

Ouachita Baptist University

Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 1955-1959

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

3-8-1956

March 8, 1956

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/arbn_55-59



Part of the [Christian Denominations and Sects Commons](#), [Mass Communication Commons](#), and the [Organizational Communication Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Arkansas Baptist State Convention, "March 8, 1956" (1956). *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 1955-1959*. 154.

https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/arbn_55-59/154

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine at Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita. It has been accepted for inclusion in Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 1955-1959 by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita. For more information, please contact mortensona@obu.edu.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST

BAPTIST OFFICIAL STATE PAPER

VOLUME 55

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, MARCH 8, 1956

NUMBER 10



Religious News Service

Spring—The Revival of life and the Word of Life

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LIBRARY**

On Changing Names

By LEON MACON

In recent years, there have been suggestions relative to changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention. This has come about because we have enlarged our territorial ministries beyond southern boundaries. We have taken the position that this would be more descriptive of our areas of service, but there are some other sides to changing the names of our Convention and its institutions. Along this same line the Baptist Sunday School Board, in its semi-annual meeting December 8 and 9, voted to ask the Southern Baptist Convention to change its name to "The Board of Education and Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention." It is also our understanding that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist convention probably will offer a resolution endorsing the changing of the Sunday School Board's name.

Although we are not traditionalists and would not object to changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention and Sunday School Board, we can see the other side of the question. One observation made to us was that the proposed new name for the Sunday School Board might develop a duplicity of actions due to its dual nature, that of education and publication. It was also observed that under this title there is a conflict in that other agencies do educational work and publish reading matter in

their own sphere. Surely these matters should be taken into consideration as we go to the Convention with a knowledge that such a resolution will be offered.

Another observation was that there is no need to start to tinker with our machinery when our work is going so well. This clearly brings out the fact that we are making tremendous progress as we are and such changes are not essential to promote our work. The question was also asked, "Why lose the momentum we have in order to alter our machinery?" This, too, is a good point.

One of the main features of the Sunday School Board is promotional and yet this is not borne out in the proposed new name. Southern Baptists have become honorable and successful and the very mention of our name anywhere in the country arouses respect. There is a possibility that it would take a generation to work the honor and trust into a new name that would anywhere near equal the respect people have for our present titles.

Since there are other Southern Baptist agencies which do educational and publicity work, these could come to be associated with the Sunday School Board under its proposed new title. In the course of time the Sunday School Board could manifest too much power over all of our institutions by a gradual process.

—The Alabama Baptist

Minister Goes to Prison Rather Than Stop Preaching

BEDFORD, England, November 13, 1660—(BP) — John Bunyan, a preacher, today gave up his freedom and went to jail rather than promise not to preach the gospel. Officers interrupted his sermon yesterday to place him under arrest.

"I should not leave off preaching the Word of God," Bunyan said as he refused to quiet the ministry in order to gain freedom. "There is no harm in counseling, comforting, teaching, and exhorting my people. In fact, the work is worthy of praise rather than blame."

Francis Wingate, justice of the peace who sentenced Bunyan to jail after a hearing at Harlington House near here yesterday, did not agree. He charged Bunyan with conducting a seditious meeting and planning violence. Even testimony of the arresting officer that he found the preacher in a "peaceful religious meeting" did not deter the magistrate.

According to testimony presented at today's hearing, Bunyan conducted a meeting at a farmhouse about thirteen miles from Bedford yesterday. When the preacher arrived for the meeting, the congregation warned him that a warrant had been sworn out for his arrest.

Undaunted by the threat of arrest, Bunyan went ahead with the service. Prayers had been completed and the preacher had just begun his message when officers barged into the meeting house and placed Bunyan under arrest.

After Bunyan had denied the charge that the meeting was treasonable, Wingate demanded of the preacher why he did not follow his trade of tinker instead of conducting illegal worship services.

"My business is to instruct and counsel people to forsake their sins and to accept Christ lest they miserably perish," Bunyan answered. "I have found that I can both

preach and follow my trade without conflict."

Friends were ready to post bond for Bunyan in order that he would not have to go to jail. But when the preacher learned that conducting services would be regarded as a breach of bond, he would not allow bond to be made. He made it plain that he would not stop preaching under any circumstances.

At the last minute the justice of the peace appeared to relent slightly. After Bunyan refused to accept bond, Wingate offered to allow him to go home if he would promise not to call the people together. But again the preacher refused to be silent, choosing imprisonment instead.

Bunyan's trial is set for the next quarter session of court.

Copyright, 1955, by Historical Commission,
Southern Baptist Convention

—17th Century Baptist Press

000

Stassen Optimistic On Peace Prospects

Harold E. Stassen, President Eisenhower's Assistant for Disarmament, expressed "quiet optimism" on the prospects of peace.

Addressing an area meeting of the National Council of Presbyterian Men he said that the right course of future policy lies between the extremes of unilateral disarmament and an all-out arms race.

"I am convinced," Mr. Stassen said, "that God did not intend man to break through the atom barrier and then be destroyed in a third world war."

He said that "if we take the Christian attitude we'll develop the ingenuities that will fill the foundation of a durable peace."

"We need to conclude deeply that we will seek answers as a nation, consistent with the great and ageless principles of our religion," the Presidential advisor added.

Man's High Destiny

A Devotion By The Editor

"But we see Jesus."

The sweep of this author's vision encompasses the whole span of time between the glance at the beginnings when man was made a "little lower than the angels" and when God put all created things "under his feet." "And God blessed them, and said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion."

We visualize man starting out on this noble adventure, upon the authority of his creator, with high hopes and undivided loyalties. This beginning is beautiful in its threefold harmony with God and man and nature.

Now the author's vision sweeps the expanse of the succeeding centuries and the note of disappointment creeps into his words. Something has gone wrong. The adventure that started out under such propitious circumstances and with such promise of success has bogged down. We discover a foreign and uncongenial power operating to disrupt the harmony between man and his creator and to bring failure and defeat in the execution of man's commission.

But our vision is not allowed to remain indefinitely upon this scene of man's failure and defeat. Out from among the wreckage of human life and from the debris of human failure a figure arises bearing the marks of the struggles of the race and the scars of the mortal conflict with the enemy who has caused all the troubles of the world. "But we see Jesus," the writer declares. He towers above the wreck of time; He has suffered, you can tell from the scars He bears; He has "tasted death for every man," look at Him hanging on the cross. But He has won the victory, see the empty grave; He is "crowned with glory and honor" and "bringing many sons to glory."

The author's vision may be summed up in three statements: Man's high destiny defeated in man; man's high destiny achieved in Jesus; man's high destiny again promised to man.

"Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. . . But now we see not yet all things put under him.

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

"For it became him . . . in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" Hebrews 2:8-10.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST

107 BAPTIST BUILDING, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
Official Publication of the Arkansas Baptist
State Convention

B. H. DUNCAN EDITOR
MRS. HOMER D. MYERS ED. ASST.

Publication Committee: Dale Cowling, Little Rock, Chairman; John Holston, Lonoke; Homer Bradley, Eudora; Byron King, Tuckerman; Dillard Miller, Bauxite.

Published weekly except on July 4 and December 25.

Entered Post Office, Little Rock, Arkansas, as second class mail matter. Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided in Section 1132, October 1, 1913.

Individual subscription \$2.00 per year. Church Budget, 12 cents per month or \$1.44 per year church family. Family Group (10 or more annually in advance) \$1.50 per year. Subscription to foreign address \$2.50 per year. Advertising rates on request.

The cost of cuts cannot be borne by the paper except those it has made for its individual use.

Resolutions and obituaries published at five cents per word. One dollar minimum.

Articles carrying the author's by-line do not necessarily reflect the editorial policy of the paper.

From The Editor's Desk

When In A Hurry, Slow Down

It is better to travel at a safe speed than to risk the hazards of high speed. In this day of high powered automobiles, there is a temptation to see how fast that new, shiny, sleek car will go, to take the curves, the rough places, and the narrow roads at excessive speeds. The safe arrival at one's destination is worth more than the few minutes gained by racing.

Haste Makes Waste

Perhaps everyone recognizes the dangers involved in fast driving on the highways, yet there are many who do not observe the danger signals.

However, the admonition, "When in a hurry slow down," is applicable to our mental processes, our emotional reactions, and our reflexes. I once had a doctor friend whose favorite quotation was, "Dress me slowly, for I am in haste." The implication is that when we dress in haste or when we are doing anything in haste, we are likely to be overwrought nervously and begin to fumble and fume so that we lose more time than we gain. Whereas, if we approach any task with calmness and a steady nerve, we will likely complete the performance in less time than if we hurried to the degree of mental confusion and emotional disturbance, and besides we will do a better job.

With the many pressures of modern life, there is an ever-increasing tendency to rush from one thing to another, which leaves one with no time for quiet meditation and to think through the problems and the issues and the activities that call for our attention and for our energies. We are in danger of becoming mere robots which are manipulated by the pressures that force themselves on us. These pressures almost rob us of our intellectual processes and our mental functions so that if the pressures were suddenly removed we would scarcely know what to do or how to occupy our time and energy. We would be left in a sort of vacuum.

Think

It takes time to think, but it is the most valuable time one can spend. Regimentation by the government is not the most dangerous form of regimentation that we face today. The regimentation of life by the pressures, the hurry, and the rush of present day life which leaves the individual with no time to think, no time to meditate, no time to pray, is the most dangerous form of regimentation.

Thinking is an exacting mental exercise. We may find it easier to drift with the tide than to take command of our ship of life and steer it to the port of our own choosing. Of course, much of our daily activity is routine. We perform the same tasks day after day, the same old problems recur with persistent frequency, the same pressures hurry us on our way and the same confused order of life may leave us in a state of bewilderment.

To maintain one's zest for the same old tasks and the routine of life, to approach the same old problems with imagination and to meet the confusions created by the pressures of modern living, it is necessary that one maintain the spirit of adventure and so find something new in the old or a new approach to the old tasks or a new formula for the old problems.

To hurry through life robs life of the spirit of adventure, leaves one no time for creative thinking or creative imagination. To hurry through life reduces life to monotonous routine, a boresome existence.

To rush through life, to be driven by the pressures of modern society has a tendency to leave one, not only mentally confused, but emotionally upset and unstable. When the ball player is emotionally upset, he is almost certain to fumble the ball. Much of the fumbling and bungling of the major issues of life as well as the daily tasks is the result of emotional instability.

Emotional Appeal

Much of the advertising today, whether in

newspapers, magazines, radio, television, is an appeal not to the intelligence but to the emotions, or worse still to vanity. This is a sad commentary upon the emotional instability of the American people. We are led to believe that we must be in an intense emotional mood to be up to date, to be entertaining, to be modern. As a consequence of this high emotional tension, nervous disorders are very prevalent and one is likely to be upset emotionally by the least little deviation from what one expected.

Calmness, serenity, a slowing down even if current pressures carry others ahead of us are real tonics for life and will help one to maintain a sane equilibrium.

When the pressures of life are carrying a person so fast that he is breaking the speed limit of life, his reflexes can't keep pace with his speed and a wreck is almost inevitable.

Dangers

There are many activities of life that we perform without concentrating our thoughts upon them. This is right. The more things we can do without concentrating our thoughts upon them, the more our mental faculties are left free for concentration upon those things which demand thought and deliberation. We walk without thinking of each step unless we are in the dark or on a very rough and hazardous path. We sometimes even talk without thinking. The woman in the home crochets without thinking of every stitch or knits without thinking of every stitch. We drive our automobiles without thinking of every turn of the wheel. And so it goes.

There are two dangers involved in doing the daily chores or tasks which are done without concentrated thinking. The one danger which we face is becoming so intellectually lazy that we don't want to do anything that involves thinking. The other danger is that we may go so fast that our reflexes cannot keep pace with us. This danger may be illustrated by driving an automobile at high speed on the highway faster than our reflexes can automatically meet and cope with the dangers of the highway.

When in a hurry, it is safe to slow down. There are dangers to life mentally, emotionally, and otherwise, when we exceed the speed limit.

The March Week of Prayer

(Note: We take the following by Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, from the current issue of Home Missions. —Editor.)

