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When citizens become so truly Christian that they unhesitatingly vote, legislate, and administer the government in the spirit of Christ the nations will become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. Every step taken in that direction is a step toward a Christian nation in fact as well as in name.

—R. E. Dudley

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Preachers of Country Churches Pay for the Privilege of Preaching!

By J. N. BARNETTE

It costs the average country preacher from \$25 to \$50 a month to serve a fourth time church if he really does what is needed. According to the latest *Southern Baptist Handbook* preachers of churches with fourth time preaching are paid an average of \$30 a month.

What is expected of these preachers?

Preaching once each month, personal soul winning, general visitation, funerals, visits to the sick, response to extra calls, attendance upon associational and state meetings, participation in pastors' conferences, prayer meeting in some cases, and at least one revival meeting each year in each church.

If he does all this, he must have an automobile and drive it from 700 to 1,000 miles a month. If the depreciation of the automobile is considered it will cost him at least \$35 a month for transportation alone.

Nearly all of these good men, therefore, must have full time secular positions to be able to serve these churches, support a family, and keep an automobile.

Who pays the expense? The preacher.

They must take time off from their work for funerals, meetings, and other demands. Often a country preacher must drive sixty to one hundred miles in a round trip for a funeral. The funeral demands that he leave his work which costs from five to ten dollars per day. Then he pays all expenses to and from the funeral, which often is five to ten dollars. So the funeral may and often does cost him \$20 or two-thirds as much as he is paid for a month.

What does all this mean?

Just this, it costs the pastors of the part time churches an average of from \$25 to \$50 a month above what they receive from the churches for the privilege of preaching, if they do what is expected of them.

Last summer a visit to the country home of one of these preachers found a twelve-year boy and the wife and mother trying to cultivate about twelve acres of land while the husband was host to a visiting evangelist in one of the preacher's churches. The payments on the car used by the preacher in serving his churches were made possible by money received from the sale of eggs, chickens, cream, and vegetables from the farm. Much of this food was actually needed for the family.

What can be done?

This plea is to the Sunday School superintendents. Mr. Superintendent, take the lead for your pastor!

Call a conference of all leaders in your church. Put the facts before them. Lead them to adopt a weekly budget. Make the pastor's part from \$25 to \$50 per week, depending upon conditions. Make the amount to missions at least as much as that paid the pastor. Discuss the plan until the people understand it. Order from your state superintendent of missions as many packages of envelopes as you have people who will contribute. Give each contributor a package of envelopes. On a Sunday when everything is ready, ask all the people to put down on a card just how much they will give each week. Let those who do not desire to give weekly contribute when they will; but do not let them keep those who want to contribute weekly from

doing so. Give the people an opportunity to make this church offering each Sunday. The offering can be made at the Sunday School hour. Let it be received in the classes and when necessary let the plates be passed in the general assembly. It is your weekly church offering. Magnify it.

Part time churches that have adopted and followed a plan of weekly giving have blessed the individuals, made possible expansion and growth in the churches, strengthened mission causes, and paid the preacher enough to become a pastor. Mr. Superintendent, here is your opportunity to do something really big in your church!

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Product of Christian Truth

A Devotion by the Editor

"Now the end of the commandment is charity (love)."

Cause and effect is a principle running through the entirety of life. It is expressed by various phrases; the beginning and the end, the first and the last, the starting point and the point of arrival, the design and the finished product.

This is the principle involved in these words from the pen of Paul: "Now the end of the commandment is charity (love)." The commandment in this case is the beginning, the cause, the design. And in this case also it has reference not to a single command, but to the great body of Christian truth and teaching. It is the announcement or proclamation of Christian truth relative to salvation and right living.

We have in this body of Christian truth the greatest of all causes, the most perfect design or pattern for building life, the most powerful agent for accomplishing the greatest result. This call to consider the gospel message as the basis and origin of the Christian life is sandwiched between a double warning against using gospel truth merely as a speculative theme, or a subject for disputation, or empty argument. The doctrines of our Lord deal with fundamental life principles, not with mythological unrealities; they furnish the basis for right living, not merely themes for intellectual speculation; they are to issue in pure and noble character, not merely in sharpened wits to be used against unsuspecting and less informed persons.

There is a higher aim, a nobler purpose, a more worthy goal, toward which this body of Christian truth will guide us. The supreme end to which all things relate, the consummate goal of all Christian teaching, the ultimate aim of all Christian discipline is love. If our knowledge of Christian truth and our practice of Christian virtue do not produce in us Christian love, then we are like those persons described by Paul who "have failed by turning to empty arguments; but have no idea either of the meaning of the words they use or of the themes on which they harp."

Jesus Himself gave love as the highest aim and the greatest virtue of the Christian life. Love God with your whole being and your neighbor as yourself. That is the complete fulfillment of all the teachings of God.

"Neither give heed to fables and endless

Arkansas Baptist Foundation

By J. G. COTHRAN

The Arkansas Baptist Foundation is ready for business. The corporation has been formed with nine directors. It has been organized with a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. This organization is perpetual. We are going to create a volume of literature with the charter, by-laws, purpose, benefits, advantages, and other information set out in this literature. It will be available for use within the near future.

The purpose of the Foundation is to secure gifts, large and small, for our Baptist Institutions and Causes. The Foundation will also hold in trust and invest any moneys given for any of our Baptist work. Cash, bonds, stocks, and real estate can be given to the Foundation, and will be used in keeping with the will and desire of the donor.

The opportunities offered through the Foundation for people interested in Kingdom work are unlimited. There is a great deal of wealth in the hands of our Baptist people. Too much of it is wasted at the death of individuals. This wealth can be used to undergird and help take care of our Baptist Institutions and Causes long after the donors have died. Texas Baptists now have more than thirteen million dollars given for their institutions and agencies.

Who will be the first individual to make a substantial contribution to the Baptist Foundation? Some one must start what will become, in the course of time, a big business involving the entire program of Baptists. Gift, large or small, designated or undesignated will be welcomed by the Foundation.

The following officers have been elected: J. G. Cothran, Arkadelphia, president; R. H. Green, Little Rock, vice president; O. L. Bayless, Hot Springs, secretary; Ben L. Bridges, Little Rock, treasurer.

genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

"Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

"From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling:

"Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm" (1 Timothy 1:4-7).

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Kingdom Progress

First Church, Pocahontas, Destroyed by Fire

The building of the First Church, Pocahontas, built in 1901, was completely destroyed by fire which originated from an undetermined source at 1:15 p. m. Sunday, December 26. Sunday morning services had been held there and members stated that a coal stove in the auditorium had been used for heating instead of oil heaters, which were out of order, and it is surmised that the blaze started from a defective flue.

Also lost with the building were all furnishings with the exception of a piano and a few pews. The fire spread so rapidly that the entire building was leveled within less than an hour. Loss is estimated to be about \$40,000, with \$3,000 insurance.

The congregation under the leadership of Pastor W. Harry Hunt began the construction of a new church building a few months ago, and work on this new building is about one-third completed. In the meantime other denominations and friends have offered the use of their buildings.

Roger A. Butler began his third year as pastor of the First Church, Bauxite, January 1. During the past two years the church building has been enlarged, larger contributions to all outside causes have been made consistently, and 180 persons have been added to the church membership. Pastor Butler says that the "pastor and people are happily encouraged on the threshold of another year."

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions, was with the First Church, Crossett, and Pastor J. W. Buckner in a school of missions January 3 to 7. The school consisted of two 45-minute periods each night, a class period and an inspirational period. Dr. Caldwell was in charge of the inspirational services each evening, speaking on the mission work throughout the state of Arkansas and showing films which illustrate the progress being made by the mission department. The highest attendance for the week was 127.

Total registration at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, now stands at 112. This is an increase of 65 over the 1946-47 session. Six of the present enrolment are from Arkansas.

Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, Louisiana, reports a total of 3,057,231 pounds of relief materials received to date. The state of Missouri was the first state to reach and exceed one pound per member. Arkansas has sent in 102,697 pounds. Texas leads with 698,972 pounds.

Pastor Art Jones recently led the First Church, Green Forest, in an evangelistic campaign that resulted in 24 professions of faith, 21 of which united with the church, and seven additions by letter. W. T. Coston, Eureka Springs, led the song services.

L. L. Jordan reports that in his first week as pastor of the Central Church, Dyess, the church has voted to send twenty per cent of their offerings to the Co-operative Program.

During the last associational year Central Church, Magnolia, L. L. Hunnicutt, pastor, reported 149 additions to the church membership, 49 of these coming by profession of faith and baptism. Total gifts to all causes were \$74,338. Of this amount, \$10,330.49 was given to missions, and \$33,300.34 was added to the building fund. The church has recently adopted floor plans for a new auditorium with a seating capacity of 849. Construction will begin soon.

The Monthly Workers' Conference of Delta Association met January 10 with the Wilmot Church, where Dillard S. Miller is pastor. Theo T. James, McGehee, is moderator, and Allen McCurry, missionary. J. W. Buckner, pastor, First Church, Crossett, was guest speaker. There were 248 in attendance.

Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, B. B. Sawyer, pastor, is leading all churches in Arkansas in collecting clothing for foreign relief. They have filled 103 duffle bags, averaging 60 pounds each, making a total of 6,180 pounds of clothing.

Orville D. Behm, who has been associate pastor and choir director of the First Church, Mena, for the past two years, has resigned to accept the position of educational director of the First Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The First Church, Fort Smith, Dr. B. V. Ferguson, pastor, reports a successful year in 1948. There was a total of 426 additions to the church membership, 165 of these coming on profession of faith and baptism. The average attendance of the Sunday School for the year was 1,016. The highest attendance for the year was 1,659, breaking a 91 year record. The average attendance of the Training Union was 375. The church raised for all purposes in 1948 \$85,000 and has voted to go forward with its building program in 1949.

Pastor D. Blake Westmoreland, Jr. expresses the appreciation of himself and his church, the First Church, Warren, "for the excellent way in which the churches and individuals of Arkansas have sent to our people clothing, bedding, money and food," for the needs of the people suffering from the recent tornado disaster which struck the neighborhood of Warren. Pastor Westmoreland continues, "Our greatest need is for bed clothing, mattresses, springs, furniture, and items of that type."

