Program needs be made in June, 1950, as proposed by the Southern Baptist Convention. "In 1950," said Dr. Means, "we must take the first steps in the achievement of this program."

Dr. McKay also introduced Dr. H. H. McMillan, who for thirty-six years served as a missionary in China, and who hopes to return to China as soon as conditions will permit. Dr. McMillan told thrilling stories of his work in China. He gave many illustrations to prove that in the darkest hours of our missionary work in China God led to even greater missionary opportunities and achievements.

## Wednesday Morning, November 16

D. C. Applegate, Paragould conducted the devotional service. Following the reading of the Journal, and miscellaneous business, office of the Convention were elected, resulting in the choice of: Dr. T. Hurley Jordan of Van Buren, President; Pastor C. Z. Hoiland of Jonesboro, First Vice President; Pastor A. F. Muncy of Wilson, Second Vice President; W. Dawson King of Little Rock, Recording Secretary, and Dr. B. L. Bridges of Little Rock, Secretary-Treasurer.

The report of the Executive Board was presented by Dr. T. H. Jordan and spoken to by Dr. B. L. Bridges. "We have occasion for thanksgiving," says the report, "and gratitude to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. This has been one of the best years and one of the most fruitful periods in the history of Arkansas Baptists." The report gave a summation of the work of all the departments fostered by the Executive Board and the institutions of the Convention. A significant item in the report of the Executive Board is that of the original indebtedness of the Convention in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 in 1931. It would require at this writing only \$139,000.00 to complete payment on the honor debt. A ten per cent payment of \$46,000 was made during the year, and the sum of \$10,000 is on hand at this time.

Included in the report of the Executive Board was the proposed budget for 1950 which was adopted by the Convention as recommended. Following is the adopted budget.

### For Operations, Preferred

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Administration                   | \$ 26,000.00        |
| Arkansas Baptist                 | 6,000.00            |
| Woman's Missionary Union         | 20,000.00           |
| Promotion and Convention         | 5,500.00            |
| Brotherhood Department           | 9,000.00            |
| Department of                    |                     |
| Religious Education              | 27,500.00           |
| Retirement Plan                  | 21,200.00           |
| Old debts                        | 30,000.00           |
| Office Building (Annual Payment) | 7,500.00            |
| History Commission               | 2,000.00            |
| Baptist Hospital                 |                     |
| (School of Nursing)              | 35,000.00           |
| State Missions                   | 60,000.00           |
| Ouachita College                 | 100,000.00          |
| Central College                  | 53,000.00           |
| Orphanage                        | 30,000.00           |
| Ministerial Education            | 1,800.00            |
| Emergency Reserve                | 9,500.00            |
| Baptist Foundation               | 5,500.00            |
| Southern Baptist College         | 23,000.00           |
| Camp Ground                      | 5,500.00            |
| <b>Total State Objects</b>       | <b>\$478,000.00</b> |

Southern Baptist Convention ---- 318,666.67

Total Operating Budget -----\$796,666.67

### For Capital Needs

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Ouachita College          | \$ 80,000.00 |
| Central College           | 50,000.00    |
| Southern Baptist College  | 20,000.00    |
| Orphanage                 | 20,000.00    |
| Arkansas Baptist Hospital | 50,000.00    |

Total for Capital Needs -----\$220,000.00

**GRAND TOTAL** -----\$1,016,666.67

Dr. I. L. Yearby brought the closing message of the morning session, speaking on "Hell." The vast audience was powerfully moved by the realistic, graphic, and scriptural discussion of Hell.

## Wednesday Afternoon

Pastor Don Hook of Paris conducted the devotional service, after which the report of the Department of Religious Education was given by Dr. Edgar Williamson, Director. The report gives a comprehensive review of the work of the Religious Education Department during the year. The Department includes Sunday School, Training Union, Baptist Student Union, and church music. Looking towards 1950, the Department is planning for enlargement in every department of the work, and challenges Arkansas Baptists to attempt the biggest task ever to challenge the churches. The report concludes in part: "Arkansas Baptists can accomplish the great objective set out for 1950, meeting the enlarged budget, the simultaneous evangelistic meetings, if Arkansas Baptists will see together, pray together, give together, and work together."

Dr. W. O. Vaught reported that more than 1,100 registered for the forty-third session of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs July 5-13, 1949. Definite decisions to serve the Lord in a better way were made by 791 persons and 182 young people volunteered for full time Christian service. Many of them stated definite calls to become missionaries, preachers, medical missionaries, music leaders, Christian workers in the church and the denomination. There were also many conversions during the sessions of the Assembly.

Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary, gave the report on the Brotherhood. He reported 197 church Brotherhoods in the state. Between 35 and 40 new Brotherhoods have been organized during the year. All but three of the 52 associations now have one or more Brotherhoods. Twenty-two associations have Associational Brotherhoods. "Through the direct evangelistic work of the department, there have been, since the 1948 Convention, 680 additions to Baptist churches, 538 coming by baptism. In other evangelistic efforts, where the department assisted in planning and general preparations, but with little or no direct work, there were 321 additions, 223 of them for baptism." Mr. Tull stated that the goal of the Brotherhood of the south for 1950 is, "a million men for Christ."

Mr. Tull said that the Brotherhood consists of "men who are willing to put their power, energies and resources together in the Lord's work. They are willing to follow the Bible, they are willing to pray, to learn; willing to make their families Christian; wil-



ling to establish family altars; willing to be engaged in personal soul winning. God's work feeds on men. Men must lead."

Ralph Douglas of Helena read the report of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage. The report shows that during the year the Orphanage has cared for an average of seventy children. These children take their places in the church and the schools and the community life of Monticello were the Orphanage is located. Some of them are outstanding in athletics. Others are members of the school band. The report states that for fifty-five years the home has provided love, shelter, food, and general care through the co-operative effort of Arkansas Baptists.

Superintendent H. C. Seefeldt expressed appreciation for the support which Arkansas Baptists have given the home, and also called attention to the fact that seventy-five per cent of the annual needs of the home is provided through special offerings, that is the Thanksgiving and Christmas Offering. More than \$400 was raised by special offering at the Convention for the purchase of a new car for the Orphanage.

The closing message of the afternoon session was delivered by Dr. James Landes, a native of Arkansas, and the present pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas. Dr. Landes, speaking on the "Atonement," insisted that there is no parallel in human life to the vicarious sacrifice of Jesus Christ. He pointed out, however, that all of life is vicarious. "The essential difference in the vicarious sacrifice of Christ and vicarious suffering of human life is explained by the person of Jesus Christ. In Him humanity was gathered up and fulfilled. In Him was God fully revealed. Back of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ was His incarnation." Dr. Landes insisted, however, that it is Christ who saves and not a theory. He insisted that the Christian faith has been kept by those men and women who were kept by the spirit of God. The dearth of power in Christianity today is due to our lack of love, lack of concern, and awful prayerlessness.

### Wednesday Night

The session was opened by a devotional service conducted by Dr. B. B. Sawyer of Fort Smith. Lloyd A. Sparkman of Pine Bluff presented the combined reports of the three Baptist colleges in Arkansas—Ouachita, Central, and Southern. "With these three colleges," says the report, "we can cover our territory. There is a combined enrolment in the three colleges of 1,608—625 in Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge; 698 in Ouachita College, Arkadelphia; 285 in Central College, North Little Rock.

The presidents of the three colleges addressed the Convention: Dr. H. E. Williams, Southern College; Dr. Irving M. Prince of Central, and Dr. S. W. Eubanks of Ouachita. Each spoke of the mission of his respective college in the over-all educational and missionary program of Arkansas Baptists and re-affirmed the loyalty of the colleges to the fundamental principles held dear by Baptists. Over and over it was stated that the colleges were committed to the high challenge of training our young people for the greatest service in the councils of our churches and our denomination. There was manifested the finest spirit of Christian fellowship, harmony, and co-operation among these schools.

