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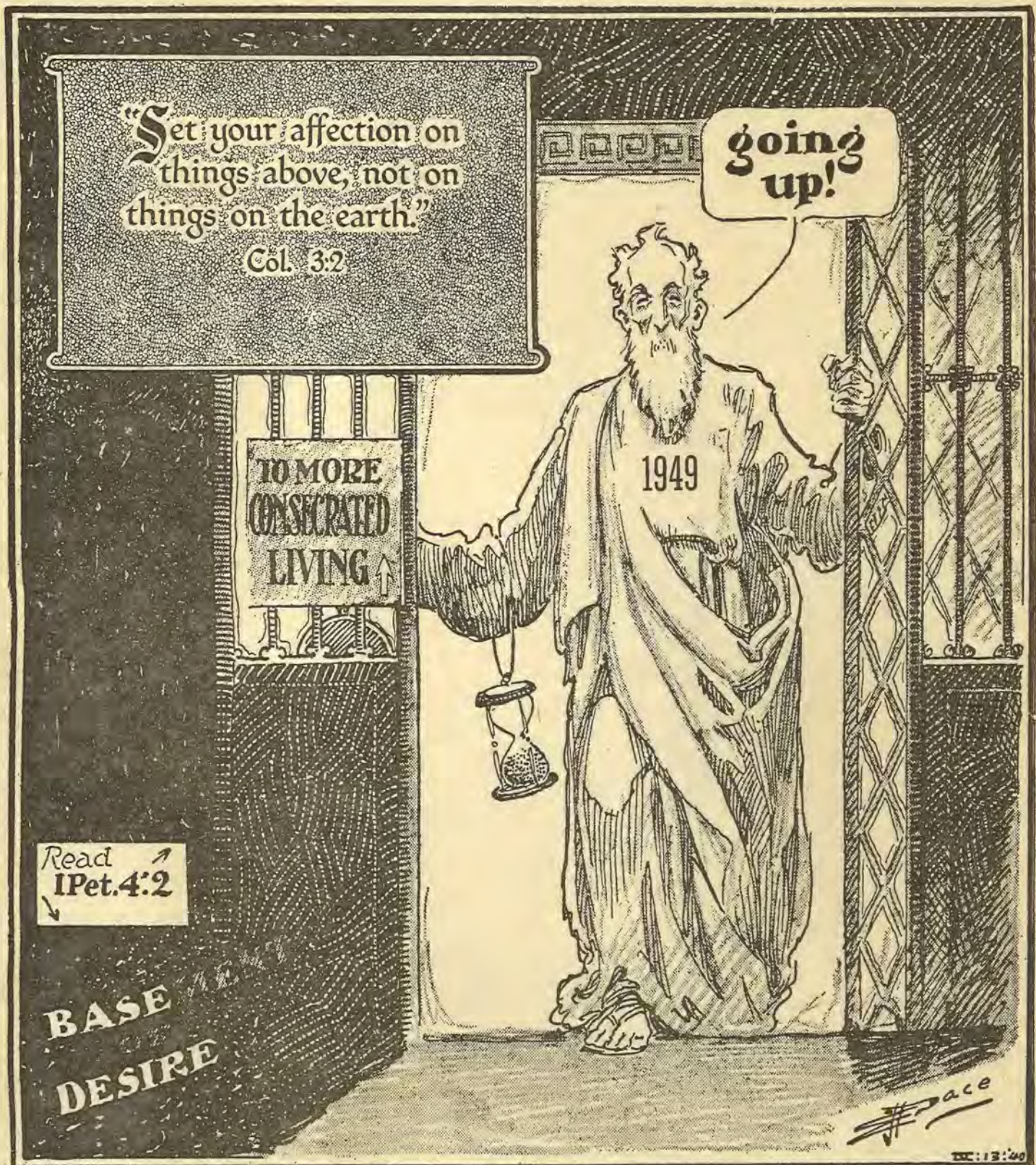
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New Year's Resolutions

By BURTON A. MILEY,

First Church, Marianna

Daniel 1:8

Material and physical resources of a conquered people are comparatively easy to handle. Nebuchadnezzar knew what to do with the material properties of conquered Jerusalem. He merely removed them to his kingdom. What to do with the people was another question, not so easily settled. What to do with the people conquered in the last war is yet a question of import to us in America. The kings of old settled by taking some of the best blooded young men to train in his ideologies and methods. Daniel was one among the chosen. For three years he was trained and groomed for his service. Under adverse circumstances to spiritual and moral growth, it would have been easy for him "to let his hair down" in full abandonment. Daniel purposed, firmly resolved, in his heart not to defile himself. He made a resolution and kept it.

He resolved to play the game of life by God's rules. Life is a fight and there are certain basic rules which must be followed. The one who chooses to drift across the field of life is a hindrance to others and a loss to himself. Should the church fail in many ministries, one function must be always clear. The church should keep the rules published and lead in their keeping. Let no player enter the field without knowledge of the game. Then it is up to him to be a sport and play by rules instead of by anarchy. Daniel was willing to fight and conquer himself.

He resolved to know the goal posts. No one can score without a knowledge of the goals. Tragedy stalks the team when a player becomes confused and runs beautifully and well, only to end at the enemy's goal post. Some think themselves successful merely because of presence in combat. No man is successful in life or death who does not ultimately end in favor with God. Time with man is short, but time with God is long. Time and dealings with man end soon, even when the three score and ten years are meted out, but dealings with God are longer. After death there is no man to deal with, but God.

Herod of old didn't know the goal post of life and he dealt with John the Baptist in a wicked way. John won and Herod lost. Joseph in Egypt knew the goal posts and won victory for himself and a nation. Judas Iscariot knew not the goals and lost the battle for himself and others.

Daniel resolved purity. The prime question to man is that of purity. About drinking water we ask, "Is it pure?" About the bandage which covers the wound we ask, "It is pure, is it sterile?" About blood used to transfuse life and strength we ask, "Is it pure blood, is it clean?" Purity is premium at all times! We can't choose our environment and surroundings, but we can choose our purity. The water

lily grows in mud and slush and brackish waters. Gold grains shine in foreign matter. There were saints in Caesar's household and saints at Satan's throne in Pergamos. The world needs a pure man today. A second Daniel is needed! In world courts and councils, in international dealings and affairs, in private life and service, in commerce and trade, in individual life and spiritual growth, purity is needed. And one can be pure. Let us resolve by God's help to be!

Daniel didn't leave God out of his resolutions. Too many have broken resolutions because God has been left out. The Machine was beautiful but the power failed to exist. God plus resolution makes capital for any life!

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New Book

"A Day for God-Called Men" by Zeno Wall, Broadman Press, \$1.75.

"There is a tone of prophetic urgency in these sermons. They are, without exception, positive, virile, challenging, and helpful. Each message is based on the firm conviction that only the all-sufficient Christ can save us."

*This New Year
I am resolved*

TO DISCOVER AND DO THE
WILL OF GOD

TO MAGNIFY AND GLORIFY
HIS NAME

TO MANIFEST THE SPIRIT
OF CHRIST AT ALL TIMES

TO SUPPORT HIS CHURCH WITH
MY PRESENCE, PRAYERS, AND PURSE

TO GIVE AT LEAST A TITHE
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TO READ THE BIBLE DAILY
AND PRAY

TO MAINTAIN THE FAMILY ALTAR

TO TRY TO WIN SOULS TO CHRIST

TO BE KIND TO EVERYBODY

TO HAVE A RADIANT PERSONALITY



Baptist World Alliance Sunday

At its meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, in May, 1948, the Southern Baptist Convention adopted the following recommendation, presented by the Executive Committee:

That the Southern Baptist Convention observe Baptist World Alliance Sunday on February 6, 1949, and authorize an offering with 50 per cent going to World relief and 50 per cent going to the operating expenses of the Baptist World Alliance.

The Throne of Grace

A Devotion by the Editor

"Come Boldly unto the Throne of Grace. Lest we should hesitate to approach the throne of God and fear to come into His presence, His seat of power and authority is described as the **throne of grace**. Therefore, His throne is approachable; it is friendly; it is gracious. It is not fearsome, but casteth out fear; it does not smite, but heals; it does not frown, but smiles; it does not repel, but draws it does not condemn, but forgives.

All this graciousness is made available to us because He who sits on the throne is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities." He lived among men, sharing their experiences, their privations, and their struggles. Therefore, "He knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust."

His invitation is to keep on coming to the throne of grace and never desist; let no long lapses occur in your approach to the throne; come daily and linger at the throne; make not your visits infrequent or occasional, but often and regular.

And come "boldly"—literally, "speaking everything." Come telling Jesus the whole story of your life; keep back nothing from Him of your weaknesses and short comings; tell Him of your temptations and sins; tell Him also of your longings and desires, your hopes and expectations, your wants and your needs. Make a full confession as Peter did by the lake when he said, "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee."

We come to Him for grace. Someone has translated this word "grace" as "gifts." And there is justification for such a rendering, because we come to Him for grace in every time of need, and these times of need are many and the graces must be just as many.

Do we need courage to meet the problems and difficulties of life? Then come to Him for the gift of courage. Or is it patient endurance we need? The supply may be had from Him. Do we need faith to undertake some service for Him? He will give it to us. Or it may be strength to resist temptation. He will fortify our souls. Possibly it is an understanding of His word that we may teach others. He will open our minds to the truth.

And the gift always comes in the time of need: "in the nick of time." He is not careless enough to wait until it is too late, nor radical enough to bestow His gifts before they are needed, lest they should be wasted. If we have the habit of coming to Him, we shall always receive help in the nick of time.

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

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From the Editor's Desk

Going Up!

As we stand on the threshold of 1949 and as we read the writing, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth," and as we hear the call, "Going up!" will we take the elevator to "More consecrated living," or will we be content to lounge about in the lobby of the ground floor, or shall we, alas! descend to the "Base(ment) desires" of life where our noble powers for ascending are depleted and our manhood and womanhood are debased.

Three Levels of Life

There are the three levels upon one of which we may pitch our lives for the next year: we may descend to the basement of life, following every base desire and vagrant tendency of our beings; or we may remain on the level of earthly materialism, never rising to spiritual heights nor aspiring to anything better than the present world can give; or we may take the elevator up to the higher reaches of consecration and spiritual attainment.

There is a basement level of life, an underground floor, the cellar of life. As we stand before the elevator of time, we also hear the call, "Going down!" And some will take the elevator down during the year 1949. Many years ago a very wise man spoke by the direction of the Holy Spirit. And he pictured man standing in a quandary, with a struggle going on in his own person, with two forces pulling at him, one calling "Going up!" the other calling, "Going down!" "For the flesh lusteth against the spirit and spirit against the flesh," he said, "And these are contrary the one to the other."