There are four great blessings that accrue to our Baptist Zion through the program of Woman's Missionary Union in promoting the March Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Offering.

1. There are great educational benefits in this program of mission study. For weeks Woman's Missionary Union members and friends have been studying the graded series of mission books on our work among the Indians. Year after year different fields are studied and in this way thousands of children, young people, and adults become better acquainted with the program, the prospects, and the achievements of our home missionaries in their respective fields. Such study is certain to stimulate interest, and interest begets concern, and concern bears

fruit in the consecration of life and material resources. The tremendous growth in the distribution of life and material resources. The tremendous growth in the distribution and use of the graded series of mission books is a tribute to the faithful and successful efforts of the leaders of Woman's Missionary Union to enlist all of their constituency in such study. This is blessing number one.

2. Following this study Woman's Missionary Union presents through all of its organizations the most intensive and most interesting programs on home missions ever outlined and promoted by any group. Year after year the women secure outstanding lesson writers for their various age groups and they provide the best helps available or obtainable for the effective presentation of these

programs. It is far more than a single program on missions; it is a whole week of home mission emphasis in which scores of people participate. The programs are so arranged as to be accumulative in interest and appeal. In many cases one or more of the programs is presented to the entire church so that all become aware of mission achievements and opportunities and come to appreciate more fully the service of Woman's Missionary Union in missionary promotion. More than 450,000 copies of various Woman's Missionary Union missionary magazines give intelligent and fervent support to this special effort. These wonderful programs on home missions are blessing number two.

The Power of Prayer

3. The prayer plans for this special season are of supreme importance. This is not an overstatement. All home missionaries look to this week as a time of spiritual awakening

(Continued on Page Nine)

Kingdom Progress

West Helena Church Begins Building

By WILSON C. DEESE, Pastor



Groundbreaking ceremonies, with senior deacons, B. B. Maxwell and A. P. Masterson holding the spade, signaled the start of the building of an educational plant for the West Helena church. In the picture, standing, are five charter members of the West Helena Church. They are, left to right, Miss Ola Ewart, Mrs. Walter Shannon, Mrs. F. C. Walbaum, Mrs. Fred Faust, Mrs. G. E. Buchanan. Pastor Deese is next and the rest, standing in the front row and kneeling, are members of the building committee.

Led by the pastor and committee chairman Charles Bradley, this church is passing another milestone in the work for the Lord in West Helena. Beginning with a frame structure, on another location in 1912, the year the charter was granted, the present construction marks the fourth building step in the history of the church. A brick house was built on the present property in 1926,

but it was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning March 20, 1932. The present building was completed and ready for occupancy on June 26, 1933, but almost from the beginning, it was apparent that more room for people of Baptist faith was needed. After years of prayer and much hard work, it has now become possible to erect that much-needed educational building.

The Cone-Stowers Construction Company of Searcy was awarded the contract for the construction, Bruce Anderson of Little Rock being the architect. Actual construction has already begun.

The members of this church, confident that West Helena and Phillips county are due for an industrial awakening, are determined with God's help, to do their part in providing for the spiritual welfare of the additional hundreds who need God's care.

Macon, Georgia Prepares For Howard Butt

Macon, Georgia is planning what will be the largest evangelistic crusade ever held in middle Georgia. Scores of churches are lending their full support to the Middle Georgia Crusade for Christ which is to be held April 1st to the 15th.

Howard Butt, well known businessman and evangelist who was tagged by *Time Magazine* as "God's groceryman" is to be the speaker along with a team of workers who have been blessed with huge audiences wherever they have held their previous crusades. Butt, who is Vice President of the H. E. Butt Grocery Company, operating almost seventy (70) stores in twenty-nine (29) Texas cities, devotes about one-half of his time to preaching and the other half to selling groceries.

In preparing for the crusade, the largest auditorium available in middle Georgia — the Macon City Auditorium — has been secured. It seats about 5,000. A mass choir of hundreds of voices is already being organized along with a corps of several hundred ushers and counsellors.

There is nothing so strong or safe in an emergency of life as the simple truth.

—Dickens

Home Board Releases Two New Filmstrips

The Home Mission Board has announced the release of two new filmstrips, **Rural Reaping** and **Associational Missions — World Missions**.

Both are available in Baptist Book Stores.

Rural Reaping presents the rural challenge given to Southern Baptists today. The filmstrip emphasizes the part the Long Range Rural Church Program plays in achieving a more effective rural church life and gives examples of rural churches which are solving their problems.

Associational Missions — World Missions gives the framework of the associational organization, with a heavy accent on the work of the associational missionaries. The filmstrip is designed to enlist churches in the associational program.

Both filmstrips sell for \$2. Missionaries may obtain them from the Office of Promotion, Home Mission Board.

Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

—Abraham Lincoln

A man's action is only a picture-book of his creed.

—Emerson



But how can you think constructively on the program that Baptists are promoting unless you keep posted by reading the *Arkansas Baptist*?

New Budgets

47th St., N. Little Rock, Pulaski Association, Eugene Ryan, pastor.

Elkins Church, Washington-Madison Association.

Subscription Analysis

Trinity Association has 6 budgets; 4 clubs; and 18 with neither.

Washington-Madison has 16 budgets; 3 clubs; and 7 with neither.

White County, 9 budgets; 2 clubs; and 19 with neither.

White River, 4 budgets; 2 clubs; and 8 with neither.

Woodruff, 6 budgets; 1 club; and 5 with neither.

Watch for the analysis of the churches of your association in future issues of the *Arkansas Baptist*. We are publishing the analysis with the hope that it may stimulate other churches to adopt the budget plan of subscriptions to the *Arkansas Baptist*.

250 Young People Attend Southern Seminary Mission Conference

"I have gained a broader perspective, a keener insight, a deeper understanding of His service."

A college freshman from Tennessee summed up Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's annual Mission Emphasis Week with these few words. Similar comments came from many of the 250 young people who attended the weekend conference which climaxed a week of study on the theme "Christ's Mission Through Me."

The sessions, planned by Southern Seminary students, were designed to present the facts concerning Christ's mission of world redemption so that young people may seek and find their place in God's will. Bob Denny, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, closed the week on the note, "Someplace along the line you will have to make up your mind about what you are going to do with that wonderful life of yours." Calling for total dedication on the part of all Christians, he said, "Christ's command, 'Go ye therefore,' is the only formula for happiness and security. The answer to all of the world's problems is contained in that commission—the applied gospel."

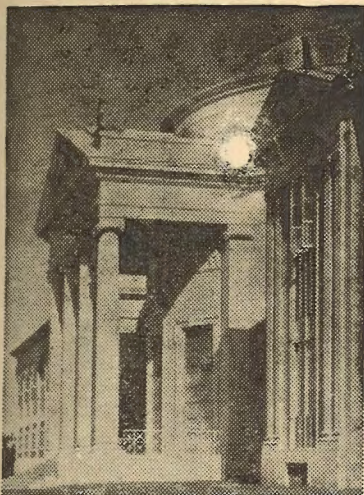
New Church In Benton

Faith Church, Benton, was organized recently with a charter membership of 34 and 4 candidates for baptism. The new church voted to petition Central Association for membership and to co-operate with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, and its auxiliaries.

James Fitzgerald of Hot Springs served as moderator of the organization council; Missionary Delbert Garrett as clerk. Max Gates of Malvern, Leonard Kaffka of Benton, Mr. Lee of Cleveland, Tennessee, and Volmer Vick of Benton assisted in the organization.

Leonard Kaffka is pastor.

Annual Fellowship Mission - Volunteers



Scarbrough Memorial Building, Southwestern Seminary, will be the scene of registration for the annual mission volunteer fellowship March 16. Hundreds of college students from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Missouri are expected.

The annual mission volunteer fellowship, to be held at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth March 16-17, will be highlighted by inspirational messages, panel discussions, films, and special features including a tour of the Seminary facilities and a barbecue supper. The conference is under the sponsorship of the mission band on that campus.

Program personalities will include Mrs. Clem Hardy, returned missionary to Brazil and president of the Texas W. M. U., Dr. B. Maston, faculty member of SBTS, Dr. Alph Phelps, president of Ouachita Baptist College, and Dr. Fred McCauley, field worker for the Home Mission Board.

Dr. J. Howard Williams, president of SBTS, and Elmer West and Bill Cody of the Foreign Mission Board, will also be presented to the convocation along with numerous home and foreign missionaries.

The conference, with "Even So, Send I You" as its theme, will open on Friday afternoon with registration and campus tours. The evening service by Dr. Maston will conclude the day.

Saturday morning will feature conferences on appointment procedures in both home and foreign fields. Following a noon service, conferences on special problems will be held. Climaxing the fellowship will be the evening message by Dr. Phelps.

Reservations for housing facilities may be made by writing immediately to Gerald Marsh, Box 6060, Fort Worth 15, Texas.

Walker in Kentucky

Evangelist W. M. Walker was engaged in revival services with Pastor Quentin Lockwood and the Wildwood Church of Ashland, Kentucky, January 29-February 5.

Evangelist Walker recently resigned as pastor of First Church, Mena, to enter the field of evangelism. He is now located at Walnut Ridge.

The meeting in the Wildwood Church resulted in 48 additions by baptism and 4 by letter.

Pastor Lockwood says, "Brother Walker places a strong emphasis on church loyalty, family altars, personal soul winning, and tithing. Many responded to his appeal to do these things which resulted in a definite strengthening of the spiritual and financial program of the church."

Father of Missionary Dies in Accident

Roy F. Orr, father of missionary Donald L. Orr, now home on furlough from Cali, Colombia, South America, died suddenly as the result of an accident which occurred at his farm west of Hot Springs, Saturday, February 18.

Mr. Orr was an active deacon of Central Church, Hot Springs, a member of the choir, served in many and various capacities of the church activities and program throughout his life residency in Hot Springs.

The family of Donald Orr wishes to thank the many friends and churches throughout Arkansas for their expressions of sympathy and tribute for their beloved husband and father.

Remains of 'Old Main'

Everyone thought Ouachita College was forever rid of Old Main when the building burned in 1949, but portions of it still turn up every now and then.

The latest remnant is a gavel which now calls meetings to order in the building that took Old Main's place.

The gavel, made from one of the few boards salvaged when the structure burned, was presented to Dr. Ralph Phelps, Jr., president, by Miss Emma Riley, Little Rock, member of the board of trustees in a recent meeting.

Pieces of the building have been fashioned into many things. Two fireside tables, made from one of the beams, are now in the homes of Miss Frances Crawford, registrar, and Miss Maude Wright, assistant professor of education.

They were made by Neil McCaskill, former superintendent of buildings and grounds, and were presented by the late Col. James L. Blakeney, then president of the Alumni Association.

The doors of the present Little Theatre are from Old Main, found later in storage.

Eunice Parker to Direct Texas Foreign Student Program

Eunice Parker, Baptist Student Union director at the University of Texas, Austin, has been elected to direct the international auspices of the Texas Baptist Convention student program in Texas.

Under the program, Miss Parker will plan conferences and retreats for Texas' international students and work with the local campuses in promoting evangelism and friendliness toward the numerous international students now in Texas colleges and universities.

Miss Parker will have offices in Austin and begin the new work immediately. Dr. Loyd Corder, secretary of Direct Missions, Home Mission Board, and Dr. W. F. Howard, secretary, Texas Department of Student Work, will work with Miss Parker in the program.

Haley to Ft. Smith

Orville Haley began his duties as pastor of North Side Church, Fort Smith, Sunday, February 26. He went to the Fort Smith church from the pastorate of the Lowell Church where he served four years.

Pastor Haley states: "There was a wonderful fellowship at the North Side Church, Sunday with 113 in Sunday school and 71 in Training Union. There were six additions to the church. We feel that this church will prosper in the months to come. We are praying that much more can be done by our people to increase our program in all of its various phases."

Howard Wilson Claimed By Death

By C. W. CALDWELL

Howard E. Wilson, missionary of Boone-Newton Associations, was killed in a car wreck, February 28. He was on his way to Alpena for a revival meeting engagement when the accident occurred that took his life. In his death we have lost one of our great missionaries.

