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—H. Armstrong Roberts

“Let your light so shine . . .”

Concerning the Millennial Question

By L. L. GWALTNEY
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The Fullness of Grace

A Devotion by the Editor

"Grace for grace."

Language is strained to the breaking point to carry the weight of meaning which Christ unfolded in His life. After exhausting the most meaningful terms in his vocabulary in his effort to delineate the character and work of Christ, John sums up his meaning in a comprehensive term saying, "He dwelt among us full of grace and truth." When he could find no other terms to describe Him and His functions, John gathers up the quantity and magnitude of His life in the word **full**, and the quality and richness of His life in the words **grace and truth**.

Paul employs the same words saying, "It pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell," and "In him dwelleth all the fullness of the godhead bodily."

After we have used all the words in our vocabulary to tell who Jesus is and what He means to us, we are conscious of the incompleteness of our description and must fall back on these same words—He is full—full of God, full of grace, full of truth, full of everything that means life and wealth of experience.

This fullness of Jesus would have no meaning for us unless we had the privilege of sharing it. In fact, that is why we know He is so full, because His fullness has overflowed into our own lives and we have felt the surge of the tide of life as it has been communicated to us by Him. So John declares, "Of His fullness have all we received, and grace for grace." In Him we tap the springs of eternal life, we discover the mother lode of infinite riches, we experience the sweep of the full tide of refreshing grace.

"And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace." John uses the word grace here with a twofold meaning: we have shared in the complete fullness of Christ, and the grace of every specific gift of God through Christ.

Did you ever stand on the beach and watch the waves as, in rhythmic succession, they broke upon the shoreline? That is the picture we have here, wave upon wave. Manna was given in the wilderness, fresh every morning and sufficient for the day—so is grace. Or the gifts of grace are stacked, one upon another, as high as our hopes and aspirations shall ever reach. Grace is added to grace in linear sequence just as far as we shall ever travel. The grace of God through Christ is given in successive bestowments and in large measures as each one is able to receive it or has need for it.

"And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace" (John 1:16).

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There are things which are developing in the Southern Baptist Convention with the best intent and purpose, and yet we believe they are calculated to do more harm than good. There is no danger of the Baptists becoming aligned with any super-religious organization. There is no danger that they are going modernist. They are not going to yield their autonomy to any other people nor are they going to leave the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith.

The danger to the Baptists is in the fact that some are forming themselves into a peculiar fellowship for the purpose of emphasizing certain doctrines when, in the meantime, the Baptist faith is broad enough to embrace both them and those with whom they do not agree. Nowhere in Baptist history has the millennial question ever been made a test of fellowship in any of our local churches or our Conventions. Yet, according to Religious News Service under date of November 1, 1948, a group met in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and formed a pre-Millennial Fellowship. The report correctly said, "It was probably the first time any Southern Baptist group met to organize around a specific doctrine. All other Baptist groups stress the complete Bible."

Now when that fellowship was organized to embrace the pre-Millennial group was it not by the same token organized to oppose the post-Millennial group? But about the most un-Baptistic thing that we can imagine is for one Baptist to oppose another or one group to oppose another group on account of the millennial question.

Is the ancient Baptist doctrine of the integrity of the conscience no longer valid? Baptists suffered persecutions for conscience sake at the hands of centralized churches all over Europe, the British Isles and Colonial America until the adoption of the Bill of Rights in 1791. Now shall they themselves deny the integrity of the conscience among themselves no matter which side of the millennial question they happen to be on?

And suppose Baptists do not agree on all non-essential questions. Does that become a basis for different fellowships to be organized among them? Why not be Baptists in the sense of granting others the right to differ, while remaining in the same fellowship?

Nearly all of the pre-Millennial brethren are students of the writings of Dr. B. H. Carroll who founded the Southwestern Seminary. They hold him as their great exemplar in matters of faith and practice and yet Dr. Carroll was decidedly a post-Millennialist. Does their pre-Millennial organization now discredit the writings and the faith of Dr. Carroll simply because he happened to be on the other side of that question?

Every student of the Bible ought to know that arguments can be adduced on both sides of the question and plausible arguments at that. Dr. Mullins said that he was at one time a pre—, later was a post—, and finally turned out to be a pro—, which was to say that he was for the Millennium no matter when it came.

The editor of this paper would go to his limit to defend the pre-Millennialists in their right to hold their view. But he would also de-

fend the post-Millennialists in their right of faith. The point we make is that the Baptist faith is broad enough to embrace both groups, and that no one should deny to another the right of conscience on that matter.

Indeed, both "pres" and "posts" would do well to remember that Jesus said, with reference to the second coming, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." If neither the angels nor the Son himself know the time of his second advent it is passingly strange why men should seem to know so much about it whether they are on the pre or post side. The fact is that there is hardly a thing mentioned in the Bible of which so little is known as the Millennium. It could be that that is the one reason why so much is said about it.

It should be understood that nothing said on this page is meant to criticize the pre-Millennial view or those who hold that view. It is to express an opinion that no helpful purpose can be served by organizing a pre-Millennial fellowship within the larger fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention. Had the post-Millennial group organized such a fellowship the same thing would have been said about that as appears on this page. Accordingly we are not arguing for or against any view of the Millennium but we are insisting that the matter of the Millennium should not be considered the basis of a fellowship either within our churches, our associations, or our conventions.

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"Six Hundred Thousand the Goal"

By R. C. CAMPBELL

Six hundred thousand is the challenging goal of increase in our Sunday Schools in 1949, set by the Sunday School Board and the state organizations for 1949. This goal is not fantastic; it is practical. It can be reached. When it is broken down to the 20 states, then to the 900 associations, and then to the 26,800 churches one can see that it can be reached. But it cannot be reached by mere wishful thinking. It will take work, hard work; digging, deep digging to reach it. It can be done if we will follow the Lord and adopt the motto of John Wesley, which was, "At it, all at it; always at it." God is our partner. We should make our plans large. We are to look to Him and go forward for Him.

Every church in Arkansas should be alerted to deep thought in helping to reach this challenging goal. J. N. Barnette, of the Sunday School Board, is heading the movement. He is broad in his vision; dynamic in his leadership; minute in his planning; and persevering in his efforts. His program not only commands, it impels fellowship.

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Church World Service, acting on behalf of the major Protestant groups in the United States, recently shipped to Japan 89,000 Christian hymnals published in the Japanese language. They have been distributed in Japan by the hymnal committee of the United Church of Christ.

Across the Editor's Desk

Echoes from \$50,000 Offering

The foreign mission offering of \$50,000 by the First Church, Little Rock, has met with widespread interest throughout the Southern Baptist territory and has been acclaimed unique in foreign mission history.

Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor of the church, has received many congratulatory messages echoing the pent-up interest in foreign missions which found practical and generous expression in this \$50,000 offering.

The following excerpts from these messages indicate that the same deep, yearning interest in foreign missions is striving for expression throughout the Convention territory, and many accept this unprecedented offering as a challenge to all Southern Baptists:

W. Marshall Craig, Dallas, Texas: "My heart overflows with gratitude to the Lord for the marvelous service you had. I have read with deep interest of the glorious response in behalf of foreign missions. That certainly is one of the most remarkable offerings in our day. We all are inspired by such a wonderful report. I extend my heartiest congratulations to you and your church, and thank the Lord for such achievements in helping to carry forward the cause of Christ."

J. E. Dillard, Nashville, Tennessee: "I want to congratulate you on having one of the greatest churches I ever knew; and I want to congratulate the church on having the greatest pastor and leader in all the land. May the union be long, and happy, and increasingly fruitful! You have set a challenging example to all the rest."

John Caylor, Atlanta, Georgia: "Upon seeing in the *Arkansas Baptist* the story of the great offering of the First Baptist Church, I am writing to congratulate you and to wish you much joy and happiness in the new year. Such fine leadership as you have manifested at Little Rock is a matter of gratification to all who know you, and the great church in which you serve."

T. Sherron Jackson, Little Rock, Arkansas: "The article in the *Arkansas Gazette* of recent date concerning the offering of your church to foreign missions impels me to write you this note. The sacrifice and interest of your people is indeed inspirational, and I am deeply thankful for such a manifestation of love for the souls of men throughout the world."

Oscar E. Ellis, Salem, Arkansas: "You cannot imagine my joy when I read today's *Arkansas Gazette* late this afternoon and saw the account of what the First Baptist Church did yesterday morning in the offering for foreign missions. My joy was unbounded and I wish I could have been there to have rejoiced with you and the entire church. I feel that a new day has dawned for First Baptist Church, and I sincerely believe this will wake up the folks for the entire state and perhaps the Southland."

Mrs. E. J. A. McKinney, Pine Bluff, Arkansas: "When I opened the *Gazette* this morning my eyes fell on this headline, "\$50,000 Gift to Foreign Missions by First Baptist Church." I had to stop right there and take a cry and thank God for this gift. Just when we get discouraged and feel that our churches have forgotten the needs over there and are spending all the money on their own needs, God comes to the rescue and strengthens our faith."

M. Theron Rankin, and Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia: "The fifty thousand dollar gift of your church is unprecedented. We are overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude. Please convey to your people our expression of appreciation."

J. W. Marshall, Sam Choy, and Mori Hiratani, Wayland College, Plainview, Texas: We rejoice and our faith is strengthened upon hearing of your mission offering. Our students from the various nations likewise rejoice over the millions in their respective lands who may now have the privilege of hearing the gospel for the first time. Undoubtedly this will capture the imagination in the hearts of people all over the world. Thank God for the vision and faith of you and the people in the great First Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas. Such an inspiring offering will challenge more young people than ever to offer themselves to mission service overseas."

L. Howard Jenkins, Richmond, Virginia: "The members of the Foreign Mission Board were thrilled when Dr. Rankin reported the magnificent gift of your church to foreign missions. His report was received with great enthusiasm and gratitude, and by formal vote of the Board, I was requested to write to you to express the gratitude of our hearts. It is hard to put into words what is in our hearts as we contemplate what this gift will mean to world missions."

"My heart has been stirred as I read of the preparations for the offering and the offering itself, which meant such sacrificial giving on the part of so many. I have been on the Foreign Mission Board for many years, but nothing like this has happened before. This is the largest gift of any single church on any one Sunday in the more than 100 years' history of the Board. It took faith and courage plus a lot of love for a sin-burdened world to carry through such a program."

"It is said that Southern Baptist Churches contemplate erecting church buildings which will cost not less than \$50,000,000. If we could get all of these churches to follow the noble example of your church it would mean \$5,000,000,000 for world redemption. What that would mean for the world no man can tell."

General E. L. Compere, Little Rock, Arkansas: "I want to congratulate you and your fine congregation and, furthermore, tell you

that it is extremely gratifying to many of us to read that your great church has made a contribution of \$50,000 for foreign missions. I hope many of our churches will be encouraged to follow the fine example of your great church."

