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# Honoring Christ Through Education

By LEON M. GAMBRELL

Schools have their roots in the Bible. Moses was well trained for his task. Samuel, last and greatest of the judges, was educated and he established schools to train servants of the Lord. Elijah maintained schools of the prophets at Bethel, Gilgal, Jericho, and multiplied his life many times over through the lives and services of others. Elisha, upon whom Elijah's mantle fell, carried on the same program of training preachers. The synagogue was well established among the Jews. It was a teaching center for the education of their people. Jesus taught in these synagogues.

Jesus was the master teacher. He also set the example of Bible Institute work, gathering about Him twelve adults and teaching them how to pray and preach and win and train. He taught these men how to carry on His work so it would not die after His ascension. They were experienced men with, perhaps, much general knowledge but untrained for the special tasks to which He now called them.

Baptists have much to do with the establishment and maintenance of educational institutions. And they must continue this emphasis if they are to have well organized, Christ-honoring churches. Our forefathers agreed a long while ago that the key to good churches and church programs is to be found in the pastors. If the churches are to keep step, maintain their position in the communities, they must have God-called and well



trained leaders. There is also a very great need for well trained and consecrated lay-workers who will reinforce the pastor's efforts. Christ honoring Baptist schools for the lay people will help provide these essential folk.

Education alone is not sufficient; it must be Christian education. Instruction

without Christian ideals will produce a Saul of Tarsus, an enemy of Christianity; but Christian education plus God's grace will produce a Paul the Apostle, topmost preacher, teacher, evangelist, soul winner, missionary.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell said, "Christian schools are to propagate the principles of the people who built them. Suppose a teacher does not believe with the people who founded the school. Shall he be denied the right to teach what he believes? Not at all. Baptists stand for liberty—but there is liberty on the outside of a Christian school as well as inside. The people who build schools have the right to have their beliefs respected and certainly no one has any right to take pay from people to preach their doctrines down. Baptists ought to control their schools as they do their preachers and other things."

The principal purpose of our schools should always be to honor Christ and help to advance His glorious kingdom. Our Savior will not fail to bless the schools that declare themselves unreservedly for Him on the campus, in the class room, in the lives of faculty members and students alike.

## Excess Victories

A Devotion by the Editor

"We are more than conquerors through him that loves us."

"More" is a characteristic word of the Testament language, and refers to an elevated life quality exclusively Christian.

The grace of God is more abundant than sin, for "where sin abounded, grace did more abound." The followers of Christ are more good in the world than anybody. "What do ye more than others?" Christians have more life than others, "Come that they might have life; and they might have it more abundantly." Christian victories are more than mere triumphs over adversaries.

Paul here sets forth a long list of adverse circumstances and hostile powers, the combined purpose of which is to defeat the principles of Christ, rob them of their faith, knock down their courage, sap them of their strength, destroy their hope, and circumvent their love for God.

These things hound their every step, death stalks their pathway throughout the day, they are considered as sheep for slaughter. There is a continuous martyrdom making up and rounding out to complete the sufferings of Christ.

What chance do they have of victory? More than a lamb among a pack of wolves. Surely they will be torn apart and disseminated to the ravenous appetite of the unfriendly and enemy forces of life.

And right in the midst of this whole array of adverse forces and powers of life, we are set in determined opposition to the will of God and whose purpose is to defeat and destroy, there is interposed a shout of victory unlike anything the world has ever heard. "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Here is "A holy arrogance of victory, not selfish, but in the consciousness of Christ. The adversaries are not only overcome and disarmed, but they are brought over to our side. "This is a new order of victory, to conquer by means of our adversaries."

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come"

"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:37-39).

## Radio Pays More Than Shekels

By ALBERT McCLELLAN

The two giant 900 foot radio broadcasting towers poking their bridge-like frame works into the sky just north of Oklahoma City reminds us that Oklahoma Baptists should be raising a radio tower of their own.

What we need for the present, however, is not necessarily towers of red blinking lights and steel, but a great towering state radio program, a Baptist Hour reaching every nook and corner of every one of our 36 associations.

The natural reply to this is that it costs money. Sure it costs money. But don't forget that radio pays. Soap, liquor, and tobacco companies do not spend millions of dollars every year just because they want the people to have a good time. A good radio broadcast, they have learned, pays off in shekels.

The \$20,000 it would cost Oklahoma Baptists to keep a really towering radio program on the air for a year would pay something back to us in much richer payments than money. It would come back in souls saved and churches expanded. And who knows it might even come back to us in money. At least, the high probability of rich returns every way makes it worth a try.

May God help us to find a way to add our Oklahoma Baptist voice to that long list of

## Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, present "Remote Control," by B. H. Duncan.

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- 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.
- KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.
- KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.
- KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.

voices who have found and used radio as one of the most important tools of this century.

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# From The Editor's Desk

## Calling All Young People

An interesting news item comes from Gloucester, Massachusetts: "Led by a group of clergymen, a band of teen-age crusaders have started a drive to make Gloucester 'the cleanest city in the state.'"

The youngsters have put the local law enforcement officers on notice that unless they enforce the liquor laws and halt the sale of liquors to minors, they will seek the aid of state officials. "They are also demanding that a vice squad be formed within the police department to inspect liquor establishments and prevent the opening of gambling places."

### Law Violators

Again we are reminded that the liquor and gambling interests, twin conspirators against the youth of the land, will violate all the proprieties and decencies of human society and will break every law on the statute books in the promotion of their nefarious business. They will go just as far as they dare in the violation of every law of both God and man.

Broken homes mean nothing to these twin masters. Little children crying for bread, which might have been provided by the money spent for liquor or lost by gambling, have no restraining influence upon the liquor and gambling interests. The makers and sellers of liquor would blight the life of every child and rob every youth of those personality qualities and strength of character necessary to noble and honorable living. The promoters of gambling seek to capitalize every depraved instinct of human nature and inhibit every noble impulse of life.

These interests must recruit their customers from among the boys and girls and the youth in order to stay in business. Therefore, they seek to display their wares in the most conspicuous and the most frequented places, such as food and drug stores. There you will find beer and whiskey and gambling machines. They want to set up their "joints" adjacent to the schools so that the children will become so accustomed to "beer parlors" and saloons that they will take them for granted.

### In North Little Rock

A case in point is the present situation in North Little Rock. The good people of that city, in order to protect their school children from the temptations, the influences, and the indignities of the sale and consumption of beer, have invoked a city ordinance which provides that beer shall not be sold within 600 feet of a school. Of course, a mighty howl has been raised by the peddlers of beer and their sympathizers.

The News-Progress, a weekly newspaper, published at Jacksonville, editorializes on this situation under the headlines "What Price Freedom." The editor calls the city ordinance, which prohibits the sale of beer within 600 feet of a school, a "joker." He calls the people, who are asking protection for

their children, "busy bodies." He calls upon the people of "Park Hill and North Little Rock to fight this thing to the finish and beat the daylights out of these people." He pleads for the "rights" of these beer peddlers. He calls in question the Christianity of the fathers and mothers who object to the sale of beer adjacent to the schools of the city.

Really, there is nothing new in this editor's blarring statements, it is the same old trash which has been rehashed through the years.

### Beer Not A Food

The theory that beer is a food has been so thoroughly exploded that only the stupid still cling to the idea or advance it as an argument for sale of beer. The testimony of research scientists disproves every claim of the beer crowd.

Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk, Life Extension Institute, states, "It is nonsense to claim that beer is a hygienic drink. It is drunk chiefly for its alcoholic effect, and if the alcoholic effect is produced, the danger of alcohol exists."

Dr. Hoppe, German Nerve Specialist, declares, "Beer makes men stupid and heavy; . . . blunts the higher feelings and interests, and causes the gradual giving up of aspirations and ideals . . ."

McCorkindale, in Temperance and Life, says, "Scientific research has completely exploded the old idea that beer retains the food value of the cereal used in its production."

Dr. Howard Kelly, for many years president of John Hopkins University and one of the world's greatest surgeons, stated that any beverage containing more than one-half of one per cent alcohol is unsafe. The "legal" alcohol contents of beer in Arkansas is 5 per cent—ten times the amount which Kelly said is the maximum for safety.

Dr. Saleeby, noted British physician, says, "Beer is a devitalized, devitaminized, drugged, decayed, impoverished 'food' and is nothing under the sun but poisoned water."

Dr. Haven Emerson, one of the greatest authorities on the alcohol problem, on January 19, 1948, in addressing a convention in Pittsburgh, stated, "Alcohol cannot be incorporated into any living human tissue . . . Alcohol can replace some of the heat units of the body, but it is not a food."

### Protest of Young People

The Gloucester case may well suggest to us the most effective method of curbing the liquor business and of putting the law enforcement officers on notice that they must enforce the law or else.

The protest of the boys and girls and young people of the state would be more effective than the protest of any other group. With the proper guidance the Christian boys and girls and young people of Arkansas could and would register such vigorous protest against the sale of liquor near churches and

# Texas Baptists Exceed Budget

With an annual budget of \$4,000,000, Texas Baptists have exceeded their budget, for the first nine months of their fiscal year, by \$164,026.50. We congratulate the Baptists of Texas for this fine record and dare to suggest that other states would do well to follow their example.

We regret to report that Arkansas Baptists, with a budget of \$516,660, fell short of their budget for the first six months of 1948 by \$24,111.54. Total required to meet the budget for half the year, \$258,330. Total received as of June 30, \$234,218.46.

Brethren, this ought not to be. What is the reason for this deficit? Is the budget too large? We do not believe it is. Are our Baptist people in Arkansas indifferent toward our denominational program, state and South-wide? We believe the Baptists of Arkansas are vitally interested in this program. Are the Baptist people of Arkansas unable financially to meet this budget? We think not. Are the churches of Arkansas expanding their local programs to such proportions that their gifts to the denominational program are curtailed? Now that may be a partial explanation.

