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Personally speaking



Overalls image

Something Clabe Hankins said recently has more meaning for me after some experiences I have just had. Clabe said: "Most town folks ain't too powerful friendly with us fellers that wears blue denim fer dress-up."

Where I came from, a fellow was considered well dressed if he wore a clean pair of overalls and a clean, blue, cotton shirt, especially if he had the most of the mud wiped off his brogans. And if the shoes and clothing were at least fairly new, he "had it made" as far as being ready to mix in "polite society."

But my advice to you now is, if you like to wear blue jeans and also like to be shown some of the common courtesies, you better change clothes before you venture outside your back yard.

And that is rather strange in this hippie-yippie day when so many people apparently couldn't care less about clothing or lack of it, period!

I made the mistake (?) of wearing one of Clabe Hankins' "suits"—blue-denim britches and loud, red-and-blue plaid shirt—to the grocery supermarket. Where I have been accustomed to kind and considerate treatment and at least a modicum of courtesy and respect, I found myself somewhat of a questionable character "on the outside looking in." Some of the clerks on whom I called for help in locating some hard-to-find items were little more than civil. And I caught one of them standing and staring at me in open-mouthed bewilderment. He must have been wondering, "Where in the world did this old codger come from?"

It is interesting to meditate on what constitutes the aura of respectability in our society.

The Good Book has something to say at this point:

"If you show more respect to the well-dressed man and say to him, 'Have this best seat here,' but say to the poor man, 'Stand, or sit down here on the floor by my seat,' then you are guilty of creating distinctions among yourselves and making judgments based on evil motives... if you treat people according to their outward appearance, you are guilty of sin, and the Law condemns you as a lawbreaker... Speak and act as men who will be

judged by the law that sets men free"—James 2:3, 9, 4, 12, *Good News for Modern Man*.

So, don't snurl up your nose at us red necks. The Lord loves us!

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

THE COVER this week features the first of a series of photographs by Paul M. Schrock Scottsdale, Pa., highlighting life crises. Read about "Peace in crisis," in the cover story on page 11.

THREE Baptist denominations will join in a Crusade of the Americas rally, Nov. 4, 1968, at Barton Coliseum. See page 9.

AN ADDITION to the by-laws of Arkansas Baptist State Convention will be proposed by Jack L. Clack, pastor, First Church, Brinkley. Details are on page 9.

LAKE NIXON, Little Rock, has been purchased by Second Church, with plans for the future described on page 5.

CHURCH camps may experience stricter safety regulations if Congress should adopt one of the bills already introduced, and discussed on page 18.

HAVE you missed the printed scripture passages in some Sunday School quarterlies? On page 15 their return in 1969 is announced.

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Christians are 'family in Jesus Christ,' Lopes tells Continental Congress in D. C.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13—White and black Baptists from nine different conventions in the United States and Canada, here for the Continental Congress on Evangelism, agreed that the great need of the nations is for spiritual regeneration. And this need can never be met by anything possible with man, they agreed, but only by God through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of individuals.

In what turned out to be the keynote of the congress, Dr. Rubin Lopes, the Brazilian pastor used of God to launch the Crusade of the Americas movement, called on Baptists of the Western Hemisphere to take their cues from first century Christians.

"We are a family in Jesus Christ," Dr. Lopes reminded the 1,200 Baptist men and women attending the opening session of the congress, last Thursday night. "Christ is the secret of our unity—he is the vine, we are the branches."

It was Dr. Lopes, pastor for the past 21 years of Vila Marina Baptist Church in Sao Paula, Brazil, who led the Baptists of his country in an evangelistic crusade in 1965 that resulted in 100,000 conversions and the organization of more than 300 new churches. A proposal from Lopes to the Southern Baptist Convention at the annual meeting of the convention in the spring of 1965 started what is now scheduled as the Crusade of the Americas in 1969.

The Crusade of the Americas must be characterized as a dynamic movement, Dr. Lopes said, "for Christianity itself is dynamic not static." "Christianity is active," he continued. "Christianity is life. Christianity is a missionary religion." But too much of contemporary Christianity is static, he said, "like a lion that has lost its teeth, its claws, and its mane."

Pointing to the zeal of early Christians, who moved in the power of the Holy Spirit, Dr. Lopes said that 50 years after the crucifixion "there were Christian churches in all the cities of the Roman Empire. Christians did more in the first 100 years [of the Christian era] to spread Christianity than in all of the time since then."

Our No. 1 problem today is that we are "sleeping, indifferent, apathetic, and lethargic," he said. "We must awake the sleepers and resuscitate them, for spiritual sleep is spiritual death.

We need Holy Spirit power for 1969. Without it we will fail."

As could have been anticipated, the question of emphasis—whether evangelism is primarily spiritual, or social, or a combination of both of these—came up time and again, as the various speakers appeared.

Something unexpected in this meeting of many different Baptist bodies was an assault by Dr. C. E. Autrey, director of evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, upon "the Baptist press."

In a major address closing the Thursday night session, Dr. Autrey struck out at the secular press for "doing all in its power to split the country with socialism," and likened "the Baptist press" to it. He said that the Baptist press "is trying to build a social issues emphasis into the denomination" to the detriment of emphasizing that "redemption comes first."

Although the Doctor was speaking in the same sort of broad generality that we have heard before, as for example, when some have decried "modernism in our seminaries," it was obvious that many of those in his congregation liked what he was saying.

In a press release on the address, Baptist Press, the official news agency of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, quoted Dr. Autrey as saying that by "Baptist press" he meant "many of our publications, state papers and magazines." But this is quite different from what he told me and some others who waited to talk with him just after his address. He told us that he had not meant the Baptist state papers but was thinking of the latest issue of *Home Missions Magazine*, the publication of the SBC Home Missions Board. (It is my honest opinion that *Home Missions Magazine* is the greatest of Southern Baptist journals.)

As we have said on this page many times, there can be no room for doubt as to the primacy of regeneration or the new birth, in the Christian mission. But for one to profess that he has been born again in Christ and then to remain inactive and indifferent in the face of human needs is to give the lie to his profession.

Dr. Joseph Nordenhaug, Washington, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, stated the

case well, in an address to the congress Saturday morning. Speaking on "The Need for Revival," he said:

"The renewal of which the Bible speaks is a transformation of motivation—not just a redecoration [of the soul] for the evil spirits to move back. This is no do-it-yourself project. Unless we are in reality empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will fail as Christ's witness (Acts 1:8) . . . We need renewal in evangelism and outreach in service. They go together. Debate over whether the gospel is spiritual or social is alien to the new Testament. Evangelism is concerned with the

whole man. We cannot say, 'Come' without saying, 'Go.' To stop with saying, 'Come,' would be barren pietism. To say, 'Go,' without first saying, 'Come,' would be empty humanism."

The kind of evangelism we trust is to characterize the Crusade of the Americas is not mere "fire insurance" just to save souls from hell, but a saving of the whole beings of men and women, giving them "abundant life" through Christ, starting now.

Once more: Let's stop fussing about which comes first, the chicken or the egg.—ELM

The people speak— Beacon lights of Baptist history

Dislikes 'tone'

I do not like the tone of the article by Daniel R. Grant in Oct. 3 Ark. Baptist Newsmagazine.

Because a Government should be held in sacred trust by those in its employ I think it is not comparable to a private business. I just happen to believe that to betray one's country by corruption is the dirtiest of dirty. Betraying a sacred trust, no less.

I fail to get the purpose of your publishing this in our church paper because, generally speaking, young people see the surface and not the undercurrent. (My personal opinion)—Mrs. C. C. Wayland, Box 27, State U. Ark. 72467

P. S. I enjoy your editorials. I'm a country gal about your age.—C. C. W.

REPLY: That last line keeps you off my black list.—ELM

S. E. Tull Day

Our church is honoring Dr. S. E. Tull Oct. 27 at 2:30 p.m. The program will be in the format of testimonials to Dr. Tull. Also, a small gift will be presented to him.

Dr. Tull has meant so much to so many. He is now in the sunset of his life. Seventy-one years ago he was licensed to preach the gospel. Now ninety years of age, he still is faithful to his high calling.—L. H. Coleman, Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Ouachitonian gets Rotary scholarship

Deborah Mashburn, a junior at Ouachita University and daughter of Judge and Mrs. Telfair J. Mashburn, Bay Minette, Ala., has been selected to receive a Rotary Foundation undergraduate scholarship for the 1969-70 academic year to study abroad.

Miss Mashburn has chosen to study

Guides for the way*

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.
PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

Though conditions change under which churches and pastors live, the principles by which they live should be fixed.

Each age offers its opportunities to exercise faith courage, loyalty, and discipline. Error, prejudice, and unbelief must be faced in God's work today as in other days. To do so is costly now, as then. Sometimes a bit of history inspires ideals and stimulates courage. The Eythorne Baptist church in Kent, England, provides just this.

One of its pastors, John Knott, a blacksmith, served about 1780. He attracted the notice of informers by his zeal as a preacher. (Baptists were thought of as heretics.) While he worked in his shop a friend brought him word that an officer and a party of men were coming to seize him. Knott hurriedly escaped through a back door and hid himself in an old saw pit, covered by nettles and brush.

Presently the party arrived at the preacher's home where Mrs. Knott met them with a child in her arms. When they asked to see Mr. Knott, the little child spoke up, "Daddy's gone out." The child would have betrayed the father's whereabouts but for the mother vigorously shaking the child until it stopped talking.

While the men searched the premises for her husband Mrs. Knott bustled about the kitchen preparing a humble meal for her family. Failing to find the preacher, the men came back to the house and seeing the table set with a hot meal asked if they might eat. Mrs. Knott assured them they could and served them cheerfully and generously. Satisfied with such treatment they left the house declaring they would no longer search for her husband, or distress so good-natured a woman.

On another occasion the goods of the man were confiscated and put up for auction. So much was he respected by his neighbors, that not one of them would offer a bid on his goods for sale. Strangers present took their cue from his neighbors and declined to bid. Mr. Knott's goods remained unsold.

In 1871 when the book giving this incident was written it stated a most remarkable thing about the church where John Knott served. For more than 300 years this church had existed without a single unfriendly division, and with a steadfast adherence to the faith of the Primitive church.

*J. Jackson Goadby, *Bye-Paths in Baptist History* (London, Elliot Stock, 72 Paternoster Row, E. C., 1871) pp 25-6

at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. The one-year scholarship will cover most of the expenses she will incur during that time.

Miss Mashburn is working toward a

bachelor of music degree with a major in piano. She plans to pursue a full music program at the Mozarteum next year, taking private lessons in piano and violin.

Dr. Abernathy heads Holy Land tour

A two-week tour of the Holy Land and Europe is scheduled for Feb. 13 by Dr. John A. Abernathy, Hot Springs. Air travel will be by Lufthansa German Airlines. The itinerary will include Frankfurt, Cairo, Beirut, Nicosia, Tel Aviv, Tiberias, Jerusalem, Athens, Rome and return to New York. The tour rates include transportation by air, hotels, meals, sightseeing, transfers, tips and taxes, as well as planning and operation of the tour.