My first introduction to this good man was in a long distance telephone conversation while he was pastor at Fouke. He called, introduced himself over the telephone, and invited me down for some advice in regard to a mission which his church had begun. In the conversation and visit which followed, I learned that he and a good layman of his church had conducted a revival meeting near Fouke where a Baptist church once stood. As a result of the meeting, a mission had been opened and a building erected. It was soon organized into a church and is today doing a good work.

Some time later, Howard Wilson accepted the pastorate of Arabella Heights Church in Texarkana. The church was very weak, but through the leadership of this mission-minded pastor, many steps of progress were taken in change of location and building program. Along with his work in the Arabella Heights Church, he saw the need of establishing a mission in a neglected area of his city. An old bus body was secured from the junk yard, which became the place of meeting for a Sunday school. The attendance grew and the need for a building became urgent. The Missions Department gave some financial aid in their first mission building, which later was enlarged. The Mission has been organized into the Bronway Heights Baptist Church, which today has a full time pastor.

These incidents impressed me with his mission spirit. As Mission Committees would inquire of me about a prospective missionary, I would often say, "Howard Wilson of Texarkana will make some association an excellent missionary." I was not surprised when he was elected as missionary in Boone-Newton Associations. He proved to be a great leader in the mission field. He promoted every phase of denominational work and was a great asset to all the weak and struggling churches. The associations he served and Arkansas Baptists have lost one of their great workers in the field of missions. Our sympathy and prayers are for Mrs. Wilson and her six children.

—000—

Film On Work of Sunday School Board Being Filmed

Filming of a thirty-minute documentary Baptist Sunday School Board 16 mm sound, motion picture in color is now under way. The factual presentation on the work of the Sunday School Board is being produced in Nashville by the Board's Audio-Visual Aids Department, which was set up by Convention authority to produce films for the Sunday School Board and other agencies of the denomination.

The theme of the film is to present the ministry of the Sunday School Board showing its work as an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, its organization, and the scope and procedures in the Board's efforts to accomplish its assigned task.

The film will have its premier at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo., Thursday, May 31, at 10:30 A. M., as a part of the annual report of the Sunday School Board to the Convention, which will be made by Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary.

★ ★ ★ Christian Horizons ★ ★ ★

By Religious News Service

N. Y. Protestant Churches Asked To Back Graham Crusade

A plea to all local Protestant churches to support the 1957 Billy Graham Crusade in New York was made at the annual meeting of the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

Mr. Graham is scheduled to conduct a six-to-eight week evangelistic campaign here in the late spring or summer of next year under the council's sponsorship.

Clifford W. Pettit, executive secretary for crusade preparations, expressed confidence in "what Mr. Graham will do for New York." But he said the cooperation of New York churches was essential for lasting results.

Mr. Pettit announced that part of the Billy Graham team would establish a crusade office there in April "for a full year of intensive preparations."

David H. C. Read, recently called from Glasgow, Scotland, to the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, described the effect of Billy Graham's crusade in that country last spring as "a shot in the arm to all congregations."

He said the evangelist "caught the imagination of Scotland by his charm, sincerity and humility. The people of Scotland took him into their hearts, and by making religion a talking topic everywhere, he gave the established churches an opportunity which was in itself tremendous."

Yale Gets Grant to Develop Religious Department

Yale University has received a grant of \$100,000 from the James Foundation of New York to expand and strengthen its undergraduate Department of Religion.

Dean William C. DeVane of Yale College said a committee presently is at work studying new appointments to strengthen the faculty, particularly in the fields of Biblical studies and the history of religious thought.

He said that since 1946, when steps first were taken to establish a Department of Religion in Yale College, the number of religious courses has grown from three or four to 17. Nearly a tenth of all Yale undergraduates currently are taking one or more courses in religion along with their other academic work, the dean said.

"We are gratified to receive the James Foundation grant," he said, "because it enables us to carry forward plans laid more than a decade ago to make religion a matter of serious concern to the Yale undergraduate."

Minister Vows Not To 'Flee' to Suburbs

It is time Protestant churches halted their flight "to the green pastures of Suburbia," rolled up their sleeves and fought out the problem of the inner city church, according to Dr. J. Lester Harnish.

Dr. Harnish, pastor of the downtown Los Angeles Baptist Temple, announced to his congregation that the church would not "flee to the plush and prosperous outlying areas," but keep up the good fight from Los Angeles' Pershing Square.

Graham Urges Missionaries Drop 'Theological Bloodhound' Role

American evangelist Billy Graham, in Tokyo to conduct an eight-day Japan crusade, challenged 1,200 missionaries whom he addressed to substitute a spirit of love for the role of "theological bloodhounds."

Mr. Graham spoke at Tucker Hall where later in the day he met with some 3,000 ministers.

Earlier, at a reception given for him by Japanese Christian leaders, Mr. Graham asserted that mass-meetings were important because "they create a feeling of unity and strength."

He disclaimed any credit for his success as an evangelist, calling it "God's work."

At a news conference, he said "missions will have to rethink their policy." He noted that increasingly "indigenous leaders" were spearheading Christian efforts in so-called mission countries.

Ask Burma Baptist Church Initiate Requests For Missionaries

The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society's 47 representatives in this country adopted a recommendation that the native Burma Baptist Convention initiate all future requests for new missionaries from the United States and assume responsibility for their assignment in Burma.

The action was taken at the Burma Baptist Mission's 60th annual conference, theme of which was "Coming to Maturity in Christ."

Walter W. Zimmer, retiring president of the mission, said that if the American headquarters accepts the recommendation it will mean that future assignments of those missionaries now serving in Burma also will become the native Church's province.

"We must remember that we are dealing with people, not machinery," he said, "and must exhibit a spirit of love and appreciation of the other person's processes in maturing."

Arizona Senate Passes Parental Responsibility Bill

A bill making parents financially responsible up to a maximum of \$300 for acts of vandalism committed by their children was passed by the state Senate.

Such legislation was advocated by the statewide Christian Conference on Adult and Youth Problems held in Phoenix last December.

A report made at the conference said juvenile vandalism had been reduced 62 per cent in Michigan as the result of a parental responsibility law.

Charles Schmitz, who was appointed by the conference as head of a steering committee of 14 clergymen of various denominations to work for conference-approved legislation, expressed "great satisfaction" over the Senate's action.

—000—

The \$15 billion that Americans have spent for television sets and maintenance since World War II is 15 per cent more than they spent in that same time for new school and college buildings.

A Smile or Two



"My husband and I are just opposite. He has lots of ideas for making money."

Aunt: Marilyn, were you good little girl at church today?

Marilyn: Oh yes, aunty. A strange man offered me a big plate of money, and I said, "No, thank you."

"Isn't he too fast for you my dear?" asked one girl of another.

"He is pretty fast, but I don't think he'll get away," replied the first.

It is supposed to be for better or for worse. It usually is. He couldn't do better, and she couldn't do worse.

When the examination was over, a teacher in a mountain school told her pupils write a pledge that they had neither received nor given help. One gangling youth, who was squirming in dismay and mopping a bewildered brow throughout the ordeal, wrote, "I ain't received no help, and the Lord knows I couldn't give any."

—Quote

A 10-year-old, under the guidance of his grandmother, is becoming something of a Bible student. The other evening he floored us with this question: "Which virgin was Christ's mother — the Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

—Capper's Weekly

A camel is an animal that looks as though it had been put together by a committee.

—Quote

A prim old Quaker lady was driving her brand new car along the Pennsylvania Turnpike when suddenly a heavy truck rammed into her rear fender, crumpling it like a piece of tin. The lady just barely managed to control her anger and keep a proper Quaker calm. She got out of her car and walked over to the burly truck driver, and then she let him have it.

"When thee gets home to thy kennel tonight," she said quietly, "I hope thy mother bites thee."

Henry Ford was always dropping into the offices of the executives of his automobile plant. One day he was asked why he didn't have them come to him.

"Well, I'll tell you," Ford answered, "I've found that I can leave the other fellow's office a lot quicker than I can get him to leave mine."

News From Baptist Press



Shift to City Reported In New Baptist Survey

Farm people have been moving to the city for attractive jobs and more education.

Without moving at all, some families once considered rural discover they have become city residents as cities sprawl out further to the country.

Cities are growing much faster than rural areas.

J. P. Edmunds, Nashville, statistician for the Southern Baptist Convention, says these are some reasons cities are great challenges for winning men to Christ.

In a survey recently released, Edmunds reports that in the Southern Baptist Convention as a whole, city people are unreached to a greater degree by the denomination than are rural people.

The survey covered a five-year period ending Jan. 1, 1955, and included 24 states represented in the Southern Baptist Convention by their own state Baptist conventions.

The survey was captioned, "Populations Shifts and Their Effect Upon the Southern Baptist Convention, 1950-1955."

"While every state except Arkansas showed a growth in total population during 1950-1955, 10 states experienced a decrease in rural population," Edmunds declares. No states in the SBC territory showed a decline in city population.

City numbers increased 15.1 per cent in the 24 states during the five years, but rural numbers increased only 1.4 per cent.

The survey introduced these additional facts:

1. "Due to several factors, the Southern Baptist Convention states as a group have shown a significantly larger proportional increase in population since 1950 than have other states," according to Edmunds.

2. As expected, states in which Southern Baptist work is newest showed the greatest percentage gains in church membership, including both rural and city churches.

3. Rural churches still offer many opportunities for Southern Baptists. The eight million members of Southern Baptist churches are about evenly distributed between rural and city. During the survey period, only one state — South Carolina — failed to report an increase in rural membership. Rural churches are growing in spite of heavy migration to the city.

4. "Southern Baptist principles and methods of work are effective wherever and whenever put into practice," Edmunds says.

5. The 24 states in SBC territory, which have 56 per cent of the population of the U. S., seem to be a major site of population shifts in the nation.

Judson College Adds To Campus Structure

A Selma, Ala., firm will build a \$283,995 addition to WMU Hall at Judson College, in Marion, Ala., trustees have announced.

The addition, scheduled for occupancy this Fall, will provide classroom and office space as well as dormitory facilities.

The college, supported by Alabama Baptists, will install an elevator and place a new roof on the present WMU Hall.

Ouachita Admitted To Education Association

Ouachita College, supported by Arkansas Baptists, has been admitted to the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

The association seeks to improve teacher training on local and national levels.

Kansas City Auditorium Cost City \$6½ Million

It requires 70 full-time employes to maintain Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, which will be the meeting place for the 1956 Southern Baptist Convention.

The auditorium, circular in shape, normally seats 10,500 but has accommodated 13,000. When it was dedicated after its opening in 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt attracted 40,000 to the dedication program. The overflow stood outside in the streets.

The city-owned auditorium is downtown and is across the street from a new municipal parking lot. There are other garages and parking lots in the area.

The auditorium has indirect light, also spotlights. It has upholstered opera seats.

A snack bar and concession stand is located in the building but the downtown location places restaurants and cafeterias in comfortable walking distance.

The auditorium, which cost \$6½ million, will be air-conditioned. It covers an entire block and has several units. Southern Baptist Convention messengers will use the entrance on 13th St.

The registration booth and information desk will be located in the auditorium as well as a place to check articles. A number of pay telephones are located in it also.

Memphis Hospital Officer Takes Oklahoma Position

John M. Hendricks, assistant administrator at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, has been named administrator for a Baptist hospital soon to be built in Oklahoma City.

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, which will operate the hospital, expects work to start soon on the first hospital unit. The unit, to cost \$2 million, will have 200 beds. Long-range plans are for a 500-bed hospital.

Baptist Cartoonist Wins George Washington Award

Jack Hamm, whose religious cartoons appear in many Baptist papers and in daily newspapers, has received a George Washington honor medal from Freedoms Foundation.

The award is based on a Hamm cartoon issued for National Newspaper Week last October, entitled "America's Atlas."

The cartoon pictured a world globe with a map of the United States. Kneeling on the United States was Atlas — named in this instance "The Christian Press." He held a pen in his hand and near him was a well of ink marked "Truth."

