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ARKANSAS

*Baptist*

MARCH 5

## All Pastors, Churches Need Retirement Plan Benefits

**A**LL OF our pastors and churches need the benefits provided in the retirement plan of our denomination. In Arkansas approximately 46 per cent of the pastors and 38 per cent of the churches are now in the retirement plan.

This low percentage of participation is perhaps due mainly to two things — the hesitancy on the part of the pastors to urge their churches to participate and the feeling on the part of many pastors that they are not financially able.

Some pastors hesitate to ask their church's participation for fear it will be interpreted as a purely selfish move on the part of the pastor. The retirement plan is actually a service to the ministry and not to just a particular minister. This is true because among other reasons the pastor cannot draw upon the funds which the church or denomination pay if he should decide to withdraw from the plan. He can obtain only that portion which he has paid himself. Thus the church and denomination are making possible a retirement plan for the ministry.

Then, too, the retirement plan is security for the church. If the pastor should become physically incapacitated or if he should reach the time of retirement without being financially able to do so this would pose a problem for the church. Churches have consciences. No church would want to ask a pastor

who had served long and well to step aside in either of the above cases when he is absolutely dependent upon his salary for a livelihood. On the other hand if the pastor is no longer able to lead in a progressive program the ministry of the church would be adversely affected. What then is the solution to a problem like this?

It occurs to us that it lies in the direction of the retirement plan. The church would be protecting its own ministry by participating in the plan. The pastor would be willing to step aside for more vigorous leadership if it were economically possible.

The retirement plan also provides a measure of economic security for the pastor and his wife. Many pastors are not able to lay aside much for a rainy day upon their present salary. This plan offers a systematic way on a month by month basis for a measure of economic security for himself in case of physical disability or eventual retirement and for his widow in case of his death.

Our churches are being urged now to

take this added step to help build a stronger retirement plan. That is, the church is urged to pay not only its 5 per cent but also the 5 per cent of the pastor's part. This could be done either by considering it a part of the pastor's salary or the pastor could be granted this raise in his salary. No doubt, many of our pastors should have this salary increase.

The deacons and other laymen of our churches could render their denomination, church, and pastor a real service by leading their church to participate on this basis. A number of other denominations are already providing this kind of retirement service — paying both the church's part and the pastor's part. They have found this a means of strengthening the retirement plan and enlisting more of their pastors. Many of our own churches have already adopted this plan. We would like to urge the lay leadership in our churches to give this serious and prayerful consideration. Now is perhaps the best time to act upon this important matter.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

## Stewardship and Missions Go Together

**I**N THE book *Christian Stewardship*, Delouse Beall has this to say about stewardship and evangelism, "When our churches teach stewardship as a Biblical doctrine just as zealously as they are proclaiming salvation by grace, the atonement, etc., there will be a resurgence of missionary and evangelistic fervor, and a larger usefulness and deepened spiritual life.—Missions and stewardship must always wait upon each other. They advance together or not at all."

This statement may be a new idea to some, but the New Testament proves the theory. In the fourth chapter of Acts we find a positive principle of stewardship; that of acquiring, holding, administering and releasing goods. When the people were willing to do the right thing with themselves and their property, the Church began to fulfill its mission.

Soon after reaching an agreement on property, "With great power gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them." The Resurrection doctrine had to be proved before the masses would accept the teachings of Jesus. Therefore, the early disciple exerted every power to prove that Jesus came to life again after having been put to death.

The early Christians had learned that witnessing was in vain unless the witnesses were empowered by God. They

prayed, found out what the Holy Spirit would have them do, and went about doing it as one heart and one soul. "A great power gave the apostles their witness." This means that they had ability, given them, to bear witness of the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when the early Christians were willing to surrender all to the Lord Christ, the apostles were able to give, with great power, their testimony. This refers to their preaching.

Then we conclude that good stewardship on the part of the church members brings effective gospel preaching.

That early church had people in the membership who were primarily interested in themselves. They needed to be lifted from self-seeking into self-sacrificing before the church could fulfill its mission. "With great power gave the apostles witness of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all, . . . and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."

In our modern day churches, there are those who need to know the need of others and be willing to share their time, talents, and finances with them. The only effective way to teach this broad concept is through a more intensified stewardship program. Baptists have that program already developed. It is the Forward Program of Church Finance, which is a "do-it-yourself" method, that works.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary ■



**COVER PICTURE** — The love of a Christian mother is one of the greatest heritages of any infant. Many of America's greatest giants have attributed their moral character to the teachings of their mothers.

# Gifts Blind Eyes, Says

## God's Word

By FRITZ E. GOODBAR

IT SHOULD be known that these articles must be prepared a week in advance of their publication and therefore during the interval between their preparation and their publication many actions may be taken by our Legislature.



MR. GOODBAR

Before last week's article reached our readers H.B. 325 which we had called a bad bill was called up for consideration but was on motion promptly tabled. The effect of this action was to dispose of the bill. We believe no attempt will now be made to enact it into a law.

Our people have been shocked and outraged from time to time when they have learned that those in government positions of influence have accepted gifts ranging from fur-coats, deep-freezers, expensive rugs, vicuna coats and even sums of money. They have a right to be incensed. A portion of the Bible written more than 4000 years ago says: "He that receiveth gifts overthroweth it (justice)" (Proverbs 29:4), and again: "Thou shalt not wrest justice . . . neither take a gift, for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise and pervert the words of the righteous" (Deut. 16:19), and again: "Thou shalt take no gift for the gift blindeth the wise" (Exodus 23:8).

It is a well known fact that our lawmakers are showered with gifts that range from free passes to the races, and cases of liquor, to entertainment, transportation and feasts. Of course all of this is done because the donors love these legislators so much. But we also imagine they feel it is money well spent.

Unfortunately the writer does not know how many refuse these gifts but those who do, can, according to God's word vote more wisely than those who do not. H.B. 435 by Representative Stagg of Monroe County would make it — among other things — unlawful for anyone to give or for a track to receive a free pass to a horse race track. This bill strikes at the very evil we have been discussing.

Several hundred free passes of Oaklawn race track, some good for one day and others good for every day of the season are distributed to our state officials. The acceptance of these passes is not the acceptance of money but it is certainly its equivalent. According to the published scale of prices these admissions would total several thousand

# 1959 Goal: More Than Ever Before

THE YEAR your association reached its highest record in baptisms is given in column 2 below. The number of baptisms for your high year is listed in column 3.

The goal for '59 is "MORE THAN EVER BEFORE", which would mean over 20,271 — the total of column 3.

How many associations will seriously undertake to reach more for Christ than the number listed below?

How many churches will endeavor to go beyond its highest record?

ASSOCIATIONS	RECORD YEAR	RECORD NUMBER	59 RECORD
Arkansas Valley	1949	591	
Ashley County	1950	355	
Bartholomew	1950	661	
Benton	1953	454	
Big Creek	1951	121	
Black River	1958	362	
Boone	1949	204	
Buckner	1950	333	
Buckville	1955	39	
Caddo River	1948	168	
Carey	1951	207	
Caroline	1950	372	
Carroll	1955	142	
Centennial	1950	291	
Central	1950	907	
Clear Creek	1952	408	
Concord	1952	1,195	
Conway-Perry	1948	139	
Current River	1947	205	
Dardanelle-Russellville	1954	271	
Delta	1949	728	
Faulkner	1947	261	
Gainesville	1948	186	
Greene County	1951	436	
Harmony	1949	805	
Hope	1952	714	
Independence	1950	352	
Liberty	1950	1,076	
Little Red River	1949	163	
Little River	1950	285	
Mississippi County	1948	1,006	
Motor Cities	1956	900	
Mt. Zion	1954	622	
Newton	1949	68	
Ouachita	1954	207	
Pulaski	1950	1,776	
Red River	1955	301	
Rocky Bayou	1951	142	
S-VB-S	1954	180	
Tri-County	1950	771	
Trinity	1955	650	
Washington-Madison	1950	451	
White County	1950	300	
White River	1950	218	
Woodruff	1952	248	

**MORE THAN EVER BEFORE**

dollars. We would not charge that the track owners expect to get some of this back at the betting windows but an article in a recent state daily stated that last year the suckers bet \$15,220,-838. The track owners rake-off must be considerable or they could not be so generous in their gifts and their advertising. We are here reminded of a statement made several years ago by Dr. Gramble when he said: "You can't expect to have an honest horse race until you have an honest human race." The fact that the saliva from the mouths of all the horses in a race must be tested to detect possible doping would suggest that dishonesty is entirely pos-

sible or at least a skeptical public thinks so.

We are happy to note the organization of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas whose purpose it will be to carry on a continuous campaign against alcohol, narcotics, gambling, obscene literature and other related vices. Our Christian people need to be informed — and they will be — of men who parade under the banner of Christ at election time and then vote with the Devil's crowd when moral issues are at stake. As citizens we need to call these hypocrites to account. Their voting record is a public matter and always available to any citizen. ■

## Are You a Christian?

HOW MAY one know that he is a disciple of Christ? The same question might be stated: How may one know that he is a Christian, that he has the gift of eternal life, that his ultimate destination is heaven?

Some people think you are sure for heaven if you belong to a church—provided, of course, that it is of the proper denomination and that you go to church with some regularity and sing and pray and give your tithes and offerings. To this some would add such things as not going to picture shows, not dancing, not using cosmetics, not swearing, not drinking liquor, not smoking tobacco, etc. And some would require that you be an integrationist or a segregationist on the race issue, depending, of course, upon the point of view of the one laying down the requirements.

Some think it is a matter of good works, such as giving to the poor, encouraging and helping widows and orphans, and doing personal witnessing to win others to Christianity.

Many of these things, both positive and negative, we believe to be involved, either directly or indirectly, in the test of discipleship. But one might conceivably rate 100% on all of these and still be dead in sin and on the road to an eternity in hell.

What, then, is a reliable test of Christian discipleship? Many scriptures could be quoted. But none is any more simple and specific, we believe, than Romans 8:9:

*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.*

Notice, also, the verses that follow:

*And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

*Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.*

*For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Romans 8:10-14).*

The real test, then, is having the Spirit of Christ. If one has this great possession, he will love the church of Christ and people who are outside the Christian fold as well as those within. One with the Spirit of Christ will be faithful to the church because of its fellowship and the door of Christian service it opens to all disciples. The true disciple will gladly give, will join in public as well as private worship, and will give feet to his prayers in Christian witness and ministry to others. But let us not get the cart before the horse. We are not Christians *because* we do these things. We do these things because we are new creatures in Christ.

The real evidence of our discipleship, of the presence of Christ's Spirit in us, is His love in our hearts. In the great chapter on love, 1 Corinthians 13, Paul reminds us that one may be able to speak with the greatest eloquence imaginable, may have all knowledge so as to understand all mysteries, may have a faith that removes mountains and may have a liberality that gives all his possessions to feed the poor, but, if he have not love, be as empty as clanging brass or tinkling cymbal. All of this, if one have not love, will not be worth one copper cent in the Kingdom of God.

While one's walk in life does not determine the genuineness of discipleship, the genuineness of one's discipleship will determine the walk:

*He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked . . . He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother is in darkness even until now (1 John 2: 6, 9).*

There is no better test, we believe, than that with which we started: *Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.*

—ELM

## A Hog Is Different

MARK TWAIN'S view on church-going is reflected in the words of his star character, Tom Sawyer:

*There warn't anybody at the church, except maybe a hog or two, for there warn't any lock on the door, and hogs likes a puncheon floor in summer-time because it's cool. If you notice, most folks don't go to church only when they've got to; but a hog is different.*

Speaking of church-going, the results of our readership survey of the Arkansas Baptist reminded us of the typical Baptist congregation: we found that more than half our readers are women, two-thirds are women and children, and only one-fourth are men. That's just about the proportion of the worshipers in any of our congregations.

Why this great preponderance of those of the fair sex? My pastor says that, for one thing, there are a lot more widows than widowers. The girls are out-living us. But I think the pastor got in a good point the other Sunday night when he was fussing — good-naturedly, of course — about the absence of so many men from the service.

"I see some women here that I told this morning to come back," he said. "But I told several of our men to come back and they are not here. Women are just not as hard-headed as men," he grinned. "I reckon that is because an old man is nine parts mule and one part billygoat. A woman will listen to you, but try to get a man to do something and he will go in the other direction!"