The Ground Floor

There is also the ground floor of life, pitched upon a purely earthly level. This is the materialistic level of life, the lounging room where only the comforts and ease of life are sought. It is quite an attractive place, decorated with the finery of the world, cushioned with the abundance of the world's supplies, peopled with companions of congenial interests, and illuminated with the delights of worldly pleasures and satisfactions.

Here is where we seek our fortunes and strive for the wealth of the world. This is where we hide from the hunger and sorrow and squallor of life. This is the arena of worldly achievement divorced from any concern for the spiritual attainments of life. Here is where we seek to escape the hardships of life and avoid the storms that rock our boat. We are reluctant to risk the ease and comforts of this attractive, inviting lobby by taking the elevator up. What if we should not find the same comforts, conveniences, and delights on the higher elevations!

The Upper Story

There is an upstairs in the apartment house of life, an upper story that rises above the din of the street below with its confusion, conflict, and strife. There is a great placard above the elevator saying, "If ye be risen with

Christ, seek those things that are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." And the elevator is going up; will you step aboard?

You have been risen with Christ, quickened in nature, made sensitive and alive to the spiritual realities of life. You know that there are values and blessings above the ground floor because you have experienced them in Jesus.

Jesus Himself is up there and in order to keep fellowship with Him you must ascend to the upper stories of life. And there is Christian fellowship up there; others are going up, and to share their companionship you, too, must ascend. You will find Christian service on the upper floors where you can do more than feed hungry mouths, for there you may feed hungry souls. There you will discover the spirit of sacrifice, where you will be willing to forego some of the earthly pleasures and delights for the joys and gladness of spiritual satisfactions.

Do you want to go up? Then set your mind on these things which are above. Think in terms of the spiritual life; make the thoughts of Jesus your own; saturate your conscious self with the concepts of the Christian ideals. Let it not be an occasional glance but a steady gaze, a fixed attention, an abiding interest. "Set your mind," says Paul, Glue it there.

Are you ready to take the elevator "up?"

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Mother

She was a frail little person. She had more than her share of disappointments, sorrows, sufferings, griefs, and illness. Sickness and death invaded her home; twice she was left a widow. She knew the meaning of economic reverses and the necessity of helping to meet the family budget.

Yet a stouter heart never beat in human breast than in hers. Her Christian faith never wavered, her courage never faltered, her hope never dimmed, and her purposes never weakened.

She took God at His word. Reared in another faith, she became a Baptist by reading the New Testament. Her Lord was more real to her than her own hands, closer than her breath. She lived in His presence; she talked to Him as familiarly and as intimately as with a member of the family.

She lived for others. Her first allegiance was to her Lord. She lived for Him; no sacrifice was too great for Him. Hers was not a martyrdom in Christian service, rendered grudgingly and with complaints.

Her family came next after her Savior. To her family she gave her best, her all. And beyond the family circle her deeds of neighborliness, helpfulness, and generosity were known to all who knew her. She loved flowers and

shared them with others to brighten their lives; she loved to cook and delighted to send a pie or cake or other special dish to neighbor or friend or sick person. She loved children, and they loved her.

Young people adored her because she was always cheerful and did not burden them with her problems. Older people respected her because she was genuinely sincere and frank.

She was a noble Christian, a faithful member of her church, a good neighbor, and a loyal friend.

She was Mrs. Duncan's mother, Mrs. C. L. Pendergrass, Lyndon, Kentucky.

The Lord called her home on December 13. She is now "forever with the Lord."

Mrs. Duncan and I appreciate every word of sympathy, every prayer, every thought, and every expression of interest and kindness by our many friends from far and near, all of which we hold in our hearts as God's gifts from you to us.

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Radio Program Suspended

The Arkansas Baptist Hour radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is suspended for the present.

The Budget Committee and the Executive Board, in order to meet the increased allocations needed by many of the agencies and institutions of the Convention, felt it necessary to reduce the allocations wherever possible. Therefore, no allocation was provided the Radio Commission by which it might continue the Arkansas Baptist Hour in 1949.

For three years the Arkansas Baptist Hour has been broadcast over from six to eleven stations throughout the State. It has gained wide recognition as a program of religious broadcast and a large and appreciative audience has been built. On behalf of the Radio Commission we wish to express appreciation to all who have written cards and letters expressing their personal appreciation of the program. The last week in December ninety-six copies of the message for December 26 were mailed out by request. We also wish to express on behalf of the Radio Commission our thanks to all the brethren who have participated in the program over the three year period and to the choirs of Ouachita College, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, and the Southern Baptist Choir, Atlanta, and their directors for the efficient service they have rendered in providing music for these programs.

We wish to thank the radio stations for their co-operation, and for the many fine words of commendation received from them and for their keen interest in the programs. A word of thanks is due the management and engineering staff of KARK for their co-operation in producing the transcriptions.

At the last meeting of the Radio Commission Pastor Sam C. Reeves of El Dorado was elected chairman of the commission and Pastor H. L. Lipford of Brinkley was chosen as secretary. We plead for the unqualified co-operation of the brethren throughout the State with the new officers of the commission. And we trust that they will be able to render a more effective service in the field of religious broadcasting in the future.

Kingdom Progress

A Christmas Party

The Young Men's Bible Class of the Central Baptist Church, Magnolia, L. L. Hunnicutt, pastor, planned and carried out an evening of entertainment for the children of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, on December 21. Gifts were provided for the children and a visit from Santa Claus was an interesting feature of the program.

Pastor and Mrs. Waif Hamilton of the First Church, Stamps, were invited guests. Those responsible for the program were Pastor L. L. Hunnicutt, teacher; H. B. Colay, and W. C. Blewster.

(Might there not be some suggestion in this splendid service for other Sunday School classes and churches to follow suit?—Editor)

The Perry Baptist Church has given the following during the last quarter: \$30 for State missions; \$38.38 for the orphanage; \$15 for the Co-operative Program; and \$30 for Associational missions. They are sending the Arkansas Baptist into every home of the church. A Training Union has recently been organized, and the work is going on in a great way.

The First Church, Star City, Luther F. Dorsey, pastor, observed Stewardship and Tithing week November 29 to December 3. The guest speaker on the first program was Eddie Blackmon. For the remainder of the week Pastor A. B. Pierce, Pine Bluff, was the guest speaker. Pastor Dorsey says, "On the last night many responded to the invitation to tithe."

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick of Hot Springs was with the Union Avenue Baptist Church and Pastor J. G. Hughes, of Memphis, Tennessee, November 14 to 28. There were 110 additions to the church membership. Evangelist Kirkpatrick has been in full time evangelistic work for the past five years. He has already received a number of invitations for revival meetings in 1949 and a few invitations for 1950.

First Church, Newport News, Virginia, Bruce H. Price, pastor, has received a check for \$10,650 from the estate of Dr. Alma Hull Wilcox to be used for building purposes. She was a member of the church for 41 years, and had made large gifts through the years for welfare work of her Sunday School class.

The Bisco Church, Caroline Association, sent a full truck load of produce to the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello. Mr. Thompson volunteered to haul the produce to Monticello without charge. Other churches in the Caroline Association loaded the orphanage truck. Another truck load of 200 bales of hay was sent to the orphanage without expense to the Home.

(Will not other associations follow the example of Caroline?—Editor)

Siloam Springs Church Makes Notable Progress



In March, 1946, the First Church, Siloam Springs, under the capable leadership of Pastor B. N. Simmons, began the construction of an educational building. Upon completion of this three story building, church services were held in its basement, and construction of a new auditorium was begun. This auditorium is equipped with new pews, Baby Grand piano, Hammond Electric Organ, and a complete set of mass chimes, including a tower and public

address system. The seating capacity of the auditorium is 700; also, this plant will take care of 700 in Sunday School.

Pastor Simmons reports that since the building program has begun, every phase of the work has grown. The Sunday School and Training Union attendance has increased 100 per cent; the financial program has grown every year; gifts to the Co-operative Program have increased 150 per cent.

The following chart reveals the remarkable progress of this church:

Year	S. S. Enrolment	T. U. Enrolment	Co-op. Prog. Gifts	Total Gifts Missions
1945	345	133	\$1,025.00	\$2,474.00
1946	495	175	\$1,406.33	\$2,691.46
1948	507	216	\$1,500.00	\$3,804.00

Robert W. Johnson, pastor at Caraway, and newly-elected associational music director of Mt. Zion Association was in charge of the quarterly hymn-sing for that association November 28, at Caraway. Seven churches were represented at this meeting. Associational Missionary M. S. Lloyd, Tom Stroud, and W. K. Wharton assisted in the service. In addition to congregational singing, there were several special numbers by choirs and quartets.

The Baptist church at Gentry recently had the services of Dr. Forrest Maddox, Siloam Springs, in an eight-day revival meeting. There were 17 additions to the church, 11 upon profession of faith and baptism, six by letter. The church held a Training Union study course on soul winning and a week of visitation preceding the revival meeting. Carl P. Nelson is the pastor.

W. A. Lansford, who has been rural pastor and missionary in Texas and Oklahoma for 33 years, has moved to Heber Springs, and is available for supply pastorates, study courses, revival meetings, or missionary work. He is a graduate of Baylor University.

Dr. Otto Whittington, Little Rock, was the visiting evangelist in a revival meeting recently at the Mt. Olive No. 2 Church, Bartholomew Association, where S. E. Powell is pastor. There were two professions of faith. Lavan Seamon, North Crossett, conducted the music.

The South Texarkana Baptist Church and Pastor Orlin M. Allen recently had the services of James G. Harris, pastor of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, in a revival meeting. There were five additions to the church membership by baptism. Ed Miller, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, directed the music.

The Conway-Perry County Workers' Conference will meet with the First Church, Morrilton, at 2:30 p. m., January 2, 1949.

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Pastoral Changes

J. A. O. Russell, McCrory, has accepted the pastorate of the Parkview Church, El Dorado.

T. E. Lindley, Louisville, Kentucky, has accepted the pastorate of the Elliott Church, Liberty Association.

W. C. Halsell has resigned the pastorate of the First Church, Douglassville.

Al Major has resigned the pastorate of the Pilgrim's Rest Church, Pulaski County Association, to enter the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dan Berry, Ouachita College student, has assumed the pastorate of the Friendship Church, Pulaski County Association.

