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Arkansas Baptist

newsmagazine

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Missions gifts reach new high

OUR total Cooperative Program receipts for 1962 was \$1,812,-086.99. This was \$53,336.99 over our budget. This sum was divided as follows, as previously voted by our Convention in November, 1961:

\$50,350.12 Ouachita College, Arkadelphia
\$ 2,786.87 Southern College, Walnut Ridge

The amount to Ouachita College was divided on a sixty-fourty basis. Sixty percent of that amount, or \$30,210.07 went to the Endowment Campaign Fund, and forty percent to the operating budget of the College.

A full report on the Ouachita College Endowment Fund will be made later, but all of our people will be interested to know that we received more than a sufficient amount to match the \$100,000 contribution of Birkett Williams.

World mission giving through the Cooperative Program reached an all-time high in the above figure this year. We received \$202,524.61 for the Cooperative Program in December, which represents an all-time high for one month.

Designated receipts for 1962 were as follows:

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Foreign Missions)	\$249,189.55
Annie Armstrong (Home Missions)	67,183.46
Dixie Jackson (State Missions)	39,077.58
Other Designations	69,610.45
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	\$425,061.04

Because of the blessing of our God and the generosity of the churches we have experienced our best year in mission giving.—
S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary



People and things

SOME matters aren't worth worrying about. Others are. The task of the Christian is to distinguish between the two.

Jesus can help us to recognize the former. He tells us not to be anxious about the physical comforts (Matt. 6:25-34). To be sure, he did not say that we shouldn't even think about them, although that seems to be the sense of the usual translation. "Take no thought" (*merimnao*) means literally "don't be split in two." The point is that mere things are unworthy of the degree of concern that divides and destroys our very personality.

Strangely enough, however, Paul used the very same word to speak approvingly of Timothy: "I have no man likeminded, who will naturally *care for your state*" (Philippians 2:20). What is the difference? What can we infer from Jesus' prohibition and from Paul's approval? Is it not this, that things are not worth worrying about but people are?

Of course, this conclusion depends in part on what you mean by worry. And, for a fact, there are extremes both of concern and the lack of it. But the principle is plain: *things* don't matter so much, but *people* do.

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Basic principles

BELIEVE it or not, Southern Baptists are near the bottom of the list in per capita giving. We have a record of giving among 48 leading denominations and Southern Baptists rank 42nd. The average church member of the 48 denominations gave \$66.76 through the church. The average Southern Baptist gave \$55.58.



DR. DOUGLAS

Frankly, there must be a vacuum in Baptist teaching and preaching or this could not happen. The Baptists are products of Baptist churches. What they believe and practice, in a large measure, depends upon the local Baptist church.

Somehow, we Baptists do not have convictions about giving which are based on the Bible. We give according to "whim and fancy" or when our emotions are aroused.

Giving according to the Bible pattern should be based on convictions. Therefore, there are some basic principles of stewardship development. We believe that the following principles adhered to will mean better stewardship in our churches:

1. Stewardship education and promotion should be Bible-centered and reflect our basic Baptist doctrine and theology.
2. Every church member should be provided adequate information about all phases of the church's budget and the denomination's cooperative world mission program.
3. Every church member should be given an opportunity to approve the annual budget.
4. The church budget should be based on the members' giving potential rather than solely what has been given in the past.
5. Every church member should be given an opportunity to give.
6. Church leadership should set the proper example as practicing Christian stewards of possession.
7. Stewardship development should be a year-round program with a special annual stewardship emphasis.
8. The budget of the church should reflect good stewardship with strong world missions emphasis.
9. The church should be the primary agency through which people express Christian stewardship.—
Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary.

Waldron deacon dies

JOHN T. Brashier, 95, for 50 years a deacon in First Church, Waldron, died Dec. 21. Mr. Brashier was born January 23, 1867 near Waldron and had lived in this vicinity all his life. Funeral services were held at First Church, with the pastor, Rev. Truman Spurgin, in charge.

