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Wills and ways

Some of the excuses recorded by history seem pretty ridiculous in the light of subsequent developments.

An article written by William C. Maddrey, a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Society, highlights the objections to William Carey's historical proposal that Baptists send missionaries to India. The objections and Carey's answers, as Maddrey envisions them, follows.

1. "It is too far to go to India. Travel would be dangerous. Anything could happen."

Reply: "I do not agree. Think of all those sailors who navigate the Great South Sea and the Mediterranean—with compasses. Look at the East India Company. Of a certainty it wastes no time getting its ships from one place to another. If trading companies can find people and places, cannot we Christians take hope that we can get to them with the Gospel?"

2. "But they are uncivilized."

Reply: "Think of the traders who go out from here to India. They never consider whether the natives are civilized—only whether they will pay hard cash for pelts. These 'uncivilized' people can learn. They remain in ignorance because we have not gone out to teach them."

3. "But they could kill us."

Reply: "You are right. But if Paul and Barnabus were willing to put themselves in danger for the sake of preaching the Gospel, why should not we?"

4. "We could not live under the conditions that the people of India live."

Reply: "Our appetites and living conditions are not to be our primary concern. Let's go all the way, like first Christians."

5. "How could we teach them when we don't even know their language?"

Reply: "A missionary who really loved the people would be friendly enough to learn the language. The missionaries could be helped by interpreters."

6. "We are too poor."

Reply: "We can rely on fervent and united prayer, the formation of a catholic, or failing that, a Particular Baptist Society of persons whose hearts are in the work..."

Where there is a will, there is a way. Especially when it is God's will.

Erwin L. McDonald

There is a possibility that a nationwide revival will be sparked by the Denver Evangelistic Crusade, according to one Arkansas Baptist pastor. For his thoughts on the subject turn to page 16.

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"Doc" leaves his readers for a while, as he sets forth for a new field of service in Atlanta, Ga., but he winds things up with a happy report on a successful fishing trip, page 10.

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Sixty years in the gospel ministry—a testimonial to a loyal servant of the church. Read about the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine's "preacher poet" on page 9.

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The North Carolina Convention has urged the state's 3,500 Baptist churches to guard their ministers' rights to speak out on controversial issues, even though their views may not be popular. The story is on page 12.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury visited Arkansas and spoke on the need for unity among Christians of the world in an ecumenical service conducted last week. His text prompted editorial thoughts on "The archbishop's visit," page 3.

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The Arkansas Baptist Children's Home has served a vital need in the lives of many Arkansas children for many years. The home receives many gifts and services, but it still needs your help. Read a report from that institution on page 15.

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Southern Baptists from 16 states rallied to the call for help following the recent flood devastation in Fairbanks, Alaska. Our cover picture story is on page 5.

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The archbishop's visit

THE ecumenical service here last Friday night featuring a visit and an address by the archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, was a most colorful event. This was particularly true for the Baptists who attended, for we do not go in for pageantry as do our Episcopal friends. (We have our own weaknesses—for standards of excellence, attendance banners, etc.)

But aside from the pageantry, the service turned out to be a worship experience. His eminence, the archbishop, might not take it as such, but one of the Baptist ministers in attendance paid him a high compliment as he reported to a friend who had not been present, "The old fellow can preach!"

Since the service had been announced as ecumenical, and since Christians of many different folds were in attendance, the distinguished minister, as was expected, spoke on the need for unity among Christians of the world.

Speaking on the text, "Peace be with you," Dr. Ramsey prayed to God to send unity "to a hungry and divided world." He defined the role of Christians to be that of "binding up humanity." A necessary step in accomplishing this, he said, is for Christians to "treat one another as allies in Christendom." He indicated that Christians should be horrified to see the denominations divided and fighting among themselves.

The archbishop issued an eloquent appeal for racial equality, declaring that the unification of the churches "would be a futile gesture indeed if there still is the separation of the races in the House of God."

We Baptists are noted—or notorious—for opposing church union. But there are growing indications of an awakening among us to the need for all followers of Christ to be "one" in the sense the expression was used by the Lord in his prayer as recorded in John 17. The fact that Baptists of Little Rock and Arkansas were well represented at the Friday night meeting is significant and a part of the indication, we believe, of a new trend toward world Christian brotherhood. We can be one in Christ without being one in church polity and organization. If Christ commanded us to love our enemies, as he did command, surely he does not want or expect Christians to be at one another's throats.

Christ and crisis

SOME words from Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey on our country's race crisis are worth a second look.

Speaking at the recent National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., the large, Negro denomination meeting in

Denver, Mr. Humphrey called for whites and blacks to continue to work together to solve the nation's civil rights problems.

"We cannot fall into the trap of the extremists, black or white, who want to force us into a dual society based on race—who deny the Christian tenets of human dignity, brotherhood of man, love of one's neighbor," the Vice President declared.

The reminder that Americans, regardless of their color, cannot afford to deny "the Christian tenets" is especially timely, since most adult Americans are professing Christians. This appeal should have wide application. Non-Christians may or may not be charitable in their human relations. But for Christians to be anything less is for them to mock their professions of faith.

We may have many different ideas among us as to how effective one method or another will be in the solution of our race problems. But where is the Christian who can afford not to subscribe to the application of the principles of the New Testament to this vital area of our lives?

Dimes for the world

"We need it worse at home than they need it on the other side of the world."

This in effect is what Baptists in the States say when they vote to keep a larger share of their missions funds for work in the States and send a smaller amount to world mission fields.

Pastor Frank F. Norfleet of Wornall Baptist Church, Kansas City, challenges Southern Baptists to stop and take a careful look before beginning such a trend, even for some cause as worthy and as vitally related to the world mission program as Christian education.

It may be that more funds should be provided through the Cooperative Program for the Baptist colleges and universities, particularly if we are going to require these institutions to eschew federal grants. But Dr. Norfleet suggests the real source for additional funds when he reminds that total giving of Southern Baptist churches now amounts to more than \$668,000,000 per year.

The real call is for a more equitable distribution—or investment—of our Baptist dollars beginning with the local church treasuries. We should not expect to get the job for Christ done on the basis of 90 cents out of every dollar going to local needs and a weaselly dime going to all the rest of the world.

We recommend a prayerful reading of the Norfleet article, "Our Main Point of Reference," found elsewhere in this issue.

The people speak

New evangelism office

I would like, if you have space, to ask you to run the news item that Rev. Jack D. Edmonds, who serves as crusade director for me, Jack Stanton, and Eual Lawson, of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, will be continuing with these crusades but is opening a new office and will be available in 1968 to direct a limited number of city and area-wide crusades. He will have two offices: Eastern office, Box 263, Montreat, North Carolina 28757; Western office, First Southern Baptist Church, SE 28th and Sunny Lane, Del City, Oklahoma. Counties or associations desiring further information may contact either of the above addresses.

Let me thank you, kind friend, for running this bit of news. Jack Edmonds is of tremendous value to those of us here at the Home Mission Board who conduct area crusades and we would be glad to keep him busy at this and in holding revivals. He is one of the great preachers of this generation and is less than thirty years old. So we feel that he has a tremendous future and that he is not tied up to any type of traditional form or concept but that he is open always to try to communicate with the people wherever he is.—C. E. Autrey, Director, Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, SBC, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Shows great insight

This is a letter of appreciation for the news magazine that I receive each week through the Black Rock First Baptist Church (Arkansas). I have recently moved my church membership from there to the Holland Baptist Mission, Holland, Michigan.

I, along with three families, started a Southern Baptist Mission here in April of 1967. Things are progressing rapidly but there is much to be done. I enjoy the work in the new mission but I always like to hear of the work in Ark. and I have read in the news of students I went to Southern Baptist College with and it blesses my heart to hear they are serving God on the mission field.

Again, thanks so very much for the news and also my home church in Arkansas for making it possible for me to have the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.—Linda J. Robertson, 325 Maple Ave., Holland, Mich. 49423.

Once in grace

Professor Ward's article "Once saved, always saved" is the outstanding article of the year. And nothing could be more informative and needed.—Mrs. Larry Wafer, Rt. 3, Box 30, Ozark, Ark., 72949

'let's get out'

It's good to read in "Christianity Today" that you advocate pulling out of Viet Nam.—Howard A. Kuhnle, pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmondville, N.Y. 12149.

Sees 'new meaning'

I discover a spiritual kinship with you in your stand on moral, social, and political issues.

The moral and social problems of our nation are too big for one denomination to meet effectively. Hence a common effort on the part of all Christians gives added strength to our objectives and gives new meaning to the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.—H. W. Jinske, Retired Methodist minister, 1648 Hobson, Hot Springs, Ark.

Federal aid for OBU?

I recently read in the newspapers about a proposal to buy or at least accept support of Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge. I would just like to suggest that before this is done the Executive Board should go back and read the minutes of the August (or July) minutes of that body which met at Second Baptist Church in Little Rock.

At that meeting Dr. Ben L. Bridges made a long impassioned speech about the Convention not going back into debt by continuing to operate Central Baptist College in North Little Rock, etc. etc.

I'm sure that our present Executive Secretary will remember the facts and figures he presented to the special called session of the convention to prove that Arkansas Baptists could not afford but one college.

I'm also quite sure that there are quite a few still in Arkansas who remember that in the very next regular session of the Convention Southern Baptist College was voted \$15,000 a year from a budget that could support only one SENIOR College, namely—OUACHITA.

I just hope more sound thinking will go into this decision than went into the decision to close Central Baptist College 17 years ago.

I hope we will take a long look at the pittance the Convention has been willing to give to Ouachita over these years, and I also think that if we want to continue to have even ONE college we had better take another look at the federal money available to help Ouachita be what we graduates sang "The Queen of the College World"—Willis M. Crosby, 1508 S. Grant, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204.

In accuracy interest

The Sunnyside Baptist Church protests the Ad. in the News Magazine that everyone reads the Ark. Baptist News Magazine. Please change to everyone ought to read the Ark. News Magazine.—Sunnyside Baptist Church, Austin J. Lindred, Pastor, Rogers, Ark.