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Pastoral Changes

Don Hook has resigned the pastorate of the Ozark Baptist Church and has accepted the pastorate of the Paris Baptist Church, effective February 6.

Felsenthal Church, Liberty Association, has recently called C. M. Miller as pastor.



James E. Birkhead

James E. Birkhead, formerly music and educational director of the First Church, Malvern, has accepted a similar position with the First Church, Hope, S. A. Whitlow, pastor. Mr. Birkhead entered the field of religious education and music while a member of the First Church, Benton. There he was instrumental in expanding their work in establishing mission Sunday Schools. He is a graduate of Ouachita College.

The Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, Byron King, pastor, recently had the service of T. H. Jordan, First Church, Van Buren, revival services. There were ten professions of faith and seven additions to the membership by letter, making a total of 17 additions. Ray N. Duckworth, evangelistic singer from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, conducted the music. Pastor King recommends Mr. Duckworth for revival meetings in other churches in Arkansas.

Three Creeks Church, Liberty Association, had their first service in the new church building Sunday, January 9. J. B. Ritchie is the pastor.

The 1949 budget of the First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas, Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor, is the largest in the history of the church, amounting to \$120,087.50. To date 898 pledges have been received, amounting to \$135,000.

Parthenon Church, Newton County, recently moved into their new church building. The first Sunday in this new building they had an attendance of 35, and an offering of \$175. Associational Missionary Ottis Denney is the part time pastor.

Fulton Church, Hope, has voted unanimously to co-operate with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Pastor S. A. Whitlow, First Church, Hope, has agreed to preach for them two Sunday afternoons each month. He recently conducted a stewardship study course at the Fulton Church, with eighteen in attendance, and eighteen agreeing to tithe for at least the first three weeks in January. Under the present budget of the church more than 50 per cent of the offerings will go to the Co-operative Program and associational missions.

Oregon Baptists In Historic Meeting

By R. E. MILAM
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The first annual session of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon, meeting with the First Baptist Church, Sweet Home, Oregon, November 16, 17, and 18, 1948, made history, but far more than history, for in it and through it flowed such spiritual power as to mark it as an unusual gathering. The fellowship and the spiritual surges of this meeting were to those of us who attended it reminiscent of high hours in revival meetings and evangelistic prayer conferences. The Holy Spirit came and seemed to put His approval on the work.

There was a spirit of accomplishment and challenge throughout. The Convention, which was organized in April with 13 churches, now has 22. Great gratitude was felt by all for the help of the California Southern Baptist Convention who sent Missionary Roland P. Hood and a group of South-wide leaders to assist in the work in the Northwest.

Among the program personalities were Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Donnelson, Tennessee; Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Brown, Miss Darlene Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Fred McCaulley of California; Wiley Henson, Arizona; and Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Georgia.

The following officers were elected: J. K. Cooper, Longview, Washington, president; S. L. Tidwell, Klamath Falls, Oregon, first vice president; N. A. Zimmerman, Richland, Washington, second vice president; C. E. Boyle, Yakima, Washington, recording secretary and historian; C. J. Coffman, Sunday School secretary; E. R. Jacks, Training Union secretary; Roland Hood, missionary; Bob Cooper, youth leader; Paul Betts, Brotherhood secretary; and R. E. Milan, executive secretary-treasurer.

The new budget was set at \$981 per month which 25 per cent goes to South-wide uses. In addition to the budget, a church building fund was initiated, the plan being to secure 1,000 people who will give \$1.00 each as a loan to help new churches begin building.

The First Church, Dumas, T. N. Shaddox, pastor, has recently completed a new parsonage at a cost of \$14,740. The seven-room building is of buff brick veneer to match the church building, which is in the same block. The church is now turning its efforts locally toward the building of an educational annex.

The Dumas Church under the leadership of Pastor Shaddox is going forward. The church sponsors two local missions. They voted a 60 per cent increase to the Co-operative Program for 1949. A total of \$6,503 was contributed through the church the last quarter of 1948, which was three times the amount raised in the same period in 1947.

Mormons Have 5,000 Missionaries

By RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

More than 5,000 men and women are now serving the Latter-day Saints Church as missionaries, it was announced at Church headquarters in Salt Lake City.

Franklin J. Murdock, missions secretary, said this figure represents an all-time high for the Mormon denomination. He added that 2,000 of these missionaries are preaching the Gospel abroad.

All-American

Johnny Lujack,, All-American football player, is as wise in the game of life as he is in the game of football. He says: "The student who drinks cannot have the physical and mental reactions necessary to do satisfactory work either in the classroom or on the athletic field. It isn't 'smart to drink' as many think. That is just a weak alibi used by many who haven't the courage to face facts. Abstinence from drink will not automatically make a boy a great athlete, but I can guarantee absolutely that indulgence in drink will certainly keep him from achieving anything worthwhile in athletics. It follows in all other field of life, for girls as well as boys. A clear, clean mind and body are the finest guarantees for success I know."

—Temperance Digest.

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Flier Back In Japan As Missionary

By RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

A youthful American clergyman has started his missionary work in Japan.

What sets Jacob Deshazer, Madras, Oregon, apart is the fact that nearly seven years ago he was trying to kill Japanese as a member of the famous General Doolittle bombing mission against Tokyo.

"I am very glad to be with you this morning," the young clergyman said in his first sermon in this country. "I am looking forward to a wonderful time with you."

He spoke at the Free Methodist church in a Tokyo suburb. The church was completed by Japanese members of the Free Methodist Church of North America only a few days earlier. About 180 persons, including several American soldiers, were in the congregation.

Mr. Deshazer was captured by the Japanese after bombing Tokyo. Imprisoned, he was subsequently given a Bible by a sympathetic guard. Reading the Bible led to his conversion and when the war ended he entered college after volunteering for full time missionary service abroad.

Methodists Experimenting With Television For Evangelism

By RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

The Methodist Church is considering the use of television in its program of evangelism, an official of the Church's General Board of Evangelism revealed.

Dr. Harry L. Williams, Nashville, Tennessee, the Board's director of public evangelism said experiments are under way in the television field. He said he expects the Church's efforts to be directed primarily toward filmed programs.

One such sound-film picture, produced for general showings, has been adapted for televising, he said.

Dr. Williams was in Memphis for a school of evangelism attended by thirty ministers from 16 states—all members of the Association of Approved Evangelists of The Methodist Church.

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Youth Teams to Combat Oklahoma Repeal Moves

By RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

Youth teams will travel to fight repeal movements throughout Oklahoma under a plan approved unanimously by a state Methodist young people's convention meeting in Oklahoma City.

According to the plan, high school and college students will speak to civic clubs, church groups and in schools. The students teams will be sponsored by individual churches.

Introduced by youth delegates, the plan was endorsed by Dr. W. Angie Smith, Methodist bishop of Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The Oklahoma Economic Institute was recently organized to circulate initiative petitions asking for a vote on the state's constitutional prohibition of the sale of liquor.

The 1,000 Methodist students then formed their plan to fight the liquor drive.

A Comparative Study of Arkansas Baptist Gains

	1947	1948
Associations	42	42
Churches	1,061	*
Total Membership	200,158	211,728
Baptisms	11,458	13,947
Sunday School Enrolment	135,259	148,400
Training Union Enrolment	43,197	51,015
W. M. U. Membership	23,072	25,898
Property Value	\$11,279,883	\$14,858,787
Pastors' Salaries	1,007,069	1,158,368
Local Work	3,696,467	4,686,631
Co-operative Program	414,195	478,867
All Missions	924,471	976,480
Grand Total Gifts	4,620,938	5,663,111

* 1948 figures not available.

*** Christian Horizons ***

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

Methodist Church Shows Record Membership: A record membership during 1948 of 8,651,062 in The Methodist Church of the United States was reported by Albert C. Hoover, of Evanston, Illinois, the denomination's statistical director.

In a statistical review of the denomination, Mr. Hoover stressed the steady growth in membership over the past five years.

Last year the denomination claimed a total membership of 8,567,772; in 1946 there were 8,430,146 members; in 1945 membership totaled 8,083,767; and in 1944 the church had a membership of 8,057,129.

Since unification of the northern and southern branches of the denomination, according to the report, membership has increased 1,290,875.

—Religious News Service.

Atomic Workers Want More Churches: Religious News Service reports that atomic workers want to build churches. And the congregations want their own building sites in the atomic city of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Twenty Oak Ridge ministers who are without churches have appealed to Senator-elect Estes Kefauver for help in obtaining lands within the atomic area as sites for church buildings.

Senator Kefauver, who moves from the House to the Senate January 1, has taken the ministers' appeal directly to the Atomic Energy Commission.

"Oak Ridge needs permanency," he says, "and no community can have this without churches. The Government has retained title to all lands on the atomic project, hence there has been no space available for people to erect churches. I will do all possible to impress the AEC officials with the necessity for churches."

Baptists Get Additional FM Permits: Four construction permits have been granted by the Federal Communications Commission to Baptist groups in Texas seeking to establish a nine-unit FM radio station network. The Baptists previously received two other building permits and have one station in operation.

Stations just issued permits are KBMA, to be operated by the First Baptist church, Beaumont; KHBL, at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview; KSWW, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth; and KHCO, Baptist Missionary Union, Houston.

The two stations which received permits earlier were KBUK, to be operated at Dallas by the Baptist General Convention of Texas; and KSSB, to be operated by the Baptist Association of San Antonio. The station now operating is KMHB, owned by Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton.

During the first year of a three year crusade undertaken by the Disciples of Christ, 200,000 new members have been enlisted and 70 new churches have been built. The crusade goal of the Disciples is to boost the membership to 2,000,000 and to organize 200 new churches. The current membership of that denomination is 1,600,000.

Indian Leaders Praise Work of Missionaries: Tributes to the work of Christian missionaries were paid by Indian leaders at centenary celebrations of the Malabar Christian College at Calicut.

Among those praising the missionaries were C. Rajagopalachari, governor-general of India, and Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Dewan of Mysore.