DR. ABERNATHY

Information regarding the tour may be obtained from Dr. Abernathy, 1928 Hobson Avenue, Hot Springs, Ark., 71901.

Second Church buys Lake Nixon camp

Second Church, Little Rock, has announced the purchase of Lake Nixon camp and acreage by a non-profit corporation of men of that church.

A Christian family recreation center will be established, financed by family memberships, to allow swimming, golfing, hiking, camping, and retreats.

The purpose will be to provide Christian families with a place of wholesome outdoor recreation; a day-camp program for elementary age children of working parents during the summer; a resident camping program for boys and girls; special camping experiences for handicapped groups; lodge facilities for conferences and retreats for church groups; special days of churchwide fellowship, programs and activities; an annual camp meeting revival for central Arkansas; and special youth meetings featuring outstanding Christian personalities of the nation.

Posthumous award to Captain John South

Two Silver Stars and a Purple Heart, awarded posthumously to Army Captain John Hershel South, were presented to his widow, Mrs. Phyllis South, by Lt. Gen. Harry H. Critz, 4th Army Commander, in Hot Springs, recently.

Captain South, a 1965 graduate of Ouachita University, was killed April 24, while leading Company B. of the Third Battalion, Seventh Infantry,

199th Light Infantry Brigade, on a combat mission in Vietnam.

Captain South won the Silver Stars for gallantry in action in Vietnam April 18 and April 24. The citation for the first Silver Star reads in part: "Repeatedly exposing himself to enemy fire, he moved from platoon to platoon, moving his men forward and directing their fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Captain South then personally led an assault along the crest of a hill, driving the enemy back."

His second Silver Star citation states that "a sister company came under heavy sniper fire from a well entrenched Viet Cong force and Captain South quickly moved his unit forward to assist it. His company made contact with the enemy, and the command group suddenly came under intense automatic weapons fire which pinned it down. Disregarding his own safety, Captain South moved forward to direct his troops fight. He braved a hail of bullets to assault and destroy an enemy bunker with a hand grenade."

The citation further stated, "The Viet Cong then attacked his company with intense rocket fire. Captain South skillfully adjusted helicopter gunship and artillery fire on the insurgents. When he received word that one of his men had been wounded, he unhesitatingly rushed forward to aid the helpless soldier. As he attempted to treat the casualty, he was mortally wounded by the enemy fire."



Tithing Begins With
THE TENTH

Baptist beliefs

The prayer of a publican

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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past president, Southern Baptist Convention

"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner"
—Luke 18:13.

The publican was considered an outcast in Jewish society. Still he prayed. And what a difference between him and the proud self-righteous Pharisee (see last week's article).

Whereas the Pharisee stood in a prominent place to pray, the publican stood "afar off." This refers not to the altar for he probably prayed in the Court of Israel. He stood afar off from the Pharisee, not feeling worthy to stand near so *righteous* a man.

Due to his sense of sin he would not even lift his eyes toward heaven. In grief for his sins he "kept on smiting" (imperfect tense) his breast, *saying repeatedly* (present participle), "God, be merciful to me a sinner." Actually, "the sinner" as though he were the only sinner in the world. The Pharisee said all other men were sinners, but that he was not. The publican said that only he was a sinner. The former compared his life with those of other men. The latter compared his with the holy and righteous character of God.

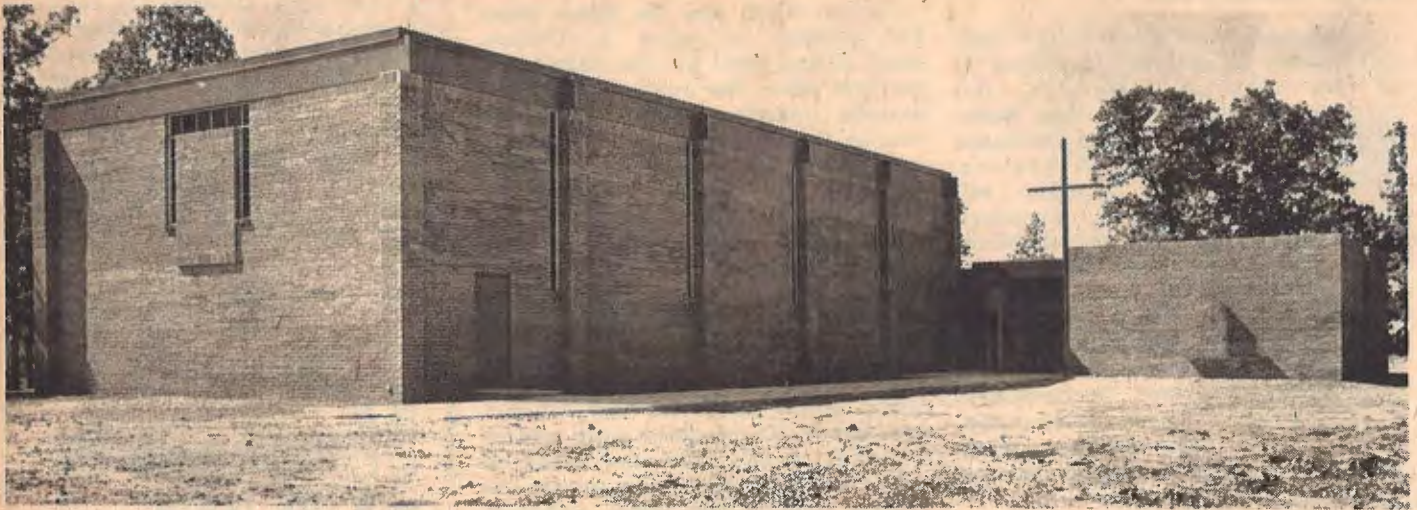
The publican asked not for justice but for *mercy*. He felt that if God gave him justice he would be cast into hell. So he threw himself upon the mercy of God.

The Pharisee prayed for justice and received nothing. The publican prayed for mercy and received forgiveness. For Jesus said, "I tell you, this man [publican] went down to his house justified [declared righteous] rather than the other [Pharisee]: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (v. 14).

There is no man so righteous but that he needs to pray for forgiveness. There is no one so sinful but that he may receive mercy when he calls upon God in prayer.

From the churches

New sanctuary at Indian Hills dedicated



Indian Hills Church, North Little Rock, dedicated its newly completed sanctuary Sunday, Oct. 13.

The message of dedication was given by J. T. Elliff; special music by Mrs. Charles Manning; prayer by the pastor, J. Rondald Condren, and benediction by Tom Harris.

R. H. Dorris read the Scripture for the service and offered the prayer. Jerre Hassell spoke on the Association's contribution to Indian Hills Church, and Dr. Rheubin L. South spoke on a church's contribution to Indian Hills Church.

The North Pulaski Baptist Association purchased a four-acre tract of land on Highway No. 5, Apr. 23, 1962, as a mission site. Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, accepted responsibility for beginning the mission.

The church's first pastor, Roy N. Mathis, came June 29, 1966. Indian Hills Church was made a constituted church June 4, 1967. It began with 117 charter members; it now has 180.

Revivals

First Church, Paris, Sept. 22-29; evangelist, Jesse S. Reed; singer, C. A. Bailey; 13 professions of faith, 11 additions for baptism, 5 by letter. Jack Porter is pastor.

Galilee Church, El Dorado, Sept. 23-29; evangelist, John Eason, Joyce City; professions of faith, 9; 6 by letter and statement. Perry Henderson is pastor.

Elmdale Church, Springdale, Oct. 27-Nov. 3; to be led by the Stalneck team of Memphis. David and Carol Tyson will lead the music program.

Eddie Smith will work with the

youth. Eddie has composed more than 200 songs and hymns, and is a classical guitarist. He was formerly associate director of Outreach for Christ, on the famous Hollywood Sunset Strip.

Visitation will be led by Nelson Tull, who will preach during the evening service, Oct. 27.

Earle Church recently honored the following GA's in a special coronation service: Queen Susan Hodo; Princesses Debbie Davis and Debbie Watson; Lady-in-waiting Kathy Bullion; Queens-with-a-scepter Candy Lock, Theresa Organ and Cindy Elms; Maidens Sarah Lock, Ramona Roeder, Connie Bobo, Stephanie Higgenbotham and Carolyn Howell.

Counselors are Mrs. Billy Baldwin, Mrs. Tommy Lovell and Mrs. Louis Bobo. Crown bearer was Tina Eubanks, and the candlelighter, Beth Baldwin. Wade Carver is pastor of Earle Church.

Reese Morrow was ordained to the ministry Aug. 25, in a ceremony held at First Church, Piggott.

Rev. Kenneth Threet, pastor, acted as moderator and delivered the ordaining message.

Mr. Morrow has been pastor of the LaValle Church, Catron, Mo., since May, 1968.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Morrow, Piggott.

Truett McCurrey, pastor of Anchor Church, Brown Springs, resigned Sept. 29.

First Church, Pine Bluff, observed its 115th anniversary Oct. 6, with former pastor, Dr. Carroll Wood, as special guest and speaker.

Recognition was given to those who had been members of the church 50 years or more.

Evening Shade has ground breaking

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new auditorium of Evening Shade Church were held recently, with Noble Wiles, pastor delivering the message.

The first spade of dirt was turned by C. G. Croft, deacon and oldest member; E. A. Duren, Batesville, and J. A. Carpenter, deacons and charter members.

Rex Hutchinson, deacon and building committee chairman, gave a short history of the church. It was organized in 1946 by seven members in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Duren and Wilene, now Mrs. Ted Metcalf.

Membership of the church has grown from seven to 104.

Construction of the new brick auditorium is now under way. The old building will be used as an educational unit.

Caledonia Church improves plant



Mooty, Mace, Powell, Cater

The Caledonia Church, El Dorado, has completed the second phase of their building improvement program.

The first was the completion of an educational unit last year. It consisted of a fellowship hall, kitchen and rest rooms.

Recently, central heating and air-conditioning have been installed. Both improvements were completely paid for upon completion.

The committee for the second phase of the work is shown, left to right: Charles Mooty, Ed Mace, Clyde Powell and Lenox Cater.

Keith Hamm now at Freeman Heights



MR. HAMM

Keith Hamm is the new pastor of Freeman Heights Church, Berryville.

He is a native of Wichita, Kan., and received his B. S. degree from Kansas State College, Pittsburg. He received the M. A. degree in Religious Education from Golden Gate Theological Seminary, San Francisco, in May, 1963.

His wife is the former Jacqueline Ann McNutt of Tulsa.

Mr. Hamm has held pastorates in Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Idaho.

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EVANGELISTS NEEDED FOR OREGON-WASHINGTON CRUSADE

For several months I have been working with Brother Lewis S. Steed, secretary of evangelism for the Oregon-Washington Convention, in securing evangelists for their crusade, Feb. 16-Mar. 2, 1969. Some of the brethren have changed positions since they agreed to go and now cannot go. Others have had to drop out for various reasons. Four who had agreed to go from other states have died. As a result of all this, Brother Steed needs 20 additional evangelists.