REPLY: Your point is well taken. We have revised our advertisement in line with your suggestion. We want to be truthful. And the very last thing we want to do is to get into a controversy with fine people such as you who already realize the truth of the statement, "Everyone ought to read the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine."—ELM

California paper urges Decision on Vietnam

FRESNO, Calif.—An editorial in the California Southern Baptist suggested three key steps for deciding whether to continue the war in Vietnam, and said if these steps are not taken, the United States ought to get out of Vietnam now.

"Let Congress make a decision, let Thieu and Ky take the Vietnamese case to the U. N., and let the President tell the people exactly what is happening and where we are," said the editorial.

"Otherwise, let's get out of Vietnam, now," declared Editor Terry Young in his lead editorial on Sept. 14.

The California Southern Baptist is the second Baptist state paper in recent weeks suggesting the possibility of a United States pullout in Vietnam. The Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine made a similar proposal earlier.

In the past, the Southern Baptist General Convention of California has supported the U. S. policy in Vietnam. In November of 1966 the convention adopted a resolution urging Baptists to pray for the servicemen, and criticizing those who "have taken it upon themselves to destroy the traditional pride and support of our nation and its government."

The editorial said that the conscience of Americans is increasingly uneasy over our involvement in Vietnam, and some are deeply troubled about the morality of our being involved at all.

"We have no easy solution to offer," the editorial said. "We plead neither hawk nor dove for we do not believe that all of the truth about something as complex as the issues surrounding Vietnam can be put into a neat little capsule on one side or the other." (BP)

Owes life to giving

"I can almost say I owe my life to the Cooperative Program," said Missionary James D. Crane of Mexico.

"At the close of 20 years of missionary service in Mexico, I was stricken by a heart attack. The hospital to which I was taken is supported by the gifts of Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program. The Christian physician who attended me got his chance at an education in a student home which was made pos-

sible through the Cooperative Program.

"Off hand, I can name more than twenty pastors, Christian lawyers, teachers, doctors, nurses, and denominational workers across Mexico who were given an opportunity because Southern Baptists have student homes.

Southern Baptist liberality has inspired struggling young Christian men and women of Mexico to higher things."—Tom Greene.

Baptist beliefs

The soldier's strength

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, past president, Southern Baptist Convention

FIRST IN SERIES ON CHRISTIAN WARFARE

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Ephesians 6:10).

Paul wrote Ephesians during a two-year Roman imprisonment. Twenty-four hours a day he was guarded by a Roman soldier. As he talked to them about the gospel (Phil. 1:13), they doubtless talked to him about their military exploits. Evidently he studied carefully their armor and weapons. And ever alert to employ mundane things to express spiritual truth, he thought of the Christian life as a warfare and the Christian as a soldier of Christ whose spiritual equipment corresponds to a soldier's equipment. The result is seen in Ephesians 6:10-18. Beginning now and for several weeks we shall follow Paul's line of thought.

A soldier should be strong physically and trained to use his weapons in combat. These thoughts apply to the Christian as evidenced in verse 10.

"Be strong in the Lord." "Be strong" is a present passive imperative of the verb *endunamoo*, from *en*, in, and *dunamis* (note "dynamite"), power. The present tense expresses continuous action. The passive voice means something done to one by another. And the imperative means that this is a command. So the Christian soldier is under orders to be continuously strong. A good translation would be "be continuously empowered." There should never be a moment of weakness in the soldier of Christ.

He is to be strong "in the Lord." It is in union with the Lord that this strength is received. In Him is power. And when we are abiding in Him we are in His power.

And in the power of his might." This adds emphasis to the previous thought. Note that "power" (*kratos*) and "might" (*ischus*) translate different words. Thus in this verse we have three words expressing power, the verb form and two nouns. The verb form denotes a power resident in God but which He expresses through another. The noun "power" speaks of a manifested power. "Might" means God's limitless power as an endowment. Ray Summers renders this word as "sufficiency."

So the Christian soldier is to be empowered with God's power which He has placed in His soldier. The soldier is to manifest or express that power with which he has him endued in confidence that it is sufficient for every challenge made by the enemy.

We do not face the enemy in our own strength, but in the all sufficient power of God. If we merely "resist the devil" he will win every time. But James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves, therefore, unto God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."



Operation Fairbanks

The call of the Home Mission Board and the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention for 100 volunteer workmen to scurry to Alaska for emergency repair work in the wake of a devastating flood in Fairbanks received quick response.

Pastors, missionaries, and laymen from Southern Baptist Churches in 16 states, skilled as electricians, carpenters, plumbers, painters, and cooks, availed themselves of free transportation by commercial airlines and flew to Fairbanks for the emergency work.

There were volunteers from other denominations. Among them was an airline pilot—a Methodist layman from Jackson, Tenn. A Catholic layman donated the use of his flatbed truck and a Nazarene congregation provided its bus for transportation for the crew of volunteers. The owner of a large souvenir shop offered the volunteers a 20 percent discount on purchases because she thought "that's a fine thing those men are doing."

By the end of their first week on the scene, the volunteers had cleared the nine churches in the Fairbanks area of mud, water, and destroyed materials and rebuilding was underway. Furnaces were roaring, something of vital importance to the task of drying out foundations ahead of the winter freezes that begin about Oct. 1.

This week's cover depicts a crew disassembling furnace pumps and motors to dry them out. Electricians are shown reassembling the equipment in the Calvary Baptist Church basement. (Home Board Photo)

Former Ouachita star killed in Vietnam

LT. PRYOR WHEAT of Helena, a 1966 graduate of Ouachita University, was killed in action in South Vietnam on Sept. 6, a Defense Department spokesman has informed the family.

Lt. Wheat was recently assigned to B troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Calvary of the 1st Air Calvary Division after having served with another unit in the squadron. No details of his death were available.

A four-year letterman at tackle for Ouachita, Lt. Wheat received his degree in business administration and his commission through the ROTC program. He was a member of Rho Sigma and Pershing Rifles.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hope Surman Wheat, a senior elementary education major at Ouachita; his mother, Mrs. P. E. Wheat, Helena; and a sister, Mrs. Blake Robertson of Little Rock.

Howie moves to Illinois: will pastor church there

Rev. Eugene Howie has resigned from Corinth Church, Hamburg, to assume pastoral duties in Goreville, Ill. He will also attend Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, which is just 15 miles from Goreville.

Student preacher available

Kenny Freemyer, who was recently ordained to the ministry by his home church, First, Salina, Okla., is now enrolled in Southern College, Walnut Ridge. Mr. Freemyer, 24, is married and has three children. He has served as supply preacher in Oklahoma and comes highly recommended by his home pastor, former Arkansan Vernon Bradley.

Rev. Hall is author of magazine article

Rev. Andrew Hall, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, has authored an article which will appear in the October issue of Home Life magazine.

The article, "So Your Teenager is Different," deals with teen-parent problems and how to resolve them.

Home Life has a circulation of over 400,000. (CB)

Hall to Green Meadows

Dr. Joe Hall, a native Arkansan, is the new pastor of Green Meadows Chapel in Pine Bluff.

Dr. Hall is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has pastored Baptist churches in Cove, Ark., and Sulphur, Ky., and for the past eight years has been serving as pastor of Calvary Hill Church of Fairfax, Va. (CB)

Thomas W. Hunt receives Ph. D. degree

Thomas W. Hunt, originally of Lepanto, now an associate professor of music at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree with a major in musicology at North Texas University, Denton.

Present for the ceremonies were Dr. Hunt's wife, the former Laverne Hill of Lepanto, and their daughter, Melane; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hunt of Lepanto, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hill of Memphis.

To attend Spa conference

Dr. Allen B. Wetherington, professor of education at Ouachita University, has been invited to attend a regional conference on instruction by the National Education Association.

The conference, to be held Oct. 8-11 at Hotel Arlington, Hot Springs, will have as its theme "Our Responsibility in Initiating Change."

Eddie Simpson ordained

Eddie Simpson was ordained to the gospel ministry Aug. 27 at First Church, Gravel Ridge.

The ordaining counsel was composed of Rev. Ed Smith, pastor, First Church, Gravel Ridge, moderator; C. L. Phillips, clerk; Rev. William Kreis, pastor, Calvary Church, North Little Rock, who led the questioning; Morris Jackson, Calvary Church, who led the prayer; and Charles Simpson, father of the candidate, who presented his son with a Bible purchased by friends at Gravel Ridge Church.

The message was brought by Rev. W. B. O'Neal. Rev. Eddie Simpson led the closing prayer. (CB)

Pastors called to serve

Two pastors have accepted recent calls to serve Arkansas churches.

Charles Addie of Ida, La., a former pastor in Hope Association, has been called to Pisgah Church, and has moved on the field.

C. D. Ross, of Texarkana, who has been serving as pastor of Genoa church this summer, has been called by the church to continue his work.



BREAKING GROUND at Diaz—A \$65,000 program is underway for construction of a new sanctuary and educational building and renovations to the present church in Diaz, Ark. Shown here, left to right, in recent ground-breaking ceremony: Tommy J. Carney, pastor; Jim Tyre, Grady Hamrick, Charles Stephen, chairman of the building committee; Norman Stuart, Bill Ford and G. L. Balch. Bobby Pridmore, a committee member, was not present for photo.

Mrs. McAtee leads studies

Mrs. D. C. McAtee of Smackover will lead the studies for workers in the leadership preparation activity being conducted Sept. 25-27 at Central Church, Magnolia.

The study will consist of a general review of nursery teaching principles, and will be for all workers with nursery children at the church.

Mrs. McAtee is the wife of the pastor of First Church, Smackover. Lloyd L. Hunnicutt, DD, is pastor of Central Church. (CB)

Neil Guthrie to music post

Neil Guthrie has assumed his duties as music director of Booneville's First Church.

