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# Welcome To Arkansas, Editor McDonald

We, the staff members of the Arkansas Baptist, take this method to publicly welcome our new editor, Erwin L. McDonald, to Arkansas. Mr. McDonald is no stranger in the Wonder State, having been born and reared at London. He has done editorial work in Arkansas, finished his college work at Arkansas Tech., and Ouachita. He has been out of the state for approximately ten years. Friends of former years, present associates, and State Convention President Rel Gray have been asked to contribute to this "Welcome to the New Editor" project, so we leave it to those who know him and have worked with him to give you the story from the personal point of view.

## New Style Paper Next Week

Next week Editor McDonald will be on the field. We will have a new masthead, we feel sure you will like. The overall size of the paper will be smaller. Editorial policies and method of reporting will be different. We hope to maintain the same high quality of workmanship. We urge you to send in your news items; no man can produce a newspaper without news. The only cost to you in getting your news in the paper is the wholesale cost of any cuts used with your stories. We do request that you send news while it is fresh, and give all details such as dates, full names or initials of persons who make the news, where and why.

## Thank You

We are most grateful to you, Arkansas Baptists, for your very fine cooperation in the years gone by and especially the past months. Our former editor, Dr. B. H. Duncan, has been ill sixteen months with leukemia. Last August 18 he contracted virus pneumonia from which he has not yet recovered. The staff members have carried on



MR. McDONALD

as best we could during the time Dr. Duncan could not be with us, and since he retired January 1.

It is highly commendable of Arkansas Baptists that you have borne with us during these difficult months. Not one word of criticism has reached our ears, but many compliments and encouraging comments have been given us.

We thank you from the depths of our hearts for all you have done for us, and feel that our new editor is exceedingly fortunate in having you, Arkansas Baptists, for his constituency.

—Mrs. Homer D. Myers

## Welcome, Erwin L. McDonald!

By REL GRAY, President  
Arkansas Baptist State Convention

When Moses retired from active duty, God raised up Joshua to lead the children of Israel into the promised land.

When David reached the age of retirement, God provided for Solomon to succeed him as King.

When the prophet Elijah completed his ministry, the mantle fell upon Elisha.

When Jesus fulfilled his earthly ministry, his disciples were commanded to "Go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded."

When the beloved Dr. B. H. Duncan retired as Editor of the Arkansas Baptist, God placed his hand upon Erwin L. McDonald to become Editor and Business Manager. Now that the mantle of leadership has fallen upon this beloved product of Arkansas, we wish to write, "Welcome, Brother McDonald." Arkansas Baptists are happy to welcome you to the Editorship of their official weekly publication. As you return to your native state, God's people shall be praying for you and your wonderful staff of workers. May the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob bless you and your fine family. You are welcome, Brother McDonald.

## Ouachita Days

By O. C. ROBINSON, JR.  
Pulaski County Supt. of Missions

Erwin McDonald was one of my close friends during my years at Ouachita College. I regarded him as a man of sound judgment and his lovable spirit won for him the hearts of everyone on the campus. Although he was more mature and wiser than most of us, he was humble and unassuming. As a student he ranked tops; he was stiff competition in an R. C. Daily History course.

I always marvelled that he was able to do so many jobs so well at the same time. He was first a devoted husband and father, a good student, editor of a local newspaper and pastor of a church. He carried his load easily and was always cheerful and congenial.

Arkansas Baptists have picked a winner as editor for their paper!

## Notice

Dr. Dale Cowling, chairman of the Arkansas Baptist Publication Committee planned to write a welcome to the new editor, but has been out of the city this week. He arrived in time to telephone his assignment to the office, just in time to reach the press. Because of this delay, his words of welcome had to be run on page nine.

Dr. Cowling launched the 1957 Christian Life Series on The Mississippi State College Campus with a series of inspirational addresses and conferences during his absence from Little Rock.

## McDonald Gave Kentucky Baptists Constructive Leadership

By DR. W. T. SKINNER, Editor  
The Western Recorder

Erwin Lawrence McDonald was recently elected editor of the Arkansas Baptist, succeeding Dr. B. H. Duncan who, for health reasons, retired January 1 of this year.

Since 1954, Mr. McDonald has been Executive Secretary of the Christian Education Department of Kentucky Baptists. Though only in this work a short time, he has endeared himself to the hearts of Kentucky Baptists. His leadership has been constructive. He has led in fund raising campaigns for several of the Kentucky Baptist schools, and has projected a long-range plan for the Kentucky Baptist Education system. Unquestionably, his administration has been characterized by a new spirit of harmony and achievement among the school and college leaders. He will be greatly missed in our state.

Mr. McDonald came to his recent work from Furman University where he served as Director of Public Relations — 1951-1954 — and while there established and served as editor of "The Furman University Magazine," a bi-monthly publication. He also directed alumni affairs and assisted in fund raising for the new campus.

Prior to the Furman University work McDonald was publicist for the Southern Seminary — first as Director of Publicity and later as Director of Public Relations. His work almost coincided with the administration of President Ellis A. Fuller. As editor of THE TIE, publication of the Seminary, it was expanded to a 12-page monthly. He established the annual student directory; he assisted in fund campaigns for the erection of Alumni Memorial Chapel, the classroom annex of Norton Hall, and the Ellis A. Fuller Hall; he helped to set up the seminary's Living Endowment, annual alumni giving program. In 1950, while Dr. Fuller was ill, Mr. McDonald was his personal representative at the Baptist World Alliance, which met in Cleveland, and represented him in the scheduled conferences.

Kentucky Baptists will join this editor in wishing Editor McDonald great success in his native state.

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# Pen Sketch of Our New Editor

By GAINER E. BRYAN JR.

In Erwin L. McDonald the Arkansas Baptist has one of the best prepared editors in the Southern Baptist Convention.

He is a former Arkansas weekly and daily editor, a former Ouachita College journalism instructor, a veteran public relations man, and an expert photographer. As secretary of the Christian Education Department in Kentucky he has flowered into a denominational statesman.

Mr. McDonald has what newspapermen call a "nose for news."

Asked how he developed it, he replied, "I had to make a living as a string correspondent during the Depression. A string correspondent is not paid for what he writes but for what the editors print."

## Take "Mike" For Instance

His ability to scent and develop a story is illustrated by the case of "Mike," a Korean boy.

One Monday Mr. McDonald attended the Louisville, Ky., Baptist ministers' conference and heard a letter read by a Chaplain Weaver of Ft. Knox. It was from a young Korean, nicknamed "Mike," who had been the chaplain's house boy during the "police action."

The letter was a heart-rending appeal for an American college scholarship and sponsor so that "Mike" could come to America to study. He wanted to be the Korean Billy Graham. The letter was clever in its forthrightness.

Mr. McDonald scented a natural human interest feature story. He also wanted to do what he could to help that boy. So he got in touch with Campbellsville College about a scholarship and *The Louisville Times* about a feature. Both were eager to oblige.

The same day the story appeared "Mike" had a sponsor in the person of a Kentuckian who read *The Louisville Times*. The next day offers to sponsor him came from as far away as Seattle, Wash. The story had made the Associated Press.

It was read also in Japan. In Seoul, Korea, President Sygman Rhee himself read it, called the Korean Minister of Education, and said he wanted "Mike" to go to America.

A grateful "Mike" is now at Campbellsville College, Ky.

This episode also illustrates Mr. McDonald's concern for young people struggling to make their mark. He can be sympathetic because he had to struggle.

He was nearly 21 when he finished high school, 35 when he got his college degree, 39 at his seminary graduation. Interruptions to earn a living caused the delays.

The failure of a Russellville bank in which he had his money that fateful morning in 1933 caught him with 23 cents to his name.

College days were darkened for him and Mrs. McDonald by the strange throat ailment of Jeannine, their oldest daughter. After what seemed to be a routine tonsillectomy, her throat began to grow together, shutting off breath. It took nine more operations, a year in the hospital, and many bills to get her throat right again.

Today she is a singer in the Druid Hill Baptist Church choir, Atlanta. She was selected for her singing ability to tour American military bases in the Orient with a U. S. O. team in 1956.

"Mac," as his friends call him, is of medium size and height, has reddish brown, wavy hair that recedes over a broad forehead. He wears glasses over blue eyes.

## Sense of Humor

Either his Scotch-Irish ancestry or his struggles have given him a healthy sense of humor. He enjoys appearing to be a simpleton to strangers along the way to get a laugh — at himself.

For example, pulling in at a service station, he will adopt a puzzled expression, ask the attendant, "Is this good gas?"

Some operators will reply enthusiastically, "Yes sir! The best you can buy."

Others, however, will start scratching their heads, look searchingly at the stranger, and say, "Well, I hope it is. It's supposed to be."

Many Arkansans are familiar with the "Clabe Hankins" letters that "Mac" used to write for *The Arkansas Gazette* and half a dozen weeklies.

He describes these as "an effort to cash in on my early life at Lone Gum" (the Pope County hamlet where he was reared.)

In the letters he played the part of a backwoods philosopher. Beginning each with "Deer editur," he let Clabe spell about like he talked.

"Mac" is indebted to his preacher-farmer dad and his mother for early instilling in him a desire to learn. Neither of these had much formal schooling.

## Mrs. McDonald, Former Teacher

While teaching school in 1930, he married another school teacher, auburn-haired Mary Price of London, Ark. In 1938 he was ordained to the ministry and began serving churches around Russellville. Then, with a wife and two children, one in the hospital a year, he went through Ouachita College holding down a pastorate and two other jobs. In 1943 he graduated magna cum laude.

Today Mrs. McDonald stays at home with Judy, a pretty, blond 16-year-old, and their pet parakeet while "Mac" roams around the country in denominational work.

Asked how her husband is around the house, she replied, "I don't know. He's not at home enough to find out." When he does come in from the field engagements she tries to have cornbread, country fried potatoes, and peas and onions — his favorite dishes — ready.

"Mac" hopes to be at home a little more as editor.

His hobbies are reading and fishing. He is a Mason and a Rotarian.

Mr. Bryan is director of public relations for the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board and a personal friend of Mr. McDonald. His piece was written on assignment from the acting editor.

## Baptist Preacher Who Popularized Singing Loses Part of Congregation

LONDON, 1691 (BP) — Benjamin Keach, the preacher who sought to bring harmony into Baptist churches, evidently has failed within his own congregation.

The membership of Keach's Particular Baptist church here has split over the issue of hymn singing as a part of worship. The small group which opposes congregational singing has left to form a church of its own.

The majority of Keach's congregation supported him as he led the movement to introduce the singing of hymns and psalms into the public worship of Baptists. But as has been true in many other churches, a small group has bitterly opposed the movement. Of Keach's membership of several hundred, less than a score have actively opposed congregational singing.

Keach declares that every effort was made to keep peace with the minority and to be considerate of their feelings. The minister points out that singing was postponed until the close of the worship service in order that those who did not choose to participate could leave.

Discontent continued to grow, however. Finally, those who did not believe that singing should be a part of public worship withdrew. They have formed a new Particular Baptist Church, "on the same principles, singing only excepted."

Although congregational singing is slowly winning acceptance among Baptists, especially in the Particular or Calvinistic group, opposition has been bitter, even vicious. In 1689 the General Baptist Convention declared congregational singing to be a "carnal formality" and the same year Particular Baptists declined to discuss the controversial question in their convention.

From the first Keach has sought to popularize congregational singing. His hymnbook, *Spiritual Melody*, is the first to win general acceptance among Baptist churches in England.

Keach's ministerial career has been anything but dull. Born in 1640 in humble circumstances, he began preaching at nineteen in the General Baptist church. He later became a Particular Baptist, being converted

to their belief that salvation is only for the elect of God.

Keach several times ran afoul of the law, once for publishing a primer for children which the courts ruled contained heresies. While moving his family to London in 1668, his coach was held up by highwaymen and Keach lost all his financial resources. They continued to London where the Baptist minister struggled from a penniless beginning to become a denominational leader.

