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Give Ye . . .

## That Christ's Kingdom May Come

By STANLEY WILLIAMSON, Fort Worth, Tex.

Basically there are only two forces at work in the world today—love and hate. A close corollary of love is peace, and war is the natural, inevitable adjunct of hate.

For many centuries man has been seeking some method by which war might be terminated permanently. He has tried buffer states, balance of power agreements among strong countries, and the League of Nations. These efforts have failed and the United Nations organization will not find the solution in its attempt,

The answer to the problem is not to be found in an efficient, world-wide union of nations. An examination of past and present peace plans reveals changes in organizational structure, but a sameness of the force which motivates the actions of member nations. I refer to hate and its servants, selfishness and greed.

The only sure preventative for war is the establishment of God's love in the hearts of all men. Someone has said, "Love is the desire for and the delight in the welfare of another that leads to self-sacrificing efforts to promote that welfare." This kind of feeling occurs only in that individual who has been regenerated by the saving love of Jesus Christ. Permanent peace awaits the evangelizing power of the Gospel unto all the world.

Why draft? Because Southern Baptist pastors, religious leaders, and church members are playing tiddly-winks with their mission programs. If there is no change in this respect, logic demands that we expect another war, and shortly.

Common sense dictates that we prepare ourselves as we consider the conditions of our day. Nations and individuals must love



each other in Christ or war with each other because of devil-prompted hatred. There is no middle ground.

God has sent us out into his harvest fields to reap and instead we have gone to sleep. I am not disparaging the work of our mission personnel. It is wonderful. My plea is for more of, for much more of the same kind of activity. One representative of our Foreign Mission Board has stated we need 50 million dollars a year to have an adequate foreign mission program, yet, we are aiming at one tenth of that amount for this coming year.

No doubt staid advice would promulgate the idea that we must bring our people along slowly and take one step at a time. Question: Shall we walk slowly while the world rapidly runs head-long to war and hell? We need to take drastic actions now!

Each Baptist not only should tithe, but MUST tithe. Give God the tithe now or wait a few years and give a far greater sum to our government or some conquering foreign power. As we transmit our appreciation of God's love for us into money, do we evaluate it at less than one cent out of each dime?

Fifty per cent should be the minimum any church gives to the Co-operative Program. It will take that kind of giving for us to promote the type of mission program that we should. Brother W. F. Couch gave the formula for leading a church to give 50 per cent of its income for mission causes at the 1946 Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He explained that he led his church to take this step by asking them to do it.

Why draft? The agencies of hate are alive and alert. Let us as Southern Baptists arouse ourselves from our lethargy, and come to a full realization and accomplishment of our God given task.

### "Yes, I Tithe,"

says R. G. Lee, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Believing in making money a servant of Christ who, though rich, for our sakes became poor; believing that love to Christ will not permit one to give less than one tenth, believing that loving and giving are Siamese twins and one cannot be without the other, I tithe.

"Wishing to give the testimony that I love God with my pocketbook as well as with my heart, I tithe.

"Since tithing gives me the privilege of participation in all the causes which my church supports financially and for which I pray, I tithe.

"With all my heart I believe in

*Every Baptist a Tither*

### Word of Thanks

Dear Dr. Duncan:

We wish to express to the Baptist people of Arkansas and to you for the splendid way in which you rallied to protest the granting of a liquor license to the drug store located so near our own Baptist Book Store in Little Rock.

You and your fine paper deserve much of the credit in securing the many protests which were received by the State Commissioner. These protests by telegram and letter from the Baptist people undoubtedly influenced the Commissioner to deny the permit.

Faithfully yours,  
H. E. Ingraham

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### SOME ALARMING FACTS

\* In the twenty states where Southern Baptists work there are 40,000,000 white people not enrolled in any Sunday School.

\* The average enrolment of all Southern Baptist Sunday Schools is 155. Around each one of the present 24,000 Southern Baptist Sunday Schools, there is an average attendance of 1,700 white people who are not now enrolled in any Sunday School.

## BLESSEDNESS OF GENEROSITY

A Devotion by the Editor

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." There is a rare disease called scleroderma popularly known as turning to stone. Calcium of the body, instead of being properly distributed throughout the system, is deposited in the skin; there it hardens and unless the process is arrested the outer surface of the body becomes hardened to stone.

There is a spiritual scleroderma that cases the life in a metal cast and so prevents the expression of soft, pliant, responsive attributes of life.

When possession becomes the ultimate of all life and endeavor, the pleasure of satisfaction of passing becomes an obsession. The fountains of sympathy, benevolence, mercy, and all generous instincts of life dried up; the personality becomes steely and the conversation takes on a metallic ring, the attitudes become hard and flinty.

It was once said of a man in South Carolina, who was reputed to be the wealthiest man in the state: "He cannot give." His possessions had so completely possessed him that he could not turn them loose. He held them so long that he could not release his hold, his grip on material things frozen, petrified—to bend would be to break, to loose would be to lose, to give would be to throw away. We call such people tight and that is an accurate description. All tentacles of their beings have twined themselves about material things and hold them in a deathless embrace.

It is no wonder Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Giving is the overflow of the generous impulses that keeps the life clean of the poison of selfishness, it prevents the stagnation of personal interests, it allows the daily influx of God's refreshing grace.

The overflow of the generous impulses of life keeps the life open, porous, pliant, elastic, tender, gracious. Giving is the evidence of a more excellent disposition of mind, a higher estimate of the true value of life, of a greater appreciation of the spiritual.

The slogan, "Give until it hurts," is wrong. "Give until it quits hurting and comes a pleasure" is better.

"I have shewed you all things, how that labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

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*From the Editor's Desk*

# Kingdom Finances

## Every One

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:2).

It is the recognition of the individual which is emphasized in these words from the pen of the great apostle, "let every one of you." The conditions of salvation are personal to each individual, "He that believeth hath everlasting life," the responsibilities of service are personal to each individual, "Who-soever would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me," the opportunities of sharing in the finances of the kingdom of our Lord are personal to each individual, "let every one of you."

### Christian Experience Broadened

Every one sharing in kingdom finances broadens the base of Christian experience. It will extend the base of one's Christian experience to his earning powers. The exertion of one's energies, the engagement of one's mind, the occupation of one's time, from the humblest toil to the most skilled workmanship, become of spiritual significance when one is sharing in the financial program of the kingdom of God.

If one divorces his earning powers from his Christian experience, by the same act he divorces his work, or business, or profession from Christian experience; and the natural consequence is that he will deny that the kingdom of God has any claim upon his income. If one undertakes to confine his spiritual experience to distinctly Christian worship periods, he will find himself unable to take full advantage even of those periods and his spirituality is reduced to the lowest minimum.

### Adventure or Drudgery

Consider the woman who has been over the wash-tub hour after hour, day after day. At the end of the week, when the blessed Sabbath comes, she enters the house of God. It may be only ten dollars, it may be less, that she has been able to win out of the soiled world by her toil, but if it has been in her heart every day and every hour that the next Sunday morning in the house of worship, with its quiet, with its beauty, with its soul-stirring music, with its hush of the divine presence, she is to lay ten cents of every dollar on God's altar for His kingdom, her work—every bit of it—is made a spiritual work.

Now, we hear some one say that it is not right for the church to expect or accept such blood money. But did you know that this is the opportunity which God has provided for making such uninviting toil into a challenging adventure. When there is no adventure

in the toil itself, there is plenty of adventure in the kingdom of God for the earnings from the toil. If you deny this poor woman the privilege of sharing in kingdom finances, you rob her of all possibility of extracting adventure from her work, and reduce it to complete drudgery.

### Extends Christian Privileges

To have a share in the finances of the kingdom of God will extend the base of Christian experience to the exercise of all spiritual powers and privileges.

The person who has no share in kingdom finances will restrict his prayers to purely personal petitions. It is the generous heart, the heart that gives again and again regularly and consistently, that can pray for the kingdom of God to come.

The person who has no share in kingdom finances restricts his hopes to purely personal and selfish desires. There is nothing which will more surely enlarge one's Christian hopes, and expand one's spiritual sympathies, and extend one's spiritual interests so effectively as generously supporting the financial program of God's kingdom.

The person who has no share in kingdom finances will restrict his activities in Christian service to the minimum. The most generous givers, the most liberal hearts, are most active in Christian service; they are doing the work of the kingdom of God.

### Dead Church Costs Nothing

What would kingdom enterprises be like, if no one had a share in kingdom finances; and what would they be like, if "every one" had a share in kingdom finances? Those who are withholding from the Lord are always complaining that the church wants too much money. Those who are generous never make that complaint.

It is reported that Bishop Nelson of New Zealand tells of two men who met one day and one of them asked the other for a subscription for the church. The reply was that the church was always wanting money. The other friend said, "When my lad was a boy, he was costly; he always wanted boots and shoes, stockings and clothes, and wore them out fast, and the older and stronger he grew the more money had to be spent on him, but he is dead, and does not cost me anything."

Yes, a live and growing church always wants money. The church that wants no money is dead.

### Corporate Responsibility

Every one sharing in kingdom finances will broaden the base of corporate Christian responsibility.

One of the great glories of our Christian experience is that "any man," the single

individual who opens his heart to Jesus whether upon the crowded streets, in the busy shops, or in the luke-warm church; the lone individual who admits Christ into his heart will have blessed communion with Him.

But when it comes to the corporate responsibility of the church for the program of kingdom expansion and the preaching of the gospel to all the world, it is not "any man," but, "Let every one of you." It is only by "every one" that the base of corporate responsibility is broadened and that the church and kingdom program is enlarged and extended.

### Pooling Resources

We are constantly hearing what the churches are doing; and all our reports, whether for our own records or for denominational records, are given in the name of the churches. We are pooling our energies, our efforts, and our resources in the Lord's service through His churches. But these reports reflect only the service and the cooperation and the contributions and the prayers of those who participate in the responsibilities of the church.

The saddest commentary on our churches today is that the Lord cannot count on "every one of you" in His kingdom program. Only about every other one of the church membership observes the instructions of the Lord "upon the first day of every week."