And yet, we do not believe that the expansion of local church programs constitutes a valid reason for failure to raise our state denominational budget. We do not believe that the local church programs would suffer by meeting our state budget in full.

Our state budget is not excessive, compared with the total spent on the local church programs of the state. In fact, it is pitifully small. We must face the fact that the denominational budget receives only a small per cent of the total amount given by the Baptists of the state.

Dare we suggest that many of our churches re-examine the division of their funds between the church program and the denominational program, with a view to giving a larger portion to the latter.

No church should be satisfied to give less than 25 per cent of its total receipts to the Co-operative Program. The goal toward which every church should strive is 50 per cent to the Co-operative Program. Have we the courage and the sacrificial spirit required to meet the challenge of a 50-50 division of the income of the churches?

schools, and in food and drug stores, that these brazen practices would have to cease.

We suggest that the ministerial alliances, pastors, Sunday School workers, women's organizations, P. T. A. organizations, and all other interested groups promote the organization of the young people of the state to fight this liquor business to the bitter end. Such an organization should be state-wide and include all Christian denominations and other organizations interested in the childhood and youth of the state.



# Kingdom Progress

Immanuel Church, El Dorado, has refinished the parsonage and installed refrigerated aid conditioning in the church auditorium.

Lawson Church, Liberty Association, has gone to full time and called W. O. Miller of Union Church, El Dorado. The church is purchasing a house just across the street from the church for a pastor's home.

Three Creeks Church, Liberty Association, has torn down its former building and construction of a new building is now underway.

Junction City Church voted to begin a new building in September. The pastor's home is being moved and the new church building will be on that location.

Pastor Lloyd A. Sparkman, Southside Church, Pine Bluff, was guest preacher recently in two revival meetings in California. He was with Pastor J. Ben Wofford, former pastor of Calvary Church, Pine Bluff, and the First Church, Gridley, California. There were six additions to the church membership by letter and five by baptism.

The second revival was with Pastor A. J. Hayall, former pastor of First Church, McCrory, and the Calvary Baptist Church, Napa, California. In this meeting there were five additions to the church membership by letter and six by baptism.

Pastor Sparkman reports that these former Arkansans are forging ahead with aggressive and constructive programs in their California pastorates.

On August 19, Howard Burton was ordained to the full work of the ministry by the First Church, Pocahontas. Originally from the First Church, Tyronza, for the past year Mr. Burton has served as mission pastor of the Shannon Mission which is sponsored by the First Church, Pocahontas. He graduated last year from Southern Baptist College and plans to continue his studies at Arkansas State College, Jonesboro.

The ordaining council was composed of the following: H. E. Williams, moderator; L. C. Tedford, who gave the examination; H. W. Johnston, who delivered the charge; and Harry Hunt, who preached the ordination sermon.

Pastor D. B. Bledsoe and the First Church, Mount Ida, experienced a real revival which closed on August 22, with a record attendance of 228 in Sunday School and 170 in Training Union. There were three professions of faith and many re-dedications. The outstanding feature of the meeting was a revival among the Christian people, and the consequent strengthening and expansion of the church program.

Among the features of the expanding program are: A Training Union enlargement campaign; the purchase of a church bus; the enlistment of the men of the church in the Brotherhood organization; and the organization of new classes in the Sunday School. Pastor Bledsoe did his own preaching in the revival and Bill Keltner, Hope, directed the singing, with Mrs. Keltner serving as accompanist.

First Church, Dierks, reports a successful Vacation Bible School, July 26-30. There were 85 enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 74. The offering of \$13.35 was sent to the Co-operative Program.

A Training Union has recently been organized, with an average attendance of 40. Carroll Gibson is pastor of the church.

First Church, Elaine, recently had the assistance of Glen Harwood, Corbin, Kentucky, who did the preaching, and Steve Sturdivant, Memphis, Tennessee, who directed the music, in a revival meeting. There were 18 additions to the church membership, 12 of whom were by baptism.

October 1 marks the first anniversary of Pastor Bennie Pearson, during which time there have been 106 additions to the church, 69 of these coming for baptism.

Pastor Minor E. Cole, First Church, Forrest City, reports on the recent revival as follows: "The First Church, Forrest City, has just closed one of the greatest revivals in its history. There were 135 additions to the church, 101 by baptism, 26 by letter, and eight by statement. Forty-nine other persons made professions of faith and will unite with other Baptist churches and churches of other faiths. There were a number of re-dedications.

"Evangelist Angel Martinez did the preaching. This was his third revival in Forrest City in four years, in which there have been 335 additions to the church. He will return for a fourth engagement in 1950. Angel is both sound and sane. I consider him one of the greatest evangelists in America today.

"Ed F. Vallowe was in charge of the music and did a fine job. These two make a fine gospel team."

Plant Church and Pastor J. W. Hayes had the services of J. D. Reeves, Clinton, in revival services which closed August 22. There were 14 additions to the church membership, nine of whom were by baptism. Glen Williams was in charge of the music.

One remarkable thing about Brother Reeves is that although he is 77 years of age, he is still as able to preach as on the day that he was ordained nineteen years ago.

Evangelist Eddie Wagner, 6700 Westover Drive, Little Rock, was in a revival meeting recently with Pastor William Guest and the Baptist Church, Brazil, Mississippi. There were 35 professions of faith and three additions to the church by letter.

The many friends of Joe Shaver will be interested to know that he is a student in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, from which he will graduate in January, 1949. He plans to do Youth Revival work for a year after he finishes. Joe supplied the pulpit of the Beech Street Church, Texarkana, August 15 and 22.

Pastor Luther F. Dorsey, First Church, Star City, did his own preaching in a mission revival, July 20-29. During this ten-day period the church received into its fellowship 15 members by baptism and three by letter. There were five other professions of faith.

## To New Orleans Seminary



Dr. H. Clayton Waddell, recent pastor of the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., is the new head of the department of Social Ethics in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He succeeds Dr. A. E. Tibbs.

"Dr. Waddell is eminently qualified for an important position by his personality, education, and experience," said President R. Q. Leavell. "He has become a specialist in social work among racial and bi-lingual groups. He is well trained in audio-visual education as well as in church recreation."

Dr. Waddell is a native of Alabama, A.B. graduate of Howard College, and holds the Doctor of Theology degree from the Southern Seminary. While pursuing his graduate studies he was fellow in the department of social ethics under Dr. G. S. Dobbins. He has been educational director in the Church, Baton Rouge, and pastor of the Church, Opelousas, Louisiana, before going to Luther Rice church in Washington.

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Baptismal services Sunday night, August 15, marked the close of the two weeks' revival meeting conducted at the Rison Church by pastor T. T. Newton. During the revival there were seven additions to the church membership, five of whom were by profession of faith. The song services during the revival were under the direction of J. D. McDonald, pastor of the First Church, Claude, Texas.

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## "Yes, I Tithe"

Says Chester Swor, prominent Southwestern Baptist youth leader, "because it never occurred to me not to tithe. I had the privilege of growing up in a Christian home in which, though the amount of cash was desperately small, there was never a time in which tithe was not given to God's work through our local church. Thanks to the wise guidance of a widowed Mother and later to a voluntary impulse to give 'for Jesus', I practiced tithing through the years as naturally as I practice other habits which are wholesome and right."

*Every Baptist a Tither*



## Journalism Added To Ouachita's Curriculum

Ouachita College is adding a major in Journalism to its curriculum and has employed Professor J. E. Redden to head the department. Dr. J. R. Grant, president, has announced.

Mr. Redden comes to Ouachita from Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, Texas, and is highly recommended by his associates here. He received his B.A. in 1947 and M.A. in 1948 from Hardin-Simmons.

Beginning with the fall semester there will be three courses offered in Journalism—Basic Journalism, Religious Journalism, and History of American Journalism. Other courses of instruction to be taught later include Advertising, Copyreading, School Publications, Editorial Writing, and Feature Story Writing.

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Ted Hall, Oxford, California, was the visiting evangelist in revival services at the Friendship Church, August 15-22. There were five additions to the church membership, all of whom were by baptism; and two re-dedications.

One outstanding feature of this revival was that one person who was baptized was the evangelist's father, 82 years of age. One of his sisters also professed faith in Christ during the revival.

Since May 19, 1946, the gate pastor G. W. Smith started his work with the Friendship Church, there have been 35 additions to the church membership, 23 of whom were by baptism; a fan has been installed in the auditorium; concrete walks laid, and the Sunday School rooms have been redecorated.

## Y. W. A. House Party

By MRS. J. S. PEMBERTON

The Y. W. A. of First Church, Bearden, was host to a house party for the Carey Association, August 17-18. There were 30 girls and their counselors present. The theme was "The New Look."

The house party opened with a banquet. Mrs. Scott Pemberton, Carey Association Young People's director, was toast master; Russell Hunt, Thornton, gave the invocation; and the Y. W. A. of Hampton gave talks on "Your Y. W. A. and the New Look."

Thornton Y. W. A. gave the devotion, the Fordyce Y. W. A. told of a week-end trip to the State Y. W. A. house party at Petit Jean, and one of the girls sang "O Zion Haste." The guest speaker was Miss Lydia Chang from China who told of the need of missions in China. Following her talk, Russell Hunt spoke on "Looking Anew at Our World." At the close of the service Miss Barbara Griffin, Bearden, surrendered her life to fulltime Christian service. The relief offering amounted to \$11.62. Following the worship service there was a fun and fellowship period which lasted until the midnight candlelight service in charge of Bearden Y. W. A.