Ralph Boyette has accepted the pastorate of the Shady Grove Church, Pulaski County Association.

Will You Share Your Books?

With many young men preparing to be preachers and young women to be special religious workers at Central College the need to increase the library of the College becomes apparent immediately. The library at Central College was transferred from its former site at Conway and while it met the requirements of a school for young women, it does not meet the needs of an enlarged College program and enrolment.

There is an imperative need of good commentaries, Biblical dictionaries, Biblical encyclopedias, books dealing with the life and times of Christ, and books of sermons.

Gifts of books of this nature will not only help the College but will add to the preparation of those who are going out to serve the Lord.

Pastors and other friends of the College and of the youth of our land are requested to help supply this need. The books are needed NOW. Won't you go through your library and share with us of the best that you have or arrange for the College to secure what is needed?

Our student preachers are going out in every direction each Lord's day preaching and serving as pastors and our young women are going out to help as teachers, musicians, and secretaries. Help them to do better work.

Mail your gifts or send them by express to Central College, Box 150, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

FRITZ E. GOODBAR,
Vice-President.

Revival For New Mission

By B. V. FERGUSON, Pastor
First Church, Fort Smith

Recently Missionary M. E. Wiles held a meeting for the new mission established by the First Church, Fort Smith. At the beginning of the revival there was a dedication service in the afternoon. The church had erected a new building in the new community at a cost of \$11,000. Evangelist Wiles preached for two weeks.

The meeting was a success from the beginning. The attendance was uniformly large. We have not seen any community that was more appreciative of the establishing of a new work than was manifested by the people of this community.

The missionary did a great piece of work. He knows how to take hold of a situation of that nature and develop it to the fullest. There were thirty-one additions, 20 of them by baptism.

Preaching is being maintained at the mission regularly and there have been conversions and additions at practically every service since. The meeting was so conducted that Baptist stock went up in a fine way throughout the community. We thank God for this sensible, warm-hearted, hard-working missionary.

E. F. Smith was ordained to the gospel ministry, and George McElmurry was ordained as a deacon by the First Church, Leslie, December 12. Chester Roten, pastor, served as moderator, and Virgil Blair as clerk. Claude Jenkins, Clinton, led the examination, and F. Guy Mabrey, Leslie, presented the matter to the church. J. M. Hayes, associational missionary, prayed the ordination prayer, and Pastor Roten presented the Bible. The charge was delivered by J. D. Reeves, Clinton, and the ordination sermon was delivered by Gus Poole, Mountain View.

Nursery News

Mrs. Edgar Williamson, State approved Cradle Roll, Nursery, and Beginner worker, makes the following report:

For the year ending September 30, 1948, Arkansas tied for fifth place in the number of Standard Cradle Roll Departments. For Standard Nursery Departments, Arkansas tied for eighth place, and for Standard Beginner Departments, sixth place. This is on a comparative, not a percentage, basis.

Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, B. B. Sawyer, pastor, has transformed a brick building next door to the church into four beautiful departments for the nurseries. A complete group of workers has been secured for each department. This building has been named "Baby Land."

First Church, Fordyce, J. T. Elliff, pastor, is very happy over the provision made in the new educational building for four nurseries. A trained group of workers has been enlisted for each of these nurseries.

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Friends

By WALTER C. STOUT

To have friends, one must be a friend. In so doing he must bear the criticism of the jealous, stay with those who would forsake him, and do all in his power to keep others from feeling his hurts.

No one can pick friends for us. These must be chosen by our own ideals and understandings, and the closest friend will be one who understands us best. A good friend is priceless and should be cherished above all possessions.

—The Christian Index.

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Be Dependable

Be constant, be dependable, be faithful! You may not be rich, you may not be brilliant, you may not be eloquent, but by the grace of God you can be faithful, and, after all, it is silent fidelity that works the wonders of the world.

A young man wanted to study for the ministry. He had gifts of a high order, but unfortunately he had never been "dependable." "Surely the Captain may depend on me" was not one of his hymns. His pastor told him plainly that a man who would not fight in the ranks was not fit to be an officer.

And it is ever so. It was the man who had been faithful over a few things that the Lord made ruler over many.

—Woodlawn Messenger.

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Indebtedness

Pastor, Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Georgia, issues a warning that should be heeded by every Baptist church and denominational leader in the South.

"I am just now making a study of Baptist trends, and I regret to have to observe that it is apparent that we are headed toward another era of heavy indebtedness. For example, in 1946 there was a total local church indebtedness, meaning building indebtedness, of sixteen and a half million dollars. In 1947 it jumped to thirty one million, nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars. It is estimated that local church building indebtedness in the Southern Baptist Convention is now fifty million dollars; the exact figures will be available later. And, please don't overlook this, there is indication that we may be headed toward both state and South-wide debts. It is reported that one state convention now has approximately one million dollars of indebtedness. What I am concerned about is this, have Southern Baptists forgotten what happened in the 30's?"

A Family Resolution for 1949

By ROY H. SHORT

The dawning new year always has about it an exhilarating freshness. Even those who are well advanced in years know, for a brief time, something of the feeling of being young again.

There is a disposition to close the door upon the yesterdays with their failures and disappointments and to feel that after all, life does offer the opportunity to start over again.

For this reason the coming of the new year becomes the time for the making of new resolutions, the disavowal of old ways of living and the pledging of one's self to a better way of life.

Oftentimes, of course, these resolutions are later broken but nevertheless, there have been countless New Year's resolutions which have been faithfully kept by those who made them and the life of the world is infinitely richer because of this habit.

Beyond any question every person should make certain resolutions as he stands upon the threshold of the new year, 1949. Furthermore groups of individuals should do the same thing. This is especially true of the family.

Every family should sit down together in brief informal family council, as the new year draws to make its resolutions for 1949.

It should face its failures of the past year, and looking forward to the year ahead, frame its ideas of the things that it wants to do as a family. Even a small child could have a part in this family discussion of its plans for the coming year.

One of the most appropriate resolutions which any family can make for 1949 is the resolution that it will have regular family devotions in its home.

This custom of family devotion is an old and honored one which was once common in Christian homes but which with the coming of the new day fell largely into disuse. Happily it is being revived today in thousands of homes.

One of the most encouraging things to be noted in recent years in the realm of religion is the large increase of families observing regular family devotions. Oftentimes these devotions are very brief and simple but the value of them is beyond calculation.

After all, why should a family have family devotions? Surely not just for the sake of reviving an old custom. Rather there are certain adequate reasons why this should be the practice of every home.

First of all, the home owes it to God to observe family devotions. Family worship is a means whereby the family acknowledges its allegiance to the Heavenly Father.

The Bible teaches that this is due Him, and our own hearts agree that He is worthy of our worship and of our love. The imperative, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him" rests upon the home as well as upon the individual.

The home owes it to God to honor His name, and to speak His name with reverence within its walls. It owes it to God to be loyal to His commandments and to strive to do His will. It owes it to Him to set aside a separated portion of its income for His work.

It owes it to Him to attend the services which are held in His name in His holy sanctuary. And it likewise owes it to Him to worship Him within its own walls. After all, for the Christian home, family worship is not an optional thing but a duty which it owes to its Heavenly Father.

A Smile or Two

*** Christian Horizons ***

Write on your heart that every day is the best day of the year. — EMERSON

Arrests For Liquor Offenses 14,320,338 Since

Repeal: Since the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, arrests for four principal liquor offenses reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, from cities representing on the average less than half the whole total urban and less than one-third the whole population of the United States, for the years 1933-1947 inclusive, totaled 14,320,338, declares a statement issued by the American Business Men's Research Foundation.

Considering the fact that thousands of offenses due to liquor are annually credited to other causes and in view of the fact that the official reports embrace scarcely 35 per cent of the whole population, the Foundation's statement estimates that the total arrests for drunkenness, driving-while-intoxicated, disorderly conduct, and specific liquor law violations have totaled well over 25,000,000 in the fifteen years since prohibition was superseded by the twenty-first amendment.

Urges Taxpayers Meet Charity Deadline:

A plea that taxpayers give their full 15 per cent annual tax-exempt income to religious and charitable organizations before December 31 was issued by the Golden Rule Foundation, New York.

Dr. Charles V. Vickrey, Foundation president, estimated that at least 27 billion dollars is tax exempt in the United States if used for philanthropic purposes before the December 31 deadline.

"Up to the present time," he said, "not more than 2.5 billion dollars of the total 27 billion dollars has been given, leaving more than 20 billion dollars still in the pockets of America's taxpayers."

Chinese Christian Gives Million to Mission

Board: An anonymous donor, identified only as a "Chinese Christian businessman," has presented \$1,000,000 to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, Dr. Lloyd S. Ruland, board secretary for China missions, New York, announced.

Dr. Ruland said the gift is the largest cash donation ever received by the Board from a living donor.

In presenting the gift, the donor specified that the entire amount must be used to set up a foundation in the United States to provide adequate housing and care for retired Presbyterian missionaries.

Dr. Ruland also disclosed that the anonymous benefactor was establishing an identical fund in his native land to underwrite a retirement plan for ministers and church workers connected with the Church of Christ in China.

The Chinese layman told Dr. Ruland he was making the gift "in gratitude to God for my Christian education and life in appreciation of the service your missionaries have given China."

—Religious News Service.

Mississippi Churchmen Ask Rights For Negroes: Thirteen religious and secular leaders have petitioned the people of Mississippi to equalize educational opportunities and to make "provision for the Negro to participate normally in the practice of his citizenship."

The petition was addressed "To the People of Mississippi." It was released here by H. Brent Schaeffer, a Jackson Lutheran pastor. Signers included several Negro educators, four white Protestant ministers, and the chancellor of the Mississippi Roman Catholic diocese.

The appeal called for the appointment by Governor Fielding L. Wright of "at least two commissions, each to be composed of recognized leaders of the white and colored groups."

Church Holds "Take-It-Back" Day: Borrowers were kept busy returning hymnals, silver and other items when the First Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, held a "take-it-back" day.

Individual members liked the idea so much they even returned screw drivers, umbrellas, egg-beaters, and other utensils they had long ago borrowed from other members.

The church hopes the idea will spread throughout the nation.

—Religious News Service.

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Student Groups Want Weekly Religious Exercises: Weekly religious exercises for every student body were proposed by the Southern Association of Student Governments, in annual session in Mobile, Alabama.

The group, with 1,000 student officers in attendance, represented high schools in 14 Southern states.

Theme of their three-day meeting was: "Learning to Live in a Democracy," and their "work group" studies dealt with social programs, recreation, school life activities, school resources, development of citizenship, student attitudes toward national problems, individual progress and democratic leadership.