The story is told of a farmer who went to hear John Wesley preach. The farmer was not a converted man and cared little about religion. But his attention was soon enlisted. Wesley said he would take up three topics of thought—he was speaking about money. His first head was, "Get all you can." The farmer nudged his neighbor and said, "This is strange preaching, but it is very good, it is admirable." Wesley discoursed on "industry," "activity," and "living to purpose." Then he came to his second point, "Save all you can." The farmer became more excited. Wesley denounced thriftlessness and waste and lavish luxuries. And the farmer congratulated himself that "All this I have been from my youth up." And Wesley advanced his third thought, "Give all you can." "Oh dear," said the farmer, "he has gone and spoiled it all." And there was no more interest in the farmer's mind, no further point of contact.

### A Triangle

The interest of so many people dies at precisely this point, "upon the first day of every week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." Where, as, this is the point at which our interest should be quickened, and our hopes enlarged, and our faith strengthened, and our activities increased.

Each one of us is a member of a triangle of responsibility. The Lord Himself forms one angle, you form another, and I the third. What if the Lord should drop out and refuse to carry His part of the responsibility? The whole program would collapse. But just as surely as I drop out and refuse to carry my part of the responsibility, then my part of the program will collapse. God and others will carry on; but shall I take myself out of the program of my Lord?



# Kingdom Progress

Pastor Marsh Whittington report that **Urbana Church** has made notable progress during the past three years. There have been 109 additions to the church; the Sunday School has grown from 149 to 176; the property has increased in value from \$9,000 to \$12,500; the church has been modernized; the auditorium enlarged; a new 42 passenger bus has been purchased; and the grounds have been beautified.

Twenty-two additions to the church membership and three re-dedications were the results of a revival meeting at the **Midway Church**, near **Wilmot**, July 15-25. Pastor Dillard S. Miller, **Wilmot Church**, was the visiting evangelist. E. H. McMurry is pastor of the church.

**New Liberty Church**, **Blytheville**, and Pastor Russell Duffer had the services of Irby D. Bates, Dallas, Texas, in recent revival services. There were 34 additions to the church membership, 31 of whom were by profession of faith, and a number of re-dedications.

During this meeting the men became interested in the Brotherhood work and Nelson Tull, Brotherhood secretary, met with the group on July 25. Plans are under way for the organization of a Brotherhood in the church.

**Guernsey Church**, **Hope Association**, recently had the services of Missionary M. T. McGregor in a revival meeting. There were 21 additions to the church membership. Many of the professions were adults, one being converted from the Catholic faith. Sid White is pastor of the church.

Pastor A. R. Major reports a successful revival at **Pilgrims Rest Church**, July 18-30, in which they had the assistance of Benny Pearson, pastor of **First Church**, **Elaine**. There were 10 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism and seven by letter.

**Trinity Church**, **Texarkana**, recently had the services of Glen E. Crotts, pastor of **First Church**, **Crowley**, Texas, in a revival meeting. Pastor Warren Nutt was in charge of the music. There were five professions of faith, two additions by letter, and one surrendered to do mission work.

The women of the **First Church**, **Hazen**, are canning fruits and vegetables for the Orphanage at **Monticello**.

Two hundred fifty persons became charter members of **Bethany Church**, **Prothro Junction**, **Little Rock**, July 25, when **Bethany Mission** was organized as a church. City Missionary E. A. Ingram preached the sermon; Taylor Stanfill, pastor of **Park Hill Church**, offered prayer and read the Scripture; and W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of **Immanuel Church**, **Little Rock**, presided as moderator.

The mission was founded by **Immanuel Church** eight years ago. Four hundred persons have been received for membership. The Sunday School has an enrolment of 300. L. G. Miller is pastor of the church.

**First Church**, **Warren**, reports a very successful Vacation Bible School held June 7-18. There was an enrolment of 251, with an average daily attendance of 200. There were 11 professions of faith. The mission offering will be used in associational Vacation Bible School work.

**First Church**, **Malvern**, just completed a two weeks revival campaign in which Pastor Bill Kersh, **Third Church**, **Malvern**, did the preaching and James E. Birkhead, educational director of **First Church**, led the singing. There were 29 additions to the church membership, 16 of whom were by baptism, and five Intermediate girls surrendered to full time Christian service.

Pastor Charles Holland, **First Church**, **St. Francis**, reports a great day in the regular services on August 1. After two weeks of an every member canvass, the church purchased new song books, the **Broadman Hymnal**. Following the regular Sunday School session the church engaged in a short dedicatory service, dedicating the books to the glory of God.

Revival services began August 8, in which Missionary W. G. Dove, **Arkadelphia**, is the visiting evangelist.

Pastor Don Williams, **Kingsland Church**, reports one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. Pastor Guy Wilson, **Reynolds Memorial Church**, **Little Rock**, was the visiting evangelist and P. A. Stockton, also of **Little Rock**, was in charge of the music. There were 32 professions of faith, six additions to the church membership by letter, and two re-dedications.

Carl Mitcham was ordained into the ministry by the **Walnut Grove Church**, **Deer**, August 1. The council was composed of the following: Missionary Otis Denney, chairman; John R. Stratton, secretary; Cecil Laster; Ray Casey; Arville Casey; Jim Reynolds; and Corbie Berry. Mr. Mitcham has been called as pastor of the **Walnut Grove church**.

Pastor R. D. Harris is beginning his second year in the pastorate of the **Humphrey Church**. During the year there have been 46 additions to the church membership, 23 of whom were by baptism. The church has given for all causes during that time \$4,014.

**Humphrey Church** will have the services of Pastor J. J. Evans, **First Church**, **Walters**, **Oklahoma**, in a revival meeting which will begin August 15

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There were 35 additions to the church membership, 26 by baptism, and 20 rededications, as a result of the revival meeting at **Bailey Hill Church**, **Fort Smith**, in which Missionary M. E. Wiles did the preaching and William J. Perkinson, music director of the church, led the singing. Al G. Escott is pastor of the church.

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There were 107 enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 80, in the Vacation Bible School held June 28 to July 9 at the **Amity Church**. The mission offering was \$31. W. B. Essman is pastor of the church.

## Immanuel Tent Revival

The Tent Revival promoted by the **Immanuel Church**, **Little Rock**, June 20 through July 4, proved to be a distinct blessing to the entire church membership and to the hundreds of friends of other churches throughout the city and state. In addition to the who made decisions for Christ and joined the church, 30 more have joined the church in the three weeks following the revival.

No revival held in recent years by **Immanuel Church** has attracted such large crowd. Beginning with 1,000 men in Sunday School on June 20 with a message delivered by Congressman Brooks Hays, the meeting moved on to a great climax including the two Thursday night services when great throngs came to hear R. G. LeTourneau and Dr. R. Lee. On Thursday night July 1 when Dr. G. Lee delivered his famous sermon "Every Day Some Day," a crowd estimated at 4,000 attended the service. Delegations from over Arkansas were present, and one delegation came from Southeast Missouri.

The program of music for this revival directed by Homer Rodeheaver and B. Ackley, was one of the features of the meeting. Mr. Rodeheaver is a master in directing congregational singing and in preparing the way for the preacher to deliver his message. The great throngs that attended these revival services will long remember his masterful leadership.

Through wide publicity both by radio and public press the entire city of **Little Rock** and the surrounding counties were made conscious of this revival.

## Pastoral Changes

Kenneth R. Grant has resigned **Beaumont Street Church**, **Gurdon**, Arkansas, to become pastor at **Leakesville**, Mississippi.

J. W. Buckner, **First Church**, **Jonesboro**, Louisiana, has been called to the **First Church**, **Crossett**.

D. C. Applegate, pastor of **Louisiana Street Church**, **Memphis**, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the **First Church**, **Paragould**. He will go there September 1.

Greer Garrott was ordained to the ministry by the **First Church**, **West Memphis**, Tuesday night, July 13. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the **First Church** of **Memphis**, officiated at the ordination service.

Greer is finishing his college work at **Baylor University**, **Waco**, Texas, and will continue his study for the ministry at the **Baptist Theological Seminary**, **Louisville**, Kentucky. He is now serving as mission pastor for the **First Church**, **Mexia**, Texas.

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Much work has been done on the auditorium of the **First Church**, **Osceola**. The floor has been refinished, the walls painted, and the woodwork refinished. New aisle carpeting has been purchased, also new metal chairs to replace the wooden chairs in the Sunday School rooms. Recently the organ was converted into an electric organ.

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Thomas L. Parker, **Booneville**, Mississippi, was the evangelist in revival services held recently at the **Nodena Church**, **Willsboro**. There were 21 additions to the church membership, 15 by baptism. M. D. Davis is pastor of the church.





The \$100,000 educational building of the Baptist Tabernacle Church, Little Rock.

This building is being erected of concrete and brick and will have three stores and a basement. There will be adequate room to care for all departments of the Sunday School and the pastor's study. The auditorium will be built later. The basement will be completed in about three weeks. Mac's Builders are the contractors. L. H. Roseman is pastor of the church.

## Who Will Be Next?

Two of the youngest churches in the state have placed the Arkansas Baptist in their budgets. These churches are: Capitol Hill and Bethany, both of Pulaski County Association. Congratulations and thank you.

The following churches have added to their subscription lists: Second, Little Rock, Park Place, Hot Springs; Park Hill, No. Little Rock; Second, Hot Springs; Brinkley; First, Pea Ridge; First, Luxora; First, Alma; Bid-  
dle, Little Rock; Central, Hot Springs; First, Fayetteville; First, Little Rock; First, Bear-  
den.

## Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "When Jesus Came to Church," by B. H. Duncan.

All broadcasts are by transcription and may be heard every Sunday over the following stations:

- KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
- KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
- KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
- KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
- KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.
- KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:45 p. m.
- KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.
- KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.
- KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.
- KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.
- KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.

## Something New

Something new has been added to the church directory of Southside Baptist Church here in Birmingham, Alabama, according to the Baptist Press.

It is a list of ten missionaries, whose names and addresses immediately follow those of the rest of the church staff. And a new set of missionaries are listed every week!