A native of Booneville, he attended Ouachita University. He has served two California churches as music director, and is currently employed as band and choral director for Booneville High School. Rev. D. Doyle Haire is pastor. (CB)

Revivals

Kern Heights, De Queen, Aug. 13-20; Dr. Earl Humble, professor at Southern College, evangelist; Jonathan Payne, youth director, First Church, Broken Bow, Okla., song leader; 4 professions of faith, 2 by letter, numerous rededications; Steve J. Williams, pastor.

Bayou Mason, Lake Village, Aug. 27-Sept. 3; S. B. Boyette, Greenville, Miss., evangelist; 10 for baptism, 14 rededications; John West, pastor.

Diaz Church, Diaz, Sept. 3-10; Rev. Bill Kreis, Calvary Church, North Little Rock, evangelist; Dennis Baw, music and youth director, Calvary Church, North Little Rock, song leader; 22 professions of faith, 16 for baptism, 7 by letter, many rededications; Tommy J. Carney, pastor.

Kibler Church, Alma, Rick Ingle, pastor, Oak Cliff, Ft. Smith, evangelist; Herbert Red Johnson, Mountain Home, director; 114 public decisions, 13 professions of faith, 1 by letter, 60 rededications; John Curtis, pastor.

Bearden First, Aug. 27-Sept. 3; Homer Halton, pastor, evangelist; Jack Parchman, Crystal Valley Church, North Little Rock, Haskell Lindsey, Immanuel Church, El Dorado, soloist and music director; 54 rededications, 6 professions of faith, 2 for baptism, 2 by letter.

Douglasville First, Little Rock, Aug. 27-Sept. 3; Don Grendell, pastor, evangelist; Raymond Bull, music; 3 professions of faith, 1 for baptism, 6 by letter, 20 rededications.

Bible study class begins; to last 32 weeks

A non-denominational Bible study class began Sept. 12 at the First Church, Conway.

The class will meet in the social hall of the church every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will continue for 32 weeks with a month off for Christmas.

The study this year will be the Gospel of John. A Bible class for three to five year olds and a nursery for infants up to three years will be provided expense-free for mothers who attend. Rev. William T. Flynt is pastor. (CB)

Miss Philley honored

Miss Nancy Philley, who has served Henderson State College as head of its Baptist Student Union for the past five years, has been honored by the student union area council, which she was instrumental in organizing.

Since becoming the first full-time director of the student union, Miss Philley has seen the completion of a BSU building and has organized missionary volunteers to serve institutions and churches of the area. She has also provided meals and hospitality to board members at their meetings.

Miss Philley's service was recognized in a formal resolution adopted by the Baptist Student Union area council.



THREE queens in one family is the story of the Eugene J. Goss family of 4536 Lockridge Rd., North Little Rock. Left to right they are: Becky, 13, Queen; Cindy, 14, Queen Regent; and Debby, 16, Queen Regent-in-Service, all members of the Girl's Auxiliary of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock. Becky and Cindy are in the 8th and the 9th grades, respectively, at Ridgeroad Junior High, and Debby is a junior at North Little Rock High School.

New Cotter pastor

Rev. Floyd Harris has been called as pastor of First Church, Cotter. He comes to the church from the pastorate of North Central Church, Houston Tex. Mr. Harris has been a Baptist pastor for 26 years and has served churches in Louisiana and Texas. He graduated from high school at Tenaha, Texas, and from Marshall (Tex.) Junior College. He later attended Louisiana Baptist



MR. HARRIS

College, Trinity University, University of Corpus Christi, and East Texas Baptist College, from which he received his B.A. degree. He studied at Baylor University toward a master's degree in Education and School Administration.

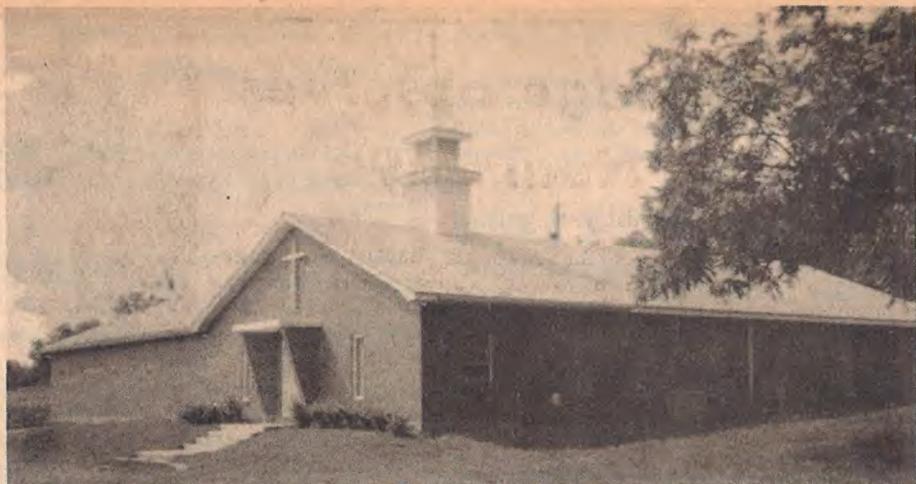
Mrs. Harris is the former Lonie Beavers.

The Harrises have three married sons.

Pearson to Camden

REV. Paul Pearson has recently gone to the pastorate of Faith Church, Camden.

Faith Church is one of 779 churches in the state that now have the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine in their budgets.



Lakeside Church, Hot Springs

Don Sebastian to Hot Springs

Begin church renovation

Renovation has begun on First Church, El Dorado. Partitions are being removed to make room for junior, junior high and high school departments, which were approved by the church last fall.

Plans are also underway for remodeling the church library. New shelves will be added for additional space, then the facility will be freshly painted. The library will be closed until Oct. 1, when the repairs will be completed. Rev. Tom E. Bray is pastor. (CB)

Rev. Don Sebastian, former head of music and education for Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, has been named to



MR. SEBASTIAN

the pastorate of Lakeside Baptist Church, Hot Springs. Lakeside was organized as a church two years ago, after serving briefly as a mission of Grand Avenue Church. Mr. Sebastian will be Lakeside's first full-time pastor. He will replace Rev. George

Robinson, who has been acting pastor since its organization as a church.

Mr. Sebastian previously pastored Providence Church, Fayetteville.

Hold coronation service

The junior GA's of First Church, Lavaca, recently participated in a coronation and presentation service during a Wednesday evening prayer meeting hour.

Those taking part and the honors they received, are as follows: maidens, Elaine Brewer and Norvita Piercy; ladies-in-waiting, Georgia Moore and Ruth Graham; princesses, Nancy Lumpkin and Sandra Miller; queen, Gail Stout. Steve Stout was the crown bearer.

Mrs. Doyle L. Lumpkin is the junior GA counselor for the church.

Opens first kindergarten

First Church, Booneville, recently marked the opening of its first kindergarten with an open house for parents and students.

Fifteen students are enrolled in the class, which is held Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Rev. D. Doyle Haire is pastor. (CB)



GETTING ready... Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Sept. 10 by Russellville's Second Church, which recently issued bonds in the amount of \$85,000 to cover construction of a new sanctuary. Shown here, left to right, are: Charlie Mize, Walter Hurst, James Gray, J. C. Rackley, Calvin Easley (pastor), Clarence Ervin and W. I. Yoakum, a representative of the Hays Construction Co. of Ft. Worth, which will do the building. Completion is expected around Christmas. (Church photo)

Gravel Ridge observes 'W. B. O'Neal Day'

60 years in the ministry.

This is the record of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine's poet-preacher, W. B. O'Neal, Gravel Ridge, who was honored by his church, First, Gravel Ridge, Sept. 10 with "W. B. O'Neal Day."

Pastor Ed Smith presented Mr. O'Neal and asked him to share with the congregation, at the morning worship service, some of the highlights of his long and fruitful ministry.

A digest of statistics revealed that Mr. O'Neal has taught school for a total of 12 school years; has served as missionary for five different associations; was pastor of four full-time, 15 half-time, and numerous quarter-time churches; and that he has held revival meetings in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Kentucky.

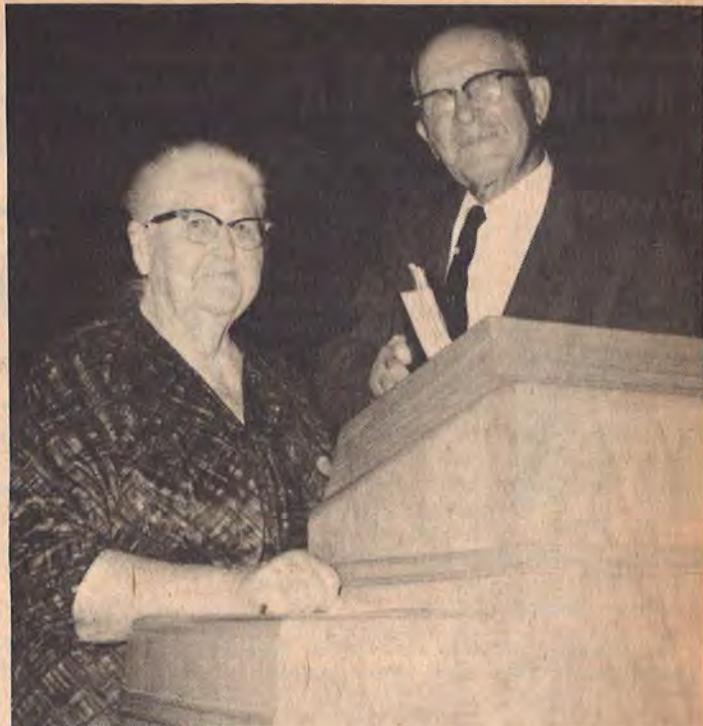
Spicing his report with wit and humor, the veteran minister recalled that the first time he had the responsibility of doing all of the preaching for a revival meeting that he "ran out of soap," using up his store of sermons before the end of the meeting.