Early the next morning there was a morning service, Miss Chang presiding, followed by breakfast then goodbyes.

Liberty Church has adopted a full time program and called Walter Parks, a student in Ouachita, as pastor. In a recent revival meeting, in which they had the services of A. E. Webb, there were five professions of faith, five additions by letter, and one by statement.

Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, recently honored its pastor, H. A. Elledge, on the occasion of his fifth anniversary in the pastorate.

The church has launched a building program which includes the enlargement of the auditorium to a seating capacity of 800 and the building of additional educational rooms to provide for a Sunday School attendance of from 700 to 800 people.

During Mr. Elledge's pastorate the Sunday School has grown to be the sixth largest of Baptist Sunday Schools in the state, and the Training Union rates fourth in size in the state. Ninety-six persons have been received for church membership by baptism this year.

The North Crossett Church has added another building to its church plant. This building is 60 feet long and 20 feet wide and will be partitioned into Sunday School class rooms.

Walter Parks, a student in Ouachita College, was ordained to the ministry by the Galilee Church, El Dorado, July 27. The ordaining council was composed of the following: L. W. Williams, moderator; Dr. Carl Clark led the questioning; Clyde Freed gave the charge; and W. O. Miller preached the sermon. The Bible given by the church was presented by J. T. Kuhn, a deacon.

More than 200 people were in attendance at the Wilton Church homecoming Sunday, August 1. Following the morning service, a picnic dinner was spread on tables in the church yard. This is an annual affair.

Pastor Howard Wilson, Fouke Church, did the preaching in a revival meeting at Piney Grove Church, Lewisville, August 8-20. Charles C. Bowen, pastor of the church, was in charge of the music. There were four additions to the church membership by letter, three by baptism, and a number of re-dedications.

The Vacation Bible School was held in connection with the revival. There were 92 enrolled. This school resulted in 22 professions of faith. The offering, in the amount of \$18, was given to the Co-operative Program.

## Pastoral Changes

Carroll Gibson from Center Hill Church, Green County Association, to First Church, Dierks.

J. D. Tolleson, Opp, Alabama, has accepted the call of the Immanuel Church, El Dorado. He began his work there August 18.

W. O. Miller, Union Church, El Dorado, has accepted the pastorate of Lawson Church, Liberty Association.

Chester Ware, Hot Springs, to Second Church, Conway. He began his work there August 15.

C. R. Pierce Jr., First Church, Foreman, has resigned to accept the pastorate of a church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Robert D. Hughes, Oak Grove Church, has tendered his resignation, effective August 29, to accept a call from the Baptist church in Ventura, California.

Hugh Owen, who recently resigned as pastor of the Second Church, Conway, has accepted the pastorate of the Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff.

Ray Y. Langley, Crawfordsville, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Parkin.

## Missionaries' Needs

By C. Z. HOLLAND

Recently it was my privilege to visit in Central and South America and contact 65 of our missionaries. One cannot have the same attitude toward missions after he contacts those who have dedicated their lives to the end that Christ shall be known among other people and other tongues. They have a way of infusing their spirit with yours. There were two needs that came to my attention and I feel that I would not be true to the Kingdom's work, to the missionaries, and to myself, if I did not bring the needs to your attention.

### Automobile Needed

The W. C. Harrisons and the Albert Bagbys at Porto Alegre, who are operating a school and doing an extensive mission work, have no means of transportation other than the street cars which are crowded beyond imagination—sometimes carrying three times the normal capacity—and the taxis which at times cannot be obtained at all. An automobile in my candid opinion would be worth as much to this mission station as an additional missionary.

A large annex is being added to the school, and Dr. Harrison who supervises the work finds it necessary to go to town several times some days, but spends much of his valuable time waiting for street cars. The mission work on the week-ends could be multiplied three-fold with the use of an automobile. There was only one mission center that I visited without an automobile.

Mrs. Arthur Bagby is one of our finest missionaries from Arkansas, formerly Miss Theima Frith. Her husband, Albert Bagby, his sister, Mrs. Harrison, formerly Helen Bagby, and Alice Bagby Smith are all children of the honored and beloved W. B. Bagby, whose remains rest in the cemetery at Porto Alegre. Arkansas Baptists could reflect honor upon this veteran missionary by providing this equipment for his sons and daughters to carry on this noble work that he began. No finer, more efficient, or consecrated missionaries are found anywhere than there who serve at Porto Alegre.

### Organs Needed

The missionaries at Montevideo need one-half dozen old organs. These organs can be reconditioned at Montevideo, and would be invaluable in the missionary work.

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## Missionary Family Album

Orders are now being accepted for the 1948 Missionary Family Album, published by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

To make the book available at cost, the orders are being handled by the Board instead of the Baptist Book Stores.

The price is \$2.00, or three copies for \$5.00.

The Album includes the home office staff, the 660 missionaries, and the 99 missionaries emeritus, all in alphabetical order with up-to-date portraits. The book is indexed by mission fields, both geographical and professional, to make it of maximum use to W. M. S. and young people's circles, and all missionary groups.

For a Christmas gift for missionaries, their parents, and other relatives, the Album will be in great demand. Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia.



# ★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

*God always answers prayer, but man often fails to hear the answer.*

**Children Send Bibles:** Ten thousand New York City children sent Gospels of John to a like number of Sunday School children of Holland. The Gospels were entrusted to some hundred American delegates to the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches for distribution to Netherlands children. Each of the Gospels bears the name of the New York donor and a note asking that the recipient write about the assembly meetings. The Gospels were given by children in 500 Daily Vacation Bible Schools operated under the auspices of the Protestant Council of New York City.

**Released-time Upheld in California:** The attorney general of California has upheld that State's system of released-time religious instruction. He said the fact that students with parental consent were permitted to attend religious classes in churches rather than on school premises brought the practice within constitutional provisions.

**Course in Religious Art:** Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas, announces the institution of a course in religious art as a further pioneering step in the adaptation of scholastic studies to meet the specific requirements of trainee for church work.

The originator of the course is Charles Stewart, chairman of the Howard Payne department of art. The course was offered for the first time this summer, and an enthusiastic class joined the instructor in a discussion of the common art problems of the church.

It is estimated that fewer than 10 per cent of the people in England attend church services with any kind of regularity. In the larger cities, fewer than 5 per cent attend.

**Chimes for Memphis:** Electrically-amplified chimes for religious music have been installed in downtown Memphis, Tennessee, as the result of a move launched during the recent meeting of the Southern Convention there. Chimes played daily religious programs during the Convention. Later, the Baptist Ministers' Association and the Junior Chamber of Commerce conducted a public-opinion poll on the question of permanent chimes. They said the response was overwhelmingly favorable. The schedule calls for two minute selections to be played at noon and 5 p. m. on week days, and at noon on Sundays.

Pastor Luther F. Dorsey, First Church, Star City, did his own preaching in a mission revival, July 20-29. During this ten-day period the church received into its fellowship 15 members by baptism and three by letter. There were five other profession of faith.

More than 200 people were in attendance at the Wilton Church homecoming Sunday, August 1. Following the morning service, a picnic dinner was spread on tables in the church yard. This is an annual affair.

**Japanese Language Taught:** Western Seminary, Portland, Oregon, is offering a class in Japanese language one evening each week for those interested in going to Japan as missionaries. The class is taught by Dr. M. R. Kakata, one of Portland's leading dentists and a member of the White Temple, Dr. Ralph C. Walker, pastor. He has been teaching the Japanese language for many years, and during the war he taught in the Navy language schools at Boulder, Colorado, for three years, in fourteen months giving the students sufficient grasp of the language to enable them to interpret Japanese foreign news broadcasts.

**"Greatest Story" Broadcasts to be Resumed:** Resuming its broadcasts for the third year after a brief summer vacation period, "The Greatest Story Ever Told" will be heard again, beginning Sunday, September 12, at 6:30 p. m., EDT, over the American Broadcasting Company network, with the Biblical drama, "Of Such Is the Kingdom."

Recordings of the programs are available for schools, churches, and similar groups and institutions for use on public address systems or for class study. List of available programs can be secured from Recording Division, American Broadcasting Company, New York, New York.

**World Council of Churches Officially Formed:** The World Council of Churches was officially formed in Amsterdam, when delegates from 40 countries to the Council's First Assembly voted it into existence. Formation of the world body was the climax of many years of work towards the attainment of an ecumenical ideal.

The Assembly was opened with a service held in the Nieuwe Kerk, one of the famous structures of the Reformed Church in Holland. Seating capacity of the cathedral had been increased from 2,000 to 3,000 in preparation for the investiture of Princess Juliana on September 6, but the building, nevertheless, was filled and several thousand people were unable to gain admission.

A feature of the service was a remarkable procession of 450 official delegates in which colorful robes contrasted with sombre clothes as clergy, pastors, laymen, and a few women walked slowly round the building. They came from all parts of the world and from both sides of the iron curtain — representing a variety of Churches — Anglican, Greek Orthodox, Old Catholic, and many Protestant denominations.

Great interest was shown in the World Council's activities by the press and radio, notably by Dutch and Swiss stations and by the British Broadcasting Corporation which gave an unprecedented amount of time to the Assembly. —Religious News Service.

## FRIENDSHIP

An educated mind is a valuable asset, but an educated heart is more valuable still. For it is the heart rather than the mind that wins and keeps friends. —Edith Johnson, Portland Oregonian.

## A Smile or Two

It was little Jane's first visit to the coast. The night was warm, the window was open, and the insect noises were strange.

"Mummy," whimpered Jane, "it's so hot here. And everything buzzes, and I'm afraid."

"Don't be afraid, Janie," comforted her mother. "Remember the angels are watching over you. They are there with you." There was a pause, and then the whimper changed to a loud wail.