Over in the pastor's column, Dr. John H. Buchanan explains their listing: "Instead of adopting one or two missionaries as our special representatives from Southside, we have on the official staff of our church, through the Co-operative Program, some 660 foreign missionaries. Beginning with this issue, and continuing for more than a year, we are going to list 10 of these missionaries along with our church staff every Sunday.

"As you make your contribution each Sunday to the Co-operative Program," Pastor Buchanan tells his people, "we could wish that each of you could visualize not only these 660 foreign missionaries, but the more than 1,000 home missionaries, the great educational institutions, the old retired ministers, the orphan children, the sick people, the many workers in our state denominational program—in fact, all the people and agencies we people called Baptist support. Through the Co-operative Program, our church shares in the support of every phase of Kingdom work sponsored by Southern Baptists."

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Evangelist Eddie Wagner, Little Rock, reports a very successful revival meeting recently held at the South Church, Flint, Michigan. Ewing Walters pastor, There were 80 professions of faith and many re-dedications.

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The great mistake of my life has been that I tried to be moral without faith in Jesus; but I have learned that true morality can only keep pace with trust in Christ as my Savior.—Gerrit Smith.

"Radio conference at Ridgecrest beginning August nineteenth cancelled due to polio. Annual meeting of Radio Commission transferred to Atlanta, Georgia, for August nineteenth and twentieth."

—S. F. Lowe.

## TIME

*"I haven't time, I'm prone to say,  
But when I analyze my day  
I find it is no shorter than  
The day of any other man.*

*"The greatest artist of all time,  
Master of rhythm and of rhyme,  
Philanthropist, surgeon of fame —  
Their days and mine are just the same.*

*"I have the dawn, the starlite night,  
High noon is mine, and soft twilight.  
I have a day as long and fair  
As God gives to men anywhere.*

*"No man has more than I of Time,  
Until I let this gift sublime,  
Unfilled, stream into yesterday —  
When time is lost, life thrown away."*

—R. ARMSTRONG GRADY.

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## Drive-In Church

### Attracts People

Grand Rapids, Mich.—The booming resort town of Rockford, 15 miles north of here, has thought of everything for its summer visitors—including a drive-in church that really packs 'em in on Sunday.

A "congregation" of 200 or more resorters in the vicinity go to church without even getting out of their cars when they attend the Sunday evening services conducted by the First Baptist church, Rockford, on the high school grounds.

The services are conducted by Carl Weir, pastor of the church, by means of a public address system. They include about 45 minutes of religious music and a 15-minute ser-  
monette.

Young peoples' groups and soloists from other churches and from Grand Rapids often assist in the musical program. Though sporty clothes are the usual attire, the decorum of the drive-in congregation is as sincere and solemn as if the worshipers were sitting on pews.

Ushers go from car to car collecting tithes offering with their plates and attendance nearly as large as at the morning service conducted in the church building.

—Religious News Service.



# ★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

*An addition to God's Kingdom must be a subtraction from the world.  
You cannot be counted in both places.*

**Note this trend:** Total Roman Catholic population in this country was set at 26,075,697—with an increase of 807,524 over the past year—by the Official Catholic Directory for 1948, just published. The Directory said there were 115,214 conversions to the church in 1947—a gain of 14,586 over the figures for 1946.

This marks the second time in the history of American Catholicism that there were more than 100,000 converts in one year, the Directory said. It listed the number of infant baptisms at 907,294. An all time high of 41,747 priests are now carrying out their ministry. This figure represents a gain of 1,277 over the preceding year. Professed religious include 7,335 brothers and 141,083 sisters.

**Churches concerned over liquor among Indians:** Concern over the widespread use among Navajo Indians of liquor and peyote—a drug made from cactus pulp—was expressed in resolutions adopted by the Presbytery of Northern Arizona.

The Presbytery urged added vigilance on the part of the Navajo Tribal Council in curbing use of the drug, and recommended that the FBI re-open the question of whether peyote is habit-forming.

Expressing "distress" over the increased use of liquor among the Indians, the Presbytery demanded the "enforcement of existing laws governing the sale of liquor to Indians, transportation of liquor onto the reservation, and bootlegging to Indians in towns surrounding the reservation."

The Navajo reservation sprawls over vast areas in Arizona and New Mexico, and there are 80,000 members in the poverty-stricken Indian nation.

**Christianity and Communism:** It is charged by a church leader in Berlin, who asked that his name be withheld, that Russian authorities have established NKVD, secret police, operatives within the evangelical church in Germany and 6 clergymen have been sent to concentration camps within the past 9 months. The informant claimed that relations between the Russians and the church are based on the recognition by both parties that there is a bridgeless gap between Christianity and Communism.

Since the winter semester of 1945-1946, the number of Protestant students of theology at German universities has increased more than 100%, according to the Evangelical Press Service. The first authentic survey shows 3,662 theological students enrolled for the winter semester of 1947-1948. Of this number, 707 studied at theological faculties in the Eastern Zone and at the Berlin Church Academy, and 2,955 at faculties and church academies in the Western Zones.

**Ministers to discontinue Bible instruction program:** Burlington, North Carolina—The Burlington Ministerial Association voted at a

special session to discontinue the Bible instruction program in public schools here because of the recent U. S. Supreme Court ruling.

"Until the meeting," a spokesman said, "the association had accepted the report of its committee on Bible in public schools that the program of Bible teaching continue until a test case was brought to the courts of North Carolina.

"The change was due largely to decisive opinions of Protestant editors and laymen that Bible teaching should be discontinued lest the public think that the churches were defying the law and not practicing the Protestant teaching of the separation of Church and State."

In abandoning the program which they have sponsored for many years, the ministers stressed that the courses have been among the most popular in the schools here, and that there never has been an objection from a parent.

The Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of First Presbyterian church and chairman of the association's committee on Bible in public schools, said the popularity of the course in the high school is shown by the fact that 300 students had asked for it next year.

He said organization of a Bible Club at the high school was an outgrowth of the Bible instruction program.

**Chemical tests of alcohol:** It is not true that alcohol naturally occurs in the body in appreciable quantities. Dr. E. M. Jellinek, director of the School of Alcohol Studies at Yale University, says that after the ingestion of food stuffs there are certain volatile oils resulting which will indicate 1/1000 to 8/1000 of one per cent of alcohol. Ordinarily, chemical tests do not disclose minute traces, which might possibly amount to as much as 1 drop of alcohol in the entire human body. That beer is as dangerous as distilled liquors is apparent when we know the beer Americans consume contains more alcohol than in all the whiskey, gin, and other distilled liquors consumed.

**Japanese and Christianity:** It is reported that 10 times as many Japanese are seeking conversion to Christianity as before the war. It is difficult to know how sincere these converts are because it may be of material advantage to make the change. The Catholic missions in Japan are planning improved agricultural and educational methods of their constituency.

The highest conception of life here is that it is a school, and you and I are the pupils at school, and God has many teachers, and one of His teachers that comes robed in black is suffering, is trial, is deepest, darkest testing.

*George W. Truett.*

## A Confession

"Almighty God, as I sit here this morning surrounded by newspapers and half listening to one of the big preachers over the radio, has just come to me that I have lied to you and to myself. I said I was not well enough to go to church. That was not true.

I would have gone to the office if it had been Monday morning. I would have played golf if it had been Thursday afternoon. I would have attended my luncheon club if it had been this noon.

But it is Sunday morning, and Sunday sickness seems to cover a multitude of sins. O God, have mercy on me; I have lied to you and myself. I am not sick, I am lazy. Amen.

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## A Smile Or Two

"I understand your wife is quite ill."  
"Yes, she had a slight cold; tried to cure herself by reading a daily health hint and suffering from a typographical error."

*We suggest that the next national monument be one to the unknown politician.*

A farmer boy was sitting on the bank of a creek fishing when a city visitor came up to him and remarked, "Your time must not be very valuable to you, young fellow. I've been watching you for three hours and you haven't had a single bite."

"Well, stranger," the boy rejoined, "my time may not be worth much to me but my fishing is too valuable for me to waste three hours watching another guy fishing when he isn't catching."

A lady invited several friends to a mushroom room steak dinner. When Nora, her mother, opened the can of mushrooms, preparatory to making the sauce, there was a slight scum on top. The time being short, the lady suggested, "Give the dog a little and if he eats it, probably all right." Since the dog liked it and begged for more, the dinner was finished. Nora came in, white-faced, with the desolate expression.

After the guests had enjoyed their dinner and whispered tragically to her employer, "Ma'am, the dog's dead."

There was only one thing to do and the lady did it.

Some time later when eight people were lying around in various stages of recovery and the doctor had departed with his stomach pump, the lady wearily asked, "Nora, where is the poor dog?"

"Out on the front steps, Ma'am, where she fell after the car hit him."

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In Chicago two men were waiting for a street car.

Said one: "Let's run along behind and watch each other. We can save 10c."

Said the other: "No. Let's run behind the taxi and we'll save \$1.75."

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The constable in a country town was a veterinarian. One night the telephone rang, and the constable's wife answered.

"Is Mr. Jenkins there?" asked an agitated voice.

"Do you want my husband in his capacity as veterinarian or as constable?"

"Both, madam," came the reply. "We can get our dog's mouth open, and there's a bullet in it."



# McGehee Baptists Do Missions By Establishing Missions

By LEODA EVANS



*Men at work on Chickasha Mission*

creased from 45 to 881. The youngest member in this mission church is an eight-year-old boy, and the oldest to be baptized was man 63. Charles Cornelius, baptized into the membership from this mission, has been licensed to preach by the First Church, and other Christian leaders include C. D. McCurry, father of the missionary, E. G. McCurry, his brother, and C. D. Hendrix.

McCurry says there is plenty of mission work to be done in Delta Association and the pastors are truly "mission-minded." He adds, "They have responded in the Christian manner to all requests for mission growth."

With the exception of four Sundays when he was in the hospital during the summer of 1947, J. B. Hill, deacon of the McGehee Church, has furnished transportation for workers to these mission points, even when in bed, his car was sent to transport the workers, driven by his nephew.