The churches or associations sponsoring anyone going to this crusade must provide travel expenses. The churches there will provide love offerings. Several of us in Baptist Building have agreed to supply churches here, without honorarium, for the brethren going to Oregon-Washington.

If you are willing to go on this mission venture, please let me know soon. The time is short!—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism



Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

It happened in church

While many large libraries use the Library of Congress system, a very widely used method of classifying books in libraries is called the Dewey Decimal System, named for Melvil Dewey.

One of my college English teachers once informed us that the inspiration or idea for this classification came to Melvil Dewey while a sermon was in progress. In other words, it happened in church. It should be encouraging to ministers to know that even as minds of their listeners "wander" that often some good occurs from the mind's tangent.

Recently my husband brought a message from the beautiful passage in Isaiah 40, which included some of the scripture Handel used in "The Messiah." During that message one of those in the audience, Mrs. Beauford Williams, wrote a poem on the back of her church program. Here is the result of her thoughts during that message... She entitled it "Answer to Doubting Scholar:"

He had delved in deep learning but life's meaning fled;
—Words, languages, cultures, once living, now dead.
Beauty is but to fade; fame dims so soon,
Knowledge of yesterday's sages is today out of tune.
Weighty tomes of the ages sit dusty on shelves.
And seekers of truth turn the light on themselves.
Where is a common denominator men have known and yet know
And if there is such, what makes it so?
"Birth, growth, and death," comes a glib reply.
Is man but an animal born only to die?
There must be a catalyst that will blend the known three
And make of a man what a man ought to be.
The answer is love, Love Holy and pure,
The only thing known that will surely endure.
It will live in his children, his neighbors, and friends,
A golden link forged in a chain with no ends.
Like the proverbial pebble tossed in the sea
Its influence never will cease to be.
The eternal answer comes from above;
Love is of God and God is Love.

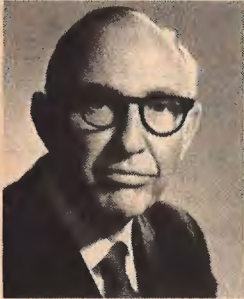
"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever." (Isaiah 40:8).

Count-down to convention

Hot Springs, November 18-20

'Preparing the messengers' is theme for Wednesday morning session

Fifth of a series by THOMAS A. HINSON,
President, Arkansas Baptist Convention



DR. NAYLOR



DR. GOERNER



DR. MOORE



DR. TAYLOR



DR. GLASS

Music for the 1968 Arkansas Baptist Convention will be coordinated by Hoyt Mulkey, State Music secretary, who will direct congregational singing for the Convention and present special musical groups. Choirs from Ouachita Baptist University, Southern Baptist College, Arkansas A. M. & N. College, and the Nightingale Singers from Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, will present special music, in addition to a number of individual musical presentations being planned by Mr. Mulkey.

The main emphasis of the Wednesday morning session will be given to Southern Baptist Convention agencies and institutions. Dr. James Taylor, professor of Preaching at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will represent all Southern Baptist Seminaries. Dr. Taylor is a native Mississippian, has served churches in that state, Alabama, Louisiana, has been chaplain in the U. S. Navy, and has excellent educational and academic background to relate the theological position of Southern Baptists to our Convention.

The Executive Committee and the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will be represented by Dr. Merrill Moore of Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Moore is well known for his denominational service, as a writer of stewardship material and a leader in Southern Baptist life. He will be a welcomed addition to the Wednesday morning emphasis on Southern Baptist Convention life.

The Radio and Television Commission will be represented by John Pounders, Little Rock layman who is a member of the Commission. The Annunity Board report will be given by our own state field worker for the Annuity Board, Dr.

T. K. Rucker. Continuing advances in benefits from this important agency to the ministers and church staff workers of Arkansas make this report one of the most interesting of the Convention.

The Home Mission Board report will be given by Dr. Victor T. Glass, who is secretary of the department of work with National Baptists for the Home Mission Board. Dr. Glass is a native of North Carolina and has been with the Home Mission Board as associate in the department where he now serves, since 1957.

The Foreign Mission Board report will be given by Dr. Cornell Goerner, secretary for the African mission of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, who administers the work of nearly 600 missionaries assigned to 16 countries. He also shares in the general executive decisions of the Board. Dr. Goerner has been with the Board since 1957 and has served as secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East. He is a native of Texas and is widely known as one of Southern Baptist's outstanding denominational leaders.

Delivering the main address of the Wednesday morning session on the theme, "Preparing The Messengers," will be Dr. Robert Naylor, president since 1958 of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth. Dr. Naylor has served as pastor in Arkansas at Nashville (1932-1935) and Malvern (1935-1937). He was given an honorary degree by Ouachita in 1941. His denominational service is outstanding among Southern Baptists. He is a well-known writer and a much-sought-after speaker. His address on Christian Education to conclude the Wednesday morning session will be one of the high hours of the 1968 Convention.

Area conferences well attended

The area-wide evangelism conference held Sept. 15-20 had 1,200 people in attendance.

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15, at First Church, Monticello, there were 154 present, in a downpour of rain.

There were 155 present Monday night, Sept. 16, at First Church, Hope.

Tuesday night, Sept. 17, at First Church, Paragould, there were 175 in attendance. There had been a deluge of rain during the afternoon and the area was under a tornado alert.

The Brotherhood of First Church, Mena, furnished the menu and equipment for a free fish-fry on Wednesday night, Sept. 19. There were 303 in attendance with the county fair and a horse show in progress.

At First Church, Springdale, Thursday night, Sept. 19, there were 191 present.

The closing conference was held at First Church, Mountain Home, Friday night, Sept. 20, with 232 present from the following associations: Big Creek, Rocky Bayou, Boone-Newton, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, White River, and Little Red River.

Dr. C. E. Autrey from the Home Mission Board and Dr. J. P. McBeth, Bible expositor and evangelist from Dallas, were the speakers.

There were 148 pastors, 12 music-education men, 19 associational superintendents of missions, and 37 other ordained ministers in attendance at the conferences.

The 1969 area-wide evangelism conferences will be held Sept. 15-20 at Harrison, Ft. Smith, Arkadelphia, Pine Bluff, and Walnut Ridge. Please mark your calendar for these conferences.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

Crusade rally

Sunday School teachers and officers in three Baptist denominations in Arkansas jointly support essential actions related to the Crusade of the Americas.

The Crusade of the Americas rally will be conducted at 7:30 p.m., November 4, 1968 at Barton Coliseum, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Speakers will include Dr. Wayne Dehoney, coordinator for North America, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Caesar Clark, pastor of Good Street Church, Dallas, Texas.

The three participating Baptist groups in Arkansas include:

The Regular Missionary Baptist

OCTOBER 21-30

WMU DISTRICT MEETINGS

(See Newsmagazine of Oct. 10 for dates and places.)

9:30 a.m. GENERAL SESSION

GLENDON GROBER, Missionary to Brazil

J. T. ELLIFF, Secretary State Missions

CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS

1 p.m. CONFERENCES

WMU Officers

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WMS Leaders

Mrs. R. E. Hagood

YWA Leaders

Miss Sara Wisdom

GA Leaders

Miss Beulah Peoples

Sunbeam Band Leaders

Mrs. Edgar Williamson

Associational WMU Leaders

Miss Nancy Cooper

Sack Lunch

Nursery

State Convention, the Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Basic Sunday School actions in the Conventions include:

1. Creating a climate of concern for the unreached
2. Discovering church prospects
3. Cultivating prospects
4. Enlisting prospects in Sunday School
5. Teaching prospects the gospel
6. Witnessing to prospects
7. Including new church members in the work of the church—Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School Secretary

By-laws addition proposed by pastor

Pastor Jack L. Clack of First Church, Brinkley, has announced that he will propose the following addition to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention by-laws, for action of the Convention in its annual session next month in Hot Springs:

6. Constitution and By-Laws Committee

A standing Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be composed of six (6) members to be nominated by the Committee on Boards. One-third of the membership (2) shall be elected annually to serve for a term of three (3) years. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two terms until one year has elapsed.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of advising the presiding officer concerning constitutional matters during the annual session of the convention with reference to matters which may arise from the floor or from other committees. The committee will act ad interim in all matters concerning the Constitution and By-Laws referred to it by the boards and agencies of the Convention. The Committee will receive all proposed constitutional changes before the convention, and will be responsible for presenting them in writing, for convention consideration, upon the first day of the annual session, after adequate publicity has been given. The duties of this committee in no way preclude amendments to the Constitution by messengers to the Convention.

Great for boys

Yes, the state Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper is really great for boys 9-17 years of age. The supper, an annual affair, is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Nov. 4, at Immanuel Church in Little Rock. The program will include plenty of food, fellowship, and inspiration. Rev. William Gray, missionary to Mexico, will bring the inspirational message. Brother



MR. GRAY

Bill is an interesting speaker and enjoys meeting with boys. He will bring interesting information from Mexico as he will just be coming to the States the last of this month. While on furlough Brother Gray will be teaching in the Mexican Baptist Bible Institute in San Antonio.

There will be some good singing by the youth choir from Calvary Church, Little Rock, and perhaps some others. This is the only event of the fall and winter months sponsored by the Brotherhood Department for Royal Ambassadors. This year it will mark the beginning of Royal Ambassador week in churches across the Convention. Attending the Fellowship Supper would be an ideal way to kick-off the celebration of Royal Ambassador Week in each church. Reservations for the supper will be limited to the capacity of the dining room, about 500, so reservations should be made early.

Information and reservation forms have been mailed to all counselors of record, and pastors. Make your plans now to attend the supper. Send reservations to Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

See you on November 4.—C. H. Seaton

About people

Sabbatical leaves have been granted to seven members of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., during the current academic year;

James Leo Garrett, professor of Christian theology, who will be studying historical theology, and Clyde T. Francisco, John R. Sampey Professor of Old Testament Interpretation, who will concentrate on Old Testament studies. Both will be at Oxford University, England.

Joseph A. Callaway professor of Biblical archaeology, will be on leave during the first semester to continue work on an archaeological dig in the Middle East and to spend some time at the University of London in England.

Special committee statement

The SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST HIGHER EDUCATION was authorized by the 1967 convention and charged with the responsibility "to explore these issues and problems in the context of current higher education and of the needs and objectives of the denomination; to consolidate findings and suggest a reasonable basis on which Arkansas Baptists' higher education may advance."

In the light of the report of the Mason Craig Committee to Study Southern Baptist College's request that she be accepted as a member of the family of Arkansas Baptist institutions, and in view of the comprehensive scope of its proposals, we find that the recommendations prepared by our committee should not be presented until the convention has had time to consider the report of the Craig committee.

Paul McCray, Chairman
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Clyde Hankins
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Leroy Madden

Eric C. Rust, professor of Christian philosophy, will spend part of his first semester leave in England and the remainder at the Theological Union at Berkley, Calif., to continue his writing and research.

Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology of religion, will spend this academic year on a research sabbatical in relation to the department of psychiatry at the University of Louisville. His project is in the area of the psychopathology of religion.

G. Maurice Hinson, professor of church music, will spend this year at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., and at other major libraries in the country to compile research on the history of American piano music.

State university campuses in the Southeast will be toured by Sabin P. Landry, Jr., professor of religious education, as he examines the place of religion in the university and interviews university personnel, campus ministries, college town pastors, and students to

determine the depth of student involvement in religious life.

Frank Stagg, James Buchanan Harrison Professor of new Testament Interpretation, will study at the University of Tuebingen, Germany.

Home Mission Board photographer Don Rutledge won two top honors, in a Georgia state photography contest. First places were won on his photography of a modern, high-rise apartment in Hawaii and another of an integrated class at a Baptist center in New Mexico.

The contest was sponsored by the Atlanta Press Photographers Association and the Georgia Tourist Bureau as a part of the annual Southeastern Fair in Atlanta.

Louis D. Newton was presented the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., as he retired after almost 40 years as pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

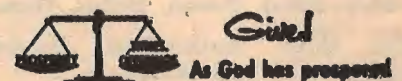
The award was presented as a surprise climax of a dinner at Atlanta's Biltmore Hotel, honoring the well-known pastor and his wife. Almost 1,000 people from across the state and nation attended the testimonial dinner.

Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary, presented the award. It was given for "outstanding Christian statesmanship and major leadership contributions to the Christian faith in contemporary society."

James E. Ballard, Florence, S. C., and Gene Jester, Irving, Tex., have been named to direct the news bureau of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Ballard, a graduate of Furman University (Baptist) in Greenville, S. C., has been city desk reporter for the Florence (S. C.) Morning News, press representative for Ridgecrest Assembly, and associate editor of the Maryland Baptist. Before coming to Southern Seminary this year, he was a social worker in Florence and was named "Civitan of the Year" by Florence Civitans for 1967-68.

Jester, like Ballard a first-year student in the seminary's school of theology, is a graduate of Ouachita University with a degree in English. He has written for several Arkansas newspapers and served on the Ouachita publication staffs.



Deaths

A. A. (AL) HEUER, 70, Batesville, died Oct. 6.

He was a senior vice president and director of First National Bank of Batesville and a founder of Heuer and Williams Shoe Company of Springfield, Mo.

He was a Shriner and a deacon and trustee of First Church, Batesville.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Lois Baker Heuer; two sons, Don and Sammy Heuer, Batesville; a daughter, Catherine Heuer, Batesville; five sisters, Mrs. Annie Dryer, Mountain Home, Mrs. Clara Sutton, Mrs. Kate Graves, and Mrs. Bessie Williams, all of Missouri, and Mrs. Bert Coleman, Fayetteville.

MRS. MAE HARGIS FLANDERS, 73, Little Rock, wife of H. Jack Flanders Sr., died Oct. 7.

She was named Arkansas Mother of the Year in 1967 by the American Mother's Committee, Inc. She was a member of Pulaski Heights Church and a Sunday School teacher for 40 years. She was a member of Esther Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Other survivors are two sons, Dr. H. Jack Flanders Jr., Waco, Tex., and Don Flanders, Ft. Smith; two brothers, Will and Bernie Hargis, and three sisters, Mrs. Ora Lyon, Mrs. Nellie Meek and Mrs. Elva Halley, all of Warren, and five grandchildren.

WILLIAM E. DEW, 86, Little Rock, died Oct. 3.

He was a retired merchant and farmer, a member of Wilmot (Ashley County) Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Ollie Requa Dew, Little Rock, a brother, Ashley Dew, Little Rock, and four sisters, Mrs. Mary Johnson and Mrs. Goldie Holland of Columbus, Ga., Mrs. Bernice Riley, Warren, and Mrs. Myrtle Knight, Hamburg.

WILLIAM A. TEDFORD, 79, Nashville, died Oct. 2.

He was a retired farmer, a member of Pleasant Valley Masonic Lodge No. 30 and the First Church, Nashville.

Survivors include three sons, Johnny Tedford of Indiana, Floyd Tedford of California and Verdo Tedford, Texarkana; four daughters, Mrs. Charlie Sullivan and Mrs. Hal Brown, both of Nashville, Mrs. D. P. Gammill, Traskwood, and Mrs. Wallace Friend, Dierks; three brothers, F. M. Tedford, Haskill, Connie Tedford of Oregon and Lonnie Tedford of Texas, four sisters, Mrs. D. F. Weems and Mrs. J. D. Weems, both of Haskill, Mrs. Eula Mae Booser,

Nashville, and Mrs. Thurman Skinner, Little Rock.

EDWARD L. PORTER, 73, Little Rock, died Oct. 2.

He was a member of First Church and Albert Pike Masonic Lodge.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Anne Matheny, Little Rock, and Mrs. Ellen Theobold of Los Angeles; two sisters, Mrs. Nannie Carr and Mrs. Effie May Benthall of Memphis.

MRS. MARY COLLINS WILSON, 82, Van Buren, died Oct. 5.

She was owner and operator of Wilson Collection Agency, a member of First Church, and widow of F. A. Wilson.

Survivors include a brother, Lowery Collins of England, and a sister, Mrs. Lucille Hasty, Hot Springs.

MRS. ZELMA HOGAN, 63, Carlisle, died Oct. 5.

A native of Fisher, she was a member of First Church, Carlisle.

Survivors include four sons, Bill and Richard Hogan, both of North Little Rock, and J. E. and Cledis Hogan, both of Carlisle; four daughters, Mrs. Ruby Perkins, Marianna, Mrs. Viola Granfield of California and Mrs. Christine Ingle, Pine Bluff.

Michigan dedicates Inter-city center

DETROIT—Michigan Baptists here have dedicated a new Baptist Center building, after long delays, to house a multiple-service program of ministries to the inner city of Detroit.

Located on Cass Avenue not far from the area where rioting took place last year, the center was delayed by lack of funds, strikes, and building permits, said Fred D. Hupbs, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

Speaking of the many obstacles that had to be overcome in preparation and construction of the center, Hupbs commended the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and state convention officials for their "untiring efforts." He particularly commended Robert Wilson, director of the state convention's missions division, who directed the program.

A check for \$50,000 was presented by the state convention to the SBC Home Mission Board and given to Fred B. Moseley, assistant executive secretary of the board, who was present for the dedication.

Clovis Brantley, assistant secretary of the department of Christian social ministries of the Home Mission Board, spoke at the dedication. (BP)

The cover



Peace in crisis

The siren is very much a part of life in our day.

The larger the community, the more frequently this crisis signal is sounded, day and night.

All of which is a graphic reminder that the truth of the Book of Job still stands:

"... man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward" (Job 5:7).

But even in this world of trouble, there is "peace of God, which passeth all understanding" and which will surely "keep" the hearts and minds of those who put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior (Phil. 4:7).

—ELM

—Photo by Paul M. Schrock

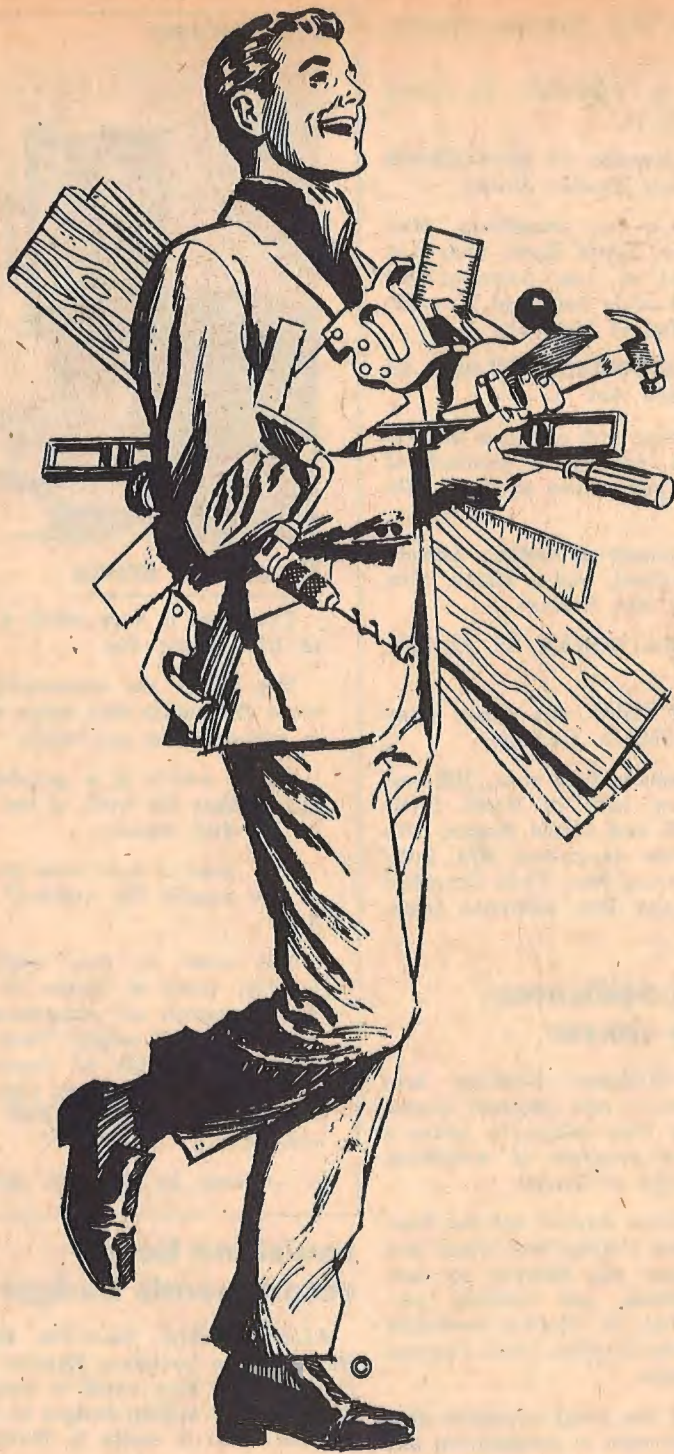
Louisiana board recommends budget

ALEXANDRIA, La.—The Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention meeting here voted to recommend a record \$3.7 million budget to the convention when it meets in November.

Biggest share of the budget, \$1,126,850, would go to support Southern Baptist Convention world-wide mission causes through the Cooperative Program.

The \$3.7 million budget includes a base amount of nearly \$3.6 million for total operations and an advance goal of \$111,295 pledged to ten areas of Louisiana Baptist work, with Louisiana College slated to receive 41 per cent of the total and the remaining 59 per cent going to nine other causes.

In other action, the Executive Board authorized Baton Rouge General Hospital (Baptist) to purchase a rest home for indigent and aged patients. (BP)



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1. Church Council Workshop — For pastors, Educational Directors, Training Union Directors and other church council members. Led by Charles Tidwell, Professor of Church Administration, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

2. Group Learning Workshop — "Making Adult and Young Peoples Literature Come to Life" — for adult and young people — led by LeRoy Ford, Professor of Programed Instruction, Southwestern Theological Seminary.