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Prayer For the New Year

*God of the years that lie behind us,
Lord of the years that stretch before,
Weaver of all the ties that bind us,
Keeper and King of the Open Door.*

*Grant us hope, and a courage glowing
White and pure as the stars above;
Grant us faith in a full stream flowing
Down from the heights of Thy changeless love.*

*Out of the ruins of doubt and sorrow,
Out of the ashes of pain and tears,
Help us to fashion a new tomorrow,
Free from the anguish of blighting fears.*

*Build with us, lest our great walls crumble,
Broken stone upon useless clay;
Walk with us, lest our slow feet stumble,
Grope, and falter, and lose the way.*

*All through the season of sowing and reaping,
All through the harvest of song and tears,
Hold us close in Thy tender keeping,
O Maker of all New Years!*

—F. ROBINA MONKMAN in
The Congregational Beacon.

"My three year old daughter had learned to say grace before meals. Of course I was very pleased by her progress. But the other day I was startled to hear her start her before-meal prayers while she was in the bathtub.

"Immediately I went in and said: 'Suzie, you don't have to say grace all the time, only when you eat.'

"'But mama,' she said sheepishly, 'I just ate the soap.'"

—Mrs. E. R. Senac, *Times-Picayune*.
New Orleans States Magazine.

At dusk, Eph came in from the field to find his friend, Erasmus, waiting for him.

"Golly, but I sho' am tired," Eph complained.

"'Whut you-all been a-doin'?" asked Erasmus.

"Well, you see," explained Eph, "Paw's been a-settin' out fence posts, an' I am jest five feet tall. So I been a-layin' down an' a-gettin' up an' a-layin' down an' a-gettin' up all around his 10-acre field, so's he could measure them posts 10 feet apart.

—Clipped.

An old bachelor was asked which he thought were the happier, people who were married or those who were not.

"Well, I don't know," he replied, "sometimes I think there is as many as is that ain't, as ain't that is."

—Exchange.

A woman on holiday posed for a snapshot in front of the classic ruins of an ancient temple in Greece.

"Don't get the car into the picture," she begged, "or my husband will think I ran into the place!"

—Exchange.

A deaf old lady went to live near one of the naval ports. Shortly afterward, a battleship fired a salute of ten guns. The old lady, who lived alone, got out of her chair, smoothed down her dress, patted her hair, and said sweetly, "Come in."

—Copied.

Rastus was sent to the general store: "My boss," he said to the clerk, "wants a pane of glass nine by 'leven."

"Haven't got none that size, Rastus," said the joking clerk. "but will a 'leven by nine pane do?"

"I'll try 'er," replied Rastus. "Maybe if we slip 'er in sideways nobody'll notice it."

—Exchange.

A New Year's Wish

I would I were beside the sea
Or sailing in a boat,
With all the things I've got to write
Wrote.

I would I were away from here
As far as I could get,
With all the bills I've got to meet
Met.

I would that I were out afar
A-basking in the sun,
With all the work I've got to do
Done.

Executive Committee Accelerates Foreign Mission Advance

A three-way division of the 1950 Co-operative Program aimed at accelerating the denomination's Advance Program in foreign missions will be recommended to the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in Oklahoma City next May.

The Convention's Executive Committee, holding its semi-annual meeting here December 14-16, voted to recommend a \$10,000,000 Co-operative Program goal for 1950, and suggested division as follows:

The first \$4,000,000 of distributable receipts will be disbursed to the agencies on the same percentage basis as has been adopted for the 1949 funds. Foreign missions will receive 50 per cent, or \$2,000,000, of this initial portion.

The next \$2,500,000 will be divided among the agencies on the basis of the unmet portion of their capital needs goals as adopted following a 1945 survey.

All receipts above \$6,500,000 will be given to the Foreign Mission Board. It was stated that this third division allocation to foreign missions is a special effort in behalf of the Advance Program and is not necessarily a precedent for later years.

Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, chairman of the finance sub-committee proposing these recommendations, cited that 1948 Co-operative Program receipts will be only about \$6,000,000—meaning that gifts must be increased by 1950 if foreign missions is to be benefited by the arrangement.

He expressed belief, however, that continued emphasis on tithing and the 50-50 division of funds by local and state groups will boost receipts considerably. The Committee proposed that a special offering for the Co-operative Program be taken in 1950 to boost over-all receipts to the \$10,000,000 goal.

Other provisions of Dr. Caudill's report would raise the Convention's operating budget from \$188,000 in 1949 to \$237,500 in 1950, which item is deducted from receipts before percentage division is made, and list Southern Baptist Hospital and the Radio Commission for \$150,000 each in the column of institutions sharing in the capital needs division of the budget. The request of a committee from Southwestern Seminary for an appropriation to that institution's work for training of women, comparable to support given the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, was deferred.

Western Assembly

A special Convention committee named to select a site for a summer assembly west of the Mississippi River, comparable to Ridgecrest, N. C., in the east, was so divided between two proposals that the Executive Committee re-referred the matter to it for further study.

Patrick W. Murphy, Tulsa, Oklahoma, brought a majority report for the committee, recommending acceptance of a location in the Ozarks near Harrison, Arkansas. Phillip G. McGahey, Albuquerque, New Mexico, brought a minority report, recommending a location at Glorieta, New Mexico.

Convention Registration Fee

In another precedent-shattering action, the Committee voted to ask the Convention to set a registration fee of two dollars for each messenger attending sessions beginning in 1950. This fee has become necessary, J. A. Ellis, Sherman, Texas, reported, in the light of tremendous costs faced by churches of the

host cities in entertaining the Convention. Oklahoma City spokesmen said that at least \$10,000 will be expended in auditorium rent and other connected expenses next May. A plate collection to help meet this expense will be asked at the Oklahoma City meeting.

It will be recommended also that the main floor of the Convention auditorium be reserved for messengers and that visitors be seated in balconies, this move intended to guarantee seating space for registered messengers and to facilitate the taking of ballots. It was deemed wise to ask also that henceforth meeting places be selected two years in advance.

Promotion Activities

A strong program of promotional activities planned for 1949 will give emphasis to spiritual revival, the Co-operative Program, slogans "Every Baptist a Tither" and "Fifty-Fifty by 1950," stewardship study, identification of Baptist church buildings, and gifts through the Southern Baptist Foundation and the state foundations.

Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, North Carolina, reported for the promotion sub-committee that the Committee's promotional program had been publicized during the past year through the loyal support of editors of all state Baptist papers, the Baptist Bulletin Service with a circulation of 450,000 weekly in 2,000 churches, the Baptist Program distributed to all pastors, and a tract service distributing 4,000,000 copies. This, he explained, is in addition to the busy speaking itineraries of Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, and Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary.

The promotion committee authorized publication of special graded stewardship literature in 1949 and an eight-page lithographed brochure for use in budget campaigns by the churches, establishment of a mat service whereby stewardship illustrations will be available to churches at nominal fees, and enlargement of Baptist Press to include a regular service to approximately 3,000 weekly newspapers throughout the Convention area.

Constitutional Changes

Judge Frank A. Hooper Jr., Atlanta, chairman of the administrative sub-committee, brought proposed recommendations to the Convention for changes in the Convention's new constitution and by-laws, amending items where conflict exist.

Endorsement was given the Radio Commission in its plans for a full time Baptist hour, slated to begin about October 1, 1949. The program would feature one speaker throughout the year and would be heard every Sunday on stations throughout convention territory. It would be financed by listener support, with the understanding, however, that no appeal for funds be made over the air and provided also that a substantial reserve fund be in hand to underwrite all commitments with stations.

For reasons of terminological advantages, it was voted to recognize the Chaplains Commission of the Home Mission Board as the "Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention." The work will remain under direction of the Mission Board.

Theological Education Survey

Dr. John H. Buchanan, Birmingham, chairman of a Convention committee to survey theological education needs in the Convention territory, announced that his committee will

make a full report to the Convention in Oklahoma City and that copies will be available in advance to editors of state Baptist papers.

He said that figures in hand revealed 5,500 licensed or ordained Baptist ministers are enrolled in colleges and universities of the convention territory, and 1,599 ministers are studying in the denomination's three theological seminaries. "We stand uniquely in America," he said, "as a denomination not embarrassed by a lack of young ministers.

"In our long range planning," he continued, "we must remember that this great wealth of young ministers to be trained demands establishment of one or two new seminaries or the enlargement of our present institutions."

Opdyke Scholarships

A trust fund established with the Executive Committee in 1928 by Mrs. Ida Reed Opdyke for education of mountain boys and girls will make it possible for 100 to attend colleges next year, Chester Quarles, Sylacauga, Ala., chairman of the Opdyke committee, reported. These 100 scholarships were approved by the committee at the meeting.

Other Items

One of the largest attendance of visitors ever recorded at a meeting of the Executive Committee was present throughout the sessions. Practically every state in the area was represented by its state secretary or editor, or both, in addition to the thirty-one regular members of the Committee and all Southern Baptist Convention agency heads. Open discussions on all questions permitted a splendid display of fellowship—enough so to lead Dr. J. M. Dawson, Washington, D. C., to remark, "This superb demonstration of co-operation—the seeking and the giving of advice on all problems—indicates a real Co-operative Program."

In addition to its regular business, the group heard reports from Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, new general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; C. C. Brandon of National Baptist hospital, Negro institution at Hot Springs, and Thomas T. Holloway of the American Bible Society.

—Baptist Press.

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Life Commitment Day

Sunday, January 16, 1949

Life Commitment Day, Sunday, January 16, has been chosen as the occasion for Christian young people, particularly college youth, to dedicate their lives to full time Christian service. This special day affords an opportunity for such life commitments upon the part of hundreds of eager young people who publicly register their decisions. It climaxes the annual week of Vocational Emphasis, January 9-16, sponsored by the South-wide Student Department of Nashville, in co-operation with the State Student Department and the local churches in college centers.

The expanding programs of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards, along with the growing demand for more and better trained workers in every phase of church life, makes this an imperative need in our denominational life.

It is the earnest desire of those who seek to lead in student work that this will be a memorable day of "Calling Out the Called" for the Kingdom service along with the dedication of all vocations as divine partnerships.

Christ Is The Answer In Our Citizenship

By J. M. DAWSON, Washington, D. C.

A scriptural concept offered by the Apostle Paul is that all believers constitute a colony of heaven. Just as in political society a colony is subject to the mother country, expresses the laws, institutions, and customs of that country, so Christian citizens are to express in the state of which they are members the ideals, the laws, and institutions of Christ's kingdom to which they owe supreme allegiance.