Deeds to the two mission tracts were executed by Attorneys DeWitt Poe and J. M. Smith; recorded by Robert Moore Arkansas City. The Griffing Insurance Agency contributed two policies for the buildings—\$2,000 on each, and Billy Seamans of the Seaman Commercial Photo Shop made the picture of the building. All of this was gratis on the part of the above named men.

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Catholic authorities indicate that more than 55 per cent of the 200,000 displaced persons to be admitted to the U. S. are Catholics.

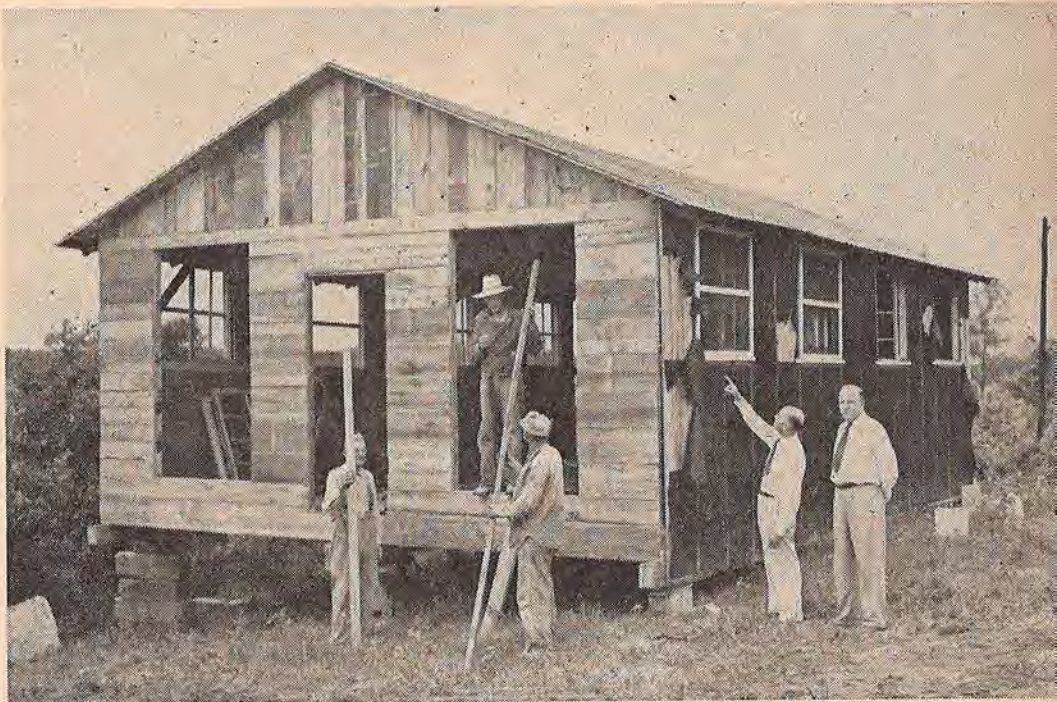
Catholic nuns teaching in North Dakota schools will be allowed to adopt civilian dress according to North Dakota bishops. Protestants, who fought for the passage of a law prohibiting the teaching in garb, reported there would be no objection to the teachers in civilian dress.

Cornell University will offer a special one-year training course for foreign missionaries in the field of rural missions.

"Brother Allen" among the people to whom he ministers. Since that revivel, either he or the Pastor James have preached each Sunday afternoon.

A Sunday School was immediately organized with A. B. Conrad, deacon of the First Church, as superintendent. Other members have assisted with the Sunday School in this mission, and soon a Training Union was organized with Mrs. Adean Harris of the community as director. These people have paid for a piano, in addition to raising more than \$200 to apply on their building, one of the barracks moved in from Jerome. The building was provided by the McGehee Church.

Their Sunday School enrolment has in-



*Trippe Junction Building*

The First Church, McGehee, is truly practicing the Great Commission and enjoying a "Romance of Missions" with two missions well on their way and buildings under construction. Their first mission was begun in the Chickasha community under the leadership of J. V. Chandler, former missionary of Delta Association.

When Theo T. James came to the church as pastor in January, 1946, he soon began preaching in the Chickasha area in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Carter. Soon a vacant house was secured. Then it was needed by the owner and services had to be held in homes again. Other vacant buildings were provided from time to time for a few weeks at the time, and when such was not available the people met in homes. Sunday afternoon services were conducted twice each month.

Revivals were held each summer as follows: 1946, R. L. Blackwell, evangelist; and 1948, Lloyd R. Rigby, evangelist. Allen McCurry, Delta Baptist Associational Missionary has assisted in this work, and \$660 has been raised in the community toward the building fund.

More than a year ago, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Nelson donated a half acre of land for the building, but a building was not secured until June of this year. Then the people went to work on their new church mission, lead by Brother James, Missionary McCurry, and deacons from the First Church of McGehee.

The Trippe Junction Mission was begun last March when Missionary McCurry conducted revival services in a vacant farm house five miles east of McGehee. They had never had a church house of any kind, but many conversions during the week resulted in 20 people joining First Church, McGehee. Nineteen of these coming on profession of faith. Since that time six others have joined. Among those baptized into the fellowship of the McGehee church were a brother and sister of Missionary McCurry, better known as



# Baptist Young People Do Missionary Work

## The Eternal Church

By Bill and Pen Lile Pittard.

Mrs. Camille Kelly, judge of Juvenile Court in Memphis, tells of how exciting her first airplane ride was. She could hardly get enough of looking down upon the patchwork below, of fields and rivers, houses and yards. But she found that after a few minutes of this, she was beginning to get dizzy. Frantically she brought back her gaze to the interior of the plane to regain equilibrium. She caught sight of a support pole in front of her, which ran from floor to ceiling. No matter how the plane pitched and turned, the pole was always steady. After she had fastened her eyes on it briefly, her balance returned and she could again look out at the spinning world below without being upset.

In the year 1940, a Negro church on Princeton Street, Louisville, Kentucky, burned to the ground. No one knew exactly how the fire had started, but there was nothing remarkable in seeing a building in that old down-at-the-heel section of town burn to ashes. However, there was something remarkable about this fire, the people came from all over the city to view the gutted remains. So completely destroyed was the edifice that only fragments of the walls even were standing. But one thing, astoundingly remained without a blemish, like a divine symbol of security. It was a tremendous painting of the Crucified Christ which had stood behind the altar.

Undoubtedly there was a logical explanation for the phenomenon, either in the kind of material or paint in the picture. But nothing can explain away the reality of the truth it so eloquently portrayed before every spectator: That above the wreckage and chaos of this world and unmoved and unshaken by the violence of its tumults and confusion, stands the eternal Christ, peaceful, secure, and forevermore the same. He is the steady support-beam in the world of human affairs.

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## Book Reviews

**Spun By An Angel:** By Martha Cheave. Here is a delightful story of a missionary family in Mexico in the early 1900s. Beautifully illustrated. A story of Christian family life at its best for children and adults. Price \$2.00.

**The Accents Of Life:** By R. L. Middleton. Here are eighteen intriguing chapters rich in illustrative material and stories that point to a richer and fuller life. Although written especially for young people, adults will find **The Accents Of Life** a stimulating and helpful book. Price \$1.50.

**Torchbearers In Honan:** By Annie Jenkins Sallee. This book of missionary biography of five interesting chapters, is dedicated to all Southern Baptist Torchbearers in the Interior China Mission. Price 60 cents.

These books may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Missionary organizations in the U. S., working with the International Missionary Council, gave \$31,579,187 for foreign missions in 1946. Missionary organizations in Great Britain gave more than \$13,000,000 in the same year.



Wayne Atkins and Ashley White did Summer Field Work at Gaither, in Boone-Carroll Association, July 23-31..

Following a week of training and instruction at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly, 30 Summer Field Workers began work in Boone-Carroll and Newton County Associations.

The work began with a big rally at Harrison, Arkansas, with 238 persons present. The



Two Summer Field Workers, Lee Lindsey and Sue Wicklund, at Boxley, Newton County, as they visit on horseback.

workers worked in fifteen churches and gave the following report: 503 enrolled; 394 average attendance; 21 new Unions organized; eight saved; 56 re-dedications; 11 additions to the churches; 336 daily Bible readers enlisted. There were 320 study course awards issued.

This work is under the leadership of Ralph W. Davis, State Training Union secretary, who is personally directing all the work.

During the five weeks of activity Mr. Davis will speak in 50 different churches and visit all other churches where the Summer Field Workers are serving.



Tommy Tedford and Jane Dawley bring 43 people from Webb City to the Summer Field Work Rally at Ozark, August 1, There were 269 present at the Rally.

Pastor T. L. Graves, Central Church, Pine Bluff, reports a very successful revival meeting held June 13-24. Missionary S. D. Davis, Harmony Association, did the preaching and Hazen Lowry, a student in Ouachita, was in charge of the music. There were 31 additions to the church membership, 26 of whom were by baptism. Also, \$1,005 was raised on the building fund.

The Vacation Bible School was held at the same time of the revival, with the evangelist and music director assisting. There were 154

enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 115.

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Pastor J. E. Anderson, Wilton Church, reports a very successful Vacation Bible School. There were 71 enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 62. Dean Newberry and Mrs. Newberry, Mena, assisted in the school, also Mr. Newberry preached at night in a brush arbor. There were nine additions to the church membership by baptism.



## An S.O.S.

The Centennial Committee, charged with the responsibility of arranging the program for the Centennial session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is planning a pilgrimage, on September 21, to Tulip, Arkansas, where the Convention was organized.

The committee is anxious to extend a special invitation to all descendants of the messengers who were in the organizational meeting, September 21, 1848.

A list of the messengers at that meeting is given below. It will greatly assist the committee, if all persons who know any of the descendants of these messengers will write the Arkansas Baptist, giving their names and addresses.