On Atlas' shoulders stood a typical-looking American man, symbolizing "Stronger Citizens." The Scripture reference for Hamm's cartoon was Phil. 4.8, "Whatever things are pure. . . Think on these things."

The annual conference on American ideals conducted by Baylor University, Waco, also received a Freedoms Foundation citation.

This is the third such award both to Baylor and to Hamm, a former art instructor at Baylor and outstanding Baptist layman. Hamm will appear as a cartoonist on the program of the annual Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in Kansas City in May.

Alabama Church Educator Accepts Louisiana Post

Grady E. Welch, for the past three years educational director and financial secretary for Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., has been appointed administra-

Denominational Calendar

5-9 — W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

Religious Focus Week, Ouachita College.

6-9 — Spring Conference, Southern Seminary.

14 — Founder's Day, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

16-17 — State Training Union Convention, Ft. Smith.

23 — Youth Choir Festival, Robinson Auditorium, Little Rock.

24 — Junior Choir Festival, Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

25 — Home and Foreign Mission Day in Sunday School.

—000—

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Telling Children

QUESTION: I am a young widow at the age of twenty. I have a little girl five months old. Her father got killed at his work three months before she was born. I do not know hardly how to explain to her about her father. I belong to a Baptist Church and take her to Sunday school every Sunday.

ANSWER: Tell her the truth. Don't be maudlin or morbid about it and do not tell her until she gets old enough to ask. You will not have any trouble if you have the right attitude yourself. Children are fairly sensible and ought to be treated so.

Just tell her that he died before she was born. Say whatever else the facts will warrant. If he was a Christian, say that he went to be with God. If he was not, say that he died. If she asks later, "Did he go to heaven?" tell her that you hope so or that you believe he did or that such matters are in the hands of our heavenly Father. If she learns to trust God as He has made Himself known in Jesus Christ, she will not have to know all the answers. After all, is that not what all of us must do? We cannot guarantee the salvation of any of our loved ones. But the Judge of all the earth will do right.

Do not cross this bridge until you get to it. Do not talk about death to an infant. They will learn about it soon enough.

tive assistant for Louisiana College, in Pineville, La.

He will assist with fiscal management and work of non-academic personnel in the newly-created position, according to College President G. Earl Guinn.

Social Security Withdrawal Deadline Falls On April 15

Southern Baptist ministers who have applied for social security coverage, but who would now like to withdraw, must do so by April 15.

The government's department of internal revenue reports a minister may withdraw by filing a written notice of withdrawal with the same district director who received the minister's earlier application.

The written notice for withdrawal must be received no later than April 15, the final day for filing income tax returns. If notice of withdrawal isn't filed by that time, the social security form filed earlier becomes effective and is thereafter irrevocable.

**Statement to the
Senate Interstate, Foreign Commerce Committee
and
House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee
in public hearings on Bills S. 923 and H. R. 4627
submitted by A. C. Miller, representing
the Southern Baptist Convention
Feb. 15-16, 1956**

I am A. C. Miller, the Executive Secretary of the Christian Life Commission, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. I am authorized to appear before your committee by a resolution passed by the Convention as follows:

"Following the precedent set by this government by the enactment of pure food and drug laws and other laws that regulate interstate advertising; be it resolved,

1. That Congress be urged to take early and effective action in the enactment of legislation that will prohibit interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio, television and through mediums of public print; and

2. That this Committee be instructed to communicate this action of the Convention to the congressional committees in their public hearings on this issue."

We submit two statements in support of the legislation as represented in Bills S. 923 and H. R. 4627. First that the interstate advertising of beverage alcohol is not in the interest of the public welfare; and second, that the nature and effect of beverage alcohol is such that those who offer it for sale should be legally forbidden to advertise it on the basis of analogous restrictions in the Federal Trade Commission Act.

I. THE INTERSTATE ADVERTISING OF BEVERAGE ALCOHOL IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC WELFARE.

1. It is not in the interest of the welfare of the American home.

a. The interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages by the liquor and brewing industries of America has made its appeal and has had for its objective the widespread use of beverage alcohol in the American home with the result that beverage alcohol has been the major factor in the break-up of home and family life over the nation.

b. From divorce proceedings comes the judicial opinion that no other single problem is responsible for as extensive and complex divorce litigation as that arising out of the consumption of liquor.

c. This disruption of family life and the many homes broken by the use of beverage alcohol has brought to our nation an increasing number of dependent and delinquent children.

d. Reports from Courts of Domestic Relations show that mothers who abandon their children have with rare exception become a part of the growing army of alcoholics.

e. The latest report of the Juvenile Protective Association of Chicago states that the use of beverage alcohol was a contributing factor in 50 per cent of the family welfare cases where children needed protection.

2. The interstate advertising of beverage alcohol is not in the interest of American business.

a. Reports from the Yale School of Alcoholic Studies show that in American industry over one billion dollars is lost annually because of alcoholism. Nineteen per cent of all absenteeism in industry is due to alcoholism.

Wage losses alone amount to 432 million dollars each year.

b. More than 118 million accidents in the United States last year were due to drinking and 10,000 of them were fatal. Property damage losses due to drinking were in excess of 120 million dollars.

c. In addition to these tangible losses, there were enormous losses from decreased production through tardiness and absenteeism, decreased production due to hangover and fatigue, the cost of accidents caused by alcohol and the loss in training investment.

d. These facts show a frightful waste and reveal a much greater waste of talent, creative ideas, and of the moral and spiritual power for which this nation stands in so great need.

3. The interstate advertising of beverage alcohol is not in the interest of public health.

a. Three national health groups and the WHO show that alcoholism is 5.5 times more prevalent than cancer, 3.2 times more prevalent than tuberculosis, and 102 times more prevalent than polio.

b. WHO points out that in addition to our 3,876,000 confirmed alcoholics there are over 3,000,000 extra heavy drinkers who are falling into the chronic alcoholic class at the rate of 250,000 annually.

c. If alcoholism is a disease then it is the only disease in which the carrier of the causative agent is permitted by the government and its spread encouraged by legal protection.

4. The interstate advertising of beverage alcohol is not in the interest of safety on public highways or airways.

a. Facts scientifically established by the Yale Studies show that after a few drinks the judgment starts slipping, the inhibitions and restraints relax, the reflexes begin to slow, the vision is impaired and coordination and timing are retarded.

b. The above effects are bad enough but in addition confidence increases making driving doubly dangerous.

c. It is the drinking driver and not the drunken driver that is responsible for the liquor caused wrecks on our highways.

d. We protest the distribution and use of alcoholic beverages aboard public air conveyances believing it is not conducive to the safe operation of airplane traffic.

5. The interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages is detrimental to national morality.

a. Numerical statistics do not reveal the full results of the use of beverage alcohol on the home and family life of the nation. The tragic results go deeper than figures can probe. This narcotic drug is the active agent in the conflict and the disintegration deep within the heart of our spiritual and social culture. This appalling situation is evident to all who care enough to face the facts and who are honest enough to admit them.

b. Professor Arnold J. Toynbee in his book, "A Study of History" lists several causes for the disintegration of human cultures. In his later book, "Civilization on Trial" he says

Saloons In The Air

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

The rising resentment of the traveling public against the serving of alcoholic beverages in airplanes while in the air is making itself felt. Introducing the fourth bill in Congress since religious and temperance groups began an organized campaign against cocktails on commercial airlines, Senator Richard L. Neuberger declared that safety dictates the immediate enactment of Federal legislation to ban the serving of alcoholic drinks on all types of airplanes. The Oregon lawmaker told the Senate there is danger to lives in the serving of alcohol on private as well as commercial planes, and a complete ban on liquor in the air should be enacted. It offsets discouragement caused by the subtle encroachments of the liquor traffic to note that there is still a great moral power of protest which can make itself felt.

The battle is by no means won. Liquor interest lobbying will do its best to bury these measures for public welfare. We must keep up the agitation. The liquor industry will fight all restraining measures. It is the drinkers' money they want. Neither morals nor safety will stop them if they can evade the issue. Therefore, let your senator and congressmen know you want these measures passed.

—Watchman-Examiner

that "alcohol is one of the chief agents of this disintegration."

c. In this connection we must heed the warning given in the Book of the ages: "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

II. THE NATURE AND EFFECT OF BEVERAGE ALCOHOL IS SUCH THAT THOSE WHO OFFER IT FOR SALE SHOULD BE LEGALLY FORBIDDEN TO ADVERTISE IT ON THE BASIS OF THE PRECEDENTS SET BY COMPARABLE RESTRICTIONS IN THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ACT.

1. By analogy to the Trade Commission Act we affirm that any advertising is false that represents or suggests by word or implication that beverage alcohol is a stimulant.

2. In like manner we affirm that any advertising of an alcoholic beverage is misleading that fails to reveal the facts material with respect to the effect and consequences which may result from its use.

SUMMARY:

1. The highly specialized technique of modern advertising has stimulated the demand for the use of beverage alcohol far beyond what we believe would have been its normal development. This widespread use of beverage alcohol has not been for the best interest of the American home, American industry, the public health, the public safety and for private and public morality. We conclude that this extensive development in the use of beverage alcohol is not in the interest of the public welfare.

2. On the basis of the nature and effect of the alcohol as used in alcoholic beverages, and in keeping with the spirit and meaning of the definition of the term "false advertising" as set forth in the Federal Trade Commission Act, we believe that an analogous situation exists in the interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages. We conclude that such advertising should be forbidden by act of Congress.

We respectfully ask for your approval and support of the legislation now under consideration in this hearing. We thank you.

Are We Afraid of Criticism?

By R. T. SKINNER

An outstanding leader in Southern Baptist affairs, pastor of one of the strongest churches and a member of boards and highly important committees in his state and the Convention, recently voiced his fear that some of our brethren have grown too afraid of criticism. He said:

"We sometimes tend to discredit those who criticize us. When people start criticizing us we start calling them 'hard names' and labeling them as a menace. Actually," he continued, "critics have saved us from many evils in the past and they will save us from many more in the future." Then, after a moment of thoughtful silence, as though weighing his words, he added: "The man who is too high to be criticized is too high." His observations provoke serious thought.

Sometimes criticism is necessary and should be voiced. As long as we are in the flesh there will be frailties to be watched and corrected. No one has yet seen the perfect church, nor has the perfect denomination yet come into existence. But criticism, when it becomes necessary, should be made in a brotherly, Christian spirit. There is a wide difference between the willful destroyers and those who only desire to turn their brethren from what they conceive to be error.

Be afraid of the man who resents brotherly criticism. His resentment indicates his need for it. Be afraid of the man who belittles those who honestly differ from him. His belittling marks him.

When you blot out criticism, when you refuse to allow the brotherly critic to be heard, you destroy the way of safety. Some criticism may be hard to bear; a good deal of it may be unjust; most of it will perhaps be without wisdom; but it is the course of safety. Destroy the right to express an honest opinion and you have poisoned the blood streams of democracy. Let a man stifle his own convictions and refuse to voice them lest he appear out of step with others, and he thereby does himself an irreparable hurt and perhaps also damages a great cause. Nations, communities, churches and denominations have made progress and come into fuller light and avoided pitfalls by a strong word spoken at the right time and in the right place and spirit. History proves that despotism — both in religious and secular fields — has taken over when the right of free speech was denied.

Another Obligation

But those who hear and read expressed opinions should weigh them prayerfully and intelligently to see whether they possess real values or whether they contain the deadly germs of error and discord and even destruction. It is highly dangerous to jump to conclusions merely because some particular voice has spoken with unusual fervor or has written effectively.

Let the man who speaks or writes do a great deal of thinking and praying before he voices his opinions. Let him secure all available facts and then let him decide whether his opinions will stand up under fire. It is dangerous to stifle expression; it is dangerous to engage in reckless expression.

Letter That Illustrates

This week a letter came to the editor's desk. That writer had seen in a certain publication a derogatory statement made by a man who had left the Southern Baptist fellowship. The statement (we read it) blasted away at Southern Baptists. The venomous attack contained "opinions" which could not be sustained. Yet the dear brother who wrote

was obviously disturbed and perhaps influenced in some measure by what he had read. He was wise in writing for additional information before reaching a final conclusion.