On Dec. 12, 1884, Mr. Brashier and Miss Harriet Elrod were married, forming a union that was to last for almost 77 years. Mrs. Brashier died in October of 1961.

Mr. Brashier was baptized into the fellowship of the First Church, Waldron, on July 4, 1909, and since that time had been an interested and faithful member, curtailing his activities only as his failing strength forced it.

When the original part of the present church building was erected in 1917, Mr. Brashier was on the building committee. He is the last of those whose names appear on the cornerstone.

Survivors include: a son, Leonard, of Waldron; four daughters, Mrs. Emma Shadd, Biggs, Calif., Mrs. M. C. Walker, Waldron, Mrs. J. J. Faust, Tyler, Texas, and Mrs. W. G. Benton, Clarendon.

1962 receipts neared \$19 million

NASHVILLE (BP)—Cooperative Program receipts for activities of the Southern Baptist Convention reached \$18,917,476 during 1962.

This fell short of the 1962 goal of \$19,013,500 but was a gain of 6.79 percent over 1961 receipts. The increase of 1961 receipts over 1960 was only 1.35 percent, indicating that the dollar amount of the 1962 increase was over four times that of the 1961 increase.

Convention Treasurer Porter Routh analyzed the financial report this way:

"Southern Baptists are grateful for the growing confidence in the Cooperative Program as a channel for demonstrating missionary concern and compassion.

"The increase in Cooperative Program gifts for Southern Baptist Convention causes in 1962 represented an increase of 6.79 percent over 1961, compared with an increase of 1.35 percent in 1961 over 1960.

"We thank God for Southern Baptists who in their individual commitments, their church meetings, their state conventions, have provided the \$18,917,476 during 1962.

"We pledge to Southern Baptists for all of the agencies that care will be used in the expenditure of these resources to the end that more men might be brought to God through Jesus Christ."

The \$18.9 million in receipts meant that operating budgets of all SBC agencies, totaling \$13,938,500, were completely met. Since 1961 receipts also fell short of that year's goal, some capital needs could not be paid in 1961. These were finished out of the 1962 receipts.

The 1962 capital needs not able to be paid—amounting to \$894,384—will have priority after 1963 operating budgets of the agencies are met. Agencies got 82.3 percent of their 1962 capital needs.

The 1963 budget of \$19,792,500 includes \$14,217,500 for operations and \$5,575,000 for capital needs.

Designations to SBC agencies during 1962, including funds contributed during two missionary weeks of prayer, amounted to \$13,729,650. This was a gain of 11.41 percent over 1961.

The 1962 increase in Cooperative Program receipts was \$1,202,336. The increase in designations was \$1,405,893.

The 1962 contributions through both reached \$32,647,126.

Figures reported by the SBC treasurer do not include the approximately two-thirds of Cooperative Program gifts from the churches which are kept for state Baptist convention objectives. Neither does the sum include the total gifts to churches for local activities.

In every state Baptist convention, the designated gifts forwarded to the SBC were greater than during 1961. In only two state conventions—Arizona and the District of Columbia—was there a decline in Cooperative Program forwardings from 1961 to 1962.

Mrs. Wilmoth dies

MRS. Berniece Cato Wilmoth, 48, Rogers church leader and business woman, died Jan. 5, following a long illness.

Mrs. Wilmoth, who operated a beauty shop in Rogers, was an active member of First Church, where she was a leader of junior, intermediate, and young women's work, in Sunday School, for 15 years. She also was a leader in the Young Woman's Auxiliary, of the Woman's Missionary Union, and in the Extension department of Sunday School.

In 1961, Mrs. Wilmoth and her husband, Homer Wilmoth, were members of the Arkansas Evangelistic Crusade to Scotland and toured the Holy Land and Europe.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Wilmoth is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Martha Staggs, Livermore, Calif.; her mother, Mrs. Matilda Cato, Greenbrier; a sister, Mrs. Paul Matthews, Conway; and four brothers, Fred and Lou Cato, both of Indianapolis, Ind., Jack Cato, Walnut Ridge, and Bill Cato, Little Rock.