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Great Evangelistic Conference

The Evangelistic Conference held at the First Church, Little Rock, January 24-26, sponsored by the State Mission Department, Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent, was a signal success. In spite of the downpour of rain, the conference was well attended by pastors and others from every part of the state. There were at least 250 pastors in attendance, and it is estimated that the peak attendance reached at least 750.

All the guest speakers measured up fully to the expectations of those in attendance, and the audience thrilled to their challenging messages. Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, was the preacher for the conference, delivering a series of four messages. Dr. Criswell stirred the hearts of all in attendance by his dynamic, straightforward and soul-searching messages.

The major emphases of the conference were organization, information, and inspiration—organization for meeting the challenge of evangelism in church, association, and state; information concerning the "how" in achieving the goals set forth in a great evangelistic program; and inspiration to undertake the most vigorous and comprehensive evangelistic campaign in our history.

This conference will give impetus to the evangelistic effort in the state of Arkansas throughout the current year. The fires of evangelism kindled in the hearts of those who were present will undoubtedly spread throughout the churches and local communities represented by those in attendance. It is confidently hoped that the results in baptisms will far exceed any previous year in the history of Arkansas Baptists.

The conference reached a great climax in the closing hour in a great consecration service when Dr. Criswell called upon people to kneel in the altar and pray for the Holy Spirit to fill their hearts with a Divine passion for souls. The response was immediate and the altar and aisles were filled with people kneeling in prayer. As Dr. Criswell led this closing prayer, many others were praying audibly, and all hearts were moved as we have seldom seen in recent years.

We are confident that we express the sentiments of all who were present in our expression of appreciation to Dr. Caldwell and the Mission Department for sponsoring this Evangelistic Conference, and to all others who had a part in making the conference the success it was. Pastor R. C. Campbell and the First Church, Little Rock, were most gracious in providing facilities for holding this conference.

It is our judgment that we have not heard the last of this conference, but that there will be echoes from it throughout the year, and may the Lord guide every Arkansas Baptist in his or her efforts to win the lost to Christ.

Kingdom Progress

South Side, Fort Smith

South Side Church, Fort Smith, held its first service in the new building January 16. This is Fort Smith's newest Baptist church, having been organized May 23, 1948, with 190 members. The membership has grown to 550 at present. Victor H. Coffman is the pastor and founder of the South Side Church.

The first unit of the proposed complete church plan is the educational building, of concrete and brick construction, and provides ample space for a departmentalized Sunday School. The basement of the present building is being used as a church auditorium until such time as a sanctuary may be erected, and it has a seating capacity of 500.

A six room modern home has been constructed for Pastor Coffman.

Central Church, Jonesboro, Reese S. Howard, pastor, recently closed an eight-day Brotherhood revival, led by Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood secretary. There were 29 additions to the church, 21 of them coming on profession of faith and baptism.

Special services were held Sunday January 23, by the First Church, McGehee, in honor of the third anniversary of Pastor Theo T. James' pastorate of that church. Central College Choir, under the direction of Miss Marcella Johnson were special guests for the Sunday morning worship service. Sunday evening the new Wurlitzer Organ was dedicated, and special selections were played by Mrs. J. O. Harper.

During the three years that Mr. James has been pastor at First Church, there have been 494 additions to the church membership, 254 by baptism. Total gifts to all purposes were \$85,919, including \$13,481.65 to missions. Two mission churches have been organized. Present membership of the church is 1,035.

Sunday, January 16, marked the beginning of the sixth year as pastor of the First Church, Nashville, for W. E. Perry. There have been 371 additions to the church during the past five years and the Sunday School enrolment has increased from 362 to 547. Pastor Perry, formerly of Fort Worth, Texas, graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Seminary there in 1944 and accepted a position as pastor of the First Church, Nashville, immediately after his graduation on January 16, 1944.

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New Book

"The Third Strike," edited by Glenn Clark, Publisher, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Release date, March 21.

It is the brief, bitter, unfinished story of Jerry Gray, a hopeless alcoholic, in the victim's own honest, soul-searching words. It is the true life story of a young man who battled the bottle and lost, who lived in dread and died in suicide.

Dr. Robert G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, says: "This book teaches that a person can more wisely expect to climb a thorn tree one hundred feet high and never get a scratch than to expect to drink booze and never be hurt."

Orlin M. Allen, pastor of the South Texarkana Church for the past two years, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Bradley, and has assumed his duties there.

During the two years of Mr. Allen's ministry of South Texarkana Church, 51 persons were received into the church by baptism; a parsonage was built; two classrooms were added to the church plant; a W. M. S. was organized; two Girls Auxiliaries and a Royal Ambassadors band were organized; five deacons were ordained; and a young man was licensed and ordained to preach.

Mr. Allen received his B. D. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. He also holds a Bachelors degree and a Masters degree from the University of Arkansas.

Ouachita College News

By EMIL WILLIAMS

Second semester began January 24. Fifty freshman students were enrolled, making a total of about 300 in the Freshman Class for the year.

The total enrolment of 900 is made up of students from 70 counties, 26 states, and two foreign nations.

Ouachita has four teachers on leave of absence to get their Masters degrees—Martin Burns in music, Miss Esther Dixon in business administration, Miss Juanita Ford in home economics, and Sidney Massey in history. Three other Ouachita teachers plan to get their Masters degrees next summer.

Arkadelphia citizens have presented the athletic department with a new electric basketball scoreboard for the gymnasium.

During the first six weeks of Pastor Loyal Prior's ministry at the Hilton Baptist Church, Hilton Village, Virginia, there were 33 additions to the church membership, 12 of whom were received on profession of faith and for baptism. There have been professions of faith every Sunday since Pastor Prior assumed the pastorate of the Hilton Church.

Russellville Advances With "Speed"

By MRS. LEWIS S. TALLEY

The First Church, Russellville, is showing remarkable progress in every field of endeavor under the competent and consecrated leadership of W. E. Speed, who assumed the pastorate of the church in June. The Training Union has doubled in membership and attendance. The Sunday School has made a gain of approximately 125. These results have come through a program of prayer, planning, and promotion.

Heeding the admonition to "Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes," the church inaugurated a plan Sunday, January 23, for enlarging its scope of service by organizing a Bible Class for deaf persons. The class will meet in the church annex during the eleven o'clock worship period and will be taught by Mrs. Hallea H. Stout, who, although deaf, has had wide experience in this type of work. It is hoped that through these efforts the gospel will reach many deprived of the sense of hearing.

Southwestern News

Enrolment for the spring semester at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, reached the 1,041 mark during the official registration dates, January 7-10.

Students are permitted to enroll through the second week. Due to this plan of registration the enrolment is expected to surpass the 1948 spring figure of 1,079.

A Stewardship Revival

By CHARLES W. NASH

The Joyce City Church conducted a stewardship revival the week of January 9 to 16, with L. M. Keeling, Little Rock, as guest preacher. Mr. Keeling delivered a series of messages on stewardship which awakened a vital interest in the Bible plan of giving on the part of the members of the Joyce City Church.

The following subjects were discussed: "Back to Bethel"; "God's People Following God's Plan"; "God's Ownership and Man's Trusteeship"; "Implications in Christian Stewardship"; "Christ and Tithing"; "God's Twin Laws"; "God's Respect to the Giver and His Gift"; "The Andrew and Zacchaeus Impulse Multiplied"; and "Jesus Only."

Calvary Church, Little Rock, Wilbur Herring, pastor, recently ordained the following deacons: Tom Metcalf, Dan L. Cox, Clyde Simpson, Ernest Biggers Jr., Loren T. Denton, Elon J. Roberts, Nathan J. Toms, Wayne Ellison, J. P. Kinney Jr., Douglas Reynolds, Ed Clark, and Milton E. Gardner.

Calvary Church received 271 members into the church last year, 60 of whom were by baptism. A \$25,000 unit has been completed on the educational building, and a Hammond organ has been installed in the auditorium.

Central Association Music Festival

Ray McClung, music director for Central Association sent in the following report of the Hymn-sing and Music Festival held recently in that association: "Ten churches were represented with choir numbers at the Quarterly Music Festival of Central Association which was held in the First Church, Malvern, Thursday night, January 20. The church auditorium was filled to capacity, the pastor estimating that between five and six hundred people were present. At the congregational singing period led by Thomas Landers Jr., music director, Central Church, Hot Springs, this great group joined heartily in the singing.

"A total of 210 persons sang in the ten choirs presenting special numbers. Four of the choirs were from rural churches.

"Twenty-Eight pastors, music directors, church musicians, and guests attended the supper conference which precedes the music festival. Discussion of youth choir work, music for revivals, and larger music education in the association was led by the director."

A full time preaching program has been inaugurated in the mission churches of the First Church, Springdale, Stanley Jordan, pastor. Earl Sherry is pastor of the Berry Street Mission, and Lucien E. Coleman, assistant pastor and educational director of First Church, is in charge of services at the Caudle Avenue Mission.

A Comprehensive Financial Program

By E. C. BROWN, President
Arkansas Baptist State Convention

At the November session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Executive Board presented a resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Convention, proposing a new financial program for the Convention. It instructed the Steering and Planning Commission to make surveys of the immediate and long-term needs of its institutions, boards, agencies, and mission causes, and to recommend an all-inclusive financial program which would meet such needs by the pooling of drives and campaigns of the institutions and agencies into one great unified program. This recommendation is to be made to the Executive Board which will in turn bring it to the Convention in November, 1949.

After this matter has been submitted to the Executive Board and adopted by the Board, when it will be submitted in detail to Arkansas Baptists before the Convention meets. Every effort will be made to inform each and every Arkansas Baptist so that he may be ready to vote intelligently on the matter when it is presented to the Convention in November.

The Administrative and Finance Committee of the Executive Board, in its first meeting following the Convention, voted unanimously to offer its service to the Planning and Steering Commission. This was done because of a realization that the task imposed upon the Planning and Steering Commission was indeed difficult. The Steering Commission accepted this invitation, and the two groups held their first meeting in the Choir Room of the First Church, Little Rock, January 24.

After a prolonged discussion of the task at hand, the two groups voted unanimously to set up the following survey committees: Educational Institutions, R. C. Campbell, chairman; S. A. Whitlow, Lloyd Sparkman, W. R. Vestal, T. H. Jordan, D. B. Westmoreland Jr., Ralph Douglass, and Minor Cole; Committee on Benevolent Institutions, L. L. Hunnicut, chairman; W. C. Blewster, Hugh Cantrell, Paul Fox, Harold Hicks, Mrs. J. F. Queen, and Byron King; Committee on Missions, T. K. Rucker, chairman; Mrs. C. H. Ray, E. L. Compere, J. G. Cothran, E. P. J. Garrott, C. E. Lawrence, and C. G. Davis. These committees solicit the earnest co-operation of all the institutions, boards, and agencies of the Convention in gathering the necessary information for the setting up of the new financial program. The Planning and Steering Commission and the Administration and Finance Committee will hold another joint meeting on March 17 at 1:00 p. m., in the Choir Room of the First Church, Little Rock. The three survey committees are expected to have their work completed and will make reports at that time.