"Mummy!" cried Jane. "One of the angels just bit me!"—Mabel Curole, Times-Picayune, New Orleans States Magazine.

If people aren't meek they inherit the earth, they will be before they get the wage paid off.—Arcadia (Wisconsin) Leader.

Husband: "Are you ready yet, dear?"

Wife: "Honey, I wish you would stop getting me. I told you an hour ago I was ready in a few minutes."—Wesley News

Anybody could get rich if he could find the exact moment a piece of junk becomes antique.—R & R Magazine, Ins. Research Review Service.

Once a year the newsboys of a certain district of London are taken for an outing on the Thames by a gentleman of the neighborhood, where they can bathe to their heart's content.

As one little boy was getting into the car, a friend observed: "I say, Bill, ain't you dirty!"

"Yes," replied Bill. "I missed the car last year."—Vancouver Province.

The new maid had worked on the coast and consequently felt herself a cut above the other servants. One day she was told some of her experiences.

"How do the foreign dishes compare with English ones?" asked the cook.

"Oh," replied the maid airily, "they're just the same."

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It is not the arithmetic of our prayers, that is, how many. It is not the rhetoric of our prayers—how eloquent. It is not the length of our prayers—how long. It is not the music of our prayers—how augmented. It is not the method of our prayers—how orderly. But how fervent and how beloved are our prayers? —Bishop Hall.

## FAITH AND WORKS

An old Scotchman operated a small boat for transporting passengers. One day a patron noticed that he had carved on the oar the word "Faith" and the other oar the word "Works". Curiosity led him to ask the meaning of this.

The old man said, "I will show you." He dropped one oar and plied the other with "Works", and they just went around in circles. Then he dropped that oar and plied the one called "Faith", and they again went around in circles.

After this demonstration, the old man picked up both "Faith" and "Works" and plying them together, sped swiftly over the water, explaining to inquiring passenger, "see, that is the way it is in the Christian life." —Canadian Churchman.



# Shall Churches Concern Themselves With Society's Problems?

## A Message You Should Not Read Unless You Can Face Self-Criticism

By DR. WILLIAM WARD AYER, Pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church, New York City -  
In The Moody Monthly

Should the professing churches make their influence felt in world life? Do our marching orders shut us up to simple evangelization, or should the Christian churches, through their leaders, defend the truth of God against all error in every department of our national life? I think it should and must.

A life-and-death struggle is going on in the world today, and the churches cannot, like the priest and the Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan, "pass by on the other side" in indifference. In many places multitudes of people have fallen among thieves, been severely beaten by prevailing conditions, and left near dead.

Shall we merely sing pious hymns and thank God that we are not as other men, and let the world worry about its own problems? Drunkenness, juvenile delinquency, gambling, and racial intolerance are rampant among us. Shall we be satisfied with the ivory-tower seclusion of our Gothic and stained-glass cathedrals where, presumably, "God is found in the silences," and where we may easily forget the outer turmoil and strife that needs the "salt of the earth" as a preservative for society?

We must prayerfully consider Biblical guidance in all that we do. For we must not lunge off the deep end in an emasculated "social gospel" program. The churches must decide how far they can profitably go in facing society's problems.

The familiar parable of the Good Samaritan should help us. We have known the story from childhood, but perhaps we have not analyzed it to discover how stern and searching is its teaching. Most sermons make only a symbol of it.

We have been told repeatedly that the Jericho road symbolizes the way of sinful, worldly living, and that the thieves represent sin: drunkenness, gambling, and whatever else we may think of.

The narrative is a simple one, but some expositors have complicated its meaning by wide use of allegory. Preachers have insisted that Priest and Levite are the modernist and ritualistic religionist and that the Good Samaritan is Jesus, the Savior. We can see the Christlikeness of the men, and as an allegory it is a splendid illustration of Gospel truth; but certainly Jesus had something more immediate in mind.

We don't need passages like this for evangelistic sermons; the Word of God is full of evangelistic material. Christ gave this parable that the children of God might diligently search their hearts and check their conduct.

Jesus is here teaching neighborliness, an important tenet of any creed for Christian living. It is surprising that Jesus turned the lawyer's spiritual question, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" into a social discussion, with a racial angle. The man was thinking about heaven, and Jesus brought him back to earth with this lesson on neighborliness, saying, "Go thou, and do likewise." This introduces our theme.

## Shall the Churches Be At All Social Minded?

Two unfortunate attitudes toward society and its problems are often taken by religious people. The first pays no attention to needed regeneration, but emphasizes only moral reform and social service. The second is so completely "other-worldly" that it is utterly oblivious to earthly conditions.

The group that overemphasizes moral reform dotes on this parable. Those who dislike the churches, their ministry, and their programs, love to call attention to the fact that the villains are the priest and the Levite. They argue that all religious leaders are similarly hypocrits.

These are the people who are ever calling for a creedless religion without theology, without a church, a priesthood, a sacrifice, or anything but nebulous philosophy and the practice of human kindness. They say:

"I have no creeds:

They but confuse the mind,

For all the creed this old world needs

Is that of being kind."

There is this much truth in the quatrain: kindness is a much-needed virtue for modern-day living. But kindness is always relative. What may be kindness to one level of life would not be kindness to another.

Man's chief need is God. Man's unique privilege is to know God through our Lord, Jesus Christ, and to be saved for time and eternity. While it is hypocrisy to refuse a man clothing and food when he is in need and, at the same time think you can minister to his soul, it is infinitely more tragic to minister to his body and mind and then deliberately or carelessly neglect the fact that he may be brought into contact and fellowship with the true and living God and be made His child.

Isolationist orthodoxy might well remember that most of the teachings of Jesus put social responsibility upon His followers. It is encouraging to note that many fundamentalist leaders are discovering this anew.

Our Lord promised blessing for such simple humanitarian acts as giving a cup of cold water in His name. He spoke of visiting people in prison. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." He never divorced creed from conduct, nor worldly duties from heavenly aspirations.

The church that has shown this human kindness has always ingratiated itself with the people of the world. The Salvation Army and the Roman Catholic Church have made much headway in recent years. Each has won its way with deeds of human kindness and social service. The medical missionary on the foreign fields finds that alleviating suffering opens hearts and homes of pagan people to the gospel.

Yes, we need neighborliness. Jesus condemned its lack in the religious leaders of His day.

The Levite represents the religious layman. All priests were Levites, but not all Levites were priests. Levites belonged to a special religious group closely related to the priesthood. This Levite stopped and looked and passed on. Like many laymen in the presence of serious social problems, he shirked his responsibility, or assumed that nothing could be done about such a bad situation.

There is vastly too much of this attitude among conservative Christians today. It has a tendency to weaken the "love life" of the Christian. Many of us should be shamed by our lovelessness. There has been too much divorcing holiness from charity, and religion from morality, in recent years. The challenge of the parable is that a despised, non-religionist should be the one to show true concern for the unfortunate man.

The Samaritan had love for his fellow man and genuine heart compassion. He took the man to an inn and actually spent some money on a fellow whom he did not know, but for whom he felt responsible.

## With What, In All the Social and International Chaos, Shall the Churches Deal?

The social task looks so hopeless at times we scarcely know where to start. What can the churches do against the liquor trust? Liquor has such a large place in press and radio advertising, and people are so indifferent to temperance. Yet the churches once ran liquor out of open public life, and a generation grew up that knew little about drunkenness.

If we had a Frances Willard today, we would do something about it. If we had another Billy Sunday to go up and down the land fighting it fearlessly, we would find towns after towns drying up and whole states outlawing drunk. If we had a William Jennings Bryan, who dared to stand in the political arena against the damning liquor traffic, we would see something done in high places. The churches can still do something about this unprecedented evil.

What can we do about juvenile delinquency? Christians are the only ones who can do anything permanent. The Sunday School and its teaching is the best antidote. Christian homes will prevent it. We can preach the gospel to children and young people, then give them the moral teaching of the Bible. The churches must face this problem or miserably shirk their duty.

What can be done about the international situation? Here is a harder problem. It is not easy for the ordinary Christian to know what is best in international affairs. He must realize that political leaders often do the smart thing rather than the right thing. He can therefore bring his moral influence to bear and demand decency and righteousness. If churches are to exist in the world, they cannot draw their skirts of self-righteousness and self-satisfaction about them, sit down amid the debris of a destroyed civilization and expect to be a true representative of the living Lord.

Church leaders should stand together and protest the godlessness of the day in national and international affairs. The churches in America must rise in their might and protest, with all the vigor and virility they can muster, a materialistic, humanistic and atheistic view of life, which, if it becomes general, will be as destructive to American institutions and ideals as the atomic bomb would be to her cities.

## Churches Must Take Correct Attitudes

Our churches must assume certain attitudes toward the problems of society. These



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are pre-requisite and basal in order that we may face them squarely. I mention three:

First, we must recognize that Society's supreme need is Christ's salvation. Our primary task is to take the Gospel of life, and transforming power through the shed blood of Christ, to a lost world.

Second, we must give ourselves more fully to "doing good" without barrier of race or creed. As much as lies in us, we must do good to all men, especially those of the household of faith.

Third, we must not limit ourselves to personal convenience. Something of the old-time spirit of "laying ourselves out for the cause" must come upon us. We have become lethargic in our Christian living today. We don't want to be troubled. We shun personal responsibility and shun it off on institutions.

### Shall We Be Concerned With Society's Problems?

Shall the churches concern themselves with society's problems? I think they should. I believe they must, if they are to be faithful to Christ and do the full work of the gospel.

An appalling impotence has crept over the evangelical churches in America. We have blamed the condition on Modernism, and certainly the denial of the faith in many churches is responsible for pathetic powerlessness.