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—17th Century Baptist Press

"Our American policy of the separation of church and state is our most precious heritage and our most distinctive contribution to modern statecraft. We are a tolerant nation because we refuse to mix state power and church power or state funds and church funds. We refuse to make any church a favorite over any other church or to penalize the unbeliever under our law. We can preserve this tolerance best by keeping our public schools and our public treasury free from sectarian claims."

—Paul Blanshard



# Kingdom Progress

## Garrett at Sheridan



DELBERT GARRETT

Delbert Garrett, missionary for Central Association for the past six years, has accepted the pastorate of First Southern Baptist Church, Sheridan, and will assume his duties April 1. Mr. Garrett helped organize the Sheridan church and has served as supply pastor there since its organization July 20, 1956.

The church is presently engaged in a building program. The first unit will be an educational building consisting of 2,600 square feet of floor space. It will be of brick veneer, air conditioned, and will house the auditorium and Sunday school. Future building plans call for two units, one will be a sanctuary, kitchen and dining room; the other for educational purposes.

Mr. Garrett is a native of Nevada County. He was ordained in 1938; is a graduate of Ouachita College and attended Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. His last pastorate was Lake Hamilton Church, Hot Springs.

## You Are Invited

To hear O. C. Robinson Jr., Pulaski County Superintendent of Missions, in revival services, each evening at 7:30, March 3-10 at Crystal Hill church. Crystal Hill Church is located six miles west of Little Rock on the Lawson and Crystal Valley Road. Marion Grubbs is the pastor. Kenneth Davis will be in charge of the music.

## Youth Worker Available

Alfred R. Cullum, part time educational director for First Church, Warren, the past two years, is available for Youth Revivals, or as Summer Youth Director. Mr. Cullum plans to enter Southwestern Seminary next September, but needs temporary work now. He may be contacted through First Church, Warren, Ark.

## Sweetheart Banquet

First Church, Mulberry, honored its Intermediates and Young People with a Sweetheart banquet on February 14, according to Pastor Robert H. Moran. Miss Darlene Wagner was crowned queen.

## News From Ouachita

Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board, visited Ouachita College recently for the purpose of stressing the student summer mission program.

Dr. Redford also talked to students interested in the Tentmaker program, either regular or reserve. This program gives the student an opportunity to earn money for the following year of school while still serving in spare time as a Christian worker. Workers are needed for this program in all of our western states, particularly, he said.

Erma Simmons, associate professor of English at Ouachita College, spoke before a group of Arkansas college communication teachers Feb. 16, in Little Rock.

Miss Simmons was appointed by Ouachita College President Ralph A. Phelps, to represent Ouachita before a conference in Teaching the Freshman Composition (Communications) Course, sponsored by the Subcommittee on Instruction Committee on Undergraduate Programs, Arkansas Experiment In Teaching Education.

Miss Sue Jones, January graduate of Ouachita College has been named Home Electrification Adviser for Riceland Electric Co-op. in Stuttgart, according to a recent announcement by Paul Jones, manager. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otha Jones of Cabot. Her degree from Ouachita is in home economics.

## Bolin to Manager's Meet

T. Bradley Bolin, manager, Baptist Book Store, Little Rock, will attend a meeting of Baptist Book Store managers March 5 through 8 at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

## News From Harmony Association

By AMOS GREER, *Missionary*

Centennial Church has moved into a full time program under the ministry of Lex Eaker.

Second Church, Pine Bluff, has organized a Brotherhood, bringing the total for the association to ten.

Yorktown Church is planning a new pastor's home, three bedroom, brick. Mrs. J. W. White donated the lots. Dr. Edgar Williamson assisted Forrest Park Church, Pine Bluff, in a recent enlargement campaign. Luther Dorsey is the pastor.

Hardin Church is nearing completion of new buildings. Pastor Dan L. Berry reports increases in Sunday School attendance and church finance.

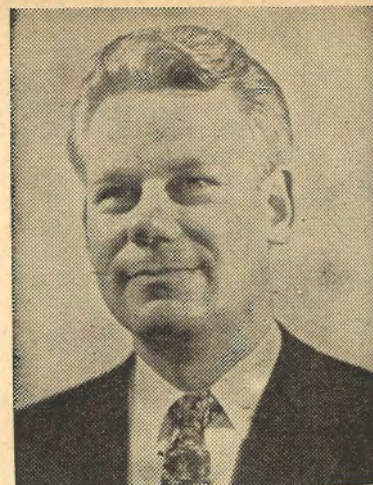
W. J. Atkins has resigned as pastor of Oakland Park Church.

## Ministers Select Semester Officers

Dickson Rail, a senior ministerial student majoring in history and religion, has been chosen to serve as president of the Ouachita College Ministerial Association during the second semester. He is from McGehee.

Mr. Rail succeeded David Railey of Ft. Smith.

## Deaf Missions Superintendent



DR. A. J. RODDY

Dr. A. J. Roddy, Dallas, Texas, has been elected superintendent of deaf missions for the Home Mission Board.

Dr. Roddy, who has been assistant pastor and minister to the deaf in First Baptist Church, Dallas, since late 1955, begins his new work March 1. He succeeds Carter Bear-den, who is now restricting his deaf mission work to Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida.

A native of South Carolina, the new superintendent taught Greek and Hebrew at New Orleans Baptist Seminary for five years.

Dr. and Mrs. Roddy and their three children will move to Atlanta in June.

## G.A. Coronation At First Church, Monette

First Church, Monette observed a G. A. Coronation on February 3.

Those receiving awards were: Virginia Marie Horton, first Queen Regent in history of the church; Pat Steele, Queen; Jill Smith, Genieve Williams, Carolyn Snider, Valerie Perrin, and Cookie Harrel, Princesses; Libby Bell and La Don Robertson, Ladies in Waiting; and Nancy Barnes, maiden. Youth leaders in the church are Mrs. Ray Nelson, Mrs. John Harris, Mrs. Kyle Blankenship, Mrs. James Ball, and Miss Virginia Horton. Ray S. Nelson is the pastor.

## Pastoral Change

O. I. Ford resigned the pastorate of First Church, Norfolk, and Marvin Hill, student at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, assumed the pastorate on February 10.

Mr. Ford will devote his full time to evangelistic work.

The Norfolk church ordained two deacons recently, Zion Small and Eddie Dickerson. Associational Missionary C. E. McDonald served as moderator; John Noble, pastor of Midway Church, delivered the sermon; Pat Monroe of Gassville delivered the charge.

## New York City Baptists?

Ray E. Roberts, General Secretary of Ohio Baptists, 30 S. Fourth Street, Columbus 15, Ohio, desires the names and addresses of any Southern Baptists you may know who live in the greater New York City area. A small group of Southern Baptists are interested in organizing a church in the big city.



## State Brotherhood Convention Speaker



DR. W. F. POWELL

Dr. W. F. Powell, Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will speak at all sessions of the State Brotherhood Convention at the Levy Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5. Dr. Powell is an excellent speaker, and is well known throughout Arkansas and the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Jacksonville, First, Enlarges Church Plant

First Church, Jacksonville, has voted to erect a new education building, adding 10,000 square feet of floor space to present plant, at a cost of \$100,000.

R. J. McMillan completed five years as pastor of the church on February 17. During his ministry there, the church received 226 members by baptism; 451 by letter. Church membership increased from 414 to 787; Sunday school enrolment from 414 to 779; Training Union from 106 to 326. The income of the church has increased from \$14,300 in 1951 to \$45,800 last year. Cooperative Programs gifts from \$2,619 to \$6,650; value of church property from \$24,000 to \$205,000, due largely to the erection of a new auditorium and remodeling of all educational buildings.

The church has also voted to build a new pastor's home.

### Siloam Springs Church Plans New Buildings

Harvard Ave. Church, Siloam Springs, voted to sell \$58,000 in Church Finance Construction Bonds for the erection of a new educational building and Sanctuary, next door to the existing buildings. This is the second step in a long range building program planned by the church.

The church will observe its third anniversary on March 7. According to a report by Pastor Jerry W. Hopkins, the Sunday school enrolment has increased from 25 to 265 in three years; 150 persons have been baptized by the church. Total resident membership is now 214.

Dr. Norris Gilliam, contracts and investment counselor for the Baptist Sunday School Board since Sept. 1954, died in Nashville, Feb. 15 from a heart ailment. Funeral services were held at Goodlettsville, Tenn.

For nineteen years he was pastor of churches in Oklahoma, West Virginia, and Tennessee.

## Accident Claims Edward Pugh

On February 1 Edward Pugh of Greenville, Mississippi, son of Mrs. C. E. Pugh and the late Mr. Pugh died from injuries received in an automobile accident on January 29. His broken body was found by the side of the highway near his demolished truck, and since he did not regain consciousness to tell of the accident, and since any other person involved has not reported, the cause remains a mystery.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. Pugh served as superintendents of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello, and it was there that Edward spent most of his youth. He was a graduate of Ouachita College, and is survived by his wife, the former Marlys Rouser of Des Arc, and three children.

His mother, Mrs. C. E. Pugh, is a life-member of the Executive Board of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union. She also lives in Greenville.

—Nancy Cooper.

## Baptists Hospital Treats Record High

Arkansas Baptist Hospital treated a record 24,983 men, women and children during 1956, nearly 3,000 more than in 1955, the previous record year, according to J. A. Gilbreath, administrator.

Of the total treated, 18,634 were admitted to the hospital and remained one or more days, Gilbreath said. The other 6,349 were treated as out-patients in the hospital emergency room and were not admitted. In 1955, there were 16,103 admissions and 5,888 out-patients.

Admitted patients remained in the hospital an average of 6.2 days, down slightly from 6.3 days in 1955. Total number of patient days last year was 116,245 compared with 101,089 in 1955. Average daily census (patient population) climbed to 317 in 1956 from 277 in 1955.

There were 2,064 births in Arkansas Baptist last year compared with 1,883 in 1955. Despite this increase, Gilbreath said, the number of stillbirths dropped to 20 or one per cent during 1956 from 41 or 2.1 per cent during 1955.

Operations during the year totaled 10,038 compared with 9,073 in 1955 and total laboratory procedures increased from 135,901 in 1955 to 189,879 during 1956.

Gilbreath said 1,763 radio-active cobalt treatments were given since the cobalt unit was installed last February. Total work load of the hospital's radiology department increased from 18,980 procedures in 1955 to 23,718 in 1956.

## Billy Walker at Piggott

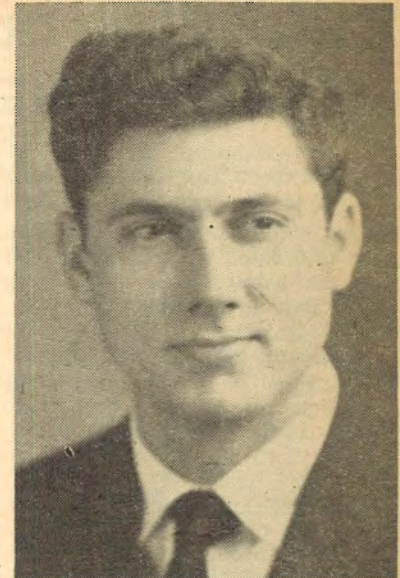
First Church, Piggott, and Pastor E. Clay Polk, recently had the services of Evangelist Billy Walker in a revival campaign. Twenty six were received by baptism and six by letter. Evangelist Walker received unusual response on his emphasis of church attendance, tithing, family altars, and personal soul winning, according to Pastor Polk, who "commends the evangelist without reservation to any church desiring a spiritual revival".

## Southwide Teaching Clinic Date Changed

Due to Southwide and State conflicts the date for the Southwide Teaching Clinic in Little Rock has been changed from March 4-8 to October 7-11, 1957.

—Edgar Williamson

## Clarksville Ordains Minister



JAMES WOOD

First Church, Clarksville, ordained James Wood to the ministry recently. The presbytery was made up of preachers and deacons of Clear Creek Association. S. A. Wiles questioned the candidate. Allen Reeves, Jr., offered the prayer. Paul Wilhelm delivered the charge and sermon. J. L. Hall, Clarksville pastor, served as moderator.

Mr. Wood is a senior student at Ouachita College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Wood, Clarksville, and members of First Church. He is pastor of the Baptist church in Finley, Okla.