We begin by saying that Christian citizenship

is not merely negative, but positive and creative. The recent Texas Baptist Convention in its report on civic righteousness committed its million members to a fight against liquor, gambling, indecent and immoral movies, bad literature, divorce, desecration of womanhood, juvenile and adult delinquency, Sabbath desecration, and war. That is all well. The pronouncements of Baptists should be clear and emphatic against these social iniquities. But we must also provide for a positive, creative approach on the whole citizenship front.

Crisis Is Moral and Spiritual

In respect to the positive approach, we are to remember first of all that the crisis in modern civilization in which we find ourselves is to be recognized as not solely political, militaristic, or economic, but moral and spiritual. Thus we are acting most effectively when we strive for a proper social order by endeavoring to bring men to regeneration by supporting a vigorous evangelism. The malignant situation in state, nation, and the world will yield only to a treatment which places men in a new orientation to God and recognizes the necessity for living for the higher values, honesty, purity, and unselfishness. The fact must come home to each of us. We cannot dwell upon the immoralities of the Nazis and the Soviets to the neglect of the grievous shortcomings in leaders of our own democracy; we must face up to our own need of personal salvation.

We are not to forget, however, that individual regeneration and orientation are not enough. We must go further. The principles and spirit of Christ must be enthroned in all of life. An individual sin such as drunkenness is tragic, but the social iniquity of the liquor traffic is immeasurably worse. The full gospel of Jesus Christ demands the salvation of the individual and the application of Christianity to all of social life.

There is today as there was in the days of Roman imperialism, which Jesus knew, a strong tendency to rely upon coercion; yet the Christian answer is undoubtedly apt to be in the realm of persuasion. It would be an unspeakable blessing to the whole world at this time if Christians had as much faith in persuasion as they do in coercion. Unfortunately, militarism is in the saddle. Even here in democratic America we are rattling the sword; our government is committed to an emphasis on coercion, as shown by the number of militarists in high offices of the administration. Are we about to plunge more deeply into militaristic policies which will pile huge expenditures upon the people, with heavier taxes, and

change our historic policy by fastening permanent peacetime conscription on the nation?

Baptists Must Discover Own Answers

In dealing with this and other problems, to many it appears that the Roman Catholic citizen enjoys an advantage over the Baptist citizen. For the Catholic is under an authoritarian church system which supplies him with an answer from the hierarchy; whereas, the Baptist is under a democratic church system and has to discover his own answer. The Catholic hierarchy prescribes a vast set of definite regulations for the conduct of its members; hence they are apt to think alike and vote in blocs.

This brings us to an imperative requirement in the application of Christ's answer to political questions today. That is the necessity for trained, disciplined leaders of Christian conviction. Baptists have produced a fair share of judges, governors, congressmen, and a couple of presidents. But have they always left enduring proofs of the quality of Christian leadership demanded in our time? It is high time we give some attention to developing more men who will enrich the heritage of Christian statesmanship.

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Baptist Colleges and Federal Aid

By JOE W. BURTON
Editor, *Home Life*

The recurring question of government aid to religious institutions must be faced again in our Baptist colleges if the Federal educational aid program becomes law.

The proposed educational bill, according to news reports, will offer aid to religious schools if they meet the educational standards which will be written into the bill.

The proffer of federal aid to denominational institutions involves at once the traditional American and Baptist position with reference to separation of church and state. It does so very definitely for Baptists, for our colleges are a vital part of the denominational program of Christian education.

Indeed federal aid to Baptist colleges may not only undercut our position of separation of church and state, but it could also attack the integrity of our message even on the campuses which our forefathers have created. At a time when institutions are crowded and some may attend Baptist colleges simply because they are able to gain admittance, and if in addition federal aid is offered, there could be a growing challenge to our maintenance of colleges distinctively Christian and Baptist.

Now the colleges must have support, large financial support. But if they receive such support from sources which also control, and in a manner to compromise the distinctive message and function of Baptists, then they will have surrendered the fundamental position assumed by our forefathers in establishing Baptist colleges.

The pressure of secularism is surely on all of them. There is a tremendous influence which would draw them into the vortex of conformity to the world's pattern and away from their distinctive function as Baptist institutions. Indeed such pressure is on Baptists at every point of their witnessing toward the center of conformity and away from their right to use the New Testament.

It appears that the proposed federal educational program poses a problem which Baptists generally and college administrations particularly must study most carefully.

The Church Family Night

By JULIAN ATWOOD
First Baptist Church, Lamesa, Texas

By this caption I am referring to an article by my good friend, Allen W. Graves, Pastor First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia, which is to be found in the current issue of the **Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal**.

While he gives many excellent reasons for such a church program as he outlines, many of which I have found to be good by experience, there is one statement he makes which struck me with much force, and about which I have given much thought the past few years. It is this about which I desire to write rather than further commendation of the program he suggests, all of which I heartily approve.

The expression to which I refer is found on page 214 of the October-December issue of the **Journal**. It reads as follows: "If these people attend all the meetings necessary for the efficient working of each organization, it will keep many of them away from their homes almost every night in the week."

The time has come when someone should arouse our people to the need of spending more time at home. One of the great weaknesses in our present day American life is the fact that the average family spends too little time at home. No, not even going to some meeting at the church every night will make amends for abandoning the home life, and the nightly gathering of the family around the home circle.

Charles W. Ferguson says in the December issue of **The Reader's Digest** in an article entitled "The Art of Staying at Home": "Staying at home is important enough to be worth trying. Its cultivation would help solidify family life, stabilize our thinking, tone us up generally, and develop self sufficiency and serenity."

Any one is doing a worthy thing in trying to provide a plan that will allow the church membership to carry on the program and at the same time spend more time at home. Instead of trying to devise means by which we can spend more time away, we should try to find some way to carry on our complex modern church activities and also spend more time around the family circle.

Some one says, "If they don't go out at night to the church, they will go somewhere else." That is poor philosophy. Especially when after meetings at the church many night rides are engaged in that are not conducive to the best in morals and character building. This attitude is simply begging the question.

I do not mean we should abandon night meetings at the church, but I do mean that it is wise to so arrange our church program that our membership may have the necessary time at home for building into the lives of our children those values which can come in no other way. We must realize and never forget that the home is a divine institution and of supreme importance.

It is not at all necessary to destroy our home life in order to build our church life any way. A well-ordered balance must be preserved. We may not all be in position to so organize our work as to give our people more time at home, but we should give it the most serious consideration possible. Let it always be remembered that "it takes a heap of living in a house to make it home." We should bear in mind that evenings at home with all the family present are vital factors in the development of character, and strengthening ties that will fortify every member against the storms which will come later in life.

Alcohol and the Orphans' Home

By J. KENNETH CLARK, Clover, Virginia

It was in December, 1941, while I was a student in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary that I met a fine looking, intelligent young man. He told me how he came to have a genuine hatred for beer and whiskey. His father once had a good job. He began drinking and lost his job. Things went from bad to worse. People lost confidence in him and he continued to lose one job after another.

A happy home was wrecked; and after six years, when the mother was about to take the children and leave for her sister's home, the father shot her and a cousin, and then shot himself. This young man, then a lad of eight years, peeping from behind an outbuilding, witnessed the triple murder. Within a few minutes this boy and his two brothers became orphans—one of the many results of alcohol.

The rum-sellers, the beer joints, the liquor stores, the bootleggers, and the manufacturers of all these products have never made provisions to care for the widows and orphans that they make. So they did the easy thing, the natural thing for such a business. They left these orphans to the church to care for. This boy and his two brothers were taken to Buckner's Orphans' Home at Dallas, Texas, where they spent seven years. He was only one of many at that orphans' home who were there because of liquor. The present president, Hal F. Buckner, feels sure that fifty per cent of the children in the home are there because of liquor.

Superintendent W. C. Creasman, of the Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home, says that a large percentage of the cases of child destitution that come to his attention are due to drinking. From his observation the percentage was much lower during prohibition.

Miss Eunice Broadwell, case worker, Oxford Masonic Orphanage in North Carolina, says that alcohol has contributed to the coming of 45 to 48 per cent of their children since February 21, 1943.

Walter A. Smith, Superintendent of Holston Methodist Orphanage of Tennessee, estimates that 70 per cent of children who are in child-care institutions are there because of the use of alcoholic beverages by fathers or mothers and in a great many instances by both.

Miss Helen Burt Mauney, case worker assistant of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, reports that 98 of 615 children under their care as of October 1, 1947, were there with alcohol as a contributive factor. Of the 412 pending applications, 45 had an alcohol history.

Superintendent R. F. Hough, Baptist Orphanage of Virginia, reports that records show that 97 per cent of all applications received during the year 1946 to July, 1947, had liquor problems connected with the home. During prohibition days the percentage was only 32 per cent. The percentage has tripled in about fifteen years with beer, wine and whiskey flowing freely in the state. No one need be amazed. It is a natural result of increased sale of alcoholic beverages. Virginia's ABC store system reports record-breaking sales for the calendar year 1947 totaling \$93,376,841.82 compared with \$74,975,577.11 for 1946. Virginia was one of four states where liquor sales are legal to report an increase in consumption in 1947, being surpassed only by Iowa. In 1946 Virginia spent \$132,000,000 for alcoholic liquors, beer and wine which was more

than twice the amount of taxes paid into the general education fund.

If whiskey, rum, beer, and wine are going to break up happy homes, rob the children of proper parental care, deprive them of their educational opportunities, fill our orphanages with those whose parents are living, but unworthy the name of parent, and turn them over to the church to care for, then the church ought to raise its voice to high heaven against such a nefarious, dishonorable, hellish traffic. It behooves all Christians to work together unitedly until such a curse is outlawed by every state in the union.

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Quarterly Long-Sightedness and Weekly Short-Sightedness

By O. W. TAYLOR

Now and then, **Baptist and Reflector** "talks shop." It does so now. The reason is that there is a short-sightedness on the part of some which should be changed to long-sightedness.

Churches provide Sunday School quarterlies and other departmental literature for their constituency, paying for them with funds contributed by the constituency and handled by the treasurer. The purchase thereof is taken for granted. If some quarterlies are discarded or unused, the feeling is that sufficient use is made of the material to warrant the total purchase.

This is long-sightedness, common sense, and religion. The view is sensible that the constituency is entitled to this literature and that the church ought to provide it. If some quarterlies are discarded or unused, no one is so foolish as to suggest that the church stop providing the literature.

Some Baptist church members are long-sighted on quarterlies and short-sighted on their State paper, **Baptist and Reflector** (substitute **Arkansas Baptist**).