Funeral service was held Jan. 7, with burial in Benton County Memorial Gardens.

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The Governor and gambling

THE nipping in the bud of proposed pro-gambling measures in the current sessions of the Arkansas State Legislature, accomplished by Governor Faubus' forthright opposition, is one of the most refreshing bits of Arkansas news in many a day. The Governor prefaced his pledge to veto any pro-gambling legislation, announced to the press shortly before the 1963 Legislature was to open, with the candid opinion "that a substantial majority of the people . . . consider full-scale, organized casino gambling as intemperate and excessive, and its effects harmful." His action is in harmony with his membership and active participation in First Baptist Church, Little Rock, where he went again, as on previous inaugurations, for a special prayer service just ahead of beginning a new term as the state's chief executive.

In his rather lengthy statement on the gambling situation in Hot Springs, the Governor emphasized the difficulty of enforcing laws unless law enforcement officers have the support of the people. Laws, said the Governor, are made by those who are good to prevent corruption by evil ones, or evil in people. "If the time comes when people no longer desire to be good, all the laws and all the law enforcement efforts will be futile."

Governor Faubus "sounded like a preacher" as he took issue with two main arguments advanced for legal gambling—that local option would make it a local affair and that it would be a source of tax revenue.

"Does the end justify the means?" he asked. "In many, many cases the answer by society should be a resounding 'No.'" He pointed out that Garland County is not only a distinct area, but that it is also a part of Arkansas.

Commenting on the argument that gambling always has been practiced, the Governor said that if a matter is inherently evil, its long practice by some erring members of society does not justify the stamp of approval by society as a whole.

The responsibility of the home, the school and the church to "convert people to the truth," was pointed up by the Governor. If gambling is evil, he said, then "we must be taught the truth—that it is evil. This is a task for the homes, the schools, churches and all youth groups, he said. "When enough of our people are converted to the truth, organized gambling will no longer be a problem," he said.

The Governor paid tribute to the church as he declared that the churches have the chief responsibility for the prevention of evil, including gam-

bling. This is true, he said, because religion is the great keeper "of our collective conscience."

In the Governor's own appraisal, the people of Arkansas are not against all forms of gambling and would not vote to outlaw all gambling, such as bingo, raffles, drawings and determination by lot or the toss of a coin. He pointed out that the people of the state "have more than once refused to outlaw parimutuel betting at race tracks, which is considered a form of gambling."

This constructive leadership of Governor Faubus is as timely as it is commendable. The Christian forces of the state—both inside and outside the Legislature—should now take a deep breath and roll up their sleeves toward a renewed and realistic shouldering of the responsibility for the state's conscience on all moral matters.

42nd in giving

ARKANSAS Baptist State Convention churches came through with Cooperative Program gifts for 1962 that helped the Convention to go over its total budget by more than \$53,000. This, with steadily increased giving in recent years, reflects a growing awakening of Baptists of the state to the joys and opportunities of New Testament stewardship.

But, as Dr. Ralph Douglas, associate executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, points out in his column in this issue, Southern Baptists as a denomination still have a long way to go to catch up with other Christian bodies. It is anything but flattering to learn from the statistics quoted by Dr. Douglas that Southern Baptists ranked 42nd in giving, when compared with 47 other leading denominations, the average Southern Baptist giving \$55.58 in a year as compared with an average of \$66.76 for the members of the 48 denominations studied.

We agree with Dr. Douglas that "giving according to the Bible pattern should be based on convictions" rather than on "whim and fancy or only when our emotions are aroused."

THEREFORE we never cease to be confident. We know that so long as we are at home in the body we are exiles from the Lord; faith is our guide, we do not see him. We are confident, I repeat, and would rather leave our home in the body and go to live with the Lord. We therefore make it our ambition, wherever we are, here or there, to be acceptable to him. For we must all have our lives laid open before the tribunal of Christ, where each must receive what is due to him for his conduct in the body, good or bad (2 Cor. 5:6-10), The New English Bible.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

'What'm I bid?'