We repeat: It is dangerous to stifle criticism; it is dangerous to jump to conclusions; it is dangerous to criticize in an unbrotherly, un-Christian spirit.

Some years ago we saw this little thing and it has remained with us. A man wrote: "I once had a dog named August. August was a good dog, but he was always jumping at conclusions. One day he jumped at a mule's conclusion. That was the last day of August." Southern Baptist history reveals clearly that, down through the years, there have been those who have sought to sow the seeds of discord, and not without some results. Perhaps it could be said that some of them selfishly desired to promote their own interests. Others were thoroughly sincere, believing their position was correct. We have seen many of them come and go. But history also reveals that the vast majority of our people have been careful to weigh opinions and examine statements. They welcomed brotherly criticism and profited by it, but they moved on together. They are more united than at any time in their history. They know the danger of jumping to hasty conclusions — danger both to themselves and a great cause.

—Western Recorder

—000—

Use of Personal Pronouns

By S. H. JONES

This article refers to the practice of some preachers, teachers, and other speakers of putting their audience apart from themselves by using the second personal pronoun "you" too much. People do not like to be referred to as "you" so well as they like to be included in the use of "we," at least some do not. Although what people like is not the main point, all should be concerned as to what is the most effective and proper form of address. It seems that effective address requires "rapport," a sense of harmony between speaker and audience, and that the use of "we" rather than "I" and "you" helps to produce it. For example, suppose a preacher says, "You are all sinners," rather than saying, "We are all sinners."

We once heard a speaker who used the pronoun, "you," referring to his audience, over and over; and he was putting "you" in his place! Our impression was that all he said was probably true and appropriate, but we wished he might have included himself in the category of the needy by the use of "we" instead of "you." The first personal pronoun, singular, was also used considerably, and properly from the grammatical point of view; but its use seemed to produce the effect of making a division between speaker and audience by implying that "I" had an advantage over "you," or was perhaps better than "you."

This is just another, and perhaps not very good, way of saying that leaders lead best when they are identified with those they would lead. We should seek to share what we have to say with people rather than talking to people, especially talking down to people. The sinning, brokenhearted, frightened people of the world need understanding friends who will put an arm of love about them in a brotherly spirit, such as is implied by the use of "we," and help them. And, if admonition or rebuke may be needed, it appears that the person delivering it should say "we" more than "you." —The Baptist Courier

March Week of Prayer

(Continued from Page Three)

and mission revival. The power of persistent and concerted prayer is overwhelming. Difficulties are removed. Problems are solved. Dreams are realized. Plans are perfected. Goals are reached. Souls are saved. The entire home mission family feels the mighty impact of the fervent effectual prayers of thousands of God's choice servants. Many of these prayers are specific. They are for individuals. Names are called. They are for definite causes. The petitioner identifies herself with the missionary who faces some definite problem or meets some tremendous opportunities. They pray for the lost multitudes and for particular opportunities in mission service. For weeks beforehand, as well as during the special week of prayer, these petitions ascend to the throne of grace. God hears. God answers. Only eternity will reveal the results. This is blessing number three.

4. It is anticipated that these friends of home missions will give through the Annie Armstrong Offering no less than \$1,500,000 for the current operation of the home mission program and for needed buildings and equipment. This is about 40 per cent of the total annual expenditures of the Home Mission Board. This offering as it grows from year to year, makes possible mission advance on every home mission field. It requires about \$5.91 per minute to operate the total program of your Home Mission Board. Think how very much the Annie Armstrong Offering helps. Think how much your offering and the offering of your constituency may mean. For how many minutes will you support home missions?

Through the ministry of more than 1,000 missionaries and 400 summer workers as seek to translate your money into spiritual values, such values as regenerated souls, revitalized lives, renewed hopes, revived faith, dedicated talents, and devoted Christian service. Thus, you may "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

Your splendid gifts constitute blessing number four.

This quadruplet of blessings not only warms the hearts of all members of the home mission family but serves as a stimulus for every mission cause at home and abroad.

Thanks for the blessings of the March Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Offering.

—000—

Facts of Interest

CARE, a non-profit agency, famous throughout the world for its welfare packages, is celebrating its tenth anniversary. It has sent more than \$200 million worth of supplies — from \$1 cartons of surplus foods, to hand looms, plows, books — to fifty-four countries.

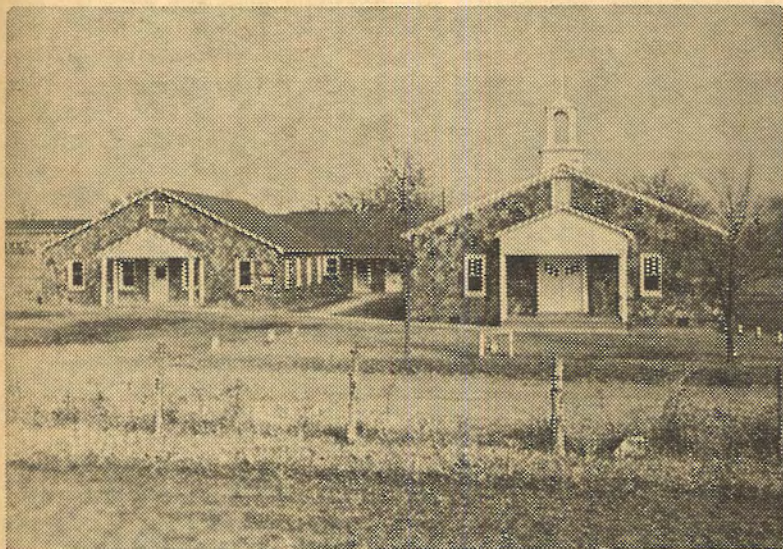
—Bulletin Survey

VALUES

There is victory in a life,
Freed from fetters of self,
Bound to purposeful intent;
While naught awaits but strife
Him given solely to self
As object of life's consent.

—Austin Ingram

Dedication Services at Oak Grove Church



The Oak Grove Church, Clear Creek Association, dedicated their new educational building and also observed the second anniversary of Pastor P. J. Crowder on Sunday, February 26. Secretary B. L. Bridges was the featured speaker at the dedication services.

The new educational building has 2,750 sq. ft. of floor space. It provides for the primary, junior, and intermediate and young people departments. It also has two rest rooms, a kitchen, and the pastor's study. The estimated cost of the new building counting the donated labor on the part of the members of the church is \$17,500.

Also the old building has been completely remodeled and redecorated at a cost of \$2,000. This building now includes the auditorium with a seating capacity of

250, the adult and beginner departments, two nursery departments, and the church secretary's office. Total value of the church property including a six room pastor's home is \$40,000.

During Pastor Crowder's ministry at the Oak Grove Church, the Sunday school has been completely departmentized, the Training Union has been built up, the Missionary Society sponsors all the junior organizations and a Brotherhood has been organized. Plans are now under way for organizing a completely graded choir.

During Pastor Crowder's ministry there have been 58 additions to the church, 36 of these coming as profession of faith and baptism. In January of this year the church went on a percentage basis for all gifts to missions. Dur-



PASTOR P. J. CROWDER

ing the month of January the church gave more than 22 per cent above what it had been giving to the Cooperative Program, more than 20 per cent above its gifts to associational missions. Even though the church has been in a building program, it did not reduce its gifts to missions.

Two of the former pastors of the church were invited and participated in the dedication service. They were: D. O. Stuckey and A. R. Kent. As a token of appreciation the church presented Pastor and Mrs. Crowder with a check for \$100.

Pastor Crowder says, "We are looking forward to greater things out there in the future."

'No Retreat!' Says Jordan Missionary

Southern Baptist missionaries in Ajloun, Jordan, plan to remain at their posts despite the necessity of military protection following riots which caused heavy damage to mission property there.

Mrs. L. A. Lovegren, wife of Southern Baptist missionary Ajloun, wrote her mother, Mrs. Cordelia Grimes, in Cedartown:

"I'd rather die in my place than live a million years with the memory that I had run away."

Her husband is the medical missionary at the damaged mission hospital. The riots have been attributed to opponents of Jordan's entry into the Middle East Treaty Organization.

Writing Jan. 13, Mrs. Lovegren said the stone building which housed the clinic, pharmacy, and laboratory was burned as were the school and some residences occupied by mission employees.

"We now have 50 army men on the place and they will stay as long as needed," she said. "Don't be afraid for us. They don't want to hurt people; they just want to destroy property and of course steal what they can. It is not against us especially but against all foreigners in the country."

In an earlier letter Mrs. Lovegren wrote:

"If this is the hardest thing we have to endure for Christ then we aren't very honored servants of His. If you think I'd rather run away from trouble than to be in the midst of it, then you don't know your daughter very well."

The Lovegrens were appointed in 1951. Mrs. Lovegren is a native of Cedartown and Lovegren was born in China, the son of missionary parents.

Fourteen Missionaries Rejected

"An almost visible chill settled down over the Home Mission Board personnel when Secretary Loyd Corder mentioned at the morning prayer service that the Board had just been compelled to turn down the application of 14 people who were prepared and ready for mission work. There were no funds with which to support them.

"Among those who were to be disappointed was Dr. Stephen M. Corradi, a former bishop in the Roman Catholic church, who, after much study and prayer, has turned from Catholicism and aligned himself with the people called Baptists. In asking for appointment he said, 'I do not ask for a high position, I would love to serve the Lord in the most humble way.'

"Because Dr. Corradi speaks six languages, among them Spanish, the Board wished to appoint him for work with one of our Spanish Baptist missions in New Mexico. In the field where he would have served are 20,000 Spanish people

and a real challenge for his best efforts.

"Yet the Board must turn him down because of lack of funds. And the people on that field, as well as others, must remain without a missionary."

"Among the other 13 the Board was forced to turn down were three women and five couples. Included were pastors and wives who had felt the call of God to the mission fields, one woman to serve as WMU worker among the Indians, and one to serve as kindergarten teacher. If appointed, those who were turned down would have served among the French, Indians, and Spanish-speaking. But the people must continue to wait in darkness.

"Because the missionaries were qualified and eager to serve, and because the fields to which they were to be appointed were so needy, the Direct Missions Committee had searched diligently for the means to support them, but there were no funds.

"It is an awful thing to realize

that when God has called a missionary and he has prepared himself for service he cannot be appointed because Southern Baptists have not provided the money for his support."

In our discussions of the Baptist Foundation, we have tried to point out some of the great needs of various Baptist causes and institutions. We are giving here part of an article that appeared in a recent issue of *Home Missions*, in which is given a very definite illustration of one of those special needs, that of our Home Mission work. As we read this article, the impulse quickly came to use it in the Foundation column of the *Arkansas Baptist*, with the hope that it would strike home to the hearts and pocket books — of some of our Mission loving Baptists. How we could wish that some good Christian couple, or several couples, or individuals, would set up a trust fund with the Baptist Foundation with the earnings dedicated to helping such mission work

as that described in the above story.

We know of many Baptist couples in Arkansas with oil money, rice money, agriculture dollars, who are getting on in years, who should put at least a portion of their wealth into their own denominational work.

We know single individuals, men and women, who are facing old age with a great deal of money in storage that should be put to work for Christ.

What a blessing these people could be to the world if they could get a vision of their own possibilities; what a joy their accomplishments could be to themselves in helping to spread the gospel around the world!

Baptists, God gave you your wealth, or the power to accumulate wealth. What will happen to it when you are gone? The more you have here, the more responsibility you have before God for the way it is used.

And the only way you can take it with you — is to send it on ahead.

W. A. Jackson, Secretary
Baptist Foundation

BSU Council at ASTC Meets Each Week To Plan Work



The B. S. U. at Arkansas State Teachers College has as its president this year Hurbert Carter of Pine Bluff. President Carter presides over the B. S. U. council meeting each week as the officers plan for the enlistment of Baptist students in the local churches and plan the devotional, social and missionary activities of the four hundred Baptist students enrolled at Arkansas State Teachers College. Mr. Carter is seated at the head of the table. Seated at the third seat on the right is Miss Helen Canady, Dean of Women, and one of the B. S. U. Faculty advisors. Not shown in the picture is Mr. James Smalley, B. S. U. Director at Conway.