3. Recreational Workshop — training limited to Recreation workers — Maloch, State Approved.

4. Vocational Guidance Workshop — training limited to the State Vocational Guidance workers — Sunday School Board.

5. Conference for Workers — retarded — led by Mrs. [Name] Sunday School Board.

6. Intermediate Leadership Workshop — for all church and association workers. Led by Mrs. Bob At [Name]

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Miss Marie Hedgecoth, Sunday School Board.

10. Nursery Leadership Workshop — for all
church and associational nursery leaders, led by
Mrs. Alma Mae Scarborough, Sunday School
Board.

11. Conference for Approved Church Admin-
istration Consultants — led by Mr. Joe Hinkle,
Sunday School Board.

Session for Pre-School Children



SOUTHERN Baptist missionaries hang a sign for University Baptist Church, newly organized congregation which meets in the Baptist Center near the national university in a suburb of San Jose, Costa Rica. The missionaries (left to right) James H. Stiles, Jr., painter of the sign (an appointee for Colombia studying Spanish in Costa Rica), John Little, journeyman who helps with Baptist student work, and L. Laverne Gregory, pastor of the church. The Baptist Center houses a theological institute and book store and provides facilities for student activities. The new church, which has 23 resident members, offers a weekly English-language worship service in addition to its program in Spanish.

He wanted Jesus

BY ROBERT M. PARHAM JR.

Rev. Robert M. Parham, Jr., is from Jacksonville, Fla. A Southern Baptist missionary, he supervises churches and oversees agricultural programs in the area around Jos, in northern Nigeria.

Many sat on colorful grass mats, waiting their turn to talk to the missionary. These tribesmen from the Mubi hills had publicly professed faith in Christ. Their desire now was to follow him in baptism.

An old woman, her face bearing tribal markings, was next. "Tell me how you came to know Jesus," I said.

Her answer was permeated with a smile: "My son led me to know Christ. Because of him I know the Saviour."

"What is the work of your son?"

"He is a student. A student at the Baptist Pastors' School in Kawo."

"I know the school, near Kaduna. It is a good place."

Surprised, she asked, "You know the place? You have been there?"

"Yes, I know the place."

"Tell me about the school. I want to know all about the place."

We talked about the school where her son is a student.

Then I asked, "Is your husband a Christian?"

"No, he does not know Christ. I have talked to him. Our son has talked to him. We have prayed, but he does not want Christ. He worships the pagan gods of our fathers. He will not leave them. We fear that he will never know Christ."

"May I visit your home and talk with him?"

"Oh, please do."

"This afternoon the pastor and I will come."

"May God's spirit come with you."

That afternoon the pastor and I visited their home. They lived in a mud house with a thatch roof. It was built on the fringe of the village—a village of like houses.

The old man was sitting in the shade, holding a long pipe with a large wooden bowl. The air reeked with tobacco smells. His thoughts, or dreams, had

taken him far away. Near a large tree the remains of the morning fire could be seen. By that fire the old man had warmed himself.

Two yellow dogs slept lifelessly beside the granary. Bald-headed vultures hopped at one another, vying for the scraps that remained from the morning slaughter. The meat for the day had been roasted. Two yam halves remained; they would be eaten with the evening meal.

We spoke to the old man about the village, the changes taking place in the bush country, the weather. We talked of his son, away in the far city, learning to read and write. He smiled, proud that his son was going to be a great man.

Then we spoke to the old man about Christ and asked if we might have prayer.

We could not ascertain his interest.

"Tomorrow your wife is going to be baptized. We would like for you to come."

As we walked away we were discouraged. Had we done the right thing? What should we have said?

The next morning, as the sun awoke and began its journey across the African sky, we gathered at a pool several miles down the dirt road from the village.

There, tall above the others, was the old man, his eyes alive as they followed with interest what was happening. One person after another was baptized. "Because of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ..."

After changing my clothes, I asked the old man, "Would you like to ride in the car to church? Your wife is going with us in the car."

He showed little interest. But when the door was opened he got in ahead of his wife. She climbed over and took her place beside him.

After the preaching an invitation was given. Tall and straight he came.

Taking me by the hand, he said, "I want Jesus. I want the peace that my wife and son have." (SBFMB)

Alcoholics number five million

WASHINGTON, D. C.—There are at least five million "active alcoholics" in the U. S., according to an official of Alcoholics Anonymous here.

Of 11,355 problem drinkers, persons questioned in a recent North American survey by AA, 60 percent said they had not touched a drink for a year or more. (EP)

Scripture passages to be returned to quarterlies

NASHVILLE—Printed scripture passages will be returned to two Sunday School quarterlies beginning with the July-September, 1969, issues, announced the executive secretary of the Sunday School Board here.

The decision followed evaluation of a test period during which the printed texts were omitted from four quarterlies, said James L. Sullivan, the board's top executive.

"It is evident," said Sullivan, "from the response we have received that the users of this material want the scripture lesson printed." The text had been omit-

ted from the young people's quarterlies in the Uniform Lesson Series and in the Life and Work Curriculum since the third quarter, 1968.

"The return of the printed passage to the young people's Uniform Lesson material will give an option to users. If they prefer not to have the printed text in the quarterly, they may use the Life and Work young people's quarterlies," continued Sullivan.

Because of publishing schedules, the third quarter of 1969 is the earliest date possible for the change. (BP)

Crusade rallies draw 17,000 in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Missouri Baptists attracted 17,000 people to two rallies aimed at inspiring concern and involvement in the Crusade of the Americas, the hemispheric-wide evangelistic campaign scheduled for 1969.

In St. Louis, more than 11,000 people packed the city auditorium to hear W. A. Criswell, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Manual Scoll, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church (National Baptist) in Los Angeles.

More than 6,000 people showed up in

Kansas City, Mo., the same week. Scott and C. E. Autrey, director of evangelism at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, shared the program there. (BP)

California proposes record budget

FRESNO, Calif.—The Executive Board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California approved a program of work for the next five years, and voted to recommend a record budget of nearly \$2½ million for 1969.

The five-year program of work projects annual emphases for the years

1969-69 through 1972-73. The first year, 1968-69, will emphasize the 'Crusade of the Americas, and "Advance in Stewardship."

A 1969 state convention budget totaling \$2,497,131 was adopted for recommendation to the state convention in November. The budget includes a Cooperative Program goal of \$1.3 million, with 26 per cent going to Southern Baptist Convention world mission causes. (BP)

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DR. CLAUDE H. Rhea, Jr., consultant in church music and mass communications for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, is greeted by people from the audience after singing in a concert in the Florida Community of Umtali, Rhodesia. Rhea participated in preliminary and opening meetings in a nationwide evangelistic campaign held in Rhodesia in September. (Photo by Gerald S. Harvey).

New missionaries to give cantata

RIDGECREST, N. C.—“The Greatest Story Yet Untold,” a cantata by Eugene L. Clark, is being practiced by a 35-voice choir, made up from the 95 Southern Baptist missionary appointees now in a 16-week orientation at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

“We hope to present the cantata to several groups,” said Choir Leader Dwain H. Boothe. (Former minister of music for Webb Baptist Church, Arlington, Tex., Mr. Boothe expects to help churches in Thailand improve their music.)

The appointee choir includes a trio, three quartets and several soloists.

Kentucky dentist aids Guatemalans

Dr. John L. Maddox, a dentist and member of First Church, Walton, Ky., treated more than 350 people during a week-long Baptist dental project in Guatemala in August. His patients included a Roman Catholic nun in the town of Tecunuman.

“For several years Baptist dentists have volunteered their services for special projects in areas where dental care is not available,” says Missionary Harry E. Byrd. “These dental projects have not only alleviated much physical suffering but have also been the means of Christian witnessing and have opened doors for the establishment of Baptist missions. Christian literature is distributed and the names of the patients are filed for future evangelistic visits.”

Student programs for Northern Plains

RAPID CITY, S.D.—After 6,000 miles of travel and 55 days of work on 11 campuses, four new student programs have been established in Southern Baptists' newest convention, the Northern Plains Baptist Convention with offices here.

Before the project began, only the University of Wyoming and Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont., among 47 colleges and universities in the Northern Plains Convention territory, had Baptist student programs.

As a result of the summer enlistment project, the University of Montana, Missoula, Mont.; Eastern Montana State College, Billings, Mont.; Casper Junior College, Casper, Wyo.; and Northwest Community College, Powell, Wyo., were added to the student work program of the Northern Plains Convention.

The Christian and politics

The politics of loving one's neighbor

By DANIEL R. GRANT, Professor of Political Science
Vanderbilt University

It is at the point of loving one's neighbor in an increasingly urban and industrial world that many Christians, if not most, have a serious “hang-up,” to borrow a term from the younger generation. What really does it mean to love one's neighbor in the kind of world we have today?

Even though Jesus taught that we should feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, and minister to the sick, isn't it a little ridiculous to expect each Christian to apply this to 200 million Americans or to 3 billion Asians, Africans, Latin Americans, and Europeans?

It does seem so, but the teaching remains, and, if a heart of compassion remains, the Christian will constantly be seeking ways to help illiterates learn to read and write, the sick to become well and the well not to become sick, the physically handicapped to learn how to earn a living, the hungry to have food, the racially discriminated against to find open doors, children to grow up somewhere other than in slums, and all people to be free from the ravages of war.

In many ways one's love of neighbor is still manifest as individual to individual in familiar acts of compassion such as we find in the story of the Good Samaritan, or through the joint action of a church congregation, such as operating a home for the aged.

But the physical ills of the world have become so complex because of the new “giantism” in urban and industrial life that this particular image of loving one's neighbor is sadly out of date. Many of the causes of human suffering—disease, war, slums, and racial discrimination—are under full scale attack by government at all levels.

The Christian who is not actively involved in helping formulate these governmental policies and programs can hardly be said to be on the major firing line in the battle against human suffering.

It should be increasingly clear that governmental action, involving a total urban community, an entire state, a geographic region, or even the whole nation, has become in many cases the only

practical way to work for the accomplishment of certain of the ethical teachings of Christ.

Personal visitation of the sick is certainly not obsolete nor will it ever be. But why should not the Christian also support with all of his political skills the taxes and laws necessary for a massive program of research in preventive medicine with the objective of eliminating certain kinds of disease altogether?

Presumably there will always be a place for giving alms to the poor or the Christmas basket of food for the hungry. But why not support serious economic research and reform efforts aimed at making our economic system work better for those willing and able to work?

Certainly it is a Christian act of mercy to send relief to hurricane victims. But is it any less appropriate for Christian citizens to take necessary political action to support increased taxes and laws for an expanded governmental program for weather research, better warning systems, and even weather control techniques?

It will always be in order for individuals and churches to send used clothing and surplus food to missionaries in underdeveloped countries for distribution to the poor. But does not the same Christian imperative call for political action to support a far more massive foreign-aid program of research and “county-agent” type agricultural assistance to farmers overseas aimed at doubling or tripling food production?