BACK in December I dropped in on a Rotary club in a city of the deep south to make up my Little Rock Rotary attendance and found the club holding its annual auction sale for the benefit of a Crippled Children's hospital. Although the club was fairly small, having a membership of about 60 or 70, the sale's goal for the day was \$2,000.



ERWIN L.

Various business firms of the city had cooperated, donating items to be auctioned. All of these, with one exception, had been packaged and gift-wrapped and were being auctioned as unknown quantities. The lone exception was a leather-bound Bible, King James Version, which had nothing but a red ribbon tied around it.

After the sale had been going on for some time and a number of packages—big ones and little ones—had been sold, always to the highest bidders, a preacher member of the club was called on to auction off the Bible.

"I'm not much of an auctioneer," the preacher said, "but you know what a good buy this book is. It'll do anybody good who'll read it. What am I bid?"

"Twenty dollars," someone hollered.

"Twenty dollars, who'll make it forty?" challenged the preacher.

"Forty!" chimed somebody.

"Forty dollars, what do I hear?" said the auctioneer. "Here's a book that combines both the old and the new, going for forty dollars!"

With coaxing, the preacher got the bid up to \$130, where it stood.

"\$130 once! \$130 twice! \$130 three times, and sold!" barked the auctioneer. And the high bidder turned out to be a Rotarian of the Jewish faith.

Paying for the Bible, the Hebrew chided the Christians: "The Old Testament is worth that much!"

I could not help wondering how the sale of that Bible would have gone if no one in that group had owned or had access already to the Bible. Or if the only place they could read the Scriptures had been from a copy chained in a church, as was the situation in Europe during the Middle Ages.

The Bible is the greatest book, or collection of books, in the world, we say. Yet, to many Americans, it is not worth the paper and the ink to print it. For

THE spelling and sentence structure in this department are those of the writers. The only editing of letters to the editor is the writing of headlines and, occasionally, deletion of parts that are not regarded as essential.

Hospital help needed

ON behalf of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Auxiliary, we are appealing to our Baptist women for help. You have demonstrated your concern and support for the hospital in the past and we feel sure that many of you would be interested in serving in the hospital as a Volunteer.

On January 23, 1963 our hospital and Auxiliary will sponsor an Orientation class for new Volunteers from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

There is a great need, within the hospital, for many women who have a little time to share with those who need their help. Perhaps, you would like to visit with the patients, helping them with their letters, errands or shopping; escort new patients to their rooms; assist at the information desk; work with our Librarian; refresh your typing skills; or a variety of other positions. They are all important and vital areas of service. Even two hours a week can mean so much - won't you consider?

Each applicant for Volunteer service must fill out an application and come to the hospital for a personal interview before being accepted for the Orientation class. If you are interested please contact the Volunteer Office right away.

This is your opportunity to truly be a missionary "on the field".—Mrs. Helen L. Reynolds, Director of Volunteers, Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock

Check and balance

FROM out here, let this be very clear. The convictions for both private and state schools of higher learning is a must. It is a check and balance to our Freedom. And, if any state employee, or state school representative, slaps both our cheeks—he is going to think our battle of Armageddon has struck him. Dr. Williams is too Great for us.—James J. Kelly, 140 Baldwin, Helena

they have neither the time nor the inclination to read it, let alone heed it.

"Thy word have I hid in my heart" [not on a shelf] the Psalmist cries.

How much is the Bible worth to you?

Erwin L. McDonald

The wrong emphasis?

E. G. STEINER's discussion of a "call for renewal" in the January 3 issue personifies my feelings exactly. In this area of the Southern Baptist Convention there is an unfortunate growth of emotional rebirths. Emphasis is placed upon joining the church instead of saving the soul.

It is quite true that accepting Christ as a personal saviour is an emotional experience, but the preacher or evangelist has no business using these emotions for an ulterior motive. I have attended several revivals in this area in which emotionalism was used. Each "sermon" contained little revelation of God's true purposes for our lives. These evangelists based their entire presentation upon emotionalism.