The evening session was climaxed by a sermon by Dr. James Landes on the subject, "Repentance and Faith". Dr. Landes pointed out that for the first time in history leaders in all realms of life are fearful for the future

unless civilization finds spiritual resources sufficient to control character. Pointing to Christ as the only hope for a world deluged with secularism and communism, he insisted that we must experience a revival of genuine New Testament repentance and New Testament faith. The speaker held that New Testament repentance would go down to the roots of human life, transforming the mind, the emotions, and the will of mankind. He also pointed out that New Testament faith would give to the Christians of our world an urgency sufficient to save the day.

### Thursday Morning, November 17

The session was opened with a devotional service conducted by Pastor Lloyd A. Hunnicutt of Magnolia. Pastor Minor E. Cole of Forrest City gave the report on the work of our hospitals. It was reported that during the past year the Arkansas Baptist Hospital did \$58,119.59 worth of charity. The Mother's Day offering in May, 1949, totaled \$7,896.38. This offering is for charity purposes. The Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis is the largest non-government hospital in the south and the largest Baptist hospital in the world. Each year it treats 20,000 bed patients, and 15,000 out-patients. The Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, with 250 students, is the largest of any denominational hospital in the area of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Arkansas Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees has abandoned the idea of the proposed building program which was authorized two years ago at the Texarkana Convention which would add 200 beds to the present 300 bed capacity. In lieu of this expansion of hospital facilities the Board of Trustees asked for an authorization to borrow \$500,000 for the purpose of erecting a Medical Arts Building for use of the Doctors. The entire space of this building would be for rental purposes, and the revenue produced would go to pay off the indebtedness. The authorization was granted by the Convention.

Administrator John Gilbreath spoke of two special projects of the hospital during the past year—the Warren emergency, resulting from a disastrous storm, and the Polio emergency. The hospital offered its facilities to the wounded of the Warren area, and hospitalized many of the victims. When the Polio emergency developed the hospital converted the supply room and the adjoining chapel into an isolation ward for the polio victims.

The Relief and Annuity Board report was presented by L. E. Coleman. The report shows that the assets of the Board have increased from \$100,000.00 in 1918 to \$15,094,093.60 in 1948. During the year, 1948, the Board paid out \$237,252.09 in relief benefits and \$1,055,089.75 in annuity benefits. During the thirty years of its history the Board paid out a total of \$11,333,435.51. During 1948 the Board paid out \$8,036.22 to beneficiaries in Arkansas in relief payments. This was \$3,184.95 more than the Board received from Arkansas for relief purposes. As of November 1, 1949, 601 certificates have been issued in Arkansas. The report urges all ministers to participate in the annuity plan.

The report on Home Missions was presented by Dr. W. O. Vaught. The report points out that the number of active missionaries has increased from 435 as of May, 1943, to 740 at the present. For the past year Home Mission Board missionaries reported 34,000 baptisms. In addition to the regular missionaries, there was during the year an additional group of 287 student summer workers who gave three months service in practically all the states

of the Southern Baptist Convention. There were 40,336 copies of the Bible distributed by the Home Mission Board workers, and 1,776,704 pages of tracts. Mission Study Books sold by the bookstores totaled 127,000. The magazine, Southern Baptist Home Missions, has a circulation of 116,000.

Arkansas has shared in the work of the Home Mission Board in four distinct ways: Missionary and Mrs. Sam T. Mayo of the Home Mission Board have spent considerable time in Arkansas among the migrant labors particularly in the large labor camp located at Springdale. The Home Mission Board helps to support the associational and city mission program in Little Rock and Pulaski County, Dr. E. A. Ingram being the associational and city missionary. The Home Mission Board also has a part in the support and promotion of our state mission program, in addition to the student summer field workers.

One of the high hours of the Convention was experienced with the sermon on the Church by Dr. Otto Whittington. It is quite impossible to put the inspiration of this hour into writing. In a masterful way Dr. Whittington carried the audience, which packed the great auditorium of the Little Rock Church, along with him as he seemed to walk by the side of Christ and the disciples as they prepared the material, and built that prepared material into the Church of Christ. Dr. Whittington said that the material for building a church must be prepared beforehand, and that it must be built out of living material, people who have eternal life. Before one can be added to the church he must be born again, regenerated. He stated further that the church established by Jesus is a democratic body. To substantiate this statement he referred to the election of the seven deacons by the church in Jerusalem, and the election of Matthias to take the place of Judas as one of the apostles.

There are two church ordinances: Baptism, and the Lords' Supper, which preach atonement by the death and resurrection of Jesus. Dr. Whittington named pastor and deacons as the two officers of the New Testament Church. He said that the New Testament is the only place to find the origin, organization, ordinances, and officers of a New Testament Church. The first great heresy, he said, was infant baptism, which opened the gates for the world to come into the church.

### Thursday Afternoon

Pastor H. O. Malone of Lake Village conducted the devotional service. Thomas T. Holloway of Dallas, Texas, spoke on the work of the American Bible Society. In 1948 the society distributed at home and abroad nearly 10,000,000 volumes of scriptures. In its world emergency program 20,000,000 volumes of scriptures were distributed to service men, prisoners of war, displaced persons, and civilian populations in Europe and Asia. In 1948 Southern Baptist Churches gave \$106,739.00 to the Society.

The report of the Steering and Planning Commission was presented by E. P. J. Garrett, who reviewed the work of the Commission during the past year.

Pastor Reese Howard of Jonesboro presented the report on Social Service. He presented some startling figures which should challenge the attention of all Christian people. "61,000,000 men and women in the United States drink some form of alcoholic beverage. Of these, 3,250,000 are excessive drinkers, and 750,000 are chronic alcoholics." The report states that according to the Federal Security

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Administration there are 31 divorces for every 100 marriages.

A statement which should shame these churches which allow the practice is that "much of this (gambling) is sponsored under the guise of religion." Any religion which must resort to gambling in order to maintain itself is obviously not worth maintaining. The report is concluded by saying, "Southern Baptists have the remedy in their hearts and in their hands. In short, it is an experimental spiritual religion—experienced in the heart and practiced in the conduct."

Dr. B. L. Bridges reported on the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign. Dr. Bridges commended Dr. Otto Whittington, Marsh Whittington and Pastor Harvey Elledge, who at different times were employed to promote the Million Dollar Campaign. Dr. Bridges reported that \$515,942.01 has been received during the campaign and that \$232,883.59 has been remitted to the building committee of the college and to the architects and contractors. He reported that after paying campaign expenses, there is now on hand a total of \$182,824.03. The college needs \$105,000.00 more to complete payment on existing contracts. He also reported that the months emergency campaign for funds to replace Old Main, conducted by Pastor Clyde Hart of Hot Springs, resulted in a total of \$78,000.00. This sum, however, is not included in the Million Dollar Campaign. Since the campaign was started, four buildings have been erected—a boy's dormitory, a dormitory for married students, a mathematics building, and an infirmary. Two other buildings are now being erected—a science building, and a library. It was recommended that the churches take special offering on Sunday, December 11, for the Million Dollar Campaign.

Dr. J. G. Cottrhan presented the report on the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, emphasizing the opportunity which the foundation offers for investments in the Kingdom of our Lord which will live on after the donors have passed to their eternal rewards. Through such investments in the Foundation Arkansas Baptist institutions will be enabled to render an ever greater service to the Baptist constituency of the state and bring greater glory to the Lord.

### Thursday Night

The devotional service was under the direction of Pastor Russell Duffer. Pastor Ralph Dodd presented the report on Baptist Relief and Displaced Persons. The report states that there are 800,000 displaced persons in the camps of Europe which are operated by the International Refugee Organization of the United Nations. The conditions under which these people are living have been described as a "clean replica of concentration camps." The report urges Baptist churches to consider the resettlement of DP families and says, "no church is too small to re-settle at least one DP family." Individuals may also re-settle these DP families. Application forms may be secured from Charles R. Gage, Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, Louisiana.