Starke of First Church, Little Rock, and Missionary and Mrs. Don Orr, missionaries to Colombia, South America.

ARKANSAS TECH BSU NEWS

Sue Carol Price, B. S. U. Devotional Chairman, has been selected as a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Raymond Palmer and Jim Gerren, Arkansas Tech B. S. Uers, have recently been ordained to the ministry. Jim is now pastor of Northvale Church in Harrison.

Henry O. Fudge, Jr., B. S. U. Music Director, is employed as Youth Choir Director by First Church, Russellville.

Don Wright, Arkansas Tech B. S. Uer, is employed by the First Church in Clarksville, as Choir Director.

Arkansas Tech B. S. U. continues its fifteen minute radio broadcast at 9:45 each Thursday night.

*Tom J. Logue, Director
B.S.U. Department*

—000—

Advice is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

—000—

CHRISTIANITY

What most of us professed Christians need is fewer platitudes and better attitudes.

—Oren Arnold.

Mission Interests For the Year

Will Your Church Sponsor a New Church?

In our south wide mission program, a goal of 2,666 new or revived churches has been set up for 1956. Arkansas will want to leave its share in reviving enactive churches, and constituting new ones. Dr. S. F. Dows of the Home Mission Board writes as follows:

"We are preparing an attractive placard award for each church that sponsors a new church in 1956 to hang in its own building. Please write us how many of these you will need in your state. We will mail them to you, and each time a church sponsors a new church you will mail them one of these awards."

Does your church plan to sponsor a new church in '56?

Rural Church of the Year

We are again sponsoring the Rural Church of the Year Program. Materials have been mailed to each missionary and we hope many churches will enroll in this contest. The Shannon Church near Pocahontas was declared the Rural Church of the Year for '55. Why not enroll your church in this contest and endeavor to be the winner for '56? A special award will be given to the church that makes the greatest progress.

Four Star Churches

A Four Star Church is one that has a Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, and Brotherhood. We would like to know how many of the rural churches have these four organizations. We will be glad to issue an award to every rural church that has these four organizations.

State Missionary Appreciated

In a letter from pastor Charles H. Duncan of Calico Rock, we have the following statement.

"Oh, yes, I almost forgot to mention the services here. Brother M. E. Wiles spent the day with me last Wednesday which proved very

profitable in several ways. We had a wonderful response to the message and it was used to bring a railroad man to lay his tithe on the altar for God."

Oklahoma Baptists Hold Rural Church Conference

Oklahoma Baptists held their first state wide Rural Church Conference in February at the First Baptist Church, Cushings, Oklahoma. There were 224 registered. For many years Oklahoma Baptists have conducted a summer school for preachers at Oklahoma Baptist University for a period of two weeks.

Arkansas was the first state in the South to have a state wide Rural Church Conference, and now many of the states are following our pattern. Congratulations to Oklahoma on their fine conference. The next conference for Arkansas will be at the Ozark Boys Camp, Mt. Ida, June 4-7.

Chaplain Richmond's Services Appreciated

Chaplain Richmond of the Boys Industrial School, Pine Bluff, shares with us a letter he received from the parents of one of the boys in the school.

"Dear Brother Richmond: We received your letter several days ago and we were glad indeed to hear the good news that our son was saved and baptized. I feel our prayers have been answered in many ways and we will do our best to keep him in church when he comes home, and will continue to pray for you and the other boys there that they may be saved.

"I saw a great change in _____ when he was home. Please pray for him and our family that we may continue to live for the Lord, and that our boy will soon be returned to us.

Yours truly,
Mr. and Mrs. _____
Department of Missions,
C. W. Caldwell, Supt.

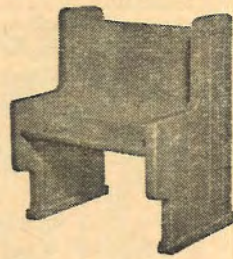
RELIGIOUS FOCUS WEEK

HELD AT OUACHITA BAPTIST COLLEGE

March 5-9 was "Religious Focus Week" at Ouachita Baptist College, and the theme of the week was "Of Things Not Seen." The steering committee was composed of John Wikman of Van Buren, campus B. S. U. president, Nancy Hall of Little Rock, Billy Joe Hogue of Bauxite, and Miss Faye Wellborn, Baptist Student Union Director at Ouachita.

Speakers for the observance included Dr. Perry F. Webb, pastor of First Baptist Church at San Antonio, Texas; the Arkansas B. S. U. director; Ralph Langley, pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church at Dallas; Robert Smith, pastor of First Church, Crossett; George

CHURCH PEWS



At
A
Price

Any Church Can Afford

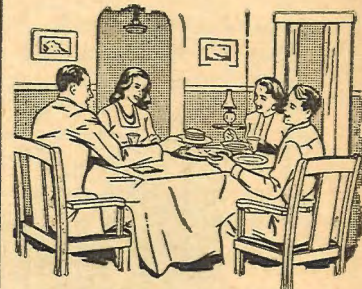
Write or Call:

WAGONER BROTHERS
MANUFACTURING CO.

Phone 246

BOONEVILLE, ARKANSAS

Lido CAFETERIA



QUALITY FOOD

POPULAR PRICES

615 MAIN LITTLE ROCK

1856 - MARS HILL COLLEGE - 1956

In the Land of the Sky

A liberal arts junior college distinguished for thorough scholarship, high social standards, and Christian ideals . . . over 1000 young men and women enrolled from 21 states and 10 countries . . . reasonable costs. Write for an illustrated catalog.

Hoyt Blackwell, D.D., President
Mars Hill, North Carolina



Memorial Library

Children's Page

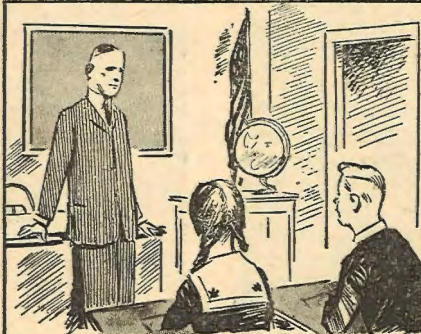
Great Baptist Leaders

GEORGE W. TRUETT
1867 - 1944

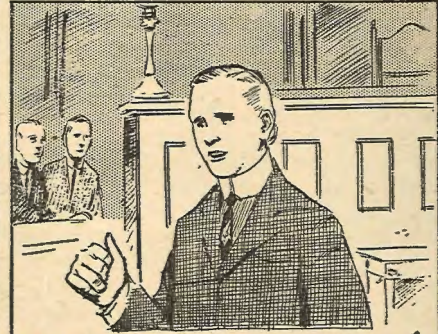
Baptist Press Syndicate
All rights reserved



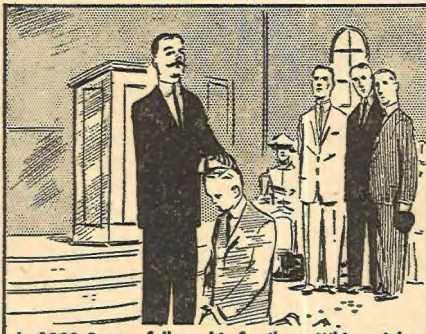
In the shadows of the N. C. mountains where he was born in 1867, the mother of George Truett prays often for salvation of her husband and 8 children.



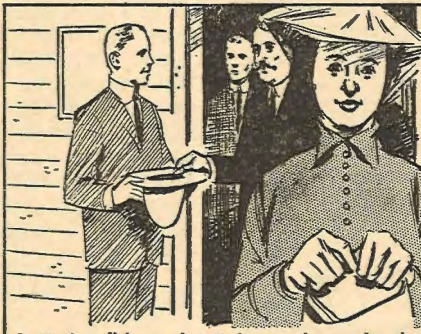
Many prayers are answered when George is converted at 18. At this time he is principal (and founder) of Hiawassee, an academy for boys and girls.



Before the Ga. Bap. Con. of 1888 he makes his first speech. "Brethren," says F. B. McConnell, "this is Geo. Truett. He can speak like Spurgeon." And he Does!



In 1889 George follows his family to Whitewright, Tex. He enters Grayson Col., planning to study law. But the church rises up and ordains him to preach.



B. H. Carroll hears that "wherever he speaks, the people do what he asks..." Carroll urges George to ask Tex. Baps. to lift Baylor's debt. In 2 yrs. it is done.



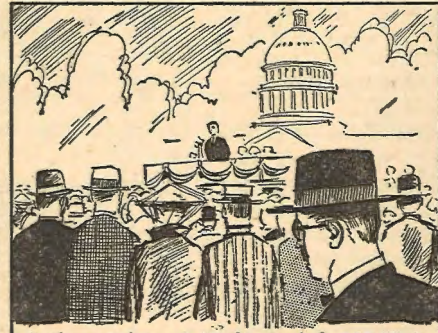
George attends Baylor 1893-1897. While there he is pastor of East Waco Ch. And he wins Josephine, daughter of Judge W. H. Jenkins, for his wife.



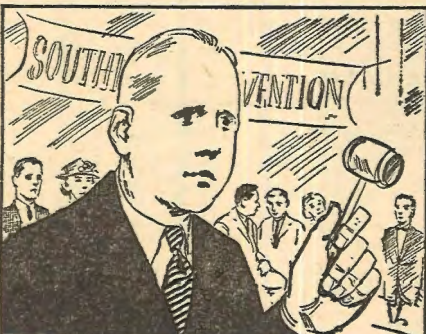
George Truett accepts First Church, Dallas, in 1897. It has 715 members and a debt. He serves 47 years, sees it become largest Baptist church in the world.



West Texas cowboys invite Truett to make a "Religious Roundup" in 1902. His "ropin' and brandin' o' sinners" becomes annual event with many converted.



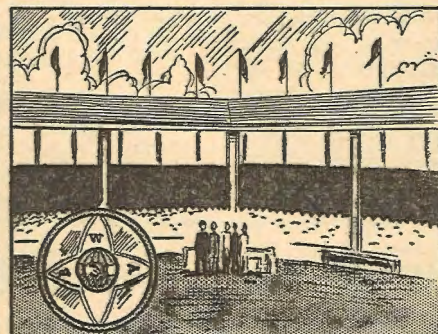
On the capitol steps in Washington before 15,000 in 1920, Dr. Truett delivers a declaration of Baptist faith on religious liberty. Statesmen marvel.



Dr. Truett claims he is not a parliamentarian. But he serves with distinction as President of the Southern Baptist Convention 1927-1929.



His mission trips, Sou. Am. in 1930, around the world in 1935, encourage the missionaries. They bring new mission fervor to Dr. Truett's preaching.



He serves as President, the Baptist World Alliance 1934-1939. Having received all Baptist honors, he goes to greater rewards July 7, 1944.

"Keep the Old Hens as Long As They are Laying"

By R. J. HASTINGS
Nashville, Tenn.

This is the title of an article in a recent farm magazine that admonished the readers to keep their old hens as long as they were laying rather than marketing them. The point is that as long as a hen is producing eggs there is no reason to sell her, regardless of age.

This is good advice for our generation when the new and the novel is often preferred to the old. A re-examination of our standards would be in order to make sure we are not discarding anything worthwhile simply because it is old.

Old Friends.

Steamship and airline companies often advertise faraway places as particularly alluring because they offer the prospect of "new friends." The insinuation is that one grows tired of seeing the same persons everyday — friendships of

past years are not enough. It is true that one should welcome new friends and keep open the door of his heart. But it is a serious mistake to cast aside friendships of long standing simply for the novelty of new friends. It becomes the height of ingratitude to forget the kindnesses of friends of past years.