## Sectarian Schools and Tax Money

"Protection of the taxpayer against sectarian raids on the public treasury" was described by Paul Blanshard, author and attorney, as "one of the most critical needs of American policy," at POAU's Ninth National Conference on Church and State. The meeting was held at Los Angeles' First Baptist Church.

Speaking on "The Challenge of Clerical Power," Blanshard particularly, criticized the plan proposed by Cardinal McIntyre at the University of Dallas last December, proposing payment of federal funds to parents for the education of their children in the pattern established by the G. I. bills. Blanshard said: "It is a clever device for evading the spirit of the Constitution and for dumping the costs of Roman Catholic parochial schools upon the general taxpayer. Cardinal McIntyre claims that under his plan public money would not be paid directly to any parochial school, but it would obviously travel to that destination via the pockets of the parents. The Cardinal admitted that under his scheme the Supreme Court's McCollum decision would be nullified. As is well known, the Supreme Court has declared it unlawful for any community to charge the regular costs of sectarian schools to the taxpayers."

"Why should the four-fifths of the people who are non-Catholics pay for a Catholic enterprise?" Blanshard wanted to know. "Sectarian schools have a perfect right to operate but they have no right to demand our public money. Our public schools are free to those of all faiths on a basis of equality. It is nonsense for Cardinal McIntyre to describe that system as discriminatory because Americans refuse to support a competing sectarian system."

—POAU News



# ★ ★ ★ Christian Horizons ★ ★ ★

By Religious News Service

## Baptist Laymen Complete Training To Combat Juvenile Delinquency

The Union Baptist Association in Houston, Texas, has completed training about 200 laymen who are participating in its program to combat juvenile delinquency.

C. W. Hawkes, the association's full-time juvenile program leader, said the laymen have been trained to look after the spiritual welfare of boys and girls who come to the attention of courts and other agencies.

"We have no authority," he said. "Instead of authority, we give love."

The volunteers' duties are to see that the juvenile goes to church and works with his teachers and his probation officer. They also will help the youth with his problems, find employment for him if necessary, and teach him a proper sense of values.

If the youth or his family needs medical, psychiatric or legal aid, a volunteer will direct them to the proper agency.

## British Bible Society In Record Output

A record total of over 5,200,000 Bibles and Scripture portions was printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society during 1956, according to a report in London. This compared with just under 3,000,000 volumes in 1955.

The society publishes its books not only in England but in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Burma, Africa and other parts of the world. London is responsible for roughly half the annual output.

Shipments from London in 1956 totalled 1,544 tons of books, as against 1,095 tons in 1955.

## Graham Sees 'Golden Hour' For Evangelism Today

Billy Graham said in Washington the present day represents such a "golden hour" for evangelism that he would not "trade places with the Apostle Paul."

Delivering the keynote address at the annual banquet of International Christian Leadership, Inc., he declared that "the present moment has no parallel in 2,000 years of Christianity."

"Everyone is turning to Christ," the evangelist said, "scientists because all of their probing has brought them no nearer understanding the universe, politicians because man has not been able to control himself or the monster created by science, the atom bomb.

"Society has turned to Christianity because religious and racial differences have gotten out of control and Christian principles offer the only answer."

## Philadelphia Seeks Citizens' Committee to Combat Indecent Literature

Religious and civic leaders of Philadelphia have been invited by District Attorney Victor Blanc to form "a widely representative and vigilant citizens' committee" to help city authorities rid newsstands of indecent publications.

"There is a veritable flood of obscene and offensive literature and we cannot do the cleanup alone," said the prosecuting attorney.

## American Girls Now Prefer Marriage To Career, Christian Educators Told

Dr. Elmer G. Million told a youth work session at the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches that recent studies and surveys indicate "womanhood is being reinstated as a goal with today's generation of girls."

Dr. Million is executive director of the National Council's Department of the Ministry. He said a poll taken among college women disclosed that eight out of ten would choose marriage rather than a career. Ninety-eight per cent of those questioned, he said, were not interested in graduate training or anything else that might militate against their getting married.

## Methodists Set Record Financial Goal For 1957 Program

The Methodist Church has set a record \$38,500,000 goal for its 1957 program. This is an increase of \$11,000,000 over last year. The goal was announced at the quadrennial conference of the denomination's bishops and district superintendents.

## Arkansas Senate Approves Tax Deduction Bill

The Arkansas Senate approved a bill to permit corporations to deduct from their state income tax contributions to religious, scientific, literary or educational organizations.

## Methodists Contribute Million For Relief of Oppressed

Methodists in the United States have contributed more than one million dollars in a special offering for the relief of Hungarians and other oppressed peoples in the world, it was announced in Chicago.

## Protestant Center to Dedicate New TV Studio

The Protestant Radio and Television Center in Atlanta, Ga., will dedicate its new \$250,000 TV studio Feb. 18-19.

Dr. John M. Alexander, the center's president, said the inaugural will mark the start of "the most important transition in the life of the center."

"Now we shall interpret the Christian message in action and color, as well as in sound," he said.

Founded in 1949, the center produces and distributes radio and TV religious programs for use by commercial stations and church groups.

It is owned jointly by five denominations — Methodist, Episcopal, United Lutheran, Presbyterian U. S. (Southern), and Presbyterian USA.

## Church Construction Sets January Record

Church construction in January totalled \$68,000,000, a new record for the month, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported.

The figure was 17 per cent above the January, 1956, level.

Construction by non-public schools and colleges also set a January record with \$43,000,000. This compared with \$41,000,000 in the same month last year.

Private hospital and institutional building,

# A Smile or Two

The old farmer's daughter had gone to the city to attend a very fashionable school for young ladies. She had written several letters to her parents at times, telling them of the new things she had found and was so interested in.

But one day they got a letter that upset them a great deal. She wrote that she was "in love with ping pong."

"There ye air!" exclaimed her father. "I knowed no good would come o' sendin' her to that city! Naow, ye see, she's done gone an' fell in love with an Oriental."

A wealthy Texas oilman cashed a huge personal check which came back from the bank with "Insufficient Funds" stamped across the face.

Beneath the stamped words was the notation: "Not You—Us."

Woman driver to friend: "Will you notice how close that maniac is driving ahead of me?"

Conceit: A form of I strain.

"Now," said the department head after hiring the new man, "Your wage is strictly your own business. Don't disclose it to the other employees."

"Don't worry," came back the new worker, "I'm just as ashamed of it as you are."

A New York woman always had heard that the South was romantic, but her first house party in Mississippi so far surpassed her expectations that she became a little worried.

"I've a problem and I don't know what to do," she told her hostess. "All the boys are proposing to me!"

"My deah, don't trouble yuah head a minute," the older lady reassured her. "On a Mississippi house party that's just common courtesy."

"Are you planning to hang any mistletoe in your house during the holidays, Sarah?" asked the mistress.

Sarah sniffed in disgust. "I should say not! I got too much pride to advertise for ordinary courtesies a lady's got the right to expect."

A sailor just home from the South Seas was telling his friends about a terrific fight he had with a shark. He described how he'd been swimming naked in the lagoon and a huge shark had suddenly come upon him. Then he related how he'd taken a small pocket knife out of his pants and slain the monster by jabbing the knife into a vital spot. "But how could you take a knife out of your pants when you didn't have any clothes on?" asked Maetrude.

"You don't want a story," exclaimed the disgusted sailor, "What you want is an argument."

The discovery that the cross-word puzzle dates back to 2000 B. C. doubtless accounts for the obsolete words in the modern ones.

"Senator, a lot of your constituents can't understand from your speech last night just how you stand on the question."

"Fine! It took me seven hours to write it that way."

continuing to increase rapidly, reached \$33,000,000 in January, a gain of 27 per cent over the same month a year ago.



## News From Baptist Press

### Approval of Baptists As Chaplains Discussed

Procedures followed in endorsing Southern Baptist Convention ministers serving as chaplains will be discussed in a meeting in Nashville, April 3.

The meeting has been called by Horace Adams, Charleston, S. C., layman member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, and chairman of a group appointed by the Executive Committee to consider chaplains' endorsements.

Adams invited all Baptists interested procedure for endorsing chaplains to attend.

The government requires the various denominations to give endorsement to their chaplains serving in the armed forces and Veterans' Administration. While the government sets certain requirements to be met by chaplains of all faiths, the procedure for denominational endorsement is left to the discretion of each denomination.

### Mrs. Dunn to Work With Brotherhood Commission

Mrs. Mildred Dunn, Atlanta, editorial assistant of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will come to the offices of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, April 1, as editorial assistant. She will work with George W. Schroeder, editor of *Brotherhood Journal*, and Edward Hurt, Jr., editor of *Ambassador Life*, the two major publications of the Commission.

Mrs. Dunn has been associated with the Home Mission Board since 1948. Since 1954 she has served as associate editor of *Home Missions* magazine.

A native of Kentucky, she is the former Mildred Oldham of Clovis, N. M., and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. She has done graduate work at Southwestern Seminary.

### Offers Exceed Demand For Refugee Support

Baptists of America have been so hospitable in offering homes and employment to Hungarian refugees that "there are not enough refugees to satisfy all the requests."

A. Klaupiks, co-ordinator of the Baptist World Alliance's relief committee and refugee resettlement program, said that about 135 Hungarian refugees have been assigned to Baptist sponsors in America through the committee's processing office at Camp Kilmer, N. J.

He explained that no children are available for adoption, nor is the committee able to fill requests for farmers or single women.

Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist Alliance, said that while the need for homes is more than adequately filled for the time being, there still exists a need for financial contributions, which can be sent through your Baptist church as a special designation to Hungarian relief work or directly to Baptist World Alliance relief committee, 1628-16th St., N. W., Washington 9, D. C.

### Betha Complete Gift Of \$100,000 to School

Dr. and Mrs. Percy A. Betha of Darling, S. C., have presented Southeastern Seminary with a gift of \$50,000 which completes a \$100,000 endowment begun last year.

Dr. Betha is a retired dentist, businessman, and Baptist lay leader. The endowment, which will be used for a student aid fund in the name of Dr. and Mrs. Betha, is in line with his interest in encouraging and aiding an educated ministry for his denomination.

### Richmond Pastor to Visit Germany

Horace L. Ford, pastor of Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, Richmond, has received an invitation with seven others, from the German Federal Government to spend four weeks on a study tour of West Germany and Berlin, beginning May 5.

As a guest of the government, Ford will meet leading personalities in public, political, and cultural life and discuss with them questions about religious life in Germany.

Ford plans to acquaint himself with recent developments in Baptist work in Germany which has been made possible by gifts from the Foreign Mission Board and Woman's Missionary Union.

### Stamper Defines Duty In Public Relations

Public relations for an organization is not a one-man job but must be shared by all members of the organization, the Baptist Public Relations Association workshop was told in Nashville.

Powell Stamper, assistant vice-president for National Life and Accident Insurance Co., Nashville, in charge of the company's public relations, said that public relations must be shared by the top men in the organization, but that the girl who answers the telephone has an equal public relations responsibility.

About 100 public relations officers attended the annual workshop from Southern Baptist colleges, seminaries, hospitals, children's homes, and agencies.

### Hilton Hotel Offers Low Convention Rates

The Conrad-Hilton Hotel, home base for the 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago, has set up special hotel room rates for conventioners.

Singles will run from \$6 to \$8, doubles for two from \$10 to \$12, and twins for two from \$11 to \$14, according to the hotel management.

The Conrad-Hilton has set aside 2,000 guest rooms to accommodate those coming for the Convention.

### Texas Baptists to Open Girls' Home in Lubbock

The Baptist General Convention of Texas has announced plans for a new home for dependent and neglected girls, opening date, March 1.

Ellis Carnett, Dallas, said the \$98,000 Lillian Milam Home in Lubbock, Tex., has been given to the denomination and will be converted into a home for young women.

The Buckner Girls' Ranch at Breckenridge will be sold and the young women living there now moved to Lubbock.

### Fisher Chosen Head Of Baptist PR Group

At their workshop recently, the Baptist Public Relations Association elected as president Ben C. Fisher, director of public relations for Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Fisher succeeds Arthur Davenport, Oklahoma City, public relations director of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Other officers elected include Miss Marjorie Saunders, re-elected membership vice-president, L. O. Griffith, new program vice-president, and Miss Ione Gray, elected secretary-treasurer.