Almost every one of the evangelists to which I refer is from the Myrtle, Mississippi school. I realize that a few bad apples appear in every bushel, but when nine-tenths of them turn up bad, measures should be taken to prevent the disease's spreading. I have kept silent about this issue because I sincerely thought that SBC officials would take notice without prompting; evidently, they are too blind to see the dangers or have interests in said institution.

I thoroughly enjoy the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine and commend its work. Few like publications can match your dedication and Christian insight.—Bob Tolbert, Centenary College, Shreveport, La.

[REPLY: The school to which you refer is not an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention, and so SBC has no control over it whatsoever.—ELM]

Al Butler moves

I AM leaving Arkansas to begin work in the Myrtle Grove Baptist Church of Pensacola, Florida. To leave one's home state and the surroundings of Christian people is a difficult decision to make. The Lord's will is seldom easy but it is always right. In leaving I want to commend these folks for all they have done in the Kingdom:

(1) First Baptist Church of Bentonville for its genuine Christian spirit of cooperation and love shown to me and my family during these four years.

(2) Our leaders in the Arkansas Baptist Building for their unsurpassed devotion to the work of the Lord and for their guidance to the Christian people of this state.

(3) Arkansas Baptists in every church where I have preached and served for their fellowship and kindness shown to

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The new house and its problems

"It is probably much happier to live in a small house and have Warwick Castle to be astonished at, than to live in Warwick Castle and have nothing to be astonished at."—Ruskin

QUESTION: "We have a new home, but we are meeting some disappointments about the deal.

"The payments prohibit our having the furniture and furnishings we need to make it complete. This causes me some embarrassment when our friends drop by.

"Then we can't seem to manage to do our part of the entertaining in our set. Food prices and baby-sitter fees make it almost prohibitive.

"Actually it seems to me that my husband is becoming less communicative with our three children and me. I have creeping over me a sickening realization that we are not as happy now as we were before we moved into the new house.

"Will you consider our problem?"

ANSWER: It is always a joy to see young couples working toward owning a home of their own; putting down deep roots for real living.

As we consider your problem, will you cooperate in trying to pinpoint the real causes for your disappointments? This process may be somewhat uncomfortable for you; but it is an essential step.

You are to answer these questions within the privacy of your own mind and heart. Please try to be completely honest and objective in this survey of your own situation.

Have you talked with your husband about your inner misgivings? Does he feel this disappointment and concern, too? Have you approached your discussions in relaxed mood? Or is there an element of complaint, nagging, an overtone of accusation toward your husband?

Some young couples who have moved into new homes with severely limited furnishings make the do-without-period a lark. They kid about their brick-and-board bookshelves. They make a creative

venture of fashioning seats from goods boxes and searching in second-hand stores for pieces that they can repair, paint, and make usable.

These same, and other couples make an art of working out menus that are simple, economical, and nourishing. In fact, today's trend is to play down rich, elaborate meals—even for special company occasions. Tasty hamburgers and a green salad make an acceptable and welcome "company meal" for members of any set I know. Your ingenuity comes into play in discovering new flavor secrets and good buying habits.

How often do you use baby sitters? Do you take your children in on some of your entertaining? One of your best opportunities for personality development with your children is giving them the security that comes from feeling the friendship of your friends.

Fair play brings response when they share in the planning and in enjoying the guests. Just as important is the understanding that at proper times they are to be off to bed.

It is poor training for children to be allowed to take over. It is excellent learning experience for them to know that they are loved and wanted, but that they are firmly expected to take turns in conversation, respect the guests, and cooperate with the reasonable requests of their parents.

Children's ways are *caught* from adults with whom they associate more readily than they are *taught*.

The couples in some circles take turns at baby-sitting. One set of parents will keep the group's children on one occasion while the other couples have an evening out; another set the next time, and so on around the circle.

That leads to a question about your circle of friends.

Could it be that a creeping social-climbing complex enters into your

problem? Do you find your friends among those who have similar financial limitations, who have Christian ideals and wholesome concepts of homemaking?

Are you majoring upon the spirit and warmth of your family life? It takes "a heap o' living," you know, to make your new house into a home.