Old Standards

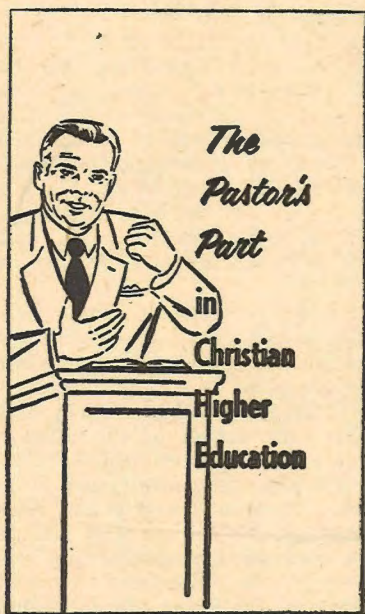
Traditionally, the Christian home is a place of sobriety, love and respectability. Should one forget these old standards and join the movement to convert the American home into a barroom? Must we agree with the brewers who claim that "beer belongs" in the home? Do we have to join the mad stampede to serve social cocktails in the home? Must we wreck the old-fashioned custom of total abstinence in the home simply because it's old?

New Tract

The first order for materials to be used during the annual April Christian Education Emphasis was received on February 20 from the Immanuel Baptist Temple, Henderson, Kentucky, by the Education Commission. The order requested study kits for the 1956 theme, "Prepare for Leadership," as well as 1955 Christian Education emphasis materials on "Career-Planning."

Shipping of sample Leadership Emphasis materials to 24,000 pastors representing more than 30,000 churches was concluded last week by the Education Commission. More than 400,000 pieces of literature were handled in assembling the kits. Each packet contained samples of seventeen pamphlets, leaflets, and detailed instructions for effective presentation of the materials. An order blank for ordering additional kits was enclosed. Materials for five Intermediates or Young People are included in each of the Leadership Emphasis packets ordered.

An eight-page tract, "The Pastor's Part in Christian Higher Education," was especially prepared to be included in the mailing. Gui-



dance and counsel with Intermediates and young people as they make life-shaping decisions on vocation and higher education are vital parts of the pastor's ministry to his congregation.

Old Sermons.

It would take a statistician to tabulate the sermons preached in recent years on the hydrogen bomb. The Salk vaccine, Geneva Conference, and the United Nations would come in for their share, too. This is good in that it indicates our awareness of current world conditions and certainly Christians should be conscious of existing problems. On

the other hand, messages on the old texts like John 3:16 are still needed. Bomb or no bomb, vaccine or no vaccine, we still need to be reminded that we are sinners, that God loves us, and Christ died for us.

Yes, wise farmers keep the old hens as long as they are laying — and wise Christians utilize the old as well as the new so long as there is profit in the past.



SERVING THE CHURCHES... with Literature

By the creating act of the Southern Baptist Convention and by charter, the Sunday School Board was constituted to publish literature:—

"... a new Board, to be called the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention . . . to be located at Nashville, Tennessee . . . to be entrusted with the Convention's Sunday school series . . . to improve the series and to increase the circulation."—Minutes, Southern Baptist Convention, 1891.

"Said corporation shall . . . print and disseminate religious literature looking towards the advancement and spread of the religious faith of Baptist Churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention; . . ."—Charter of Incorporation of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

... PURPOSE AND SCOPE ...

In keeping with the sacred trust conveyed by these and subsequent actions of the Convention, the Sunday School Board serves the churches with literature.

The high purpose which controls the publication of literature by the Sunday School Board is complete dedication to the end that it all shall be: 1. True to the Bible and to the genius of our Baptist people; 2. Sound in doctrine and method; 3. Helpful toward gaining Christian insights about God, ourselves, and the meaning of life; 4. Fruitful in bringing lost people to personal repentance and faith; 5. Effective in kindling missionary vision and zeal; 6. Instructive and creative in cultivating moral character, Christian social attitudes, and full commitment to the kingdom of God; 7. Aimed at helping Christians to grow toward maturity and to fulfil their mission as the followers of Christ; 8. Constant in recognition and support of the churches as autonomous custodians of the gospel; 9. Dedicated to proclaiming the divine nature, redemptive work, saving power, and universal lordship of Jesus Christ.

In attempting to fulfil this inclusive stewardship . . .

The Sunday School Board undertakes to provide Bible study helps and training materials for all the churches and for all age groups. This includes material to help tiny children learn about God, to help growing children learn the ways of pleasing God, to help boys and girls and older persons to receive Christ as Saviour and learn his pattern for life. It helps young people find certainty in faith and dynamic for moral struggle; it helps men and women find the higher meanings of life, the resources for Christian living at its best, and the challenge of redemptive service in the kingdom of God. For this great work many periodicals and books are required and prepared, published and distributed.

Our aim is to help every church fulfil its total mission in evangelism and missions, in stewardship and service, in worship and worthy Christian living.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

JAMES L. SULLIVAN, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST COLLEGE MARSHALL, TEXAS

Reasonable Rates
High Academic Standards
Moral Community Surroundings
Spiritual Atmosphere
Friendly Campus
Well-Trained Faculty

For Information Contact
H. D. Bruce, President

BENTLEY AND SIMON QUALITY CHOIR ROBES

Beautiful, colorful choir robes expertly tailored of fine fabrics to give you years of enjoyment.

Baptismal Robes for Pastor and Candidates.

Order from your

BAPTIST BOOK STORE



For a penny



electricity washes three bundles of laundry

That's the average cost in electricity to run an automatic electric washer for one and one-half hours. Yes, electricity works in hundreds of ways for mere pennies. It washes, irons, cleans, cooks, heats, cools, lights.

It's the biggest bargain in your family budget. And the men and women of your electric company work constantly to keep it that way.

Arkansas

POWER & LIGHT



Company

HELPING BUILD ARKANSAS

The Third Annual State Royal Ambassador Congress

The Third Annual State Royal Ambassador Congress will meet May 4-5, at the First Baptist Church in Little Rock. Plans are being made to care for one thousand boys. We trust that every Royal Ambassador Chapter in the State will be represented. The Congress will begin with registration at 2:00 p. m., on Friday. The Rehearsal for the Recognition Service will be at 4:00 p. m. in the church auditorium. The Evening Session will begin at 7:00 and close at 9:15.

Mr. Bob Banks, State Royal Ambassador Secretary for Oklahoma, will have charge of the Recognition Service. Mr. George Stark, Director of Music for the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, will be in charge of the music for Friday night. Music for the Saturday Session will be under the direction of Mr. LeRoy McClard, Secretary of the Music Department, for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Chaiho Kim of Korea, and Hitoshi Matsuo of Hawaii, Students at Ouachita College will be on the program at both sessions.

Donald Orr, Missionary to Colombia, South America, will be the Missionary Speaker. Mr. Orr is the first appointee of the Foreign Mission Board to be engaged primarily in promoting the Music work on the mission field. He is a native of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and is home on furlough, and will be returning to Colombia in July.

Pastors, counselors, and parents, should make plans now for the boys in your Royal Ambassador Chapters to attend. The Congress program will give them first hand information of the mission work at home and in foreign fields. It will give them inspiration to be better Christians and better Ambassadors for Christ; and last, it will give an opportunity for fellowship with other boys and men from over the State. More detailed plans will be mailed the Pastors and Counselors soon.

New Royal Ambassador Chapters

Several requests for charters for new Royal Ambassador Chapters have been received since the first of the year. We are thankful for these new organizations and hope

there will be many more new chapters in the weeks and months ahead. We hope to have in the near future a mimeographed tract, "Definite Steps in Organizing a Royal Ambassador Chapter," as a help for pastors and Brotherhoods in promoting and sponsoring Royal Ambassadors. We should have at least four new chapters organized each week. Every church should have a Brotherhood, and every Brotherhood should sponsor at least one Royal Ambassador Chapter.

Write or call us for any help we can give. Free tracts and helps are available from the Brotherhood Department. — C. H. S.

Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador Clinics

The Brotherhood Department is planning a Brotherhood Church Officers Clinic and also a Royal Ambassador Clinic within reach of every church in the state.

Most of the Clinics will be Regional (District) affairs. Some will be Associational-wide.

For churches unable to participate in the Clinic in their area, the Clinic materials may be adapted for holding their own Church Brotherhood Officers Clinic.

The purpose of the Clinic is to train Brotherhood leadership and Royal Ambassador Leadership. At Regional or Associational Clinics some eight or nine Sections will be set up; as follows:

1. For Pastors and Brotherhood Presidents
2. For Membership Vice Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers
3. For Program Vice Presidents and Song Leaders
4. For Activities Vice Presidents and Committee Chairmen
5. For Associational Brotherhood Officers
6. For Royal Ambassador Boys
7. For Royal Ambassador Counselors and Prospective Counselors
8. For Young Men, 17-24
9. For Men from churches who do not have Brotherhoods.

The first of the above Clinics is scheduled for all of Southeast Arkansas for Tuesday night, April 10. The following associations will be invited: Harmony, Bartholomew, Delta, Ashley County, Carey, Liberty and Centennial. Other such Regional meetings are being arranged for East Central Arkansas, and for Northeast Arkansas. Later on during the year Clinics will be arranged for all of the rest of the state.

If you would like for the Brotherhood Department to work with you towards planning a Clinic for your association, write us at the Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Brotherhood Department
Nelson Tull, Secretary
C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary

GOWNS

• Pulpit and Choir •

Headquarters for
RELIGIOUS SUPPLIES







Church Furniture • Stoles
Embroideries • Vestments
Hangings • Communion
Sets • Altar Brass Goods

CATALOG ON REQUEST

National
CHURCH GOODS
SUPPLY COMPANY

821 - 23 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

Jesus Interprets History

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

March 11, 1956

Luke 21:29-36

A jig saw puzzle was being assembled. One piece seemed to be a misfit. No cue could be found through shape or color to its proper location. It claimed more attention than other pieces. Only after the puzzle was nearly completed and the place appear where this particular piece went. It fit perfectly and completed the puzzle. Events of history are like the puzzle.

What do you make of life? Are events in life and movements in history without purpose or meaning to you? Is history the blind movement of fate in predetermined course? History is a religious drama. It moves to reveal the kingdom and power of God. Events may seem far removed from any connection with God while there are wars, oppressions, famines, persecutions, and pestilences. The kingdom of God comes not only through the preaching of the gospel but through world conditions. The awful folly of current views and ways of life start men thinking and moving in new directions. Slow learning people sometimes learn what will not work. They can then try what will work.

History has meaning. If it has no meaning, it is because of the nearsightedness of man. History has meaning to God because it unfolds the accomplishment of His purpose. Day by day, generation after generation, men hold interest in the signs of the end of time. God's interest is in the sign of a new beginning in the life of man and a new vitality in his approach to the kingdom of God. We have so few details concerning the end of time yet every man has wonderful knowledge of God's desire for him to begin anew.

THE TIME OF THE LESSON

The time of today's lesson is Tuesday of the last week of Jesus' life. He had been teaching in the temple which was of tremendous beauty and stood as the symbol of permanency. Jesus predicted the doom of the temple (vs. 6). His disciples wondered about this destruction and asked two questions (vs. 7): "When shall these things be?" and "What sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?" Jesus gave a prophesy on how some of the great events would come and affect the whole sphere of human history. False Christs would appear (vs. 8). Followers were not to take off after these pretenders. Political unrest and conflict, earthquakes, calamities plus signs from heaven would arise. Personal persecution would arise. These were harbingers of a greater event.

The drama of history is constantly unfolding in religious intent and purpose. Jesus stands against sin. The divine stand is not against any civilization or

kingdom. Jesus did not stand against the kingdom of Israel but against the sin that was within it. He stands against the sin of any modern civilization. No one can escape. The destruction of any civilization or portion thereof is judgment upon sin which existed within. The prophesied destruction of Jerusalem was the judgment of God against the accumulated rebellion against His way. The downfall of the temple was the judgment of God against religion which had grown empty and vain. Judgments come through the folly of man but divine hands play a knowing part. Jesus had lived, served and was ready to be lifted up. He could see the shallowness of men measured by the depth of God's purpose.

FULFILLMENT

Fulfillment of the prophesy of Jesus came to pass in Titus' time. The Romans came against Jerusalem and by the word of Josephus more than a million people were killed; 97,000 more were taken war captives. A careful, methodical destruction of the city followed. Actually not one stone was left upon another. Believers would be caught in this holocaust. The divine promise is, though they should be hated and suffer persecution, not a hair of the head should perish. This is not an inconsistency, but shows the divine care of God upon those who love Him.