The 1958 session will be held in Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 17-19, with the Baptist Home Mission Board as host.

## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

### Love in Heaven

**Question:** The Bible says that we are sown a natural body (in death) and raised a spiritual body. It also says that at death all of our loves, hates, etc., perish also, and that there is no marriage in heaven. If this is so, how are we going to know our loved ones and be happy with them? It seems to me that according to the way the Bible reads that our love will be the same for everyone.

**Answer:** When does the Bible say that at death all our loves, hates, etc., will perish? I hope that our hates will perish, but not love. Then "we shall be like him" (1 Jno. 3:2). But, of course, he is not without love.

Your last sentence implies that it will not be acceptable to you if "our love will be the same for everyone." It seems to me that this is the kind of love that we need here and now. To find such a state in the hereafter will be heaven indeed.

Married love and physical bodies both have their limitations. They are imperfect. To have spiritual bodies — whatever they are like, we do not know — will be wonderful. To be warmly accepted by everyone and to warmly accept everyone will be ideal.

What is really your problem? Are you trying to wrap your little mind around God's great package of grace? Is it not enough to know that "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him?" (1 Cor. 2:9).

And we certainly shall know ourselves and our loved ones!

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### Bond Issue Considered By Colorado Baptists

The Colorado Baptist General Convention met in special session in Denver to consider issuing \$1 million worth of bonds for church building.

Executive Secretary Willis J. Ray described the proposed bond issue as "another step forward in the 30,000 new preaching missions and churches in our Jubilee Advance."

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### Survey Shows Many British Clergymen Poor

Many of Britain's clergymen are so poor they cannot buy new clothes for their families or provide them with enough food, a survey disclosed.

It was made by the Rev. Nathaniel Micklem, former principal of Mansfield College, Oxford. His investigations embraced ministers of the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches as well as clergymen of the Church of England.

He reported that one minister had not been able to buy his wife a winter coat for 12 years. Another said his teenage boys have gone without coats since they were little more than babies.

A third clergyman informed Dr. Micklem that "our children are not adequately fed, and often rise from the table actually hungry."

Dr. Micklem's survey showed that the condition of some Free Church clergy is even worse. His inquiries revealed that they are obliged to get along on salaries averaging from \$1,453 to \$1,764 a year.

—Religious News Service



# Baptists, Beware

By JACK L. GRITZ

One danger against which all Baptists should be on guard constantly is the subtle threat of modernism.

There are two ways in which the Christian faith is attacked. One is the direct onslaught of atheistic materialism which openly challenges the followers of Christ and the teachings of the Bible. The other is the even more dangerous assault by cunning and deceitful men who profess the Christian faith but deny its fundamental truths.

During the 19th century the rationalism of Germany, France and England with its radical theories concerning the Bible and theology inevitably influenced the thinking of many religious leaders in this country especially in the great universities. Their liberalism, which cast doubt upon the historical trustworthiness of the Scriptures, had its full fruition in the movement known as modernism in the 20th century. The fundamentalist-modernist controversy raged across America during this century's first three decades and has become a matter of historical record.

Modernism professed to be a presentation of the gospel message which would be appealing and acceptable to the minds of modern men. Actually it denied the most basic truths of the gospel as revealed in the New Testament and substituted the fine-spun theories of men for them.

Fortunately Southern Baptists escaped this danger through the steadying influence in both eras of such preachers and teachers as John A. Broadus, James P. Boyce, B. H. Carroll, A. T. Robertson, E. Y. Mullins, John R. Sampey, George W. Truett, L. R. Scarborough and others. But unfortunately mod-

ernism made deep inroads in the churches of the Northern (now American) Baptist Convention. Of course, many Baptist preachers of that area and time recognized its nature and opposed it stoutly. Among those advocating old heresies as new views, however, were such men as Harry Emerson Fosdick, Edgar J. Goodspeed, Shailer Matthews, Shirley Jackson Case, George B. Foster, Walter Rauschenbusch, Morton Scott Enslin and others. They were personable men, scholars, brilliant preachers. But they doubted or denied much of the truth of the gospel. There are as many shades of modernism as there are modernists and it would be unfair to say they all believed the same things, for each had his own curious mixture of truth with error.

Modernism in its fully developed form denies the deity of Christ, his substitutionary atonement for sin, his miracles, his virgin birth, his bodily resurrection, his coming again, the reality of sin, Satan and angels and the inspiration of the Bible.

We do not believe our Southern Baptist churches and schools are in great danger from modernism today although we should always be on guard against it. Our preachers and institutions know where they stand on this issue. Modernists just do not find the Southern Baptist environment congenial.

But individual Baptists in our churches are being exposed constantly to the subtle dangers of modernism through books, periodicals, university lectures, television programs and radio broadcasts. Here is our greatest danger from this movement at the present time. It claims to speak for Christ but actually works against him. It substitutes Jesus as

an ideal man for Christ as the Son of God with the power to save.

For instance, a Southern Baptist Sunday school teacher buys a Bible commentary from a religious publishing house in good faith and begins to read it. Along with some helpful comments on the Bible verses he will find a denial of the reality of miracles. They are explained away as caused by natural forces or as being the disciples' psychologically upset reaction to ordinary events. The reliability of the Bible records will be questioned. And finally the reader will discover that the writer is endeavoring to make him doubt some of the most precious truths of his faith.

Or a Southern Baptist young person goes away to college or university. There in a course in comparative religions he will be told that Christianity is only one of several great religions in the world and really not superior to them. He will be told that each religion is best for the people who practice it and to try to convert those of other faiths is egotistical and foolish.

Or a Southern Baptist church member will sit at home listening to a religious broadcast or watching a religious telecast. The preacher will read from the Bible and pray. But when he speaks it will be to declare that all men, regardless of their sins or repentance, are the children of God the Father and all they need to do is live together like good brothers.

Beware of the intellectual dry rot of modernism which poisons the mind and stultifies the spirit, striking a death blow at all evangelistic and missionary soul-winning efforts.

—The Baptist Messenger

## A Good Investment

By COURTS REDFORD  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Home Mission Board

A good investment should provide three benefits for the investor — dividends, a sense of security, and satisfaction of mind and heart.

An investment in home missions, through the Annie Armstrong Offering, will provide such benefits.

It will bear large dividends, not only this year, but through all the years to come. Its transformation into new churches, mission centers, and Christian ministries will result in the salvation of the lost, the spiritual growth of the saved, the strengthening of the spiritual forces in America and the formation and maintenance of a strong home base for foreign missions.

### Per Hour

It takes about \$365 per hour to operate the total program of the Home Mission Board with its 1,200 missionaries, its 10 departments of work and its 27 phases of Christian ministry. He who gives participates in all of this, and his ministries reach 41 states, the District of Columbia, Cuba, Panama, the Canal Zone, and Alaska.

Yes, an investment in home missions bears large spiritual dividends.

Furthermore, the values thus created are permanent values. The donor has a sense of security. The churches thus established will continue to serve long after the donor has passed from the scene of action. People won to the Lord will win others, and they

in turn will reach others, so that a chain of Christian ministry is started that will continue to bear fruit until Christ comes back to close the books of the ages. Christ expressed this principle when he said, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust cannot corrupt and where thieves cannot break through and steal."

Yes, an investment in home missions is an investment in security.

### Participation—Satisfaction

Such participation in the work of the Kingdom always brings a measure of satisfaction of mind and heart. The donor properly has a sense of participation. He is identifying himself with those who labor on the mission fields. He shares some of the joys and victories of the missionaries on the fields. Through his investment, he is translated into a teacher, or preacher, or visitor, or counselor on the many missions fields. He has the joy and satisfaction of having a part in the work of nearly 1,200 home missionaries.

The measure of your satisfaction and your earnings will depend upon the sacrifice and the spirit of your giving.

May you have a large part in the March Week of Prayer program and in the Annie Armstrong Offering, and may your gifts be so seasoned with prayer and concern that they may produce the largest possible spiritual dividends.

## Dogmatic Theology

By W. C. FIELDS

The defense mechanisms of Liberalism and Fundamentalism are wonders to behold. These brethren occupy, respectively, the north and south poles of the theological world and never the twain shall meet.

Both extremities — and we measure our words — cover a broad but poorly defined area. Both polar regions have essentially the same climate, a bitter, biting, forbidding atmosphere.

The doctrinaire Fundamentalist and the Liberal with the capital "L" belong to a mutual excluding society in which each is persona non grata in the eyes of the other. They are always giving each other and (betwixt the rest of us who like to think of ourselves as more equatorially placed) five minutes to get out of business and off the planet.

The intemperance shown when they confess each other's sins is frequently over and beyond the call of partisan duty. One is reminded of the bachelor who was asked which he thought were the happier, people who were married or those who were not. "Well, I don't know," he replied. "Sometimes I think there is as many as is that ain't, as ain't that."

Left wing anarchists and right wing reactionaries are as deplorable in theology as they are in politics. Conservative principles in Baptist doctrine historically have kept us strong and we must maintain our walk on that high road — liberal without being Liberals, fundamental without being Fundamentalists.

—The Baptist Record



## Baptist Youth Given Challenge

A common question in the minds of Southern Baptist youth is "What shall I do for a lifework?" More than one million teenagers enrolled in Sunday schools are faced with this perplexing problem. Many will be entering church-related vocations, but the tremendous majority will be choosing form more than 22,000 other possible careers. If Southern Baptists are to capture the leadership potential of these boys and girls for maximum service in the future of the denomination and the causes for Christianity, they must help them develop a realistic scale of values for vocational decisions and understand the most effective Christian use of their talents and abilities. It is the task of the church—through the pastor, church staff, counselors, and other leaders—to help every youth become a significant part of God's world.

### Christian Standards

Because of the urgent need of Baptist youth for guidance, materials for the 1957 April Emphasis on Christian Higher Education have been prepared on the theme, "Christ—and My Future." The purpose of this special emphasis is to stimulate each Intermediate and young person in Southern Baptist churches to evaluate vocations by Christian standards and interpret them in terms of Christian responsibility.

The success of this annual emphasis depends upon pastors, educational and youth directors, Training Union and Sunday school workers, and other leaders in the church. Packets containing samples of the materials are being mailed to the pastors and educational directors throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Each sample kit, prepared by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, contains detailed information and procedures for a thoughtful presentation and study of the basic principles involved in selecting a career. Kits containing materials for ten Intermediates or young people may be ordered from the Education Commission, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

### Christian Future

The theme pamphlet, "Christ—and My Future," was written by Dr. Donald F. Ackland, who discusses the Christian and vocation, stating that the Christian should regard employment not as a mere job but as a calling. Work offers possibilities which go far beyond a bread and butter purpose. Other topics discussed are: influences on vocational choice, sacred or secular vocations, finding God's purpose, and preparation for advancing toward the future. Thought provoking questions in the pamphlet probe into the objectivity of one's plans for the future.

The kit also includes: "World Missions and the Christian College" in which Dr. R. Orin Cornett presents the impact Southern Baptist colleges and schools might have on world missions if their role is properly interpreted; "The Case for Christian Education," by Dr. D. Harley Fite, president of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee. Dr. Fite states concisely and pointedly the place Christian education has had in building America and the place it must again have as we are to develop boys and girls into leaders for tomorrow.

### Six Suggestions

The Leader's Plan Sheet is a detailed guide for using effectively the materials in the kit. Six suggestions are made for use of the material—a Youth Week Retreat, worship programs in Sunday school and Training Union

assemblies, the midweek prayer service, Sunday evening worship service, Sunday evening Fellowship hour, a special sermon on the theme, "Christ—and My Future," or "The Case for Christian Education." Any one or all of these suggestions may be adapted to the local church situation.

An innovation in this year's packet of materials is a detailed plan sheet for a Youth Retreat to be held on the Saturday preceding Youth Week. The entire program is outlined, along with committees and their duties for organizing and planning the retreat.