Perhaps it is just as well that in heaven there will be neither marrying nor giving in marriage — there likely wouldn't be nearly enough of us fellows to go around!

Well, times have changed since the days of Tom Sawyer. Churches do not have puncheon floors and hogs do not have the freedom they once had, in the days of free range. But you will see an occasional dog at church. We had one to come trotting in with our choir on a recent Sunday.

A dog that comes to church always has my sympathy. His presence casts a favorable reflection upon the family he lives with, for dogs don't just come to church, they follow somebody in whom they have confidence.

A dog that follows you to church may be a dumb animal, but he really is not nearly as "dumb" as backsliders who could and should come, but never darken the church door. Dogs, too, are different!

*Erwin L. McDonald*

**Meddling**

AFTER ALL your fine editorials why was it necessary to write the one . . . entitled "Eating to Live"? (Personally Speaking, Feb. 12). You rascal you! You stopped preaching and went to meddling!—J. L. P., Fort Smith

**Coulter Commended**

THE HARMONY Association Feb. 3, endorsed the following commendation:

"The executive board of Harmony Baptist Association commends to our sister churches the evangelistic ministry of Rev. T. R. Coulter, Jr.

"This brother beloved has led the Matthew's Memorial Church of Pine Bluff in a constructive, balanced, spiritual, and evangelistic program during his pastorate here.

"He is qualified by personality, zeal, training, experience, and ethical attitudes to lead our churches in revival efforts; and we unhesitatingly recommend him to our brethren everywhere."

—Amos Greer, Supt. of Missions; Luther Dorsey, Moderator; E. A. Richmond, Clerk.

**Legislator's Thanks**

AS A member of the legislature, I have appreciated and enjoyed the Arkansas Baptist. I especially enjoyed the article of Mr. Fritz E. Goodbar in the Feb. 12 issue.

I know of the tremendously good work that you are doing with your publication and through your organization.

I hope that you will continue, as suggested by Mr. Goodbar, to remember us in your prayers.—R. Ben Allen, Pulaski Representative.

**Teaching Children**

RECENTLY I received a letter from a church in Arkansas written by the Superintendent of the Primary II Department of the Sunday School, telling me that the seven-year-olds wanted to follow up their Sunday School subject, "Jesus and His Helpers," the theme for January, February and March, with some missionary project in our Homeland, that these boys and girls could participate in, even though it may be something simple.

The spirit of this letter thrilled my heart because as I try to minister to the Spanish speaking people in Grand Junction, Colo., under the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, I realize that it is through the simple faith and learning of the child that some day as adults they will be giving of their means or themselves to missions.

In participating in missions at the age of seven these boys and girls are going to learn that missions, whether Home or Foreign, is World Missions.



A "female prayer meeting" was organized by the women of Sterling Church, at the mouth of St. Francis River, constituted in 1854.

Following the war, about 1876, the church was reorganized with J.L. Quinn as pastor.

On October 12, 1851, "after a full and free expression of their views," three men and thirteen women organized First Church, Helena.



If they can learn now that even Home Missions is World Missions because through our Home Mission Board we are ministering to the Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Mexican, Jewish and International Students, etc., can we not predict that the day is coming when even more will be done in the way of World Missions?

May we begin now to train up the child in the way he should go concerning World Missions. — James L. Gebhart, Grand Junction, Colo.

**CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS DROPPED**

BERLIN — Communist papers in East Germany have begun to omit all Christian symbols and references to religion in funeral advertisements and notices. Many papers no longer print the name of the officiating pastor or do not identify him as such. Some newspapers also have deleted the cross from advertisements of undertakers, which used to feature an urn and a cross.

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# JONAH SPEAKS

and what he says is: "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9).

**I**T TOOK Jonah a long time to come to this, but in the end he learned this all important lesson.

The story of Jonah is very interesting and full of instruction. The Scriptures inform us, "Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah" (Jonah 1:1), just as the Word of the Lord is coming to you now by this very message.

What is this word of the Lord? you ask. In the language of the Bible, it is that "which by the gospel is preached unto you" (1 Peter 1:25). It is the gospel of the grace of God, offering forgiveness, salvation and blessing to all who will accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Today, as in the days of Jonah, "God . . . commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). Yet Jonah disobeyed; he was told to go east to Joppa on foot; instead, he started west by boat, to Spain. It is a serious matter to disobey God as Jonah discovered, resulting in a terrific storm at sea, and his being cast overboard by the sailors

and swallowed by "a great fish."

Then Jonah, finding himself helpless, prayed unto the Lord, realizing that if he was to be saved it must be the Lord's work; he was unable to save himself. Then he spoke as one penitent, "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9).

You ask, "What is salvation?" Webster's dictionary gives this definition: "The saving of man from the spiritual consequences of sin, especially deliverance from sin and eternal damnation through the atonement of Christ." Salvation is exactly that simple — it means to be saved. Acts 16:31 tells us plainly: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Do you realize that you are a sinner in the sight of God, and unable to save yourself? God has made ample provision for your salvation. According to the 3rd chapter of John's Gospel, the 16th verse (perhaps the most quoted verse in the Bible): "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son (the Lord Jesus), that whoso-

ever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." It is evident, then, that all who believe in Him, and accept Him as Saviour, will receive salvation and everlasting life. Either you believe in Him and have everlasting life — or you do not, and you will perish!

The preservation of Jonah's life in the midst of deadly perils was infinitely easy to Almighty God, and should encourage us to pray for full deliverance from our trials, upon repentance and confession that:

1. I am a sinner.
2. Jesus Christ is available to be my Saviour.
3. I accept God's offer of salvation by repenting and accepting the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross as the basis of my blessing. The Scriptures declare: "The blood of Jesus Christ his (God's) Son cleanseeth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Your salvation, then, can be on this basis only: "SALVATION IS OF THE LORD" (Jonah 2:9). W. C. Midgley ■

## Help Make America Christian

By **LOYD L. HUNNICUTT**  
(Arkansas Representative on  
Home Mission Board)

**J**ESUS SAID to His disciples, "Look on the fields" (John 4:35). Before He tells us to pray for laborers, He says, "Look." Before He tells us to go, or even to give, He says, "Look on the fields."

When we look on the fields and see the moral, spiritual, and social condition of our own home land, we see the ravages of sin. This is evident in the disintegration of Ameri-

can home life, the increase in crime and gambling and alcoholism and the use of narcotics, the communistic and atheistic philosophies being taught in so many quarters, the licentious and obscene literature on the news stands, and the appalling indifference to spiritual values.

Before there can be even any desire to meet the needs of the world, these needs must be seen. Wisdom has fled from us if we do not look now upon the needs existing in our own land. If we will look with love and compas-

sion, as did our Saviour, rather than with indifference or curiosity, we will have a compelling desire to do something about the present ills of our land.

We believe there is an answer to our existing need. Legislation, education, and even moral training — great as these are, they are not sufficient. There are two ways to give an answer: A verbal word, and a vital word. God's answer to our ills is a vital Word. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among men." Yes, Christ is still the answer. It is up to us to give this answer without hesitation.

Your Home Mission Board is giving this answer through its 1,386 missionaries working with the many different language groups, the deaf, good-will centers, Indians, Negroes, migrants, Jews, rescue missions, city missions, Western and pioneer work, and military personnel.

Woman's Missionary Union sponsors the Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions the first week in March. For two years the \$2 million goal has not been met, and the Home Mission Board is dependent upon this offering for 40 percent of the operating budget.

Pastors, the Woman's Missionary Union, and the Home Mission Board appeal to you to lend your support to this most worthy cause, that messengers may be sent to those who have not

heard; that hearing, they may believe and call upon the name of the Lord and be saved. The help of the pastor in promoting this special offering will be of immeasurable value. ■

### Counselor's Corner

#### How to Win a Bachelor

**QUESTION:** I am 40 years old. I go to church regularly and there is a so-called old bachelor who goes to the same church. I am very much interested in him. Can you tell me how I could win his love?

**ANSWER:** Don't start too many sentences with the letter "I". That is a good place to begin. No one wants to be married to an I-person, although that is probably not the reason you are not married.

There are simply more women than men in our society, probably about four to one your age. This is a pathetic situation. On the other hand, you can live a rich life even if you do not find a mate. Many women do. Most men want a woman who can accept him more or less uncritically — this is not easy, we men being what we are.

The same bait will not catch all kinds of fish. Study your man, become the kind of person he might desire, but don't wiggle the bait too fast.

In other words, be a genuine Christian person. If this will not get results you had better stay single.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)



MR. HUNNICUTT

# West Calls For Baptists

By BILL MOYERS

Southwestern News

EVEN AS Horace Greeley said, "Go West, young man, go West," Americans by the thousands, young and old, were doing just that.

"They come in crowds a mile long," one editor wrote in 1854 as the wagons creaked through his town.

By 1900 the eleven states of the West — Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming — could count a combined population of 4,083,000.

Still the flow continued, swelling the population six times by 1956 to 24,000,000.

"Church going was not possible during the early stages of settlement," Historian Dan Clark has written of the West, "since there were no churches."

Not many settlers were interested in churches. S. G. Posey, Southern Baptist leader in California, points out that the multitudes came West "in search of either gold or glamor" — not God.

Whatever the reason, evangelical Christianity never took root in the West while sects and secularism were flourishing. Today the eleven states comprise perhaps the most significant area in the United States to be almost untouched by an evangelical witness. A prominent Methodist leader says only 15 percent of the population is significantly connected with religion. Statistics for California alone show that three out of every four persons in the state have never had a religious experience.

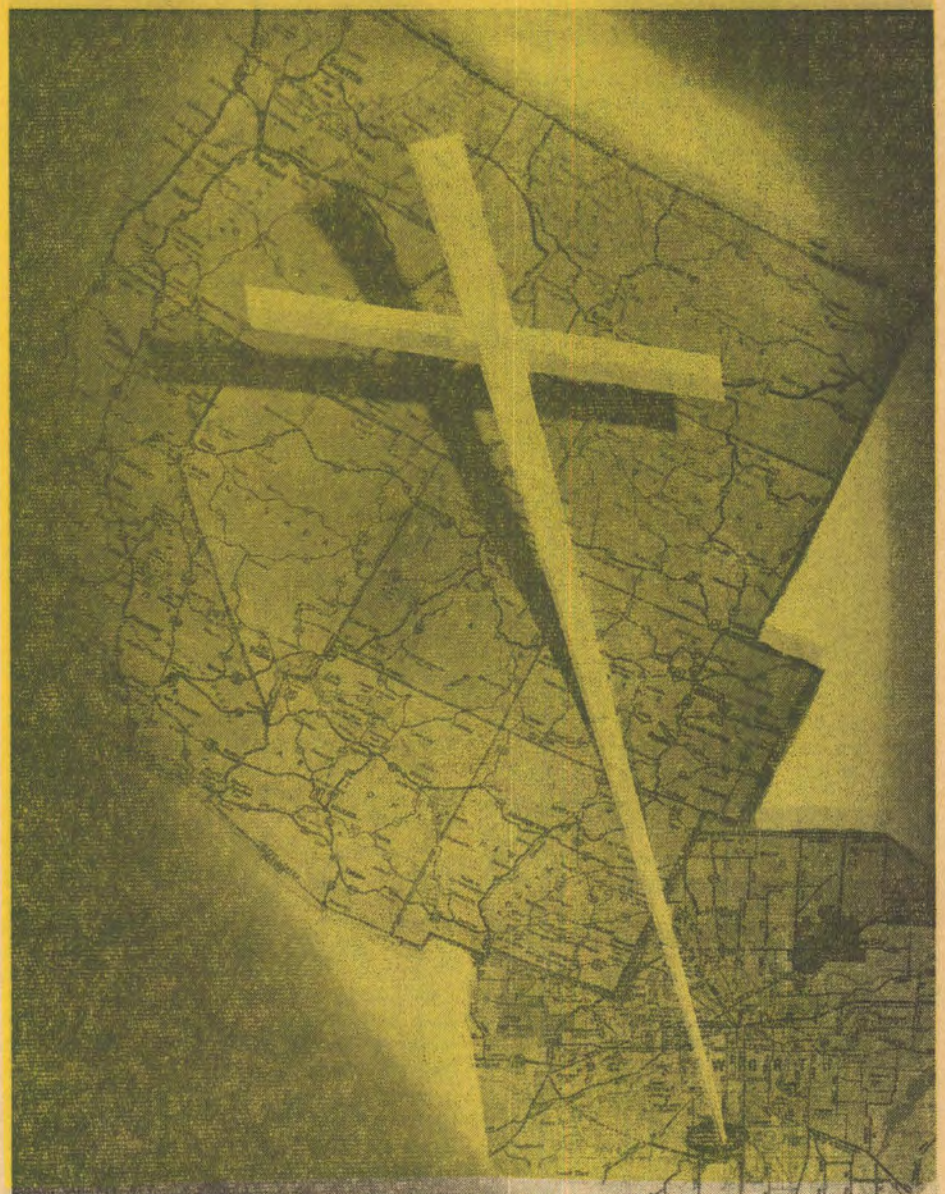
Southern Baptists have only 1,264 churches in the New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, California, and Oregon-Washington conventions.