List of messengers: J. Harrod, S. T. Conn, Henry Halbert, C. Dyer, W. Chinault, J. James, G. Hutchinson, M. McAlister, E. W. Chinault, Rev. J. Y. Lindsey, S. J. Chinault, H. R. Hicks, W. H. Edwards, J. D. McDonald, J. Veasy, D. Dodd, Samuel Pelton, J. Kelsoe, S. J. Appling, G. Taylor, H. Gartman, J. P. B. Alexander, William Gillispie, J. J. Randolph, R. J. Coleman, W. L. Estes, D. C. Hall, Rev. Wm. Wyatt, Tilman Brawner, Rev. Jno. B. McColloch, Rev. J. T. Craig, Wm. Parker, A. Adams, Dr. W. H. Bayliss, Gen. Nat. Smith, A. Daniel, Wm. C. Randle, D. H. Ross, Rev. Samuel Stevenson, J. Thedford, Rev. J. Minics, D. Flower, Wm. Tucker, Wm. F. Browning, A. Yaeger, M. Yeager, Mrs. D. Spakes, Rev. Isaac C. Perkins, Thomas J. Parker, G. Parker, Wm. J. Wright, L. Vickers, W. Cooley, J. Holt, D. C. Paxton, T. Holt, S. McDaniel, Wm. Fort, G. W. Whitfield, H. M. Lemay, Rev. J. Reaves, T. B. Finley, Wm. G. Jorsey, J. Stevenson, A. Westbrook, D. Cunningham, G. Gatlin, T. Cox, Dr. F. Courtney, Dr. Jesse Hartwell, Rev. M. M. Wallis, Rev. S. T. Cobb, T. A. Heard, Rev. P. S. G. Watson, John C. Brickey, Rev. Henry McElmurry, Rev. A. W. Elledge, B. C. Brickey, Joseph K. King, Moses Barnes, A. C. Billingsley, Rev. T. S. N. King, Rev. John Wolf, James E. Duren, William S. Jones, Jacob Wolf, John W. Miller, G. W. Kennard, James M. Sneed, Rev. Absalom McElmurry, William Gray, Thomas Woodrell, William Lawrence, George Shed, John Taylor, Albert Benbrook, James Wear, Rev. Benjamin Hawkins, William Kellett, J. C. Sill, Martin Cason, Lewis Kent, Joseph Collard, Robert Adams, and Andrew Walker.

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## Bells of Hope

By CHARLES WELLS

All leading American officials, including most of our top rank military chiefs, would promptly agree that enduring peace can only come as men become spiritually awakened and transformed. Innumerable such statements have been made in past months. But man's spiritual awakening and transformation can only come through spiritual channels. For ten years the churches of the world, drawing from practically all the denominations and creeds on earth, have been slowly building the United World Christian Council. The first assembly is a historical event of great promise. Representatives even from the Russian sphere will attend. When you hear the bells on Sunday, August 22, pray that this auspicious assembly may truly be the beginning of man's spiritual unity under the fatherhood of God, for there will be no enduring peace until that unity is achieved.

## No Longer A Man Of Distinction



—H. Armstrong Roberts.

Dr. George B. Cutten, president of Colgate University, says: "Everything I am trying to build up as an educationalist, alcoholic drinking tends to tear down. Am I trying to develop young men mentally? Alcohol destroys mentality. . . . Am I trying to build up young men morally? Alcohol is a potent cause of crime and immorality. Am I trying to stabilize young men's emotional control? Alcohol unbalances the judgment and disorganizes the emotions. The natural results of a college education and of consuming beverage alcohol are represented by divergently opposite poles."

## Facts and Figures

The **Baptist Handbook** shows that California has the best record for 1947 for baptisms in ratio to membership, with Florida at the top in the larger states. Virginia was the only state reporting fewer baptisms in 1947 than they reported in 1946.

A survey in the **Handbook** on state receipts shows that of the \$24,817,613 total received by the states, \$7,346,463, or 29.6 per cent, was transmitted to South-wide causes through the Co-operative Program and designated gifts. Missouri was the only state giving more than 40 per cent of their total receipts for South-wide causes. Those giving more than 30 per cent include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

The Attorney General of Alabama has ruled that flyers who "buzz" churches on Sunday morning during services are liable to arrest.

Two U. S. Baptist groups will have delegates at the World Council of Churches. They are the National Baptist Convention, Negro group, and the Northern Baptist Convention. Principals for the National Baptist Convention will be as follows: Doctors J. H. Jackson, William H. Jernagin, Benjamin E. Mays, Northern Convention will be as follows: Doctors E. T. Dahlberg, Dana M. Albaugh, R. E. Nelson, and Mrs. L. E. Swain.

## Gideons To Purchase Half-Million Bibles

SAN FRANCISCO — Purchase of 500,000 Bibles to supply the new peace time army was authorized at the forty-ninth annual convention here of the Gideons International.

More than 1,000 delegates and visitors from 32 states and Canada attended the five-day sessions.

Since its founding in 1898, it was disclosed, the organization has distributed 2,809,397 Bibles throughout the United States, 3,376,328 youth Testaments, and 9,678,984 military Testaments.

According to a report by the outgoing president — Ren Miller of Chicago — five million more Testaments have been ordered for distribution to youths.

Gideon Bibles are supplied with funds collected by church and other religious organizations.

"Increased demand for hotel Bibles and youth Testaments shows greater interest in our program and presents us with a challenge we must meet," Fred R. Sacher of New York told the delegates.

New officers elected at the convention were O. P. Goldsmith, Houston, Texas, president; Robert Van Kamp, Chicago, vice president; Miss Nellie Dewer, Chicago, secretary.



## Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

MRS. F. E. GOODBAR  
President

MISS LAVERNE ASHBY  
Young People's Secretary

MRS. C. H. RAY  
Executive Secretary and Treasurer

## Greetings from Rio De Janeiro,

Dear Friends:

Several weeks have flown by since our arrival here on March 20. We wish we could give you a full account of everything we have seen and experienced. This is our new adopted home and there is much work to be done here. Our first big assignment is to learn the language. While studying the language we will also learn about the Baptist work here and do whatever we can to help.

We live at the Missionary Manor, or what we call the Big House. The Big House is especially for "brand new" missionaries, who would be almost completely bewildered if they had to live by themselves and keep house, buy groceries, and so forth. The Big House is in the residential section of Rio de Janeiro, called Tijuca. It is at the foot of Tijuca mountain, one of the highest peaks in Rio. Another high peak is Corcovado. It is on this peak that the large statue of Christ stands with out-stretched hands. The statue is visible from most sections of the city—both day and night. It is in our section of the city that most of the Baptist missionaries live.

Just behind the Big House a new three story buildings is being erected. It is to be the new Missionary Training School for Baptist young women of Brazil. On this same property is the girls' department of the Colegio Baptista and the present Training School. A few blocks in the other direction from the Big House is the boys' department of the Colegio Baptista and the Seminary.

About half way between the Big House and downtown Rio is the Baptist Publishing House. The Publishing House or "Casa" also serves as the headquarters for the Baptist work in Brazil, housing the different departments of the work, including Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Foreign Mission Board, and Atlas News Service, but the Home Mission Board is in the basement of Dr. Bratcher's house. Three times a week we have an eight o'clock Portugese class downtown; and three times a week we have a two o'clock Portugese class at the house.

The morning we go to town we catch the onze bus and have a mad ride for five miles to school, stand-

ing most of the way. The bus driver thinks he has the right of way over all other traffic, so we have many narrow escapes, as do the pedestrians and cars. We enter the bus from the back and leave from the front, paying one cruzeiro as we leave—5c. On the days that we have plenty of time after class, we catch a bonde, street car, and have a leisurely, interesting ride home. The bondes are open air, having all sides open. The bonde fare is 30 centavos, 1½c, or just 20 centavos, 1c, on the second class bonde. Very cheap for a five mile ride, don't you think? During class we cannot speak English.

So far we have attended services in 10 of the 64 Baptist churches in Rio. The First Baptist, of course, is the largest with about 1,500 members and a large, beautiful church plant. With very few exceptions most of the churches of Rio are in a building campaign or need to be. Some have very nice buildings, but they too small to hold the overflow. There were not enough seats for everyone at prayer meeting at the Tijuca Church one Wednesday night. On Sunday nights the building and the front yard are filled to capacity. In all the churches we have found a spiritual warmth.

The singing is excellent. Even the smaller churches have good choirs. Most churches have pump organs; several have an organ and a piano. Some even have a violin or bass fiddle or piccolo, and a few churches use two of these instruments along with the piano or organ or both. The First Church has a Hammond with chimes.

Unbelievers come to the churches and we have seen several walk the aisles. As you know, they are not immediately accepted as a candidate for baptism. A committee visits them for instruction and indoctrination; later they make their public profession to the church and ask for baptism.

Yes, they have Coca-Cola in Rio and in one or two other principal cities. The price of a coke is 1½ cruzeiros—about 7½c.

Once a month the missionaries in Rio have a meeting. There are about 35 missionaries living here in Rio, eight are on furlough now, and many of them travel all over

## Proposed Amendments to Convention Constitution

By J. F. QUEEN

When our Baptist State Convention convenes at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, November 16-18, many are urging that an amendment to the by-laws of the constitution of our Convention be made. The last paragraph under number three of the by-laws reads, "Members of the Executive Board, having served one term of three years shall not be eligible to re-election until as much as one year has elapsed." The amendment will read, "Members of the Executive Board, having served two full terms of three years shall not be eligible for re-election until as much as one year has elapsed." The second paragraph under number four reads, "Members of Boards of Trustees, having served one term of three years shall not be eligible for re-election until as much as one year has elapsed." The amendment will be, "Members of Boards of Trustees, having served two full terms of three years shall not be eligible for re-election until as much as one year has elapsed."

These amendments are not being sponsored or urged by any of our board members, lest it should be interpreted that they want to remain on the boards, but many of them concur in the idea because of the imperative need of these changes. It seems that we went too long on one extreme, in perpetuating board members, and now we have gone to the other extreme of not permitting board members to stay long enough.

Business transactions and policies of institutions often require more than three years for completion. With one-third of the board entirely new, another third beginning the second year, and another just beginning the third year, it seems to be unfair to the institutions and to the patrons of these institutions to have so much unseasoned thought and understanding to deal with important matters that often confront them.

South Brazil, promoting some phase of the work. This meeting is for the purpose of transacting any business that needs to be transacted and for fellowship and devotion. Next month will be the time for the annual mission meeting when missionaries from all parts of South Brazil come to Rio to make plans for the coming year.