The work of these three committees deserves not only the earnest co-operation but also the prayers of every Arkansas Baptist. It is absolutely imperative that Arkansas Baptists rise up in the strength of the Lord and meet the challenge of these destiny determining days. Our institutions, boards, agencies, and mission causes must have more money in order to meet the opportunities that God is giving them to serve Him.

We must go back to the individual Arkansas Baptist and ask him to bring a tithe and place it all in the Lord's Treasury, in his own church. Then, we must ask our churches to give a worthy and liberal portion of the tithes and offerings of their members to the Co-op-

erative Program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The Co-operative Program must be an all-inclusive program which will provide for the current needs of our institutions, boards, agencies, and mission causes, and their long-range capital needs.

Such a program will unify Arkansas Baptists and will undergird our institutions, boards, agencies, and mission causes. Such a program will not only provide for the giving of the tithe, but will make a place for great love offerings to the causes dear to the heart of the Savior. It is time for us to quit playing at the job of winning a lost world to Christ. It is time for us to lay our all upon the altar for Christ.

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Care of European Children

The Southern Baptist Relief Committee and the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee are not the proper agencies to write in offering homes to European orphans, it has been announced by Charles R. Gage, Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Representative, New Orleans.

"Hundreds of persons are writing daily to New Orleans offering foster homes for European war orphans," Gage said. "Unfortunately the Displaced Persons Act under which Baptists are aiding D. P.'s provides only for the entering of adult Displaced Persons and their children. Orphaned children are being resettled by the United States Committee for the Care of European Children, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York. Persons desiring to offer homes to orphans should write the Committee at this address."

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An Awakening Needed

By CHARLES A. WELLS

For several centuries the Church and the Christian leaders kept the world in turmoil. The rulers and the rich and powerful wanted to maintain the "status quo" unchallenged; war was a pastime for kings; cruel injustices and human bondage existed in endless forms. But with the Church there was no compromise. Till about 400 A. D., the Church was pacifist; Christians refused to bear arms; Roman soldiers who became converted threw away their swords; the Christians preached a hearty sharing of possessions; their attitude toward property was in terms of a strict stewardship—with wealth only recognized as it served the needs of men and the Kingdom of God.

No wonder they turned the world upside down! We are not suggesting that the Christian today return to those early extremes—but if the Church had continued its challenge of power, selfishness and injustice in the name of love and redemption, the evil growth of communism would never have found ground for its roots.

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Baptist Radio Hour

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, will be The Baptist Hour speaker in April, May, and June, it has been announced by The Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, S. F. Lowe, director. The theme for the three month period will be "Consider Jesus," with the emphasis on evangelism.

Dr. Grey becomes the first speaker to preach an entire series of The Baptist Hour. He was heard in the 1944 series, and has had an outstanding radio ministry in New Orleans, with three broadcasts each Sunday.

The Baptist Hour programs will originate in Atlanta.

First Church, Fayetteville, Makes Rapid Progress

By MISS ANNE HITCHCOCK

The First Church, Fayetteville, reports 292 additions, with 55 of these coming by baptism, during 1948. The membership at the close of the year was 1,946. The Sunday School showed an enrolment of 1,089, a gain of 154. The Training Union enrolment was 361, a gain of 85.

Total gifts for the year were \$73,149.07. The disbursements reveal that \$16,939.45 went to missions, \$35,184.89 to local expenses, and \$22,255.57 to the building fund. The budget for 1949 has been over-subscribed.

During the year two new departments and several classes were added to the Sunday School, and one department and seven unions were organized in the Training Union. A Brotherhood was organized in April. Two new circles were added to the W. M. S.

The church staff includes six full time workers. On May 15 Herbert McGlamery came as director of Religious Education, and has done a splendid work in the organizational life of the church during these months.

Dan Bates came as Baptist Student Union Secretary in July, serving the some 1,500 Baptists and Baptist preference students attending the University of Arkansas here.

Mark Fite, a student at the University, was employed as pastor of the West Side Mission, a branch of the First Church, in October.

A basement costing \$4,000 is now being completed for the West Side Mission.

Architect's drawings for an educational building are complete and in the hands of the congregation. This building is to be 60x112 feet, three stories high, and will accommodate 800 more pupils in the Sunday School plus adequate office space. The congregation hopes that construction can be begun in the weeks ahead.

Dr. Walter L. Johnson, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Mississippi, has been on this field as pastor since October of 1947.

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The Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, has enrolled 23 new students for the spring semester, bringing the total for the present school year to 121. This represents a 47 per cent increase in enrolment over last year.

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Baptist World Alliance Sunday

By ROBERT G. LEE, D. D., President
Southern Baptist Convention

We have food—and few, if any, in our land go hungry. We have clothes—and most of us suffer never from wintry blasts. We have houses to shelter us—and most of us know the refuge beneath the roof. We have medicine when we get sick—and for this we are grateful.

Our people have money—and most of us know little of the scarcity of money. We are the people WITH — people with MUCH.

But these things can not be said of our Baptist brethren in lands ravaged by war where our brethren are despised and maltreated.

Let us, who are the people WITH MUCH, encourage these, our brethren, who are WITHOUT many things we have. Let us, on February sixth, since our Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution to authorize a Baptist World Alliance Sunday, show that we love God and these, our brethren, with our pocketbooks as well as with our hearts—for RELIEF and other work of our Baptist World Alliance.

*** Christian Horizons ***

A Smile or Two

Men representing 15 denominations gathered at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, December 7-9, 1948, for the second convention of the World Missionary Aviation Council. Makes of aircraft suitable for missionary work, maintenance on the field, and publicity for missionary aviation were among the topics considered. Among those present were missionary pilots who have flown on the field, Christian airmen from this country, denominational officials and teachers in missionary aviation schools.

—*Watchman Examiner.*

Plan Children's Theater To Show Wholesome Films: An Albany, New York, corporation has announced plans to construct a small children's theater in the city to show juvenile films having the combined approval of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish religious organizations.

The new firm, known as The Juvenile Theater of America, Inc., is composed of men who have had local experience in showing children's movies at church functions.

Dale Smith, a veteran Albany theater man, said he hopes to build a small theater, then sound out church leaders for recommendations as to the type of movies best suited for youngsters.

Church Council Asks Liberalized Divorce Laws: Describing present divorce laws in the State of New York as "neither just nor humane," the New York State Council of Churches, at its annual meeting, urged the Legislature to provide "more wholesome" laws.

The Council's resolution, which called the present laws "an occasion for evasion and hypocrisy," coincided with a move on Capitol Hill by the New York City Bar Association to liberalize the divorce laws. The state currently recognizes adultery as the sole grounds for a divorce action.

While expressing "grave concern over the present legal conditions regarding divorce," the churchmen added, "we would not encourage easy divorce or advocate any legal procedure that treats it lightly."

Lutherans Exceed Four Million Relief Goal: A campaign for \$4,000,000 conducted by the National Lutheran Council for church relief and reconstruction abroad has gone over the top by \$97,991, according to a report by Religious News Service.

Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the Council, hailed the success of the Lutheran World Action drive as "a sign of wholesome spiritual health in our churches."

Dr. Empie said that another Lutheran World Action appeal was already under way to raise an additional \$4,000,000 in 1949.

Laymen Hold Annual Interfaith Dinner: Methodist, Baptist, and Jewish laymen held their nineteenth annual interfaith dinner in St. Louis.

They heard their religious leaders—Dr. Alben Godbold of St. John's Methodist church; Leon R. Robison of Second Baptist; and Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman of Temple Israel—discuss the topic: "How shall we prevent war in an atomic age."

With Dr. Godbold acting as moderator, the

other two clergymen agreed that there could be no peace without justice.

"We must have a will for peace," Mr. Robison said. "We must say we are not going to settle disputes by violence. We are not going to drop an atomic bomb."

Rabbi Isserman declared that rearmament was "not practical," and said it would not bring about world peace.

"The whole world must be redeemed through justice for every man," he said. "The success of the United Nations will depend upon the moral attitudes of the nations that make it up."

Under the leadership of Dr. Alfred M. Moore, and with the co-operation of Dr. Frank C. Laubach, world-renowned "apostle of literacy," the committee on world literacy and Christian literature of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America is launching a vast program to produce, print, and distribute large quantities of Christian books and pamphlets for the peoples of Africa, Burma, China, Korea, Latin America, the Near East, and the Philippines.

—*Watchman Examiner.*

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will increase its radio budget from \$1,250,000 to \$1,400,000 for the next fiscal year. The present fiscal year ends May 30. The increased budget will be spent in securing additional stations, mostly on the Mutual Broadcasting System. Foreign broadcasting will also be expanded. Currently, the "Lutheran Hour" is heard in 40 countries, where the program is transcribed in eight languages. The denomination is also considering filming the "Lutheran Hour" and distributing it to television stations throughout the country.

Montana Church Council Active On Legislation: The Montana Council of Churches has been making no secret of its stand on legislation pending before the House of Representatives in Helena.

Since the current session got under way, the Council has sponsored two proposals, given support to a third, and indicated opposition to a fourth.

The legislative committee of the Council has announced unanimous support of a measure that would place before the people of the state in 1950 the question whether slot machines should be prohibited. A committee spokesman said the Council as a whole felt certain the public would defeat such a measure by a 3 to 1 count.

At the present time, slot machines may be licensed for operation in incorporated "religious, charitable, benevolent and other non-profit clubs."

Opposed by the Council is a measure calling for legalized gambling. However, H. M. Waldron, chairman of the Council's legislative committee, said he was not alarmed over the bill which he said had small chance of passing.

In the event the proposal should pass, he indicated, the Council will immediately circulate a petition calling for a referendum on the measure before it is officially in force.

The two bills sponsored by the Council are:

The father of an aspiring young concert pianist persuaded composer Leopold Godowsky to give the girl an audition. When she had finished, the beaming father turned to the composer and cried: "Isn't she wonderful?"

"She has an amazing technique," conceded Godowsky. "I have never heard anyone play such simple pieces with such great difficulty."

—*Fraternal Monitor.*

A need of the times is a typewriter that will make a non-committal wiggle when you aren't sure about the spelling.

—*R. & R. Magazine.*

She waited on the corner joyously, then pensively, then expectantly, then casually, then anxiously, and two hours passed.

"Man," she said, "is a perfidious creature, faithless and untrue, incapable of keeping a promise." And so she became a cynic.

Two hundred yards down the street he said the same thing about women. She was on the wrong corner.

—*Christian Observer.*

The famous editor, Horace Greeley, always insisted that the word "news" was plural. Once he wired a reporter: "Are there any news?"