But orthodox Fundamentalism has something to answer for, and stern accusation is being brought against us in many quarters. We are accused of being negative in our message. We are told that in an hour of world crisis we are preaching a detached Gospel and an innocuous program that has no interest in the crying social problems of war, race, class, liquor, imperialism, crime, and juvenile delinquency.

Is it true that we are standing aloof while the world bleeds? Can we be rightfully accused of indifference to human suffering while other institutions are rolling up their sleeves to tackle the things that threaten the very existence of truth and righteousness?

Many godly, conservative Christians are waking up to the fact that the churches are often "passing by on the other side." We need to rethink carefully our attitudes and obligations. We need to study anew the parable of the Good Samaritan to learn how much Jesus thought of genuine neighborliness, and how much it might contribute toward the establishment of the kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

## Recipe For Rest

When at night you sleepless lie,  
And the weary hours drag by—  
Lift your thoughts to God above,  
Bending down to you in love.  
Feel his presence by your bed—  
His soft touch upon your head.  
Let your last thought be a prayer,  
As you nestle in his care;  
Ask him all your ways to keep,  
Then—why then—drop off to sleep—

—Unknown.

## European Baptist Union Is Launched In England

LONDON — (BP via cable) — European Baptists, rehabilitating and reorganizing in the wake of the world's greatest war, have formed a European Baptist Union.

The new Union, representing Baptists in 25 nations, has a total membership of 651,337, excluding Russia from which no accurate figures are available. Estimates place the number of Russian Baptists at between 2,000,000 and 4,000,000.

Organized after the pattern of the Southern Baptist Convention, the various national Baptists Unions compare with the State Conventions.

The Union was launched at a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee here, at which 19 countries were represented. The European Union will be independent of the Alliance, excepting as Baptist bodies co-operate with the world group.

Also organized was a European Baptist Women's Union, stimulated by a re-created women's committee of the Alliance.

### Relief and Rehabilitation

Reports reaching the Alliance indicated that relief will be needed by Europeans desperately this coming winter, but that the needs are expected to diminish thereafter.

The Alliance group, in compliance with the recommendation of Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, chairman of its relief committee, made plans for relief this winter to countries behind the Iron Curtain, including Poland, Hungary, and the Balkans, with Germany and Austria slated as main recipients. Relief materials will be distributed through Baptist channels.

Emphasis was given to reconstruction of seminaries on the Continent. Southern Baptists have been asked to build a Seminary at Geneva or Zurich to be used as a graduate school for all European Baptists.

Considering displaced persons, American Baptists were asked to receive and relocate an estimated 3,000 Baptists coming to the United States under the recently adopted displaced persons legislation.

### Way Cleared for Mission

The way was cleared for more widespread and helpful mission work throughout the European continent, when mission executives voted abandonment of the old mandate system.

Whereas the old system provided the assignment of certain nations as the exclusive responsibility of certain mission boards, the new plan favors co-operation between the European national convention and mission boards. This opens the way for Southern Baptists to work in Germany, which had not been mandated, if German Baptists desire assistance.

Adopting a report of the evangelism committee, the group declared that "evangelism is the primary business of the Baptist World Alliance."

### Next Meeting in U. S.

Next meeting of the Baptist World Congress will be held at Cleveland in 1950, but the exact dates have not yet been determined.

A delegation consisting of Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, president, and Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn of Washington, secretary of the Alliance, was sent to Spain to make a plea for religious liberty in that country.

Plans were made for a world Baptist youth

## The Empty Sky

By CHARLES A. WELLS

In the great decrease of spiritual value our world today we have incurred devastating loss. Because men no longer conformed to moral and spiritual laws of primary significance, they have been seeking leadership in terms of political and economic values. We have had political leaders that were cunning strategists, clever organizers, dramatic personalities; we have economists that can ably defend our much beloved way of life. But the issues involved in the world today, clamored in the field of politics and economics devoted just to our accepted patterns, going to prove woefully inadequate.

The world is drifting into an era where political forms will disintegrate and all economic patterns will fail unless we can find leadership that can put moral law above party loyalty, and world-wide justice and Christian sharing above economic nationalism. Millions of little people feel this need deeply and watch the skyline for great moral leadership to appear. God grant that the empty sky be filled.

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## The Escape From Worry

In contemplating the disposition of many persons to worry inordinarily, Edward Everett Hale once made this philosophical observation: "Never bear more than one trouble at the time. Some people bear three kinds of troubles they have ever had, all they have now, all they expect to have."

So general is the disposition to worry, it is wise to go into the matter at times by logical processes, if possible, learn a great lesson that much mental distress can be avoided if there is present the will to avoid it.

But the best escape from worry is not found in human logic or in philosophy. The great avenue of escape is found in faith—the faith that enabled Paul to say, in the midst of his varying troubles, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

Suppose we consider for a moment all the accomplishments of worry. Suppose we estimate all the centuries that have been spent in anxious wretchedness, and one will find that the contribution worry has made to the world's good amounts to exactly nothing. And you cannot expect your worry to be any more, for the world's expert worriers have worked constantly at the task and failed.

There is a story we heard years ago which helps at this point. The story is that Jake was moaning and groaning in his bed one night and his wife said, "Jake—what's the matter?" Jake told her he owed his neighbor Morris a hundred dollars and he had to pay it in the morning. But he didn't have it and he was so worried he couldn't sleep.

So Jake's wife raised the window and called across the yard: "Morris! Morris! Wake up—wake up—and Morris came to the window rubbing his eyes sleepily. "What is it? What's the matter?" Jake's wife called back: "I just want to tell you Jake can't pay you that hundred dollars tomorrow. He ain't got it! Then she turned the window, turned to her husband, said: "Go to sleep, Jake. Now let Morris worry."

—The Alabama Baptist

congress at Stockholm in 1949. Arrangements are directed by Dr. Frank H. Leavell of Nashville and Dr. T. G. Dunning of London, chairman of the Alliance youth committee.



## In A Butterfly's Wing

I returned from the war terribly wounded in body and soul. I had gone overseas a perfect specimen of humanity; I came back shattered, blinded, and with my faith in God and humanity gone. Long months I lay in a military hospital. My painful wounds healed slowly. But they told me I should probably never see again. And during those months the darkness in my soul became more profound than the blackness that shrouded my eyes. Once upon a time—centuries, ago, it seemed—I had seen birds flashing like winged rainbows among laughing trees. I had spent delightful hours of peace among a profusion of flowers. During the bitter months in the hospital I tried to recall those memories. It was useless.

I who once had lived for beauty could not even remember what beauty was. Millions of men and boys, as I, had been brought into a carnival of pain and blood and death. My bitterness grew until it absorbed every waking moment. Whenever a visiting minister spoke of God in the ward, I laughed like an insane man.

Then came a day when the doctors told me I would be able to see a little. They took the bandages from my eyes. A light-shot fog was all I saw. "You will be able to see things within a foot of your eyes," they told me, "but anything beyond that will be nothing but a blur."

To be so close to beauty, to the colors of the flowers, to the silver of the stars, the calm blue of the summer sky, and not be able to see it all was more than I could bear! My heart foamed with malice.

A strange woman came to visit me one day. She spoke of the good in the world, and the power of will. I swore at her. "Can there be any good? Can there be any power to give back to me my garden of flowers?" I demanded.

"Yes," she said, so quietly assured that my anger turned into speechless astonishment. "Yes, you will get back your flowers — or something better," she continued. "Your intense longing is a power. Somehow, somewhere you will once more live among the beauties that your soul craves."

Unaccountably, my bitterness grew less. Despite myself, I found the hours filled with ever groping hope and expectancy. A few weeks later, I had my garden.

It all happened one day while I was idling in the hospital laboratory. I happened to glance into one of the large microscopes. I was struck spellbound. I could see the crystal-like substance on the slide as clearly as I had ever seen anything in my life! Half sobbing, and shaking with excitement, I stumbled into the ward and snatched a flower from the vase. With trembling fingers I pushed a rose petal under the lens, and put my eye to the eyepiece. And then it all dimmed for the tears. That petal, veined and velvety red, was a thing of glory! For days I was like a youngster who has found his mother after being lost.

Under the microscope one day I placed the wing of an ordinary sulphur butterfly. And I found my flower garden! The wonders that met my gaze were more startling than I can describe. The "dust" of the butterfly's wings was a dazzling symphony of color. The "dust" proved to be tiny scales, arranged in patterns of astonishing beauty. Reds, browns,

## Helping The Lazy

Not long ago, I attended a conference of leaders of a certain church organization at which a project that called for much work was introduced. The work was of routine nature that required a considerable amount of time. Name after name was suggested, and each time an excuse was offered. Finally one person volunteered to do all the work himself.

But in spite of his kind offer, the leader would not permit him to do the work. This wise leader said, "It is as much a part of our Christian duty to keep after the lazy to try to induce them to help, as it is to do anything else. It is nerve racking, but we cannot shirk our duty." This was an entirely new thought to some of them, and they immediately caught the leader's spirit. Many lagging ones were enlisted and the result was much better than if a few had done it all.

Nothing is so detrimental to good work in

yellow, grays, oranges, greens—all blended into each other with the utmost perfection. Solid colors drifted into tints and pastel shades.

Beauty out of ugliness. Calm out of storm. Out of darkness I was transplanted into light. Out of bitterness I was brought into sweetness. I made a business of collecting butterflies and moths. With God's help I made that business successful. I owe no man anything. In the wings of my butterflies I have my garden of flowers. And in the angel that came to the hospital to show me the way back to light and life, I have the most blessed of all earthly things—a Godly wife!

—Along the Way, adapted from Good Business.

any organization as for a few to shoulder all the burden. It may develop a high degree of efficiency in the few, but it should be a help to all.