Have you had a dedication service? It can be simple, or elaborate, according to your liking. Just your family, with the Dad reading a Scripture, perhaps the rest of you quoting a verse in response, and all joining in a chain of brief, sincere prayers of thanksgiving for your new house . . . you may ask your pastor to lead a dedication service with only your family . . . or perhaps you would like to have some of your friends join your family and your pastor. Such an experience might inspire others to have a similar dedication in their homes.

Evidently you invested much in the purchase of your new house. What of your investment toward its transformation from a house into a home?

Your letter gives some indication that you may have over-purchased. If your payments are so high that you find yourselves constantly under a financial strain, you need to make some adjustment. Why not seek counsel from a competent adviser—your banker, some good business friend, or a professional counselor. If you decide you have made a mistake, have the courage to face it. Go about selling your house. Start over on a more modest scale.

Remember happiness must originate in the hearts of the family. No house will ever automatically furnish pleasure; but a Christian family can make any house into a pleasant home.

Wherever you live, be sure that there is a consistently-used path from your house to your church!

Rosalind Street

Mrs. J. H. Street

[Mail should be addressed to Mrs. Street at No. 3 Fairmont, Little Rock, Ark.]

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

(Author of the new paper-back, *The Religion Of A Sound Mind*, published by Broadman Press.)

Gift of tongues

QUESTION: Our pastor claims that he has had an experience of speaking in unknown tongues. He told about this experience in the pulpit and severely criticized from the pulpit a deacon's wife because she had an ugly look on her face when he talked about this.



DR. HUDSON

Some want the pastor to leave as they feel that this is not Baptist doctrine. Still another group support the pastor in his new doctrine. Is it right for a minister to stay on as pastor of a Baptist church if he has gotten away from the doctrine?

ANSWER: There are two types of speaking in tongues referred to in the New Testament. In Acts there is the gift of "other tongues"—that is the ability to speak a foreign language without having learned it (see Acts 2:4, 6). First Corinthians 14 refers to some kind speaking in tongues that was addressed to God only.

This second, more like the present day speaking in tongues is most accurately described as nonsense sounds or syllables which, made concurrently with thought of praise within the person who utters the sounds, are the result of a hysterical state of mind and no proof of divine inspiration. The same phenomenon can be produced under hypnosis in any willing subject who has heard or experienced the "speaking in tongues," and is a very simple imitative process.

A Baptist preacher who feels the need to indulge in this sort of experience ought to join one of the "tongues" groups and not accept Baptist money to undermine Baptist beliefs.

Anytime anyone will speak a present day language accurately without having studied it, I will

The Bookshelf

Don't Park Here!, How to Move beyond Your Tragedies and Triumphs, by William Fisher, Abingdon, 1962, \$3

H A N D I C A P S, failures, successes, fears, sufferings, resentments, sorrow—even religious experiences—can keep one from living to the maximum. So the author has an inspiring chapter on each of these, showing how people have overcome barriers, real or imagined, and have gone on to live full, fruitful lives.

There is the story of a poor mother, abandoned by her husband, who became so despondent she almost threw herself and her two little children to destruction in the path of a train. That mother turned out to be Madam Schumann-Heink, the great opera star.

Robert Louis Stevenson, hemorrhaging from tuberculosis to the extent his right arm had to be bound in a sling, scrawled with his left hand some of the gay poems long since a part of his book, *A Child's Garden of Verses*.

And this is just to cite two of dozens of inspiring examples. Buy this one!

Families in the Church: A Protestant Survey, by Roy W. Fairchild and John Charles Wynn, Association Press, 1961, \$5.75

OUTGROWTH of an extensive scientific survey of church families and pastors over the country, this book deals with the problems church families face and shows where, in the judgment of the authors, the church helps and where it fails.

In securing material for the book, 54 skilled interviewers held group discussions with more than 800 parents who filled out detailed questionnaires. Questionnaires were also filled out and returned by 2,645 pastors.