A booklet giving detailed information on Baptist schools in each particular state will be included. Each packet contains a form for ordering sufficient materials for distribution among Intermediates and Young People in the churches.

The choice of a lifework through which a young person can make his greatest contribution is one of the most important decisions in life. Pastors, teachers, parents, and counselors are charged with the responsibility of guiding the boys and girls into a Christian concept of work. This ministry to them must be dynamic if their potential is to be utilized to the fullest in Christian service through their chosen vocation. Careful, detailed planning by church leaders will produce a Christian Educational Emphasis which challenges the young people to prepare seriously for their roles of leadership.

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### Where Are We Heading?

Let us make a quick analysis of the proposed government budget in relation to national income. Twenty-five years ago the federal budget represented about 5 per cent of total national income. Today, if you count in such items as government-controlled retirement funds (representing money syphoned from productive economy) the sum approximates a quarter of our national income. In other words, 25 cents out of every productive dollar goes to keep the wheels of government.

What has brought about this staggering burden—higher in relation to national income than even the war years? The big expenditure, as we all realize, represents war-defense items. This accounts for \$58 billions out of a total of \$72 budgeted billions.

Subtracting \$58 billions from \$72 billions leaves \$14 billions for general conduct of government. But more than a third of this goes to maintain the agricultural economy.

The question of where the money goes—or, more accurately, where it is earmarked to go in the pending budget—presents no great mystery. What to do about it is quite another matter. There is general agreement that costs of government is alarmingly high. Yet the Congress is continually pressured on new and greater spending proposals, and must inevitably succumb to many of these demands.

There are signs that the national economy approaches a static position; certainly it cannot hope to pace federal spending at the present rate. A basic problem is that the need for workers expands beyond the supply. This makes for wage inflation. Last year, significantly, we failed to show our customary 2 per cent to 3 per cent gain in productivity, while wages and prices continued the upward trend. Union leaders, in their just-concluded Miami convention, expressed a firm determination to push wage bases to yet higher levels. The obvious and ominous consequence may be an intolerable strain on the economy.

—Maxwell Droke  
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## "Thrice Welcome, McDonald"

By DALE COWLING, Chairman  
Publication Committee

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

We, as Arkansas Baptists, open our hearts, homes, and churches to Erwin McDonald as the editor of the Arkansas Baptist. We believe Dr. McDonald to be extraordinarily prepared for this responsibility of editorship. He has sound judgment, newspaper experience, deep Baptist loyalty, and the ability to speak powerfully through the pen. He is a native of Arkansas and knows our Arkansas people and churches.

It is then with joy in our hearts and in keen anticipation of the prospect of working with him that we say, "Thrice welcome, Erwin McDonald and lovely family."

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## How To Develop Your Personality

By L. L. CARPENTER

Personality is the sum total of all those qualities which make up the life of an individual. What we call "personality" is in reality the expression of the inner life. It is not something put on the outside—it is the soul shining through! Beauty, talent, education, and culture all may contribute to it, but they must be supplemented by many other things if the life is fully developed.

Personality is not merely beauty or good looks. It is not in being able to speak fluently. It is not merely culture, or talent, or what one says and does. Yet all of these things contribute to the development of personality.

In fact, the rich and worthwhile personality is a by-product of rich and worthwhile living. One does not develop a personality by being self-centered, by always worrying about how one looks or how one behaves. In fact, the first requirement in developing a good personality is to forget oneself and to concentrate on the things that contribute to richness of living, fine character, wholesome and unselfish spirit and attitudes.

Personality grows through the years as an individual matures, and the years can bring some surprising improvements. It is also possible for the personality to be repressed, or even crushed, so that it never has much of an opportunity for development or expression. This may come about by evil thinking, by wrong attitudes, by self-centeredness, and by being ugly in disposition and character. We read in the Bible, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

There are important qualities which one needs to build into his character and life; and yet one can look at himself in a mirror or become so self-centered concerning the qualities he possesses that he may lose the charm of life. It is said that even Benjamin Franklin overdid the matter of making a list of qualities and grading his life by these qualities.

And yet there are certain qualities in character and life which one needs to keep in mind and seek to develop in his own life. Some of the most important qualities are truthfulness, kindness, sincerity, a cordial, happy attitude toward people, provided this too can be sincere and honest, a sincere interest in people, and a genuine devotion to truth, beauty, and goodness. These finer qualities of life will help one grow in personality and in effective Christian living. "Now abideth faith, hope, love, but the greatest of these is love," according to I Corinthians.

—Biblical Recorder



## Annual Meeting Speaker

One of the features of the Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union, April 2-4, will be four periods of study of the missionary message of Colossians under the leadership of Dr. Heber F. Peacock. After serving as professor of New Testament for five years at Southern Baptists' International Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland, Dr. Peacock returned this year to a teaching position at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He is an eminent teacher and interpreter of the missionary challenge and appeal of the scriptures. It is unusual for a group to have such an opportunity for study.



HEBER PEACOCK

The program will offer many rich opportunities for the missionary-hearted. Among other out-of-state and outstanding guest speakers will be Mrs. Carl Hunker, nee Jeannette Roebuck of Texarkana, who, with her husband and two children, serves as Southern Baptist missionary in Formosa. She will be remembered as a favorite speaker at the 1952 Annual Meeting held in El Dorado.

Home Missions will be represented by Miss Ruth O'Dell, former missionary in Cuba and now working with international students at the University of California. Her work is unique! Her message is timely! Hear her!

Miss Elsie Rives, secretary of Sunbeam Band work, will represent Southern Woman's Missionary Union and will be featured in two messages. On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Elmer West, secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, will speak, and on Wednesday morning Dr. Albert McClellan, director of publications and associate secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

At the closing session, Thursday morning, impressions and observations of mission work in South America will be shared by Misses Elma Cobb and Nancy

Cooper who recently returned from a two months tour of that country.

Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, will entertain the Annual Meeting. Additional features will be the Young Woman's Auxiliary Anniversary Banquet at the church on Tuesday night, April 2; and the state-wide Business Woman's Circle Banquet on Wednesday evening, April 3. Advance reservations for those two activities should be made with the State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock. On Wednesday morning, April 3, there will be special breakfasts for those particularly interested in the following organizational activities: Prayer, Mission Study, Stewardship, Community Missions, Youth Work.

**GOAL: Every WMU represented at the Annual Meeting! Will YOU be there?**

### OUR MISSION IN HOME MISSIONS

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for Home Missions

### CORRECTION!

The president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, corrects the error printed in the March issue of *Royal Service*, page 7. Please note that the wrong dates are given for the Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, to be held in Chicago. The correct dates are May 26-28 and are so listed on the inside back cover of the magazine.

Woman's Missionary Union  
Nancy Cooper, Secretary

## Why Not Use Chaplain Richmond And His Boys?

In the *Hustler's Herald*, a bulletin published in the Boy's Industrial School, Pine Bluff, we read that the boys have visited the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, for a special Musical Program. Rev. E. A. Richmond brought the main message and the choir was under the direction of Mr. Virgil Howard. We also noticed in the Bulletin that Chaplain Richmond spoke to the Mens' Brotherhood in the First Baptist Church of Ft. Smith. The thought has occurred to us that many Brotherhoods over the state could have a splendid program by arranging for Chaplain Richmond and some of the boys to put the program on for them. Why not call on Richmond to visit your Brotherhood or church?

other reason may be the fact that Baptists are stressing World Missions this year. Anyway these schools have been outstanding in both attendance and interest. Our missionaries should keep in mind that in planning for Schools of Missions that classes should be taught for all ages otherwise it is not Schools of Missions but merely a week of Mission Emphasis. If you want good attendance plan real schools.

J. T. McGill, formerly pastor of Barton's Chapel Church in Tri-County Association has accepted the Associational Mission work in Buckner Association. J. D. Seymour has gone from Dardanelle-Russellville Association to Stone-Van Buren-Searcy as their missionary. Delbert Garrett will be leaving Central Association as missionary to accept the pastorate of the First Southern Baptist Church in Sheridan April 1. The associations which are without missionaries are: Bartholomew, Buckville, Carroll, Centennial, Concord, Dardanelle-Russellville, Independence, Rocky Bayou, Washington-Madison, Woodruff, and Big Creek.

C. W. Caldwell  
Supt. of Missions

### Real School of Missions

Reports from the Schools of Missions conducted in Arkansas Valley, Centennial, Delta and Liberty Associations indicate a rising tide in Mission interest. All the missionaries commented that the attendance had been the best they had ever witnessed. Perhaps two things have been responsible for good attendance. One was that in each association classes were taught for all age groups. An-

## "1007 In '57"

This slogan came out of the recent State Vacation Bible School Clinics at Fort Smith and Pine Bluff. The slogan expresses the desire of Arkansas Baptists to have 1007 Vacation Bible schools in 1957. The total for 1956 was 800, which is the largest number ever conducted in the state.

The clinics this year were well attended with a total of 323 coming from 42 of 44 associations. This compares with 130 from 31 associations last year in the one central clinic in Little Rock. Mr. Sibley C. Burnett, secretary of Vacation Bible School Promotion with the Baptist Sunday School Board, led in both clinics. Miss Adeline DeWitt from the Audio-Visual Aids department of the Baptist Sunday School Board also assisted with the clinics.

One feature of these clinics was the training of associational workers for the various age groups. These workers will lead the conferences for different age groups in their associational Vacation Bible School Clinics. Conference leaders for the various departments at the state clinics were: Mrs. George Hink, Intermediate; Mrs. Floyd Payne, Junior; Mrs. Roy Hilton, Primary; Mrs. Frank Shamburger, Beginner; and Mrs. Edgar Williamson, Nursery.

### Tops in February

For the month of February the 25 churches to earn the most Sun-

day school training course awards were:

Immanuel, Little Rock	486
Calvary, Texarkana	364
Blytheville, First	323
Baring Cross, N. L. R.	318
First, Cullendale	303
Grand Ave., Fort Smith	293
Second, Little Rock	211
First, Fordyce	206
Providence, Fayetteville	199
First, Jacksonville	193
First, Fort Smith	190
First, N. Little Rock	188
First, Piggott	186
Gaines St., Little Rock	182
Pulaski Hts., Little Rock	179
First, Arkadelphia	166
First, Pine Bluff	165
West Batesville	158
Second, Searcy	155
Park Hill, N. Little Rock	154
Second, Hot Springs	149
First, Helena	149
Beech St., Texarkana	132
First, Springdale	127
First, Alma	125

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### Notice!

#### Southwide Teaching Clinic Date Changed

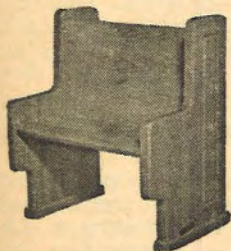
Due to Southwide and State conflicts the date for the Southwide Teaching Clinic in Little Rock has been changed from March 4-8 to October 7-11, 1957.

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## Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

### Dr. Cauthen Visiting Africa and Near East

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, left immediately after the February meeting of the Board to visit mission work in Africa and the Near East. Mrs. Cauthen is with him for the Africa section of the trip.

The Board said the executive secretary's trip at this time is strategic in view of specific plans being studied in Nigeria for possible advance steps in higher education and general plans under consideration for the entire area. In Africa Dr. Cauthen will visit Gold Coast, Nigeria, Southern Rhodesia, Kenya, and Tanganyika.

In his report to the Board, Dr. Cauthen said: "We came into 1957 with 1,113 missionaries, having appointed 121 in 1956. It is our expectation to appoint a minimum of 130 this year, which should give a net gain of 100 for 1957. If this same net gain can be maintained year by year, we will come to the close of 1964 with 1,913 missionaries.

"We are praying that it will be possible for us to exceed these figures and come to the close of 1964 with no less than 2,000 missionaries under appointment for service throughout the world."

Dr. Cauthen said an evangelistic crusade scheduled for Taiwan (Formosa) in May looms up as one of the most significant undertakings of the year in evangelism and church development overseas.

Upon the request of the Taiwan Mission and in keeping with previous action taken by the Board, three Southern Baptist leaders have been invited to Taiwan to share in this crusade. They are Dr. Leonard Sanderson, secretary of evangelism of the Home Mission Board; Dr. Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention; and Dr. Vernon B. Richardson, pastor of the University Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.