It takes a world of patience to deal with people who cheerfully promise and often fail. It is something like the mother in the home who longs to take the bungled task from the childish hands and finish it herself with a few swift strokes, but she does not. The child must be trained. So it is with leadership in any field. A true leader is one who not merely gets the task completed, but who inspires others to want to help.

Some people choose to overlook the fact that God is pleased when we work, and that He commands us to work. Much is said about our duty on the Sabbath, and rightly so; but far too little has been said about our obligation to perform service during the other six days. Ask someone what the Fourth Commandment is about and he probably will say "It is about keeping the Sabbath." So it is, but it is also about work during week days. "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work . . ." Exodus 20:9. The commandment requires both work and rest at appropriate times. We need to learn to consider work, an honest activity, as a dignified and valuable service to God, the church, and the community.

So don't shoulder all the burden yourself because you can do it well. Help others to share in the work and in so doing you will be helping them yourself, and the entire church program.

—The Baptist Record.

## Percentage of Operating Cost

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947

	Amount	Percentage Of Total Operating Cost
<b>1. Administrative Expense:</b>		
Expenses of Richmond office, including salaries, traveling expenses, stationery, postage and other miscellaneous expenses. . . . .	\$ 91,509.56	2.43%
<b>2. Promotion Expense, Home Cultivation:</b>		
Including salaries and expenses of Field Secretaries, Deputation work of missionaries on furlough, publicity through denominational papers, The Commission, Audio-Visual Education; also, the amount recalled by the Woman's Missionary Union, \$32,000, from its contribution to the Foreign Mission Board through the Co-operative Program . . . . .	119,144.74	3.17%
<b>3. General Expense:</b>		
Cost of Board meeting, investment expenses—agents' fees, and other miscellaneous expenses . . . . .	31,411.08	.84%
<b>4. Miscellaneous Expense:</b>		
Representing sundry special expenses incurred which do not properly belong under any of the above classifications. . . . .	23,963.94	.64%
<b>5. Foreign Fields:</b>		
Including salaries of missionaries, cost of language study of new missionaries, furlough travel, support of native work, maintenance of schools and hospitals, operation of publishing houses, and other miscellaneous expenses . . . . .	\$3,491,032.56	92.92%
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>\$3,757,061.88</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

## New South-Wide Secretaries



Miss Alma Hunt



Miss Margaret Bruce

Miss Alma Hunt, Roanoke, Virginia, was unanimously elected executive secretary of Southern W. M. U. in Memphis last May. Since the fall of 1944 Miss Hunt had served as Dean of Women at Williams Jewel College in Liberty, Missouri.

Miss Margaret Bruce, Tennessee, for fourteen years Young People's Secretary in her native state, is the new Young People's Secretary for the South. We pledge our love, loyalty, and full co-operation to these gifted and consecrated young women.

They will assume their respective duties on October 1.

## Christians in Europe and Asia Need Your Help Now

The Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis authorized a special relief emphasis to be conducted throughout the Convention during September and October to collect clothing, bedding, shoes, food, and money with which to pay operating expenses of the Relief Center and overseas shipping charges on clothing collected. The Relief Center will continue to receive and ship clothing as long as the need exists after the September and October emphasis is over.

Now is the time to make regular shipments to New Orleans of these items:

**Used clothing of all kinds,** summer and winter garments;

**Shoes,** all types, all styles;

**Kitchen Utensils,** pots, pans, knives, and forks;

**Household Items,** bar soap, thread, needles, candles, and dishtowels;

**Foods and Fats,** dry milk, canned meat, bulk quantities of beans, rice, and other foods;

**Children's Items,** layettes, school supplies, pencils, and writing paper;

**Money is Needed,** food, vitamins, medicines can be purchased most economically in bulk quantities. Cash is also needed to pay overseas transportation

on contributed supplies. Send money through your church, designated for World Relief to Dr. B. L. Bridges, 200 Baptist Bldg., and it will be forwarded for this purpose;

**Seeds of all kinds,** vegetables and grains are desperately needed and may be sent by way of parcel post, the packages not to weigh more than 40 to 50 pounds, and the combined width, length, and depth not to exceed 100 inches. Gummed labels, addressed for mailing seeds will be furnished upon request from R. Paul Caudill, First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Set up a permanent Relief Committee in your church. Solicit shoe repair shops, laundries, boarding houses, Y. M. C. A.'s, Y. W. C. A.'s, Hospitals for unclaimed goods. Ask Department Stores for "marked out of stock" items.

Gifts should not be designated for a particular country because of the policy of the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board is to send relief goods overseas in bulk quantities to Baptist consignees for distribution where most needed.

Use Duffle bags, free upon request from the Relief Center, or pack in strong cardboard boxes. Shipping labels may also be had

## The Ministry of Books

By WILLIAM J. FALLIS

Because books are a medium for transmitting truth, perhaps we can compare them to certain means for transmitting light. Whether a book is fiction or non-fiction, its author has made an attempt to show some truth as he understands it and would have others understand it. Some books are windows; others are mirrors; still others are prisms, reflectors, or magnifiers.

### Books As Windows

In *Books As Windows*, Mrs. May Lambertson Becker tells the story of a woman searching for an apartment in a large city. She found two of which she could take her choice. The rooms of one were large, but through the windows one could see only the other side of a narrow street. The rooms of the other were small and inconvenient, but through the windows one could look over the treetops and rooftops to the blue sea beyond. Choosing the latter, she said, "The other has more room for the furniture, but this has more room for me. No room can be really crowded if it has a window with a view."

### Books As Mirrors

Books can be windows, but they can also be mirrors. We can find ourselves reflected in their pages. They are especially good in pointing out our foibles and weaknesses. No one can read *Lewis' Screw-tape Letters* without being somewhat embarrassed by the memory of his own experience with the temptations described.

The potentiality of personality is a gift of God, but the development of that personality depends upon many things. The type of personality is not inherited; it is learned. Those books which help us understand ourselves act as mirrors in which we can see ourselves as others see us.

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### Books As Prisms

Books are prisms, and through them the true light of God shines according to the shape, quality, material, and other characteristics of the prism. They attempt to "rightly divide the word of truth." But every author has to write according to his own understanding and the purpose he has in mind. For example, three of my books attempt to draw a pen portrait of the Master: *The Character of Jesus* by Jefferson, *Jesus Christ* by Carroll, and *The Story of Jesus* by Carroll. Each book deals with the same Person, but each has its own distinguishing characteristics and inherent values.

### Books As Focused Reflectors

Some books there must be an appeal to our emotions, to our driving power. I think of them as focused reflectors, such as an automobile headlight. Its tiny lens would not be enough to light a small room for any useful purpose, but located as it is at the focus of a reflector, all of its rays are trained upon a spot hundreds of feet ahead of the automobile.

Books are like that; they are at least some of them—constructed to hold some eternal truth in focus so that all its rays may be directed toward some particular purpose. As they reflect the light of this truth, we are warmed and illuminated in the interest of truth.

### Books As Magnifiers

No watch repair man would dare dismantle the modern watch without the services of a magnifier. This little bit of glass can reveal to him the relative size, and shape of the obscure. Without it wheels, springs, and screws would exist almost as another world.

Books are like that; they help themselves to the task of revealing the obscure.

### Books As Stained Glass Windows

But some books do not attempt to teach us or inspire us. They are intended to give us relaxation and opportunity of renewal. This type of book is like a stained glass window. Through it the brilliant light comes pouring in, but clear and white; the pigment of the window has absorbed only colors and let through only colors which correspond to glass. Some windows then are stained in color, inviting the individual to meditate and worship. Others are gay and brilliant, drawing him to partake of their message. There is a place for this book in the life of the growing Christian.



# Religious Education

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## Figures To Inspire

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	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	983	282	2
Including Missions	1204	459	4
Ft. Smith, First	911	294	
El Dorado, First	715	172	3
N. Little Rock, Baring			
Cross	622	257	1
Including Mission	674	280	
Hot Springs, Second	617	176	3
Paragould, First	567	222	
El Dorado, Second	515	200	3
Magnolia, Central	496	125	
Including Mission	541		
Little Rock, Tabernacle	487	142	2
Camden, First	467	107	2
Including Mission	638	229	
Benton, First	463	82	
Fayetteville, First	458	129	
Including Mission	508	154	
McGehee, First	424	113	1
Including Mission	496		
Hope, First	422	74	
Little Rock, Gaines St.	414	305	6
Little Rock, South			
Highland	403	125	21
Hot Springs, Park			
Place	366	112	2
Malvern, First	362	60	
Including Mission	400		
Fordyce, First	346	145	2
Hot Springs, Central	342	122	1
Including Mission	403		
Ft. Smith, Calvary	339	67	
Rogers, First	338	99	2
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	337	85	1
Paris, First	335	141	
Warren, First	333	76	
Siloam Springs, First	323	165	
Hot Springs, First	302	60	1
Springdale, First	287	170	
Including Mission	402		
Conway, First	287		
Stuttgart, First	282	131	1
Stamps, First	280	137	2
Cullendale	270	115	3
El Dorado, West Side	262	81	
Gentry	260	105	1
Harrison, First	255	112	
Including Mission	350	137	
Hamburg, First	251	146	
Smackover, First	241	90	1
Mena, First	235	74	1
Including Mission	307	106	
Pine Bluff, Second	223	88	1
Dumas, First	219	111	1
Including Mission	280		
Monticello, First	218	42	2
Texarkana, Calvary	209	65	
Elaine, First	196	115	18
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	196	81	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	190	84	
Monticello, North Side	181		2
Monticello, Second	178	105	1
DeWitt, First	172	59	
Pine Bluff			
Matthews Memorial	113	93	
El Dorado, Parkview	94	56	
South Texarkana	84	93	2
Douglasville, Second	62	35	5

## Summer Student Work

**HAWAII**—Merlin Jennings, senior and B. S. U. president at Ouachita Baptist College, was one of twelve B. S. U.'ers to participate in summer missionary work in Hawaii. The group, under the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Westmoreland, Houston, Texas, spent the summer in Vacation Bible School work in the Islands.