The reporter wired back: "Not a new."
—*Des Moines Register.*

The famous editor, Horace Greeley, wrote his peppery editorials in an illegible scrawl. The browbeaten linotype operator once complained, "Chicken tracks! That's what the man does. I'll prove it."

The next day he came into the office with a lively hen tucked under his coat. Taking a bottle of writing ink, he swished her feet in it, then set her down to run around on a sheet of paper. When the ink dried, he grabbed the sheet and rushed into Greeley's office. "Mr. Greeley," he cried pointing at a spot in the mess. "I can't make this out." Greeley squinted over his glasses. "Where'd you learn to read?" he growled. "That word's Constitution."

—*Kalends of the Waverly Press.*

Visiting Parson: "What a lot of your congregation have had coughs."

Verger: "Bless 'ee, sir, they ain't coughs; them's time signals."

—*Cambridge Daily News.*

"Oh, honey, bring a half dozen mouse traps when you come home this evening," said the bride.

"Why, I just bought six yesterday."

"I know, but they have mice in them."

—*Exchange.*

Talk about atomic warfare has produced some odd effects. For example, more people than ever are learning to play the harp.

—*Grit.*

A measure to make it illegal for a tavern operator to permit any one under 18 years of age to enter his establishment. The bill would also make it a misdemeanor for a youth under 18 to falsify his age to gain admittance. A measure to permit counties to vote on whether they would license the sale of liquor and beer.

Here's What Homes Need

By JOE W. BURTON

Editor, *Home Life*

An able preacher stopped me on the street at noon today. He is the pastor of a growing church in another city.

"That family altar campaign," he said, "that's what we need!"

Then he told me about polling his members when he first went to the church several years ago. "Only a few," he said, "maybe a half dozen had family worship. I knew that if the church made progress I would have to develop the spiritual life of the members in their homes. I began to work at once on the family altar."

As he talked, I was thinking about the great congregation which he now leads—the throngs which crowd the building for every service, the fine record in stewardship, the many converts baptized month after month.

"Now," he said, a gleam in his eyes and a warmth in his voice, "the number of family altars is more than a hundred. The secret of any success in our church has been family worship."

It will be the secret of success in any church where the pastor leads home builders to read the Bible together and pray in the family circle daily.

If we will lead husbands and wives to establish family altars, we will make one of the greatest possible contributions to the homes of America.

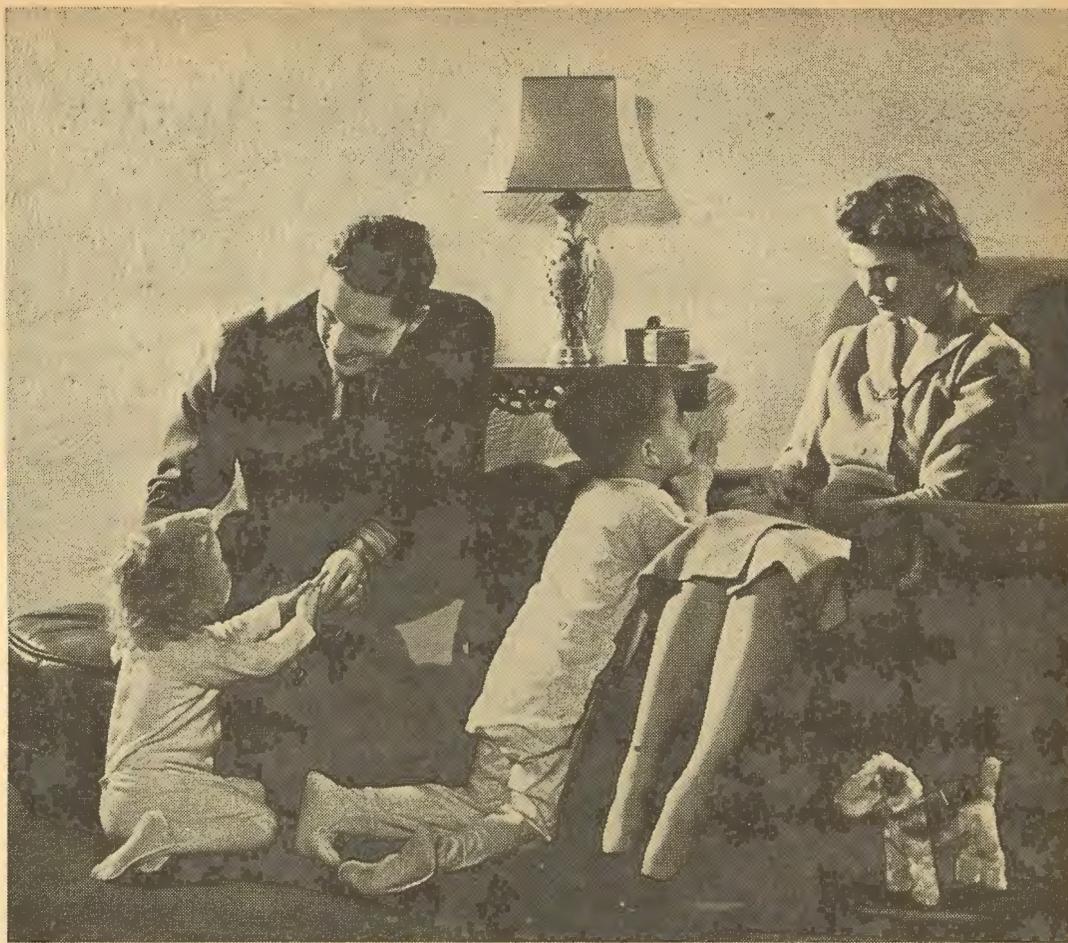
For instance, here is a husband who got miffed at someone in his church. He is falling away in attendance. He has even taken his spite out on his wife in many little ways. His ugliness is hurting his home. A daily period of Bible reading and prayer in that family would solve the problem quickly.

The family altar will relieve tensions, quiet frayed nerves, make it easier for people to live together happily in the family.

I know parents who have nearly ruined the personality of their young son by clumsy and sometimes heartless methods of discipline. The boy has been shut up in dark closets, cuffed and beaten, and even neglected. Now the boy is sullen, cowed, rebellious—the sad result of six years treatment at the hands of thoughtless and ignorant parents.

Many of those mistakes would have been avoided if the parents had practiced the daily reading of God's Word together and sincere prayer to him for guidance. Such practice would have mellowed their spirits, given them more sympathy and understanding, and helped them to be far better parents to the little fellow whom they brought into the world, and whom they profess to love.

The family altar is the best discipline for the home. All children need to be brought



—H. Armstrong Roberts.

up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

A certain young husband is enduring sore trials by reason of the serious illness of his wife. The young mother faces many months in bed and probable permanent disability. Their children need the care of able-bodied parents.

Now I do not mean to imply that family worship would work the miracle of physical cure for that lovely young mother. But the family altar in such a home will give parents the poise to face even such trying difficulties. When the family looks to God through his Word and prayer, the members will learn how to adjust themselves to any circumstance of life. They will also be eager participants in every phase of kingdom work.

Now we are in a campaign to enlist 100,000 new family altars. The slogan for this campaign is, "Family worship every day in every Baptist home."

Material for the promotion of this campaign has been mailed to pastors. If the spiritual benefits expected are received, full use must be made of every suitable plan and procedure. The success of this movement depends, as is always true of any worthwhile venture, on good preparation and aggressive effort.

Pastor and people must work to accomplish the goal. They must do so with a conviction of the need and a certainty of the values to be achieved through family worship.

Surely the end of anchoring homes to God through daily reading of his Word and prayer is a goal worthy of the most careful planning and delight work. Here are four specific suggestions:

First, conviction. Someone in the home must believe that a soul starves without spiritual food just as certainly as will the body without physical food, as Dr. Duke K. McCall has said. In like manner, the pastor must know in his heart that the homes of his people need family worship if he is to lead his people successfully in a family altar campaign.

Second, endorsement. The convinced pastor will know how to lead his church to endorse the family altar campaign in preparation for it. First he will want to enlist his leaders—deacons, Sunday school workers, Training Union leaders, W. M. U., and Brotherhood officers — and then secure the hearty vote of the church in approval.

Third, action. A program of action will then be planned and executed covering the weeks of the campaign. It will include displaying the family altar poster which is being mailed to each pastor, distributing family altar tracts, publicity in church and community publications, adopting goals by Sunday School departments. Family altar commitment cards in sufficient quantity to meet the need should be ordered early at a penny a piece from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Fourth, climax. Home Dedication Day on May 1 — the first Sunday of Christian Home Week — will climax this great spiritual campaign. Pastors will plan to focus on family worship through preaching services, Sunday School, and Training Union. It will be a great day of dedication of homes unto the Lord throughout the land and of commitment by home builders to engage in family worship.

Motives for Our Work

By FRED A. WHITE

When we come to think of the motives for our work, we are thinking in the realm of that which incites to action, that which determines our choices, and that which moves the will, and that which is both a reason and a cause for our work.

Questions will besiege our minds when we think of the holy ambitions and divine motives which caused God to create a world and crown it with the creature of His own image. Emotions stir our hearts as we think of Abraham leaving Ur of the Chaldees and offering Isaac as a sacrifice upon the altar of God. Our faith is strengthened for every task when we behold Moses, face to face with the eternal God, and hear the tramp of slaves' feet across the burning wilderness to a God-chosen home.

We are amazed at the soul-searching wisdom of an Isaiah, whose God-breathed inspiration helped him to see both the destruction of his nation and the coming of the Lamb of God. We stand in awe under the influence of an Elijah, who destroyed the prophets of Baal. Our hearts bleed with the sorrow of Hosea, as he reads the message of a broken-hearted God in his own suffering. We marvel at the strength and power of Paul, as he plants the seeds of the kingdom across the face of two continents; and are lost in profound wonder as we see the glories of things to come as seen and recorded by John, the beloved disciple. Whence came all this? For what reason and for what cause?

Call and Commission of Jesus

The foundation motive for our work is the Commission of our blessed Lord, who has called us out and sent us to do His work. Our work is His work and He has called us, equipped us, and commissioned us to do His work. How that hallows our task: "The dignity of every office is measured largely by the dignity of the appointing power. The servant is not above his master. When one holds an official position under the commission of a king, that royal signature ennobles every official action performed under its authority and confers on it the royal sanction, however paltry it may seem in itself. But, what earthly potentate can be compared in majesty with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who, as the eternal God, Himself, calls every man, appoints every man, and sends forth under His supreme authority every man who lawfully enters the ministry?"—Carroll, in *Jesus the Christ*.

Our work is the work of God. He directs and leads men as individuals, churches, associations, state conventions, and as South-wide and world-wide conventions to do His work.