Thirty-seven families have already been settled in Arkansas.

Pastor T. K. Rucker of Malvern presented the State Missions report, emphasizing the vastness of the State Mission field. The report states that there are 25,600 people in Arkansas of foreign or mixed parentage, 842,578 Negroes, and a total of 1,250,000 lost

people in Arkansas. To meet the missionary challenge in Arkansas there are 1,002 churches with a total of 214,704 members, and 581 pastors. There are 12 district associations, and 36 associational missionaries. There are 965 Sunday School superintendents, 10,000 Sunday School teachers, 600 Training Union directors, and 6,000 Training Union leaders and sponsors.

The State Mission Department, with Dr. C. W. Caldwell as superintendent, has three rural evangelists; M. E. Wiles, A. B. Hill, and D. C. Bandy, and one pioneer missionary H. M. Robinson. The report states that since 1941, 134 new churches have been organized in Arkansas and that the number of full time churches has increased from 361 in 1945 to 463 in 1948.

Speaking to the report, Dr. C. W. Caldwell reviewed the work of the Department of Missions and showed a film which illustrated the work of the Department at the T. B. Sanatorium at Booneville, C. W. Finch, Chaplain, and the Mexican mission in the southern part of the state.

Rural Evangelist D. C. Bandy read the report on Evangelism. This report calls attention to the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign in all the churches west of the Mississippi River April 9-23, 1950. The Department of Missions has been charged with the responsibility of leading this crusade in Arkansas. In preparation for the crusade, the report recommends that each association be organized to promote evangelism, that each church elect a committee on evangelism, that each church and each association be urged to co-operate in the crusade.

The great Convention audience thrilled to the final message on Thursday night, delivered by Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Grey's subject was "Together," from the text: "All that believed were together, and had all things common." Acts 2:44.

"As we think of that larger fellowship," Dr. Grey said, "in our Southern Baptist Convention, with 26,822 independent, sovereign churches, with a membership of 6,491,981 born again, blood-washed, baptized believers, one word above all others needs to be upon our hearts and in our minds—Together.

We should be "Together in Doctrine and Devotion," said Dr. Grey; and, speaking of the early disciples on the day of Pentecost where 3,000 souls were converted he quoted: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine."

He emphasized the need for unity of faith in and the proclamation of the great doctrine of the Bible. "The rank and file of our Southern Baptist people are together in doctrine," he said.

Next, we should be "Together in Prayer and Fellowship." Continuing Dr. Grey said: "Let us keep the word 'together' in bold face type when we write the story of our Southern Baptist fellowship. We Southern Baptists are always the marvel of, and often the envy of, some of our evangelical brethren. They cannot understand how six and a half million Baptists working through 26,000 churches stay together and make the progress which we have made these 104 years of our Convention work. Here we are without any centralized authority with any ecclesiastical dictatorship, without any 'cabinet of bishops' and yet we continue to grow by leaps and bounds and to increase our program of giving the Gospel of Christ to the world. The answer to how we do it is a simple word; it is the one word of

our text, 'together'. The spirit of voluntary co-operation has characterized our Baptist people and has been the genius of our work. Let us keep it so.

"As Southern Baptists continue to stay together, our brethren in each section need to have a courteous and considerate attitude toward our brethren in other sections."

Staying close by his text, Dr. Grey said we should be "Together in Worship and Witnessing:" "And they, continued daily with one accord in the temple."

As we face the great Simultaneous Revival in April, 1950, in winning souls to Christ let us keep in mind as we stay "together" in witnessing, the great "program of Pentecost."

As we think of that "program of Pentecost," we see that there are three things that were done as the early church was "together." First everybody prayed. Second, everybody witnessed. Third, a man stood up and preached. If we would be resultful in our work of winning souls, we must follow this program. Let us call ourselves back to consider how we can win men to Christ, how we can evangelize."

Finally, we should be "Together in Sacrifice and Surrender," he said.

"Our glorious Cooperative Program is one of the greatest plans for staying together that we can possibly think of. It is rooted in the example of the early church. It gives to every church and to every Baptist an opportunity of sharing in everything dear to the heart of our Saviour and every cause which we Baptists propose to advance. We do not simply give to the Cooperative Program; we give through the Cooperative Program to the worldwide causes dear to the heart of our Savior. The challenging program of Arkansas Baptists and Southern Baptists for 1950 calls for the best in sacrifice giving and in surrender of self and substance of all our people.

"We will stay together as we stay united in a great task, as we work together, as we serve together, as we sacrifice together. There is no place, there is no time, there is no occasion for drifting apart. Consecrated to our Christ and united in this great cause will keep us together. We are truly 'laborers together with God.'"

## Convention Weather

Another evidence of the Lord's smiles upon the recent State Convention was the ideal weather which prevailed throughout its sessions, and still continues at this writing. We do not recall ever before attending a State Convention that it did not rain sometime during the sessions.

Surely every person who attended the Convention is thankful to God for the glorious weather which He provided, as well as for the cloudless spiritual atmosphere of the Convention.

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DR. R. G. LEE, Preacher

December 4, 1949

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## Europe Needs Our Help

By O. K. ARMSTRONG

Here at the new Baptist Seminary in Zurich, I have been talking at length with Dr. Jesse D. Franks, the man who recommended the beautiful site for this institution to our Foreign Mission Board, and who serves not only the seminary but all Baptists as liaison man for relief in Europe.

"With partial recovery from the war, is relief still needed?" I asked.

Dr. Franks answered: "While conditions are much better than before, the needs are still great. We wonder how permanent the improvement is. The shot in the arm which the Marshall Plan and other political and economic measures have given the economy of Europe will continue to produce signs of new life as long as the stimulation is given. But when American aid ceases—what will happen? Many wiser ones think, I believe, that widespread hunger and other distress may stalk the land."

Any observer in the war areas of Europe knows this is true. Our relief work must continue. The old people, the children, the growing numbers of unemployed, the sick—all must be helped. Every week, Dr. Franks receives new appeals for various kinds of medicines from Baptists who are ill. This number is largest in the Balkans, the little nations behind the Soviet iron curtain. The war left millions of victims of tuberculosis. Streptomycin and other remedies are greatly needed.

Baptists students require our continued aid. They are better fed and clothed than they were last year, but most of them have no money for the necessary board, room rent, tuition, and other student fees. Among the

## Disciples of Christ and Northern Baptists

The International Convention of the Disciples of Christ, at centennial sessions in Cincinnati, Ohio, went on record as favoring ultimate merger in 1955 with the Northern Baptist Convention, and recommended the interchange of Baptist and Disciples clergymen, interchange of ministerial students, exchange of seminary professors, carrying out of joint projects by local churches of the two denominations, and union of congregations of Baptist and Disciples in local communities.

The Convention went on record as opposing "radio and television advertising of alcoholic liquors, and voted to transmit its action to major radio and television networks, and to ask congressional representatives to support the Langer Senate Bill Number S-1847 to prohibit such advertising.

"The problem of alcoholic drink is growing in its effect in drunkenness, debauchery, traf-

thirty theological students at Zurich, not one is able to pay his own expenses. Five are being partially supported by Baptists groups in Europe or America.

What a glorious thing it would be if numbers of Baptist churches in the United States would underwrite the cost of food, books, clothing, for dormitory students at this seminary and also in special training for religious leadership all over Europe!

Truly, Baptists are on the march for the Lord in Europe today. But more than half of our struggling congregations need new church buildings or repairs for their meeting places. Here is relief of a permanent nature.

Whether for individuals, families or churches, the great heart of Christian America must still respond to the needs of Europe.

fic accidents, and crime," the resolution stated. "The liquor industry increases the problems by a constant and effective program of advertising. This advertising on radio and television, sponsoring sports and other popular programs, takes those appeals into millions of homes and to children, youths and adults."

A separate resolution noted the Convention's "deep satisfaction in the action of the people of Oklahoma in rejecting by a decisive vote the proposal to repeal that state's prohibition amendment."