Forced to "depend on the Lord," he felt impressed to preach on the topic, "A Voice Crying in the Wilderness." He does not remember now what he said on the subject, but when the invitation was given at the close of the service, 13 people stepped out to accept Christ.

Recalling the experience, Mr. O'Neal observed: "When a man gets to the place where he has to depend on God, it is wonderful what he can do."

The hardest battle of his ministry, said Mr. O'Neal, was the winning of his own father to Christ. (At the request of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine editor, who was a guest speaker at the O'Neal service, Mr. O'Neal has agreed to write this story for publication in the magazine.)

Among those present for the service was Mr. O'Neal's wife, the former Miss Stella Meers, whom he married on March 3, 1910, and several of the O'Neal children, grandchildren, and other relatives and friends from outside the Gravel Ridge community.



Rev. and Mrs. W. B. O'Neal

The editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine said of Mr. O'Neal that "he is the best Christian testimony-in-the-flesh that I have ever seen." The editor said that he had had opportunity to become intimately acquainted with Preacher O'Neal over many years, being with him in many and varied circumstances, and that he had been greatly impressed with the fact that Mr. O'Neal always reflects a fine, Christian spirit, whether he is at worship, at work, or at play.

"The one thing about W. B. O'Neal that stands out above everything else," said the editor, "is the fact that he is always the same, true-blue Christian, regardless of where you find him."

The women of the Gravel Ridge church served an old-time, dinner-on-the-grounds at the conclusion of the morning service.

Deaths

HUNTER PRYOR RILEY, 86, of 1204 W. 20th Street, Pine Bluff, Sept. 16 at his home. A Baptist deacon for 51 years, Mr. Riley was a member of First Church, Pine Bluff. He was on the Arkansas Baptist State Convention committee that selected the site for Siloam Springs Baptist Assembly. A pioneer in the liquefied petroleum gas business in Arkansas, he was a charter member and first president of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association of Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Miss Rosa Dell Richardson. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Douglas, Little Rock, whose husband, Dr. Douglas, is associate executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and a brother, J. P. Riley, Eudora.



STANDARD of excellence... for First Church, Jacksonville. During the current church year this Sunday School has increased from 721 to 890 in enrollment, and has begun one new department. Two new extension Sunday School classes have also been added. Displaying their banner following formal notice from the Sunday School Board are, left to right: Jeff P. Cheatham Jr., pastor; Harold Guatney, Sunday School superintendent; and Loren G. Miller, minister of education-music. (church photo)

Dr. Rogers retires

Dr. Wallace R. Rogers, pastor for the past 12 years of Parkdale Church, Corpus Christi, Tex., resigned recently to begin his retirement.



DR. ROGERS

Dr. Rogers is at present a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and a trustee of the University of Corpus Christi. Dr. Rogers' pastorates included First Church, Booneville; First Church, Hope; First Church, Vicksburg, Miss.; First Church, Pensacola, Fla., and Citadel Square Church, Charleston, S. C.

Dr. Rogers plans to do interim and supply work when and where needed.

Pitts to university post

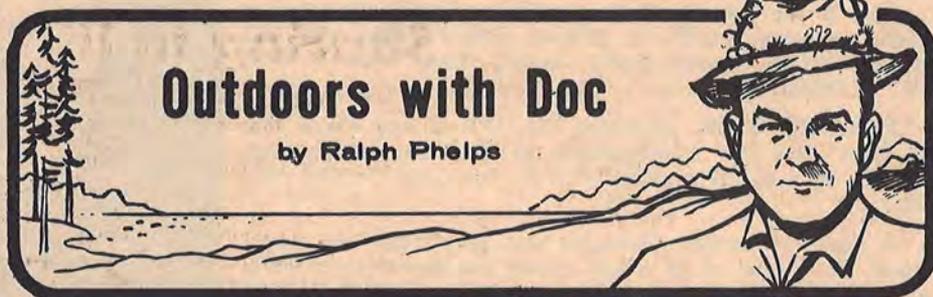
James Milton Pitts has been named assistant chaplain at Furman University, Greenville, S.C. Mr. Pitts has been pastor of the First Church, Fairfax, S.C., since March, 1965. He is a graduate of Furman and holds the B.D. from Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., and has had clinical training at North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N.C., and at Dorothea Dix Hospital, Raleigh, N.C.

JAMES C. AUSTIN, who recently resigned as secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, has accepted a position at Southern Seminary, Louisville, as associate director of the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism endowment campaign. Austin will assist the seminary in raising \$500,000 to endow the evangelism professorship now held by Kenneth L. Chafin. He will work with Paul Kirkland, executive director of the Southern Seminary Foundation, as a field representative in the area of special gifts. (BP)

GEORGE AUGUST TORNEY III, 29, of St. Louis, Ill., will join the home Mission Board staff effective Oct. 1. He was elected in the September meeting of the executive board. A young former musician, commercial artist and urban pastor, Torney is the second recent addition to the department of metropolitan missions of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

RUSSELL BENNETT, Covington, Ky., has been elected to the metropolitan missions department of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta. The Baltimore, Md., native has been pastor of Winstanley Baptist Church in East St. Louis since 1965.

ELIZABETH RICHMOND MCKINNEY has been named guest teacher of piano in the School of Church Music at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. Mrs. McKinney holds the bachelor and master of music degrees in piano from Louisiana State University.



At last—a successful fishing trip

Since this will be Doc's last column for a while, what with his taking off on a year's leave of absence, it's a fitting (and rare) finish to be able to report a highly successful fishing trip for a change. It was bound to happen eventually; even a blind hog finds an acorn occasionally.

Hearing of a private lake that had been overstocked with channel catfish that needed to be caught, he and the better half of his household went out to scout the waters. Fishing from the bank and using year-old catalpa worms that had been stashed away in the deep freeze, they caught four nice channels in the half hour before dark.

Having caught more fish in a brief span than he has several times this year in a half day of hard fishing, Doc reasoned that if a little fishing produced medium success a lot of fishing would produce more. This reasoning would have been simple for the average person, but for a college president it was a real struggle.

The next evening about sundown he returned to the lake, got a boat, and strung out a short trotline, making it up as he went. As he baited the hooks with liver, he felt something tugging on the line but kept on baiting until all 25 hooks were filled. Then he pulled back down the line and checked on the tugs.

To his amazement, there were six channel catfish weighing from one to two pounds already hooked. One was lost in the landing process, but that left five in the boat within ten minutes after the first hook was baited. He rebaited and waited about 20 minutes before running the line again. This time there were eight, all of which he landed.

Since this sort of luck is too good to keep to a fisherman's self, Doc hustled back to town and got two old buddies who had been on numerous waterhauls with him in the past. They were a bit suspicious when he guaranteed a successful night fishing trip but came along out of curiosity to see what had made Doc so confident.

When the party of three returned to the line, they took 17 catfish, most of them weighing two pounds or slightly over, off the 25 hooks. Before the hooks could be baited again, the catfish were hitting like crazy. It must have been a situation like this that produced the old story about the place where the fishing was so good a man had to get behind a tree to bait his hook.

Contrary to vicious rumor, this great catch was not made in a brood pond or on a fish farm. It was a matter of being at the right place at the right time and being able to think like a catfish—something Doc can do since, as that spouting legislator said, he has a brain like a catfish. His grin was also as wide as a catfish's after the trip.

What with Doc's being slated to be in a big city for a year, he has dug out his golf sticks and will drop Editor E.L.M. a line if he kills a limit of golfs in Georgia. Meanwhile, thank the good Lord for the outdoor paradise he has given Arkansas and help conserve these bounties for generations yet to come. That's the moral underlying all the scribblings attempted in "Outdoors with Doc."

Missionaries appointed

ATLANTA—Southern Baptists increased their homeland mission ranks in September when the SBC Home Mission Board directors here appointed 10 career missionaries, including four missionary couples.

The appointees are Mr. and Mrs. B. John Trantham, Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Rhymes and William C. Jackson Jr., who were appointed under the department of Christian social ministries; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis, language missions; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Mockerman, pioneer missions; and William I. Barkley Jr., rural-urban missions.

The Tranthams, natives of Missouri, will serve at the Baptist Center in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Trantham moves to the mission field from a pastorate at Hartford, Ala., Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhymes, both natives of Jonesboro, La., have been appointed to work in the weekday ministry of Highland Avenue Church, New York City.

Rhymes formerly was pastor of Sadler (Tex.) Church.

Appointed as a Baptist center worker, Jackson is undergoing training at the Clarke Howell Techwood Center in Atlanta. A native of Memphis, Tenn., he is a recent graduate of Richmond (Va.) Memorial Hospital in clinical training.

The Lewises will be missionaries in Key West, Fla., where Lewis will be pastor of White Street Church, which serves both Spanish-speaking and English-speaking persons.

The Mockermans are serving in Anderson, Alaska, where he is a pastoral missionary.

The former pastor of Catonsville Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md., Barkley has been named superintendent of missions of the Potomac (Md.) Baptist Association.



Sharing in life's great ventures

Not long ago a proud grandmother held up her darling baby grandson for me to see. I shared her joy and admiration for he was truly a dimpled darling.

Recently I went by to visit a friend who had lost her mother. We embraced and few words were necessary as I shared her loss.

On the occasion of our daughter's marriage many of our friends and relatives shared our happiness. In the midst of the service a slightly nervous preacher, also the father of the bride, said, "Repeat after me: 'I, Andrea, take thee, Stan, to my wedded wife.'" The alert bride, very familiar with the wedding ceremony and vows, quickly corrected the situation by saying, "to my wedded husband." Our friends shared that moment, too, and after some audible chuckles, all relaxed, including the preacher.

How wonderful it is to feel the warmth of friends who share in the momentous adventures of life.