The governor-general predicted that Christians "will continue to flourish" in all parts of India "for the government of new India is no enemy to any religion or any religious institution."

"We are grateful," the governor's message added, "not only for the educational work done by the Christian colleges and schools but also for such religious campaigns as were associated with them."

The "Lutheran Hour" will broadcast the gospel in the Russian language throughout the USSR by regular weekly sermons, despite the efforts made by the Communists to counteract the broadcast. The same work done in Poland has brought to Dr. Walter A. Maier letters of unprecedented gratitude.

Protestants were active in Maryland in the recent election campaign and won in several issues submitted to the voters on the ballot. A Protestant-supported measure barring parochial school children from riding in school busses of Calvert County was approved by a vote of 2,046 to 759, and a proposal to permit bowling on Sundays in Carroll County was defeated by a vote of 4,147 to 3,219. In Anne Arundel County, however, a bill advocated by Catholic clergymen to permit games of chance for charity purposes was approved by 10,745 to 3,286, and in Dorchester County, despite Protestant opposition, a legal liquor referendum was approved 3,832 to 3,211. Voters also made it illegal, by 3,245 to 989, for anyone to solicit weddings or "loiter about public buildings" in quest of wedding business.

In Los Angeles, the police arrested 4,794 women for drunkenness in 1947, a 96 per cent increase over 1942 and a 93 per cent increase over 1927, when Prohibition was in effect. In Washington, D. C., Captain Rhoda Milken, head of the Women's Division of the Metropolitan Police Force, has said recently that arrests of female bar flies in the nation's capital has doubled since the war.

—Watchman Examiner.

America began with hungry men who thought a free fast was better than a fettered feast. Yet something more than hunger came out of that preference. And the glory of America is not in its tall towers nor vast acres. The glory of America is the American citizen, free, sovereign and unafraid. We do well to thank God for that.—LYNN LANDRUM.

A Smile or Two

If you want your wife to listen to you when you talk, talk in your sleep."

Garage Mechanic: What's the trouble, lady?

Mrs. Newdriver: They say I have a short circuit. Can you lengthen it while I wait, please?

Young and inexperienced father (looking at triplets the nurse had just brought out): "We'll take the one in the middle."

—Lookout.

Two motorists pulled up for the night at hotel.

"Well, I think," said the host, "that you'll have a comfortable night. It's a feather bed."

At two o'clock in the morning one of the motorists roused his companion.

"Change places with me, Dick," he groaned, "it's my turn to lie on the feather."

—Exchange.

At the headquarters of the dreaded secret police, OZNA, in Yugoslavia, they were questioning a newly arrested citizen. "What is your attitude toward the people's regime?"

"The same as toward my wife."

"What do you mean?"

"Before marriage I loved her, but now I am afraid of her."

—Plain Talk.

"Now, Johnny," said the teacher, "can you tell me what a hypocrite is?"

"Yes, Miss," replied Johnny. "It's a boy what comes to school with a smile on his face."

—Christian Herald.

A recent ad states: "It took 12,000 workers to put that bottle of milk at your door."

Yes, it sounded as though it did.

—Baptist Observer.

It's only natural for older people to be quiet. They have a lot more to be quiet about.

—A. M. L., Platteville, Wis. Journal.

A bricklayer down in Alabama awoke from his noonday nap, stretched, and grumbled: "Hit ain't nothin' but wo'k from mawnin' till night. Wisht I was daid."

Just then another worker accidentally dropped a brick from the scaffolding above, hitting the grumbler on the head. He staggered, recovered his balance, and picked up his trowel. "Dawgone," he mumbled, "de Lawd, He don't see no jokes. He take ever'thing serious."

—Capper's Weekly.

The conscientious father was dispensing advice to his son who was about to be married.

"Co-operation is the foundation of successful marriage," pop said solemnly. "You must do things together. For instance, if your wife wants to go for a walk, go for a walk with her. If she wants to go to the movies, go to the movies with her. If she wants to do the dishes, do the dishes with her."

The son listened dutifully, then asked, "Suppose she wants to mop the floor?"

—Phoenix Flame.

Sound Effects On "Greatest Story" Require Search For Gadgets

Most people who have been in a radio studio, or have read anything about the way a studio operates, are quite familiar with the many unusual methods used to indicate sound effects on dramatic shows.

Crushing cellophane is one of the best ways to imitate fire; thudding horses' hoofs are merely suction cups beat upon a matting or upon the sound man's chest, etc. Most of the standard sound effects are recorded, and can be played whenever desired from such recordings, so that a wide range of equipment is no longer as necessary as it used to be.

But all of these things were of little use to the program, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," which dramatizes the teachings of Christ, as revealed in the New Testament. This outstanding program, offered every Saturday at 6:30 p. m., EST, over the American Broadcasting Company network, presents religious truths in an exciting but sincere modern version. Though it is sponsored by one of our country's greatest industrial organizations, there is no commercial on the program; not even an institutional message.

Depicting the times of Christ, the program requires many unusual sound effects that are not in current libraries. Some of them, like the sound of camels' hoofs, the passing of donkeys along the highways of Palestine, and others were fairly easily obtained. Recordings of these animals in the Bronx Zoo solved that problem.

Others were more difficult. Crowd effects had to be created anew, because the sound of the ancient Hebraic crowds, even though simulated in the usual crowd tones, were different from today's crowds. Sounds in the homes or other similar modern backgrounds.

A typical example of a most unusual requirement was the sound of a leper's bell. These little bells, which every leper was required to ring constantly so all the people would know he was "unclean," no longer exist. Descriptions of the sound do exist, however, and served as a guide. After trying almost a hundred different kinds of bells, the sound effect engineer on "The Greatest Story Ever Told," found that a small brass bell, known as an elephant bell in India, served the purpose best.

Incidentally, this is the first time that the portrayal of the voice of Christ has been used on the air. A musical "halo" is placed around His words by a bell-like sound effect which precedes any words that Christ speaks, and carries through them.

Another unusual sound effect, obtained through the use of the choir which is part of the program, is the "voice" music background that builds up and blends in with many of the scenes. This is one of the first times such a sound-music effect has ever been tried on a network show.

—American Broadcasting Company.

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George Bernard Shaw: "If a natural choice between drunkenness and sobriety were possible in our civilization, I should leave the people free to choose. But when I see an enormous capitalist organization pushing drink under people's noses at every corner, and pocketing the price, whilst leaving me and others to pay the colossal damages, then I am prepared to smash that organization and make it as easy for a poor man to be sober, if he wants to, as it is for his dog."

The Dangerous Undrunken Driver

The important problem from the standpoint of the safety of the highways is to teach the public, particularly the moderate-drinking public, that the greatest preventable cause of travel tragedies is the undrunken driver who has been drinking.

The first thing to know about alcohol is that it is an anesthetic.

The next thing to know about alcohol is that it fools folks. It fools folks about themselves. The exhaustive experiments made in the Swedish army with its soldiers who had been given "diabetic" or "permissible" rations of alcohol, proved this point. While the alcohol slowed their speed and reduced their accuracy, the soldiers believed that it had stimulated them and that they were shooting faster and straighter, even when speed had been reduced to a third and accuracy a half. Kraepelin, the German scientist, found the same effect, and stated that the actual facts were exactly opposite to the belief of the drinkers. The Bible says wine is a deceiver, and that whoever is fooled by this old fooler is not very smart, and science backs it up.

Studying the problem strictly in connection with traffic hazards the British Medical Research Council of London reported that the "reaction time" required for the average driver to take appropriate action when confronted by a danger situation "is doubled or trebled by a dose of alcohol equal to that contained in two ounces of whiskey," which is substantially less than that contained in two pints of 3.2 per cent (by weight) beer. The Council also found that the average normal "reaction time" is one-fifth of a second.

Suppose one is driving along a street at 25 miles per hour, and a child darts out from between parked cars, just 25 feet ahead. The car is traveling at 40 feet per second, and in the one-fifth of a second normally required to apply the brake it will have moved eight feet nearer the child. The car, with efficient four-wheel brakes, can be stopped in 16 feet, or one foot before striking the child.

But if the driver has drunk two ounces of whiskey or two pints of 3.2 per cent beer, and his "reaction time" has thus been doubled or trebled, the car would have traveled from 16 to 24 feet before the brake would have been applied, and a distressing accident or perhaps a fatal tragedy would be the result.

This is the conclusion of science that the usual social drink of beer, wine or spirits befores the judgment, retards co-ordinate action and benumbs caution for a period of from one to three hours.

—From the Board of Temperance,
The Methodist Church.

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Church Collects False Teeth For Missions: Tenth Presbyterian, Philadelphia, is taking up a new kind of collection—second-hand false teeth for distribution in the African mission field.

After being collected, the teeth are to be forwarded to an American dentist-missionary, Dr. Theodore Shanks, who is partially supported in his work by the Philadelphia congregation.

It was explained that Dr. Shanks has a \$15,000 mobile dental chair unit which he drives through the Congo. During a recent furlough visit here, he said his greatest need was for teeth—full plates, dentures, or any kind of artificial teeth that can be made over for his patients.

Baptists of the World—Arise!

By MERRILL D. MOORE

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance has recently said, "B. W. A. has been interpreted to signify not only Baptist World Alliance, but Baptists of the World—Arise!"

While millions of women and children in war-torn countries are starving, freezing, and ill, food and clothing are needed more than ever before.

While thousands of our Baptist brethren live in countries where they are a small, despised and downtrodden minority, they need a sense of strength and a consciousness of being a part of a world-encircling and victorious fellowship.

They need bread which our dollars can send, also, they need encouragement which we can best give through a strongly functioning Baptist World Alliance.

Those who have visited these smaller countries know how important the work of the Alliance is, in giving encouragement to our brethren where the Baptist cause is small and weak.

One of the great missionary opportunities of our day lies in enlarging the effective ministry of the Baptist World Alliance.

The special offering on February 6, approved by the Southern Baptist Convention, and taken in your church will be used one-half for relief purposes and one-half for the work of the Baptist World Alliance.

We made a worthy offering over two years ago for relief—but other people are suffering and dying now. We undertook a token Baptist World Alliance offering last year, but our brethren need more than tokens.