Loving one's neighbor has not gone out of style simply because the most effective way to minister to our neighbor's need is often through joint action by the total community, which we call “governmental” action.

The non-Christians in the community may or may not support such programs from a spirit of love or compassion for those in need; their support may be exclusively motivated by self-interest or it may be rooted in a morality only indirectly related to Christianity. The Christian is responsible only for his own motives, however, and for the degree of compassion in his political action or inaction.

Southern Baptists and the race problem

The psychology of race prejudice

BY EDWARD A. MCDOWELL, Professor Emeritus
Southeastern Theological Seminary

The historical background of race prejudice (discussed in a previous article) explains in part why white people think about Negroes as they do and act toward them as they do. Most white people in the South came by their racial attitudes through their social inheritance.

From early childhood they were taught to believe that a Negro was inferior to any white person. Segregation and discrimination simply belonged to the "Southern way of life." The average southerner grew up, therefore, with these ideas imbedded in his conscious and sub-conscious mind. There they lay as potential sources of reaction in word or deed to any provocation involving sight of a Negro or discussion of the Negro's "place". The reaction might come in a violent way, whether in words of violence, or deeds of violence.

I have been amazed at times at the violent manner in which even church people have reacted when Negroes have trespassed upon the commonly accepted mores of a segregated society. The anger with which they have spoken and acted betrayed a deep seated hatred which seems to be that of which John wrote in his First Epistle: "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (I John 3:15). Certainly some of the Negroes who were violently ejected from white churches were the "brothers" of those who ejected them! We do know that

this kind of hatred was expressed in the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., and other Negro civil rights leaders.

Fear of the Negro is a basic psychological factor in the white man's attitude growing out of his social inheritance and the "Southern way of life." This fear is expressed in several different ways.

One fear the white man has had since the emancipation of Negroes from slavery is the fear of miscegnation, or intermarriage between the races. Some white racists have called this "mongrelization" of the races. The fear is that desegregation and social equality will lead to marriages between young white women and Negro youths.

Apparently there was little fear of miscegnation during the era of slavery. And yet there was more of it then than in any period since. It was common practice during the days of slavery for white masters to co-habit with Negro slave women. From such unions came the half-white, half-Negro children who were the ancestors of most of our present day mulattoes.

The lesson seems to be that there is far less miscegnation when Negro women are the masters of their own bodies than when they were the chattels of white men. There is little basis today, therefore, for the deep-rooted fear that white people have of racial intermarriage.

A certain class of whites fear that the Negro is a rival on two counts: (1) he may take their jobs away from them; (2) he may usurp their place in the social scale. This two-pronged fear is common among white people of the laboring and uneducated groups who resent the elevation of Negroes to job and educational levels equal with or superior to their own. They feel more secure when there is one group in society upon which they may look down. The Ku Klux Klan recruits many of its members from these groups.

Another cause of the white man's fear of the Negro is that the Negro is a stranger to him. White people may think that they know and understand Negro people, but by and large they do not. There still exists a gulf between the two races, even though they live and work side by side. Our animal inheritance causes us to react toward Negroes in the way an animal reacts when a strange animal invades his province—he bristles and growls and prepares to fight.

The black skin and kinky hair of the Negro are symbols which the white man identifies with all of his fears about the Negro and the ideas he has carried in his sub-conscious mind from childhood. The very sight of these symbols is often sufficient to produce a reaction in him leading to violence in word or deed, especially if he sees them in a context in which the old Southern taboos are being violated.

Baptist seminar on national crisis

CHICAGO—Solutions, rather than problems, related to the national crisis will be explored in depth in a special seminar sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here early in 1969.

The seminar, which will seek to give Baptist businessmen a first-hand look at problems of the inner city and emphasize solutions, is slated for March 24-26, 1969.

Members of the Christian Life Commission's advisory committee meeting in Nashville recently approved general plans for the meeting.

In an effort to get more laymen involved, the committee decided that any pastor attending the seminar would be

asked to bring one or two laymen to participate.

Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer of the commission, explained that scheduling of the seminar broke a long-standing commission practice of conducting a conference on national issues every other year, saying "the seriousness of the hour and the need for practical solutions made it necessary" to have seminars two years in a row.

Valentine added that the meeting was scheduled as a part of the commission's response to the recent "Statement Concerning the Crisis In Our Nation" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston last June.

Emphasizing the seminar significance Valentine said, "This is not a meeting to talk about sociological problems, it is rather a conference designed to help Southern Baptists find Christian answers

to such critical problems affecting human lives as violence, unemployment, underemployment, poor housing, and substandard education." (BP)

Three couples form mission

When the recent arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Lester C. Bell, former missionaries to Brazil, increased the ranks of Southern Baptist missionaries in Portugal to six, those three couples organized a mission. Officers are Rev. John M. Herndon, president, Mrs. Bell, secretary, Dr. Grayson C. Tennison, treasurer, and Mrs. Herndon, reporter.

There are more than 1,700 members affiliated with churches and missions of the Portuguese Baptist Convention.

National safety standards would affect church camps

WASHINGTON—Rep. Dominick V. Daniels (D., N.J.) is pushing for action in Congress for stricter safety regulations in the more than 11,200 resident, travel and day camps in the nation.

National attention to the problem of safety in youth camps is being pressed by Mitchell Kurvan of Westport, Conn. In 1965 Kurvan's son, David, age 15½, was drowned in a canoeing accident. Since that time he has led a one-man campaign to improve safety standards in youth camps.

A number of bills on the problem have been introduced in Congress. Two days of hearings were held by the select education sub-committee of the House Education and Labor Committee. Rep. Daniels is chairman of the sub-committee.

The measures, if enacted into law, would affect church youth camping programs, and other camping activities where organized groups gather for five days or more.

The proposals that are being made in Congress do not involve in any way the nature of the camping projects or the programs that are carried on in them. The bills deal exclusively with the safety, health and welfare of the youths in such camps.

Daniels' bill specifically prohibits governments "acting under this law to restrict, determine, or influence the curriculum, program, or ministry of any youth camp."

Another bill sponsored by Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D., N.Y.) would provide for a study of laws, regulations, and enforcement in the states concerning safety in youth camps.

At the present time, according to testimony before the subcommittee, there have been no national studies to indicate actual conditions in youth camps on which to base national safety standards.

The American Camping Association (ACA), however, reports that interest in and demand for camping has been increasing. The association testified that camps operated under voluntary and private auspices have increased 85 per cent from 1960 to 1965. This is a growth from 6,032 to 11,200 camps.

According to the findings in a doctoral dissertation at the University of Michigan, John J. Kirk reports that 19 states have no legislation regulating the care of children and youth in camps.

Of the 33 states that have specific or enabling legislation relative to the operation of youth camps, Kirk points out, only 26 issue licenses, permits, or register camps. And of these states only 21 provide for and require annual inspections of operating camps.

The American Camping Association has sought to establish high standards of safety in youth camps. However, only 3,069 camps are members of the association, and the voluntary nature of its

membership makes it impossible to enforce compliance with safety standards.

A spokesman on the staff of the House Committee on Education and Labor said that the proposed camping laws have little chance for consideration this year due to the desire of Congress for early adjournment.

However, a staff member on the select sub-committee on education said that if Congress comes back after the election in November congressmen would press for action this year.

This means, according to the advocates of the proposed Youth Camp Safety Act, that a new bill will be introduced next year in the new Congress and that action then will be pressed.

Although little opposition has developed to the proposal thus far, there have been significant misgivings by the Boy Scouts of America, some members of the American Camping Association and others, that federal standards are not needed.

Another point of objection that is being made is that there should be no federal funds for the enforcement of such standards, lest there be "federal control" of camping in the nation.

An attempt is being made to satisfy these objections by locating the funds and the authority in the states. It may be provided that if the states do not provide adequate camping safety standards, then the federal government will step in and set the standards. (BP)

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Texan appointed to Watts missions

ATLANTA—Sidney Smith, Jr., a 24-year-old native of Corpus Christi, Tex., has been named by the Home Mission Board to direct a special missions emphasis in the renowned Watts area of Los Angeles.

Smith is a graduate of the University of Corpus Christi and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. He served as a Home Mission Board student summer missionary in California, Mexico and Texas.

Others appointed as career missionaries include Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lynn Scruggs of Gibson County, Tenn., to assist in the weekday ministry of Central Nassau Church in Westbury, N. Y.; Kay Carolyn Brooks of Monroe, La., to assist in the weekday ministry of Eighth Avenue Church in Pensacola, Fla.; Arlie A. Watson Jr., of Colorado City, Tex., as superintendent of missions for the Eastern Baptist Association in Salisbury, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Thomas Eason of Alabama and Mr. and Mrs. William Houston

Rutledge of Tennessee as students at the Mexican Baptist Bible Institute in San Antonio, Tex., before assignment to a language missions field; and Lewis W. Newman of Corpus Christi, Tex., as director of in-service guidance at the University of Corpus Christi. (BP)

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The bookshelf

The First Baptist Church of Dallas, by Leon McBeth, Zondervan, 1968, \$5.95

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The author shows how the history of this church ties in with Baptist history in Texas and reflects great influence on evangelical Christianity throughout the nation. The book is divided into three parts: Baptist Beginnings in Dallas, the Truett Years, and The Criswell Years.

Wilfred Grenfell, by Joyce Blackburn, Zondervan

Another in Zondervan's "People You Should Know" series, this book introduces the reader to "the real Grenfell"—presenting the noted doctor-explorer as a daring and humble man. His was a life that challenged those who met him to be like him—unselfish, bright, and creative.

The Cattle Towns, by Robert R. Dykstra, Knopf, 1968, \$8.95

This is the unromanticized and hitherto untold story of the citizens of five of the most important "cow towns" of the post-Civil War era: Abilene, Ellsworth, Wichita, Dodge City, and Caldwell.

Mr. Dykstra reconstructs the process whereby townsmen sought the elusive prize of sustained urban growth through their stormy liaison with the Texas cattle trade. He shows how they collectively lured railroads and trails, coped with the problem of violence, and strove to defend their cattle trade against enemies at home and abroad.