Just now this city nestled in the mountains of Northwest Arkansas is coming alive with students, vibrant with the venture of college life. It is new all over again at this time each year. It is a rare privilege to share in these exciting times in the lives of so many young people. Pray for those of us who are trying to share in an effective ministry to them on this campus and the others across our state and nation. We must not shrug our shoulders and say, "I don't understand them." Rather, we must attempt to understand their frustrations, their hopes, joys, and sorrows, pointing them to Him who can lead them safely through all the great ventures of life: birth, marriage, work, death, and eternal life.

Beacon lights of Baptist history

Battling the newspapers

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

Modern newspapers in America carry church news. Some use separate pages or sections to do so. Others give these items as straight news. Many churches buy advertising space. But it was not always so.

David Benedict, Baptist historian, tells us something of the problems between churches and newspapers. He said that the newspapers in the early part of the 19th century were in the hands of men who held different religious views to that of Baptists. They were altogether secular in character. A few papers carried notices of religious meetings and a few details of religious concern.

Often these bits of news were accompanied by sneering remarks. This was especially true if anything in the articles referred to foreign missions. This idea seemed especially unpopular with newsmen. The idea of sending men and money to foreign lands for the purpose of converting the natives seemed preposterous and impracticable.

One such editor warred long with Mr. Benedict. The owners of the paper were friends of the historian. The editor wished to deny him privileges of using the paper. The owners refused to do so. The editor thought foreign missions a waste of money which could be used to more advantage at home. He proposed to fight missions until he put the cause down. Mr. Benedict argued strongly for missions and told the editor he did not believe he would live long enough to defeat the cause.

In his defense Mr. Benedict predicted that the time would come when missionaries would contribute much to the literary, geography, language, laws, and customs of the lands to which they had gone. That literary men, instead of speaking disparagingly of them, would honor them as friends of mankind, science, and promoters of the general welfare of nations. In general, he said, these were the type men sent out. Too, their message was conducive to this type work.

OCTOBER

Observe
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Month

Urge clergy right to speak

RALEIGH, N.C.—The public affairs committee of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina urged the state's 3,450 Baptist churches to guard their ministers' rights to speak out on controversial issues even though the ministers may sometimes espouse minority views.

The committee specifically cited such controversial issues as war and peace, economic and racial tensions, and personal morality and ethics.

It noted that Baptists in North Carolina are dealing with the same tensions between pastors and churches that Baptists in Atlanta, Ga., are facing. (The Atlanta Baptist Association will consider this fall a proposal to establish two committees to deal with these tensions.)

These tensions, the committee said, may sometimes lead to estrangement of ministers and laymen. They emphasized that the genius of Baptist witness of freedom of expression and dissent guarantees that this will happen.

The committee expressed its shock at acts of lawlessness and violence this summer in U. S. cities.

"The committee, however, calls upon Baptists and all men of good will to recognize and to admit the human tragedy and the deplorable conditions which spawn the violence."

It is not too late, they said, to avoid open rebellion. They urged that all levels of government take necessary steps to achieve adequate housing, health and education needs, job opportunities and political enfranchisement for all American citizens.

"The committee therefore feels that the convention in the name of Baptist principles should disavow any fellowship founded upon conformity and assent and find effective ways to retain members of the fellowship who espouse minority views, not of doctrine, but of the expression and implementation of the Christian witness in the world today.

"The committee warns all Baptists that the convention cannot afford the loss of any minister or church leader in these grand and awful times whose words or deeds, though offending the local community, have issued from the depth of Christian concern and comment."

In addition to its statement on pastor-church tensions, the committee also issued statements on Bible reading in the

public schools and rioting and acts of violence in U. S. cities.

They urged school officials to abide by Supreme Court rulings on interpretation of the First Amendment to the

Dialogue favors cooperation in evangelism, not structures

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla.—A meeting of about 50 Florida Baptist pastors here called "Dialogue Cape Kennedy" resulted in strong support for cooperation between evangelicals in evangelism, but opposition to creation of any new ecumenical organization of evangelicals, conference participants said.

No position or stand was taken by the group. The program featured major addresses followed by small group discussions and question and answer periods.

Major result of the conference, said one participant, was that the Southern Baptists present seemed to favor strongly cooperation between evangelicals in evangelistic efforts across denominational lines, but opposed any organized structure to merge evangelicals or set up a counterpart organization to the World or National Council of Churches.

The dialogue meeting was not sponsored by any official Baptist group, but was called by three Florida pastors, Adrian Rogers of Merritt Island, Peter Lord of Cocoa Beach, and Ed French, pastor of Haverhill Baptist Church in West Palm Beach, who was chairman.

In a major address, Shirwood Wirt, a Presbyterian who edits the Billy Graham Association's Decision magazine, said there is a "crying need" for cooperation in evangelism across denominational lines in every city in America.

Wirt said that Graham is able to reach only three or four major cities a year, and that the nation can never be changed at this rate.

Harold Lindsey, associate in the evangelism division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said that this organization is strongly in favor of cooperation with other denominations in conducting evangelistic crusades similar to Graham's.

In another major address, West Palm Beach Pastor Jess Moody outlined a

Constitution relating to prayer and Bible reading.

They called on school authorities and the public "to cooperate in observing and upholding in the spirit and in letter what is now so clearly the law of the land."

plan he called "Win America" whereby all evangelicals, both in and out of the National Council of Churches, could cooperate in evangelistic efforts.

Moody suggested that the evangelism chairman of several denominations form a cabinet and elect a national chairman, someone of international stature like Billy Graham, and enlist 100,000 churches of various denominations to enter a simultaneous crusade in 1972 or 1973.

Moody's plan also called for a million prayer meetings per day, ten per church, during the month of the crusade, with the national chairman appearing on network television to direct the meetings.

With a goal of winning at least 1 million persons to Christ during the crusade, Moody suggested that more than 100,000 lay witnessing groups could cover the nation in door-to-door evangelistic efforts.

In a speech at the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference in Miami Beach earlier this year, Moody proposed that Southern Baptists consider participation in "evangelical ecumenicalism" as an option to the ecumenical movement.

At the Southern Baptist Convention a few days later, a motion was made by Alastair Walker, pastor of First Church, Griffin, Ga., that the SBC appoint a committee to study cooperation with evangelicals. His motion was referred to the SBC Executive Committee.

At the Cape Kennedy Dialogue, Walker reviewed his motion and suggested that out of the meeting there should come a suggested pattern of action that would be acceptable to each denomination and would stimulate them into evangelistic action.

In the closing address, Southern Seminary Professor Kenneth L. Chafin gave a critique of evangelical ecumenicity on an organized, structured basis, quot-

ing lengthy passages from Carl F. H. Henry's *Evangelicalism on the Brink of Crisis*, saying "I don't think Baptists will go with this."

Chafin said that Southern Baptists have no intention of moving toward any structural ecumenicity, whether the World Council of Churches or some evangelical counterpart.

"I do see Southern Baptists being intensely interested in working with other groups to do evangelism," said Chafin.

French, chairman of the meeting, said that the overall feeling of those attending was that it was "stimulating, spiritual, provocative and prophetic," and that while there were many questions raised at the beginning, there was a united purpose—evangelism—at the close. (BP)

God speaks

Be still and know that I am God,
Cease all your worry and care;
Though the thunder rolls and the
lightnings flash,
In the midst of the storm, I am
there.

Lydia Albersen Payen
Stuttgart, Ark.



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Georgia dedicates building to former governor

First Church, Lakeland, Ga., will name its education building in honor of the state's former governor, E. D. Rivers, whose contribution helped to make the building possible.

Gov. Rivers had a part in a program that resulted in the Ammie S. Page Memorial church building of Riddleville, Ga. Prior to his death he gave an

office building to the Miami Baptist Association, Miami, Fla. Under the auspices of a national fraternity, Gov. Rivers spoke in most towns and cities in Arkansas.

Dr. Joseph Melton Branch will deliver the dedication address, at the request of the church and the Rivers family.—L. L. Patton, Chairman, program committee.



RIDGECREST, N. C.—Willard Weeks looks at plans for the last of many buildings built while he was manager of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. Recently-completed Rhododendrum Hall stands in the background, a brick-and-mortar reality of the plans in Week's hands. Weeks retired from his position after 17 years as manager of the Southern Baptist assembly in North Carolina. (BP PHOTO)

Christian Worship, Its Theology and Practice, by Franklin M. Segler, Broadman Press, 1967, \$4.95

A former pastor, Author Segler is now professor of pastoral ministries at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Dr. Segler feels that worship is the most important of all of the "duties and privileges of the church." He points out that vital worship "provides the motivation for righteous living, fervent evangelism, and the total stewardship of life so necessary if the church is to sustain its voice in the world."

The Crosses at Zarin, by Jean Bell Mosley, Broadman, 1967, \$4.50

Story teller Mrs. Mosley, a B.S. graduate of Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau, weaves mystery, love, adventure, and religious fervor into this novel.

The time of the story is the few short years between the coming of John the Baptist and the resurrection of Jesus. Leading characters include Zebedee, father of the apostles James and John, who is torn between his love and concern for his family and the events surrounding the Nazarene.

Zebedee's wife, Salome, is depicted as the sister of Mary, mother of Jesus. The love story is that of Jonah, an orphan who becomes like a son to Zebedee, and Labanna, daughter of a blind shepherd whom Jesus heals.

Broadman Comments, International Sunday School Lessons 1968, by Edward A. McDowell and five other authors, Broadman Press, 1967, \$3.25

Author of one quarter of the lessons comprising this book is an Arkansan, Dr. Don B. Harbuck, pastor of First Church, El Dorado. Other writers are Sybil Lenard Armes, pastor's wife; Norman Shands, pastor of Calvary Church, Kansas City; C. DeWitt Matthews, professor of preaching, Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City.

Teaching suggestions for **Broadman Comments** were designed by Caroline Henderson while she was editor of the volume. She has continued in this capacity since retiring from her position.