Baptists of the World, arise! Sunday, February 6, is our day to say something significant to the world.

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Baptists Sponsor Will-Making Week

Louisiana Baptists have decreed January 9-16 as "will-making week," according to Religious News Service.

Dr. Herschel C. Pettus, director-treasurer of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation, urged that "every adult Baptist should make a will and include our Baptist work in it. No stewardship program is complete without the making of a will. It is just as important to provide for the wise use of our possessions after we die as it is to use them wisely while we live."

According to Dr. Pettus' records, only four out of ten property owners leave wills, and 80 per cent of these wills are broken, primarily because of faulty preparation.

"This means that 92 per cent of American property owners leave their possessions to the mercy of the courts, causing in many instances confusion and discord among the heirs," Dr. Pettus said. "This should not be true among Christians."

"To make a will does not mean one is about to die that day or the next," Dr. Pettus continued. "It means that one is, in time of good health and clear thinking, making sure that a part of his Christian possessions will live on working for the Master when his toil on earth shall cease—however soon or however distant."

Foreign Mission Offering Strengthens First Church

It is the testimony of the members of the First Church, Little Rock, that the unprecedented offering for foreign missions January 9 has strengthened the entire church and gives an impetus to every phase of its program.

Here's what the people of the First Church are saying about the offering:

It has unified our people and stimulated their interest in Kingdom work as nothing else could have done.

—*Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor.*

If the only result of this offering were the effect it has had on our church, it would be worth it.

—*Roland Leath, educational director.*

I don't believe the Lord intends for us to hoard up wealth; if He gave it to us He meant for us to use it for His glory. I'd be ungrateful, if I didn't do something to show my appreciation to Him. When I was ready for school, there was a Baptist Academy furnished me; when I married, Christianity furnished me a beautiful Christian character for a wife; when I am sick, Christianity furnishes me a hospital.

The deacon who first proposed the offering.

The offering made to foreign missions, January 9, has made our church more conscious than ever before of our duties as Christians. It has deepened our spirituality; increased our interest; and given us a greater desire for individual and collective service in the Lord's work. A spirit of humility and thankfulness prevails throughout our entire membership.

*Ray M. Wilson,
Chairman, Board of Deacons.*

In the special foreign mission offering I see a three-fold blessing to our membership: First, it caused us to search our hearts and to weigh anew our love for the Lord and His cause—a personal blessing. Second, it was a unifying force and cemented our membership in the fellowship of giving and praying—a collective blessing. Third, it is far-reaching in the witnessing of our church. It can influence others to do likewise—a world-wide blessing.

—*Dollie Hiatt.*

No doubt there was gladness in heaven as it was on earth Sunday, January 9, as hundreds and hundreds of people marched by the church altar and placed their offerings on it for foreign missions. A oneness of spirit swept through the audience like we have experienced in a great revival season while the lost were being saved. Our church should be a greater soul winning church as the lost are being saved in other nations of the earth through the ministry caused by this offering.

—*J. F. Queen.*

The great offering for foreign missions will be an encouraging factor in helping our church reach the "Fifty-fifty by 1950" objective of Southern Baptists, which means giving as much of our budget for the Co-operative Program as we use for local needs.

—*Mrs. B. L. Bridges.*

I believe this is the greatest single effort our church has ever undertaken—this offering represents the lives of our members invested in the Lord's work.

—*Morton E. Phelps.*

I believe this service we experienced in our church last Sunday deepened our spiritual lives and broadened our horizons for missions. It gave us a world-wide vision concerning the winning of the lost around the whole world.

—*Mrs. C. W. Caldwell.*

There is no way to estimate the good the \$50,000 raised Sunday, January 9, will do on the foreign fields. And here at home, in our own church, it has aroused a spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm that will cause the members to march forward in a united front to greater and nobler things than ever before.

—*Robert J. Gardner.*

The sacrificial offering given in our church last Sunday has caused our membership to become interested in world missions as never before. The spirit life of our church has been deepened as I have never seen it before.

—*Mrs. W. I. Moody.*

I believe the offering last Sunday was the greatest token of love for a lost world ever shown by a single church in these modern days. It came without any high pressure, out of hearts full of love. I know it was the greatest hour our church has had in the past twenty years. It drew us all closer to the Lord and to one another in Christian fellowship.

—*J. B. Shamburger.*

It broadened our vision of, deepened our interest in, and solidified our forces in a greater program for a lost world.

—*Mrs. R. C. Campbell.*

It would be impossible to estimate in dollars and cents, or to evaluate in any way, the offering made by our church last Sunday. Just the sight of the people marching and giving was enough to lift us to the very gates of Heaven. Last Sunday, and the days leading up to it, mark the beginning of a new and higher spiritual day for our church.

—*John D. Reynolds.*

I believe our people will have an increased interest in foreign missions due to this offering. May each gift be accompanied by our prayers that the Lord will use our money to the spreading of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

—*Mrs. Arnold Taylor.*

As I look back and contemplate this wonderful foreign mission offering I don't think I ever saw more missionary fervor or a better spirit than prevailed during the short time that we worked at it. I know the money will do a lot of good in carrying the Gospel to a lost world, but I think it will do more for the First Baptist Church in all phases of our work than anything that has ever happened in the forty years of my membership.

—*C. A. Riley.*

Church Women Ask Double Services On Sunday

By RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

TAMPA, Fla.—Women of the Spencer Memorial Baptist church here want to follow an example of the motion picture industry for maximum use of equipment in their church building.

The church's Woman's Missionary Society adopted a resolution citing the practice of motion picture theaters for continuous showings "whereby they empty and refill their building time and again," and called for a double program of preaching and teaching services each Sunday morning.

"We feel," said the resolution, "that the popularizing of this type of service would untie the hands of many churches from big financial obligations to build and equip more buildings." They suggested that the money saved could be used for a stimulated program of world missions.

The resolution asked that the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention "study, recommend, advocate, and promote the double services on Sunday in order to get more use out of our existing equipment."

The Reverend J. Elwood Rawls, pastor of the church, said he knew that several churches have tried the plan and that it worked successfully.

"As our church grows," he said, "all that I can see ahead is a vicious circle of more people, more buildings, more money—but if we can make the double service plan popular think of the building fund money that can be saved for the glory of God and for reaching countless millions who want the Gospel."

Sunday's result was due to much prayer and complete unison on the part of our membership. This will go down in history as one of the outstanding accomplishments of our church.

—*L. O. Baker.*

All of our hearts were drawn closer to God and to each other last Sunday in this great united effort to promote the Kingdom of God through the giving of our money. Because of this day, I believe our church will see and feel the smile of God's approval as we have greater spiritual power; more people won to Christ; and more dedicated Christians.

—*Juanita Straubie.*

It is my opinion that the voluntary donation of \$50,000 in a single day for foreign missions is the most significant accomplishment in the religious life of the South in a decade. I feel that this outstanding example of unselfish devotion to Christ's great Commission will inspire a similar movement in thousands of churches of all denominations, and in turn will ultimately result in a more potent force to bring permanent peace into the world than the efforts of the United Nations.

—*Arthur McAninch.*

The offering Sunday was a demonstration of the great spiritual depth of our church and it will be an inspiration to do similar and greater things for the Lord, and in later years because of this inspiration all can say, "... for the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6b).

—*E. C. Moyer.*

Report of the Special Committee on Foreign Mission Conference

By J. W. PORTER

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America held its annual meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, from January 4-7. The major work of this conference is done by bringing together from the various mission boards those responsible for overseas administration to consult on common problems and to provide such facts as will make most effective the work of each.

By its constitution, the Foreign Missions Conference recognizes the complete autonomy of all its member boards, leaving each board to determine the extent of its own participation and co-operative policies. It is not a part of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, being a separate entity, both by its constitution and its practice. This principle has been true for more than the 55 years of its existence. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was one of the constituting members in the formation of the Foreign Missions Conference and has found its membership most helpful.

At this annual session there was a proposal to take action upon a motion—here we quote—"that the Foreign Missions Conference of North America agrees to become one of the constituting agencies of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and to become the Division of Foreign Missions thereof, in accordance with the revised edition of the constitution of the National Council, dated April 25, 1944."

After a lengthy, but always fraternal discussion and by signed ballot of those authorized by their various boards to vote, the motion was overwhelmingly defeated, which in essence means that the Foreign Missions Conference continues as it is, namely—an entirely autonomous body, definitely separate from the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and the proposed National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

In addition to Doctors Rankin, Gill, and Sadler, a special committee appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, consisting of R. B. Jones, C. E. Hereford, R. Kelly White, Ralph A. Herring, and J. W. Storer, were present and all of these, including the three secretaries named above, voted against the motion to enter the National Council of Churches. Dr. Rankin, speaking against the motion, made a plain and straight-forward statement, which was re-inforced by Dr. Sadler, that if the motion carried, the Foreign Mission Board would automatically be eliminated from membership.

Having thus stated the result of this epochal action, your committee would register its findings concerning the relation of our Board to the Foreign Missions Conference.

After careful study, the committee finds nothing in our Board's membership in the Foreign Missions Conference which in any way compromises either the position of the Southern Baptist Convention or the actions taken by our Convention with reference to the World Council of Churches, and other such union organizations. Nor does the membership commit the Foreign Mission Board to actions, public statements, or press releases by the Foreign Mission Conference.

On the contrary, we find that membership in the Foreign Mission Conference yields

many distinct advantages. It offers a valuable pool of information regarding the conditions on the mission fields and approaches to problems common to all missionary undertakings; it offers, also, specific services which would be difficult if not impossible for any single Board to provide; and it offers the inspiration drawn from the wider fellowship of God's children in preaching the gospel throughout the world.

We find that the financial contributions from the Foreign Mission Board to the Foreign Missions Conference are quite reasonable and wholly justified in light of the services rendered to the Foreign Mission Board. Our board takes no part in any project of union mission work and provides no funds for such projects. And further, the committee found no disposition on the part of the Foreign Missions Conference to interfere in any way with the autonomous work of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Southern Baptists Set Baptism Record In 1948

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)—Evangelistic fires burned brightly across the 21-state Southern Baptist Convention territory in 1948, and the denomination's 26,823 churches reported 312,246 additions by baptism—the largest number in Southern Baptist history.