**CALIFORNIA**—Miss Julia Miller, El Dorado, and Miss Louise Hendricks, Imboden, Arkansas, were among the 20 who did missionary work under the leadership of Dr. A. F. Crittendon, Executive Secretary of Baptist work in California.

**ARKANSAS** — Thirty Baptist students under the leadership of State Training Union Director, Ralph W. Davis, have spent the summer doing Training Union enlargement campaign work in rural churches.

**IN THE HOME CHURCHES**—Hundreds have served as Sunday School teachers and officers and Training Union leaders and officers; have counselled Royal Ambassador Chapters and Girl Auxiliaries, taught study courses, worked in Vacation Bible Schools, and Youth Revivals.

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### B. S. U. Activities

Reports and estimations indicate that the following number of students are participating in church centered activities in the college centers of Arkansas:

Ouachita	550
University of Arkansas	350
Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge	175
College of Ozarks	50
Arkansas Tech	100
State Teachers, Conway	150
Arkansas College, Batesville	45
Fort Smith Junior College and Business College	75
Magnolia A. & M.	60
Monticello A. & M.	60
Arkansas State, Jonesboro	110
Baptist Hospital	70
Henderson State	45
Harding College, Searcy	*25
Hendrix College	*20
Little Rock Junior College and Business College	*115

TOTAL 2,000

(\* Figures are estimates.

B. S. U. activities on the campus reach about 1,000 additional students, making a total of 3,000 participating in all B. S. U. activities.

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and background for his task. Three degrees from college and seminary and an honorary degree in recognition of his achievements, together with much reading and study through the years, make him "primus inter pares," first among equals, of all the Arkansas fellowship to give the story of the denomination to the brotherhood.

I have not read the entire volume but have dipped into it enough to see that the information about Arkansas Baptists is encyclopedic while it includes a great deal about Baptist history and affairs of general interest and value.

How many things and personalities it marches before my eyes that I have seen and known from childhood as well as much that I did not know.

Dr. Broadus used to say, "we never know anything until we know the history of it." Well, this is where the present generation may orient itself with the past and learn to appreciate those who have labored for the youth of today and of many tomorrows.

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By MRS. J. M. DAWSON

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Today even the most thoughtless must be concerned over the status of our American homes. Our Christian land leads the world in the divorce evil. Sinister forces, changed conditions, modern gadgets alter the entire setup of the modern home. It is of small avail to bemoan the fact that the home no longer holds the primary interest for multitudes of families. It does not remedy the situation to say that "things are not as they used to be." Such doleful observations are in truth like a good old mother duck who for years has led her ducklings to a clear pond only to find one day that it has been drained and nothing is left but baked mud. She may persist in bringing her younglings down and flapping her wings, with anxious quacks trying to induce them into the pond. The ducklings with fresh young instincts hear far off to the drippings of another waterfall. They smell the chickweed and the long grass and set out for new environment. So we are well aware today that young people are finding their chief activities outside the home. To many these sweeping modern changes have been so gradual as not to be discernible.

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By T. D. McCULLOCH

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Make much of this opportunity to point them to the Baptist Student Union and the College Center churches. Give us this bit of help in enlisting them and we do our best to conserve them for future church and denominational leadership.

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### PRAYER AND WORRY

Prayer is an acknowledgment of faith; worry is a denial of faith. Prayer is putting my hand in God's trusting to His loving guidance; worry is withdrawing hand and denying His power to lead me. Prayer leads through the door of faith into the presence of God; worry leads through the door of anxiety into the darkness of loneliness and discouragement. If prayer rules the life, victory results.

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back to normal and again on solid foundations. A few years ago the Associated Press carried the touching story of a cloudburst in the mountains which in the night scooped out a deep ravine on the very hair-line edge of which perched a humble stanty. When the wild-eyed rescuers burst in they found a young mother placidly knitting, humming a lullaby as her foot rocked the cradle. She had not thought to look out the window, she explained.

The social upheavals, the industrial conditions, the craze of amusement, that have tilted our homes dangerously off center, are not always recognizable. They have taken place not in one night but through two or three generations. Our homes today stand perilously poised on the brink of a ravine dug out by a new regime that we have not somehow been able to cope with. As Christ's home keepers we might well ask the disciples' anxious question, "Is the Lord's will clear and sure as are God's eternal verities is the answer the only hope and safeguard is to hold fast to family worship where the children will be trained in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord. Family prayer binds hearts together, anchors faith and affords the only sure safety from temptation and the waste of sin.

—Baptist and Reflector



# I Am Opposed To Uniting With Federal Council of Churches

By J. CLYDE TURNER, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, North Carolina

1. Because its leadership is modernistic in its theology. Practically all of those who have served as presidents of the Council, and have taken an active part in molding its policies, are men who are on record as denying the inspiration of the Scriptures, the deity of Christ, His atonement, and resurrection.

2. Because it lays major emphasis on material welfare, instead of spiritual, in its program. Someone has said that the Federal Council seeks to feed and clothe the Prodigal Son, and take him out of the hog pen, instead of bringing him back to his father with penitent heart.

3. Because it looks to the breaking down of all denominational differences, and forming one great super church, as its goal. In the earlier years of its existence, the Council kept this goal in the background, but of

recent years has come out rather boldly in the declaration of its purpose. Baptists could never enter into such an organization without compromising some of their most cherished convictions.

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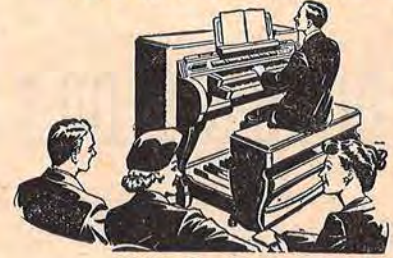
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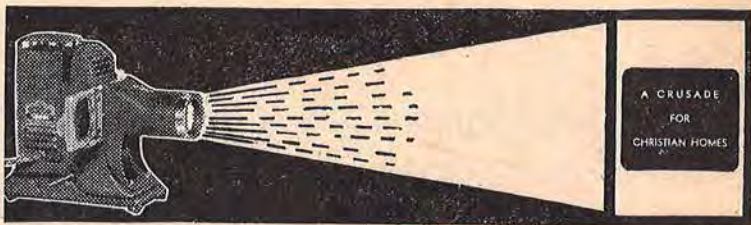
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## Associational Simultaneous Crusade

Now is the time for associations to decide whether or not they will have Simultaneous Crusades in 1949. Fifteen have already voted to do so. At least that many more should join in this great evangelistic movement.

What is an Associational Simultaneous Crusade? It is simply a plan to have a revival meeting in every church in the association at the same time. For many churches it may be an "extra" revival, as they will want to have another one sometime during the year.

The Simultaneous Crusade enables the entire association to launch a united evangelistic effort at the same time. The rural, town, and city churches all work together in a great spiritual awakening. The small church has just as great a part in the movement as the large church. Each profits by working with the other.

When such a crusade has been tried, the churches usually have as many professions of faith during the revival as they ordinarily have during the entire year.

The association should set the date and elect the general chairman and organizer as soon as possible.

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### Visit to Country Church and Mission

A few weeks ago it was the privilege of your Superintendent to visit the Caney Creek Church in Caroline Association. Brother E. Rawlings is pastor and greatly loved by the members. This was perhaps the first rural church in the state to call a pastor for full time, although for many years they have been carrying on a great program.

The occasion of the visit was to join in the opening service of the remodelled auditorium. Over \$4,000 had been spent in making it "a thing of beauty." A large crowd was present although it rained most of the day. A de-

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licious dinner was served in school house nearby. I preached in the afternoon vice and showed a movie film the evening hour.

This church has a fine pastor and wife, a great program, are making plans for an addition annex this fall.

Another visit the following that was also a thrill was made to the Calvary Mission which is sponsored by the Church, Mansfield. The occasion of this visit was to take part in the dedication of the building. The Mansfield Church, under leadership of Brother Karl Clendon, has put over \$2,000 this mission. "Our church never enjoyed anything more, they have this mission work declared.

This mission is several miles out in the country where there is no Baptist church. Brother Roy Hilton is serving as pastor and doing a grand job. He is a student in Ouachita College.

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### Displaced People of Europe

You know, of course, that 200,000 displaced people of Europe are to be brought to this country. But did you know that the Catholic Rural Life in this country has been in the ropes all the summer selecting Catholic people out of the camps to be brought here placed in the rural areas? following Associated Press item shows what is being done.

"The Reverend Joseph Gremillion, Alexandria, Louisiana, discussed plans with Pope Pius XII yesterday, for settling displaced sons in the United States.

"Father Gremillion, an official of the National Catholic Rural Life conference, and the prelates told the pontiff 110 United States dioceses are organized to receive the DP's under American law admitting 200,000 European war sufferers.

"They said the Pope has shown interest in the American report of their findings at the camps they have visited recently in Germany, Austria, and Italy.

"He then expressed pleasure they said, at the prospect substantial numbers of refugees will be helped and voiced that the United States and other countries will agree ultimately admit still more."

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# Aquila and Priscilla

By Mrs. ROLAND LEATH

## Sunday School Lesson

For September 5, 1948

Acts 18:1-3, 18-26; Romans 16:3-5A; I Corinthians 16:19; II Timothy 4:19

This week we study two characters instead of one; it is easy to understand why there are two here because, in this case, these characters are inseparable. One is rarely mentioned without the other. We find as we study the scriptures given on these two fine Christians that they made a most satisfactory partnership. Theirs was a marriage fully acceptable unto God for we find them in accord as they served Him by serving others, as they worked together and maintained a dedicated, hospitable home.