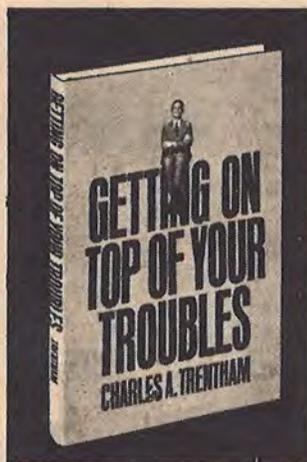
"The Lesson in the Word" for the year has been prepared by Edward A. McDowell, minister of teaching, First Church, Atlanta, Ga. Prior to his present position, Dr. McDowell served for more than 30 years as professor of New Testament, first at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and then at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

The Church Creative, edited by M. Edward Clark, William L. Malcomson, Warren Lane Molton, with foreword by Reuel L. Howe, Abingdon, 1967, \$4.50

Much is being heard these days about the need of the church's expanding its ministry to reach the people where they are with their needs. This is a report of 18 exciting experiments that are be-

ing carried on to expand the ministries of local churches.

Included are descriptions of many different types of experiments, in education, pastoral care, and group life; in the training and direction of the ministry of laymen; in the church's responsibility for the world; the use of art and other human resources; and in the design of worship and development of reconciling relationship.



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Distinguished visitor

The Arkansas Baptist Home for Children had as a recent guest Mrs. C. R. Pugh. Mrs. Pugh, with her late husband, served Arkansas Baptists and the Children's Home for many years.

It was during the administration of the Pughs that the present administration building and many of the other facilities were completed.

This was Mrs. Pugh's second visit to the Home in recent years. She is a delightful person and we consider it a special privilege and an honor to have her share some of her time and experiences with us.

Mrs. Pugh now lives in Greenville, Miss., which is across the river from Lake Village, Arkansas.



New children in home

School began in Monticello with several new children from the Home enrolling. We have been able to accept new applicants due to many children returning to their own homes or the homes of relatives. We have also placed a child in each of our four new foster homes. This change in population has made it necessary to reassign sponsors in a great many instances.

Educational Fund contributions

The Brooks Hays Bible Class of Second Church, Little Rock, has established a fund in memory of Charles T. Evans. Any money donated to this fund is then given to the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children to provide for a higher educational program for the children.

To date this class has contributed a total of \$818.50 to this account.

It will also be remembered that this same Brooks Hays Bible Class cosponsors an annual outing at Fair Park in Little Rock for all of our children each June.

Dr. Dale Cowling is the pastor of this great church.

We wish for these good friends and benefactors God's richest blessings and continued happiness in this most worthwhile service.

Great need for workers

Without a challenge, people become disinterested, but with a worthy task to perform, there is no limit to the time and energy they will expend to accomplish their goal.

We desperately need Arkansas Baptists with an understanding of the purpose of the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children. For 73 years Arkansas Baptists have maintained a home for children.

We are now at the open door to an expanding child care program unseen in Arkansas Baptist history—a program that will care for more children than ever at a much reduced cost per child served. With extra effort from each of us and additional support from the presently uncommitted, we can get the job done.

It will take a personal effort from each of us to adequately challenge those who do not know the eternal value of the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children.

Gift from soup company

The Campbell Soup Company of Paris, Tex., recently made a gift of 404 cases of canned goods to the Home. They made a similar contribution of assorted products last year. This, of course, gives a boost to our food budget.

Services donated

A children's home will, because of its very nature, receive a great many valuable gifts and services. The Arkansas Baptist Home for Children was the recipient recently of a valuable and unique service from the Frizzell Brothers Flying Service, Star City.

They took time from their busy schedule to spray our fields with their planes. Our only expenditure was the purchase of the necessary chemicals.

The commercial value of this service could be evaluated, but to place a monetary value on the friendship and good will of these fine people is out of the question. We can only express our sincere thanks to them for this contribution.

Children served

I. Children under our care Jan. 1, 1967	86
II. New Children received Jan. 1-Aug. 31, 1967	10
III. Children receiving services Jan. 1-Aug. 31, 1967	96
IV. Children discharged or released to other agencies	10
V. Children under care Aug. 31, 1967	
(1) In the Institution	56
(2) In Foster Care	4
(3) With relatives	21
(4) College students	5
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TOTAL	86

In addition to the above we have had under study referrals involving 21 additional children.

Last reminder: State Bible school teaching conference

The State Sunday School Bible Teaching Conference will meet at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, Ark., for five sessions September 25-26th. Sessions will open Monday at 1:45 and close with the evening session Tuesday.



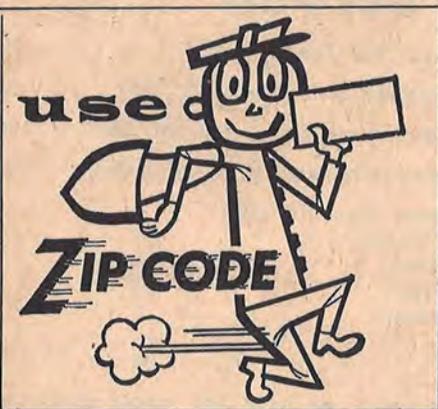
Conference speakers include T. Earl Ogg, President of the Sunday School Board, T. D. McCullough, Minister of Education, Texarkana and Charles Livingstone, editor of Life and Work Adult Lesson materials.

Some of the subjects covered in age group conferences will include: Studies in Luke, the January Bible Study Book; Life and Work literature; the New Achievement Guide which will take the place of the Standard of Excellence; The Great Commission Citation; Preview Studies; Lesson Planning; and other pertinent needs.

Age group conference leaders are: pastors and general officers, T. Earl Ogg; adults, T. D. McCullough; young people, Mrs. Bob McKee; intermediate, Mrs. Gayle Bone; junior, Miss Pat Rattton; primary, Mrs. Hilton Lane; beginner, Mrs. Carl Uland; nursery, Mrs. William Burnett.

Special music is being coordinated and directed by Mr. Ben Prince, minister of education and music, Gaines Street Church, Little Rock.

Do you know what the Phrase, "Ten, Ten, Ten" means? Wouldn't you really rather know than not know?—Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School secretary.



'How to Do It' Workshop Park Hill Church North Little Rock Oct. 27 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult and Young People's Training Union Curriculum Themes, Fourth Quarter, 1967:



MR. HENDRIX

Young People: Life and Work Curriculum — The False God; We Worship; Worship in Non-Christian Religions; Improving Personal Worship of God; Facing Campus Pressures (undated). Young People: Christian Training Curriculum—How to Interpret the Bible; Dealing With Doubt; How to Manage My Money; A Christian Response to the "New Morality" (undated).

Adult: Life and Work Curriculum—False Gods We Worship; Worship Practices through the Ages; Responding to God's Love.

Adult: Christian Training Curriculum—The Meaning of Church Ordinances; Christian Answers to Anxiety; The Christian and Family Finances.

At the State "How to Do It" Workshop, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, Oct. 27, John Hendrix of the Baptist Sunday School Board will lead young people and their leaders to learn how to plan the above units of study for young people. They will learn how to present the studies in an attractive way. They will learn how to get away from the "giving of parts" to worthwhile presentations. They will learn how to use resource units and undated units.

At the same workshop State Secretary, Ralph W. Davis, will lead adults in planning the above adult units for November and December.—Ralph W. Davis

Sees great prospects for Denver revival

An Arkansas pastor who recently visited Southern Baptist churches in the Greater Denver area sees the possibility of a nationwide revival being sparked by the Greater Denver Evangelistic Crusade next July. The pastor, Bob L. Wright of First Church, Harrison, writes: "The challenge of the Denver Crusade may well be one of our greatest opportunities to minister for Christ. This Crusade could be the spark to light a revival fire that would blanket our nation."



MR. WRIGHT

Pointing out that the 1,200,000 residents of Denver constitute more than half the total population of the state, Pastor Wright sees the 33 Southern Baptist churches now located in the city as providing strategic leadership for the city-wide campaign.

Describing the pastors of the Denver Baptist churches as men of "vision, enthusiasm, and great expectations," Wright said that the pastors and churches "need our financial, physical, and prayerful support to claim this great city for Christ."

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

J. T. Elliff, secretary of the Department of Missions and Evangelism of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is serving as Arkansas coordinator for the Denver Crusade.

Reiterating the Denver need for financial, manpower, and prayer support, Mr. Elliff urges Arkansas Baptists to pray for a liberal offering this month for the Dixie Jackson State Mission Offering, which needs a record total of \$65,000. He requests every church to participate.

Thirty-four evangelistic teams are needed, including preachers, music directors, and teams of pastors and laymen for witnessing. Mr. Elliff's office will forward to Denver leaders the names and biographical sketches of volunteers but "will make no decision on who will be invited." All participants will be expected to serve at no expense to the Denver churches.

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IS there help available for any size church in making plans to establish a Music Ministry? A new pamphlet, "A Plan for Establishing a Music Ministry", is off the presses now which has three concise pages explaining how a music ministry is recognized. The general points covered in the pamphlet are (I) Some Basic Assumptions; (II) A Basic Music Ministry; (III) Identify the Work of the Music Ministry; (IV) Step-by-Step Procedure; (V) Administration; (VI) Can All This Be Done? There is another page and a half listing resource materials available for Southern Baptist music ministries.

DOES my church have a music ministry? There is not a church in our state convention which does not utilize music to some degree in every public worship service of the church. This means that your church does have a music ministry and now it is your church's responsibility to recognize this as a program organization by formally electing the music director and giving the support needed to make its ministry effective.

WHAT if my church already has a music ministry? Then you should be interested in expanding its organization by utilizing the new "Plus One" plan. This is a project designed to help the church grow by adding one or more vocal or instrumental units. A church without any music unit might start its first choir, music class, or small ensemble. A church with many units may add another one.

WHERE can I get information on the "Plus One" plan? Printed help is available which explains how to help you determine the need for a new music unit, as well as giving guidelines on how to meet the discovered need. Inform yourself; minister to your church's music needs; share your progress with your associational and state music leaders.—Eleanor A. Harwell, Associate Music Secretary.