Paperbacks include:

The Early Christian Church, by J. G. Davies, Doubleday, \$1.75

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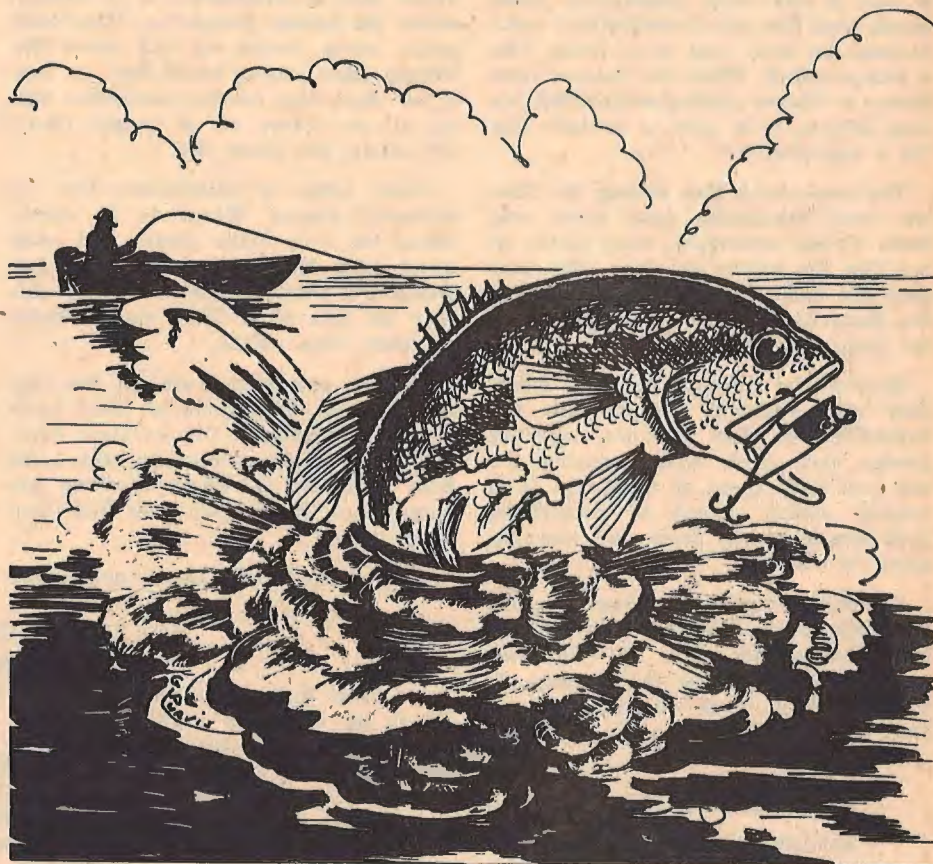
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Fishing can get too serious!



STRIKING a happy medium brings maximum enjoyment from hunting and fishing, and generates good sportsmanship toward others.

Arkansas sportsmen take their hunting and fishing seriously and this is good because both are valuable sources of recreation. There are those who take these sports too seriously—to the point where they are willing to fight over a deer stand or unwilling to divulge the location of a good fishing hole.

As an example of how earnestly one fisherman takes his angling—a young couple was fishing in a White River Lake recently and the man hooked a bass. When the bass jumped and revealed its large size, the angler asked his wife to get the landing net and help him land the fish. She grabbed the net, stood up, and fell out of the boat. When she came up her fisherman husband asked, "Are you alright, honey?" and when she said she was he replied, "I'll help you back in the boat just as soon as I land this fish!"—He's still in the dog house.

How seriously do you take your hunting and fishing? Too seriously or not seriously enough? There is a happy medium that sportsmen should find in the proper evaluation of their sport.

The moth

BY ROBERT H. WRIGHT



There are many kinds of moths in this country—about eight thousand. Of these many thousands, the hawk moth is one of the most interesting. Some people call him the hummingbird moth because he acts, and even looks, like a hummingbird. When he flutters from flower to flower sipping nectar with his long tongue, it is easy to mistake him for a hummingbird.

The hawk moth flies among the flowers most frequently near dawn and dusk. Unlike butterflies, most moths do not like the bright sunshine. But they have the same kind of long tongue as the butterfly, and use it to draw nectar from flowers.

Since moths are more active at night, they visit different flowers than the butterflies do. For instance, morning glories close their blooms during the day and open them at night. So it is usually moths instead of butterflies, that spread pollen from one morning glory to another.

By pollinating these flowers, moths do much good. But they can also do much harm. The adult, or full-grown moth, does not cause the damage. It is the young moth—the caterpillar—that is harmful.

MOTHER'S WORDS

BY LOIS ANNE WILLIAMS

Mother helped me say my prayer
And tucked me into bed.
I was glad to listen while
These gentle words she said,
"I'll see you in the morning
When another day's begun.
I'll see you in the morning,
When we'll have a lot more fun.
Good night to you, my dear one.
Now it's time for you to sleep,
While God with all his loving care
His constant watch will keep.
I'll see you in the morning,
When we'll start a brand-new day.
We'll talk and laugh, and maybe sing.
We will work and we will play."

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Everyone who has grown tomatoes has probably met one such caterpillar, the one that becomes the hawk moth. While still a caterpillar, it is usually called the tomato hornworm. This large green worm crawls up and down the tomato plant, eating every leaf. In just a few days, this hungry caterpillar can eat all the leaves off a tomato plant. Of course, the plant dies.

Other kinds of caterpillars feed on different plants. Many do no harm. Some eat only wild plants and stay away from the farmer's orchards and fields. But whatever greenery they eat, they eat lots of it. They spend almost all their time eating.

Luckily, caterpillars are not the only hungry ones. Thousands of little birds are just as hungry. One of their favorite foods is caterpillars. In fact, some baby birds are fed almost nothing but caterpillars. Many adult birds find them tasty, too.

Those caterpillars that do not become

food for baby birds grow fat toward the end of summer and begin to spin cocoons. Inside these cocoons they turn into moths.

It is interesting to watch a cocoon when the insect is hatching. The insect climbs out—no longer a caterpillar, but a moth. People often catch caterpillars so they can watch them do this, and often they catch them by simply picking them up with their fingers. This is perfectly safe most of the time. But a few caterpillars can cause a painful, stinging rash. Some of the hairy caterpillars have tiny spines that are mildly poisonous to people. It is easy to confuse these with the harmless ones.

Should you want to pick up a caterpillar but do not feel sure it is harmless, scoop it up with a piece of paper without touching it. It wouldn't be much fun to watch it become a moth if you must pay the price of an itchy rash.

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MEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

BY A. A. NEWTON

Read these clues and fill in the blanks. If you don't know an answer, look up the Bible verse suggested.

1. Sent by Ahab to find water (1 Kings 18:5)
2. Gave Jacob his two daughters (Genesis 29:15-28)
3. Son of Jacob (Genesis 30:5-6)
4. An enemy of the Jews (Nehemiah 6:1)
5. Son of Aaron and chief priest (Numbers 16:37)
6. Husband of Delilah (Judges 16:6)
7. Hindered the rebuilding of the Temple (Ezra 5:3)
8. Name given to one of three Hebrew captives (Daniel 1:7)
9. Son of Hezekiah and king of Judah (2 Kings 21:1-3)
10. High priest and judge (1 Samuel 1:9)
11. A Syrian whose leprosy was healed (2 Kings 5:1)
12. Son of Ashur (1 Chronicles 4:5)

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Answers

1. Obadiah, 2. Laban, 3. Dan, 4. Tobiah, 5. Elcazar, 6. Samson, 7. Tamar, 8. Abednego, 9. Manasseh, 10. Eh, 11. Naaman, 12. Tekoa

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The gift of new life

Life and Work

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John 3: 1-21

By DR. L. H. COLEMAN, PASTOR,
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Today's lesson is in the form of a story. This narrative deals with Christ's encounter with a Jew of high position, Nicodemus. Christ's interview with Nicodemus is a case study in how Jesus dealt with men, or a study in personal evangelism. The story deals with Christ's favorite theme, salvation.

I. The new birth (vs. 1-13)

For a comprehensive look at Nicodemus as found in the Scriptures, please read John 2:23-3:21; 7:50-52 and 19:39. Nicodemus was a man of prominence, learned, noble and upright in character. He was a member of the Sanhedrin, the highest Jewish assembly for the purpose of government. This body had seventy regular members and one extraordinary member, who was the high priest, the presiding officer. Nicodemus was an Israelite whose descent was above question. He was an orthodox defender of the law and morally blameless.

He came to Jesus by night. Why by night? Perhaps he was timid and had no backbone and was afraid to come openly. Another view is that he might have been busy during the day or had no occasion to see Jesus in the daytime. Another view states that either he felt he would have greater opportunity to talk with Jesus at length, or he had been so excited by what he had heard Jesus say that he could not wait until the next day for the interview. Perhaps the correct view is the fact that Nicodemus wanted to be impersonal and sought to hide his identity. But the all important consideration is that he came to Jesus.

Note the attitude of this prominent Jewish leader. He said, "We know" (v. 2), which indicated a positive declaration and the deep conviction of his soul. Nicodemus took the initiative of coming to Jesus and had an attitude of deep humility; he was teachable, not a victim of pride or arrogance. He was most respectful to Jesus, calling him "rabbi". This is a term reserved for those who spoke with authority. Jesus was a great teacher, a master teacher.

Please note further that Jesus paid no unusual attention because of this man's prestige. Place and prominence did not impress Jesus. He treated the noble leader in John 3 and the woman

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of ill repute in John 4 with the spirit of equality. Jesus was no respecter of persons.

Nicodemus was a religious man, a member of the sect of the Pharisees, but his great need was the new birth. He needed salvation found only in Christ.

What is meant by "born of water and of the spirit" (v. 5)? The four most frequently held views are:

1. Baptismal regeneration. This is the view held by our Church of Christ friends. A great deal of time could be expended on this point, but the New Testament teaches unequivocally that repentance and faith are salvation essentials.

2. What baptism in contrast to spiritual baptism. This view states that Nicodemus had been hearing John the Baptist who said, "I baptize you with water unto repentance." Water baptism unto repentance is held. Repent one must do; but one must also have a "spiritual baptism" unto faith.

3. Water and spirit mean exactly the same thing. Water is the symbol of cleansing and the Spirit is the symbol of power. Baptism therefore is spiritually applied. The translation would then be: "born of water, even the Spirit."

4. Physical birth and spiritual birth are contrasted. Note the passage again. The subject is birth. Salvation is like a birth. A man must be "born again" or "born anew" or "born from above" (v. 3). Nicodemus (v. 4) wonders how a person can have two physical births. Then Christ (v. 5) gets to the elemental facts of birth and talks about the water birth (physical birth) and the second birth or "born of the spirit". Note the context again. Verse six plainly contrasts physical birth ("born of the flesh") with spiritual rebirth. Verse twelve mentions earthly things as contrasted with heavenly things.

Jesus used divine sarcasm. "Art thou the teacher of Israel and knowest not these things" (v. 10)? The definite article is used, denoting emphasis (kindly satire).

II. The importance of belief (vs. 14-21)

Jesus stressed faith or belief to Nicodemus. Earlier Jesus had stated an important MUST: "Ye must be born again." Now He states it in another way: the essential of belief.

1. "Whosoever believeth in him." (v. 15).
2. "Whosoever believeth in him." (v. 16).
3. "He that believeth." (v. 18).

Christ mentioned a familiar story in the Old Testament involving Moses and the brazen serpent. (Please read Numbers 21). Many of the Israelites had been bitten by venomous serpents. At the command of God, Moses made a serpent of brass and put it on a pole. Anyone who had been bitten might look upon the serpent (with a look of faith) and live. Faith again is the essential.

Conclusion:

New life is found only in Christ. The great need of man today is the new birth experience. Eternal life is a gift of God. We receive this gift through faith.