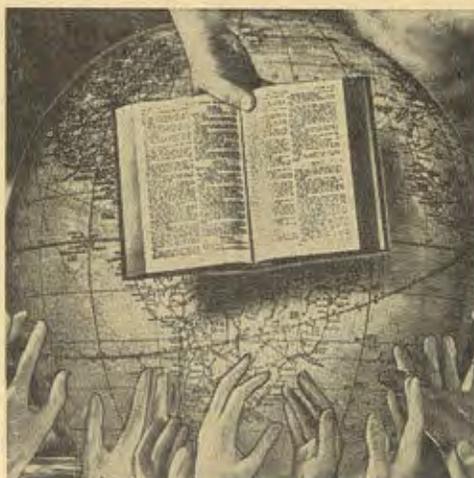
The divine Lord of the harvest sends forth His laborers into the harvest. He separates them from the masses of the world, and kindles on the altar of their hearts, an unquenchable desire to serve Him.

Without this foundational motive and under-girding support, how could we carry on when obstacles seem insurmountable, and the way looks hard and dark! When we seem weak and undone, how sweet the words, "all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." When we seem to be alone and want to quit and run away like Elijah, how strengthening to hear His words, "And, lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

Nothing but a divine call and commission can keep our preachers in their pulpits, teachers in their classrooms, missionaries on their field, and denominational workers at their jobs, in the face of the difficulties and trials encountered.

Denominational History

When we think of that which incites us to action, guides us in making the right choices, that which moves our wills and leads us out



into service we must think of the triumphs and tragedies of the past of the people who are our spiritual forefathers.

"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." The first three centuries of Christianity records a mighty growth in the face of tremendous Jewish and pagan persecutions. Christ was preached, and churches sprang up in all the Roman Empire, Europe, Asia, Africa, England, Wales, and almost everywhere civilized people lived. In 313 A. D. pagan persecution ended, but hierarchy was formed, and the Emperor Constantine enthroned as head of the church. Christ's people had overthrown one evil only to be caught with a greater. However, there were many disciples at that time who refused to enter the hierarchy. This was the beginning of fifteen hundred years of terrible blood-shed and trouble. The Roman Catholic Church was soon formed and infant baptism became compulsory by law in 416. Ten years later, the midnight blackness of the "Dark Ages" began to settle its gloom over the whole world. What a period! How black and bloody it was!

During this period, our spiritual forefathers were martyred at the rate of an average of four million every 100 years, for the space of twelve hundred years. Fifty million died of persecution. Through it all, there remained those who were true to God and His teachings, and refused to yield their positions. Theirs was indeed a "Trail of Blood," but led by the cross of Jesus. Hunted like animals, purged by fire, they counted not their lives dear, but simply clung to the cross of Jesus. Into the "Dark Ages" went a group of many churches which were never in any way connected with the Roman Catholic Church. Out of the "Dark Ages" came a group of many churches, which, until this day, have never been identified with the Catholics.

Then came the Protestant Revolution that shook Catholicism to its foundations. This grew out of discontent within the Catholic churches themselves—both Greek and Roman—and followed hard on the heels of the giving of the scriptures to the people. By the close of the sixteenth century, there were five established churches, backed by their civil governments—Greek and Roman Catholics, Church of England, Lutheran, and Presbyterian of Scotland.

Through all this terrible time, our forefathers, the Ana-Baptists and others fought and died on the side of the reformers and revolutionists. Their great help in the struggle was soon forgotten, and in a little while their hopes, kindled by the reformation, had proven to be a bloody delusion. Thousands, including both women and children, became victims of persecution and died at the hands of their former friends.

These new churches were as bloody and intolerable in their persecution as the Catholics had been. "Sad and awful was the fate of these long-suffering Ana-Baptists!"—

Trail of Blood

The discovery and settlement of America gave these persecuted people a chance to flee from their enemies, they thought. So, they came in large numbers. But, they soon found that even here in America they would not be free from persecution, except they establish their own colony. So Roger Williams and John Clarke, a Baptist preacher, organized a colony of their own in 1638, and in 1663 the Rhode Island Colony became a legal institution. Then the Baptists wrote their own constitution. In that constitution was the world's first declaration of religious liberty.

Religious liberty came slowly and at a terrific price, and Baptists fought the battle almost alone. Many volumes could be, and have been, filled with the accounts of their sufferings in Massachusetts under the Congregationalists, in New England under the Presbyterians, and in the Southern colonies, especially throughout the Carolinas and Virginia, with the Church of England. Virginia was the second place to grant religious liberty, and that came in 1786. The greatest triumph came December 15, 1791, when Congress declared the first amendment to the constitution to be in force, which guaranteed religious liberty to all citizens. Baptists took the lead in bringing this to be, so our forefathers planted the seeds that gave grown into a great tree, under whose branches practically the whole world would rest today if it could.

The defeats, achievements, and sufferings of the past form a mighty force for the work today. Surely, the long and glorious history of Baptists will incite us to action, determine our choices, and urge us on to greater achievements.

Challenging Conditions

Today world conditions are such that they move us to action and challenge us to do our best. The cry of a hungry, broken, blundering, wounded, and bloody world forms a mo-

tive for our work today. Oh that the world might look to our Christ!

We live in a world that is starving to death for old-fashioned, genuine, heartfelt love—love that stoops to conquer; love that pours out its life for others; love that will not let go; that never fails; love that only Jesus can give; love that changes appearance, that turns obstacles into stepping stones; and love that changes lives and destinies of men.

We live in a world brutalized by science, and robbed of its virtue by war. Nations in ruins, little children living like beasts, displaced persons by the millions, little hungry hands groping in the dark—haunted by fears, crushed by fate, drunken with sorrow, crazed with pain—the world reels on its path to destruction, death, the grave, and hell. Is there no balm in Gilead? Does God not know? Does He not care? Oh, yes, He cares. Why doesn't He do something then? He has no hands but our hands and He has sent us to do His work for Him.

We live in a world of war. A shooting war has never stopped and the war of ideologies rages on. Roman Catholics and Russian Communism both threaten the lives, liberty, and well-being of every father's son in the world.

We live in a world cursed with sin and held in the clutches of Satan. Issues are clearer cut and lines of demarcations are more plainly drawn. Evil is better organized and more aggressive, smarter, and appears more and more like an angel of light. Liquor and gambling, divorce and murder, Sabbath desecration and indifference to Christ—these are the order of the day. Yet, the doors of the world are open and the hearts of the world are open—today is the day of salvation. More people are being saved now. We have more and better churches, more people attending services, and more studying God's word than ever before in the history of the world. Surely this is a stupendous age in which we live.

We have more money, more prestige, more people, more power, better roads, airways, radios, greater schools, more of everything, and the same great, powerful, all-loving God. Surely this is the hour for Baptists to do a bigger work than ever before. The world in which we live challenges us today.

Reward for Diligent Work

There is no other motive for our work—the reward that awaits those who "fight a good fight, keep the faith, and finish the course." Paul said, "Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (Timothy 4:8). It will be worth it all when Jesus beckons us home, just to have Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things—enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:21).

The harder the battles, the sweeter the victory, and it will be sweet indeed when the "Saints go marching in," and the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord.

Surely we are not working just for the reward; but it will be glorious to be with Jesus. That alone will be reward enough. So we come to say that the motives for our work include mainly: our divine call and commission; the glorious achievements of God's people in the past; the challenging world conditions of today; and the rewards that await us out yonder in eternity to come.

News from Japan

Excerpts from letters written by Dr. Maxfield Garrott

"To the thousand and one people who are wondering what on earth has happened to the Garrotts!

"We did get back to Japan in October a year ago—some of you may have heard indirectly. We are strategically located at the center bottom of an immeasurable pie of opportunity and are busy trying to work our way out to daylight.

"Our work? First of all, taking over from Edwin Dozier as he left for a year in America the duties of official representative in Japan for the foreign mission added up to being chairman, secretary, and treasurer of the mission till its recent reorganization. Then we teach in the seminary, part of Seinan Gakuin, sharing on Baptist planning in boards and committees, preaching and preaching as invitations come from Christians and non-Christians, thrilling to see ones and two and dozens take their stand for Christ, talking and praying personally with others.

"In July, after Mr. Mizumachi's fifteen-year presidency of Seinan Kakum ended, the missionary in the seminary was asked to take over. The school has 2,600 students from junior high school through junior college and is working toward establishing a standard senior college in April. The Christian quality, diluted in war time, is a primary concern. Student storms, nation-wide, do not leave us untouched. Inflation takes a bit in its teeth and runs away with budgets. The challenge and opportunity to put Christ into the hearts of youth in the construction of the new nation is awesome.

"Within the family, Betsy, now nine, is turning maternal at a great rate with Jack, who arrived September 15 and saves some of his best smiles for his big sister, who is a real help in looking after him. Bill, five, thought kindergarden as taught by mommy was the biggest thing that ever happened to a boy until he discovered tools; now he is all the time busy 'making something.' Three-year-old Alice, the irrepressible, can get into more mischief than a month-old puppy, but the ecstasy on her face as she runs to meet her daddy at the close of a day's work is worth a million of any man's money.

"Dorothy is busy most of all with an overtime job with house and children. Maybe she set something of a record when she entertained a mission meeting—fourteen out-of-town guests—when Jack was just a month old.

"We have had a good Christmas. Our time is full to overflowing, but so are our hearts. Maybe months or years from now we can take time to write as we'd to each one of you. In the meantime we'll be thinking of you and praying God to give you a rich and fruitful new year."

Dr. Garrott's address is care of Fukuoka MG, APO 929, San Francisco, Calif.

From a letter to his parents . . .

"Of the recent shipment of clothing for relief, from the New Orleans Center, about half was turned over to the Fukuoka Prefectural Government for distribution. They wanted to know if some of it might be used for war widows and orphans, as these were in especial need, and had been specifically exempted from sharing in relief shipments from other sources. I thought that it would be especially fitting. Today a letter came from a woman

who lives in a village between here and Kukura, expressing appreciation:

"Please excuse my crude writing. Today is a day of thanksgiving which can never be forgotten by the war widows and orphans. How can I find words to express my gratitude, that by your help, even my village should have received such a large gift of clothing from the sympathetic hearts of American Baptists. I could only receive the gift reverently and leave the village office with hot tears in my eyes.

"An old woman, my husband gone, my only son dead too, my daily life is a forlorn one. We who were left desolate by the war are famished now even for the love of our fellow-countrymen. Then we think of our war-time sins piled on sins; however much we may ask forgiveness, our sin remains. Now, touching such generous and forgiving hearts, I cannot keep back the tears of gratitude. At the year-end, when all the world is making gala preparations for the holiday, for our war widows to be able to buy not even a pair of socks for their children. Then to receive gifts of such lovely clothing—Just try to imagine our feelings. Perhaps it means resurrection, through the love of God, for families that are drowning.

"I remember a hymn I heard when I was a little girl, that begins, 'The sun is setting and the way is long.' . . ."

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Church Installs Television Receiver In Youth Center

Baptist Press

Pastor Darrell C. Richardson, Fort Mitchell Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky, wants his young people to view their television programs in a more wholesome atmosphere than a beer tavern.