(This is the third in a series of articles presenting new music program actions and emphases now available which may benefit your church and association.)

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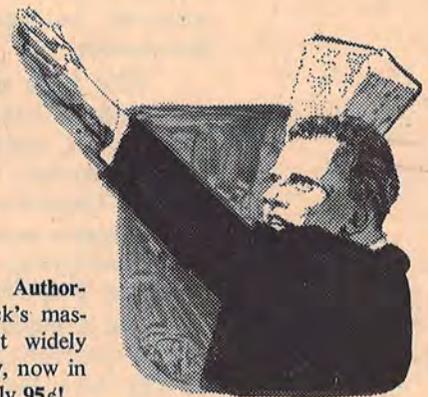
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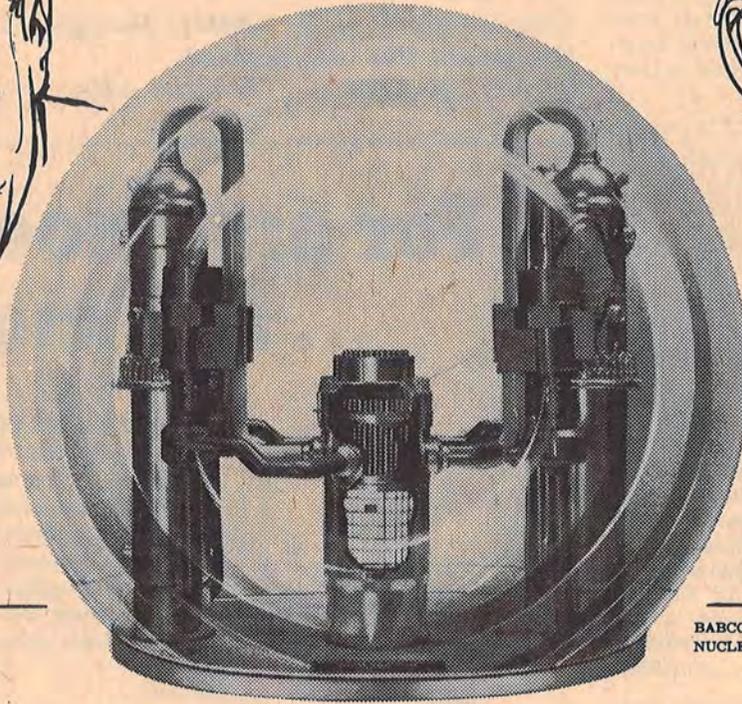
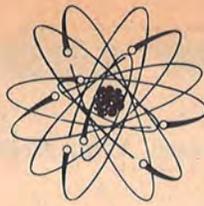


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The migratory monarchs

BY CHARLOTTE CARPENTER

Have you ever come upon a tree covered with lovely butterflies? These beautiful brownish-orange creatures with black markings are the monarchs. They gather by the thousands during September to begin their migration to the Southern states. They often travel thousands of miles.

The monarch goes through four miraculous changes before becoming the beautiful butterfly we see. Monarchs breed exclusively on the milkweed plant, where the females deposit the delicate eggs. In a few days, the eggs become larva and feed on the juicy milkweed leaf.

The third stage is that of the rapidly growing caterpillar of two to three inches in length. Soon the caterpillar begins to spin itself a house



which we call a cocoon. In the fourth stage, this cocoon protects the caterpillar while it grows into a butterfly.

The fifth stage begins when the insect emerges from the cocoon. Small

TURN ABOUT

BY LOUISE HUJEK

I like so many summer things;
 Jumping rope, and pushing swings,
 Picking berries in the sun,
 And finding pretty shells is fun,
 Skipping waves and going fishing,
 Lyng in the hay—just wishing.
 Oh, these are things I like to do
 When days are long and skies are blue,
 And yet I find that after all,
 When summer ends—I love the fall.

fragile wings grow and soon harden
 into the lovely golden wings of the monarch.

Many birds, fish, and other insects also migrate. Who guides these on their perilous flight over hill and mountain, river and forest? Is it not God, our Creator, who also made the intricate wings of the monarch butterfly?

Tinker and the things

BY RUSSELL M. JENKINS

Charles was hiking along his favorite trail, when suddenly he heard a noise. It sounded like someone crying. He hurried over the hill in the direction of the sound.

There he found Ricky and his cocker spaniel, Tinker. Ricky was sobbing great big sobs as he knelt by Tinker.

"What's the matter, Rick?" Charles asked anxiously. "Is Tinker hurt?"

Rick's eyes were all red from crying. "Tinker. . .Tinker is . . . Look at him. He's got 'things' all over him. They stick my fingers and I can't get them off." Rick sobbed harder.

Charles bent down and looked at Tinker. "Those 'things' are called sticktights. Tinker probably ran through the bushes and that's where he got them."

"But they won't come off," cried Rick. "What will we do?"

"Don't worry. We'll get them off," Charles said kindly.

He knelt by Tinker. Tinker liked Charles. Charles always talked to him and rubbed him behind the ears.

"See," said Charles, "if we are careful and don't squeeze them too hard, we can pull most of them off. The ones that are stuck too tightly I can cut off with my pocketknife."

"I don't like those mean things," said Rick, scowling. "I don't see what good they do."

"It's all part of nature's plan, Rick," Charles explained. "These sticktights are the seedcases of certain plants. They are designed by nature to stick to animal's fur or people's clothing. Then they are carried away and deposited some other place."

Rick listened attentively. Even Tinker seemed to listen.

Charles continued, "My father told me there are many kinds of sticktights. I can't remember them all, but I know this round one is called a cocklebur."

He held it so Rick could see it better. "See the little barbs, like fishhooks on the ends. That's what makes them stick so tightly."

Rick carefully took the burr between his fingers and examined it.

"Another one is called a sandbur. It is smaller and has sharp stickers on it. And there's one with a funny name. Its called a hound's tooth."

Rick laughed. "Hound's tooth. That is funny."

"I can't remember them all, but they come in different sizes and shapes. Some are round like these and some have one or two points on the end. My father says they are all part of God's plan to grow living things."

Rick had a thoughtful expression on his face.

"There, that's the last one. Now you can pat Tinker without sticking yourself," said Charles, laughing.

"Thanks, Charles. I'm sure glad you came along. You took care of Tinker and you taught me something."

"You're welcome, Rick. I'm glad I could help."

How good it feels to help someone, Charles thought. It is probably the best feeling a person can have.

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Loyal or lukewarm?

BY C. W. BROCKWELL JR., PASTOR

GRAVES MEMORIAL CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK

"Eight hundred dollars a month to keep the building going! I'd love to give it away. It's driving us crazy. It's keeping us from our jobs." So a pastor in another denomination is reported to have said.

If this were said about your church, would you consider it:

Entirely true?

Partially true?

Completely false?

It all depends on how the building is being used, doesn't it? It can be used either as a witnessing station or as a wasting station. We can train witnesses or talk witnessing.

"If our churches are weak today," said J. B. Lawrence, "they are weakest in witnessing. A real New Testament Church is a society of witnesses, an assembly of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ indwelt by the Holy Spirit, called to separation from the world for mutual service and spiritual worship for the great work of world evangelization, and for permanent witness to Christ and to the Word of God."

There are more than one million churches in our world.

What membership!

What wealth!

What organization!

What equipment!

But how meager is their witness to a lost world!

The Church with an open door

Philadelphia was a mission outpost for the Greek language and culture. She became a mission spearhead for the new culture—the Kingdom of God. How wonderful is Christ! He only asks that we use the opportunities we have.

Jesus identified himself to the people of God in Philadelphia by a reference to his character, position, and administration. His character is holy and true—separate and real. The Greek culture would pass, Christ continues. So will America pass, but not America's Creator. Nationalism is good but the Kingdom of God is where our primary allegiance should be.

As for Christ's position, he is the door to the Kingdom (John 10:7, 9).

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There is no way to God around him. Every religion can be judged on the basis of where it places Jesus Christ. Each church succeeds or fails, depending on how much it exalts Jesus Christ.

The administration of Christ is simply the opening and closing of doors of service. No church can really boast of its accomplishments. Some just have greater opportunities and they take them.

One reason churches grow is exercise. Only those who let their people work get more workers. Are you having difficulty filling all responsibilities in your church? Ask more people to work! Many may not be able to be out front but there is something they can do for the Lord. And so it was that Philadelphia was spoken of so well. She had been faithful in what she had and her reward was a little more opportunity. It will always be that way.

Some more rewards for loyalty are: (1) vindication, (2) security, (3) stability, (4) rest, (5) new name. These rewards are likewise promised to any loyal church.

The Church with the closed door

"Most men," said Sir Norman Angell, "at times make the reflection, looking back on a long life, 'I've been punished most of all for the good things I did, and have escaped punishment for the bad!'"

Laodicea sort of felt this way. She was proud of her wealth, her warmth, and her health. Thus she felt that whatever suffering she endured was because of how good she was. Indeed, she was lost in herself, completely self-satisfied. Her blessings became her blindfold.

Most people are rather pessimistic about Laodicea. She, and her modern counterparts, seem doomed to destruction—and rightly so unless repentance is fast coming. But there is hope from what Christ says to such churches. Consider these words of counsel from the Christ.

1. I know all about you. If we could just stamp that fact on our hearts, we wouldn't try to fool God.

2. I have what you need most. No man trusts God until he sees the folly of his own ways.

3. I whip my children. When God seems to ignore your sin, you had better reconsider your commitment to him.

4. I am ready to fellowship with you. Maybe Laodicea never had a revival, but she could have. And as long as a church could have, there is hope.

5. I have overcome the world. Man is the least experienced person in the world. He only lives in it once. It seems that he could at least listen to One who not only went through it but conquered it.

Laodicea was enthusiastic about the wrong thing. But people are no different today. Even the most reserved person is transformed into a fanatic over a new car, a piece of art, a TV show, or a football game. But the church has to beg its members for a little time and a pittance of money. Must the church sell itself to its own members?