Porter Routh, statistical officer, reported that the number of baptisms in 1948 exceeded the 1947 total by 27,094, and pushed the membership of churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention to 6,491,981. Southern Baptists do not accept infants for baptism or membership.

Sunday School enrolment jumped more than 300,000 during the year—a record in itself — to bring the total enrolled in weekly Bible study to 4,308,374, Routh reported.

Training Union enrolment was reported at 1,078,828, Woman's Missionary Society enrolment at 856,057, and Brotherhood enrolment at 109,091, all new high marks. A total of 1,274,763 were enrolled in the summer vacation Bible schools.

Gifts for all causes by Baptist church members affiliated with the Southern Convention reached \$156,605,521, a gain of \$24,442,675 over 1947. Of the total given, \$124,855,222 was used for local church work, and \$31,750,299 was used for missions, education, and benevolences.

A total of \$8,865,790, designated and undesignated, reached the offices of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for Southern Baptist Convention causes. Of this, \$6,000,837 was for the undesignated Co-operative Program, distributed among the various causes on a percentage basis.

Value of church property reached \$450,385,517, a gain of \$83,554,865. Some of this increase represents increased valuation, but most of it represents added building during the year. This figure does not include \$125,000,000 invested by the denomination in educational plants, orphanages, and hospitals, but only property owned by local churches, Routh explained.

Judge Bars State Aid For Church Hospitals

By RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

Frankfort, Ky.—A Kentucky circuit judge has barred state aid for church-backed or other private hospitals.

If upheld by the Court of Appeals, Kentucky's highest court, the ruling will wipe out \$190,000 allocated to three hospitals under a 1948 Legislature Act.

Circuit Judge W. B. Ardery ruled that the State Constitution bars use of state tax money to aid institutions the state neither owns nor controls. He cited also a Constitution ban against aiding religious organizations.

In a previous case the Court of Appeals had limited state financial aid to public hospitals. The current suit tests aid to private and church institutions.

Institutions which had been allocated aid by the State Building Commission under the 1948 Act are:

Our Lady of Peace, Louisville Catholic institution, allocated \$130,000 by the state for a proposed 108-bed hospital for intensive mental treatment.

Norton Infirmary, Louisville Episcopal institution, allocated \$60,000 for its 121-bed psychiatric addition.

Hayswood Hospital, non-denominational institution at Maysville, allocated \$10,000 for adding a floor to its public facilities.

Other institutions which have sought aid include the \$3,500,000 Methodist-Evangelical Hospital, Louisville, and Methodist Hospital at Pikeville.

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Want a Church Without a Budget?

Well, here's how you can have one. Here's the plan:

Each individual will bring two scuttles full of coal with him to church on cold Sundays, and will take his turn at firing the furnace. Each person will bring a candle with him for the evening service.

You may have your choice as to your share of pastoral duties. You may prefer to preach a sermon, conduct a funeral, get out the bulletin, visit the sick, or do some of the worrying when people don't come to church as they should.

Each member must come to church equipped with a broom and dust cloth, prepared to do your part in keeping the church clean. When repairs are to be made, please bring your own tools and materials.

Each member will secure his own literature for Sunday School and Training Union by ordering it well in advance from Nashville.

You will be expected to arrange your business so you can be free to spend at least six months of life on a foreign field in missionary work.

Since we need water at the church for drinking and baptizing, you will remember to bring a bucket of water along with the coal.

NOW IF YOU THINK THIS PLAN WON'T WORK, YOU HAVE NOTHING ON ME. In fact, I have an idea you prefer the WEEKLY BUDGET PLAN TO THE WEEKLY SCUTTLE PLAN. Then let us co-operate fully with the plan our church has adopted and underwrite in sacred covenant with God the budget our church has unanimously and enthusiastically adopted.

—Metropolitan Church Bulletin.

Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention

209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

MRS. F. E. GOODBAR
President

MISS NANCY COOPER
Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Over the Top for Foreign Missions

Rejoice, for the \$35,000 goal accepted by our state for the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions has been exceeded! The total to date, January 11, is \$47,962.23! Daily, remittances are being received and there is reason to believe that the grand total will far surpass previous years. Societies! Auxiliaries! Glean and re-glean for this offering and promptly forward to the State W. M. U. office. The "over the top" offering will be used cautiously in taking care of needs that could not be included in the original allocations of the \$1,600,000 South-wide goal. "Missions Wait on Stewardship."

Among the compensations that come from surpassing a goal are the "extras" we are able to supply. The Executive Board of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas voted in regular session October 26 to allocate \$600 from the "beyond the goal" offering to furnish a room in the new Training School for Girls in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This was done not only to meet a need, but to honor one of Arkansas' own daughters, Mrs. Edith Ayers Allen of Fort Smith, who has served many years as missionary in Brazil.

When you remit, please state whether the offering is to be credited to the Missionary Society or to the auxiliaries, and the amount to each.

May the joy of sharing that which comes into your hands bespeak the appreciation of the throngs who will be benefited by your gift.

It's Time To Study Home Missions

The new 1949 graded series of mission study books recommended for study preceeding the observance of the Season of Prayer and the taking of the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions in March are all available at the Baptist Book Store. The titles are:

For W. M. S. and Y. W. A.; Co-operating Southern Baptists by J. B. Lawrence; Handclasp of the Americas by Alfred Carpenter.

For Intermediates: The Word of Their Testimony by Una Roberts Lawrence.

For Juniors: Indian Blankets by Alpha Marie Gambrell.

For Sunbeams: Anthony Becomes Eagle Heart by Curb-Tarry.

Resource Book: For a Christian Nation by Wright.

The above are all 50c except **Indian Blankets** which is 35c.

Plans should be crystallized NOW for study of these books by every Society and Auxiliary. Have your teachers been selected and books put in their hands for preparation?

New Missionary Round Table Booklist Available

One of the latest publications to become available is the 1949 Missionary Round Table Booklist. This contains groupings of 12 books on eleven different subjects, each presenting world conditions. Many new books appear on the list, however, any previously listed are approved for Missionary Round Table use.

A request for the number of booklists you need will be handled promptly.

Focus—Magnify—Utilize Girls Auxiliary

February 6-12 is Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week and it is hoped that the eyes of the entire church family will be turned on that special missionary organization for our "daughters" ages 9 through 12. It would be fine to present the value and function of the organization through a skit, through an "open meeting," through a coronation service, at a regularly scheduled service of the church. Be sure to magnify missionary activity by doing, and it would be fine to mix in a nice party. These girls are our hope of tomorrow, our leaders of that new day. Let's not forget them anytime, but let's add the "extras" during February 6-12.

Remember!

Intermediate G. A. Conference
Central College
March 4-6

State-Wide Evangelistic Conference

Everything is in readiness for the great State-Wide Evangelistic Conference which will meet in the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, January 24-26. All the Baptist churches of Greater Little Rock area are co-operating by furnishing bed and breakfast without charge for all preachers, evangelists, and missionaries over the state. The program will begin Monday evening, January 24, 7:00 p. m.

Those who desire reservation, either in a hotel or home, should send a card to the Mission Department at once in order to be assured of a place to stay. Do not wait until the evening service to get an assignment for a home. The people who are furnishing their rooms will appreciate those assigned contacting them as soon as possible.

Churches should see to it that their pastors attend. If possible, all expenses for the pastor's attendance should be provided by the church. All sessions of the conference are open to everyone. Many laymen and women should drive in for at least some of the services.

Department of MISSIONS

G. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Special attention is called to the message by the nationally known Judge Camille Kelley, Memphis, Tennessee. She will speak Tuesday morning, January 25, at 10:25. The presidents of Missionary Societies would do well to get a group of women in their churches to drive to Little Rock to hear her message. It will be worth driving across the state to hear.

Of course, everyone knows that Dr. W. A. Criswell is considered one of the leading preachers of the nation. He will speak four times during the conference. What a privilege it will be to hear him!

Come to the first service and stay through the last.

Sunday School Board Approves Recommendations

Continued gains made by Southern Baptist churches during 1948 were reflected in the reports to the December meeting of the Sunday School Board meeting held in Nashville in December.

To meet the growing responsibilities faced by expanding church goals from Maryland to California, the Board approved the following recommendations presented by Executive Secretary-Treasurer T. L. Holcomb:

Budgets for promotion of Sunday School, Training Union, Baptist Student Union, and church music work through the various states were increased from a total of \$250,600 for 1948 to \$278,650 for 1949. Arkansas will receive \$12,000 as compared with \$10,800 in 1948.

Construction on the Sunday School Board building on Ninth Avenue in Nashville, which was halted in 1940 by war conditions, will be resumed as soon as possible. The recommendation to build came after a two year study of the present crowded quarters by a group of Nashville Baptist laymen. The elevator shaft and exterior for nine additional floors will be completed and the individual offices will be finished as needed. Space will be provided on one of the floors for the Southern Baptist Historical Society, now located in Louisville, Kentucky, and will be a depository for Southern Baptist historical material.

A budget of \$56,000 was provided for free literature to be distri-

buted through the educational and promotional departments. Free literature is provided for the first quarter for any new Sunday School or Training Union, or for a mission Sunday School or Training Union started by a church. A number of free books are offered to any churches starting church libraries. Free material is also furnished to churches starting Extension departments or Cradle Roll departments.

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Five Dollar Food Box

Clovis A. Brantley, general director of the Southern Baptist Relief Center, New Orleans, explains advantages of the new Help Other People Eat, Hope, food box to Dr. George W. Sadler, director of the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board.

The box contains an eleven pound assortment of food and sells for \$5.00, which includes overseas delivery to Europe and Asia. If you do not care to designate the recipient, the Relief Center will send your box along with others to one of our Baptist missionaries for distribution by them where the need is greatest. Included with the food is a copy of one of the Gospels, written in the language of the country to which the Hope box is being sent.

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A man is to build his life, not on petty rules, but on great principles.

—George W. Truett.