The Convention also favored the enactment of legislation to provide federal assistance to public school education, provided the law was so worded that use of public funds for private, parochial or sectarian schools would be prohibited.

A Convention resolution supported the principle that all children of the nation were entitled to education in public schools and that those who preferred some other type of education should bear the expense of it, rather than demand a share of public funds.

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### Let Me Hold Lightly

Let me hold lightly things of this earth;  
Transient treasures, what are they worth?  
Moths can corrupt them, rust can decay—  
All their bright beauty gone in a day;  
Let me hold lightly temporal things,  
I, who am deathless, I who have wings.

Let me hold fast, Lord, things of the skies;  
Quicken my vision, open my eyes!  
Show me Thy riches, glory and grace  
Boundless as time is, endless as space!  
Let me hold lightly things that are mine—  
Lord, Thou hast given me all that is Thine!

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## Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, *Superintendent*

### Brotherhood Report to Convention

The program of activities of the Brotherhood Department during 1949 has been a continuation of the promotion of CONSECRATION, STEWARDSHIP, and EVANGELISM among the Baptist men and the Baptist churches of Arkansas.

There are now, as of record on November 12, 1949, one hundred ninety-seven church Brotherhoods in our state. This means that 35 to 40 new Brotherhoods have been organized during the year. All but three of the 42 associations now have one or more church Brotherhoods. Twenty-two of our associations have associational Brotherhoods.

During the year there has been an accelerated stewardship emphasis in the work of the Department. Stewardship and the Cooperative Program have been promoted through Brotherhood meetings (church, associational, regional, and state), through stewardship rallies, through workers' conferences, and other associational meetings.

Some of the particular activities of the Department, during the year, are as follows:

1. The promotion of three series of Regional Brotherhood Tours, which included fifteen mass-meetings of men in the various districts of our state. These meetings were well attended by representative groups of men from hundreds of our churches.

2. The beginning and practical completion of a Brotherhood guide-book. This department has worked with other state Brotherhood departments and the Baptist Brotherhood of the South to produce an acutely needed book on Brotherhood methods, activities and procedures. The "Brotherhood Guide-Book" will be published in the near future.

3. The production of two special tracts, one on "Suggested Brotherhood Committee Activities," and the other on "Essential Steps in Personal Soul-Winning." Both of these tracts have been well received over the state and the Southland.

4. The holding of the annual Brotherhood Conference at Siloam Springs Assembly. The 1949 conference was one of the very best, and was attended by an average of about 90 men.

5. The promotion of Layman's Day, on October 9. Layman's Day is observed annually on the second Sunday in October.

6. The promotion of Brotherhood Night, on the eve of the Convention. This meeting, held annually, has been for some years the largest gathering of Baptist men in the state. Brotherhood Night makes a large and distinct contribution towards everything that our churches and denomination are endeavoring to bring to pass.

7. The planning of a goodly number of Brotherhood revivals and other evangelistic efforts. The Department has assisted directly in some of these meetings, and has helped in the planning of others.

Through the direct evangelistic work of the Department there have been, since the 1948 Convention, 680 additions to Baptist churches, 538 coming by baptism. In other evangelistic efforts, where the Department assisted in planning and general preparations, but with little or no direct work, there were 321 additions, 223 of them for baptism.

Thus we praise God that during the Convention year the Department has had some part in reaching 1001 people for church membership, and that 761 of these have come on profession of faith and baptism.

Included in the above report is a simultaneous Brotherhood revival, held in Mississippi County Association. Seventeen churches and one mission participated. The Lord gave 297 additions, 219 for baptism.

The Brotherhood Secretary has been extremely busy during the year. He has not been able to answer all calls, but has done what he could.

During the year the Secretary visited about 85 churches; went to seventeen annual associational meetings; spoke nearly 350 times; travelled approximately 24,500 miles; turned in to the Department more than \$1800 in honorariums and expense refunds; tried to win personally to Christ about 668 men, women, boys and girls.

It is from the depths of humility and gratitude to God that the Brotherhood Secretary makes known the last fact stated above. **That's Brotherhood Work!** Brotherhood work is centered in evangelism, and stems out from evangelism. It IS evangelism! Consecration makes stewardship possible. Stewardship, developed, is evangelism.

CONSECRATION, STEWARDSHIP and EVANGELISM: **That's Brotherhood Work!**

### More Mission Stations

"That picture on Local Mission Stations gave me an inspiration," said a pastor during the recent State Convention. He went on to say, "The town where I am a pastor is rather small, but there are about twenty-five families which will not come to our church although they are Baptist possibilities, so I think I will go back and start a mission for them."

I told him that if he didn't do it that some other group such as the Assembly of God would. Then he remarked, "They have already been going there but right now the Assembly of God is at a low ebb and the opportunity is open to us."

What has your church done to reach the neglected areas nearby?

#### Crusade Committees

The associational directors and organizers for the 1950 Crusade have been elected, but what about the various committees? The time is passing and these committees should begin their work. The first step toward the Simultaneous Revivals begins with a study of the book of Acts the first week in January. So, all committees should be appointed and they should meet for a study of their duties and then set up their plan of work. In times past a few associations have undertaken simultaneous revivals without the proper preparation and the results were not very encouraging. But where thorough preparation has been made, proper publicity given, rallies held, and fellowship meetings for pastors and evangelists, the results have been outstanding.

#### Remember Your Missionary

Your associational missionary should be remembered this coming Christmas. The majority of the churches and individual church members usually remember their pastors and endeavor to show their love and appreciation for them with various gifts. But who thinks about the missionary? He has been serving in the interest of all the churches in the association. Why not do something nice for him next Christmas? It would be a wonderful thing for each church to send him and his family a gift of some sort.

#### 1950 Engagements

If you think that you might need the services of any of the employees of the Mission Department during 1950 you should write now for an engagement. The evangelists as well as the Superintendent are rapidly filling their schedule. All are engaged for the period of the Crusade, April 9-23, but some dates are still open for the rest of the year.

#### Movie Films

The Department of Missions now has three sound films which may be used in any church where projection equipment is available. Two other films will have sound equipment placed on them soon, and will also be at your disposal. Churches should plan a Visual Aid program for the entire year and schedule the films to be shown.

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### New Auditorium at Magnolia

Central Church, Magnolia, Loyd L. Hunnicutt, pastor, observed ground-breaking ceremonies on October 9 for the construction of a new auditorium. The program was presided over by the pastor and broadcast over the local radio station. W. M. Jones, the senior deacon and a charter member of the church, was named by the church to break the ground. Mr. Jones officiated in this same capacity in the beginning of construction of the present auditorium 41 years ago. A brief church history was given by Mrs. W. M. Jones, charter member of the church, and pledges of support were made by the heads of the different organizations of the church.

The new auditorium, which will be of Gothic design, will have a seating capacity of 850. The plans include a spacious vestibule, two large meeting rooms, church office, pastor's study, choir room, dressing rooms for the baptistry, four rest rooms, flower arrangement room, and a central heating and cooling system. The edifice will be constructed of dark brick with Austin cut-stone trim. A triple arch over the driveway along the west side of the educational building will join that structure to the new auditorium.



# To Acquaint Arkansas Baptists With Their Home For Homeless Children

HAROLD C. SEEFELDT, *Superintendent*

1949 REPORT

C. C. SMITH, *Chairman of Board*

Your Superintendent is making a report of his first year's stewardship in charge of your Orphanage in Monticello.