We would be happy to hear from you, and we are depending on your prayers, not only for ourselves, but for the cause of Christ in this great land.

Sincerely yours,  
Katie and Alvin Hatton,  
Caixa 320, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

If the Convention deems it to make these changes in the laws, they will be the same those adopted by our Southern Baptist Convention concerning their Board members. See Article VI, paragraph three, of the constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention. "The members shall be divided into three groups, nearly equal as possible and each group shall be elected each year to serve three years. Board members having served two full terms of three years shall not be eligible for re-election until as much as one year has elapsed." Both one term and the two terms were thoroughly discussed in committee meetings, before being presented to the Convention. A two terms plan was agreed upon by the committee and adopted at the Convention.

If the last part of Article VI of the Southern Baptist Convention constitution could be added to the by-laws, it would solve an serious situation that is confronting us relative to endowment funds. Quoting further of Article VI, paragraph three, "Except may be made in the case of a local member whose technical advice, to a given board, in matters as medical, legal, and financial operations, seem to make it advisable that he be continued as a board member." If something like that could be added to our by-laws, or if the board of the institution could be given power to elect someone not on the board to handle such matters, endowment funds it would be a great advantage to our institutions. We are losing some this year and next who have saved and protected the Ouachita College endowment for several years. They are men of broad experiences in financial matters, know how to invest and protect the endowment fund. At one time the Ouachita endowment had grown in value to \$200,000. But wise investment and skillful handling, these men whom we are losing from the Ouachita board raised the value of that endowment to more than \$500,000.

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One cannot be born a Baptist. One must be born again. I am a Baptist because my parents were Baptists. I decided at the age of twelve to become a Baptist.

A little girl was proudly showing her playmate her new doll. "This is my daddy's den," she said. "Does your daddy have a den?" "No," was the answer, "he growls all over the house." Woodmen of the World Magazine



# Religious Education

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## Teaching The Beginner Child

We take pride in announcing a new addition to the Sunday School Training Course, **Teaching the Beginner Child**, by Pauline Hargis. For the first time now Beginner workers have a teaching book written especially with the four and five-year-olds in mind.

Educators are coming more and more to recognize the high importance of dealing properly with the child of preschool age. More and more emphasis is being placed upon the kindergarten as a vital part of an adequate educational program. What has been discovered for secular education is perhaps more applicable when one is dealing with the spiritual life. What is done in this respect, and HOW it is done, during these tender years has tremendous significance for the entire lifetime.

We are aware that through the Sunday School our churches have a glorious opportunity of giving the needed spiritual guidance and instruction to these children. We are further aware that especially skilled and trained workers are needed for this ministry. Thus this book has been prepared for the purpose of helping Beginner workers with their sacred commitment.

The author, Miss Hargis, is well prepared for the work she has done: blessed by the influence of a Christian home, born again by the Holy Spirit, educated in the University of Kentucky, George Peabody College for teachers, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and experienced by a decade of practical work with Beginners in churches, in field work, and for the past five years Superintendent of Beginner Work in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Miss Hargis has wisely gathered about her a number of other experienced writers and workers.

This book is sent forth with the prayer that it will bring blessings and practical helps to thousands of teachers and parents and through them bless multitudes of boys and girls.

-J. N. Barnett.

### June Training Union Awards

During the month of June there were 706 Training Union

Study Course awards issued to the people of Arkansas, making a total of 9,006 for the first six months of this year, compared to 7,718 for the first six months of last year. Last year the goal of 1,500 was exceeded by several hundred and it looks like the goal of 1,500 for this year will be exceeded by a large number. Please report every study course. Write for the regular award blanks in order to properly report your study courses.

### Honor Roll

Leonard Wedel, director of associational work, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, has worked out an Associational Training Union Honor Roll. In this plan there are five groups of churches in each association, as follows:

Group I—100 per cent of the churches with Training Union work.

Group II—85 per cent to 99 per cent of churches with Training Union work.

Group III—65 per cent to 84 per cent of churches with Training Union work.

Group IV—40 per cent to 64 per cent of churches with Training Union work.

Group V—39 per cent and below of churches with Training Union work.

Associational Training Union Directors figure out which group your association comes in. You will need to know two things: the number of churches in your association, and the number of churches with Training Union work.

According to Mr. Wedel's figures, the following associations of Arkansas are in Group IV: Bartholomew, Boone-Carroll, Current River, and Hope.

### Standard First Quarter

Arkansas reports a number of standard units for the first quarter of 1948. Among those receiving recognition are: One Association; five Training Unions; two Story Hour Departments; seven Story Hours; two Junior Departments; ten Junior Unions; one Intermediate Department; seven Intermediate Union; two Young People's Unions; and six Adult Unions.

### State Sunday School Convention Postponed

Due to several conflicting events and to circumstances beyond control, and after consultation with State Sunday School Convention President, Frank Shamburger, it has been decided to postpone for one year the State Sunday School Convention scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 18 and 19, 1948.

President Shamburger and other State Convention Officers will continue in office until the 1949 Convention, which will be held Monday and Tuesday, October 17 and 18, 1949.

### Annual Church Planning Meetings

Co-operating with the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department and other states, annual Sunday School Planning Meetings will be conducted in the churches during October. These meetings have been held for the past several years during February. More about this later.

### Training Union Makes Progress

During June the Training Union attendance of Mount Ida Church was 93. During July the average was more than 100. According to Pastor D. B. Bledsoe, this good attendance was the result of a good monthly officers' council meeting and a visitation program. Carey Selph is the Training Union director.

### Attention Training Union Directors!

Please give the August 29 Training Union program on Baptist Student Union special consideration. Order free B. S. U. literature to give to your young people.

### East Texas Baptist College

Marshall, Texas  
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Churches	S.S.	T.U.	Add
Ft. Smith, First	1031	383	3
Little Rock, Immanuel	962	311	7
Including Missions	1143	451	
El Dorado, First	823	179	2
No. Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	596	252	6
Including Missions	658	280	
Hot Springs, Second	586	155	2
Paragould, First	565	223	
Benton, First	537	88	3
Fayetteville, First	503	135	
Including Missions	540	156	
Little Rock,			
Tabernacle	501	115	
Camden, First	476	124	
Including Missions	634	234	
El Dorado, Second	464	139	
Malvern, First	464	75	
Magnolia, Central	453	130	
Including Missions	502		
Hope, First	404	85	
Arkadelphia, First	379	118	
Hot Springs, Central	376	132	
Warren, First	376	111	
Springdale, First	353	189	
Including Missions	536		
Hot Springs,			
Park Place	350	111	
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	337	103	
Russellville, First	336	75	
Including Missions	382	111	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	335	56	
Paris, First	331	134	
Stuttgart, First	320	127	
Conway, First	315		
Hamburg, First	299	153	
Rogers, First	295	85	
Siloam Springs, First	290	163	
Little Rock,			
South Highland	289	91	
Hot Springs, First	287	64	
Greenwood, First	280	80	
Cullendale, First	261	116	
Harrison, First	260	145	
Including Missions	350	176	
Gentry	259	140	
Mena, First	247	71	
Including Missions	343	110	
El Dorado, Westside	240	75	
Pine Bluff, Second	237	72	
Ft. Smith, Southside	233	51	
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	182	102	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	177	84	
Stamps, First	166	82	
Pine Bluff,			
Matthew Memorial	152	78	
Elaine, First	136	78	
El Dorado, Joyce City	127	105	
Hot Springs,			
Lake Hamilton	97	50	
Texarkana,			
South Texarkana	75	68	
Douglassville, Second	56	39	
Ft. Smith, Bethlehem	30	17	

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# Arkansas Leads In Mission Work

The work of associational missions is moving along in fine order. There is only one association in the state without a missionary. No state in the South equals this record. Reports from most of the associations indicate that a real program is being carried on. It is seldom that complaints are heard about the missionaries. Just two minutes before this article was started a pastor came by and said, "Our mission program is really working and our missionaries are on the job."

Sometime, of course, a missionary may be a "misfit" just as it is often true of a pastor. But, in most cases, the men entering the mission field today are doing so because they feel the call to mission work. They are capable and consecrated.

One thing which has been done to unify the work and project a definite mission program has been the associational missionaries' retreat sponsored by the Department of Missions. For the past two years the missionaries have met at Hot Springs where they spent two and a half days discussing the various types of mission work to be done. The missionaries gave their experiences in definite projects and objectives are outlined for the year ahead. The Department of Missions has also urged the missionaries to

take advantage of the Home Mission Conference on Rural Life at Ridgecrest. This year approximately half the missionaries in the state made the trip to Ridgecrest to participate in the conference and hear the leaders of all Southern states tell of their plans for missionary work.

Conferences are important, not only to missionaries, but to all who are interested in missions and evangelism. Plans have been set for a great state-wide Evangelistic Conference January 24-26, 1949. Dr. Criswell, First Church, Dallas, will be one of the speakers.

In addition to the conferences mentioned above, it is possible that a state-wide conference will be held on the Rural Church and Community Life. Dr. Grant, president of Ouachita College, has offered all the college facilities the week following the spring commencement. This is tentative, but what do you think of the idea?

Associations are working to provide the entire salary of missionaries, thus relieving the Department of Missions of supplementary aid. The associations which now pay the salaries of their missionaries are as follows: Pulaski, Central, Concord, Mt. Zion, Mississippi, and Bartholomew. Many others plan to do so beginning next year.



First Row: (Left to Right) M. E. Wiles, Ottis Denney, Mrs. Denney, H. S. Coleman, C. E. Robertson, and J. I. Cossey.  
Second Row: C. W. Caldwell, C. J. Rushing, M. S. Jaggars, O. L. Bayless, R. A. Hill, Reece Howard, H. E. Williams, and V. E. Defreese.  
Third Row: H. D. Palmer, Ray Rhyme, M. S. Lloyd, M. S. Wallis, and E. A. Ingram.

## Brotherhood

### The Busy Month of July

From the round of activities of a busy month your Brotherhood Secretary desires to pass on to you some of his experiences.