Student Union Movement Steadily Advancing

PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Student Union work in Arkansas began in 1925 at the State University in Fayetteville. In 1937 the State Convention asked the Religious Education Department to promote Student Union work throughout the state. Each year student work has advanced. T. D. McCulloch is now the full time Baptist Student Union Secretary.

According to reports gathered from the different colleges there were 5,589 Baptist students enrolled in colleges, universities, business and professional schools, in the state, in the year 1948. During the year the student union organizations have conducted youth revivals, Vocational Emphasis Weeks, and Student Evangelistic Weeks. Daily devotional periods were established for the first time on five campuses. Three hundred sixty students from over the state joined with the University of Arkansas students at the First Church, Fayetteville, for one of the greatest student union conventions ever held in the state.

For the past ten years the State Student Union Secretary has worked with the State Training Union Director to enlist summer field workers, to conduct Training Union enlargement campaigns in the different associations.

For sometime Ouachita College has had a student building, and student secretaries have served from time to time. Three years ago the State Convention purchased a student building in Fayetteville for student union work, and a student union secretary has been employed for the past two years. A. D. Bates has been serving as student union secretary at the University of Arkansas since July 15, 1948. Miss Elma Cobb is the efficient and consecrated student secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

According to reports more than 3,000 of the 5,589 Baptist students have been enlisted by the student union to become members of the local college churches, and to enroll in one of the unit organizations of the Baptist churches in the college centers. Fourteen institutions of higher learning are now organized for Baptist union work.



T. D. McCULLOCH
State Student Union Secretary

PURPOSE OF BAPTIST STUDENT UNION MOVEMENT

First of all, it is a *Baptist* movement. It is Baptist in belief, practice, ideals, and standards. Second it is a *student* movement, whose purpose is to help the student to be a better Christian, a better Baptist, a better student, and a better servant of Christ and the church. It is a *co-operative* movement. The state, South-wide and college workers work with and through the college Baptist Student Union councils. Among the varied activities are included the effort to enlist every Baptist student in the church and its unit organizations; to promote attendance, to enlist for the budget; and help in the various Baptist campus movements, such as youth revivals, etc.

Every effort is made to win the unsaved students to Christ by enrolling unsaved students in the Sunday school, and encouraging attendance in the Sunday school and church services. College students are encouraged through daily Bible reading and prayer to be personal soul winners.

What Greater Opportunities

Tomorrow's leaders are now, or will be soon, in the colleges of Arkansas. Leaders in government, business, church and denominational life, are now being trained and prepared for the leadership of tomorrow. What group has more potentialities than the 6,000 Baptist students now on college campuses in Arkansas? From this group will come our future Sunday school and Training Union officers and leaders, deacons, educational directors, pastors, missionaries, both state and South-wide. The time to reach, hold, and train these future leaders is now. Arkansas Baptists have and will continue to rally to the cause of enlisting, training and serving, Arkansas Baptist college youth for this future leadership.

Our Baptist Student Union may be counted on to steadily advance during 1949.

Future Baptist Student Union Activities for 1949

Every effort will be made, working through the fourteen or more student union councils in the state, to encourage and enlist the college students to co-operate through the local college churches in the various denominational movements and objectives for the year. The college departments in the different churches will do their proportional share to reach the South-wide goal of enlisting 600,000 additional enrolment in the Sunday Schools. Arkansas' goal is 20,000 increase in enrolment. They will share in increasing the state Training Union enrolment by 7,000. An effort will be made to furnish at least five students to do summer mission work in Hawaii, San Andres, Alaska, or California.

1949 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JANUARY—Vocational Emphasis Week, climaxed with Life Commitment Day.

FEBRUARY—Student Evangelistic Week. A week of personal evangelism on the part of the students.

MARCH—Enlistment for summer service. Students are informed of the different programs and are invited to participate in summer work, including Vacation Bible schools, Sunday school and Training Union enlargement campaigns; study courses, youth revivals, and other work.

APRIL—Training for Volunteer Summer Service. The state Student Spring Retreat will be held April 29-30, at Central College.

MAY—Southern Baptist Convention Day at College. Final enlistment for Ridgecrest, Arkansas Baptist Assembly, and volunteer summer service.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST—Student Week at Ridgecrest, June 8-15.

Arkansas Baptist Assembly, July 5-13.

Summer Service in Vocational Bible Schools, Study Courses, Revival meetings, Mission service, Camps and assemblies.

SEPTEMBER—Pre-school retreat. To plan fall semester activities will include Church Rush day, and Join the Church Day.

OCTOBER—Youth Revivals on the campuses and in the college center churches, to be followed by enlistment for Sunday School, Training Union and church membership. State Student Union Convention to be held at Ouachita College, October 14-16.

NOVEMBER—Thanksgiving Sunrise Services.

DECEMBER—Demonstration Student Night at Christmas program at college.

State Planning Meeting for state officers, Baptist Student Union presidents, Faculty Advisors, and college center pastors.

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1948 "Red" Report on...

America's Greatest "Debit" Industry

The 1948 records of a thousand "credit" industries in the U. S. A. are being spread out in the new year's papers across the land, but there is one significant omission, according to Harley L. Stuntz, chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Business Men's Research Foundation, Chicago, in a public statement.

"The omission," says Mr. Stuntz, "is the billion dollar record, statistically speaking, of the outstanding 'debit' industry in the country, the alcoholic beverage business." "It is properly called a 'debit' industry," declared Mr. Stuntz, "because 1948 estimates based upon official records show that it is in the 'red' in its account with the American people to the tune of more than ten billion dollars for the year 1948. This is a conservative estimate since the official report of the Department of Commerce issued on June 11, 1948 declared expenditures for alcoholic beverages in 1947 were recorded as \$9,640,000,000.

"On the credit side," continued Chairman Stuntz, "the liquor traffic, according to advance estimates, returned to federal, state, and local governments last year in taxes, license fees, customs duties, state store profits, and miscellaneous income, approximately \$3,200,000,000,—the exact official figure for 1947 was \$3,111,889,646.78.

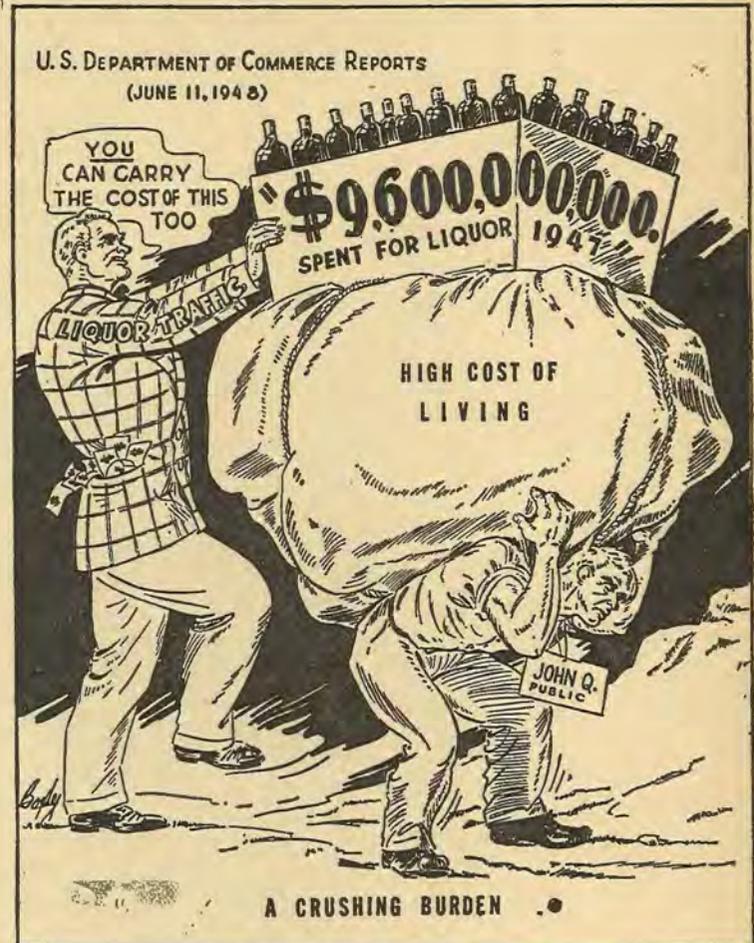
"But there is another 'debit' item to be considered," continued Mr. Stuntz, "namely, the industrial losses and social waste due to alcoholism which included the cost of liquor-caused accidents, crime, labor inefficiency, and other conditions.

"Industry during the past year

has estimated its particular loss due to these causes at between \$1,000,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000. Based upon official research as to social losses due to alcoholism, an exhaustive investigation being the recent official report of a Massachusetts' state commission, the Foundation estimates the total cost of loss flowing from the use of liquor in the United States at

"These figures show a net of more than \$3,509,600,000 in 1948. more than \$10,000,000,000 loss or diversion from other industries and from the income of millions of homes during the twelve months ending January 1, 1949.

"Even this record in the 'red' for the alcohol beverage liquor traffic can not include a statistical picture of the physical and moral losses sustained by ingestion of nearly \$3,000,000,000 gallons of alcoholic beverages into the bodies of 50,000,000 American drinkers during the past year."