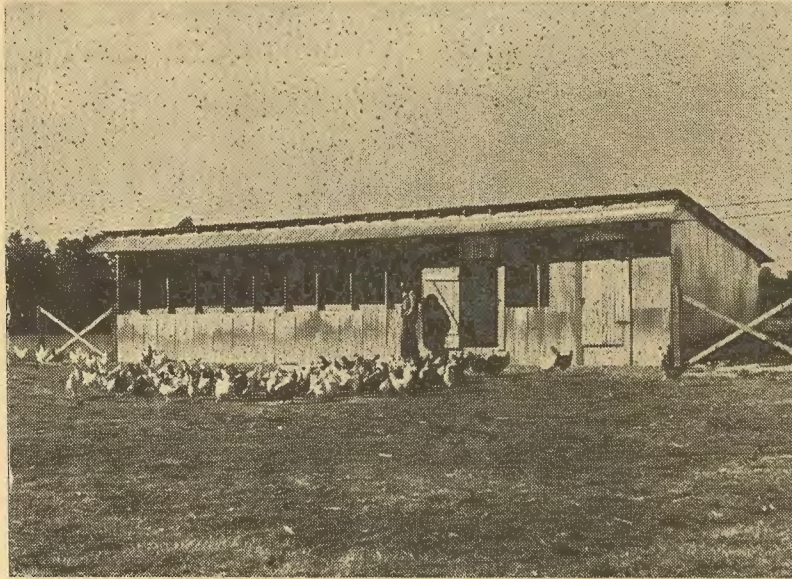
## Our Sincere Appreciation

We want to express our sincere appreciation for the fine way in which Arkansas Baptists have been opening up their hearts in supporting our Home for homeless children. The response from churches and friends has been most heartening. All too many of us have taken the Orphanage for granted, as a part of our Cooperative Program, and did not realize that although it is included in the Cooperative Program, the amount given through the Cooperative Program is only a part of the support needed. We were surprised, having come from a pastorate last year, to find that only about 25 per cent of our support came through the Cooperative Program, leaving 75 per cent to come from special offerings, food, feed, clothing and equipment. For the year ending October 1, 1949, we find that for each dollar that came through the Cooperative Program, a little better than \$2 came through special gifts, through the Little Rock office and direct to the Home. This would appear to show that one-third of our support comes through the Cooperative Program, and does not take into consideration the food, feed, clothing and equipment that is sent direct to the Home, and not handled through the books, which I think will justify the statement that 75 per cent of the support of the Home this past year came outside of the Cooperative Program gifts.

## Wise Stewardship

During this past year we have tried to use the money placed in our care as wisely as possible, in cleaning up the buildings, painting, and repairing.

We have converted the upper floor of the storage building into comfortable quarters for the Farm Manager and his family. We have provided a chicken house. We have increased the herd of milk cows to provide milk for the children, and beef cattle and pigs to provide meat. We have planted fruit trees. Fences have been provided and general improvements made, as far as we had money to go. Our funds ran out in June and we have been living by faith, depending largely upon the amounts received each month from the Cooperative Program and gifts coming directly to the



Your Superintendent has endeavored to give you some ideas about your Orphanage through the variety of pictures furnished in recent issues of the *Arkansas Baptist*. The above is a view of the chickens owned by the Orphanage.

Home, but working on a cash basis. We are depending on the Thanksgiving Offering to take care of such bills payable as we have on hand at present.

## Financially Speaking

Please bear in mind that as we care for an average of around 70 children, we must maintain a family of around 85, and it might be interesting to know that during this last year our utility bills totaled \$3,441.25; food bill \$7,618.03, which looks like it is considerably less than last year's report. This of course is in addition to what was sent in; clothing \$3,963.78, in addition to clothing sent in; school supplies \$463.62; medical expense \$746.98, in spite of the kindness of the doctors in Monticello and Little Rock. And our Baptist Hospital in Little Rock has been most considerate. The Hospital makes no charge for the care of a child. Our only expense being transportation; the laundry and cleaning bills amounted to \$1,268, in addition to colored help used in the Home.

## Well-Rounded Program

During this past year, thirty-seven children have made a profession of faith, or have come into the First Church of Monticello, by letter. They all attend Church, Sunday school, Training Union and a number are enlisted in the W. M. U. organization. All our children, except two, who are too young, are enrolled in the public school,—twenty-six in high school

and the others in the elementary school. The high school children carry their lunches and the elementary children are brought home for lunch.

Our children take their places in church, school and community life. Several of them are quite outstanding in athletics, several take piano, and some are in the school band.

A number of our children are enrolled in 4-H work and our boys received 108 points in the local County Fair on cows, calves, chickens and pigs entered. Two of our boys were in the top four of the county in the State Judging Contest and were sent to Little Rock where they competed with boys from over the State and remained in the top four. One of these will represent Arkansas in Chicago.

It has been most difficult to secure sufficient efficient help, which has made the load on the present staff very heavy. We ask that you join us in prayer that God will give us the needed help and that you will provide the necessary funds.

## Things Especially Needed

The tractor needs to be overhauled, more fencing needs to be done. It would help us greatly if we had a hay baler and a manure spreader, as new equipment.

Caroline Association has made possible a new truck. But \$566 is needed to take care of heavier tires, taxes, and provide a body for the truck.

We would appreciate getting calves, cows, pigs, chickens or rabbits. We will be grateful for all kinds of food, fresh and canned, including eggs, meat, chickens, a group might get together and get up a truck load of corn, dairy feed, chicken feed, commercial fertilizer. We always need sheets, towels, table cloths, pillow cases, aprons, dish towels, soap, tooth paste and brushes, school supplies, candy, combs, bobby, straight and safety pins.

Good used clothing is always acceptable.

## Recreation Hall and Clinic

When the weather is bad the children have no place to play and therefore one of our needs is a gymnasium.

We need facilities to take care of the children when they are ill and need to be isolated from the other children, but not sick enough to be sent to the hospital.

We need a movie projector, more practice pianos, radios and record players, with records.

## Arkansas Baptists Care And Share

If all of our churches would have done as well as some did last year there would have been no need for embarrassment. If all the churches would have done as little as some did, it would have been tragic indeed. Remember please how much the Orphanage depends on Special Gifts. The churches who gave the largest amounts last year were churches who had people who visited the Home, and we have yet to hear of a church or individual who gave a worthy offering to the Home where it hurt their local work or the Cooperative program. It usually stimulates the work.

## Support the Whole Program

We earnestly urge all of our churches to get behind the Cooperative Program as a whole, for next year. In so doing you will have a part in helping all of our Institutions in their operating expenses and also provide something for capital needs, which is sorely needed.

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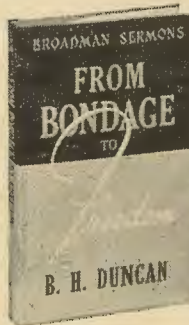
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## West Zone Hymn-Sing

The West Zone of Pulaski County Baptist association held their regular monthly Hymn-Sing on Sunday afternoon, November 20, at the Pleasant Grove church. One hundred and three people were present, representing eight churches. W. H. Luck of Calvary Church, directed the congregational singing, and Mrs. John McMahon was the accompanist. Special numbers were presented by a group from Crystal Hill, Calvary, and Pleasant Grove. The state director, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, was present and spoke of the music education program throughout the state, and also directed a combined male chorus, singing "The Old Rugged Cross."

The next meeting of this zone for hymn singing will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 18, at Shady Grove.

## Convention-Wide Sunday School Conference

Dallas, Texas, December 27-30, 1949

One entire session of the Convention-wide Sunday School Conference in Dallas, Texas, December 27-30, will be used for a practical discussion of "Better Workers."



W. A. Criswell

Some of the conferences and discussions will be led by Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas; Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor, Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Kentucky; Dr. J. H. Landes, pastor, First Church, Wichita Falls, and Dr. John Haldeman, pastor, Allapattah Church, Miami, Florida.

### "M Night is Mobilization Night"

Ten teams will conduct Training Union rallies in forty associations during the nights of December 5-9. Training Union forces will be mobilized to put into practice the 1950 Training Union program of work. Make plans to attend the rally which will be held in your association on one of those nights. Two meetings will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 4.

"M" also means MUCH, MORE, MANY, MULTITUDES. Pulaski County and Liberty Associations are in an attendance race. Concord, Central and other associations are planning for a big attendance. Word has come that Little River Association will have an attendance of 400.