This means there is one Southern Baptist church for every 19,490 people. In sharp contrast, Arkansas has one church for every 1,541.

The oldest of the Western conventions is New Mexico, founded in 1912. Something of the magnitude of the challenge there is contained in a letter from Jack C. Burton, pastor, 1st Church, Hatch:

"We have started a mission among the Anglo people 15 miles north of here. There is no evangelical church within ten miles of these people and we have been living in complete oblivion of dozens of prospects, people completely lost without Christ.

"We are also preparing to survey an area in the mountains and high plateaus where there are numerous ranches with no evangelical witness what-



soever. This area is fifty miles northwest, but we are the nearest Baptist church.

"We have also arranged with a home missionary in the Las Cruces area (35 miles south) to come up here one day each week to work among the Spanish people. There are 5,500 in our valley.

"Our church has underwritten this project in a great way. If we could get a man to come full time to work here we would pay him a full-time salary.

"My facility with Spanish is coming along nicely, too. There are over a thousand Braceros (Mexican contract laborers) here in the valley to pick the cotton crop. This is one of the most fabulous missionary opportunities that I have ever seen. They are out from under the thumb of the Catholic church and they will listen to you preach any place any time.

"I have been going out and preaching to them every free evening I have, and often I delegate administrative responsibilities to my deacons so that I can go more often."

"I have several hundred Gospels of John in Spanish. My Royal Ambassadors stamp the name of the church, mark John 3:16, and other scriptures with the word 'believe' in them, and then enclose a tract.

"My men carry these in their cars. When we see some of the Braceros along the road we stop and give them a Gospel of John and tract. Several of our men speak Spanish and so we tell them very simply of the plan of salvation. We will only know in Heaven how many are there because of these efforts."

A sizeable task that — especially when it is recalled that Mr. Burton's church has only 125 resident members. They are attempting to underwrite a budget of \$15,000, twenty per cent of which will go to the Cooperative Program.

## Arizona

The Baptist General Convention of Arizona was organized in 1928. Its president this year is James R. Staples, pastor, North Phoenix Church.

Arizona Baptists must cope with one  
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## - - - 10 million lost in California

big problem, Pastor Staples writes — finances. "We have good leadership, fine constituency, and now we are secondly to the Catholics in number. Our work is expanding in an encouraging way."

### California

The task facing the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, organized in 1940, is a gigantic one: more than 10 million lost and unchurched people in the state.

Executive secretary-treasurer of the convention is S. G. Posey, who writes:

"There is an immediate need of over 2,000 new missions and churches to meet pressing needs now, but our convention does not have the funds to project the work that fast or that far. If provision is not made to reach them in the next five years, millions of them will never be reached.

"California may be glamorous to many who would like to come this way, but there is no glamor in a struggling mission church field in California. There is hard work to be done and there are sacrifices to be made if the churches are to win their way into the hearts of the people and win them for the Lord and train them for leadership and service."

### Oregon-Washington

Organized in 1948, the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington really had its beginning on the campus of Southwestern Seminary. There Leonard B. Sigle and R. E. Milam prayed and talked through a night just prior to Sigle's graduation. Sigle had been extended a call to become pastor of 1st Church, Klamath Falls, Ore. He accepted, began his work in 1930, and one year later started the Pacific Coast Baptist. That marked the start of modern Southern Baptist work in the area.

"The greatest challenge here as far as Southern Baptists are concerned," Dr. Milam writes, "is the fact that so few people are enlisted in any church. The need is for ministers and other leaders who are trained to do the task and who are willing to sacrifice beyond the call of duty."

### Colorado

Youngest of the Western state conventions is Colorado, founded in 1955. In 1958, 114 churches and 14, 287 members were listed.

"In an area of 500,000 square miles," writes Area Missionary R. H. Cagle, "We have barely made a beginning. We need 32 new missions in Denver alone, 420 new missions in the state of Colorado, and over 1,400 in the 5½ states covered by the convention."

What are some of the problems men face when they accept a call to the West?

There are financial difficulties. No agency guarantees a definite income to men who go as pastors in pioneer areas, so many of the men must work

at secular jobs to support their families.

There are physical limitations. When W. A. Wiggins became pastor in Missoula, Montana, his members met first in a 20 by 50 foot room of a commercial building, paying \$100 a month rent. The recession hit and the congregation was forced to move to the garage of the pastor's home.

Distance is often a problem. Lyle Miller, for example, must travel 80 to 150 miles to workers' conferences and associational meetings.

Weather is often adverse. The Wiggins still remember the night their car began to sputter when they were enroute to Helena. It was 10:30 p.m., the temperature was 30 below zero, and they were driving along a lonely ice-covered road. They knew they would freeze if the car stalled. To keep the motor running the pastor was forced to race along the dangerous highway at high speed.

But there are rewards. "I have never been happier," writes R. H. Cagle, who was pastor of some prosperous Texas churches before going to Colorado.

The work in these Western areas is not keeping pace with the population increase in each state.

Arizona alone is expected to increase 70% by 1970, California will increase 51%, Nevada 83%, Utah 41%, New Mexico 38%, Colorado 36%, Wyoming 18%, Montana 18%, Idaho 12%, Oregon 34%, and Washington 29%.

Southern Baptists are faced with this ultimatum: either grow with the West or be swamped by the deluge of population.

Here are some things Arkansas Baptists can do to help meet the challenge of the West.

1. **Face the facts.** We must see the vast areas of the West as a significant mission field in which to thrust the Cross of Christ.

2. **Financial support.** Every church in Arkansas ought to support the work of at least one mission or church in the West. Even \$50 a month is like manna from above to the pastor who barely ekes out support for his family.

3. **Willingness to go.** God will likely call young Arkansas Baptists to plant their lives in the West. Are you willing to say: "Here am I, Lord, send me"? ■

### M Night Drew 470,000 Persons

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— Latest reports on "M" Night show that attendance reached 470,404, according to R. Maines Rawls, director of associational work in the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. This is an increase of 16,853 over 1957 attendance.



**THIS LITTLE Choctaw Indian girl of Philadelphia, Miss., is carrying a heavy burden of love. In love, you can help bear the "heavy load" of carrying the message of Jesus to all in our homeland by sacrificial giving through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.**

### Brooks Hays Subject Of Feature Article

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BPN)— Brooks Hays is the subject of a feature article in the March issue of *Christian Herald* magazine. It tells of Mr. Hays' achievements as a congressman and president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The article was written by Casper Nannes, religion news editor of the *Washington Star*, D. C.

Nannes' source of material was personal interviews with Mr. Hays and his recent book, *This World: A Christian's Workshop*.

WASHINGTON —(BP)—A dispenser that can fill as many as 60 communion glasses at one time has been patented by the pastor of a Baptist church here. James O. Duncan, pastor of the Hillendale Church and former editor of the *Capital Baptist*, believes that his invention will be of great help to churches with large congregations.

# Inside Red Russia

By DR. H. E. WILLIAMS

(President, Southern Baptist College)

I SAW the church in Russia battered, beaten, bleeding but still carrying the cross of Christianity with a stubborn determination. Our



DR. WILLIAMS

Baptist people in the Soviet Union now number some 600,000 compared to over 3,500,000 before the revolution. They have some 4,500 members in Moscow and use a small church about large enough for some 800 occupants. However, they have three

services on Sunday and one on each night of the week, Tuesday through Friday, in order to serve the people.

They are not allowed any training programs of any sort. So they have only the worship service, which runs for a full two hours. I saw 2,200 people, packed into every available inch of space, in the services I attended on Sunday and on Thursday night. They were jammed to the very walls and even stood between the knees of people seated in the pews. Many stood out on the sidewalks to hear the service by loud speaker while others were standing as closely packed as possible under the pulpit which was some seven feet above the lower floor.

What a joy it was to hear them sing, "Work for the Night is Coming," which made us to think that they really knew the terrors of the night of atheism and feared its blight again in their day.

When they sang, "Revive Us Again," our hearts melted with them as we felt no people in all the world could mean with more fervor as a prayer than these Baptists in Russia.

When the pastor preached on "The Marriage Feast at Cana," he told the people that when the early disciples gave into the hands of the Master all of



FORMAL EDUCATION is emphasized in Russia as evidenced by this class for those hard of hearing.

their resources and did without question His will, that He transformed their effort into a miracle of blessing. He assured them that if the Baptists of the Soviet Union would be as sacrificial and obedient that in God's own good time He would likewise perform a modern miracle of blessing to all the world. I thought, how like John on the Isle of Patmos when he told the poor, struggling, persecuted churches of Asia Minor that he saw their prayers as live embers on the altar of God. He told them God had not failed to hear their prayers in the midst of trouble and that in His own good time He would answer with the victory of the ages when the Cause of Christ would not be burned by the tyrants of Rome, nor the rest of the world.

The pastor of Moscow can say with confidence, against the background of suffering, God shall have the last word. He will not forever fail. He only permits the dross to be burned by the fires of persecution. He does not permit the regenerated heart to die.

In the days of the French revolution the atheistic fanatics took hammers and destroyed the images of the churches as high as they could reach. They did not climb the walls nor altars of the churches to smash the higher images but destroyed only those they could reach.

This same thing happened in the Soviet Union when the Communists took the hammer and sickle to the churches of czarist Russia. They only smashed the images as high as they could reach. They could not reach the image of a true believer whose heart is made of regenerated gold tried in the fires of persecution. That image will survive all the terrors of any century and all of the powers of combined tyranny

whether political, economic or spiritual.

Again let me sum up the matter. We as Christians must settle the problems of the world by Christian standards or they will be settled by the standards of the Communists. When they are settled by the standards of a Christian conscience they will be permanently settled. If they are settled by the standards of the materialist they will be settled but for a tragic season and mankind will revert to an intellectual barbarian, void of all the fine qualities that religion can give him. His prosperity and power will be stripped and he will become a savage in the laboratories of science with a distorted opinion of his origin and destiny. He will crucify all that is noble and great in his long history on a new Golgotha of materialism while his soul rots in limitless Sodoms of the world. ■

## Public Affairs Committee Invites Canadian Baptists

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Another step toward North American Baptist solidarity has been taken by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here. The Baptist Federation of Canada has been invited to participate in the work of the Committee, according to announcement by C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director.

The Baptist Public Affairs Committee has been a cooperative effort by six national Baptist conventions in the United States. They maintain an office in the Nation's capital to serve as an information and interpretation agency both to the Government and to the Baptists, especially in the area of church-state relations.

# Arkansas All Over

## Hugo Culpepper Takes Southern Seminary Post

HUGO HURLSTON Culpepper, missionary to Argentina, has been selected, effective June 1, assistant professor of missions at Southern Seminary.

A professor in International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, since 1951, Culpepper is completing residence requirements at Southern this semester for a doctor's degree in Christian Theology.

He is a native of Pine Bluff. He had completed studies at Marion Military Institute in Alabama and was studying at the U. S. Naval Academy, when, in 1932, he resigned to study for the gospel ministry.

After study at Ouachita College, he went to Baylor University, where he received a B. A. degree in 1936. He earned a master-of-theology degree at Southern Seminary in 1939.

Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1940, he and Mrs. Culpepper, the former Miss Ruth Cochrane, Little Rock, went to Peiping, China, as language students.