This team will be joined in Taiwan by missionaries and national workers from other Oriental fields. The dates of the crusade are May 5-19.

### Egyptian Soldier Gets Transfusion

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said reports from Kenya and Tanganyika, countries of East Africa which Southern Baptists have entered within recent months, indicate that representatives of the Foreign Mission Board are being well received.

"His Excellency, the Governor of Tanganyika, has been so impressed with our missionaries and their plans that he has mentioned the possibility of their undertaking a special type of educational work as one of their

projects," Dr. Sadler reported. "Early plans indicate the establishment of a good will center in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, the same sort of institution in Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanganyika, and a hospital in the southern Highland Province of Tanganyika."

Dr. Sadler said that according to reports from Spain three Spanish Baptist churches became self-supporting during the last half of 1956. "The little Second Baptist Church in Madrid, which has been closed for two and a half years, ranks second in per capital giving with reference to all our Baptist work in Spain," he said.

"Inspiring stories continue to come from our missionaries in the Middle East," Dr. Sadler continued. "A few days ago a letter from Dr. John A. Roper, Jr., related a touching incident concerning a wounded Egyptian soldier. The soldier had lost so much blood that a transfusion was necessary. To an appeal for blood by Dr. James M. Young, Jr., there were only two responses, his own and that of a blind woman evangelist. When the wounded man was told that someone had volunteered to give blood for him, he said it must be a mistake, that persons who thought enough of him to do that could not reach him.

"When he was assured that the blood was meant for him, he asked to see the person who was so concerned about his well-being. When the blind woman was taken to his bedside, the Egyptian could not restrain his tears. Dr. Roper said this incident reminded the hospital staff of the price that had been paid for their redemption.

"A state of tension still enshrouds the Middle East. In the meantime, our representatives in that explosive area are proceeding with their tasks as if conditions were normal. Their outstanding appeal is for an evangelist for the Gaza area."

### Ten Churches in Costa Rica

Eighty-five per cent of the almost one million people of Costa Rica can read and write, Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, said in his February report to the Foreign Mission Board. "Costa Rica now reputedly spends three times more for education than for defense," he said. "It is not surprising, then, that the percentage of illiteracy is by far the lowest in Central America."

Dr. Means has recently visited Costa Rica and Guatemala.

The first Southern Baptist approach to Costa Rica was made by the Convention's Home Mission Board in 1947. This work was transferred to the Foreign Mission Board in 1949. Since that time 10 churches have come into existence, attractive buildings have been constructed, a conven-

tion has been organized, and a body of national pastors has been created.

Dr. Means said Costa Rica is significant in the development of Southern Baptist work in all the Spanish-speaking countries in that it is the home of the Spanish Language School where all Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Spanish-speaking areas study for one year before taking up the work in the Missions to which they are assigned. Southern Baptists have 29 students in the school at present.

### Transfer of Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Bryan, who have served Southern Baptists in Costa Rica since their appointment in 1950, are transferring to Peru; and Rev. and Mrs. William M. Dyal, Jr., appointed to Guatemala in 1953, are transferring to Costa Rica from the Guatemala-Honduras Mission, effective March 1.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Harris, missionaries to Peru who have been in the States for several months because of the illness of their three-year-old son, Bobby, were given a leave by the Board so that Bobby may continue receiving treatment for polio from the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation. Mr. Harris is accepting the pastorate of the Drayton Baptist Church, of Spartanburg, S. C.

### 7 Per Cent of Hawaiians Evangelical Christians

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, Orient secretary who has just returned from a visit to Hawaii, said the population of 500,000 in the islands is perhaps more than 45 per cent Buddhist and 45 per cent Catholic, with something like 7 per cent evangelical Christians.

A small Baptist beginning was made in Hawaii as early as 1926 by a Baptist layman; but the islands became a formal mission field of Southern Baptists in 1940 with a staff of missionaries withdrawn from Japan, China, and Manchuria and new appointees for these lands. The work has grown to a present total of 18 churches with 4,230 members. The Foreign Mission Board has 40 missionaries under appointment to Hawaii.

The Hawaiian Baptist Academy has an enrolment of about 360 students in elementary and high school. About half of the students came from the Baptist constituency. The Baptist Student Center, located near the campus of the University of Hawaii, offers, in addition to the usual Baptist Student Union program, Bible classes taught by missionaries and a hostel for students from outside Honolulu.

A Christian should live that instead of being a part of the world's problem he will be a part of the answer.

—The Hawaii Baptist

## Minister Ordained



CHARLES R. BROYLES

Charles R. Broyles was ordained to the ministry recently by Pleasant Hill Church, Cabot, RFD 1. The ordination prayer was offered by John Holston, pastor of Lonoke, First Church. The examination was conducted by Emmet Graham. T. S. Cowden delivered the charge and sermon. Sam Phillips, First Church, Cabot, presented the Bible. Don Williams served as clerk.

Mr. Broyles became pastor of Pleasant Hill Church in January, 1956.

The church entered their new building in October. It is 60 x 32 feet, made of blond tile blocks and valued at \$10,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Broyles reside in Little Rock.

—OOO—  
The recent suppression of the film "Martin Luther" by Station WGN-TV of Chicago is a warning to pussillanamous Protestants that they must stand on their own feet and fight for freedom of the air. That film has just as much right on the air as Bishop Sheen has. Tolerance and freedom must be reciprocal between all faiths if they are to have any reality, and that means that freedom of criticism must be mutual.

—Paul Blanshard  
—OOO—  
A lot of folks are not worried about keeping up with the Joneses any more because they have already passed them.

—OOO—  
Lay nothing too much to heart. Desire nothing too eagerly, nor think that all things can be perfectly accomplished according to our notions.

—Robert E. Lee

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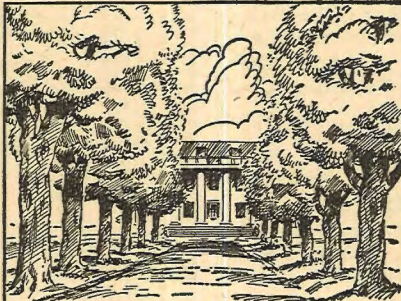


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## RICHARD FULLER 1804-1876

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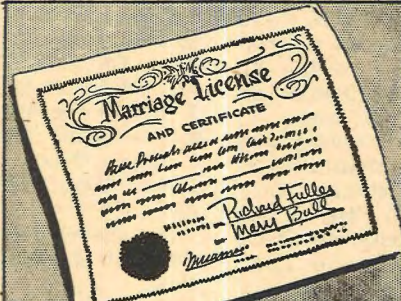
Into a large, wealthy, and aristocratic family of Beaufort, S. C. Richard is born. "Sheldon," their country home, is known for cultured hospitality.



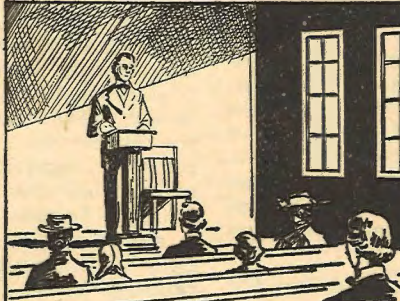
At 16 he enters Harvard where he leads his class. His health breaks in his senior year, but the faculty confers his degree anyhow, in spring 1824.



He recovers health in outdoor sport. Then he studies law at home, is admitted to bar before he is 21. Soon he has large practice, earning \$6,000 a year.



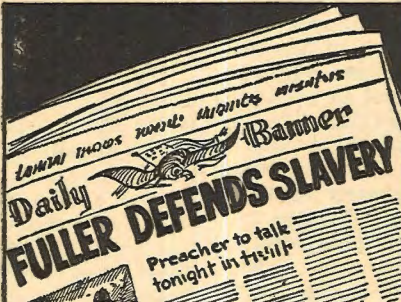
Although most of the Fullers have changed from Epis. to Baptist, Richard unites with the Epis. Ch. 1831 he marries Mary Bull. They have 3 daughters.



Oct. 1831, during a powerful revival, Fuller is converted, joins the Baptists, is soon ordained. He takes pastorate of feeble Beaufort Baptist Ch.



Soon every pew is filled, the old building gives away. A new bldg. is erected. Assistant pastors are employed. Fuller's health breaks again.



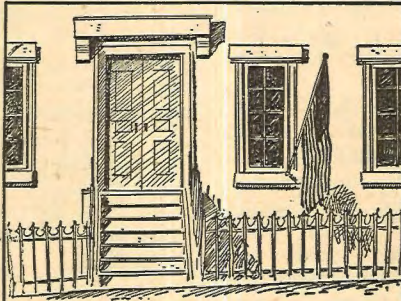
He recovers in Europe, then returns. Holds many revivals. Engages in two written controversies; on Romanism, and on slavery with Francis Wayland.



1847 goes to Seventh Bap. Ch., Baltimore, with 87 members. He builds it to a Baptist stronghold of 1,200 in this Catholic center. He gets sick again.



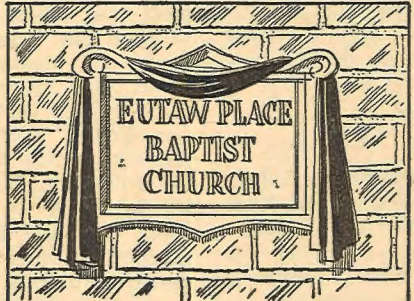
Recovering at "Sheldon," he returns to Baltimore. Serves as President Sou. Bap. Con. 1859-1861. He is widely acclaimed for his strong pulpit oratory.



His position in Baltimore is embarrassing during the Civil War. Though he is a Southerner in sentiment, he remains loyal to the Union, stays in Baltimore.



1871 he goes with a branch group from his church and establishes Eutaw Place Baptist Church with 131 members. It thrives rapidly under his guidance.



He preaches his last sermon at Eutaw Place September 24, 1876, less than a month before his death on October 19. He is buried in Baltimore.



**CHILDREN'S CORNER****God's Wondrous World**

By THELMA C. CARTER

One day, take time to examine the smooth pebble you found at the sea shore — or in your back yard. Where did it come from? How was it made? Did God have a part in the making?

Yes, God had a part in the making of even the small pebble. Our Bible tells us in Genesis 1:1, that "God created the heaven and the earth." Our whole wonderful natural world is His design.

Pebbles are small rock fragments broken off of large rock formations. And large rock formations are born when sand, clay, lime, decaying plant and animal matter are subjected to heat and pressure within, or upon the surface of the earth.

Large rock formations are worn thin by the elements, wind and rain. And the intense heat of the sun, causing large rocks to expand and then cool at sundown, is likely to crack rock formations into fragments.

The pebble in your hand may have traveled thousands of miles. People who make a study of our earth tell us that the Mississippi River carries into the Gulf of Mexico every day over a million tons of coarse gravel — or rock fragments. These are rolled along the bottom in swift currents, the coarser gravel is dropped along the way, and the other carried out to sea.

Wherever water carries rock fragments, they go bounding along, grinding against other rocks and solid matter, their



sharp edges and corners are worn off and rounded.

Thus, we have the smooth pebbles — at the sea shore, along the rocky stream — in our back yard.

(Is there something about God's Wondrous World you would like to see described in this column? If so please send your suggestions to Baptist Press Syndicate, 127 N. Ninth Ave., Nashville 3, Tenn.)

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**UPS AND DOWNS**

By ETHEL E. MANN

I walk up-stairs and I slide down quick.

Stair rails are shiny; stair rails are slick;

If I could 'slide up, it would be quite a trick—

I tried it once and came down like a brick.

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**THE SHOWER**

By ELSIE SIMON

I started to go out in the rain,  
Was sent back by a flower,

She waved me back and said,  
"Please wait,

The earth's taking a shower!"

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**Autrey Helps Japan Baptists With Revival Preparations**

Japan Baptists' evangelistic campaigns, scheduled for May and October, were given new impetus the first of this month with the arrival of Dr. C. E. Autrey, associate professor of evangelism, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., to assist with the preparations.