Fairchild is head of the Department of Christian Education, San Francisco Theological Seminary, and Wynn is associate professor of Christian Education, Colgate Divinity School.

A Study of Communism, by J. Edgar Hoover, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1962, \$3.95

"Today's headlines remind us there has been no basic change in Communist imperialism," writes Mr. Hoover, in the opening paragraph of the foreword of this authoritative book. "The danger which world communism presents to the free nations has not abated. If anything, it has increased. We will not be able to preserve and develop adequately our heritage of freedom without continuing to

believe God is backing him.

Tell the deacon's wife to keep her "ugly look."

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

ally adding to our knowledge of the nature of communism and its totalitarian objectives."

Two of the most timely chapters of the book are: Chapter II, "Communism's Target—the United States"; and Chapter 12, "Meeting the Communist Challenge."

In a "word of caution," the FBI director counsels:

"In dealing with communism, citizens should refrain from making private investigations. Information which comes to an individual's attention . . . should be furnished to the FBI, and the checking of the data should be left to trained investigators. Private inquiries may even jeopardize investigations in progress . . . Moreover, citizens should not circulate rumors about subversive activities or draw conclusions from information which may come to their attention. The information an individual receives may be incomplete or only partially accurate, and, by drawing premature or ill-founded conclusions or circulating rumors, he can often cause grave injustice to innocent people. Vigilante action weakens our free society. It is just as important to protect the innocent as to identify our enemies."

Folks and facts . . .

THE Baptist Messenger, weekly paper of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, began 1963 with the largest circulation in its 50-year history, according to Editor Jack L. Gritz of Oklahoma City. Circulation has reached 81,305. (BP)

JAMES C. Wilkinson, 82, a minister for 62 years, and former president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, died Dec. 31 in an Athens, Ga. hospital after a three-month illness.

The preacher poet

The Tongue

A tongue of youth,
Bereft of truth,
Its tones uncouth
From filthy booth,
Is Hell's own tool forever.

But, ah! the tongue
Of any young
Can be restrung
With riches hung
To sing of heaven ever.

To change the constant overflow
Of sordid stuff from lips to go
Is that by grace the Lord to know
And by his grace to live and grow.

—W. B. O'Neal

Alliance opposes legal gambling

A STRONG stand opposing legal casino gambling in Arkansas has been taken by the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Association. Rev. Colbert S. Cartwright, president, has sent copies of his statement to Governor Faubus, Pulaski County representatives and senators and other selected individuals.

Pointing out that gambling is incompatible with the Christian life, Mr. Cartwright says that gambling appeals to greed and covetousness within a person, nourishing the immoral idea that a person can get wealth without rendering service.

"A moral problem faces our state as to how gambling can best be decreased to the point of elimination," he said. "We are aware that gambling is practiced illegally in Arkansas on a large scale. This does not make it morally defensible. It only indicates the magnitude of the moral problem."

Legalizing gambling would cause gambling to thrive within the state, a "morally indefensible and an irresponsible act toward its citizens and its God," the prepared statement reported.

The corruption of the state and the demoralizing of its people would spread to higher places of power and over more of the state, according to the association.

Mr. Cartwright denied that it is sound economics to argue that legal gambling would increase tourist trade. "It is not moral to make suckers out of anyone—even tourists. Is our state so devoid of tourist attractions that we must entice people to come to us through the alluring proffer of vice? We think not."

The statement concludes with a call to enforce present laws banning gambling and to prevent gambling from spreading in the state.

Haitian mission planned

A BIBLE conference and prayer retreat was held recently at First Church, Greenwood, under the direction of the pastor, Dr. Ralph Dodd. Theme of the meeting was "Evangelism, the Deeper Life, Foreign Missions, and the Lord's Return."

Among the ministers taking part were: John Bisagno and Carnell Young, Tulsa; Bill Eustis and Jim Major, Springfield, Mo.; Oscar Wells, Bethany, Okla.; Roy M. Tippet, Oklahoma City; Jim Barron, Garland, Tex.; Andy O'Kelly, Pine Bluff; and Harold Boyd, Murl Walker, Alton B. Cross, Jr., and H. R. Horne, Ft. Smith.