Because of international tension a few months later, the language school was moved to the Philippine Islands. In 1941 they were interned in the Baguio Concentration Camp. They remained there until they were liberated by the U. S. Army in 1945.

Following repatriation aboard a troop transport, the Culpeppers, both of them in ill health, went to Little Rock for a two-year period of convalescence.

In 1947 they went to Santiago, Chile, where Culpepper was a professor in the Baptist Seminary. He left that post in 1951 for the teaching position in Buenos Aires.

Mrs. Culpepper holds a degree from Baylor and is a graduate of the W.M.U. Training School, now the Carver School of Missions and Social Work. They have two sons, Richard Allan, 12, and Paul Lawrence, 10.

The parents of Mr. and Mrs. Culpepper live in Little Rock. Both couples are active members of the Immanuel Baptist Church there. His father, J. H. Culpepper, now retired, is former chief of the Federal Income Tax Division for Arkansas. Her father, W. F. Cochrane, is a retired corporation lawyer.

● FIVE OUACHITA students made all A's during the first semester. The high-ranking students are: Patricia Jo Brown, Blytheville; Carole Crockett, Ft. Smith; Jimmy Dale Peacock, McGehee; Drollene Plattner, St. Albans, W. Va.; and Charles Tittle, Hope.

● DR. ANDREW HALL, 1st Church, Fayetteville, served on a focus-week program at Hannibal-Lagrange College, Hannibal, Mo., Feb. 9-13. He brought the opening convocation message, "Our Need for This Hour."

● NORMAN WEBB, formerly music and education director of 1st Church, Warren, has assumed similar duties at



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Gaines St. Church, Little Rock. Mr. Webb is a graduate of Drury College, Springfield, Mo., and of Southwestern Seminary. His first service with the Little Rock church was on Feb. 22. A reception in the church that afternoon honored Mr. and Mrs. Webb and their four children, David, Bill, Beverly and Beth.

● FIFTY-SIX persons qualified for Training Union study course awards in the personal soul-winning school held in 1st Church, Brinkley. These included: 27 adult, 15 young people and intermediates, and 14 juniors.

● J. D. WARD has been elected president of the newly organized Brotherhood of Galilee Church, El Dorado.

● ENTERPRISE CHURCH, Big Creek Association, has just completed a study of the Book of Mark with awards being given to 15 persons. The study was conducted by P. O. Freeman, pastor of the church.

● NEW PROVIDENCE Church, Buckner Association, has put the Arkansas Baptist in the church budget.

● JAMES BURLESON, Bauxite, is the new president of the Ouachita Choir for the second semester. Other officers are: Wordy Buckner, Arkadelphia, vice president; Helen Reed, Bauxite, secretary; Nancy Magby, North Little Rock, treasurer; Mary Charlene Horton, Hope, reporter; and Ron Kelly, Hot Springs, social chairman.

## Matthews Memorial Pastor Enter Full-Time Evangelism

T. R. COULTER, Jr., pastor of Matthews Memorial, Pine Bluff, has left the pastorate to enter full-time evangelism.

Mr. Coulter served for 13 years as a pastor in Mississippi and California, coming to Pine Bluff in September, 1957. During his pastorate, Matthews Memorial has built a new 1,000-seat sanctuary and added five assembly rooms and 16 classrooms to the educational plant. One hundred and fifty members have joined the church, and the weekly budget has increased from \$240 to \$760.

The church has led the 33 churches of Harmony Association in the number of "on the field" baptisms during his service.

Mr. Coulter currently is leading in a revival at the church, his initial services as an evangelist. (DP)

By J. M. Evans

## Faulkner News Notes

JIMMY ROSE was ordained to the ministry by the Cadron Ridge Church Nov. 2. Raymond Strickland was moderator. Bro. Rose is serving the New Bethel Church and the Happy Hollow Church.

BILL KNABE has accepted the Emanuel Church. He is a student at Ouachita.

SHERL BLAKE, Conway, was ordained to the ministry in the Cadron Ridge Church Feb. 15. William West, 2nd Church, served as moderator, the questioning was by Fred H. M. Smith, Pleasant Grove Church; the charge was by Troy Akers, Cadron Ridge; ordination sermon by J. M. Evans, superintendent of missions; ordination prayer, Woodrow McMoran; presentation of Bible, Emil Pike. Mr. Blake is serving the Friendship Church as pastor.

W. J. SMITH, El Dorado, has accepted Southside and Bee Branch Churches.

FIRST CHURCH is taking a survey seeking to locate a mission in the northwest section of Conway. The committee has already been elected and is going forward under the capable leadership of J. H. Street, pastor.

A W.M.U. and G.A. have been organized at the Pickles Gap Church. Their pastor, Morris Smith, is a student at Southwestern Seminary.

ERNEST ANDERSON has resigned the Mt. Vernon Church to accept the El Paso Church, El Paso, Ark., White County Association.

## Ordinations

NEW PROVIDENCE, Buckner Association, has ordained Justin Mikel and Earl Cantral as deacons. Tommy Derrick, planning to attend Ouachita in the fall, was licensed to preach recently.

SHULER CHURCH, El Dorado, ordained their pastor, Charles Ainsworth, to the ministry Feb. 8. Joe Jean was ordained as a deacon in the same service. Missionary W. F. Couch conducted the examination, and J. D. Tolleson brought the message. W. L. Simpson served as moderator, and C. H. Duke led in prayer.

CENTENNIAL CHURCH, Harmony Association, ordained J. M. Culpepper and John Murry as deacons on Jan. 25. (CB)

KENNETH NEIL EDMONSON, Dover, pastor of Pleasant View Church near Russellville, by the Dover Church Jan. 25. The two churches shared in presenting Mr. Edmonson a Bible. His father, Milton Edmonson, is pastor of the Dover Church, and brought the ordination sermon.

## What Is a Baptist?

WHAT DOES it take to make a Baptist? Does accepting Christ as Savior, being immersed and joining a Baptist church make a person a Baptist? Or is more than that required?

At the risk of being misunderstood and of offending some of our readers who have never thought much on the subject before, we wish to state without a moment's hesitation and as emphatically as possible that more is required!

Being a Baptist really means to hold certain beliefs and to be dedicated to certain great principles. As someone has well said, "When you become a Baptist you don't just join a church, you join a cause."

Baptists hold some beliefs in common with all other Christian people. But only Baptists have the particular principles and in the particular combination by which the people bearing this name have been characterized through the centuries and are characterized today.

Among principles which Baptists hold are the following:

- (1) Each individual is to come directly to God for himself.
- (2) The Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice.
- (3) Salvation is by faith in Christ alone without human merit or works of any kind.
- (4) Baptism is the immersion in water of believers only.
- (5) A church is a local, independent, democratic body of baptized believers.
- (6) There should be religious liberty for all people.
- (7) There should be complete separation of church and state at all times.

For these principles our spiritual forefathers sacrificed and died. Ours is a noble heritage from the past. May God help us to be as true in our time to these principles as those who have gone before us were in theirs!—*The Baptist Messenger (Okla.)*

## State RA Congress In Little Rock May 1-2

THE STATE Royal Ambassador Congress, sponsored by the Brotherhood Department, will be held this year at Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, May 1-2.

There will be two sessions: Friday Evening, 7 to 9 p. m. and Saturday, 9 to 11:45 a. m. Registration will begin at 2:30 p. m. on Friday.

There will be several outstanding speakers, including missionaries and Royal Ambassador leaders. Several nationals — students from other countries studying here in the state — will appear on the program.

The Friday evening session will be informative and inspirational with a definite mission emphasis. The Saturday morning session will be pointed to Royal Ambassador know-how and building better chapters. The election of officers will be held at the Saturday morning session, also. Information regarding the Royal Ambassador Program of activities for the year will be given at both sessions of the Congress.

More information and publicity material will be mailed to each Pastor and Counselor at a later date. Make your plans now to have the boys from your church and chapter attend this great State-wide Royal Ambassador Congress.—C. H. Seaton, associate secretary, Brotherhood Department.

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## Brewer Renamed Brotherhood Prexy

HARRY BREWER, Jonesboro, was re-elected president of the Cotton Land Regional Brotherhood at a recent meeting in Lepanto. Others named include:



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John D. Wells, Leachville, 1st vice president; Carl Looney, Weiner, 2nd vice president; L. D. Walker, Lake City, secretary and treasurer; Gene Shultz, Blytheville, RA director; Charles Butler, Monette, song director; Garry Hanners, Leachville, pianist; Harold Presley, Leachville, and R. B. Crofts, Lepanto, pastor advisors. Curtis L. Mathis, Central Church, Jonesboro, addressed the meeting of men from Mississippi County, Trinity and Mt. Zion Associations. Two men who have served this regional group have moved from its area — Paul Owens, Lake City, former secretary and treasurer, and Ben Balcome, 2nd vice president.

● MISS VERNA Westerman, Weiner, has been elected Miss Freshman Home Ec at Ouachita College for 1959. Selection is by the Colhecon, a club for home economics majors, on the basis of leadership and service in the club

## Saved from Sin

SOME YEARS ago I heard several evangelists testifying over the radio as to the terrible sins from which God had saved them. One said that he had been a murderer, but that God had saved him. Another a thief, but that God in mercy had forgiven him. Still another revealed that he had been saved from a life of immorality. Finally one said that God in Christ had saved him from being a murderer, a thief, and an adulterer; yet he had never committed any of those sins. "But," he said, "I had within me the power of sin which made me capable of being all of those things. Before I could do them Christ saved me. He broke the power of sin in my life, and gave me victory over all of them."—Herschel H. Hobbs ■

## Baptist Radio-TV Shows Featured in Magazine

FORT WORTH —(BP)— The story of Southern Baptists' radio and television ministry will be graphically told in an article in the March issue of Coronet magazine.

Written by Seth Kantor, columnist for the Fort Worth Press, the article is entitled "Evangelists of the Air Waves."

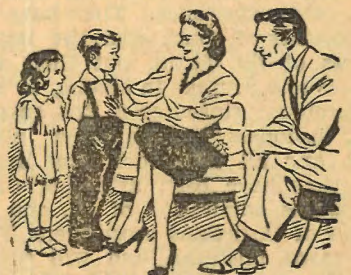
The Southern Baptist Convention Radio and TV Commission here produces all Southern Baptist programs discussed in the article.

and high scholastic standing in home economics.

## No Glossing It Over

IN OUR modern age we have tried to get away from the idea of sin. We call it by high-sounding names. Biology speaks of it as glandular irregularity. Psychology calls it a split personality. Sociology regards it as social failure. Philosophy describes it as just a temporary stumbling in the upward progress of the human race. But we cannot view the fruits of men's lives without discovering that something is wrong with man. Apart from the spiritual dynamic of God man is a ruthless animal and the world is his jungle. The Bible attributes such a condition to sin.—Herschel H. Hobbs ■

## The Bible Says



COLOSSIANS 3:20

Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

# God's Word to the Sick

By FORREST C. FEEZOR

TEN DAYS ago, in a private dining room in a Georgia town, I watched a faith healer giving instructions by television to the sick of his audience. It was my first opportunity to see this nationally known "faith healer." His instructions were simple and straightforward. He then prayed for the sick.

Before I could consult my own reaction, the proprietor of the restaurant, Greek by nationality, who had listened intently — even imitating the gestures of the healer — turned to protest. "He deceives the people," he said.

This I believe, it is worthwhile that we restudy God's Word to the sick. In so doing, we shall find Him saying through His word:

Let the sick person pray, and "ask faith" for healing, with no doubting God's power to heal (James 1:6).

Let the sick person, if he wishes, send for the minister or the elders of his church to pray over him, "with the prayer of faith" (James 5:15).

Let the sick person continue to utilize the finest medical help, as prescribed by the best trained men available as in James 5:14. Oil was the best medicine known in James' day. Let the person confess his sins. It is possible that these have either caused or aggravated his illness (James 5:16).

Let the sick person pray, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will but as thou wilt" (Matthew 26:39).

Let the sick person believe. God's will for His children

is health, but He sometimes allows illness. I am sure God's will is health for His children. Our so great salvation includes our bodies and our minds as well as our spirits. Paul in II Corinthians 4 so affirms, "The life also of Jesus should be made manifest in our mortal flesh."