If some copies of the paper are found discarded or unused, these members begin to quibble and to demand that the paper be dropped from the budget. Probably they could find more discarded quarterlies than copies of the paper. Why do they not pick up a lot of these and go into the business session of the church and demand that the church quit providing quarterlies? Why be fair toward quarterlies and unfair toward their own paper?

There are some things presented in **Baptist and Reflector** which are also presented in the quarterlies, but in a somewhat different way. If these members are interested in these things in the quarterlies, why not also in their State paper? For there is the value of re-emphasis and variety-emphasis.

But **Baptist and Reflector** presents some things not presented in quarterlies. Some of these are: Regular reports on Tennessee Baptist churches; weekly departmental attendances; quarterly reports on the co-operative contributions of the churches; weekly news notes and articles about pastors and churches and revivals and so on; announcements and write-ups of Tennessee Baptist co-operative work, denominational meetings and denominational institutions; histories of Tennessee Baptist churches, their building, dedications and so on. In addition there are editorials and articles of interest to those with spiritual

discernment and denominational loyalty. For the members of a Baptist church to be informed on what Baptists believe and are doing more than justifies the expense involved.

Coming weekly, the State paper comes oftener than the quarterly. Since it presents more material, it naturally costs more. But even then, at the present schedule of prices, on the budget plan the paper costs only two and one-half cents per week per family. And if a church wants to do so, it can ask its people to put a little extra into the treasury to take care of the paper, as is done in case of quarterlies.

The paper in the homes of the members means a better informed people. This means more money for the church and for the denomination. Surely this justifies the expenditure of two and one-half cents a week per family!

The promotion of Sunday School and other departmental work in the State through the paper helps in the growth of schools and other departments in the churches. This means a larger demand for departmental literature. To turn the cold shoulder to the paper is to throttle the chief promotional publication among our people in relation to the Tennessee Baptist work in which surely Baptist churches are interested.

Every Tennessee Baptist should at least be as long-sighted on his own State paper as he is on quarterlies. It is the part of wisdom for a church to provide both for its people.

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A Close Call

The following story has been credited to the *New York Tribune*:

Alfred G. Vanderbilt, at one of the many horse show dinners given in his honor in New York City, told a story of a groom and a turkey.

"I had promised this groom," he said, "a Christmas turkey, but, somehow, in the rush and flurry of December, I forgot it. It was some days after Christmas when I remembered how I had overlooked my faithful old friend.

"Meeting him in the paddock one morning and intending to make good my forgetfulness, I said to the groom, by way of a joke:

"Well, Jenkins, how did you like that turkey I sent you?"

"It was a very fine bird, sir," said the groom. 'I came very near losing it, though.'

"How so?" said I, astonished.

"Well, sir," said Jenkins, 'Christmas morning came, and your turkey hadn't reached me, so I rushed right out to the express company and asked the manager what he meant by not sending the bird up. The manager apologized, sir, very politely, and took me into a back room where there were three turkeys hanging, and he said the labels had been lost off all of them, and I'd just better take my choice. So I chose the largest, sir, knowing your generosity, and it was fine. It ate grand. Thank you very much indeed, sir.'

My Candle

*I'll hold my candle high, and then,
Perhaps, I'll see the hearts of men
Above the sordidness of life—
Beyond misunderstandings, strife.
Though many deeds that others do
Seem foolishness, and sinful, too,
Were I to take another's place,
I could not fill it with such grace.
And who am I to criticize
What I perceive with my dull eyes?
I'll hold my candle high, and then,
Perhaps, I'll see the hearts of men.*

—Author Not Known.

Woman's Missionary Union

Announcing Change In Date For State W. M. U. Annual Meeting

The date for State W. M. U. Annual Meeting has had to be changed from April 5-7, 1949, to March 29-31, because of a conflict with plans for promoting an associational-wide Evangelistic Campaign in all the Baptist churches in Pulaski County. The State W. M. U. Annual Meeting will be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 29-31. Please take note of the change in date.

Complete the Year 1948 With Good Records

Report blanks and other promotional literature have gone out from this office to all Associational Superintendents and Young People's Counselors. These officers will see that each local organization receives proper materials to report the work of the last quarter of 1948. These should be filled in immediately and returned to your associational officer, or to this office if you have no superintendent or young people's counselor, by January 5.

Questionnaires for determining your rating on the Standard of Excellence for the year should be carefully filled in and returned to this office by January 1, 1949. No organization will be graded by the Standard unless the questionnaire is returned. As of 1948 only those organizations that fulfil all points of their standard will be listed. Hitherto, we have always listed those fulfilling eight and nine points, as well as ten points.

Important Request

Will every society president see that the sheet giving names and addresses of young people's director, auxiliary counselors, and the number of circles is filled in and returned to this office immediately? The 1949 Year Book and Guide Book will be sent free for the above officers when this list has been received. Help us to place these books in their hands.

Pioneer W. M. U. Leader Passes Away

Mrs. W. E. Massey passed away at her home in Hot Springs on December 20, 1948. She was president of the W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church there at the time of her death. For many years she was a life member of the State W. M. U. Executive Board and was present at the meeting of this Board last October.

Mrs. Massey will be remembered for her many contributions to the work, especially the writing of the history of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas. For the occasion of the Jubilate of the State W. M. U. Mrs. Massey wrote six chapters of the history "At the King's Command," covering the work of the organization for the first twenty-five years. For the occasion of the Ruby anniversary Mrs. Massey wove the threads of the history of the organization into a complete and permanent record of the first forty years of the State W. M. U. Let her words challenge us as we face a new era in the life of Woman's Missionary Union, as taken from the foreword of the book, "At the King's Command":

"It seems that a magic lamp of endeavor has been rubbed, and the W. M. U. hut of small beginnings has been changed into a palace of big opportunities and bigger obligations.

"To those elect women who laid the foundation of this great organization, the W. M. U. pauses for salute; to those who have enlisted at a later date and who stand on the threshold of a new era, with its splendid background and its challenging future, it pauses to remind them that the possibilities of the work are bounded only by faith in God, faith in its members, and the right to conquer in His name. Let all move forward unto greater things, 'At the King's Command'."

Observe Day of Prayer For Community Missions During January

Suggested Program Material for the observance of a Day of Prayer for Community Missions is being sent direct to the W. M. S. president of every church with the request that they plan for the observance of this Season of Prayer at some convenient time during the month of January. Mrs. A. B. Pierce, State Community Missions

Brotherhood Work During 1948

The work of the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas during 1948 has been projected largely through the following major activities:

1. The promotion of church Brotherhood organization. During the year about 40 new Brotherhoods have been organized. This represents a growth of nearly 30 per cent in the number of new organizations.

2. The general efforts of all departments of our state work, including the Brotherhood Department, to set forward the whole program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention during 1948, the Centennial year of the Convention.

3. The enlistment of Baptist men and Baptist churches in a concerted effort to pay off the Honor Debt of the Convention.

4. The promotion of the Co-operative Program. Our state budget for 1948 was the largest in Arkansas Baptist history. The Brotherhood Department has worked with all other departments, at the continuing task of selling the Co-operative Program to our churches, to all the associations, and to individuals.

5. The organization of Brotherhoods in several of the largest churches in the state.

6. The promotion of the annual Brotherhood Conference at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs. The conference was

Chairman, has prepared this material with the desire that we shall be led to more devoted efforts to help make our communities better places in which to live and to the winning of the lost about us.

Intermediate G. A. Conference Scheduled for March 4-6 At Central College

We are happy to announce at this early date that the Intermediate Girls' Conference will be held at Central College, North Little Rock, March 4-6, 1949. Plan now to have your G. A. represented. Organizations which were A-1 in 1948 are entitled to enter a contestant in the Missionary Reading Contest. Don't fail to return your questionnaire on the Standard at once so you will be able to meet this requirement. Watch for further announcements about this important meeting.

A 100,000 pound shipment of non-perishable foods and clothing was shipped by Baptists of Birmingham, Alabama, during the World Relief Week to New Orleans, Louisiana, for overseas delivery in Europe and Asia. The shipment, said by officials to be the largest amount of relief material ever gathered at one time in the South, came from members of 122 churches in the Birmingham area.

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well attended, and was helpful in many ways.

7. The sponsoring of a simultaneous revival in Newton County, in the Ozark mountains.

8. The promotion of two Associational Brotherhood tours.

9. The sponsoring of 23 revivals in the state.

10. The promotion of Layman's Day on October 10.

11. The promotion of Brotherhood Night on the eve of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention meeting. The meeting was attended by approximately 1,400 men, and was one of the highlights of the Convention.

12. The beginning of a study to determine what should be done in the matter of setting up younger Brotherhoods, to provide a spiritual activities program for young men 17 through 24.

13. The assisting of several Negro churches which have become interested in Brotherhood organization.

14. The beginning of a study of Boy's work looking forward to the sponsoring of Royal Ambassadors work throughout the state, beginning in 1950.

15. The work of evangelism. This has been one of our major objectives. During the year, through December 31, the Lord has rewarded the efforts of the Brotherhood Department with 611 additions to Arkansas Baptist churches. Five hundred two of these, eighty two percent, came on profession of faith and baptism. God has richly blessed!

16. The planning of three series of Regional Brotherhood meetings, covering every section of the state. Two series have already been held, December 5-17, and the third series is scheduled for January 19-21. The response of our men at the first two series was gratifying; attendance averaging 71 men per meeting.

Brotherhood work in Arkansas, while still in the pioneering stage, is gradually being accepted by all our people as an integral phase of our whole state program; and we believe that we can say truly that the Brotherhood Department has in the thinking of Arkansas Baptists a place of genuine affection and esteem.

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PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

For the past several years there has been a steady increase in Training Union enrolment in Arkansas. The enrolment for the past four years has been as follows:

- 1945—33,278, gain of 5,254
- 1946—39,274, gain of 5,996
- 1947—43,217, gain of 3,943
- 1948—50,434, gain of 7,216 (incomplete)
- 1944-1948, gain of 22,410

During the past year 15,743 study course awards have been issued, which is the highest for any year.

WORTHY OBJECTIVES

Baptist Training Unions of Arkansas will accept their share of the South-wide objectives for 1949:

- 100 additional churches with Training Union work
- 7,000 increase in Training Union enrolment
- 42 functioning associational organizations
- 16,000 study course awards
- 500 churches reporting study course work
- 15 Associations conducting simultaneous enlargement campaigns or simultaneous study courses.
- ALL Training Unions entering the Bible Reading Crusade and the Prayer Meeting Attendance Crusade.
- ALL Training Unions adopting and maintaining the standards of Excellence as a program of work.