What an example is this home for our nation in this day of unfaithfulness, incompatibility, alarming divorce rates, and broken, bleeding hearts. All married people can serve the Lord and make home a heaven to themselves and a blessing to others, if the home of Aquila and Priscilla is the pattern.

Let us study three ways in which this couple honored God: by serving Paul, by serving Apollos, and by serving "the church that is in their house."

### Helpers With Paul

The great apostle Paul met coldness, pride, cultured idolatry, and intellectual smugness in the city of Athens on his second missionary tour. As a result of the meager opportunities in Athens there Paul did not waste his time there but journeyed 40 or 50 miles to Corinth. Disheartened and somewhat discouraged, Paul arrived in Corinth where God led him to warm and understanding friends who proved a great blessing to his life.

Paul found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, and his wife Priscilla. This Jewish couple bore Roman names, had lived in Rome, but had been expelled from that city by order of the Emperor Claudius. All Jews had been forced to leave Rome because of the tumult over the new movement of Christianity. This couple came to Corinth and, settling there, practiced their Christianity and their trade.

Whether Paul was attracted to them because they were all of the same trade or because they were all Christians or both is a matter of opinion. We do not know how he knew of them or what he learned first concerning them, but God definitely led him to them. They were tentmakers, even as Paul, and with them he found employment and a home. It was often necessary for Paul to labor with his hands as he pioneered for Christ. It seems that Aquila and Priscilla were successful in business, as indicated by the fact that they had a house large enough to accommodate many

people who assembled in their home for worship. This was true as they moved from one field of service to another.

These zealous Christians proved to be a great help to the apostle Paul. Their home was his home. Paul had foregone the privilege of a home for the sake of his Lord; these faithful, devoted friends gave him a home. Christians in our modern age are missing great blessings because they do not open their homes to the ministers of God's Word as the saints did in the generation just passed.

Paul lived in Corinth for nearly two years, working and witnessing with Aquila and Priscilla, and winning many to Christ. Then he moved to Ephesus; Aquila and Priscilla went with him. It was probably during this time, maybe in connection with the riot caused by the silversmiths, that these true friends risked their lives for him, (Romans 16:4). We are not told in detail of this but we know they were by his side in all these things. They established a home in Ephesus, worked and witnessed there, as Paul journeyed on to Jerusalem and Antioch, where he met Apollos.

### Instructors With Apollos

Here in Acts is a meager account of this new figure, Apollos, but it is one of great significance. There are several references to Apollos in I Corinthians from which we learn of his importance and his service with Paul. We also learn that he was a Jew born in Alexandria, that he was an eloquent speaker and well versed in the scripture, meaning the Old Testament. Apollos was a scholar of the great Jewish Alexandrian School. It will be remembered that the Old Testament had been translated into the famous Greek version, the Septuagint. This young man had been well trained,

carefully taught, and in addition to his knowledge he had the priceless talent of being forceful, fervent, convincing speaker.

Now, let us learn something else about Apollos; he was fervent in spirit and filled with boundless zeal as he spoke about Jesus. He had been taught by the disciples of John the Baptist and he believed that Jesus was the Anointed One of the Old Testament, and boldly proclaimed what he believed. But his knowledge was limited; many things concerning the Gospel of the grace of Christ he did not himself understand. The Lord had led this learned man from Alexandria to Ephesus that he might have contact with two persons who did know the faith.

Aquila and Priscilla heard Apollos and immediately they recognized his power, his gift, his usefulness, also, his need for instruction. They felt at once that he must be carefully and prayerfully shown the truths of their Christ in the order for him to render the great service of which he was capable.

"They took him unto them." That is, they became friends and drew him aside into their home, into the warm circle of their fellowship and talked with him," expounding unto him the way of God more perfectly." Many believe Priscilla, even more than her husband, was a great student of this way of God. Neither one of them was afraid of the scholarly eloquence of Apollos; they both were eager and anxious to set him right and entirely capable of their task. What a service rendered their Lord and the church as they imparted the truth to this man of powerful abilities.

We cannot help but add this word—Apollos did not resent their teaching; he was humble and willing to be taught, which was to his credit.

### Worshippers With Other Believers

In our reference from Romans we have the gratitude of Paul for

Aquila and Priscilla as he commends them to the church at Rome. He calls them "my helpers in Christ Jesus." What a privilege to labor side by side with worthy men of God who exalt, not self, but Christ. The friendship of this devoted couple for Paul was not hero worship or blind devotion but that which existed solely to honor Christ. Here Paul speaks of their willingness to lay down their lives for him and the churches were grateful for their ministry to Paul. In the other references we learn of the church in their house. They had given their home, graciously and willingly, to a group of believers in order for them to have a place of prayer and worship. The home of Priscilla and her husband was wholly dedicated to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The early Christians had no sanctuary such as stands today on the street corners and at the cross roads; they were dependent upon a house whose occupants would open the door. Aquila and Priscilla proved that they were sincere and true as they gave what they had that others might learn of their Lord and that they might honor His blessed name.

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## State Mission Day For Honor Debts

The Administration and Finance Committee and the Executive Board have voted that all our State Mission Day contributions October 24, should be applied to the Honor Fund in a special effort to complete the payments on the old debts.

We shall need approximately \$200,000. We can clean up these old debts this year if we devote our efforts to this task in a serious and earnest manner. A committee is now working on the task, and will contact all churches and Sunday Schools in an effort to get all the churches and Sunday Schools to make a large offering on that day.

Heretofore we have been applying this special contribution to the State Mission Fund, but this year it will go to the Honor Fund. The Chairman of the Missions Committee of the Executive Board was in the discussion when it was decided to make the change for this year, and all members of the Executive Board were polled and there were no negative votes.

Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood secretary, Mrs. C. H. Ray, W. M. U. secretary, and Ralph Davis, state secretary, constitute the committee. This is a part of our Centennial Program:

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## Woodell Available

Being reasonably assured of an appointment in the Navy as chaplain W. R. Woodell, pastor of the Wynne church, resigned effective August 30.

Due to lack of time required to process his application papers the age limit caught him as he was 35 years of age August 3.

Brother Woodell is a graduate of Southern Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, and during his pastorate at Wynne has done effective work.

There have been 159 additions to the church, and numerous visible improvements in the church as a result of his work during his three years and seven months as pastor.

He is a good preacher and is available for another church.

## Sample Budgets For Churches

### Fourth Time Country Church—

Weekly Budget	Per Wk.
S. S. and B. T. U. Literature .....	\$ 2.00
Arkansas Baptist paper .....	1.00
Insurance .....	3.00
Incidentals and Repairs .....	2.00
Janitor's salary .....	5.00
Pastor's salary .....	50.00
Ministers Retirement Plan .....	1.50
Associational Missions .....	5.00
Co-operative Program .....	10.00
<b>Total per week .....</b>	<b>\$79.50</b>

### Full Time Village Church

Weekly Budget	Per Wk.
Light and Fuel .....	\$ 2.00
S. S. and B. T. U. Literature .....	5.00
Arkansas Baptist paper .....	2.00
Pastor's Salary .....	50.00
Ministers Retirement Plan .....	1.50
Janitor's salary .....	5.00
Co-operative Program .....	25.00
Associational Missions .....	10.00
Insurance .....	2.00
Supplies and Repairs .....	5.00
<b>Total per week .....</b>	<b>\$107.50</b>

### Medium Size Church—

Weekly Budget	Per Wk.
Pastor's salary .....	\$ 60.00
Ministers Retirement Plan .....	1.80
Literature and Supplies .....	8.00
Arkansas Baptist paper .....	6.00
Insurance .....	5.00
Janitor Service .....	20.00
Utilities .....	3.50
W.M.U. and Auxiliary Organization .....	4.20
Associational Missions .....	8.00
Co-operative Program .....	50.00
Building and Repair .....	10.00
Miscellaneous .....	4.50
<b>Total per week .....</b>	<b>\$181.00</b>

### Larger Church—

Annual Budget	
Pastor's salary .....	\$ 5,000.00
Ministers Retirement Plan .....	120.00

Education Director .....	2,4
Secretary .....	1,2
Choir Director .....	4
Organist .....	2
Caretaker .....	9
Industrial Chairman .....	2
Nurse .....	1
Arkansas Baptist paper .....	6
Incidentals .....	2
Insurance and Taxes .....	4
D. V. B. S. .....	
S. S. and B. T. U. .....	1,0
W. M. U. .....	6
Utilities .....	1,0
Building and Repairs .....	7
Music .....	
Debt Retirement .....	6,0
Co-operative Program .....	7,2
Associational Missions .....	3
<b>Total per year .....</b>	<b>\$29,0</b>

### Largest Church—

Annual Budget	
Pastor's salary .....	\$ 10,0
Ministers Retirement Plan .....	4
Education Director .....	4,0
Secretary .....	2,4
Stenographer .....	2,4
Choir Director .....	3,0
Organist .....	2,0
Caretaker .....	1,8
Industrial Chairman .....	1,2
Nurse .....	3
Arkansas Baptist paper .....	2,4
Incidentals .....	1,5
Insurance and Taxes .....	1,2
D. V. B. S. .....	3
S. S. and B. T. U. .....	4,5
W. M. U. .....	1,0
Utilities .....	3,0
Building and Repairs .....	20,0
Music .....	2
Debt Retirement .....	15,0
Co-operative Program .....	40,0
Local and Associational Missions .....	4
Reserve .....	5,0
<b>Total Per year .....</b>	<b>\$122,0</b>