We do well to believe, all sickness is curable by God. Without doubt, He is able to heal all cases. This I believe, there is no sickness known to this world beyond His power and ability to heal.

But this I also believe, it is not God's will always to heal. Consider Paul's thorn. Unquestionably, God could cure and remove it. But He did not. No, I cannot agree with the faith healers when they say everyone should be healed.

We can surely conclude that it is always His will that sickness should glorify His Son. Recently a new convert, an ex-prize fighter, converted only a few weeks, sickened and died. During his days in the Lord, he witnessed, read much his Bible, and let his light shine for the Lord. Then, all of a sudden, he was gone. Why? One cannot be dogmatic.

But in another state, a whole family was not Christless. When they came for the funeral and learned of the peace and happiness of their relative, they too found the Lord. Sickness and death had done what sermons and invitations had failed to accomplish. His illness and death was for the glory of the Lord. Read again the story of Lazarus and know that some sickness is for God's glory.

## Cuba's Crucial Hour

By MARJORIE J. CAUDILL

S.B.C. Missionary, Havana, Cuba

THE ISLAND of Cuba is experiencing the most radical change it has ever been through in all of its history as a republic. After the blackest period in her national life she has suddenly emerged into the light of what promises to be a new day of freedom, justice and righteousness. After a long night-mare of bloody tyranny, in which there were no constitutional guarantees nor freedom of the press, in which Batista made a mockery of the courts, from the Supreme court on down, and a mockery of elections, in which a knock on the door at midnight by secret police meant torture and death, we find ourselves in the dawn of a new regime that is trying desperately to give Cuba an honest government and to clean up her dens of vice.

The provisional government is made up of men of high ideals but, in many cases, little experience. They have the impetuosity of youth and the impulsiveness of the Latin, but their very boldness and courage in seeking to wipe out gambling, sinecures in the government, dishonesty in handling public funds, and all the other long list of vices that have been afflicting Cuba, deserve the admiration of all, and the prayers of Christians everywhere. They have made mistakes, and will probably make others, but they have brought order out of chaos much more quickly than anybody might have expected.

Fidel Castro forbade drinking, gam-

bling and immorality in his rebel army from the very beginning, and this is still being rigidly observed in the armed forces. What is going to be difficult to enforce will be the law against gambling in the nation as a whole. Gambling is deep-rooted in the Cubans for generations back: the Catholic church promotes raffling; there has always been a government lottery, and during the Batista regime the "big gamblers" of the United States were imported and encouraged with all kinds of concessions. With the help of Batista fabulously luxurious hotels were built, whose main attraction and source of income were the gambling casinos. As an example, Batista gave six million of the total cost of fifteen million dollars for the construction of the Hotel Riviera. Naturally the big gamblers and other cohorts of Batista are not giving up the fight to keep their lucrative business, and the false propaganda being put out and the pressure being brought to bear on the new government is terrific.

Never before has Cuba had so many evangelicals and evangelically-inclined men in places of high office. Never before has a Cuban president called in a group of evangelical pastors and asked for their help in combatting crime and vice in the nation. Provisional President Urrutia, on Jan. 16 told twelve pastors that the evangelical churches are the only organizations in Cuba that have the moral right to offer their help, in combatting these

cial justice and clean living.

In one of the darkest periods of the Batista regime, in April of 1958, when the general strike which Fidel Castro had called failed and government brutality became more and more intense, our Baptist radio preacher, Rev. Domingo Fernandez, called all evangelicals to unceasing prayer for some way out of the terrible situation. No solution was in sight, and many thinking people were saying, "There is no political figure on the horizon that offers any hope of a way out of our agony." But Christians formed prayer-chains, around-the-clock prayer chains, and every public and private prayer included a fervent petition for peace and for an end to injustice, torture and crime.

God has answered our prayers beyond what we have asked. A Presbyterian doctor is a member of the new cabinet. A Baptist is administrator of the presidential palace. Another Baptist is assistant to still another member of the cabinet.

Most of the leaders in the provisional government are cultured men with university degrees; doctors, of medicine, of law, of pedagogy. But many of them lack the school of experience, and it is not going to be easy to carry out the high goals they have set before them. We would plead with American Christians that they not be too quick to criticize the new government — new not only in time of existence but new in personnel from top to bottom and completely different in ideals from anything Cuba has ever had. Will they be able to carry them out? Christian friends, Cuba needs your prayers in this, her crucial hour! ■



**MISSION IN ENGLAND**—This picture made in London shows, left to right, Dr. O. L. Bayless, 2nd Church, Hot Springs, Arthur Paling, High Road Baptist Church, Ilford, Dr. K. Owen White and Lee Roy Till, 1st Church, Houston. The photo reveals the usual appearance of Baptist preachers. The clerical collar is worn by a majority. A number of churches have women as deacons in addition to the men. They also train and use deaconesses who are in a sense pastor's assistants and church missionaries.

## London - Pagan City of England

By DR. O. L. BAYLESS  
(2nd Church, Hot Springs)

THE PAGAN city of the English speaking world is, without doubt, London with its 10 million inhabitants.

Church attendance, with some degree of regularity we are told, in Britain proper is about 10 per cent while in the city of London it is less than 2 per cent.

The Baptist churches glory in the past; the days of Spurgeon and immediately following when churches were built around great pulpit personalities like Rev. Archibald Brown of East London Tabernacle which church seated 2,700. The passing of these great preachers and the effects of two world wars has caused a continued deterioration in Baptist life. For example, the membership of the 270 churches of London decreased from 50,702 in 1956 to 46,915 in 1957. Spurgeon's Tabernacle at the peak of its great history had more than 6,000 members; today its membership is less than 500.

The last war brought about the displacement of a lot of people, this and the loss of a large number of church buildings created a severe problem in regathering their memberships, for instance, West Ham Mission had 2,500 in Sunday School the Sunday preceding the declaration of war (WW2). The Sunday following they had one pupil and two teachers. The ladies meeting attendance on Mondays dwindled from over 2,000 to less than 200.

Last year in the city of London the Baptist Churches baptized 1,382 whereas in Arkansas with less than one-fifth of their population we baptized 12,919.

A number of Baptist churches in Britain are quite liberal in theology. The ecumenical movement is finding a great reception. Many of the churches are "open membership," that is, they not only receive into their membership people who have been immersed by other denominations but those who have been sprinkled and even those who have had no baptism whatsoever. The normal time for one coming into the church on profession of faith and baptism takes any where from six weeks to six months and even longer. The individual must prove the sincerity of his profession before acceptance, to church membership, even after baptism. We feel that it is at this point that they lose many of their teenagers who are not vitally related to the church.

The churches practice "open communion" and the observance of the ordinance is the only occasion for welcoming new members, their interpretation of the supper, "Holy Communion" as they call it is in a sacramental way.

The Baptists here have 6 colleges for training their ministers, the largest of which is Spurgeons College with an enrollment of 50.

Our ministry here with the 40 Baptist churches which serve the one mil-

lion people in East London has been in the nature of conferences with pastors and lay leaders, and has meant a very heavy schedule. We have dealt in the main with our Southern Baptist program and methods of education (the Sunday School and Training Union), evangelism and finance. We have been well received by the people, yet there has been some skepticism on the part of a few of the pastors.

We believe that the outcome of our ministry here will mean, in the days to come an enlarged program of education, to include their adults, as of now it is limited to the young people ages 4-12, evangelism and stewardship, which we hope, will result in a revitalizing of the churches and an aggressiveness that will mean extension of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour. ■

### Nursing School Plan Offered in Congress

WASHINGTON — (BP) — A \$200 million provision for collegiate nursing schools for both public and private groups has been submitted to the 86th Congress.

Rep. Edith S. Green (D., Ore.) has proposed the Collegiate Nursing Act of 1959 that would provide Federal funds for cost of construction, cost of instruction and scholarships for the development of both old and new schools of nursing. Mrs. Green's bill cites the shortage of nurses with collegiate training and the impossibility of educational institutions furnishing such training without outside financial assistance as the reason for her measure. ■

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YOUNG CHURCH Holton, left, finds himself caught up with gambler Steve Myers as a double scandal breaks about his father. The scene is from the new dramatic episode on honesty, titled "Feet of Clay," in the "This Is the Answer" TV series. The half-hour drama will be presented Sunday, Mar. 8: 12:30 p.m., Ft. Smith, KNAC-TV; 4:30 p.m. (Sat.), KTVE, El Dorado; 2:30, KATV, Little Rock; 1 p.m., KCMC, Texarkana; 1:15 p.m., KSLA, Shreveport; 12:30 p.m., KVOO-TV, Tulsa; 1:30 p.m., KODE, TV, Joplin, Mo., and 3:30 p.m., WMCT, Memphis.

**TV's 'Feet of Clay' Probes Civic Corruption**

THE RECURRING problem of civic corruption is to be investigated in the dramatic television series "This Is The Answer" on Sunday, Mar. 8. The drama, "Feet of Clay," probes the need for strict honesty in civic affairs and the influence of adult example on young people. The half-hour teleplay will be seen on key TV stations throughout the nation on that Sunday in the new series of films dealing with problems of serious national concern.

In the drama, a respected, successful businessman is blusteringly overconfident and indignant when a news campaign opens to expose corruption in the city government. As the investigation closes in on his company's questionable city contracts, the business

leader is further rocked by a serious scandal involving his son. Yet it is the cynical son who shows him a new but difficult way out of the trouble.

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Thirty-two Baptist state conventions, city societies and national groups have reported that they have elected committees to do special work in the area of religious liberty. This information was revealed in a survey of Baptist executive secretaries, conducted by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The report also reveals that others have plans for similar organization, and it is known that others not reported are already in existence. Some of the groups have Public Affairs Committees, while others have assigned religious liberty responsibilities to subcommittees of existing social action agencies.

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# SBC Membership Tops 9 Million

NASHVILLE —(BP)—Nine million members of churches, seven million in Sunday schools, \$400 million given, 400,000 converts baptized . . .

These are the significant figures to Southern Baptists for 1958, showing growth of the Southern Baptist Convention on the eve of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Total membership of churches co-operating with the Convention surpassed nine million for the first time, reaching a total of 9,206,758. This was a 2.7 per cent gain.

Enrollment in Sunday schools, the Bible-teaching agency of the churches, topped seven million for the first time. The total there is 7,096,175, up 1.8 per cent over 1957.

Gifts to churches for all objectives — local, national, and world-wide — went over the \$400 million mark, something that hasn't happened before. Total 1958 gifts amounted to \$419,619,438.

Baptisms, an indication of the evangelistic fervor of the denomination since they tell how many persons accepted Christ as Saviour during the year, topped 400,000 again during 1958. The year's total was 407,892, up 4.7 per cent.

These statistics were reported by J. P. Edmunds, secretary of research and statistics for the Convention's Sunday School Board in Nashville. Part of the responsibility of Edmunds' department is to compile the annual records for Southern Baptists.

Percentage gains of from six-tenths of 1 per cent to 13.9 per cent were reported in various phases of denominational life. In the major areas, no losses were reported.

The number of churches increased six-tenths of 1 per cent, from 31,297 in 1957 to 31,498 in 1958.

Enrollment in Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador organizations in churches — these are groups for men and boys respectively — showed the largest percentage gain, 13.9. Enrollment climbed from 511,521 in 1957 to 582,497 last year.

A close second in percentage gain was that of choir enrollment—12.6. An increase of 69,673 was reported, bringing total choir enrollment in 1958 to 622,694.

Gifts to missions and benevolences showed a greater percentage gain for the year than did total gifts. While total gifts were increasing 5.6 per cent from \$397,550,347 to \$419,619,438, the portion of them going to missions and benevolence was rising 6.8 per cent.

Total missions-benevolence giving stood at \$74,750,699 last year compared with \$70,015,299 the previous year. Missions-benevolence giving includes support to home and foreign missions, and to hospitals, children's homes, and homes for the aged operated by Southern Baptist groups.