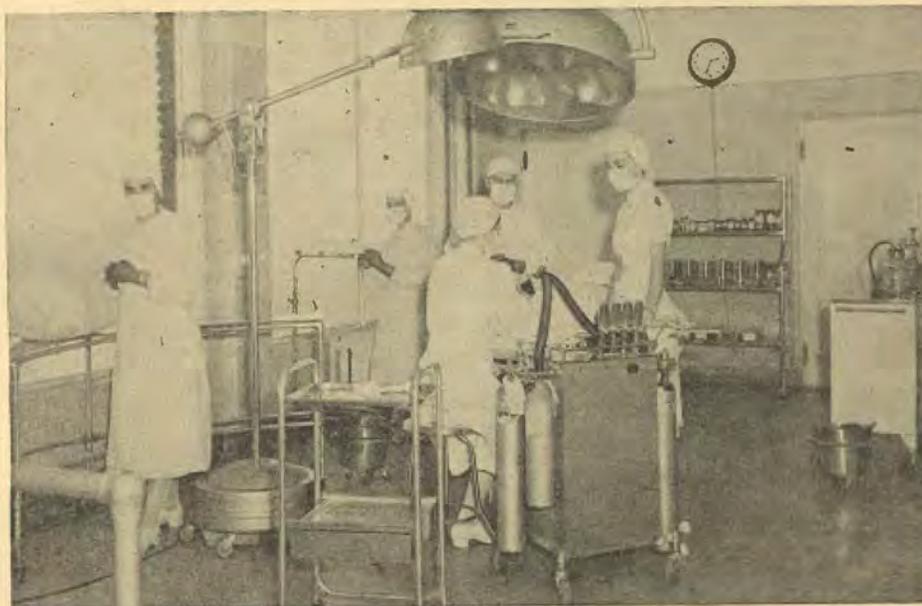
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The Quagmire of too Much Government

One of the most difficult things to do in today's world is to separate causes from effects—to find the roots of the terrible problems the nations have brought upon themselves. It is the old story of being unable to see the forest because of the trees. Ever since the war ended, we have lived through one crisis after another, domestic and international. We have been plagued by fear one day and picked up by new hope the next. The whole world might be likened to mercury in a tube, shifting violently at any disturbance, and never attaining stability.

A thousand books could be written about the difficulties we are in, without touching more than the surface of the material. But, looking at the world from the best perspective we can now find, it seems clear that the basic problem, which underlies in one way or another all other problems, is this: The trouble with the world is that it has too much government, too much absolute authority.

This is not a new situation, unique to our age. The whole history of civilization has been a conflict between the individual and those who wished to enslave him. That conflict has caused innumerable wars, revolutions, economic upheavals, all manner of disasters. But in the present world the technique of enslavement has been perfected. In some cases government maintains its power with the whip and the gun. In other cases it is far subtler—it increases and solidifies its authority through due process of law. But the end result is the same—a nation where all men have less and less freedom of action and decision, and where the political rulers determine more and more what we shall think and do.

Usually we surrender rights to government for political promises of material gain. Government will give us wealth. Government will build us houses. Government will pay for our crops. Government will provide goods and services cheaper. Government will protect our health, and support us in old age. Government will deal with almost every obstacle that confronts us from the cradle

to the grave. But before government can even attempt to give us these things, it must have the power to control the human and material resources of the nation, and take the savings of the people through taxes. And that is how dictatorships are built.

It seems, however, that government never delivers promised material benefits. The standard of living of any people goes down in ratio to the growth in power of those who rule. But, once government becomes strong enough, there is no recourse for the people short of revolution. The whole machinery of the state is used to keep the people in line, to destroy dissent, to make individuality a crime.

In today's world, the United States is in a position without precedent. The most obvious fact is that we are a mighty power from the material standpoint. We are making an effort which has no parallel in history to rehabilitate a score of devastated nations, and to save them from hunger and disease and despair.

This is vitally important, but it is not the end of the matter by a long shot. If American leadership proves to be purely material, it will be doomed to eventual failure—some of the police states are also rich in resources. What America must offer the world, along with her flood of goods, is the supreme example of the fact that a free people, with a free economic system and a representative government of their own choosing, can outdo the police states. Everything we have done or may do at home to weaken our tradition of individual freedom, to glorify government above the people who elect it, weakens our physical security, and our chance for survival.

This is a matter of spiritual values. We have no statistics with which to measure them, no production figures to make other peoples gasp in envy. But it is spiritual values which will turn the scales, one way or the other, in the long run. The real meaning of America is in the hearts of her people, and in the freedom and the dignity of all men.

That, then, it what we have to offer at a time when the world is divided into two camps without a common meeting ground. We cannot offer more. We must not offer less. We must check our own drift toward the totalitarian state where the government becomes supreme and where individual thrift, opportunity, industry, savings, and freedom are lost.

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Effective Visitation

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should GO and BRING FORTH FRUIT, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" (Jno. 15:16).

GOING and FRUITBEARING are tied together in the program of service which Christ commands that we render to Him. Only going Christians can bear fruit for the Lord.

"GO and make disciples. . ." (Matt. 28:19).

"GO into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

"GO out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city . . . Go out into the highways and hedges. . ." (Luke 14:21-23).

Visitation is a direct command of the Lord to His people. Christians who never GO for the Lord are disobedient to His expressed will. Perhaps there are many Christians who wonder why their efforts to serve the Lord seem so powerless and ineffective. The reason is that they don't GO for Him, and thus serve Him within His will. The blessings of Christ are always upon those who do His will!

Visitation may be defined as the GOING of God's people from His church out into His harvest-field, for the purpose of getting people. (by love, by constraint, by presentation of facts, by prayer), to do God's will, — whatever His will is for them.

House - to - House Visitation: Some of the most effective visitation is simply GOING from house to house, meeting people, discovering their spiritual needs, facing them with those needs then and there, praying with them, and then endeavoring to get them to make those decisions which will bring them into God's will. This type of visitation brings excellent results. Also it develops Christians rapidly in their ability to serve the Lord effectively.

A man has achieved a commendable measure of Christian growth when he becomes willing to GO, and knock on doors where he has never knocked before, face people he has never known before, witness to them and pray with them, and then try to get them to exercise their wills to do God's will.

Objective Visitation: Visitation is often objective, — that is, the visitor will GO to see an individual, or a family, for a definite purpose, known beforehand. The visit may be to try to win a lost person to Christ. It may be for the purpose of endeavoring to wake up an unaffiliated Baptist who has gone to sleep spiritually. Maybe the visit will be to an un-baptized Christian, for the purpose of trying to get him to take

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the first step of Christian obedience, and thereby put himself in a position where he can serve the Lord.

Objective visitation may be done in behalf of a Sunday School class or a Training Union or some other church organization; or for the purpose of trying to reclaim a backslider; or in behalf of the financial program of the church. It may be to one who is sick, or bereaved, or aged, or troubled, or lonesome, or in need. The visit may be simply for fellowship.

Objective visitation obviously saves time as compared with house-to-house visitations. However, this saving of time is possible mainly because time has already been spent in getting the information on which the objective visitation program is predicated.

Many of God's people seemingly wait for a plain and unmistakable leading of the Holy Spirit before they are willing to GO anywhere for Christ. Wouldn't it be better to GO afield because Christ commands it, and by thus going give the Holy Spirit the opportunity to lead and guide?

For instance, if you discover that a person is lost, and you know the command of the Lord, "GO, and make disciples", isn't the Holy Spirit already leading?

The Holy Spirit does lead often in ways plain and unmistakable to the eye of faith, but generally His plain leading is evident to those who, because they are already GOING, are spiritually sensitive enough to be aware of His leading.

Much has been said about the proper approach in visitation. Experienced visitors have learned to let the approach be absorbed in the friendly greeting they extend to the one they are visiting. People respond to friendliness, and visiting is a supremely friendly activity. Get to the purpose of your visit as soon as you can (You have nothing to hide!) and lead on from there.

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Jesus and the Preparatory Ministry of John

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

It is necessary in a study of the life of Jesus to have a lesson which considers the ministry of John the Baptist; he was God's herald, preparing the way for the coming of His only begotten Son. In this lesson we find that Jesus is finished with obscurity and silent years, and following the act of baptism he openly begins His public ministry. John's active ministry occupies about six or eight months, but he manifests the spirit of sincerity, courage, and determination as he preaches to those who listen during this important, though brief, ministry.

The Wilderness Prophet

The ministry of John fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah when that prophet spoke of the preparation which should be made for the coming Messiah (Isaiah 42). He is the one Malachi spoke of when he said, "Behold I will send Elijah . . ." (Malachi 4:5). John, indeed, prepared the way for the coming of Jesus; he heralded His coming, revealed the nature of His ministry, baptized Him, and presented Him as the "Lamb of God."

John the Baptist was a great man, though not Divine. Jesus said of him: "Among them that are born of women there is none greater than John." Angels announced his birth, even as Jesus' birth was announced by an angel. He was a child of promise, born to the barren Elizabeth and the priest Zacharias, in their old age. Even as with the coming of the Christ Child, the angel gave this one his name before his birth, "His name shall be John." Also, the purpose of his ministry was spoken, "And many of the children of Israel shall be turned to the Lord their God." Both John and his Lord were filled with the Holy Spirit, preached repentance to the people, attracted the approval of the masses and the opposition of the religious leaders.

John dressed and lived as the prophets of old, especially as Elijah. His clothing consisted of a raiment of camel's hair and a girdle of leather. His food was locusts and wild honey. Dedicated to the service of God before his birth, John was a Nazarite; his meant that he had wholly surrendered his all to God, living a life of denial, subduing earthly appetites and seeking to attain close fellowship with God. John the Baptist was a plain, simple, out-door man, living this life of self-denial in order to lead men to God. He was not selfish nor jealous, and was perfectly willing to "decrease" that his Lord might "increase."

The Message of John

Matthew 3:2 gives us direct words from John's preaching; "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." The gospel

Sunday School Lesson for January 23, 1949 Matthew 3: 4-17

continues as he is spoken of as the one whom Isaiah said would be "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John is represented as giving a call, a cry of admonition to prepare for the One who comes, thereby escaping wrath. His message was a burning, soul-searching one of repentance. He preached with fervor and power, and as a result crowds of eager listeners flocked to hear him. "They went out to him . . . confessing their sins." People came, not all the people, but all types from all the regions round about, and many believed and were baptized. He had a special message for each individual or class; we read of his speaking to tax gatherers (Luke 3:12), to soldiers (Luke 3:14), and to rich and poor (Luke 3:10).

John baptized these people as a result of their confession and belief; it was here, as it always must be, an external expression of that regeneration which the Holy Spirit works internally. Dr. Wilbur Smith's words on this sixth verse of Matthew 3 are excellent; "My own frank opinion is that in denominations outside of those that practice immersion the sacrament of baptism is not assigned the importance that belongs to it. Though I myself have been immersed, I do not happen to be a member of the Baptist communion; but certainly their emphasis on this sacrament has resulted in a most remarkable manner in publicly testifying to a deep experience with Christ . . . Baptism is a sign and seal of what has already been accomplished by an act of God. Baptism without faith in the shed blood of Christ is worthless."