Ralph W. Davis
State Training Union Director

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Training Union Calendar of Activities for 1949 includes:
- March 13 "Pre-Convention Training Union Attendance" Night
 - March 18-19 State Training Union Convention, First Church, Little Rock
 - April 3-10 Youth Week
 - May 1 "Join the Training Union Day"
 - May 1-8 Christian Home Week
 - July 5-13 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs
 - July 15-August 21 Summer Field Work
 - July 21-27 Arkansas Training Union Week at Ridgecrest
 - September 6 State Planning Meeting for Associational Sunday School, Training Union and Church Music key workers.
 - December 5-9 Forty Associational Training Union Rallies.

APPROVED WORKERS

Assisting with the promotion of Training Union work are the following approved workers:

- Young People, Mrs. George Stuart, North Little Rock
- Intermediate, Mrs. Carl A. Clark, El Dorado
- Junior, Mrs. William J. Perkinson, Fort Smith
- Story Hour, Mrs. Harvey Elledge, North Little Rock

Training Union work is promoted along several lines: Associational campaigns and study courses, church enlargement campaigns, State Convention, conferences, and office promotion of all phases, including the standards.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROMOTE THE CONTESTS

Junior Memory Drill references, Intermediate sword drill tracts and Speakers' Tournament tracts and poster contest rules may be obtained by writing to the State Training Union Director. Every Training Union should promote these drills and tournaments in a definite way during the next two and one-half months.

Every association should set the time and place for the associational elimination tournament. Associational winners go to the state tournament to be held at the State Training Union Convention.

Beautiful certificates will be given to all Juniors who make a perfect score at the State Junior Memory Drill. Sword Drill and Speakers Tournament winners will be sent to the third Training Union week at Ridgecrest with all expenses paid.

Sword Drill references through March 31 will be used. This means that the first three-fourths of the material found in the sword drill tracts will be used at the State Sword Drill.

STATE TRAINING UNION CONVENTION

More than 2,000 people are expected to attend the State Training Union Convention which will meet with the First Church, Little

Rock, Friday morning at ten o'clock through Saturday noon, March 18-19, 1949.

Dr. Marshall Craig will be the principal speaker. Dr. Joe Burton will bring one message. Nine Sunday School Board workers will appear on the program. The program personnel includes over 150 people.

Bed and breakfast will be furnished free by all the churches of Greater Little Rock. There will be a small registration fee of 50c for young people and adults and 25c for Juniors and Intermediates.

There will be sectional meetings for all departments. The Beginner children will be provided for with a well planned program at all sessions. The nursery will also be open at all sessions.

Dr. J. E. Lambdin will direct the sectional meeting for pastors and Training Union Directors. Leonard Wedel will preside over the sectional meeting for Missionaries and Associational Training Union Directors. Sunday School Board workers will preside over the other sectional meetings.

RIDGECREST

Registration for any of the three Training Union Weeks at Ridgecrest is \$2.00. Arkansas week is July 21-27. Send registration fee to Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, immediately.

In the World of Religion During 1948

Spotlighting the news of the world of religion in 1948 was the first World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, August 22-September 4, with 140 denominational groups present. The ecumenical movement gained a permanent existence at Amsterdam, but only time would tell if values had been gained or lost.

In March, the Supreme Court ruled in the Champaign, Illinois, case that "a state cannot consistently with the First and Fourteenth Amendments utilize its public school system to aid any or all religious faiths or sects in the dissemination of their doctrines..."

And around the world, the struggle between Communists and Roman Catholics continued. The issues between Roman Catholics and Evangelicals were highlighted by persecution of Evangelicals in Spain and some Latin American countries, and in the United States by the Dixon, New Mexico, school case. Missionaries in China faced the problem of what to do in the face of the Communist advance.

Statistics showed 77,000,000 church members in the United States, but the number continued to decline in England. Christian churches in Japan report a gain of 100,000 since the end of the war, and Shintoism appears on the decline. An increase in church attendance is reported by priests in Italy, and in Egypt, there is a mosque shortage.

Church World Service reported that 30,000,000 pounds of food and other supplies worth \$9,500,000 were sent to Europe during the first eight months of 1948.

-Survey Bulletin.

Figures To Inspire

December 28, 1948

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Ft. Smith, First	752	301	3
Little Rock, Immanuel	702	235	2
Including Missions	905	385	
Hot Springs, Second	527	165	2
Pine Bluff, First	461	163	
El Dorado, First	456	126	
Benton, First	385	100	3
El Dorado, Second	330	78	
Camden First	307	77	
Including Missions	383	145	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	288	102	
Paragould, First	267	146	1
Including Missions	382	193	
N. Little Rock, First	264	86	
Including Missions	323		
Hot Springs, Central	260	89	
Including Missions	307		
Ft. Smith, Calvary	258	58	
Ft. Smith, Grand Avenue	250	95	
West Helena	248	71	
Rogers	242	68	1
Lake City	233	129	5
Hot Springs, Park Place	229	101	
Springdale, First	228	165	1
Including Missions	247	115	
Malvern, First	214	45	
Including Missions	235		
Hot Springs, First	211	59	
Pine Bluff, Second	171	67	
Greenwood, First	170	59	
El Dorado, West Side	166	78	1
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	152	53	
Smackover First	146	63	
Ft. Smith, South Side	139	37	8
Monticello, First	132	64	
Norphet, First	118	90	
Stamps, First	117	48	
El Dorado, Joyce City	105	51	
Monticello, Second	96	86	
Grannis	85	47	
Hot Springs,			
Lake Hamilton	68	50	2
Melbourne	61	57	
Douglasville, Second	35	56	
Conway, Brumley Chapel	30	32	1

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The temptation is often with us to calculate wholly with human resources, and to leave God out of our plans and activities. To the degree that we put our confidence in the arm of the flesh, we shall fail in Christ's work.

-George W. Truett.

You can climb to heaven on a spider's web as easily as you can save yourself, ignoring God's remedy for a sinner.

-George W. Truett.

Dr. Thomas J. Watts Concludes Notable Career

By FRANK E. BURKHALTER



One of the most versatile and useful Southern Baptist leaders of this generation completed his earthly labors on the evening of December 21, when Dr. Thomas J. Watts, long time executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, answered the final summons of heaven at his home in Waco, Texas.

So varied was his eminent career and so numerous his activities and services that space will permit only the briefest summary of them:

Born to a Catholic father and Baptist mother at Raleigh, North Carolina, March 19, 1874, one of 11 children, and twin brother of Dr. Joseph Thomas Watts, executive secretary of the Maryland Baptist Union Association, Baltimore.

Educated in public and private schools of Raleigh and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

In his teens, while attending schools, he held numerous jobs in Raleigh drug and grocery stores and insurance offices. He became a registered pharmacist at the age of 19.

Became a druggist at Barnesville, Georgia, when quite a young man, and because of his great activity in various forms of religious work his church licensed him to preach without his solicitation.

Entering the Louisville Seminary in 1903 he served at student pastor of several Kentucky churches.

Among his numerous denominational services in subsequent years are listed the following:

B. Y. P. U. secretary of Kentucky and director of the Georgetown Baptist summer Assembly.

Field secretary Baptist Educational Society of Kentucky two years.

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. secretary for Missouri two years.

Secretary Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and Colportage work for South Carolina eleven years.

South Carolina's special field representative for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1908-9.

Publicity director Baptist 75 Million Campaign for South Carolina, 1919.

Associate secretary Relief and Annuity Board, Southern Baptist Convention, 1925-27.

Executive secretary Relief and Annuity Board from 1927 to 1947, when failing health compelled his retirement from that post. The assets of the board increased from \$2,470,000 at the time Dr. Watts became secretary, to \$12,838,438.22 on the occasion of the last annual report of the Board to the Convention. During those twenty years millions of dollars were distributed by the Board in annuities and relief. Dr. Watts' varied experiences in the business world, prior to his entry into the ministry, is believed to have proved a valuable asset to him in administering the vast affairs of the board.

Leaders in every phase of Southern Baptist life throughout the South paid high telegraphic tribute to Dr. Watts on the occasion of his funeral.

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Waco, who presided at the services, characterized the deceased as highly cultured, warmly companionable, definitely cosmopolitan in outlook and interests, and genuinely Christian in all his attitudes.

Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive secretary of public relations for the Baptists of North America, and a life long friend of Dr. Watts, likened the character of his friend to that of Barnabas, the "Great Heart" of the New Testament.

Dr. W. R. Alexander, who succeeded Dr. Watts as executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, read the Scriptures and offered prayer.

Burial was in Oakwood cemetery, Waco.

In addition to his wife, member of the notable Jenkins family of Waco, Dr. Watts is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Fred Mauldin, High Point, North Carolina, and Miss Emily Watts, Raleigh, North Carolina; three brothers, Roderick Watts, Cheraw, South Carolina; Dr. Joseph T. Watts, Baltimore, and Henry Watts, Louisville, Kentucky; and two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Carter, Raleigh, and Mrs. J. C. Wroton, Norfolk, Virginia.