The total value of property of the

## Summary of 1958 Statistics

	1958	1957	Increase	Per cent Increase
Churches	31,498	31,297	201	.6
Baptisms	407,892	389,716	18,176	4.7
Membership	9,206,758	8,966,255	240,503	2.7
Sunday school enrollment	7,096,175	6,972,350	123,825	1.8
Vacation Bible school enrollment	2,908,157	2,777,104	131,053	4.7
Training Union enrollment	2,503,920	2,414,584	89,336	3.7
Choir enrollment	622,694	553,021	69,673	12.6
W.M.U. enrollment	1,395,974	1,324,295	71,679	5.4
Total Brotherhood enrollment	582,497	511,521	70,976	13.9
Total gifts	\$ 419,619,438	\$ 397,550,347	\$ 22,069,091	5.6
Missions and benevolences	\$ 74,750,699	\$ 70,015,299	\$ 4,735,400	6.8
Total value of church property	\$1,825,474,318	\$1,662,512,890	\$162,961,428	9.8

31,498 churches went up a whopping 9.8 per cent, a gain from 1957 to 1958 of \$162,961,428. The 1958 total evaluation was \$1,825,474,318.

Other gains pointed out in Edmunds' report are: Vacation Bible schools, enrollment up 4.7 per cent from 1957 to 2,908,157; enrollment in Baptist Training Unions, up 3.7 per cent over the year to 2,503,920; enrollment in organizations of the Woman's Missionary Union, up 5.4 per cent to 1,395,974.

Baptisms were 18,176 more in 1958 than in 1957 when they were slightly under the 400,000 mark. This is not the first year, however, that these have been over 400,000.

Increases were considered significant because of the entry of Southern Baptists — with five other Baptists in North America — into the five-year program of growth beginning Jan. 1, 1959, known as the Baptist Jubilee Ad-

vance.

The 31,498 churches are located in 42 states, plus the District of Columbia and Hawaii. The report shows that open country churches still comprise almost half the total number of churches — 15,472. Another 4,546 churches are located in villages and 3,733 churches in towns. Only 7,747 are classified as city churches.

The Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845 with 351,951 members of 4,126 co-operating churches. By 1873 its membership had reached the one million mark, and by 1940, the five million mark. In the 18 years since 1940, membership has increased more than four million.

Statistics reported here are based on reports from churches themselves to their district associations of churches. Associational clerks in turn file reports of their association each year at Edmunds' request. ■

## Marse Grant Elected Public Relations Head

NASHVILLE —(BP)— J. Marse Grant, editor of *Charity and Children*, Baptist weekly newspaper published at Thomasville, N. C., has been elected here to head the Baptist Public Relations Association for 1959-60.

Grant succeeds Albert McClellan, Nashville, program planning secretary for the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention.

Road Sorensen, director of public relations at Campbell College, Buies Creek, N. C., was re-elected membership vice-president of the association. The public relations group also re-elected its secretary, Harry R. Koontz of Berkeley, Calif., who is director of publicity at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Other officers are both newly-elected. George Bagley, assistant to the executive secretary, Alabama Baptist State Convention, Montgomery, is program vice-president, and Badgett Dillard, director of administrative services at Southern Seminary, will edit the association's Newsletter.



T. SLOANE GUY, Jr., newly-elected executive secretary and superintendent of Southern Baptist Hospital Board, will succeed Dr. Frank Tripp, New Orleans, who is retiring. Guy has been pastor of 1st Church, Birmingham.



## Intermediate Leader Sword Drill Director

VERSIL CRENSHAW, director of Intermediate work in the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, will have charge of the state intermediate sword drill on Friday night, April 10, at the State Youth Convention, 1st Church, Little Rock, one from each district. The district drills will be held during the district conventions the week of Mar. 23-27.

Mr. Crenshaw will also conduct a conference for 16-year intermediates Friday morning on "We Get What We Get Ready For." This discussion will follow five talks by intermediates on "Tomorrow Is Ours." In the afternoon session Mr. Crenshaw will speak to the 15-year intermediates on "The Cost of Conquering."



VIRGIL CRENSHAW

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## Mission Appointees, Officers to Be Named

REPRESENTATIVES FROM the 14 Baptist Student Unions in the state will meet in Little Rock, March 7, to make nominations for the new state Baptist Student Union officers and for its 1959 Summer Mission appointees.

The fields chosen are Hawaii, Arizona and Michigan.

The 14 Baptist Student Unions have set a goal of \$1,500 for their summer mission work. Also included in the program is a work camp project. Working with Dr. Clyde Hart, the students hope to have a work camp this summer to aid in starting a summer camp for Negroes.

Three-hundred dollars have been allocated for this special project; and if the land and materials are provided, the money will be spent to pay the expenses of the boys who will give their summer to this work.

The Arkansas Baptist Student Union has sent students to Hawaii five different times. In 1947 Miss Judy Pierce of Central College was sent. In 1948 Mr. Marlin Jennings, now associate pastor at 1st Church, Jonesboro, was BSU representative to Hawaii. In 1949 Miss Dorothy Ladd and Mr. John McClanahan is now pastor of 1st Church in Hope, and Mrs. Dorothy Ladd Jones resides in Memphis. In 1950 Tom Tedford and Willis Moore were sent by the Arkansas summer mission program to the islands. Dr. Tedford now is a professor at Ouachita, and Mr. Moore is a missionary in Pakistan. The last year that the Baptist students sent a missionary to Hawaii was in 1953, when Miss Pat Rogers, Ouachita, was appointed a summer missionary. —Tom Logue, Baptist Student Union

### LUTHERANS REPORT

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey —The Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, at its quarterly meeting, announced that 76 new congregations were established during 1958.

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## When the Justices Go to Church

WASHINGTON (EP) — When church-going time comes along the nine members of the United States Supreme Court file some pleasantly "dissenting opinions."

Chief Justice Earl Warren, although from a Methodist family background, attends a Baptist church here in the capital.

Although a Baptist church in Alabama lists him as a member, Justice Hugo Black reportedly attends a Unitarian church here frequently.

Single "votes" in church preference are cast by Justice Felix Frankfurter, Jewish; Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., Roman Catholic; Justice Charles Evan Whittaker, Methodist; and Justice Potter Stewart, Episcopalian.

And the "majority report" is that of three Presbyterians: Justices John Marshall Harlan, William O. Douglas and Tom C. Clark.

## Summer Conference for Nurses

CHICAGO (EP) — What is described as the first summer conference of its kind for girls interested in nursing as a career has been planned by the Nurses Christian Fellowship division of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Designed especially for girls who have completed their junior or senior year in high school, or who are already in college, the pre-nursing conference is scheduled for June 15-20 at Cedar Lake, Ind.

## Lutherans Plan Film

THE PLIGHT of East German Christians will be featured in a new film being planned by the Lutheran church groups that produced "Martin Luther." Robert E. A. Lee, executive secretary of Lutheran Films Associates, has stated that a screenplay on documented incidents involving both pastors and laymen has been approved by the board of directors of Lutheran Film Associates. Estimated cost of the project is \$400,000 — or the same investment required to produce "Martin Luther."—(EP)

## Church Councils See Merger

INTEGRATION OF the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council has been approved by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church in the United States. The merger is being discussed at the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the WCC in Geneva, Switzerland. The missions board has stated: "We anticipate that the detailed plan of organization of the newly constituted council will express the concern of the churches for both mission and unity." (EP)

# Baptist Crosscurrents

## Tax Funds for Theology

RELIGION HAS moved a step nearer to becoming a tool of government with the federal taxpayer a forced contributor, now that Uncle Sam has begun passing out his dole under the National Defense Education Act.

Washington has announced three theological fellowships for Emory University, the Methodist school in Atlanta, along with other grants. They are worth \$2,000 the first year, \$2,200 the second and \$2,400 the third year. There is an additional allocation of \$400 a year for each dependent of the recipient—a strange system. Also, participating schools are eligible for as much as \$2,500 for each student.

The three fellowships, going to candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in the field of Biblical archeology, Old Testament history, exegesis and religion.

Argue that all this has a non-religious flavor, as well as a religious one, and you strain at the gnat to swallow the camel. Accept it as other than another hole in the wall separating church and state and you ignore the facts. More of the same and we have subsidies for all theological study, then for pastors and the church finally becomes a ward of the state. All of which is the equivalent of a church lacking value for any funds, government or private.

It is a queer sort of education in the name of defense. It is nothing more than Federal encroachment, thanks to Congress, with a big question as to what lies ahead.

We've given our millions to the Vatican for alleged damage to its properties in war when it was saved from Germany and Japan. We're making national shrines out of historic churches around Philadelphia and New York, and we're shoveling the money along indirectly to parochial schools.

A government crying about deficit spending is in the religious area where it has no business.

The best defense this nation has is religion. Stronger Christianity in this nation and around the world is the only hope. But, in the name of National Defense Education Act we are weakening our only weapon. A subsidized Church is good for little more than a priestly chant.—*The Christian Index*

## On Military Conscription

A RECENT Associated Press release from Washington stated that the House by voice vote agreed to consider a bill backed by the Pentagon to extend selective service authority four years beyond the presently scheduled expiration date of June 30. While the extension of the draft is generally conceded, the news agency felt that some effort would be made to restrict it to two years.

The hard realities of the present world situation warn us against the neglect of our military strength. But many of us do not agree with those who seem to insist that this situation can be met only by the continuance of military conscription. America does not need—and its citizens do not want—any military plan that will fasten upon this nation a permanent system of conscription.

A great American once said: "This nation cannot exist half slave and half free." Neither can democracy flourish from the seeds of military autocracy. Within this generation we have seen many of the democratic processes of this government destroyed by the pressures of military requirements.

We must be realistic, to be sure. But we can be realistic about our military requirements without becoming militaristic in our national spirit and economy. A prominent educator of our nation sums up a warning for us in the words: "It stands to reason that though free and independent citizens make the best army, the army is not the best place to make free and independent citizens."

—A. C. Miller, *Christian Life Commission*

# UN Report on Religious Liberty Commended

WASHINGTON —(BP)— High commendation was voiced by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here for the report on religious liberty recently made to the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Dis-

crimination and Protection of Minorities. Arcot Krishnaswami of India was the special rapporteur who formulated the 12 rules that were debated in the U. N. Subcommittee.

Mr. Krishnaswami made a special

study and collected information from 62 governments and 31 non-governmental organizations.

The 12 rules formulated by Krishnaswami for the prevention of religious discrimination are:

**1. Duties of Public Authorities:** Constitutional, legislative, and administrative measures should be adopted prohibiting public authorities from discriminating against groups or individuals in the matter of religious rights.

**2. Freedom to Maintain and to Change Religion or Belief:** No one should be forced to change his religion or belief and parents have the prior right to decide upon the religion or belief in which children should be brought up.

**3. Limitations to Freedom of Religion or Belief:** Limitations on practice of religion or belief are permissible only to prevent disorder and crime and to protect public safety.

**4. Freedom of Worship:** Equal freedom of worship should be ensured and protected for all religious beliefs.

**5. Marriage and its Dissolution:** "Everyone should have the right to enter into a valid marriage celebrated in a form which is not contrary to his religion or belief." In a state which permits divorce, dissolution of marriage should not be denied to anyone whose convictions permit divorce.

**6. Disposal of the Dead:** Account should be taken, in regulating the disposal of the dead, of the demands of the religion of the deceased in such matters as funeral processions, burial, cremation, performance of rites, and the display of religious symbols.

**7. Dietary Practices:** "No one should be prevented from observing the dietary practices prescribed by his religion."

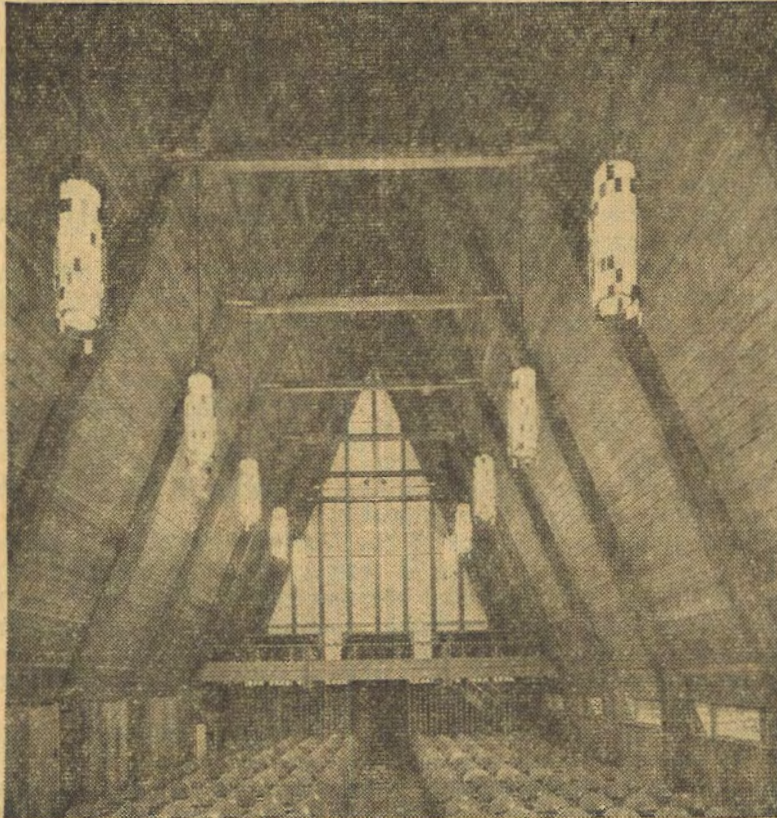
**8. Pilgrimages:** Assurances should be given that pilgrims will be permitted to journey to sacred places.