1. **A Day at Ravenden Springs Assembly.** It should have been a week, but I had to return home because of illness in the family. I had been graciously invited to bring the morning messages during the assembly, but had the privilege of delivering only one message. Ravenden Springs Assembly is a going concern sponsored by pastors and churches of Northeast Arkansas. It is now in its sixth year. Brother J. I. Cossey reported that the registration for this year's assembly reached 343. Thirty-six of those present were preachers. During the assembly there were 15 conversions and 40 re-dedications.

The assembly grounds are beautifully situated and provide wonderful opportunities for an all-round assembly program.

We found a wonderful spirit at Ravenden Springs.

2. **A Night at Floral.** Floral is a little village hidden away among the hills of Independence County. At a Brotherhood planning meeting on the evening of July 8, I was happily surprised to face an audience of more than fifty men of the church to talk over with them the ideals and concepts of the Brotherhood movement. Brother D. L. Garrett is pastor of the church. The church building is new, of rock construction, and is a credit to the whole neighborhood.

3. **A Man-Boy Banquet.** The banquet was held at First Church, Atkins, on the night of July 13. The meeting was arranged by Nelson Greenleaf, pastor. The occasion was a joyful experience at which I had the opportunity of laying before men their obligations toward boys; and before boys their present privileges and future hopes.

We believe that every church will profit immeasurably through a Man-Boy meeting. Why not have such an affair in your church soon?

4. **A Prayer Meeting at Gaines Street.** Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, Charles Lawrence, pastor, has a spirit that will lift any Christian out of the common place drudgery of life and work and make him to know afresh that Christian life has a wonderful meaning.

Gaines Street is one of those churches where one is deeply impressed with the spirit of fellowship and Christian love which is felt on every hand.

5. **A Week at Siloam Springs.** Last week's Brotherhood column

had something to say about the Brotherhood Conference at Siloam Springs. The conference was well attended; interest was high; and much was done towards strengthening the cause of Brotherhood work throughout the state. We believe that the Brotherhood Conference should be made a permanent feature of the Siloam Springs Assembly.

6. **An Associational Brotherhood Meeting in Liberty Association.** The meeting was held at the associational assembly grounds, a beautiful spot recently leased by the Liberty Association for an encampment area. The project is being developed into a first class camp ground. Several buildings are already up, including a dining hall, a business office, and two dormitories. A lake is under construction. The lake will be fed by rainfall and a perpetual spring.

Some 13 men were present at the meeting on the evening of July 23, the first service ever held at the encampment. Seven churches were represented. There was a period of fellowship; a watermelon cutting; a meal of sandwiches and drinks, pie and ice cream; then a song service and addresses along the line of associational Brotherhood activities.

Every association in this state can profit by such a meeting.

7. **An Afternoon at New Liberty.** New Liberty Church is one of those wide-awake, spirited churches that make glad the heart of everybody who attends its services. Brother Russell Duffer is pastor.

A Brotherhood planning meeting was held on the afternoon of July 25. Men from other churches were also present.

Brotherhood work was laid before those present. The response of the men was good. Following the meeting there was a watermelon cutting on the lawn back of the church.

8. **A Week's Tour of Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association.** Chester Roten, associational missionary planned the tour. Visits in behalf of Brotherhood organization and work were made with the following churches: Lexington, Leslie, Marshall, Shirley, and Clinton. We believe that such a tour would be profitable in every association.

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A fellow lost a buck in a department store the other day, but the clerk told him not to worry. "It's around some place. You know a dollar doesn't go very far these days."—Cumberland Advocate.



## Texas Baptists Make Progr

### Texas Baptists Have 14 Chairs At 14 State Colle

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is sponsoring an intensive program for the teaching of Bible by Baptist teachers on the campus of Texas state colleges according to the Baptist Press.

Dr. Joseph P. Boone, dean of Bible Chairs for the Convention has announced that arrangements have been made for a Baptist Chair of Bible in the fourteen state college. Classrooms, teachers are furnished by the denomination, but regulations, attendance, examinations and maintenance of a college level instruction are governed by legal standards.

Regular college credit is given the students when their courses are successfully completed.

The movement was started in September, 1919, with the establishment of a Baptist Chair of Bible at the University of Texas. In 1944 four additional chairs were established during the next 25 year period, but the number has skyrocketed since Dr. Boone was named to head up the work on a full-time basis in 1946. Eight chairs have been established during the two year period, and another 14—a total of 14—will be begun in September. An enrolment of 100,000 for the year will be reached by the close of the summer session.

Dr. Boone declared that the relationship of the Baptist Chair of Bible to the colleges is in accordance with our cherished principle of the separation of church and state.

Excepting two women teachers all the professors are ordained Baptist ministers.

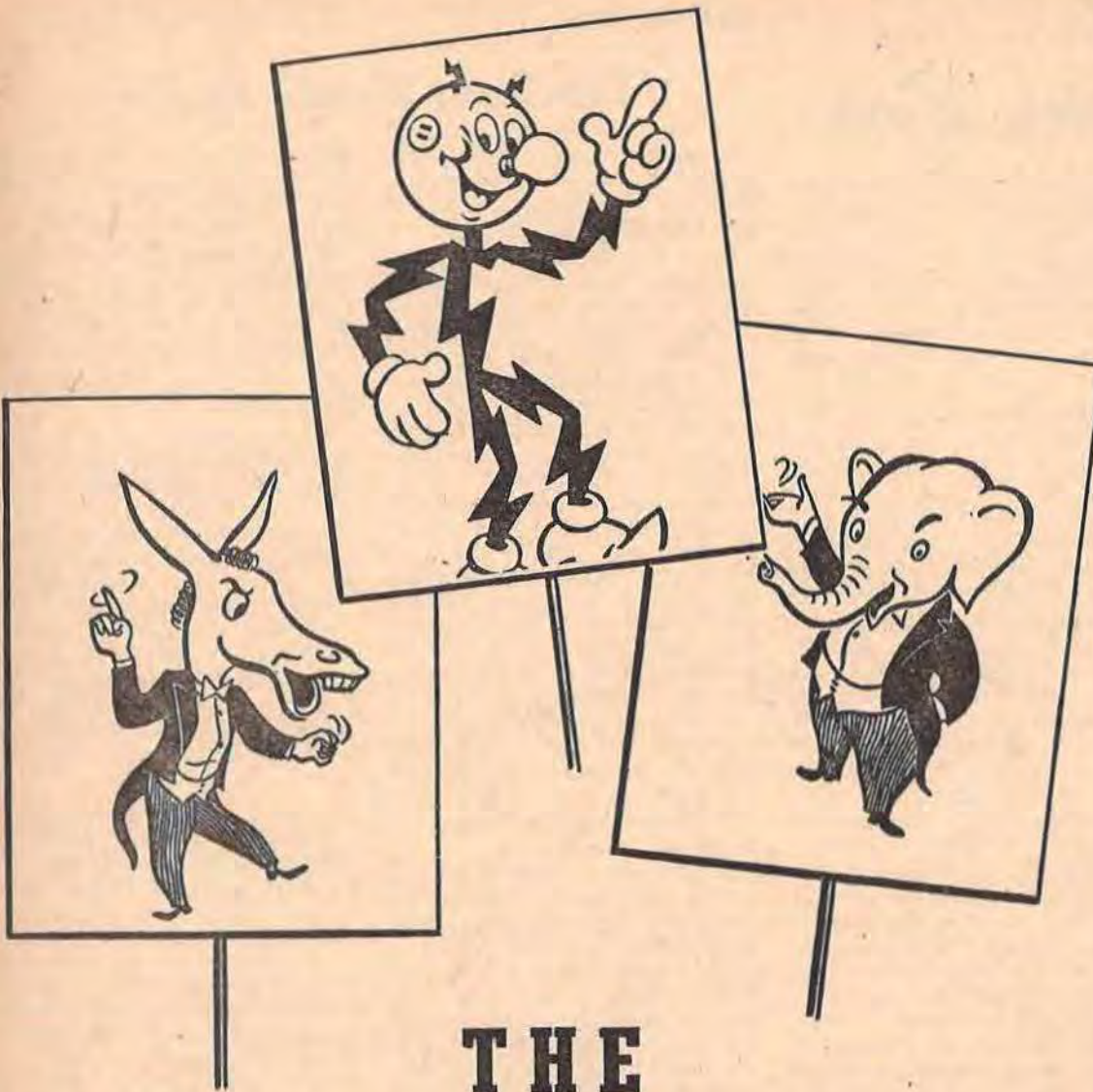
Classes are held in Baptist Student Centers, property owned and leased by Baptists, near the campus. Classrooms, library and office space are provided. Therefore, Dr. Boone said, is to 15,393 Baptist students in schools.

Approval for the Bible courses for credit is secured from the executives of the colleges. In case the teacher is approved, both educational and personal qualifications, by the president and the dean of the college.

Dr. Boone said that the courses "are Biblical without apology. A student is forced, urged, or exhorted. The right of every student is recognized and the personal responsibility is imposed to receive or reject the truth. Students of any or no denominational connection are welcome to seek knowledge of the Bible. An emphasis is placed upon the power of the truth to construct one's thinking."

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# Andrew, the Man Who Brought Others

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

Each lesson thus far in our series of "Unheralded Bible Characters" has been on the life of an Old Testament character. Interesting, informative, and inspirational these men and the one woman have proved to be as we have studied the elements of character possessed by each one. Have we tried to discover and develop traits of character which make for greatness in the kingdom of God? That is the aim of this quarter's study.

This week we begin a study of New Testament characters; these, we believe, are more familiar to the majority of us, yet they are not as prominent and well-known as many others in the New Testament. The first character is Andrew. There is not a great deal said in the Bible about this man, but each time his name is mentioned we learn a great truth about him. We know that he was a native of Bethsaida; that he had a brother named Simon Peter; and that he had a friend named Philip. He was a seeker after truth, a believer of the Word of God, a man of deep convictions, modest, dependable, careful, considerate, discerning, patient, humble, and most of all, Andrew was a soul winner!