As a result, the church has purchased and installed a console type television receiver in its Youth Center—an innovation the church believes is a "first" in the youth recreational programs in American churches.

"We know our young people want to have a good wholesome time, and we feel they should," explained Pastor Richardson. "We installed this television set so that our people can have a choice about where they view their programs."

The Fort Mitchell Church already had an extensive recreational program. Currently, there are five basketball teams in various church leagues, including one each for senior and junior men, one for boys, and two for young women. The pastor's athletic experience during high school and college days is a good requisite for his leadership in the program.

Pastor Richardson believes a church recreational program, fully supervised on a high spiritual plane and properly promoted, should contribute to the growth of all phases of the church's work.

NOTICE

The Southern Radio Commission needs copies of all 1948 associational minutes. Associational moderators and clerks are urged to send copies to the Radio Commission, 427½ Moreland Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Woman's Missionary Union

Important Announcements

Attention Mission Study Chairmen:

"The World In Books," Woman's Missionary Union Booklist of mission study textbooks, books for reading, and teaching materials for 1949 are now available from the Baptist Book Store or the State W. M. U. Office. A copy is being sent to each W. M. U. president with a request that she give it to the mission study chairman. The Missionary Round Table Booklist for 1949 and a new mission study leaflet are now available upon request.

Attention Stewardship Chairmen:

A small booklet containing twelve devotional discussions on stewardship to help members of Woman's Missionary Societies and Young Woman's Auxiliaries is available upon request from your State W. M. U. Office. The plan is to have one discussion each month throughout 1949. The stewardship chairman may lead a devotional period at one meeting each month—either at a circle meeting or a general meeting of the society, or she may appoint different leaders in turn, giving them the material needed.

A Word About Ordering Books

The books recommended for study previous to the Seasons of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Home Missions are called "seasonable books" and are not returnable. Order only the number of books you may need and thus avoid the necessity of asking this favor. The Baptist Book Store is not in position to give credit for the return of these "seasonable books."

Last Call For Standard Questionnaires

Every president and counselor has received a questionnaire on the Standard for their organizations. Many of these have been filled in and returned to this office and are now being graded. Only organizations that fill in the questionnaire and return it to this office will be graded on the Standard. This is the only means we have of determining whether your organization attained its Standard of Excellence for the year. Please see that your questionnaire reaches the State W. M. U. Office within the next week.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

We have received to date, January 24, a total of \$50,716.87 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Annie G. Massey Circle Organized

The missionary society of the First Church, Hot Springs, has organized a new circle and the name Annie G. Massey was selected for this circle, expressing love and appreciation for the late Mrs. Annie Guinn Massey, who was serving as president of the society when she passed away recently. This is a lovely way to memorialize a Christian leader.

Record Number Classes Reported For 1948

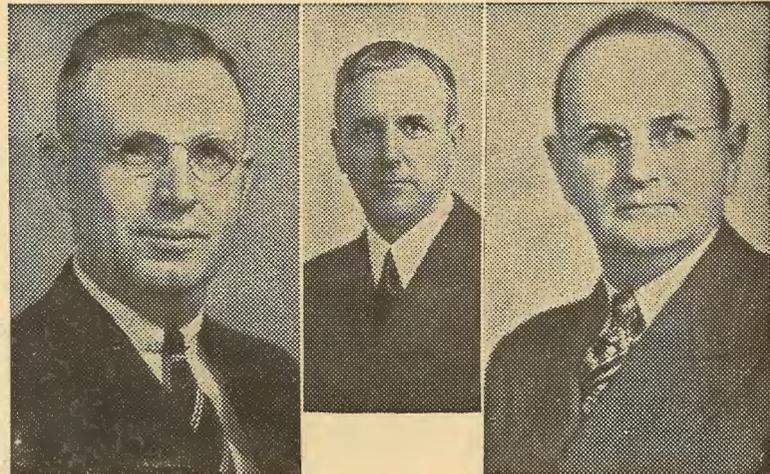
Mrs. Clyde H. Finley, mission study chairman of the First Church, Ft. Smith, reports 32 classes held in that church during the past year, 22 classes in circles, three in the missionary society, and seven in the young people's auxiliaries. Mrs. Finley sets forth some plans for 1949, among these being a Missionary Round Table composed of all circle mission study teachers, thereby increasing their knowledge of mission work and a wider understanding of the people, conditions, forces and ways of life with which the missionary must live and work. We expect to bring some of our younger women into this group as prospective mission study teachers. Miss Leora Blair will have charge of this Missionary Round Table.

Pamphlet—Home Mission Needs

The Home Mission Season of Prayer program material will be mailed to you in the near future. In this material it is suggested that you write the Home Mission Board for a pamphlet on "Home Mission Needs." We present the following notice, in order to save needless correspondence:

"The pamphlet, 'Home Mission Needs' suggested in the March Week of Prayer literature will be an 8-page section of the March issue of **Southern Baptist Home Missions** (pp. 7-14) instead of a separate pamphlet and will be titled 'Achievements and Objectives In Home Missions.' After, not before, March 1 this pamphlet will be available and subject to order from the Home Mission Board."

Home Mission Appointments



Left to right: Guy Bellamy, J. Perry Carter, and Dr. Alfred Carpenter.

By JOHN CAYLOR

At the January meeting of the executive committee of the Home Mission Board, Dr. Alfred Carpenter was named director of the Chaplains' Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. During the recent war Dr. Carpenter was head of the department of chaplains' work. For the past three years he has given only part time to that phase of service and has been secretary of the department of direct missions.

The Chaplains' Commission is a Southern Baptist Convention creation and its service is Convention-wide. The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention committed the direction of the work to the Home Mission Board. The budget must come out of home mission receipts from the Co-operative Program.

Additional chaplains will be recruited for the military, and it is planned to promote an aggressive program supporting the chaplains on duty. The director states his position as follows: "It is my desire to lead Southern Baptist chaplains into an enlarged spiritual ministry and mission task."

Ridgecrest Conferences

The Home Mission Board announces that conferences on evangelism, city missions, rural evangelism, direct missions, schools of missions, and other phases of home mission work will be held during home mission week at Ridgecrest, June 1-7. Among the speakers enlisted for the Ridgecrest conferences are Dr. R. G. Lee and Dr. W. A. Criswell. Other outstanding leaders will be presented at Ridgecrest in the conferences planned for the opening of the Ridgecrest season.

Secretary, Department Of Negro Work

Guy Bellamy, Oklahoma City, has announced his acceptance of the position offered him by the

Home Mission Board to become secretary of the department of Negro work and is moving to Atlanta.

A native of Texas, Brother Bellamy was educated in Decatur Baptist College and served a number of churches in that state. In recent years he has served as an independent evangelist, as general missionary of the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention, and as city superintendent of missions in Oklahoma City.

Field Secretary In City Missions

J. Perry Carter, superintendent of city missions in Louisville, Kentucky, has been elected field secretary for city missions and juvenile work for the Home Mission Board. He will work in co-operation with the state secretaries and the city mission programs of the Southern Baptist Convention, giving special emphasis to the promotion of city missions, the enlarging of vision in this field of service, and will emphasize work in behalf of juvenile delinquents.

Brother Carter is a native North Carolinian. He studied in Fruitland Institute, Carson-Newman College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. For five years he was a singer on the evangelistic staff of the Home Mission Board. For the past six years he has been superintendent of city missions in Louisville.

Magazine Subscription Rates Increase

Beginning April 1 subscription rates to **Southern Baptist Home Missions** will be increased to 50 cents a year for individual subscriptions; 3 years for \$1.00; and 3 cents per month each for subscriptions through church budgets. All subscriptions received before April 1 will be entered at prevailing rates of 25 cents each for individual subscriptions, five years for \$1.00, and 20 cents per year for church budget subscriptions.

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Figures to Inspire

January 23, 1949

	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1116	408	4
Including Missions	1406	536	6
Ft. Smith, First	1077	338	4
El Dorado, First	915	259	
Little Rock, First	838	321	5
Pine Bluff, First	770	223	3
N. Little Rock, Baring			
Cross	718	294	
Including Mission	767	321	3
Hot Springs, Second	716	213	1
El Dorado, Second	578	190	1
Camden, First	550	141	2
Including Missions	738	281	
Fayetteville, First	499	202	2
Including Mission	550	228	
McGehee, First	470	207	5
Including Missions	556		
Magnolia, Central	458	141	3
Including Mission	568		
Hot Springs, Central	427	119	
Including Mission	474	159	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	450	164	7
Hope, First	436	104	
Including Missions	486		
El Dorado, Immanuel	425	240	
Including Mission	458	264	
Paragould, First	422	210	1
Including Missions	571	267	
N. Little Rock, First	411	109	
Including Missions	474		
Malvern, First	403	84	
Including Missions	432		
Warren, First	391	80	
Arkadelphia, First	381	154	5
Little Rock, Gaines			
Street	379	266	4
Including Mission	466		
Russellville, First	379	125	
Including Missions	412	144	
Paris, First	361	144	2
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	351	121	1
Hot Springs, Park			
Place	349	141	
Springdale, First	338	222	1
Including Missions	446		
West Helena	337	98	
Searcy, First	332	96	3
Ft. Smith, Calvary	332	70	
Stuttgart, First	329	174	8
Including Mission	354		
Cullendale	309	130	
Little Rock, South			
Highland	306	130	
Hot Springs, First	305	76	1
Siloam Springs, First	295	173	1
Ft. Smith, Grand			
Avenue	292	74	
Ft. Smith, South Side	281	83	9
Monticello, First	264	115	
Harrison, First	264	107	
Including Mission	341	134	
Pine Bluff, Second	254	112	1
Norphlet, First	242	203	1
Little Rock, Calvary	235	100	1
Texarkana, Calvary	230	101	3
El Dorado, West Side	224	100	
Jacksonville, First	210	103	3
Mena, First	208	85	
Stamps, First	207	97	
Greenwood	193	96	
Little Rock, Hebron	178	83	2
Ft. Smith, Balley Hill	170	61	2
Ft. Smith, Trinity	165	77	8
Little Rock, Reynolds			
Memorial	163	50	
Judsonia, First	150	94	5
Warren, Immanuel	136	81	3
Little Rock, Woodlawn	127	53	
N. Little Rock, Sylvan			
Hills	126	51	1
Pine Bluff, Matthews			
Memorial	123	88	
Monticello, Second	123	84	
Little Rock, Capitol			
Hill	123	54	
Mt. Ida, First	120	110	
El Dorado, Joyce City	115	85	
Kensett	103	63	
El Dorado, Parkview	94	52	1
Melbourne	92	65	
Douglassville, First	91	44	
Little Rock, Life Line	82	70	
Little Rock, East End	77	66	3
Little Rock			
Plainview	74	52	
Hot Springs, Walnut			
Valley	73	60	
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	68		
Mena, Dallas Avenue	61	27	7
Geyer Springs	59	43	3
Little Rock, West			
Side	58	47	
Martindale	57	31	
Little Rock, Mt. View	56	40	
Little Rock, Belleview	52		
Grannis	51	56	
Conway, Brumley Chapel	51	39	
Monte Ne	49	56	
Douglassville, Second	47	51	1
Little Rock, Worrells			
Memorial	37	17	
Little Rock, Tyler			
Street	36	31	

Dr. Joe W. Burton Will Speak at State Training Union Convention

Beginning at 10:00 o'clock Friday morning, March 18, and closing at noon Saturday, March 19, the State Training Union Convention will meet at the First Church, Little Rock. Dr. Marshall Craig of Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Joe W. Burton, editor of "Home Life" will be the main speakers on the program that will consist of a personnel of 150.