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PROGRAM

MONDAY NIGHT

January 24

T. K. Rucker, Presiding

- 7:00 Song Service Robert James
- 7:20 Words of Welcome R. C. Campbell
- 7:40 Evangelism in Our Second Century Otto Whittington
- 8:10 Special Music
- 8:15 Message W. A. Criswell

TUESDAY MORNING

January 25

Reece Howard, Presiding

- 9:00 Song Service Fred Becker
- 9:05 Scripture and Prayer Ralph Dodd
- 9:20 Laymen After the Lost Nelson Tull
- 9:45 Evangelism in Rural Churches Fred McLelland
- 10:15 Recess
- 10:25 Delinquent Angels Judge Camille Kelley
- 11:15 Special Music
- 11:20 Message W. A. Criswell

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

January 25

Joe Sullivan, Presiding

- 2:00 Song Service Walter N. Hill
- 2:15 Praying to Win Souls John L. Dodge
- 2:35 Preaching to Win Souls V. E. Boston
- 3:00 Organizing to Win Souls C. E. Matthews
- 3:40 Conferences
- Organizers and General Chairmen R. C. CAMPBELL
- Financing a Simultaneous Crusade T. H. JORDAN
- Publicity for Simultaneous Crusade B. H. DUNCAN
- Census for Simultaneous Crusade THOMAS B. LACKEY
- Extension Service in Revivals SAM C. REEVES
- Prayer Program in Revivals A. B. PEARCE
- Fellowship M. RAY MCKAY
- Music in Revivals NORMAN FERGUSON

TUESDAY EVENING

January 25

Jesse Reed, Presiding

- 7:00 Song Service Norman Ferguson
- 7:15 "Overcomers" Thomas B. Lackey
- 7:45 Message T. L. Holcomb
- 8:20 Special Music
- 8:30 Message W. A. Criswell

WEDNESDAY MORNING

January 26

C. W. Caldwell, Presiding

- 9:00 Song Service R. O. Ekrut
- 9:10 Scripture and Prayer F. E. Goodbar
- 9:20 "Except Ye Repent" T. L. Harris
- 9:50 Experiences in Soul Winning Five minutes each
Lonnie Lasater, Ottis Denney, Jeff Rousseau, Elmer Morgan
J. T. Elliff, D. M. Kries
- 10:30 Recess
- 10:40 The Need of Consecration C. E. Matthews
- 11:20 Special Music
- 11:30 Message T. L. Holcomb

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Source of Our Knowledge of Jesus

By Mrs. ROLAND LEATH

For the first six months of this year our lessons will cover the life of our Lord Jesus Christ from His incarnation until after His resurrection. Of course it is not a consecutive study of events nor does it include all the recorded accounts of his words, actions, and work, but it will be a study of important teachings and words which will bless all who read and hear. It should be with gratitude and love that we open a study like this one. Not only will it be profitable for all who teach and those who believe, but may our prayer be that many shall hear and believe who do not know Him now as Savior and Lord.

The first lesson of the series, "The World In Which Jesus Lived," was a help to a better understanding of His life and ministry, as we considered the "fulness of time" when God sent His Son, and the political, geographical, intellectual, moral, and religious world of that particular time. This week we ask, "Where do we get our sources of knowledge concerning Jesus?"

Research

We could answer the above question by saying that the source of all our knowledge concerning Jesus is the New Testament. Some might ask, "Is that source accurate and valid?" It has withstood the criticisms and slurs of generations, withstood the forces of time, measured up to all tests, evacuations, and stands today, unscathed, the Word of the Living God! The New Testament was not written during the life of Christ nor immediately after the resurrection; much knowledge of Him, his words, deeds, and teachings was oral, preserved by Hebrews, a people noted for excellent memories. No doubt some accounts were written down or some notes were made on these things.

The Gospel of Luke is the result of a careful, systematic research by a man inspired of God, with a skilled, trained, and intelligent

Sunday School
For January 9, 1949
Luke 1:1-4; John 20:30, 31; 21:25; I Corinthians 15:3-5; I John 1:1-4.

mind. Paul speaks of Luke as being a physician, and we see evidences of the physician's mind, capable of analysis and synthesis, in the research which he has given us in the Gospel of Luke. In so far as we know there are no indications that Luke was an eyewitness of the deeds of Jesus. But he gathered the written words concerning the Lord that were in existence and wrote them in orderly fashion. God used this man. He has given us this gospel which emphatically records the details of the birth of Jesus and presents Him to us, the Son of Man.

Revelation

Probably the oldest writings were not the gospels, but that of Paul; many believe the epistles, particularly Thessalonians and Galatians, were the very first New Testament writings. But from Paul, too, we have a definite source of our knowledge of Jesus. We call the first four books of the New Testament the gospels, but the gospel is positively set forth in 1 Corinthians 15—"how Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures." Paul does not give accounts of the earthly ministry of Jesus, but dwells upon his death and resurrection as the thrilling truth of salvation and eternal life with all the blessings, privileges and obligations of the acceptance of Him.

Most scholars agree that Paul did not see Jesus in the days of His earthly life, but met Him face to face on the Damascus road. In divine revelations Jesus instructed Paul of the glorious truths of his gospel for Paul said, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received." We cannot even imagine by the remotest

thoughts that which took place when Paul was caught up into the third heaven and was instructed by his Lord. But, as a result of that meeting, Paul has given to us the revelations he received of Jesus. No one can read that which Paul has written without being convinced of the burning message in the heart of this apostle.

Testimony

We consider the third source of knowledge in the personal testimony of John. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called the Synoptic gospels for each tells the events of the life of Jesus in much the same way, but John's gospel is different. He deals primarily with emphasis upon the Deity of the Lord. Notice John's words directly given as to why he wrote: "That ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name."

John was definitely an eyewitness of all the things of which he wrote. He gives the knowledge we gain as his own testimony and records some miracles omitted by the other three gospels. In his epistles John seeks to reveal spiritual understanding of these things concerning our Lord.

The Bible is God's Word to us, the way of life and the message to our hearts of hope, joy, and faith.

Faithful Worker Dies

William Lucien Durham of the Higginson community near Searcy died in a local hospital at Searcy on December 9. Mr. Durham was a deacon in the Higginson Baptist Church. He had served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years, relinquishing that responsibility last October on account of failing health. John Eason is pastor of the Higginson Church where Mr. Durham held membership.

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Our Work Is In The Balance

We are starting out now on the new budget. All our causes are strictly on the percentage basis. A given amount in each instance is allotted to our agencies and departments, both at home and broad. If one agency or department has an ethical right to approach the churches for designated gifts then each agency and department also has the same right. There are no preferred items in our state budget. If the churches do not finance this enlarged and unselfish program our work and reputation both will be imperiled.

See that your church does twenty-five per cent more for Co-operative Missions during 1949 than it has been doing. Many of our churches will do even more than that. Will yours?

Begin right now, Brethren, please. Let us finance this enlarged Co-operative Program budget this year.

The Ouachita College Campaign

A few months ago the Ouachita College Board of Trustees asked the General Secretary to take up the campaign and carry it on, without salary. We are working at it. We have 1949 in which to close up the campaign. Last week we had a very successful meeting of about forty workers in definite sections of the state. Presently we shall have another meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Administration, and will tell you exactly what we plan to do in meeting the needs of Ouachita College. We will tell you what buildings we hope to erect with campaign funds.

Dr. Otto Whittington and Pastor Harvey Elledge did a magnificent work in this campaign. Dr. Whittington's health failed him, and Brother Elledge's time was claimed by the Baring Cross Church. Either one of these men could have carried this campaign to a successful conclusion if they could have given their time and effort fully to its prosecution. The General Secretary cannot do as well, but he is doing his best. During these few months we have taken in \$50,000, and we are organizing for the final stretch.

We give here a condensed statement of campaign funds.

Financial Statement of the Ouachita Campaign Fund, November 30, 1948

Receipts:	
1946	\$ 92,005.45
1947	179,784.93
1948	120,184.63
Total	\$391,975.01
Disbursements:	
Building Committee:	
1946	\$80,500.00
1947	83,891.82
1948	37,808.92
Total	\$202,200.74
Miscellaneous Expense	
1946	11,493.84
1947	14,760.64
1948	7,790.92
Total	\$34,045.40
Total Disbursements	\$236,246.14
Total in Ouachita Campaign Fund	
November 30, 1948	\$155,728.87

Harold Tillman, Loyal Prior, W. B. Pittard, and Douglas White Go East Fred A. White Goes West

Arkansas is still losing some of her good men. They seem to be going in droves now instead of one by one. Just now we are losing five.

Pastor Harold Tillman of the First Church, Conway, former pastor at Osceola, is leaving the state, and will cast his lot in the east. He saw the church at Osceola grow. He now takes up his labors in Virginia.

Pastor Prior grew up among us, and has served well at Norphlet, Dardanelle, and other places. He has a fine personality, and will perform a great ministry in the east.

Pastor W. B. Pittard, England, goes back east of the river. He has been an aggressive leader, and a tireless worker in England for several years. He was former pastor at Eudora.

Pastor Douglas White, DeWitt, also goes to Virginia. He is not a native of Arkansas, but has done an outstanding work at DeWitt.

Pastor Fred A. White, Prescott, has done excellent work in Lewisville and Prescott. He goes to Dallas.

These brethren will be missed as they leave the ranks of Arkansas workers.

Trumann and Basinger

One of our very best churches is the Trumann Church. There are some of the finest men and some of the best Christians, and some of the most useful deacons on earth. Now they are teaming up with Pastor Basinger. They have a good Sunday School led by a progressive pastor. They are giving \$60 per month for the Co-operative Program, and they are taking care of their pastor in the right way. The "Arkansas Baptist" goes to each family in the church.

Baptist University of San Francisco Not "Southern Baptist"

We have received a note of information regarding the Baptist institutions in California. For the information of the brethren we are passing it on to you. Here it is:

"In order that friends of Southern Baptist work in California may be protected from unauthorized and unwarranted appeals from

individuals, institutions, and churches, the Board of Directors of our Convention has authorized me to give you the following information.

"The Southern Baptist General Convention of California has only one institution—the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, 1908 Addison Street, Berkeley, California. This institution is owned and operated by our Convention. We rejoice in its growth and the good work it is doing, and will deeply appreciate any consideration given it.

"The Western Baptist University of San Francisco is not in any way connected with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, and is not recognized by our Convention as a Southern Baptist institution. The Associate Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of California and the Secretary of State have provided the information that no charter has been granted for this proposed school.

"A report from W. H. Cheney, clerk of the Golden Gate Baptist Association, brings the information that the association has withdrawn fellowship from the First Southern Baptist Church, Alameda, E. K. Daugherty, pastor. These churches and pastors are the sponsors of the proposed Western Baptist University of San Francisco.

"The Southern Baptist General Convention of California has authorized the appointment of a committee to investigate the possibility of establishing a Southern Baptist college in California, but no action has been taken in the matter of selection of a site or selection of officials for such an institution.

What a Church!

George A. Coleman, a layman from England, gives a clear picture of this big, monster church. "My ideal church would be so big and broad that no one would think of having more than one institution to serve any one given community. You would find within its fellowship, Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic, Trinitarian and Unitarian, ritualist and evangelist, native and foreigner, rich and poor, white and black, employer and employees, radical and conservative, socialists and capitalists, and everyone else who sincerely desires to follow Jesus. I have seen so-called atheists who would not hurt such a spiritual fellowship."

(Wouldn't that be something! And some people take such nonsense seriously—Russell B. Jones.)—Baptist and Reflector.

Infant Baptism

Dr. W. J. McClothlin said, "Infant baptism has introduced the unregenerate world into the Church, has blurred and confused the distinction between Christian and non-Christian; has led millions to depend on its magical effects for a salvation that is promised to vital faith in Christ only; has served as the basis for the union of Church and State, and has been the indispensable condition of religious coercion and persecution through the centuries."