**9. Training of Religious Leaders:** No religious group should be prevented from training its religious leaders and when such training is available outside the country, no permanent limitations should be placed upon travel abroad to receive such training.

**10. Dissemination of Religion or Belief:** "Freedom to disseminate a religion or belief should be recognized in so far as it does not impair the absolute right of everyone to maintain his religion or belief."

**11. Objection on Conscientious Grounds:** States recognizing exemption of military service on conscientious grounds should make no adverse distinction between claimants on the ground of religion or belief professed.


**12. Financial Support of a Religion or Belief:** No one should be compelled to contribute to the support of a religious institution not in conformity with his convictions. ■



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# Arkansas Tops In Standard Sunday Schools

AS OF Jan. 31, Arkansas led the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of Standard Sunday schools. There are now 52 Sunday schools in the state who have received recognition as Standard. Below are listed the top associations with the number of Standard schools in each of these associations and a list, by associations, of the Standard schools in the state.

## TOP ASSOCIATIONS

(1) Mississippi Co., 11; (2) Pulaski Co., 6; (3) Black River, 4; (4) Central, 4; (5) Independence Co., 4; (6) Wash-Madison, 4; (7) Benton Co., 3; (8) Bartholomew, 2; (9) Carey, 2; (10) Liberty, 2; (11) Tri-County, 2.

## STANDARD SCHOOLS BY ASSOCIATION

Arkansas Valley: None.  
 Ashley: None  
 Bartholomew: Monticello, 2nd; Warren, 1st.  
 Benton Co.: Bentonville, 1st; Gravette, 1st; Rogers, Sunnyside.  
 Big Creek: None.  
 Black River: Diaz, Grubbs, Newport, 1st; Murphy's Corner.  
 Boone Co.: None.  
 Buckner: None.  
 Buckville: None.  
 Caddo River: None.  
 Carey: Fordyce, 1st; Sparkman.  
 Caroline: None.  
 Carroll Co.: None.  
 Centennial: DeWitt, First.  
 Central: Benton, 1st; Hot Springs, 1st; Malvern, 3d.  
 Clear Creek: None.  
 Concord: South Side.  
 Conway-Perry: Morrilton.  
 Current River: None.  
 Dardanelle-Russellville: None.  
 Delta: McGehee, 1st.  
 Faulkner: Pleasant Grove.  
 Gainesville: None.  
 Greene Co.: None.  
 Harmony: Altheimer.  
 Hope: None.  
 Independence: Floral; Pilgrim Rest; Rosie; West, Batesville.  
 Liberty: Cullendale, 1st; Smackover, Maple Ave.  
 Little Red River: None.  
 Little River: None.  
 Mississippi Co.: Blytheville, 1st; Cross Roads; Dell, 1st; Gosnell; Leach-

ville, 1st; Manila, 1st; New Providence; Osceola, 1st; Wilson, 1st; Yarbro; Manila, W. Side.

Mt. Zion: None.  
 Newton Co.: None.  
 Ouachita: Grannis.

Pulaski Co.: Crystal Hill; Gaines St.; Highway; Pine Grove; Rosedale; Sheridan, 1st; Trinity.

Red River: None.  
 Rocky Bayou: None.  
 Stone-Van Buren-Searcy: None.

Tri-County: Earle; Forrest City, 1st.  
 Trinity: None.

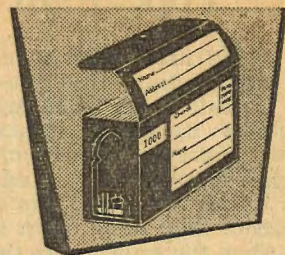
Washington-Madison: Fayetteville, 1st; Fayetteville, University; Providence; Springdale, 1st;

White Co.: None.  
 White River: Cotter.  
 Woodruff: None.

## Attendance Report

(Feb. 22)

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Arkadelphia, 2nd	284	124	2
Berryville, Freeman Hts.	128	77	
Cullendale, 1st	461	238	2
El Dorado, 1st	880	295	6
Fayetteville, 1st	694	240	7
Chapels	83	42	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	383	163	3
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	859	354	4
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	416	156	1
Huntsville, 1st	107	34	
Jacksonville, 1st	456	213	6
Magnolia, Central	775	336	1
McGehee, 1st	489	257	
Mena, 1st	304	90	
Mission	23	12	
Pine Bluff, South Side	572	227	3
Rose City, Calvary	326	114	
Springdale, 1st	487	170	4
W. Memphis, Calvary	187	102	2

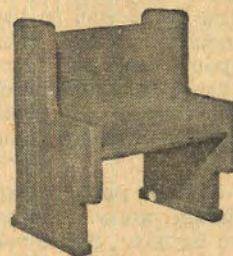


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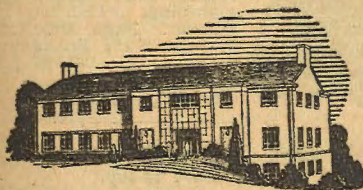
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# Pope John and Christian Unity

POPE JOHN has indicated his purpose to call an ecumenical council in quest of (so called) Christian duty. We do not need to use our imagination but know from history what sort of unity Pope John wants and will advocate. The lion called a council on unity with a lamb about their lying down together. But when the council met the condition imposed was that the lamb should docily lie down inside the lion.

There has never been a pope on his purple bogus throne that wanted anything in the way of unity except for Baptists and Protestants to stand meekly on the Vatican steps and confess their sins and humbly seek the privilege of being swallowed by Romanism. The snow was cold at Canosa when a king stood barefoot and begged a pope for indulgence. I feel quite sure that the pope has no concern for true "Christian unity." If Baptists have good sense they will pay no attention to the pope's empty talk about "Christian unity," and will dedicate themselves anew to the God-given task of preaching the gospel to the world, so as to counteract the false teaching of the pope and his hierarchy. This will bring the multitudes of the earth to the foot of the cross where there is life for a look at the crucified Saviour.

Flirting with a Roman pope is not the path to Christian unity. Christ wants his people to be one. So do we, but first they must be His people. Second they must be united according to the Scripture in the bonds of the gospel of the cross and not on seven sacraments for salvation through priestly pretension of the forgiveness of sin.

Christian unity, indeed, with Roman

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"I AM building a church," said a small boy, playing with a set of blocks, "and we must be very quiet." His father, eager to encourage this unexpected reverence, asked, "Why are we to be quiet in church?" Came the boy's response: "Because the people are asleep."

NO, NO, Lulu — a chimney in China isn't called Asian flu.

Catholics closing Baptist and Protes-

tant churches in Italy and stoning and mobbing Baptist preachers in Central America! — L. E. Barton, 2033 South Hull, Montgomery, Alabama

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## Mississippi, Hope Conduct Music Schools

FEB. 16 THROUGH 20 opened the spring season for associational music schools. Three schools of music were conducted in Mississippi Association and one in Hope Association.

In Mississippi Association, 197 enrolled in three zone schools. Teachers included Mrs. Ed Williams, Blytheville; Archie McMillan, 2nd Church, Little Rock, and LeRoy McClard, state music director. One hundred twenty received adult awards, and 72 children's certificates were issued. Follow-up schools will be taught in several of the churches by Mrs. Ed Williams, Blytheville. John Gearing is the superintendent of missions and Harry Jacobs, 1st Church, Osceola, the associational music director.

During the week the Associational Music Committee was selected and an active program of hymn sings, music conferences, and schools of music tentatively planned.

In Hope Association, the first of two zone schools was taught in Central Church, Magnolia.

There were over 200 enrolled with 81 receiving adult awards and 94 children's certificates. Teachers included: Don Edmondson, Central Church, Magnolia; Bill J. Pearson, Dallas, Tex.; E. L. Crosby, 1st Church, Smackover; and Mrs. Ray Sharp, Central, Magnolia.

The second zone school for Hope Association will be conducted this week in Beech Street Church, Texarkana. Don Edmondson is associational music director, M. T. McGregor is superintendent of missions.

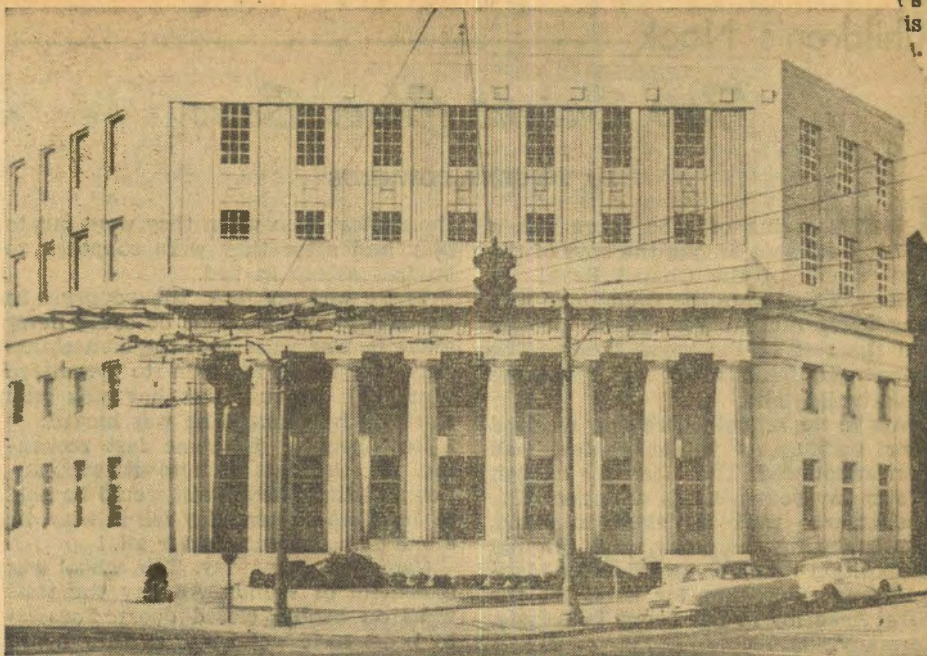
Associational music schools to be conducted this spring include: Washington-Madison — May 11-15; Big Creek — June 8-12; Rocky Bayou — Mar. 9-13; White River — May 4-8; Arkansas Valley — May 4-8; Ashley — April 20-24.

## Church Problems

THERE IS no such thing as a church without problems. The devil will see to that. Prolonged quietude does not mean freedom from problems. It can mean the build-up for one of explosive proportions — or the complete cessation of life. By such subtle strategy the devil seeks to catch a church off guard and throw it for a real loop.

While escape from problems is impossible, the intensity of perplexing situations will not be alike in all churches. Nor is it of the same type in all churches. Just as with a person, whose problems shift in nature as years progress — juvenile problems become youth problems, youth problems turn into adult problems, and adult problems ultimately become those of old age — so a church's problems may vary with size, advancement, or location.—James L. Sullivan

March 5, 1959



**BUILDING OF WMU**—The architect has drawn his conception of the two-story addition (above traffic light) to be made to Woman's Missionary Union office building in Birmingham, Ala. The present building has three floors, including basement level. Construction, to begin this spring, will cost \$417,000, and care for expanding promotional and business needs. —Baptist Press Photo

## Tell to Offer Leadership Edition

BEGINNING WITH the November 1959 issue there will be a leadership edition of *Tell* for all adult Girls' Auxiliary leadership. The leadership edition will be the regular monthly magazine which the girls will receive, plus a center insert of eight pages of leadership helps. No additional cost.