One of the outstanding features of the Convention program will be the music. Ouachita College choir, Miss Maxie Cleere, director, will sing on Friday morning. Central College Choir, Miss Marcella Johnson, director, will sing on Friday afternoon. Southern Baptist College Choir, Mrs. Ben Lincoln, director, will sing on Friday evening. On Saturday morning Mrs. B. W. Nininger, State Music director, will present a College Choir Festival. They will give the following numbers: **Hear Our Prayer**—James Sanctus-Gounod and **Hallelujah Chorus** from "The Messiah."



Dr. Joe W. Burton

The following sectional program for pastors, educational directors, and general officers is being planned:

Friday Afternoon

J. E. Lambdin, Baptist Sunday School Board, Presiding

2:35—Worship

2:45—FOUND FAITHFUL IN PLANNING

"Surveying Our Needs Periodically"

"Selecting Our Leadership Carefully"

"Putting Our Unions to Work Regularly"

"Planning Our Study Courses Thoroughly"

3:45—Open Forum: "51,423 Plus 8,577 Equals 60,000," led by J. E. Lambdin

4:05—Adjourn to Main auditorium.

Saturday Morning

9:45—Worship

9:55—WHAT A TRAINING UNION HAS A RIGHT TO EXPECT OF ITS PASTOR

"Attend It's Meetings"

"Help Select Its Leaders"

"Co-operate in Planning Its Work"

"Enlist Church Support"

10:20—WHAT A PASTOR HAS A RIGHT TO EXPECT OF HIS TRAINING UNION

"Participation in Church Life"

"Readiness for Service"

"Faithfulness in Stewardship of Possessions"

10:40—Song

10:45—Demonstration of an Executive Committee Meeting—Max Hall, assisted by the Training Union Executive Committee of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock

11:15—Adjourn to Main Auditorium

Pastors and Missionaries, Please Note!

Please put the Religious Education Department on your mailing list to receive your Church bulletin. We should also like to receive regularly, any and all bulletins printed by the associational organizations. Thank you!

Concerning Sunday School enrollment goals for 1948-1949, W. E. Speed, pastor of the First Church, Russellville, writes: "Since October first, which began the associational year 1948-'49, our Sunday School enrolment has increased from 564 to 690—an increase of 126, from October through December. We expect an additional increase of 50 to 100 in this associational year."

Associational Rallies Well Attended

There were 4,256 people attending the forty associational Training Union rallies which were held in Arkansas during the week of December 6-10. There were 347 churches represented, and 248 pastors attended.

Liberty Association had the highest attendance with 386 present. The other associations with an attendance of over 200 were: Central, 280; Concord, 244; Pulaski County, 234; and Little River, 208.

During the week of December 5-9, 1949 forty rallies will again be held in the state with an attendance goal of 6,000.

Study Course Awards

There were 1,400 Training Union Study Course awards earned by the people of Arkansas during December, 1948. This was an increase of 290 over December, 1947. From October 1, 1947 to October 1, 1948, 15,743 awards were issued. The goal this year of 16,000. One of the best ways to increase your Training Union enrolment and efficiency is to conduct regular study courses.

Ridgecrest

ATTENTION, THOSE who plan to attend one of the three Training Union weeks at Ridgecrest during July should make reservation NOW. Send reservation fee of \$2.00 to Robert Guy, Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, immediately. The three Training Union weeks are July

7-13, July 14-20, and July 21-27. Arkansas week is the third week.

Mission Department

Brotherhood Activities

Evangelistic Conference

The State-wide Evangelistic Conference is now history. The fires of evangelism were re-kindled in the hearts of those present. As a result of this inspiring conference many souls will be won to Christ throughout Arkansas. About one-half of the associations will have simultaneous crusades this year. Some of the objectives are as follows:

1. Every association organized for evangelism with General Director, Organizer, and Steering Committee by April 1.
2. Associational Simultaneous Crusades in 50 per cent of associations in 1949.
3. Every church engaging in a revival in 1949.
4. Every church sponsoring one or more mission revivals in 1949.
5. Every church praying and working to have one baptism for every twelve members in twelve months.

6. Every pastor reading the book, soon to be off the press, "Our Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism" and every association giving one day's program to the discussion of it.

7. Every association participating in the Western Simultaneous Crusade in 1950.

Rural Evangelists

M. E. Wiles has recently been engaged in a revival with the Bloomer Baptist Church. He has given assistance not only in winning the lost but in planning their 1949 budget.

R. A. Hill has been working with the Concord Church in assisting them in their building campaign. The church has raised a little over \$1,000 in cash and have pledged several hundred dollars more to be paid when work on the building is begun. This church has a great field. It is strictly rural, but there are over 500 pupils enrolled in a consolidated school near by. We predict great progress in this church under the leadership of their pastor, Clark Secoy.

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It is necessary for every church Brotherhood to set up its own program of work, in order that the services rendered by the Brotherhood shall meet the real needs of the church and the opportunities of the church community.

The Brotherhood program of work will be made up of a number of separate activities. Every one of these activities should be of such nature that it shall make a positive and direct contribution toward the upbuilding of the church.

Some Brotherhood activities are seasonal. Others continue throughout the year, and the years. Still others are of a temporary nature, designed to meet some particular need of emergency. Quite often the whole Brotherhood will unite their energies and powers to initiate some particular project, and to carry it through to a successful completion.

A new Brotherhood should start out with a limited number of activities. Then, as the Brotherhood grows in numbers and experience, the activities program should be enlarged and extended.

Immediately after the Brotherhood is organized the initial program of activities should be set up by the Activities vice president, in conference with the

pastor and the Executive Committee. Thereafter, every suggested new activity should be passed upon by the Executive Committee before the activity is made a part of the Brotherhood work program.

Since a Brotherhood does its work through its committees it is necessary that each activity be charged over to one of the Brotherhood committees. At every Brotherhood meeting each committee should be ready to report on each single activity for which it has been made responsible. The Activities vice president should be in charge during the report period, and should call off each separate activity assigned to each committee, asking for a report of work done.

The remainder of this chapter is given over to lists of suggested activities for the various Brotherhood committees. These lists are not complete, for every Brotherhood will find in its own church and church field opportunities for service which are not mentioned here. However, these suggested activities will be found very helpful in setting up and developing a worthwhile program of work for any Brotherhood.

You will note that there are few suggested methods or suggested procedures for carrying out the activities named. Methods and procedures are left largely to the study, the ingenuity, the prayers and the co-operation, for the members of the various Brotherhood committees.

(A list of suggested Worship Committee Activities was published in this column last week. Afterwards it was decided to publish suggested activities for other Brotherhood committees. The whole series will be carried in this column during the next few issues of the Arkansas Baptist.)



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that the Arkansas Baptist Foundation is an agency of the Baptist general Convention of Arkansas, chartered in 1949 to undergird the tremendous gains of Arkansas Baptists. It provides for more efficient handling of all money contributed for endowment purposes to the convention and it exists as a solicitor and protector of these funds. The immediate objects of the foundation are those loved by all Arkansas Baptists. Gifts of every kind, large and small, will be received by the Foundation toward strengthening these causes.

Do You Know . . .

that the Arkansas Baptist Foundation is an agency like a board, existing not for itself but as a service medium to stabilize and make permanent the institutions that belong to Arkansas Baptists: The Orphan's Home, Ouachita College, Central College, Baptist Hospital, Assembly and Missions.

One way of looking at the foundation is to view it as a channel, not raising one penny for itself but for those it serves, not spending one penny itself, but simply protecting and channeling funds to whatever group administers the affairs of any institution for which they may have been designated.

In further fulfilment of its function as a service medium to the institutions, the foundation offers some of the best business counselors in Baptist ranks to safeguard endowment and trust funds through proper investment. It also enables the institutions to combine their funds for maximum advantage in investments.

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that the Arkansas Baptist Foundation will always be in a program of solicitation from individuals and groups to make special gifts both for buildings and endowment. This constant campaign of solicitation is both general and perennial. Scores of individuals will be contacted every month. Letters, tracts, telephone calls, personal visits, and indirect contacts will be continually used to plant the foundation's message in the hearts of the people.

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that the Foundation has two definite needs. In order to put squarely the Arkansas Baptist Foundation before our people and all others who are interested in the future usefulness of our denomination and its institutions, we need to do two important things:

- (1) We need to conduct a campaign of education on the aims and ideals of the Foundation. Sermons on the spiritual significance of this undertaking will help. Tracts and pamphlets should be obtained from the Foundation office to help explain fully the program to the people.
- (2) Some way should be found to place squarely the Foundation as a Baptist responsibility before the people and the churches. We need to realize that it is not an agency for solicitation of large gifts alone, but for small gifts, too. Also, it is not an agency for solicitation of gifts from individuals alone but from groups of individuals as well.

Do You Know . . .

that through the Foundation you can put the will of Christ in your will. The law gives you the right when you make a will to dispose of your property as you see fit, and further to decide who shall handle the details of its management and disposition. Failure to exercise this right by a properly drawn will means that your estate will be distributed strictly according to law and will be handled by an administrator named by the court.

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Jesus' Early Teaching and Healing

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

Sunday School Lesson for February 6, 1949

Mark 1:14, 15, 32-39; Luke 4:16-21

was sent by God, originated from God, has its entire center in the bearer of this divine message. Jesus brought this message, giving it more richness and depth than John, for He preached for men to repent, but also believe. All who will repent of sin and believe in Christ, the Son of God, may have the Kingdom of God in his or her heart. The gospel, then, is God's message of redemption to men through Jesus Christ.

Healing

Jesus came into Galilee preaching, and it seems obvious that He wanted men to believe His message and trust in Him rather than to regard Him as a wonder-worker. But the miracles are important and fill a place in God's plan of Jesus' life. The miracles upon the sick proved His power and encouraged people to believe what was told them concerning Him. They also revealed His deep love and compassion and sympathy for a needy world.

A day which Jesus spent in Capernaum is recorded in Mark 1:21-34; this day is said to be the most crowded one Jesus spent in His earthly ministry. It was the Sabbath Day, and began with Jesus' going to the synagogue, teaching as one having authority, to the amazement of the people. Here He commanded the evil spirits to come out of a possessed man; the first miracle, recorded by Mark, proves that the evil forces which seek to destroy men are powerless before Jesus.