## Andrew Meets His Lord

People always think of Andrew as the man who brought his brother to Christ. He is an outstanding example of a personal worker or a soul winner, whichever way is best to express this great work of bringing others to know Jesus. Yes, Andrew was a notable personal worker, but first, it was necessary for him to have a personal experience with Jesus, himself. No one wins others until he is first won himself! It is a positive prerequisite to soul winning—the soul winner must first have a personal assurance of salvation. Andrew had a personal experience to tell his brother.

Andrew, with John, the writer of the Gospel from which our lesson is partly taken, was a disciple of John the Baptist. Many had come to see the forerunner of Christ and to hear him speak; of this number, not all were curiosity seekers, for a small group believed his words, confessed their sins, and were baptized. Andrew and John were members of this group and were anxious to see the One of whom their teacher and leader had preached. Suddenly, He appeared before them and when John the Baptist exclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God," these two earnest, devout followers believed his words and followed Jesus.

Jesus knew the hearts of these two men; He knew they believed that He was the Lamb, sent from God for the sacrifice of man's sin.

## Sunday School Lesson

For August 15, 1948

John 1:37-42; Mark 1:16-18;  
John 12:20-22

In tenderness and love, anxious for them to reveal their need of His presence, Jesus asked "What seek ye?" He wanted them to truly seek Him without pride, self, ambition, gain, or false motive, but for that priceless possession which He alone can give!

Andrew and Peter had their hearts touched and changed by those words and they acknowledged Him. "Master, where dwellest thou,"—those two replies were answer enough for the Lord. He never turned, nor turns down a seeking soul for His mighty invitation was extended! "Come and see," He answered. "Come unto me" is the constant, pleading call of the Savior. They went with Jesus and stayed in some quite spot, perhaps overnight. What a blessed privilege. Eternity alone will reveal the beauties of that sojourn of these two and their Lord.

## Andrew Wins His Brother

An evidence of genuine salvation is the desire on the part of the convert to win another to his Lord. A young junior girl was led to Christ by her Sunday School teacher in the morning worship service in one of our Southern Baptist churches. She went to the altar immediately, gave her hand to the pastor, and made her public profession of faith in Jesus as her personal Savior. After giving the clerk her name, she surprised the entire congregation by quickly making her way to the rear of the building where a well dressed man was standing. She jumped upon the seat in front of him and placing her arms around his neck, cried, "Oh, Daddy, I've been saved, Won't you come and let my Jesus save you, too?"

That was exactly the sentiment and conduct of Andrew. Immediately after his own experience with the Lord, before he did anything else, "he first findeth his

own brother, Simon." He went directly to him with a simple, convincing statement, "We have found the Messiah!" He knew Peter would understand for this meant the promised One and these Hebrews had read of the coming of such a one and were looking for His appearing. Andrew had experienced a meeting with Him; he knew Him and his testimony was effective.

Our message to lost men is simple, "I know the Lord; I can tell you what He has done for me; He will do the same for you." Andrew didn't leave his hearer just when the decision was to be made; he stayed with him and brought him to Jesus. He was a real fisherman; he didn't leave the fish when he felt the tug on his line, but safely pulled him into the boat.

## Andrew Serves His Lord

Some time after the first meeting of Andrew with Jesus and his winning his brother to Him, came the definite call of the Lord to this disciple's heart to be a full-time soul winner. In this scene by the Sea of Galilee Jesus observed the efficiency of Andrew and Simon as they cast a net into the waters and He gave His call

to service, "Come ye after me and I will make you to become fishers of men." Andrew had made an excellent start. Now, the Lord would lead him deeper into the matchless art of fishing for the souls of men. "They forsook their nets and followed Him."

Two other events in the life of Andrew will be mentioned briefly. The sympathetic, discerning disciple saw the lad that day among the multitude. He brought him with his five barley loaves and two fishes to the One who could feed a multitude. The important thing is he "brought him to Jesus."

Then, the inquiring Greeks were led to Jesus by Andrew. They first approached Philip, saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus." Philip was disturbed about them and their request and sought his friend, Andrew. Andrew knew that the best thing to do was to go at once and tell Jesus. If we would only go to Him with everything! Andrew again sets a worthy example.

Someone has well said: "It is the Andrews today who are bringing in the Kingdom." May we resolve in our hearts to bring others to our Lord and Savior.

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## The Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign

The Ouachita College Board of Trustees requested the General Secretary to pick up the financial campaign and press it upon the hearts and purses of our people. Under the circumstances it seemed to be the only thing that the Board could do because the time is far spent and it would take a new man a long time to get acquainted with the status of the campaign. We shall undertake to make some important contacts and raise enough cash to build a science building which is sorely needed at Ouachita College.

The Ouachita Campaign must not fail for the following reasons:

First, our progress in the field of education has not kept pace with the development of our churches and of our church life. We have built church buildings, many are fine, large,

and commodious. So far, so good, but if a denomination does not develop its educational life and opportunities along with its progress in church life, it is certain to become weak and lopsided.

Second, Ouachita College has through the years been our dependence for a trained ministry in Arkansas.

Third, Ouachita is still our only senior college.

Fourth, a graduate's credits from Ouachita College are accepted anywhere.

Fifth, Ouachita College cannot continue to enjoy this prestige or render this Christian service unless we erect a science building in the near future.

Let us all take a new start and make this campaign go forward.

### Churches Paying Complete Quota To Ouachita Campaign

Early in the Million Dollar Campaign Dr. Whittington and his staff requested the churches to accept a quota for the Million Dollar Campaign. He tried to make an equitable and fair request of each church. Many

churches forthwith accepted a given amount as a goal to reach. A few of the churches have in less than three years finished paying the amount requested of them. May the Lord multiply the number. Here they are:

Church	Association	Quota Paid	Members
1. Horatio	Little River	1946	219
2. Corning	Current River	1947	328
3. Monte Ne	Benton County	1947	80
4. Moro	Arkansas Valley	1947	132
5. Eudora	Delta	1947	446
6. Union Grove	Independence	1947	84
7. First, N. Little Rock	Pulaski County	1947	924
8. Cabot	Caroline	1947	274
9. Village	Liberty	1947	153
10. Benton, First	Central	1947	1,368
11. Zion	Stone-Van Buren	1947	32
12. Central, Hot Springs	Central	1948	843
13. First, Batesville	Independence	1948	691
14. Lake City	Mt. Zion	1948	493
15. Ozark	Clear Creek	1948	331
16. El Paso	White County	1948	99
17. Magnolia	Bartholomew	1948	113
18. Norphlet	Liberty	1948	629
19. Smackover	Liberty	1948	725

## Liberty Association

We were in the Workers' Conference in Liberty Association. They met at the new Baptist Assembly grounds, "Beechwood Springs Encampment." The Association has erected some buildings and plans are made to develop the area into a beautiful camp ground. There are springs that will furnish water, and they are building a dam which will make a beautiful lake. Last week was the week for girls, and they had nearly 200 on the grounds when the writer was there. This is the week for the boys.

It was an interesting Workers' Conference. It is always an inspiration to be in a meeting in Liberty Association. They always have a large number of good preachers present, Pas-

tor P. C. Church is doing a magnificent work at Calion. Dr. T. L. Harris of the First Church, Camden, of course, is tops among all our preachers. He is a past president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Pastor Reeves of the First Church, El Dorado, is enjoying a real "oil boom" in his church. We mean that the spiritual uplift under the leadership of Pastor Reeves is as great a spiritual boom as an oil boom is in the business world in any community.

We do not have the name of the new pastor at Chidester, but we will be hearing from him soon. Pastor Raymond Crotts of Cross Roads and Pastor Lan of Felsenthal and Pastor L. W. Williams of Galilee are really bringing things to pass on their fields. Pastor Mitcham of Knowles Chapel and Liberty, and Pastor L. J. Tucker of the Lawson Church

are two of our outstanding men in ministerial fruit bearing. The association was organized at Liberty Church and was named for Brother Mitcham has greatly revived the Liberty Church. Pastor Starnes is bringing Libby through a busy summer.

Pastor F. E. Canady of Midway and Pastor J. B. Ritchie of Shuler are two of our best preachers and most trusted leaders. Marsh Whittington of Urbana is a son of Otto Whittington and is a "chip off the block." He has been at Urbana several years and is doing a splendid work there. Pastor Hargett of Village Church was the first in that part of the state to be able to receive over the full payment of the church's quota to the Ouachita Campaign. He is an influential leader. Pastor Ekruat has led the church strongly in a most remarkable manner, the church has enjoyed its greatest year in its history. Pastor Hugh Cantrell of Stepher not only a tireless worker but he is a splendid thinker and a trusted leader with power in the pulpit. Pastor Ralph Reasor of Smackover is happy this week because his church has also paid its full quota in the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign. We heard Brother Reasor preach an old-fashioned Gospel sermon, and he delivered it with power.

Pastor Loyal Prior and the church at Norphlet are likewise happy because they have gone over the top in the Ouachita Campaign. Here is one of our finest young men in ministry. Pastor C. E. Archer is bringing Junction City to the front, and they are carrying their plans for a new church building. We are not surprised. Archer really is a leader. Atkins in his ministry there. Charles Nash is not only doing a splendid work in Joyce but he is one of the leaders in the association. Garland Anderson is the best pastor of the Elliott Church, and he, too, is leading in the development of the association grounds.

Pastor Jesse Reed of the Second Church at El Dorado is walking on top of the world. They have already made marked progress in the erection of a new church building on a very fruitful field on the west side in El Dorado. They propose to increase the operative Program contributions 25 per cent. Reed is developing into a great Bible preacher also. Pastor H. B. Marks of the Parkview Church is one of our very best young preachers. The Parkview Church under his leadership is not only growing but is destined to become one of the best churches in that section. Pastor Elmer Morgan and his church at Cullendale have just entered a beautiful commodious building. Morgan is a great preacher, too.

Some of the churches in Liberty are past their best; but the West Side Church has just listed Lonnie Lasater as its pastor, and Manuel has called J. D. Tolleson from Alabama, and he will be on the field after you read this article. We are praying that Union Church may be fortunate enough to obtain a pastor soon.