Every pastor and every Training Union Director should plan to take car loads and bus loads to the "M Night" rally. All pastors are urged to attend the 7:00-7:30 conference.

## The Baptist Student Union And the Master's Minority Movement

For the past ten or fifteen years Southern Baptist students have promoted the Master's Minority Movement. The technique of this program is simple. Each executive council member meets daily with a small group of students, not fewer than three, nor more than twelve, for prayer, Bible study, and sharing of Christian experiences. On a campus there may be five or six such groups, or from thirty to fifty students thus involved. These groups do not interfere with morning watches, noon day prayer meetings, vesper services or meeting of prayer mates. The Master's Minority focus their attention on specific projects of activity. They meet and have prayer "for something." Aimless prayer, we believe, is useless prayer.

Could not this same technique be used and enjoyed by others. The churches of our state would profit much by promoting just such a program. Business men, school teachers, house wives, secretaries, grammar and high school students, might spend fifteen minutes at the beginning of each day, or at least once or twice a week, in a Master's Minority group, praying "for something." Such a program will revitalize our spiritual experiences and bring about a more glorious witnessing for Him.

## Carey Association Hymn Sing

On Sunday afternoon, October 30, Carey association held their quarterly Hymn-Sing at the First Church, Sparkman, Arkansas. W. D. Ellis, Fordyce, newly elected associational Music Director, was in charge of the service and directed the congregational singing, accompanied by Miss Charlotte Moseley at the piano. One hundred and six persons were present, representing six churches.

Special music numbers consisted of a choir number from the Sparkman Baptist Church, "That Will Be Glory for Me," and the Fordyce Ladies' Sextet singing, "Have Thine Own Way."

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Ellis and son, Pastor and Mrs. T. K. Rucker and son of Malvern, were visitors, and Dr. Ellis favored by leading two congregational numbers.

The next regular quarterly Hymn-Sing will be held at Fordyce, January 29, 1950.

## School of Music At Monroe Church

The Monroe Baptist Church had the services of Mrs. John Holston of Clarendon, who is one of the associate music workers, for a school of Church Music the week of November 13-18. There was a total enrolment of 31, with an average attendance of 18. Eleven people qualified for awards.

Mrs. Holston met with the Junior group, and Youth group preceding the regular session in the evening. Classes were held in the Fundamentals of Music, Hymn Interpretation, and the study of Music in Worship. Pastor and people expressed delight in the results of the school.

## Successful Music School At Marshall

The state music director, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, led the Marshall church in a school of Church Music the week of November 6. Commencing with an associational Hymn-Sing on Sunday afternoon which was well attended, the school held two sessions daily. A large group of Juniors met for study and rehearsal each afternoon, and the Young People and Adults met together in the evening. Music fundamentals, and the study of music suitable for Thanksgiving and Christmas services occupied the major portion of the class periods.

Ninety-one people were enrolled, and there was an average daily attendance of sixty-two. Thirty-seven qualified for awards.

## North Zone Hymn-Sing

The churches of the North Zone in Pulaski County Association met for the regular monthly Hymn-Sing at Harmony church, Sunday afternoon, November 20, at two-thirty. M. O. Kelley directed the congregational singing.

Eighty-eight people attended, representing six churches. Special numbers were furnished by choirs from Friendship, Zion Hill, and Harmony churches. The group voted to have the next Sing on January 15, at Friendship church.

## Figures To Inspire

| Sunday, November 20, 1949    |       |     | Arkadelphia, First |                          | N. Little Rock, First |                                | Gurdon, Beech Street |                               |     |     |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Fort Smith, First            | 1,987 | 525 | 79                 | 513                      | 225                   | 372                            | 136                  | 224                           | 92  |     |
| Little Rock, Immanuel        | 1,237 | 433 | 5                  | Including Mission        | 549                   | Including Mission              | 387                  | Bentonville, First            | 224 | 60  |
| Including Missions           | 1,498 | 693 |                    | McGehee, First           | 511                   | Little Rock, South Highland    | 370                  | Ft. Smith, Trinity            | 221 | 96  |
| N. Little Rock, Baring Cross | 830   | 334 | 7                  | Including Missions       | 628                   | Stuttgart, First               | 362                  | Jacksonville, First           | 207 | 116 |
| Including Missions           | 1,036 | 456 | 34                 | Crosssett, First         | 492                   | Including Mission              | 400                  | Little Rock, Hebron           | 203 | 109 |
| Little Rock, Second          | 781   | 124 | 3                  | West Helena              | 472                   | Ft. Smith, Calvary             | 359                  | Warren, Immanuel              | 152 | 105 |
| Hot Springs, Second          | 752   | 181 | 4                  | Russellville, First      | 471                   | Smackover, First               | 357                  | Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial | 128 | 92  |
| Pine Bluff, South Side       | 635   | 297 | 5                  | Including Mission        | 548                   | Siloam Springs, First          | 344                  | North Crosssett, First        | 124 | 64  |
| Including Mission            | 705   | 346 |                    | Ft. Smith, Immanuel      | 460                   | Hot Springs, First             | 343                  | Hot Springs, Grand Avenue     | 118 | 70  |
| Camden, First                | 591   | 240 | 7                  | Hot Springs, Central     | 456                   | El Dorado, West Side           | 312                  | Little Rock, Tyler Street     | 111 | 64  |
| Including Missions           | 787   | 379 |                    | Malvern, First           | 451                   | N. Little Rock, Park Hill      | 310                  | Reyno, Kelso                  | 101 | 90  |
| Little Rock, Tabernacle      | 540   | 164 |                    | Including Mission        | 486                   | Pine Bluff, Second             | 307                  | Little Rock, Bethel           | 101 | 5   |
| Warren, First                | 523   | 140 |                    | Gaines Street            | 449                   | Monticello, First              | 304                  | El Dorado, Parkview           | 98  | 35  |
| Hope, First                  | 522   | 129 | 1                  | Including Mission        | 553                   | Mena, First                    | 281                  | Grannis                       | 93  | 67  |
| Magnolia, Central            | 520   | 166 | 4                  | Hot Springs, Park Place  | 446                   | Dumas, First                   | 266                  | Ft. Smith, Northside          | 88  | 51  |
| Including Missions           | 622   | 192 |                    | Pine Bluff, Immanuel     | 444                   | Including Missions             | 348                  | Little Rock, Capitol Hill     | 84  | 48  |
|                              |       |     |                    | Paris, First             | 415                   | Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill         | 250                  | Douglasville, Second          | 78  | 41  |
|                              |       |     |                    | Including Mission        | 460                   | Little Rock, Reynolds Memorial | 228                  | Little Rock, Biddle           | 75  | 43  |
|                              |       |     |                    | Rogers, First            | 415                   | Texarkana, Calvary             | 225                  | Rogers, Pleasant Hill         | 66  | 42  |
|                              |       |     |                    | Conway, First            | 408                   |                                |                      | Hot Springs, Immanuel         | 57  | 36  |
|                              |       |     |                    | Fort Smith, Grand Avenue | 407                   |                                |                      |                               |     |     |



## Woman's Missionary Union

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## Gleanings From W. M. U.'s Convention Report

Reports! What history they do record! Compilation of those received in the State W. M. U. Headquarters October 1, 1948, through September 30, 1949, revealed that Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas has progressed in some phases of the work during that period. Conviction prompts the statement that many other evidences of progress would have been noted if more organizations had reported. Won't you see that your organization is one of the many to respond to the quarterly plea for reports? Thank you! Be a reporter in 1950!