When people saw the armies encompassing Jerusalem they would know that the time was nigh for the destruction. Those that were within the city were to flee to the mountains before the dreadful seige with its disastrous results. Some would be unfortunate (vs. 23). Strong men would fail as judgment carried divine power in human history. Believers would see it and know that their redemption drew nigh.

OTHER SIGNS

In further answer of the question, "What signs will there be?" Jesus spoke concerning a fig tree. Possibly He was near a fig tree at the time. He could see the swelling buds. Breaking a branch He held it out for His disciples to see and said, "You know that summer is nigh because of this tree. When you see the things happening in Jerusalem ye shall know that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand." This was a shadow of all future history. People living at that time would see the awfulness of the destruction of Jerusalem. The very words which Jesus

spoke would fulfil. It was not to be the end of the world. The kingdom comes at more times than at the end of this age. Believers were to take heed lest they be overcharged with the affairs of the flesh and cares of life so that they could not discern this truth. They were to watch and pray always. One of the duties of man today is to discern the hand of God within history and to interpret that hand to men who may not be as sensitive. The end of history has always been interesting to people. Multitudes of questions have been asked concerning the end.

The Second Coming of Christ prompts much searching and many theories. It is of interest to note, however, that the end in God's viewpoint of any city is the beginning of a new order with His people. The flood was a divine judgment, but Noah was a new beginning. Abram's call was a reflection upon the idolatrous worshippers of the Chaldees, but it was a new beginning for God. Isaiah cried out against the political weakness of his day which would surely bring hurt, but it was a new beginning with God. Amos lifted voice to high heaven against social injustice, but it was a day of new beginning for God.

The Second Coming of Christ holds unanswered questions as to schedule and details but to the thinking Christian the Second Coming of Christ is a new beginning for God. Redeemed man will be brought into a relationship closer than he has ever been before and the Christian cause will certainly be brought to a new status through His coming.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

History is meaningless apart from the Christian view. The vicious circle of wars, famines, pestilences, risings, downfalls would never be completed or broken were it not for God's actions in history. The pessimistic thought that things must get progressively worse before any relief can come is not the theme of God's preaching. It is wonderful to share the optimism of faith.

Large movements should never overshadow the individual. Great reformations, revivals, returns to God, are brought about by the power of an individual or individuals working together. No one has a right to despair in history to say that he does not count. His one life can be the life of Jonah thrown against wicked Ninevah or Jeremiah thrown against falling Israel. One should never think that one individual is insufficient in the Christian cause.

Figures to Inspire

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

* Indicates Missions Included

	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alma, First	207	89	
Bald Knob, Central	218	100	3
Benton, Calvary	227	86	
Benton, First	*715	*177	3
Bentonville, First	379	120	1
Booneville, First	468	131	5
Camden, First	*676	*280	
Conway, First	516	133	
Crossett, First	549	207	
Cullendale, First	420	168	
El Dorado, First	*1,108	*332	4
El Dorado, Second	483	214	
El Dorado, West Side	319	109	
Fayetteville, First	*682	*242	5
Fordyce, First	439	125	1
Fort Smith, First	*1,618	*721	11
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	*848	*345	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	372	130	
Fort Smith, South Side	348	127	4
Fort Smith, Spradling	314	109	6
Fort Smith, Temple	289	140	
Fort Smith, Towson	225	124	
Fort Smith, Trinity	394	186	10
Gurdon, Beech St.	239	100	
Helena, West	431	156	2
Hot Springs, Park Place	442	137	6
Jacksonville, First	481	182	1
Jonesboro, Central	402	194	
Levy Baptist	392	151	
Little Rock, First	*1,018	*414	2
Little Rock, Immanuel	*1,752	*494	10
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	644	161	
Little Rock, Second	*1,042	*367	*27
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	728	176	2
Little Rock, Tyler Street	234	90	
Magnolia, Central	*759	*235	1
Malvern, First	580	129	3
Marianna, First	289	154	
Mena, First	*369	*175	
Monticello, First	383	205	2
McGehee, First	509	209	
Nashville, First	350	164	4
No. Little Rock, Baring Cross	*1,068	*324	1
No. Little Rock, Central	345	134	
No. Little Rock, First	333	124	1
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	541	161	3
Paragouff, First	*703	*402	19
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	599	215	7
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial	240	96	2
Pine Bluff, South Side	655	240	
Rogers, First	413	135	
Rogers, Immanuel	123	64	
Siloam Springs, First	391	191	
Siloam Springs, Harvard Ave.	147	89	8
Smackover, First	363	185	
Smackover, Joyce City	174	100	
Springdale, Caudle Avenue	199	78	
Star City, First	*338	*128	
Warren, First	540	171	

MENTAL HEALTH

Probably half the people who are sick today need the scalpel of the Spirit more than they need penicillin, Pentecost more than medication, prayer more than pills, and salvation more than streptomycin.

—Lester McGee.

SPECIAL HELPS AVAILABLE

- For Pastors and Christian Workers
- Counseling (Religious Education 145)\$10.00
For all who want to help others in the Christian life.
 - Ecclesiology 143\$11.50
A course designed to show how the total resources of the church can be put to work.
 - Pastoral Ministries 133\$7.00
A course in which every phase of the work of a minister is explored. Practical.
The price listed includes the study guide, the texts for the course, the grading, and instruction you will receive during the course.

Address _____
 Name _____
 Course _____ Enclosed \$ _____
 Send check or money order to
SEMINARY EXTENSION DEPARTMENT
 P. O. Box 530
 Jackson, Mississippi

5,000 CHRISTIAN WORKERS WANTED

to sell Bibles, Testaments, good books, handsome Scripture mottoes, Scripture calendars, greeting cards. Good commission. Send for free catalog and price-list.

George W. Noble, The Christian Co.
 Dept. D, Pontiac Bldg., Chicago, 5, Ill.

Mixed Marriages

Religion is one of the big factors in every marriage. Christian leaders have always discouraged marriage where one is a church member and the other is not. Also, these same leaders have discouraged mixed marriage, where the two have different faiths.

Many have thought these ideas were old-fashioned and out-moded until the sociologists studied the situation. The study was made by the sociologist on a scientific basis and the evidence was overwhelming against mixed marriages.

It was found that marriages, where two have the same religious backgrounds, have three or four times more chances of survival than those of different religious backgrounds.

During the war years, just passed, the population shifted and people moved around the world. The young people were uprooted and sent to the far reaches of, not only our nation, but the world. In their loneliness, dating became a pastime, without regard for family background or religious feelings. In many instances the dating period became a period of courtship which ripened into love. Because of this and for many other reasons, there are mixed marriages in every community.

If you have read thus far, no doubt some of you are asking, "Why is mixed marriage bad?" Let me state, first, that not all mixed

marriages are bad. Some of them, apparently, are working very satisfactorily. But, the chances for an unsatisfactory marriage multiplies when the two are not agreed on religion.

After the honeymoon is over and the couple settles down to the adjusting in new relationships, there is need for more meaningful ties. This ordinarily would lead to the church groups. But if they are of different faiths, or one has no religious convictions, the adjusting to the larger fellowship is difficult and the marriage jeopardized.

Then, when children enter the family religious differences arise that could, and usually do, bring clashes. For instance over 20 per cent of the marriages where the husband is a Catholic and the wife a member of some other denomination end in divorce. No doubt, many more families suffer severely but do not resort to divorce.

The following figures will substantiate what we have tried to say. When couples of the same faith or religion marry, only 11 per cent end in divorce. When couples of different religious beliefs marry, 18 per cent of such marriages end in divorce. But when a Catholic and one of another faith marry, about 21 per cent end in divorce.

Some serious and thought provoking questions should be asked before two individuals of different religious faiths go to the marriage altar. — R. D.

Many Churches Increase Their Gifts

Many churches have increased their Cooperative Program gifts for 1956. We have mentioned many of them in the paper, but on the other hand there are many of them about whom we did not have the information. In recent mails we have gotten new information about their giving.

The Plainview Church at the Pine Bluff Arsenal, where R. V. Haygood is pastor and leading the church in a marvelous progress, is giving 20 per cent of their offerings for the Cooperative Program. Perhaps this is twice as much as they have ever given.

West Batesville Church, Leslie Riherd, pastor, is making an increase of 25 per cent. We have received a check for January in the amount of \$200 from them. The Acorn Church in Ouachita Association, with Mrs. Viola Barber as treasurer, has increased its offerings for the Cooperative Program as much as 11 per cent.

The Winslow Church has increased its offerings 33 1-2 per cent and is now giving 15 per cent for the Cooperative Program, writes M. P. Downs, treasurer. First Church in Tyronza is increasing its gifts more than 11 per cent, writes Dudley R. Terry, treasurer. Brother Bailey Witcher, treasurer of the Pettit Church near Pocahtontas, reports that the church has voted to give 10 per cent of the gross receipts for the Cooperative Program. Brother Witcher is profoundly interested in the affairs of the whole Kingdom work.

The Dixie Baptist Church in Mt. Zion Association has voted the 11 per cent additional funds for the Cooperative Program in 1956. Brother Carl Sanders, treasurer of the Matthews Memorial Church in Pine Bluff writes, "Just a note to let you know that our church has increased its Cooperative Program (Gifts) by 25 per cent over last year's amount."

Pastor Bill Lewis of the Central Baptist Church in Bald Knob writes, "You will find that we have almost doubled our gifts; about an 80 per cent increase." Brother R. A. James writes that Lee Memorial Church near Pine Bluff has made an increase of \$25.00 per month for the Cooperative Program. They will give \$125.00 per month during 1956. —B.L.B.

North Crossett Adopts New Method

The North Crossett Church has voted to give to missions on the percentage basis. The church will begin this percentage giving on a 10 per cent basis. We predict that they will give more and be happier and find it easier to do so. Brother Sisson is a very dependable treasurer. He keeps in touch with our office and writes encouraging letters. — B.L.B.

Baptist Chairman Honored For Prayer Room Movement

Rep. Brooks Hays, of Arkansas, chairman of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, has received an award from Freedoms Foundation Inc.

The congressman won second place in the over-all general category. He was given \$50 and a gold medal for initiating a movement which resulted in establishing a prayer room in the Nation's Capitol.

Convention Registration

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet May 30 through June 2, 1956 at Kansas City. The appointment of messengers is made on the basis of and in agreement with the Convention's Constitutional requirements, as follows:

Article III. Membership: The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Convention as follows:

1. One messenger for each regular Baptist Church which is in friendly co-operation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purpose and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.

2. One additional messenger from each such church for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10).

We have the registration cards in our office, and if you will let us know how many you need, we shall be glad to mail them to you. — R. D.

—000—

Embezzlers cost United States business \$500 million in 1955, which is almost as much as it lost by fire.

Truth could be described as facts seen in correct perspective.

—Austin Ingram

Belleville Increases Gifts

The Belleville Baptist Church is increasing its Cooperative Program gifts 12 per cent. Think of that. They do not have a permanent pastor. Brother Finch, who is Sanatorium Pastor, supplies for them occasionally and he is a good preacher. Brother Bob Parker is the Treasurer and he is a whole team within himself. He has some fine fellow deacons to carry with him and the church has some of the very salt of the earth within it. Thank you Belleville, for this increase in missions. — B. L. B.

Faith Baptist Church - Benton

The newly organized Faith Baptist Church of Benton and Central Association adopted its first budget, Sunday, February 19, and unanimously voted to give 10 per cent to "OTHERS" before adopting the budget for local needs. The 10 per cent will be divided into local and world needs, with 2 per cent going to Central Baptist Association, and 8 per cent given through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention. Leonard Kaffka is the pastor. — B. L. B.

—000—

11-Year-Old Boy Hasn't Missed S. S. In Decade

One of the youngest persons ever to complete 10 years of perfect Sunday school attendance is William Norman Snodderly, of Jefferson City, Tenn., who is 11 years old.

Norman began attending Sunday school in October, 1945, a few months after his first birthday. He hasn't missed a Sunday since.

His parents are students at Carson-Newman College.

N 22-A-B
MRS T A SPENCER JR
5300 WOOD
N LITTLE ROCK ARK