Questions for the class:

1. How long has it been since you presented the plan of salvation to a lost person?
2. Is Christ satisfied with my witness?

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What faith requires

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Hebrews 12:1-4

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The lesson text gives another powerful exhortation to victorious living. It is hooked onto the "faith chapter" which gives thrust to the challenge. By faith we perceive reality which lies back of that which can be seen, and by faith we claim for the present the benefits of things scheduled for the future (Heb. 11:1-2). Thus, faith penetrates the realm of the unknown and the realm of the future.

The remainder of the eleventh chapter is given to a recital of the remarkable achievements of men and women who through faith attempted great tasks and endured terrible ordeals.

In opening his appeal with "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses," he means to utilize all the emotional thrust which is generated by the recital of the record of Old Testament men and women of faith. It is probably pressing a figure too far to say that the author meant that the dead heroes of faith are sitting in the stands of heaven and looking down upon us in the arena of life, although some such concept in the mind of the writer must be considered a distinct possibility. We are surrounded by examples of dynamic faith and heroic living, which examples ought to encourage us onward and upward.

"Let us also" (12:1, 2)

1. Eliminate our handicaps. The allusion refers to ancient athletes who as they entered a race laid aside the heavy weights used in training and removed their flowing robes lest they entangle their legs in running. In the race of life it is sin which weights us down, entangles us, and impedes our progress.

2. Run with stamina. Having made full preparation for life by way of training and having sought to remove every sinful impediment, there yet remains the necessity for a willful, plodding perseverance. Life's choicest victories come to the person who keeps on punishing himself and keeps on pushing his cause after it would seem that his all is lost.

If the chief goal in life is to attain high position or gain top recognition, then most men are sure to fail; there is not room for many at the top of a pyramid. But if one's chief goal in life is to attain maturity of character

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—a Christlike spirit—then he has every good reason to "run with patience the race that is set before" him.

3. Idealize Jesus. But life is not all preparation and persistence—there must be inspiration. When the opposition grows strong and victory is not in sight, when faith grows faint and the will weakens, when all human resources of strength have been used up, and when all reserve forces have been called up, one more encounter with Jesus may generate new faith, turn on new power, and set in motion new zeal sufficient to "finish the course."

In looking to Jesus as our ideal, it is well to keep in mind that he (a) pioneered in and perfected the faith, (b) endured the shame of public execution, and (c) is now exalted in heaven, all because he (d) was inspired by the anticipated joy which awaited him at the end of the way.

"Consider him who" (12:3, 4)

1. Endured hostility. Never in history, before or since that day inside and just outside Jerusalem, has such heated hostility been turned loose against one man: blind and meaningless hostility.

2. Struggled against sin. Jesus exposed sin, resisted it, struggled against it, and overcame it; and the focal point of all his struggle to victory was at Calvary.

"Shall we not" (12:7-11)

1. Consider hardship as discipline (v. 7, 8)? Hardships endured result in disciplined character. The text does not say that God sends hardships upon his children but that he uses hardships to discipline and develop them. Moreover, God's discipline is evidence of our sonship.

2. Respect God who disciplines us (9-11)? Since children respect their parents who discipline them; there is more reason for respecting the spiritual Father.

(1) Parents may punish their children for selfish reasons or out of motives which arise within themselves, but God "disciplines us for our good—that we may share his holiness." God shares his character with those who

seek to become like him in character, and suffering is often used most effectively in helping men to become like God.

(2) Discipline is temporarily painful, but it bears fruit.

"See to it that" (12:12-15)

1. Your lagging zeal is revived. "Drooping hands" and "weak knees" are to be lifted, strengthened, and set to work.

2. Your pattern of conduct is made straight.

3. The crippled are made well. Society is saturated with moral cripples. We have enough of them who hold membership in our churches to fill every hospital in the land, if only the hospitals knew how to make them well. We need to turn our churches into moral hospitals to rehabilitate some of the moral cripples. Jesus said that he had come to minister to those who were morally and spiritually ill. There is no other way in gaining moral health for ourselves that's more effective than to get involved in a program of uplift for the morally lame.

4. A program of Christian service is carried out (12:14, 15). He urged them to examine their standing with God, to prevent bitterness, and strive for peace with men and holiness before God.

Salvation is freely offered but does give rise to some obligations. All that God expects of us is that we trust him fully with every area of our being every hour of the day; that we love him completely with mind, soul, and spirit; and that we obey him implicitly in thought, words, and deeds.

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A Smile or Two



"SURELY you don't expect the Sunday School superintendent to contribute to the love gift!"

—ARK-E-OLGY by Gene Herrington

Accuracy

The job applicant tried his best to fill out the employment application. On the line asking, "Length of residence at present address," he thought and thought, and finally wrote: "About forty feet, not counting the garage."

Thrifty

A little tot in church for the first time watched the ushers pass the collection plates. When they neared his pew, the little fellow piped up so that all the congregation could hear, "Don't pay for me, Daddy, I'm under five."

Family pet

"But why did you buy a dachshund for the children?"

"So that they can all pet him at once."

Trade-in

The auto salesman's five-year-old son was crying bitterly and when asked why, replied:

"Well, I heard Momma and Daddy talking about getting a new baby. . .and I don't want to get traded in!"

A curiosity

Found: Bird or hat, which flew or blew into Brown's Service Station. It's sort of round with green and red feathers or quills on it. If you've lost a bird or a hat, or even if you haven't, drive by and see it. It's worth the trip.

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Alicia	55	48	
Berryville			
First	154	70	
Freeman Heights	106	48	
Camden			
First	455	189	
Hillside	130	49	
Second	96	64	
Cullendale First	450	128	4
Cherokee Village	57		
Crossett			
First	594	190	1
Mt. Olive	257	158	
Dumas, First	256	70	2
El Dorado			
Caledonia	52	41	
East Main	325	274	8
First	667	446	1
Victory	63	35	
Eureka Springs,			
Rock Springs	72	46	
Forrest City First	556	160	
Ft. Smith, First	1,204	457	1
Gentry, First	189	73	
Gurdon, Beech Street	158	64	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	211	102	
Hope, First	444	170	
Hot Springs, Piney	174	96	
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	135	82	
Berea	109	56	1
First	449	151	5
Marshall Road	378	142	8
Second	197	78	1
Jonesboro, Central	460	205	8
Little Rock			
Geyer Springs First	485	191	2
Life Line	541	188	4
Rosedale	203	74	
Manila, First	187	87	
Marked Tree, Neiswander	102	47	
Monticello			
Northside	97	73	
Second	258	120	
Nettleton	274	126	1
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	571	182	1
Southside	34	13	
Calvary	458	147	1
Central	254	125	3
Gravel Ridge, First	207	152	1
Levy	458	164	
Park Hill	878	229	2
First Sherwood	187	84	1
Sixteenth Street	59	85	
Sylvan Hills First	280	110	
Paragould, East Side	271	152	3
Paris, First	346	111	1
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	268	189	2
First	823	164	4
Green Meadows	72	32	
Second	214	90	2
Watson Chapel	224	108	5
Springdale			
Berry Street	94	56	
Elmdale	347	127	5
First	428	182	2
Oak Grove	60	45	
Van Buren First	498	197	1
Oak Grove	170	109	
Walnut Ridge, First	300	128	2
Warren			
First	457	151	
Southside	78	64	
Immanuel	270	109	
Westside	80	61	
West Memphis			
Calvary	250	185	
Ingram Boulevard	278	97	2

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All reports that reach us by early Wednesday morning will appear in the following week's report.

Portuguese Baptists 'Rough it' in camp

In a two-week period 110 children, eight through 14, attended a Baptist camp near Agua de Madeiras, a small town two hours north of Lisbon, Portugal.

"Camp in Portugal is different from what we know in the United States," says Mrs. John M. Herndon, Southern Baptist missionary. "It is more on the order of Vacation Bible School, with Bible and mission study, character stories, Bible drills, handwork, and periods of meditation and chorus singing.

"Camp here is walking to the ocean beach, a mile away. It is worshiping in a garage, eating outdoors, using gas and oil lanterns, hauling drinking water from a mile away, and, for many, sleeping on pallets on the floor. At present Baptists have no assembly grounds and must improvise with rented or borrowed facilities."

During the camp (sponsored by the Portuguese Baptist Woman's Missionary Union) nine persons professed faith in Christ and many rededicated their lives.

Port strike delays drugs for missions

WHEATON, Ill.—A threatened strike by Atlantic and Gulf coast longshoremen may cause serious delays in shipments of drugs to medical missionaries.

This warning was voiced at headquarters of the Medical Assistance Program, Inc. (MAP) in Wheaton, Ill., where tons of medical supplies are being held until disposition of the labor dispute.

MAP's Executive Director J. Raymond Knighton said shipments for 75 mission hospitals worth \$1.5 million have been delayed. Additional tons of supplies will be stacking up each week until the strike threat ends.

The MAP warehouse north of Wheaton acts as a central collection point for donated goods from the leading American pharmaceutical and surgical firms. Missionary personnel affiliated with more than 100 agencies or societies of most Protestant churches benefit from the supplies and services channeled through MAP.

Shipments valued at more than \$5 million were made to medical missions by MAP in the first eight months of 1968, up nearly a third over the record pace of 1967 for the same period.

Knighton said free drugs sent to India this year exceed \$1 million already. Shipments to missionaries in the Congo have been valued at almost \$600,000.



BAPTISTS sing inside a tent in Epe, Netherlands, during a rally held in preparation for an evangelistic effort planned for March, 1969. The tent could not seat all of the more than 4,000 who participated. (Photo by Joseph B. Underwood)

Other countries receiving large quantities from MAP through August include the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia and Nigeria. Missionary medical personnel in these lands have already received almost \$1 million worth of supplies.(EP)

Madrid Church has first camp

Sixty-five people attended the first camp to be held by English-language Immanuel Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain. The church's Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union jointly sponsored the week-long event, held at the Spanish Baptist assembly grounds at Denia, on the Mediterranean coast in southeastern Spain.

Southern Baptist Missionary James M. Watson, pastor of Immanuel, was camp pastor. Missionary Daniel R. White was administrator, and Roger D. Gerlach, noncommissioned officer in charge of the orthopedic surgical clinic at Torrejon Air Force Base, was director. Donald E. Hyman, of Myrtle Beach, S. C., and Jesse Sikora, of Somerset, Ky., had charge of Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliaries.

Maryland college sale recommended

BALTIMORE—The Baptist Convention of Maryland, in its first called special session in history, voted overwhelmingly to sell the property originally slated for a Baptist college in Walkersville, Md., "as quickly as feasible."

It was also the shortest convention meeting in history, lasting a mere 46 minutes.

That was the time it took to hear and approve a lengthy report of a special committee of seven appointed by the convention president at the request of the convention to take the necessary steps to dispose of the college property, or decide how to use it.

There was little discussion and almost no debate on the committee's recommendation to sell the property "at the best price possible", although no specific price was placed on the buildings and grounds.

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