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|----------------------|-------|
| Number Organizations | 1,644 |
| W. M. S.             | 507*  |
| Y. W. A.             | 180   |
| G. A.                | 556   |
| R. A.                | 316   |
| Sunbeam Bands        | 304   |

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| Number Mission Study Classes                                | 1,644  |
| Number Organizations engaged in Directed Community Missions | 595    |
| Number Tithers  | 7,139* |

### Financial Report

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|--|---------------|
| Gifts to Cooperative Program               | \$144,919.16* |
| Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions  | 52,592.80*    |
| Special Gifts to Foreign Missions          | 2,991.96      |
| Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions | 20,657.27*    |
| Special Gifts to Home Missions             | 1,661.00*     |
| Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions  | 16,494.96     |
| Special Gifts to State Missions            | 648.87        |
| Baptist Honor Club                         | 5,224.37*     |
| Associational Missions                     | 11,227.60*    |
| District Budget                            | 5,258.85*     |
| Orphans' Home (Cash)                       | 7,403.48      |
| Orphans' Home (Value of Boxes)             | 10,849.11*    |
| Arkansas Baptist Hospital (Cash)           | 9,528.66*     |
| Arkansas Baptist Hospital (Supplies)       | 3,888.07      |
| Arkansas Baptist Hospital (Building Fund)  | 1,000.00      |
| Christian Education                        | 5,129.19*     |
| Building Fund, Southern W. M. U.           | 1,382.93*     |
| Burney Gifts (Margaret Fund)               | 31.00*        |
| Narcotics Education                        | 1,048.29*     |
| Gifts Miscellaneous                        | 542.97        |

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Gifts Reported to Missions    | \$302,480.54* |
| Total Gifts Reported for Local Work | 544,083.54*   |

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Gifts Reported to All Causes | \$846,564.08* |
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\*Denotes increase over previous year.

### Remit State Mission Offering

By this time, no doubt, the major portion of the offerings for State Missions has been placed in the hands of the organization's treasurer. Prompt remittance according to the plan of your society and church will be appreciated. Check should be made payable to Miss Nancy Cooper, State Treasurer, and sent to her, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Let's attend to this important matter before taking the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions. You will regret to note in the above report that our offerings to date for State Missions do not equal those of last year at this particular season. We must not fail our own Arkansas!

# Foreign Mission Advance

## Zurich Seminary

Purchase of land adjoining the present grounds of the Zurich seminary and the erection of a dormitory were authorized by the Foreign Mission Board at its monthly meeting November 10. Funds already allocated for use in Europe will provide the \$100,000 needed for the property and building.

Dr. J. D. Franks, who laid the groundwork for establishing the international seminary, arrived in the States November 9 and spoke to the Board members regarding the theological seminary and the proposed addition to its property.

The maximum number of students expected the first year was twenty-four. But twenty-six are already on the campus and several more are making arrangements to enter later. Apparently the number of students at the seminary will be limited only by how many can be accommodated, Dr. Franks said. Every student received is first recommended by Baptist leaders in his country.

The present student body represents twelve different countries. Room assignments are so made that none from the same nation room together. The international outlook gained by students at the school will have a tremendous influence on the European nations as each goes back to his own country to serve.

When Dr. Franks returns to Zurich early next year he will serve the seminary as personnel representative and business manager.

The resignation of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Kilgore, missionaries to Argentina, was accepted by the Foreign Mission Board with regret. Dr. Kilgore was professor of theology and related subjects at the Buenos Aires theological seminary.

Dr. T. B. Stover and Miss Jo Withauer, missionaries to Brazil, were married November 1 in Rio de Janeiro.

## South China

South China mission stations were rapidly falling to the Communists as Secretary Baker J. Cauthen wrote out his November report to the Foreign Mission Board. The Communist army, gathered on the borders of Kwangtung Province early in October, made the initial push into Kukong with very little fighting. Miss Clifford Barratt, missionary in Kukong, reported that church services proceeded as usual after the turn-over. Once or twice soldiers have come to her gate to make inquiry, but have not asked to enter the property.

Mission activities in Canton have gone on as usual since the Communist army took over the city. There was a heavy loss of civilian life as the retreating Nationalist army blew up ammunition dumps, the airfield and a big bridge over the Pearl River the night before the Communist army occupied Canton. But the occupation itself was peaceful and the city quietly accepted the change of government with no looting or rioting.

Shiuhing, where Missionary Margie Shumate is located, has also been occupied, and the remaining South China stations will undoubtedly be occupied within a very short time. So far, the difficulties encountered under the Communist regime have not been as great as anticipated.

## Rome Training School

Miss Virginia Wingo, director of the women's training school in Rome, Italy, plans to move into the new school building in January with four or five students.

A memorial from the women of the South to Mrs. Frank W. Armstrong, the cornerstone of the building was laid June 2. The site, on Via Antelao in the Monte Sacro section of Rome, was chosen in the summer of 1948.

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# Prophets ... True and False

By Mrs. HOMER D. MYERS

## Sunday School Lesson for December 4, 1949 Jeremiah 23-27

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Just what was a prophet?

He was one who fore-told future events, one divinely inspired. God's people had a prophet to whom they could look for guidance, since the days of Moses; One who was divinely inspired with God's message for His people; One upon whom they could rely as an authority in divine matters.

God has never left His people for long without a true prophet. But the arch-counterfeiter, the Devil, has kept up the supply of false prophets at the same time. Jeremiah had to defend his divine call to service and his inspired messages to Judah against false prophets; but so did Moses his predecessor; and so did the Apostle Paul centuries later; and without being extremists we can declare, so have Baptists for nearly two millenniums. Baptists are commonly known as a narrow-minded "sect" who still believe the Bible! Few people are ignorant enough in America to deny that the Bible teaches the doctrines to which Baptists cling—the marvel of the ages is that there is today a great body of people who believe, teach, and try to practice the "Thus saith the Lord."

### Variety of False Prophets

There seemed to be two schools of false prophets with whom Jeremiah had to deal: One was the religious politician. They were a group who found out what the people wanted, then catered to their desires. Nobody loves a message of woe such as Jeremiah had to deliver. Jeremiah's messages were repulsive to himself; it was his choice to warn Judah, it was a "must" in his life. When he delivered his soul of God's truth, it meant unpopularity for him, prison terms, and hardships unspeakable. But he had to do God's bidding. Not so with the false prophets. God's hand was not upon them. They had no warning to deliver, so their messages were pleasant to the ears, they promised peace and prosperity to Judah; they led the people to a false sense of security; their messages were invented to dispell gloom.

But the sad thing about these smoothe tongued racketeers was that they even preached their un-inspired sermons in the name of Jehovah—"Jehovah hath said, Ye shall have peace — — —no evil shall come upon you." And the masses were only too anxious to believe the false rather than the true prophet. But can we say that

human nature has improved? Never has there been so much "religion" in the world as there is today. Never have men and women been more susceptible to false prophets and false doctrines than now. The scriptures and doctrines of the New Testament are badly perverted in their interpretations, but some sets even have their own false bibles and teeming thousands of deluded minds accept it as being authentic. The superstition and idolatry, and much that is propagated in the name of religion today would render Jeremiah speechless if he were returned to this so-called civilized world of ours. I suspect he would think the false prophets had carried on right well since his day.

The other school of false prophets contemporary with Jeremiah were not necessarily malicious and wicked; Hananiah in chapter 28 was of this type. Jeremiah listened to this prophet and said "Amen," to his prediction that Israel would break the bonds of her captors in two years—Jeremiah had no word from the Lord at that time, so he listened and said "Amen." But Hananiah had not received his message from God. He was merely fanning patriotic enthusiasm, he had ideas of his own with which God had nothing to do, and consequently, Hananiah died.

### False Prophets in Our Day

We are made to wonder if this is not the type of false prophet Jesus warns us of today in Matthew 7:15-23. In the day of judgment some shall say to Jesus, "We have prophesied—in Thy name; We have cast out devils—in Thy name; We have done many wonderful works—in Thy name." And Jesus does not deny their statement. But He must profess "I never knew you." The radio brings many messages into our homes of evil men who prophesy in HIS name. They are workers of "Righteousness." But God never promised to save the "righteous workers." He emphasized over and over that He came to save "sinners." If people would avail themselves of their privilege of studying God's revelation to men; If people would do their own thinking; If people would seek the correct interpretation of the Scriptures rather than listening to anybody who can quote a few Scriptures, they would not be so easily deceived.