If you are now receiving *Tell*: Automatically all present subscriptions with Mrs. on the name plate will be put on the leadership edition mailing list. Look at the mailing label on your magazine and if Mrs. is on it please do not write. But, if you are a Miss (or if Mrs. is not on your mailing label), please write a postcard now to: *Tell*, Leadership Edition, 600 N. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Alabama. All you need to write is: I want the *Tell* leadership edition (Copy name and address as it appears on the mailing label of your magazine).

When sending in new subscriptions or renewals, please designate *Tell*, Leadership Edition.

### Another Notice for GA Leaders

Two special items have been prepared for use in Girls' Auxiliary and will soon be available at Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala. The first is the Focus Week Bulletin insert, price 1 cent each. It is most attractive with a two color front and information concerning Focus Week on the back.

The other is a new booklet entitled *Select Services* containing GA Coronation and Presentation services. It will be available Mar. 15. The price will be 25 cents.

Consider your needs and place your

order to be sent as soon as possible. Remittance should accompany order. Remember, these come from Birmingham.

PRAY, GIVE

H-O-M-E M-I-S-S-I-O-N-S

March 2-6

—Miss Nancy Cooper, WMU Secretary.

## Texas Couple Gives 40,000 New Testaments

MR. AND Mrs. Arthur C. Hoover of Ozona, longtime West Texas ranch couple, have made a gift to the Clift Brannon Evangelistic Association, Inc. of Longview to provide a "Soul Winner's New Testament" for each pastor and leader of the Southern Baptist Convention, a total of 40,000.

Hoover, who has lived in Crockett County since 1890, said he has always wanted to win souls. He has taught in the 1st Baptist Church Sunday School in Ozona for many years, and like many others, has encountered numerous difficulties in "fishing for men."

He said at the Paisano Encampment in the Davis Mountains his heart and soul would be filled with evangelism, yet in the Sunday School classroom he didn't seem to be able to accomplish "the desire of my heart."

Hoover said the feeling that many Christians are in the same position led him and his wife to give the 40,000 New Testaments, which he believes will make it possible "for many to do their task for the Master."

## Two Bright Choir Boys

By VINCENT EDWARDS

IN THE spring of 1856 there was a lot of excitement among the boys of the choir school of the Chapel Royal in London. These were the young men who sang every Sunday for Queen Victoria and the rest of the royal family. The group was famous as the best boys choir in England.

Now in the school where they received their training, a music contest had been announced. The offer was enough to stir any young man's ambition. The student who ranked highest in piano, organ, singing, harmony, and original composition would be awarded the Mendelssohn scholarship for study at the Royal Academy in London or in Leipzig, Germany.

Never had the choir boys practiced so hard! They went about with inky fingers from all the compositions they had written. They had their minds on

the contest even when they went out to play and after they were supposed to be fast asleep in bed.

There was one boy, the youngest in the group, who thought he could never make it. The rules said the contestants must be from fourteen to seventeen years old. Because this boy was only thirteen, he thought he was barred.

But then he did some fast reckoning. At the last minute it was announced that the contest would be held in June. As his birthday fell in May, he knew he could enter after all.

Came the great day. The school was a bedlam of sounds. All day the tests went on behind closed doors. Passers-by must have wondered, as they heard all the pianos being played at once and the babel of boys' singing drifting out through the open windows.

By nightfall, the head music master, Mr. Elmore, had a surprising announcement to make. The contest had resulted in a tie. The youngest boy, the one who thought he could never make it, and the oldest student in the school, who was seventeen, had achieved the same score.

The next day this pair had to try all over again. The tests went on for hours. By the time they were completed, the judges were quite agreed as to who was the winner. The younger boy had made such a brilliant showing that he walked off with the prize, that much-desired Mendelssohn scholarship which gave him the chance to study music in Germany.

A choir school contest that was held a little more than one hundred years ago might not seem too important today. But when you and I turn to our church hymnal, we get a new side light on the far-off event.

The name of the older boy was Joseph Barnby. In his later life he became so celebrated as an organist and writer of beautiful music that he was knighted by Queen Victoria, and became Sir Joseph Barnby.

After his name in the hymnal's composer list are these titles: "When Morning Gilds the Skies," "Now the Day Is Over," "We Plow the Fields," "O Perfect Love," "We Give Thee But Thine Own," and others. Churchgoing people will never tire of singing these lovely hymns.

The younger boy, who won the choir school contest, became even more famous. His name was Arthur Sullivan, and like his rival, he was knighted by the queen.

Who has not heard of the Gilbert and Sullivan light operas, for which Sir Arthur wrote the scores? He made an equally great name for himself as a hymn composer.

After his name in the hymnal are

## A Smile or Two



"You've certainly ruined my day with that sermon about everybody being reunited in Heaven!"

He shouldn't let his earthly experiences give him the wrong idea about the hereafter. Another case where a perfectly innocent sermon on a very general subject unwittingly trod on sore toes. In this instance, WHAT was said by the preacher, became something totally different in the WAY it was interpreted by this particular member.

"DAD, WHAT is an inscrutable smile?"

"It's the kind, son, that your mother had on her face this morning when I told her that business might keep me out late tonight."

A WOMAN who is smart enough to ask a man's advice seldom is dumb enough to take it.

THERE'S NOTHING like hard work. And wouldn't it be terrible if there was!

IT'S NICE for children to have pets until the pets start to have children.

A YOUNG LAWYER, pleading his first case, had been retained by a farmer to prosecute a railroad for killing 24 hogs. He wanted to impress the jury with the magnitude of the injury.

"Twenty-four hogs, gentlemen! Twenty-four! Twice the number there are in the jury box!" — Information Magazine.

"WAITER, ARE you sure this ham was cured?"

WAITER: "Yes, sir."

"Well, it's had a relapse."

listed: "Angel Voices, Ever Singing," "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain," "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ," and "Brightly Gleams Our Banner." Sir Arthur Sullivan also composed the music for one of the most popular and best known of all hymns, the church's great marching song, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

## March's Ceiling Fans

By THELMA C. CARTER

MARCH IN our part of the world usually reminds us of whistling winds, kites and balloons soaring into space, birds starting their nest building, daffodils and tulips.

March, the first month of spring, is known as the month Nature turns on the ceiling fans in the skies. Strange things happen to the winds in the North Temperate Zone in March. The first part of the month the winds are usually cold. Little by little, these chilly winds become warm, feather-soft winds. Before we are aware of it, the gentle winds bring their gifts of moisture which become our April showers.

Someone has called winds "nervous air masses." In a sense this is true. We would not have winds if it were not for the hot and cold air masses that make up the unsteady blanket of air, or atmosphere, which covers our earth.

Weathermen and scientists tell us there is a continual warfare between cold and warm air masses over the Atlantic Ocean. The cold winds come from the freezing air masses over the polar regions. The warm winds come from the hot tropical areas of the earth.

In this battle of winds, the victory goes first to the cold winds, then to the warm winds, which find their way into our part of the world in March.

Winds can be gentle, light, and calm at times. At other times they are violent, cold, and destructive. We cannot help but ask as did the writer in Proverbs 30:4, "Who hath gathered the wind in his fists?" Then suddenly we know that the answer is "God."

# The Cross and the Will of God

By CLARENCE A. ALLISON

(Pastor, 1st Church, Junction City)

March 8

Mark 14:32-42

WAS THIS a new temptation experience for Christ? Was there the touch of Satan on the life of Jesus, as there was at the beginning of his ministry? Perhaps there was, but if so, he again faced it without sin. That glorious life arrived at the end without knowing sin, and three marvellous elements of Jesus' character may be seen in the Gethsemane scene.



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### Recoil From Pain

Since the earliest days, Jesus knew that this mission led eventually to Jerusalem and the cross. Surely, he knew the horror of that instrument of torture, yet his ministry was exercised with his face turned toward that city. Though the disciples could not imagine the experience to come, Jesus knew. He moved deliberately toward the cross.

Now the time is at hand. The stage is set. The players are waiting in the wings. It is time for the most important drama of the ages to unfold, in all of its harsh reality. God's Son is on the verge of completing His work. The shadows of tragedy gather gloomily about him as night falls outside the walls of Jerusalem. Jesus begins to apprehend the content of the hours that are rapidly advancing.

Jesus could not be the Saviour of men were he not truly one of us. If he could not feel our woes and troubles, how could he redeem us from sin? He must identify himself with us. He must be a man indeed.

Now we see that He is human. He has taken upon himself the nature of man, with all its weaknesses, even the fear of death. For death is not light experience, even for the Saviour who was to conquer it. We must remember that death had always held all men in its icy grasp. No man had ever been able to conquer its power, though one did not experience it. Man was held by the power of death, and Jesus was a man.

The prayers in the Garden were sincere prayers. They were not the play-acting of a confident God, but the pleading of a sorrowful man, who was facing a tortured death, against which no conquering power had yet been manifest. It was a natural act for a man to show fear of extreme pain.

### Resignation to Death

Three times Jesus asked the Father to remove the cup which was before Him, knowing that it was within his power to do so. All things are possible with God. Had he chosen another course, Jesus would not have had to go to the Cross. He was asking God to provide another means of redemption.

However, the prayers were not the self-centered kind so often heard among us. He prayed that God would take away the cup of bitterness, but the same breath uttered the words, "Nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt."

Those words reveal the second element of the character of Jesus. Though he shrank from torture, he submitted, completely, to the will of the Father. Only the divine being could do so. Only the God-Man could manifest such holiness in the fact of so great evil. Jesus is our Saviour because he is man and because he is God.

### Resolution to Face His Enemies

Being man, he feared death. Being

divine, he submitted to the Father's will. Being both, he rose to meet his enemies as they came to accuse him.

The prospect of death is horrifying to all of us. Indeed, we seldom allow the thought of it to occupy our minds for long. We want to live and be comfortable. But now, Jesus was facing his enemies. No longer does he shrink from the cross.

The battle has been won. Jesus' will is given to do the will of the Father. As he rose from his knees, it was with certainty and eagerness to get at the task before him. He called his disciples, "Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand."

I'm glad that this incident was recorded for our reading. It gives me a deeper love for Christ to know that, though he shrank from death, and in spite of that, submitted to the Father's will, he faced his tormentors gladly. He died for me, not grudgingly, or of necessity, but freely, of his own will.

The gladness with which he faced his cross lends beauty to the deed. It was a deed of immense importance for every man, and it is enhanced in beauty by his glad willingness to suffer that death.

If the cross, by God's will, removed the spectre of death from my side, can I refuse him my life?

If Christ died willingly for me, can I do less for Him? ■



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## To The Heights of God

By KATY PATIENCE WHITE

*I cannot think to the heights of God  
Through the limits of a finite mind,  
So I seek from the things that He has made  
The proof of my faith to find;*

*I feel Him near in a purple dawn,  
In the changing spread of the valley's hues;  
I hear His voice in gentle sounds  
Like the tiny drum of falling dews;*

*I see His love in the strength of green hills,  
His peace in a cloistered glade  
Where soft winds fan the trembling leaves  
And hide in the cedar's shade.*

*When sweeping gales sway the giant oaks  
I know His power is nigh;  
His Name is written in the lacy clouds  
That sail on a satin sky;*

*His purity lives in a white lily bloom;  
His beauty is caroled in a thrush's call;  
His unseen presence walks in the woods  
When the dusk begins to fall.*

*The perfume of every flower that unfolds  
Speaks a promise of answered prayer;  
And I know that the mercy and love of God  
Are around me, everywhere.*

*"...called..to faith..."*

TODAY IS Judgment Day. Now has judgment entered the world. Here and now you and I are in the judging presence of God, whose marvelous and terrible grace has called us, not to an opinion, now and then casually to be asserted or vigorously to be debated; but to faith, which in itself means that we live as reasonable, committed persons. It is not this alone that brings us under judgment; this only makes us keenly aware of our situation. God's judgment is always here, always immediate. But most of the time we are unaware of it; we walk across the floor, not knowing that we really stand upon platform scales. It is not only that we do not know that we are found wanting, we do not know that we are being weighed in the balances. — John E. Steely, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

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