Review the Record

Think about the work of your church and check the response you gave. Where were you:

	Help-Indif- ing ferent
At census time
During Vacation Bible School
On visitation day
During Revival services
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BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.
PRESIDENT, OUACHITA UNIVERSITY

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Acts 28: 23-31

(FOREWORD: Since I shall be away for a year and unable to continue the lesson-writing assignment, I want to take this means of thanking Editor McDonald for the privilege of doing these studies for many months now. Although I hold four earned degrees in religion, I never study any portion of the Bible without gaining new insights into its meaning and a new appreciation for its abiding worth. We would stumble far less often if we would make it a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway each day.—R.A.P.)

After Paul and his fellow-travellers had escaped the shipwreck, they found that they had landed on Malta, where they stayed for three months before sailing on to Italy. At long last his torturous journey was about to bring him to Rome, the seat of the mighty Roman Empire, where his appeal would eventually be heard.

It must have been heartening to the persecuted apostle when one group of fellow-Christians met him at the Forum of Appius, about 40 miles from the Eternal City, and a second group at a place known as the Three Taverns, about 30 miles from the capital. "On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage." (28:15)

Paul was finally delivered by Julius, the officer who had accompanied him, to the proper Roman official, probably Afranus Burrus, prefect from 51 A.D. to 62 A.D. and an honorable man. Although still a prisoner and apparently chained to a Roman guard at all times, Paul was permitted to live in private quarters outside the barracks. His immediate fate could have been much worse, especially since Nero was emperor.

In the final verses of Dr. Luke's book recounting the Acts of the Apostles, Paul, though a prisoner under constant guard, continues his witness for Christ.

I. A final plea, 28:23, 24

Paul was a hard loser, and he was especially reluctant to lose the Jews as potential followers of Jesus Christ. Time after time he had gone the second and the third mile as well in an attempt to bring them within the fold of Christianity, to prevent a final schism between Judaism and the followers of the Lord. He may have been the last Christian leader to admit that a final break was inevitable.

When he had been in Rome only three days, Paul called together the local

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leaders of the Jews and stated strongly that he "had done nothing against the people or the customs of our fathers." He denied the charges brought against him by the Jews at Jerusalem and explained that his appeal to Caesar was necessary to save his own life, not because he had a "charge to bring against my nation."

From this interview a meeting was set for Paul to explain to them the meaning of the new belief which had sprung from the root of Judaism. "They came to him at his lodging in great numbers, and he expounded the matter to them from morning till evening, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets."

His efforts were partially successful, for Luke says that "some were convinced by what he said, while others disbelieved." As they disagreed among themselves, they departed.

II. A resigned reprimand, 28:25-28

When his attempt to persuade them to believe had reached an impasse and they start to walk away, Paul told them bluntly that their disbelief was the result of their refusal to face up to reality. "For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they would perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn for me to heal them" (28:27).

The word that finally broke up the meeting was the same word which had created chaos at Jerusalem: "Gentiles" (cf. Acts 22:22). The Jews would tolerate almost any kind of theology, but when Paul crossed their deep-seated prejudices against non-Jews the egg hit the chariot wheel. Men are willing to have nearly everything about them rearranged—except their prejudices! The contrast of Jewish willful blindness with gentile receptiveness was more than they could tolerate.

III. A new challenge, 28:30, 31

Although he failed miserably in his long-term effort to get his fellow Jews to accept Christ, Paul did not give up the Christian fight and sulk the rest of his days. He was often a loser, but he was never a quitter—and there is a good lesson here for us in the Christian fight today.

Openly and without hindrance Paul preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ for a period of two years. He lived at his own expense or on his own earnings. That he had people who came to his place of confinement is evident, for Luke gives no indication that Paul's work was a soliloquy.

Without any word about the apostle's final trial or its outcome, Luke drops the curtain. There has been much speculation about why the story stops here, but there is no substantiated proof of any theory. It is entirely possible that when he showed Paul's final turning away from the Jews to the Gentile world, Luke had finished what he had

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A Smile or Two



"BRIDLING your tongue—man, that's a rough doctrine."
 —ARK-E-OLGY by Gene Herrington

Colds do come back

The town's miser stomped into the doctor's office, pounded the floor with his cane and wheezed: "You're a danged old fraud! I came to you with a cold in 1904 and you charged me \$3."

"I cured you, didn't I?" asked the doctor.

"Cured me!" stormed the former patient. "Look at me. I'm sneezing again!"

Half pleased

"Who is more satisfied: a man with a million dollars or a man with six children?"

"A man with six children. A man with a million dollars wants more."

Adult education is what goes on in a household containing teenage children.

Restless referee

"How did you solve the problem of getting your lazy son up in the morning?" one mother asked the other.

"I just toss the cat on the bed," she answered.

"But how does that help?" the other woman asked.

"The dog sleeps on his bed."

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Caledonia	54	30	1
Ebezener	174	64	
First	691	496	
Immanuel	464	158	4
Forrest City	543	155	5
Gentry	215	78	
Greenwood	280	126	1
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	237	73	
Northvale	101	50	
Hope	486	132	
Hot Springs Piney	192	94	1
Imboden	133	57	4
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	153	90	
First	525	103	1
Marshall Rd.	315	137	6
Jonesboro			
Central	485	211	10
Nettleton	278	126	1
Lavaca	246	112	1
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Crystal Hill	183	65	1
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Second	230	82	
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Tucker Chapel	83	11	
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Berry St.	123	66	4
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First	419	101	9
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Beech Street	499	149	
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European Baptist news

Baptists in Sydney, Australia, may soon call a pastor from Italy to serve in their Italian community. There are about 30,000 Italians in Sydney, which is Australia's largest city, with 2.3 million inhabitants.

The success of the work of Joseph Ciampa, previously called from Italy as a Baptist pastor to Italians in the nearby Australian state of Victoria, prompted the move by Sydney Baptists.

Richard H. Kinney has been appointed to the staff of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland, to serve as business administrator.

He will assist the president of the seminary in general supervision of seminary business affairs, including the buildings and grounds, according to President John D. W. Watts. Kinney and his wife, Daisy, will arrive in December and have a brief period of language study after their coming.

Davis S. Russell has assumed his new office as general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. This union, which serves the Baptists of England, has its headquarters in London.

The retiring general secretary, Ernest A. Payne, received a typewriter and some writing materials on his final day in the executive chair. These were gifts from staff members of the Baptist Church House who had served under Payne, who had been the English Baptist executive leader since 1951.

A Baptist meeting point in the city of Bilbao, Spain, has been closed despite legislation which guarantees religious liberty in the nation, the New York Times news service reported from Madrid.

The NYT service identified the meeting place as a church. However, Baptist sources in Spain told European Baptist Press Service it was not yet organized as a church. It was a mission of the Basauri Baptist Church, which is located in a suburb of Bilbao.

"France needs the continuing friendship of Britain and the Commonwealth despite the provocative conduct" of French President, General Charles de Gaulle, an editorial in the Baptist Times at London stated.

The reason? Because of "his failure towards a closer unity" and the likelihood "that after the General goes France may once more be weakened by a succession of brief, unstable governments," the Baptist Times continued.

Approach church union

OTTAWA, Ont.—Canadian Anglicans moved another step nearer union with the United Church of Canada as the Anglican General Synod approved establishment of five commissions on union matters.

Several somber notes were introduced before the action, however, including one delegate's warning that a group of high churchmen would secede from the Anglican Church of Canada if the proposed scheme of union were adopted in its present form.

The two denominations have been talking union since 1943, but in 1965 a joint commission produced a document, "Principles of Union." These were later accepted by both churches as basis for further discussion. (EP)

Sees pressure

MOSCOW—Capitalists and religious leaders of all denominations are plotting to suppress freedom of thought in England, according to an article in Pravda, Communist Party daily here. Entitled, "Decline of Religion," the article was written by Pravda's London correspondent, Oleg Orestov. It maintained that British radio and TV networks are compelled to broadcast religious propaganda every day. (EP)

'Prayer rooms' proposed

ADEL, Ga.—The governor of Georgia proposed here that "prayer rooms" be established in the public schools of his state.

"I have long favored a constitutional amendment which would permit our children and our teachers to pray and to read the Bible, if they so desire," he said in a speech to the Fellowship Baptist church congregation here. (EP)

Would oust missionaries

NEW DELHI — A call for the expulsion of all foreign missionaries from India has been sounded by a high official of the Jaua Saugh polieical party. Jagona the Rao Joshi wants the 5,319 foreign missionaries in India — including 1,507 Americans — evicted. The foreign community has become the center of controversy because of the Indian government's decision last month to expel several missionaries, including three Americans, from politically sensitive areas.

The government said its expulsion orders and the ban on more missionaries into eastern India are not motivated by religious considerations. It wants to replace foreigners with Indian missionaries, it said. (EP)

Prophetic voice needed

MONTREAL—A "controlled society" needs a "prophetic voice" to stand out now and then, here at EXPO, I can "almost" provides, an American biblical scholar told church communication specialists here.

"We live in a controlled society," Dr. B. Davie Napier said to the inter-religious Conference on the Performing Arts and Technological Media, "which makes a tremendous effort to bring everything and everybody into conformity with its massive one-dimensional life.

"What I'm looking for is a voice that is willing to stand outside this culture and criticize it—a prophetic voce. And now and then, here at EXPO, I can almost hear this voice. In a sense the whole thing is much better than you could have hoped."

Dr. Napier, a specialist in Old Testament analysis and professor of religion and dean of the chapel at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., has aroused some controversy by his enforcement of greater student participation in university administration and of other student causes. (EP)

Gives to Red Cross

MOSCOW—Dr. Martin Niemoeller, who earlier this year accepted the Lenin Peace Prize for contributions to world peace, announced here that he would donate \$11,000 of the \$28,000 which accompanied the prize, to the North Vietnamese Red Cross. (EP)

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