### The Omnipresence of God

In Jeremiah 23:23 false teach-

ers are warned that God is everywhere. There are no secret places with Him, Whether one is a true or false prophet, he is ever in the very presence of God, and would do well to conduct himself accordingly.

As a physician explores the body with modern medical devices such as the horoscope, even so God explores the heart and mind of man. "His eyes runs to and fro throughout the earth, beholding the good and the evil." God is listening, He is listening, He is seeing, observing the ways of men. The false prophets of Jeremiah's day nor ours cannot steal their messages, use their tongues to deceive, make a racket of religion as many are doing, without one day learning:

### The Omnipotence of God

The Word of God is like a fire in judgment, and has the mighty crushing force of a hammer, Jeremiah 23:29. The golden text says, "He that hath my Word, let him speak my Word faithfully." It is a great responsibility to be a servant of God; how terrible it is to deceive and mislead humanity, as false prophets have always done. It will be a sad day when Jesus shall say, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity, I never knew you."

But all the responsibility is not upon the preacher. The masses are just as responsible for the way we hear. Though God's warnings seem

hard, we had better listen. Flatteries will soothe the senses of the people, but God's message is a positive one; Thank God, Baptists still cling to this inspired Book as our all sufficient rule of faith and practice.

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## Pastor Sparkman Reports On Christian Education

We have heard comments of fine praise for the report on Christian Education that Pastor Lloyd Sparkman of Pine Bluff brought to the Convention. His address was interesting and sublime. Brother Sparkman spoke out of his heart to our people in the interest of Christian Education, and the place of Christian Education in a great Christian denomination. Brother Sparkman is having a fruitful ministry in the Southside Church in Pine Bluff. This good church has grown marvelously under his leadership. It is becoming one of our great churches. They are now working on a large and beautiful auditorium that will seat some seven hundred people. During the last few years Brother Sparkman has had rich experience of grace in leading lost souls, and in some cases outcasts, to the Lord. These experiences have greatly enlarged his ministry. His report to the Convention on Christian Education and his direction of the entire program concerning our colleges was well done.

## Calendar of Activities for 1950

**January:**  
2-6 Bible Study Week  
10-11 W.M.U. Leadership Conference, Central College  
16-18 State-wide Evangelistic Conference, Little Rock  
24 Meeting of Administration and Finance Committee  
27-28 State B.S.U. Planning Conference.  
**February:**  
2-3 State Vacation Bible School Conference  
5 Religious Census by every Church  
5-11 Young Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week  
6-10 Sunday School Study Course Week  
27-March 3 W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions  
28 State W.M.U. Executive Board Meeting  
**March:**  
Training Union Study Course Month  
Month for Associational-wide rallies for men in behalf of Simultaneous Crusade. Meetings sponsored by Brotherhood Department.  
3-5 Intermediate G.A. Conference, Central College  
17-18 State Training Union Convention, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock  
28 State Annual W.M.U. Executive Board meeting, Fort Smith  
28-30 State W.M.U. Annual meeting, Fort Smith  
28-April 1 Denominational and Leadership Conferences  
31-April 1 Youth and Junior Choir Festivals  
**April:**  
2-8 Cottage Prayer Meetings sponsored by Brotherhood Department  
2-8 W.M.U. Week of Prayer and Visitation-Evangelism  
2-9 Youth Week (Training Union)

## 5,000 Extra

During October we received just a little more than \$50,000 for the Cooperative Program. We need \$55,000 for the month of November. We believe that the churches will give it. We received more in October than we did in September. Many churches are not on the budget plan of financing. Their offerings will be greater this month. If we can get the \$5,000 extra this month, and the \$5,000 extra next month we will be over the top for the year in the Cooperative Program budget.

When you read this paper Brother Treasurer it will be about the last day that you can send a check to us and get credit for it on the month of November. Our books will hold open until Monday morning, December 5, for your contribution. Please do not disappoint us.

4 Administration and Finance Committee Meeting  
9-23 Simultaneous Crusade  
24-26 Associational Missionaries Retreat  
28-30 State B.S.U. Spring Retreat  
**May:**  
7-13 Girl's Auxiliary Focus Week  
7-14 Christian Home Week  
8-9 Southern W. M. U. Annual Meeting,  
9-12 Southern Baptist Convention, Chicago  
Chicago  
23 State W.M.U. Executive Board Meeting  
**June:**  
Vacation Bible School Month  
5-10 G. A. Camp, Revenden Springs  
7-14 Ridgecrest Student Retreat  
12-17 R. A. Camp, Revenden Springs  
15-21 Y. W. A. Camp, Ridgecrest  
19-23 Rural Church Conference, Central College  
19-24 Intermediate R. A. Camp, Ferncliff  
25-July 2 Brotherhood Conference, Ravenden Springs  
25-July 2 Assembly, Ravenden Springs  
26-July 1 Junior R. A. Camp, Ferncliff  
30 Associational Moderators Conference  
**July:**  
5-13 Arkansas Baptist State Assembly  
5-13 Brotherhood Conference, Siloam Springs  
8 Hymn Playing Tournament  
18 Administration and Finance Committee Meeting  
19 Executive Board Meeting  
31-August 5 Junior G. A. Camp, Ferncliff  
**August:**  
3-10 Young Men's Mission Conference, Ridgecrest  
5-6 Y. W. A. House Party, Ferncliff  
6-12 Sunbeam Band Focus Week  
7-12 Intermediate G. A. Camp, Ferncliff  
10-16 W. M. U. Conference, Ridgecrest  
17-23 Southwide Brotherhood Conference at Ridgecrest

## Help Brother Faulkner

J. D. Faulkner of Greene County fell a few nights ago and broke his right thigh. He is in the hospital and the doctors say they will operate. He was visiting his son in Flint, Michigan when the accident occurred. Some time ago Mrs. Faulkner crossed the river and Brother Faulkner has been with his children since that time. He still counts Greene County his home, but visits his children occasionally.

Brother Faulkner is perhaps the Dean of Baptist preachers in Arkansas. We do not remember his exact age, but he is around ninety years old. He preached on Sunday night before the accident occurred.

Brother Faulkner was a great Baptist stabilizer in the blustery years when a few Landmarks tried to raise so much trouble in Baptist ranks. It was his influence that kept so many of the Baptists on the beam in northeast Arkansas. On account of his age he has not had much activity in the ministry over the past few years. We seldom make a public appeal for anyone, but this is an exception. Brother Faulkner does not have employment on account of his age. He has no income, hence this appeal. Your contribution will be a good investment. You can send your money to his daughter, Mrs Sallie Dollins, Paragould, Arkansas, or to Reverend J. E. Hooker, 711 Walnut Avenue, Flint, Michigan. Tell them whom your contribution is for. His children have not asked for any help for him. We are writing this appeal without their knowledge.

**September:**  
2-4 W. M. U. Business Woman's Circle Conference, Ferncliff  
5 Associational Sunday School and Church Music Leadership Meeting  
11 W. M. U. Season of Prayer for State Missions  
17-22 Forty-two Associational Sunday School Rallies  
**October:**  
8 Layman's Day  
16-17 State Sunday School Convention  
20-22 Baptist Student Union Convention  
24 State W. M. U. Executive Board Meeting  
28 Administration and Finance Committee Meeting  
30 State Meeting for Associational Training Union Officers  
**November:**  
5-11 Royal Ambassador Focus Week  
6 R. A. Fellowship Supper  
6-7 Brotherhood State Convention  
6 Brotherhood Night  
7-9 State Convention Meeting  
27-28 Executive Board Meeting  
**December:**  
3-15 Regional Brotherhood Meetings  
3-8 Forty-two Associational Training Union Meetings  
4-8 W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions  
31 Student Night at Christmas