That is the great meaning of baptism; John the Baptist gives us a marvelous example. Our Lord gives us a perfect example of this symbol of our salvation.

John the Baptist was a bold, fearless preacher. He made no allowances, would not compromise. When the Pharisees and Sadducees came also to the Jordan when John was preaching and baptizing, he called them a "generation of vipers" and recognized them for the criticizing, "holier than thou" hypocrites which they were. He told them not to believe that they were saved simply because they were sons of Abraham, Jews, that is, but to produce fruits of salvation. He pointed out to them that God would soon judge unrepentant Israel and that the Son of God, far superior to him, would soon be in their very midst.

The Climax of John's Ministry

John served a great purpose in the plan of God; the wonderful truth of his whole life and ministry was that he knew his place, accepted it and gloriously filled it. As he preached one day the Lord Himself came, submitting to the baptism of John. Why? It has been discussed from various angles. It seems evident that He who was sinless wanted to identify Himself with the work of John, with the Kingdom, to definitely accept His place in the will of the Father and perhaps to signify His own death, burial, and resurrection. He gives us a positive pattern which we can follow as an act of obedience.

John did not know Jesus as the Anointed One, it seems, until the Spirit revealed the truth to him. Then he hesitated to baptize Him because he felt his own unworthiness. Jesus assured John that it was the role of each of them according to the will of God—one to baptize, the other to be baptized. The public ministry of our Lord opened with this baptismal service; so the service of each Christian should begin with his baptism. The heavens opened when Jesus came up out of the water and the Spirit of God descended as a dove and the Father said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Someone has said, "The three persons of the blessed Trinity appear; the Son being baptized, the Spirit descending, and the Father speaking." Jesus was now ready for His ministry.

The climax of John's ministry was practically the close of it, but he did what God wanted him to do. What greater life can man live than that?

Figures to Inspire

Sunday, January 9, 1949

	S.S.	T.U.	Adds.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1190	381	6
Including Missions	1475	597	
Ft. Smith, First	1149	464	1
El Dorado, First	916	238	
Little Rock, First	909	361	6
Pine Bluff, First	749	215	
Hot Springs, Second	733	210	1
Little Rock, Second	742	178	
Benton, First	610	118	
Payetteville, First	584	250	2
Including Missions	635	277	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	556	171	1
Camden, First	538	148	7
Including Mission	756	263	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	534	165	
Arkadelphia, First	500	186	
Magnolia Central	500	144	3
Including Missions	594	144	
Hope, First	493	104	2
Including Missions	530	176	1
Forrest City, First	474	176	1
Paragould, First	473	209	6
Including Missions	659	288	
McGehee, First	473	151	
Including Missions	588	263	3
Little Rock, Gaines' St.	450	263	3
Little Rock, Pulaski			
Heights	433	78	3
Hot Springs, Central	432	120	
Including Mission	489	120	
Malvern, First	431	78	
Including Missions	460	147	6
Russellville First	417	169	
Including Missions	478	169	
Hot Springs, Park Place	415	142	
Ft. Smith Calvary	414	92	
N. Little Rock, First	412	126	3
Including Mission	482	126	
El Dorado, Immanuel	407	225	
Including Mission	442	262	
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	406	124	
Springdale, First	394	248	
Including Missions	532	248	
West Helena	385	135	4
Cullendale	371	153	
Stuttgart, First	365	210	
Including Mission	409	252	
Paris, First	360	149	
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	354	98	1
Conway, First	351	57	
Smackover, First	337	141	1
Siloam Springs, First	324	197	4
Hot Springs, First	323	71	3
Lake City, First	311	160	
Little Rock, So. Highland	309	100	
Gentry, First	303	101	
Harrison First	279	122	
Including Mission	370	153	
Dumas, First	277	73	
Including Mission	298	73	
El Dorado, West Side	271	109	1
Pine Bluff, Second	262	88	
Monticello, First	261	127	1
Norphet, First	254	183	1
Ft. Smith, Southside	253	72	5
Jacksonville, First	249	122	5
Greenwood, First	240	102	
Stamps, First	232	103	
Mena, First	221	84	1
Including Missions	284	114	2
Judsonia, First	181	92	2
Fort Smith, Trinity	201	98	
Little Rock, Hebron	160	97	4
Little Rock, Reynolds			
Memorial	150	56	1
N. Little Rock, Sylvan			
Hills	147	73	
Bentonville First	139	35	6
Mt. Ida, First	137	99	1
Dyess, Central	130	67	4
Monticello, Second	129	54	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	126	66	
Little Rock, Ironton	124	83	
Pine Bluff, Matthews			
Memorial	122	75	1
Douglassville, First	112	55	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	109	53	1
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Hamilton	102	51	
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Valley	87	61	1
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Little Rock, West Side	58	37	
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Baptist Foundation Organizes

A Correction

For sometime many of us have been concerned about the future of our institutions. During the recent depression many of our institutions and agencies were compelled to retrench and reduce their activities because their incomes were so small. They have not had sufficient funds to erect buildings and to increase their facilities for service. We have seen that our work needs a financial cushion so that especially in periods of financial distress they can have something to lean upon while contributions are small.

Accordingly the Arkansas Baptist State Convention set up an agency and instructed it to obtain large donations and bequests and to encourage the people to remember the Baptist work when they make their wills. This new agency is called the Baptist Foundation of Arkansas. The nine men elected by the Convention to be the directors have proceeded to organize and are making application for a Charter. When this Charter is granted the Foundation will operate under the laws of Arkansas.

The men who are elected for this year are as follows: J. D. Tolleson, El Dorado; R. H. Green, Little Rock; O. L. Bayless, Hot Springs; T. S. McNulty, Pine Bluff; Phil Baldwin, Little Rock; George Florida, Osceola; DeWitt Poe, McGehee; Claude Gregory, Jonesboro; and J. G. Cothran, Arkadelphia;

This group of men has had two meetings. J. G. Cothran was elected president of the directors. R. H. Green was made vice president. O. L. Bayless is secretary, and B. L. Bridges is treasurer. In time to come the Board of Directors will employ a field representative to solicit gifts, and do contact work.

The main task of the Foundation is to obtain endowment funds, and bequests, to be invested for our institutions and causes. The Foundation will invest the funds, and the earnings of the funds will be turned over to the institutions and causes for which the money was given.

You can designate your gift for any one of our institutions, or you can make the contribution undesignated and let the Convention determine the percentage of division among all our institutions and causes.

The Foundation will not be a burden, but a distinct help to each and everyone of our institutions.

Literature will soon be off the press, and information will also be given through the columns of this paper.

First Baptist Church, Little Rock And Pastor Campbell

Pastor Campbell, First Church, Little Rock, has successfully led the church to make a great offering for foreign missions. More than \$50,000 is being contributed by the church designated for foreign Missions. The movement and offering have put a real revival spirit into the hearts of our people. Pastors take a special offering for something. We Baptists need shaking up. It will give us a

better Christian outlook. It will help to dispossess us of covetness. Then too, the mission funds are needed. They are needed for missions around the world.

Two years ago General MacArthur in Japan made the following observation:

"Due to the vacuum which events have left in the spiritual phase of Japanese life, there now exists an opportunity without counterpart since the birth of Christ for the spread of Christianity among the peoples of the Far East. If this opportunity is fully availed of by the leaders of our Christian faith, a revolution of the spirit may be expected to ensue which will more favorably alter the course of civilization than has any economic or political resolution accomplished in the history of the world. I know that you join me in the hope that we may rise to this opportunity and squarely meet its challenge."

Atkins and Greenleaf

Nelson Greenleaf has been pastor in Atkins for several months. The growth and development of the church under his leadership is interesting indeed. During December the church sent \$293 for the Co-operative Program. Greenleaf has hope and courage, vigor and strength and many other fine qualities of leadership.

Trumann and Basinger

A few weeks ago we said that Basinger had led the Trumann Church to give \$60 per month for the Co-operative Program. This splendid church under the leadership of Basinger has raised the figures still more.

The Co-operative Program will receive \$25 per week. This is nearly one thousand per cent increase over the contributions a few months ago. This will be \$1,300 for the year. Thank you Brother Basinger, Ann Pennington, J. F. Lady, Francis Gregson, A. E. Pennington, E. W. Sowers, Paul Thompson, Mrs. J. F. Lady, Charles Hurd, James Balzanz, and Mrs. Strickland, and all the rest of the members.

Not "Baptist State Hospital"

We have changed the name of the Baptist State Hospital to "ARKANSAS BAPTIST HOSPITAL." The messengers of the churches in Convention assembled authorized the change of the name of this institution. Hereafter address your communications to Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Thirteenth and Wolfe, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Shaddox and Dumas

The Dumas Church under the leadership of Pastor Shaddox will increase the Co-operative Program allocation 60 per cent. The Dumas Church has come to be one of our great churches. Shaddox has a fine missionary spirit, and the church is following his leadership.



Dewey W. Stark

In the History of Arkansas Baptists on page 204 under the picture of Dewey Stark, Mountain Home, there appears the name "D. W. Drake." Please get your copy of the history and make this name right. The author greatly regrets this mistake. Brother Stark is one of our noblest, finest, and most efficient pastors. The author humbly begs Brother Stark's pardon. The Lord bless him and his great work.

—J. S. Rogers.

Alma and Cunningham

Pastor L. E. Cunningham, Alma, is leading that splendid church to do more for missions. Twenty per cent of its budget will go to the Co-operative Program this year. Cunningham is one of our most vigorous consecrated pastors. They hope to go 50-50 next year.

Mt. Ida and Bledsoe

It was our privilege to enjoy a day recently with Pastor D. B. Bledsoe and the Mt. Ida Church. The Baptists in Mt. Ida are to be congratulated on being able to secure as pastor a man like D. B. Bledsoe. He is a man of education, culture, and ability and is a consecrated servant of the Lord. The Mt. Ida Church is blessed with such men as Carey Selph and Roy Wright along with many others who are choice servants of the Lord. It was our privilege also to preach in the Washita Church in the afternoon.