Dr. Autrey met with the central committee for the campaigns at the Amagi Baptist Assembly February 5-8, lecturing on "How to Plan for a Revival," "Using the Sunday School and Training Union in Evangelism," and other related subjects.

Final plans were made for simultaneous revivals to be held in Sapporo, Osaka, Kobe, Oita, Nagasaki, and Kagoshima; and advance plans were made for six more to be held in October. A pastor or missionary will go to each church a month prior to the revivals to lay plans and to assist

in organizing the church's resources for the meeaing.

Dr. Autrey will participate in three of four regional planning conferences.

A committee has compiled a small evaneglistic songbook containing seventy-one songs and choruses, including many new ones translated for the first time, for use during and after the campaigns.

Participating in each of the twelve revivals will be a preacher-singer team. It is hoped that an adequate emphasis can be given to music as an instrument of evangelism.

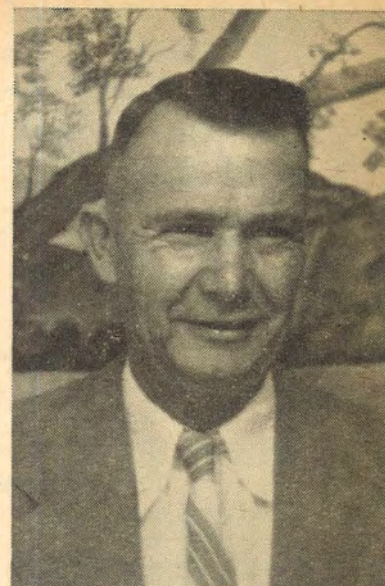
Missionary A. L. (Pete) Gillespie says the missionaries and nationals hope Southern Baptist friends will make these revivals an object of fervent prayer. "The Foreign Mission Board has appropriated funds for the campaigns," he says, "but results can come only through God as He answers prayers."

**Chandler Retires**

J. V. Chandler, pastor at Glenwood for the past 18 months, is retiring March 1, after a forty year ministry to Arkansas Baptists.

Mr. Chandler began his ministry in the Dardanelle-Russellville Association. He served at Ola, Plainview, Centerville, and other pastorates in that area. He went from there to the Harmony Association where he served as pastor at Gould and later became associational missionary. From there he went to Hoxie where he spent ten years just prior to the Glenwood pastorate.

Mr. Chandler is moving to Little Rock, and will be available for supply work or revival meetings.



MR. CHANDLER

**192 Primary Children Attend Choir Festival**

Ten Primary Choirs with a total registration of 192 attended the Second Annual Primary Choir Festival in First Baptist Church, Little Rock. Everyone was amazed that after three straight weeks of rain this many boys and girls between the ages of 6-8 would travel to the Festival. Miss Nettie Lou Crowder of Nashville, Tennessee, was our inspiring leader for this event.

The following choirs participated in the Primary Festival:

Cherub Choir — Immanuel, Little Rock; Cherub Choir — West Helena; Cherub — Second, Hot Springs; Cherub Choir — West Side, El Dorado; Cherub Choir — Park Place, Hot Springs; Cherub Choir — Second, Little Rock; Cherub Choir — First, Malvern; Cherub Choir — First, McGehee; Cherub Choir — First, Jonesboro; Cherub Choir — First, Little Rock.

Thirty-two Junior Choirs with a registration of 852 attended the Eighth Annual Junior Choir Festival in First Church, Little Rock. Mrs. Dwight Phillips of Texarkana, Texas, the festival director, said the individual choirs were very outstanding; more so than were the choirs in any other festival she had witnessed. Arkansas Choirs are to be congratulated!

Special honors go to Beech St., Texarkana; First, El Dorado; and Second, Little Rock. These choirs were chosen to represent the Junior Choir Festival in the State Convention this fall. Alternate

Choir chosen was the First Baptist Choir, Little Rock.

John Sheffield, First, Helena and Phyllis Ray, First, Monticello received an A rating in the Junior solo division.

The following churches were represented in the festival:

Carol Choir — First, Clarendon; Carol Choir — Park Place, Hot Springs; Carol Choir — First, Warren (2); Carol Choir — First, Russellville; Carol Choir — First, Monticello (2); Carol Choir — First, Helena; Carol Choir — First, McGehee; Carol Choir — First, Tyronza; Carol Choir — Grand Ave., Ft. Smith; Carol Choir — Immanuel, El Dorado; Carol Choir — First, Crossett; Carol Choir — West Helena; Carol Choir — First, Pine Bluff; Carol Choir — First, El Dorado; Carol Choir — First, Malvern; Carol Choir — Calvary, Texarkana; Carol Choir — First, Cabot;

Carol Choir — First, Stuttgart; Carol Choir — Immanuel, Pine Bluff; Carol Choir — Tabernacle, Little Rock; Carol Choir — Second, Hot Springs; Carol Choir — First, Little Rock; Carol Choir — Calvary, Rose City, N. L. R.; Carol Choir — Immanuel, Little Rock; Carol Choir — Beech St., Texarkana; Carol Choir — West Side, El Dorado; Carol Choir — Second, Little Rock (2); Carol Choir — First, Jonesboro; Carol Choir — First, Hope.

Church Music Department  
LeRoy McClard, Director



## Arkansas State Training Union Convention

Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 15-16, 1957

Theme: "Serving the Lord Christ"

Dr. Nolan P. Howington, President

### FRIDAY MORNING

- 10:00 Worship—LeRoy McClard  
Men's Quartet
- 10:20 Dr. Lambdin, Arkansas Is Curious  
J. E. Lambdin, Ralph W. Davis, and Others
- 10:50 Song and Announcements
- 10:55 What Do We Have Here?
- 11:05 What Happened at Hoxie  
Dale Barnett, and Robert A. Dowdy
- 11:20 Solo \_\_\_\_\_ Ural Clayton
- 11:25 Message: "Saved to Serve" \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Donald Ackland
- 12:00 Adjourn for Lunch

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Worship—LeRoy McClard  
Women's Trio \_\_\_\_\_ First Church, Mountain Home
- 2:20 Message — "By Royal Appointment" \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Donald Ackland
- 2:50 Sectional Meetings  
General Officers (pastors, directors, other general officers) — Room 31, Third floor, South wing.  
Associational Workers (associational Training Union directors and associational missionaries) — Room 41, Fourth floor, South wing.  
Adults (Adult union and department members) — Main Auditorium.  
Young People "A" (17-18 years, counselors, and department officers) — Room 4D, Fourth floor, North wing.  
Young People "B" (19-24 plus college students, counselors, and department officers) — Room 30, Third floor, North wing.  
Intermediate "A" (13-14 years and leadership) — Chapel, Room 100, Educational Building.  
Intermediate "B" (15-16 years and leadership) — Green Room, Room 12, First floor, North wing, Old Building.  
Junior "A" (9-10 years and leadership) — Youth Building, Ground floor.  
Junior "B" (11-12 years and leadership) — Youth Building, Second floor.  
Primary Leaders — Room 202, Second floor, Educational Building.  
Beginner Leaders — Beginner 4B Dept., Room 121, Ground floor, Educational Building.  
Nursery Leaders — Nursery 8 Dept., Room 111, Ground floor, Educational Building.  
Primary Children — Primary 8 Dept., Room 220, Second floor, Educational Building.  
Beginner Children (during all sessions) — Beginner 5A Dept., Room 119, Ground floor, Educational Building.  
Nursery Children (during all sessions) — Nursery 1 & 2 Depts., Ground floor, Educational Building.  
Bed Babies and Toddlers — Room 103  
Two and Three Year Olds — Room 105
- 4:30 Adjourn for Afternoon

### FRIDAY NIGHT

- 6:45 Sword Drill Participants and Judges — Choir Room  
Four Speakers' Tournament Participants and Judges — Room 217 (Beginner 5B Department).
- 6:55 Worship—LeRoy McClard  
Solo: "O Divine Redeemer" \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Frank Harris
- 7:20 State Speakers' Tournament Finals (17-18 years)  
(Two speakers selected from afternoon elimination tournament).
- 7:35 State Sword Drill — Mrs. J. E. Lambdin  
(Eight district sword drill winners).
- 7:55 State Speakers' Tournament (19-24 years plus college students)  
(Two speakers selected from afternoon elimination tournament).
- 8:10 Song  
Report of Committees and Election of Officers  
Offering — Ouachita College Quartet  
Report of Judges  
Presentation of Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Ralph Phelps
- 8:35 Message — "Opportunities Unlimited" \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Donald Ackland
- 9:05 Adjourn

## Fastest Growing Denomination

Southern Baptists gave an average of over one million dollars per day during 1956 to reach an all-time high in total giving of \$372,136,675. This indicated an average per capita gift of \$42.73.

The above statements are based on official denominational statistics for 1956 released this week by J. P. Edmunds, secretary of the Survey, Statistics, and Information Department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville. A total membership of 8,708,823 was reported, for a gain of 234,082 over 1955. The total number of churches climbed to 30,834, a net gain of 457 churches in 1956.

The 30,834 churches are classified as follows: open country, 14,930; village, 4,826; town, 3,798; city, 7,285. They reported a total of 384,627 baptisms. Mission gifts were reported as \$64,954,516, a gain of \$6,594,269 over 1955. This was an average per capita gift of \$7.46.

Sunday school enrolment in the Southern Baptist Convention increased 2.7 per cent, for a record enrolment of 6,823,713. Since 1946, Sunday school enrolment has increased 3,084,789, for an average net gain of 308,478 per year.

Training Union, a Sunday evening study group for all ages, in-

cluding adults, reported an enrolment of 2,316,354, a gain of 4.2 per cent. Vacation Bible school enrolment reached 2,733,990, a gain of 3.1 per cent. Vacation Bible schools were held in 75.5 per cent of the churches and 54,016 conversions were reported in these schools.

Brotherhood enrolment climbed to 445,630, a gain of 10.2 per cent, and the Woman's Missionary Union enrolment to 1,267,850, a gain of 1.8 per cent.

The expansion of Southern Baptists was further reflected in the gain of \$167,931,802 in property value for a total of \$1,491,385,336.

"Southern Baptists are the fastest growing major denomination in the United States," Edmunds said. "Since 1946, church membership in the Southern Baptist Convention has increased 2,629,518, or 43.3 per cent. The Southern Baptist Convention now has co-operating churches in 42 states, District of Columbia, Alaska, and Hawaii," he said.

The 1,170 Southern Baptist churches in Arkansas reported 13,428 baptisms during 1956, and a total church membership of 292,165. Total gifts through the churches were \$11,872,437, and church property was valued at \$46,763,463.

### Summary of 1956 Statistics

	1956	1955	Gain	Per Cent
Churches _____	30,834	30,377	457	1.5
Baptisms _____	384,627	416,867	-32,240	-7.7
Membership _____	8,708,823	8,474,741	234,082	2.8
Sunday School Enrolment _____	6,823,713	6,641,715	181,998	2.7
Vacation Bible School Enrolment _____	2,733,990	2,652,788	81,202	3.1
Training Union Enrolment _____	2,316,354	2,223,502	92,852	4.2
WMU Enrolment _____	1,267,850	1,245,358	22,492	1.8
Brotherhood Enrolment _____	445,630	404,281	41,349	10.2
Total Gifts _____ \$	372,136,675	\$ 334,836,283	\$ 37,300,392	11.1
Missions and Benevolences _____ \$	64,954,516	\$ 58,360,247	\$ 6,594,269	11.3
Total Value				
Church Property _____	\$1,491,385,336	\$1,323,453,534	\$167,931,802	12.7

Survey, Statistics, and Information Department

Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

### SATURDAY MORNING

- 8:45 Junior Memory Drill Participants and Judges Meet in Choir Room.
- 9:00 Worship—LeRoy McClard  
Director's Quartet
- 9:20 Junior Memory Drill \_\_\_\_\_ Lawson Hatfield  
9-10 year Juniors \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. F. F. Hicks  
11-12 year Juniors \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Ralph W. Davis
- 10:00 Sectional Meetings  
Same as Friday afternoon with the following changes:  
Young People's Section "A" will be for all single young people (17-24)  
Young People's Section "B" will be for all married young people (17-24)  
Associational Section will meet with general officers
- 11:30 Solo \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Frank Harris
- 11:40 Message — "Go Home to Thy Friends" \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Joe Burton
- 12:15 Adjourn

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary  
Training Union Dept.