Jesus went to the home of Simon Peter from the synagogue where He healed Simon's mother-in-law, who had a fever; Jesus, a guest, concerned Himself over this one who was ill. In this instance of healing, Jesus took the ill one by the hand and lifted her up. We read that "immediately the fever left her and she ministered unto them." She was not a convalescent, but was healed in the very moment Jesus touched her and was able to go about her work.

At eventide, all Capernaum seemed to gather at the door of the home there, bringing the sick and those possessed of demons. He healed many and cast out many demons. His strength, no doubt, was taxed as He yearned over this group of people and as power went out toward them. The long day came to a close as Jesus' fame of the morning brought scores of sufferers to Him. He was able to do

what was expected by the multitude.

Praying

After such a day as the one just described, with its great responsibilities and opportunities for service, Jesus needed rest and solitude, but most of all He needed to commune with His Heavenly Father. He was Divine, the Only Begotten Son of the Father, yet the necessity of His life during these earthly years was that of yours and mine and every child of God—moments of quiet prayer with God. Do you not understand our lack of power when we fail so much of the time to spend quiet, secret moments in prayer, when even the Lord Jesus Himself felt He must pray for that inner strength which comes from above?

Jesus retired after the strenuous day for a while, perhaps slept a bit, then arose in the early hours of the morning for private prayer in a solitary place. What a beautiful picture those words bring to our minds!

When Simon and the other disciples missed Jesus, they searched and found Him, proudly stating that all men sought Him in Capernaum. They were glad their Master was popular there, but Jesus, ever mindful of His mission in life, refrained, saying, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also." There was work to be done and a mission to be fulfilled.

Jesus then came into Galilee—

Fulfilling Prophecy

Jesus went to Nazareth, his old home. There in the synagogue He stood and read Isaiah 61. Sitting down, Jesus interpreted the passage to mean that this prophecy was fulfilled in Him, the Anointed of Jehovah. He was sent to preach and deliver, to heal the broken-hearted and give sight to the blind and to release captives.

Nazareth rejected the message of Jesus, even seeking to stone Him to death, but His "time was not yet." All men reject or accept when the gospel is taught and preached. The ministry begun in the Galilean services of Jesus continues today, for He lives to deliver hearts and souls from sin's bitter bondage.

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A Personal Tribute

By JOHN L. DODGE

Mrs. Annie Guinn Massey, a life long member of the First Church, Hot Springs, passed to her heavenly reward December 20, 1948. At the time of her homegoing, Mrs. Massey was president of the W. M. S. of the First Church. During her long life of service, she held many positions of responsibility in the church, as well as being active in civic affairs throughout the city.

Mrs. Massey is survived by one son, Guinn R. Massey, and two grandchildren, Guinn R. Massey Jr., and Mrs. Marvin Oaks.

"And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:13).

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The word "gospel," meaning "good news," is also translated "evangel"; that is the source of our word, "evangelist," one who preaches the gospel. This gospel

Preaching
After John was put in the prison of Herod Antipas, Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. What a matchless privilege is would have been to have heard Jesus preach! Many can remember hearing that fearless preacher, Dr. George W. Truett. All who heard him count it a privilege and are grateful that he was of our generation; but even such an opportunity as that could not be compared to hearing Dr. Truett's Savior! Jesus came preaching the gospel; the gospel is "good news," "glad tidings," and preaching the gospel became a vital, life-giving thing as Jesus came preaching, for He was the one bearing these tidings from God.

We divide this lesson on Jesus' early teaching and healing in four parts: His preaching, healing, praying, and the fulfilment of prophecy. The beautiful land of Galilee is the scene of a large part of His ministry; in this land He came:

Mark begins the first Galilean ministry of Jesus with the concise statement that when John the Baptist's work was done, the wide, full ministry of Jesus began. The other three gospel writers seem to infer that Jesus left Judea and went to Galilee in the northern part of Palestine because of the crisis of the arrest of John and the surge of hatred on the part of the rulers toward Jesus in Judea. Mark merely says, "Now after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee."

Many events occurred in Jesus' life in Judea, after the temptation and before the imprisonment of John the Baptist; the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus which Mark records, beginning with Mark 1:14, did not immediately follow the baptism and temptation of Jesus, but actually occurred over a year later. You will observe that Mark wrote about the Galilean ministry and did not mention the events in Judea; these Judean events are given by John in his gospel. Read them in John 1:18 to John 5:47. In John's record will be found the highly interesting events of the first miracle at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, the cleansing of the Temple when Jesus was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, Nicodemus' visit to Jesus; and the salvation of the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well. John also records another visit to Jerusalem by Jesus when He healed the man at the pool of Bethesda. This first year of Jesus' ministry is recorded only by the gospel of John.

A Great Example

A few weeks ago we told you that the Fordyce Church will give \$13,050 this year for the Co-operative Program. We were at that time briefly writing about some financial increases. Now we have space to give you a word about some financial increases. Now we have space to give you a word about the spiritual side of that picture. A church may give grudgingly or it may give cheerfully. Either attitude will be determined by its prayer life. We are saying these things here because we believe that we have found an outstanding example which will be an inspiration to all of us. Pastor Elliff of Fordyce is leading his church in a great spontaneous prayer life. Every morning at six o'clock there is a prayer meeting in the pastor's study with several men taking part. An hour later the pastor is found in a business house every morning with a group of men who voluntarily come to start the day in a prayer meeting. Brother Elliff does not pull at his men to come to these prayer meetings. He simply sets the example and leads them. Then he tells the congregation what a blessing it was to be in the prayer service. He links the prayer life and spiritual side of the church up definitely with all its activities, and especially with the financial side. Listen to what he says:

"We will be giving 43 per cent instead of 20 per cent as we did last year. If this goes over, as I feel certain it will, and you feel it could be used as an inspiration to other churches you can certainly use it provided you give the full credit to the Lord and prayer, and the noble spirit of our people to follow God's will.

"Our deacons meeting Sunday was one of the highest spiritual hours I have ever experienced. It looks like I always have been blessed with great men as deacons to work with. Sunday as I tried to lay this budget division on their hearts I included the matter of our being partners together in a greater spiritual leadership in our church at home as being a definite condition of the Lord's full blessing on our church. Frankly I do not think we will ever get our churches to go 50-50 until these two things are presented together. Dr. Bridges, I wish you could have been there to hear those men respond to my plea that they be my prayer partners and personal work partners. Our fine chairman, H. E. Tussell started it off with a touching confession of his negligence of the more important spiritual side of his responsibility as a deacon. He very earnestly pledged his pastor and church, and his Lord the best of spiritual leadership he could give next year. One after the other of the men did likewise. We adopted the budget unanimously then got on our knees to ask God to lead us on to victory at home and in our giving away from home. It is too sacred an experience to speak much about. I thought I loved those men

before but now I love them a thousand times more.

"I would like to bear this testimony about the good things the Lord is doing for us. They all stem from our morning prayer meeting for our men held at 6:00 o'clock at the church. We had nine additions to our church Sunday by profession of faith for baptism and two by letter as result of the prayers and work of our men and some faithful women who pray at home. We had a chain prayer service last Saturday night until midnight about our services and for the deacons as they worked out the budget. It was no surprise to me that God so greatly blessed us. When men pray with you they will go forward with you."

The Evangelistic Conference

As we write these lines we are fresh out of the Conference on Evangelism arranged and conducted by our Department of Rural Missions, Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent. We were impressed by the speakers on the program. We were moved closer to the Lord, and our horizon was extended, our vision lifted, and our spirits strengthened.

The recurring feature of the program was the addresses brought by Dr. W. A. Criswell, First Church, Dallas. Dr. Criswell is a great speaker, and a great soul. If preaching a sermon is the passionate proclamation of an intensely spiritual message delivered by a brave and earnest man, then Brother Criswell preached. He urged his hearers to fear no man as he went into the pulpit with his God-given message. Great was the inspiration that his messages brought to us, and all of us left the meeting determined to be heroic leaders in our respective fields.

Someone else made the observation that fully half of us preachers have been sitting around waiting for some bigger job to be offered us. As we write these lines we do not pretend to pass judgment upon that statement, but if that is so we should like to make this further observation. Arkansas Baptists will not move into the successful program of Missions, Christian Education, and Benevolence, and particularly in soul winning until that kind of a condition ceases to exist. No man can put on a great program, or courageously win on his own field if he is simply waiting for a move. The greatest move on earth that any preacher can make is a move within himself. The major move that everyone of us needs to make is a spiritual move in our present tasks. This conference will greatly help us all.

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Sorrow may be subdued by a calm courage and profound hope which are born of Christian experience.

Need An Evangelist?

If you need a preacher for your revival remember that we have some independent evangelists in the state who are excellent in revivals. O. C. Harvey, Arkadelphia, is excellent in a revival. H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, is also a great preacher, and holds highly successful revival meetings. W. F. Couch, 5603 West Twenty-ninth Little Rock, is now in evangelistic work, and is an unusually good preacher.

P. A. Stockton, 321 South Martin, Little Rock, can do either the preaching or the singing. He is a hard worker. Denver Murry, Harrison, is not only a song leader, but also he is a good soloist. If we are overlooking someone we shall be glad to mention his name if you will call our attention to the matter.

Shaver Could Be Brought To Arkansas

Joe Shaver is finishing his work in the Southwestern Seminary. Some good church could bring Brother Shaver back to Arkansas. Joe is one of our strongest preachers. He has held pastorates successfully, and is also a splendid evangelist. Write us if you would like to get in touch with him.

Tolleson and Immanuel, El Dorado

Five months ago an Alabama preacher came to the pastorate of Immanuel Church, El Dorado. Brother Tolleson is a distinct asset to our forces in this great state. He was introduced to you at the State Convention. This El Dorado church has moved into a new day with this new leader.

Here is what one of his deacons says: "Since Brother Tolleson came to us in August we have had 100 additions to the church, 54 by baptism, and 46 by letter. Our Sunday School enrolment has increased 71 since October 1 and we believe it will grow to 200 by October 1, 1949. Our Sunday School attendance has gone over the 400 mark and our Training Union over 200, and we see no reason why we shouldn't continue to grow. May I again thank you for all you did for us while we were without a pastor.

Sincerely,

—W. M. Swift.

Slum Clearing

Los Angeles, California, is planning extensive slum clearance. Detailed charts of the seventy-square-mile heart of the city have been prepared, and the planning commission expects to have poor areas condemned and acquired by the city, after which private businesses will take over the rebuilding.

Slums Expensive.

Extensive surveys of Los Angeles's blighted areas show that the city pays twice as much to maintain those areas as it does the areas in good condition, due to the high rates of juvenile delinquency and disease, the heavy costs of fire and police protection and similar factors, the city's mayor stated in a recent speech to citizens.