# The Great Confession

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## Sunday School Lesson

March 3, 1957

Matthew 16:13-27

Lesson material continues from the period of definite training for the twelve. The last lesson voiced warning by Jesus of the doctrine of the Sadducees. Life is made up of that which one shuns and embraces. It is important to shun the false and hurtful. What shall take its place in life? Jesus tested the disciples on their identification of Him. If they were as dull about Him as about the leaven of the Sadducees they were indeed in danger. The final test of any man's loyalty is his positive ideals.

### PETER'S GREAT CONFESSION

Jesus had led the twelve into the region of Caesarea Philippi, about thirty miles north of the Sea of Galilee. Two advantages were offered in this region. The higher climate was cooler and the population was less. Jesus could train his disciples better where less demand was made from the people. Opposition to his work was a distraction to his training.

He first asked for popular opinion. "Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am?" Note that Jesus identified himself. Popular opinion linked Jesus with prophetic succession. Some thought that he was John the Baptist. Others, Elijah. These were fire-eating preachers. Some thought that he was Jeremiah who was known as the weeping prophet. It is significant that popular opinion had placed Jesus in relation to the prophets of God. But no individual can draw breath from popular opinion alone. Each must make his own conclusion. Jesus will finally come with the searching question, "Whom do you say?" The disciples faced this focal question. The spokesman for the group here, often elsewhere, was Simon Peter who answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." This proclaimed Jesus to be the true Messiah who had come from God for the establishment of his kingdom. The group concurred in Peter's statement. Jesus was pleased with the answer and commended Peter for it. Humanity had not revealed this unto Peter. His contact with the Father who is in Heaven had made the revelation.

The eighteenth verse of scripture is very controversial. Space in this brief study will not permit the controversy to be fully outlined. Two questions cover the major issue. Did Jesus address Peter as the sole foundation of his church? Or was Peter a representative of all upon whom Christ would build? Jesus spoke to Peter as the representative of faith upon which Jesus would build his church. This is in contrast to Peter the man upon whom Christ would build his church. The confession which Peter made is the one made by every one who comes in sincere search for for-

givenness of sin. Any true confessor's faith is kindred to the faith which Peter possessed when he identified Christ as the Son of the living God. Therefore, Jesus will build his church upon those who confess, as Peter did, the sovereignty of Christ Jesus in relation to God.

This church carries a divine guarantee that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. Hell, as used here, is in the sense of Hades or death. The gates of death will not prevent the church from continuous growth and ultimate victory. This means that when Peter and his immediate companions had done their deed and made their contribution to the church that their death would not stop the church. The gate is the place where enemy attack is usually made because it is a normal opening. But no one would be able to make attack at this point and win against the church. Death breaks homes. Death relieves obligations. Death dissolves partnerships. But death coming against the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ will be powerless to stop it. There is a divine guarantee to it.

The keys of the kingdom is another controversial subject. It appears that these keys are of opportunity rather than authority. The keys of the kingdom are in the hands of the man who will deliver the message of the King. Through this message the door is opened and others can enter. If the keys are not used to open by giving the message, the gate is shut. One is left outside. One of the greatest judgments which will befall any Christian is the judgment on use of opportunity. The cold, indifferent heart should ponder this. He has the keys.

Immediately Jesus charged his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. This revelation would prematurely bring conflict and thwart the schedule of God.

### WHAT KIND OF MESSIAH?

People had gleaned the popular conception that Jesus would be a warrior-Messiah. He would come and gain his throne by conquest. They were ready to crown him king in order that he might have the authority to draw his army for battle and rebellion. The disciples of Jesus had trouble removing this thought from their minds. Jesus wished to reveal what kind of Messiah he was without causing their faith to be

shocked into loss. After the confession Peter made in behalf of the entire group, Jesus was ready to announce his type of Messiahship. He told the disciples that he must go into Jerusalem, suffer many indignities at the hands of the officials. He would finally be killed. He would arise again on the third day. This seemed a queer course to take by one who represented God. Peter could not understand it. Therefore, he rebuked Jesus by dictating a different course to him. He suggested that such things would not be for the Master at all. What would have been the result had Jesus been dissuaded from the cross by impetuous Peter? But such is not fact. Jesus turned to rebuke Peter and called him Satan because Satan had tried this same strategy of dictating a way for Christ to fulfill his Messiahship (Matthew 4:1-11). Jesus was not on earth to walk man's way but to walk God's way to fulfill divine purposes. Peter did not understand the ways of God. He understood better the ways of men.

### WHO WILL FOLLOW?

When Jesus had made known his type of Messiahship and had been confronted by Peter to turn to a different method, he felt that he should call out the loyalty of the group. He stated the qualifications of his disciples. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." A man will always deny one of two things. He will deny himself or he will deny

his Lord. If he denies the Lord burdens will increase upon his shoulders and his body. He will become more useless. If he denies himself and voluntarily takes up the cross of Christ and follows him, then his way will be upheld by God. He shall have the strength of grace to follow Christ. He will increase in usefulness.

Verse twenty-five is technically a paradox. One may understand the verse in its meaning if he will consider two words. "For whosoever will save his (lower) life shall lose his (higher) life. But whosoever will lose his (lower) life for my sake shall find the (higher) life." This makes the paradox a progressive climb. The denial of self is the losing of the lower life. Selfishness never pulls upward. The finding of the higher life is always in Christ and the following of him. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He leads upward always.

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## EVANGELISM

The State Evangelistic Conference of 1957 is now history. But the effects of the meeting will continue to be felt as the days come and go. The speakers challenged us to be better evangelists as they emphasized means and methods of evangelism.

### Preaching

All Christians, are obligated to study and teach the Bible, but some have been called as special stewards of the mysteries of God. These have been ordained to preach, teach and witness constantly.

Jesus came from God, and the New Testament states that "Jesus came preaching," "God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Therefore, God has ordained preaching as a major means in winning the lost.

Someone at the Evangelistic Conference said, "Good preaching is the need of our day." We, who are preachers, agree with the statement. But, we ask ourselves, what is good preaching? When we think of a good evangelistic sermon, we think of the proclamation of that which is found in the word of God. The Bible teaches that all humanity, outside the grace of God as offered through Jesus Christ, is lost. Therefore, good preaching shows how the chasm between God and man can be bridged, by setting forth Bible truths about God, and man's relation to him.

This means that the doctrine of sin is to be preached. We all know that the voices of God's preachers on sin has always "stirred up" resentment on the part of some people. This happens because the Gospel of sin is an indictment of the entire world, and the world recoils at such preaching.

It was not easy for the prophets of the Old Testament to pronounce the judgment of God upon a rebellious people. It was not easy during New Testament to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who suffered the ignominious death of a criminal on a cross, but Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes."

The Bible preachers lived, suffered, taught, prayed, sacrificed, wrote, organized churches, found the best methods, used means and depended upon the power of God for victory.

Therefore, to be good evangelists, we must believe that man is lost, because of sin, and that salvation comes from God. Modern man believes that he has something within him that will commend him to God, and if he performs certain works, God will accept him. This idea comes from a mind that is darkened and a heart that is depraved. In order to reach these darkened minds and depraved souls, we must use means and methods that are in keeping with the New Testament pattern of evangelism.

### Teaching

In the Matthew record, Jesus used the phrase "teaching them." The teaching and preaching methods are so closely related that they cannot be separated. Jesus not only "came preaching," he was a master teacher. All genuine Christian teaching must be evangelistic to the core. Therefore, any study

course in any church is related to evangelism, as the church members are taught — how to witness effectively, how to pray sincerely, and how to give cheerfully.

Based on experience, we know that The Every Member Canvass, The Tithers Enlistment Visitation, The Pledge Day, and The Stewardship Campaign is a vital part of the total program of Evangelism.

These methods led the church member, step by step to the "observing of all things whatsoever I have commanded." The first commitment to Jesus Christ was made publicly as the individual walked the aisle, and the commitment of money, time and talent means dedication to getting the Gospel message across to others. This is an important phase of evangelism.

### AWOL Church Members

We, as Southern Baptists, have a tremendous problem within our own ranks. Many of our members are AWOL. Almost three million of our people are fringe church members. They seldom attend; they seldom give any money; they miss the blessings of service; they have lost the joy of their salvation; and they are the concern of all who have compassion.

After helping formulate the Church Finance Program, and after looking at the results of the test campaign, we are convinced that here is, at least a partial answer, to our absentee problem. That statement can be made because this problem is designed primarily to reach the fringe members. This problem is the most effective way that we have ever seen used to confront unenlisted Baptists, with opportunities for service. It is most effective in conceiving evangelism, and we believe that there is a great need in that area of our work.

Find out more about the Forward Program of Church Finance. Arrange a clinic in your association, and ask us to assist you in learning "how to do it." — R. D.

### The Forward Program of Church Finance

Fourteen regional conferences on The Forward Program of Church Finance have been conducted in our state during January and February. These conferences were not planned to be mass meetings, but they were designed for the leadership in our churches.

Our Nashville office, because of the vastness of such a program, will be unable to get the printed material to us until April 15. It was thought that this material could be mailed out February 15, and cards were sent out to that effect. Therefore, we have had to revise our schedule on the promotional work.

### Associational Clinics

Some associational clinics have already been scheduled. A clinic is a minimum of 10 hours study on The Forward Program of Church Finance. In these meetings, pastors, missionaries and all other interested persons, study the material thoroughly. This is the type of meeting where we sit down together and study how to conduct a church campaign. We are planning as many asso-

ciational clinics as we can work into our schedule.

The Forward Program of Church Finance is a comprehensive approach, and we believe that it will raise the standard of Christian stewardship in any church, because it is based upon the Bible plan.

### Associational Prayer Calendar

Each week we, in the Baptist Building, pray for the work in our associations. The name of the association or associations, along with the names of the missionary, associational officers, churches, pastors, etc., are put on a blackboard in the Chapel.

The week before we put the names on the blackboard, we write a letter to the associational leaders and pastors informing them that we will be praying for them, and encourage them to pray for us, and to encourage the church people to remember us in their prayer.

We started this last year and we plan to continue through this year.

### The Calendar

Arkansas Valley	Feb. 24-March 2
Ashley County	March 3-9
Bartholomew	March 10-16
Benton	March 17-23
Big Creek	March 24-30
Black River	March 31-April 6
Boone County	April 7-13
Buckner	April 14-20
Buckville and Newton	April 21-27
Caddo River	April 28-May 4
Carey	May 5-11
Caroline	May 12-18
Carroll County and Centennial	May 19-25
Central	May 26-June 1
Clear Creek	June 2-8
Concord	June 9-15
Conway-Perry	June 16-22
Current River	June 23-29
Dardanelle-Russellville	June 30-July 6
Delta	July 7-13
Faulkner	July 14-20
Gainesville	July 21-27
Greene	July 28-August 3
Harmony	August 4-10
Hope	August 11-17
Independence	August 18-24
Liberty	August 25-31
Little Red River	September 1-7
Little River	September 8-14
Mississippi	September 15-21
Motor Cities	September 22-28
Mt. Zion	Sept. 29-October 5
Quachita	October 6-12
Pulaski	October 13-19
Red River	October 20-26
Rocky Bayou and Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	Oct. 27-Nov. 2
Tri-County	November 3-9
Trinity	November 10-16
Washington-Madison	November 17-23
White County	November 24-30
White River and Woodruff	December 1-7

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### Houston Architect Advises On Orient Building Plans

Ralph M. Buffington, Baptist architect of Houston, Tex., spent ten days in Hong Kong and Macao recently studying plans and counseling with committees charged with the responsibility of erecting churches, chapels, schools, and other Baptist institutions.

He also spoke on building plans and construction to representatives of the Baptist churches and chapel of the two colonies at a meeting sponsored by the Hong Kong-Macao Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) and the Hong Kong Baptist Association.

Mr. Buffington's Orient tour included several other mission fields where he gave architectural counsel and help on building problems. The visit was made possible by appropriations from Advance Program funds.

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