Major emphasis of the conference centered around perfecting plans for a proposed evangelistic and teaching mission to Haiti, July 14-28, 1963.

Although the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has no mission work at present in Haiti, the Latin American department of the board has offered assistance to the group in making the necessary preparations for such a mission.

In order to carry out these plans it was necessary to set up an organization, which is called the Haitian Baptist Mission. Oscar Wells, who has preached for several summers in the island and who has established several churches and preaching stations there, was elected president; Dr. Dodd was chosen as treasurer; and Hugh Robert Horne was elected as secretary.

At least six pastors and evangelists have already indicated their willingness to participate in the mission next summer.—Reporter

Conference speaker

DR. PERRY F. Webb, of 361 North Ridgeroad, Little Rock, announces the following Bible Conference engagements: Jan. 6-11, First Church, Little Rock; Jan. 13-18, First Church, Pine Bluff; Jan. 20, Calvary, Little Rock; Jan. 27-Feb. 1, First Church, Midland, Tex.; Feb. 10-15, Melrose Church, Roanoke, Va.

Alpena calls McLeod

FIRST Church, Alpena, has called Rev. Roy McLeod of St. Joe as pastor.

Mr. McLeod has also held pastorates at New Hopewell and in Independence Association. He attended Southern Baptist College and Arkansas College at Batesville.

Mr. McLeod is married to the former Clara Ford of near Batesville. They have three sons, Steven, 10, and twins Perry and Kerry, 7.

Crowns daughter queen

REV. D. C. McAtee, pastor of Lakewood Church, Birmingham, Ala., had the thrill of crowning his daughter, Marilyn Ann, as a Queen in a GA Coronation service recently at an evening worship service of the church.

Miss McAtee is an honor student in Banks High School.

Mr. and Mrs. McAtee are both natives of Arkansas and were married in the Beech Street Church, Texarkana, in 1945.

McAtee served as pastor at Pine Bluff and Fort Smith before leaving the state. He has been pastor in Alabama since 1954 and has served on various boards and committees. Mrs. McAtee is recording secretary for the Alabama WMU Convention.

TYRONZA Church recently campaigned for \$5,000 for repairs and improvements to the pastor's home and church building. Rev. Horace O. Duke, Jr., is pastor.

Revival statistics

FAIR OAKS Church held a revival Dec. 17-23, with Rev. Bill Lewis, Paragould, as evangelist and "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, as evangelistic singer. There were 7 professions of faith, one young man surrendered to preach, one young man surrendered to full-time Christian work, and there were many rededications.

Jacksonville conference

PROPHETIC Bible Conference begins at First Church, Jacksonville, Jan. 20. The main conference speaker will be Dr. Walter A. Pegg, pastor of Magnolia Avenue Church, Riverside, Calif.

Other speakers will include Dr. W. O. Vaught, Little Rock; Rev. Dave Railey, El Dorado; Rev. Jesse Reed, Little Rock; Dr. J. Frank Davis, secretary of Evangelism for Kansas and Nebraska; and Dr. W. I. (Bill) Thomas, pastor of Central Church, Marshall, Tex.

Services will be conducted at 10 each morning, Monday through Friday, featuring Dr. Pegg teaching the book of First Thessalonians. The evening services will feature Dr. Pegg bringing a prophetic message and one other special speaker to bring the inspirational message.

The afternoon will be devoted to special sessions for pastors and other full-time Christian workers from over the state. Afternoon sessions will begin at 2 p.m. They will feature other well-known leaders from our convention.

The church is offering free lodging and one meal (breakfast) to any full-time Christian worker attending. Reservations should be sent to the church at once.

The conference will be kicked off with a special dedication service at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon, Jan. 20, when the church will dedicate its latest education building, just completed.

Howard Halsell will deliver the dedication address. Mr. Halsell is from the Sunday School department in Nashville.—Reporter

Karam to Institute

JIMMY Karam, Little Rock church leader, will attend the annual Layman's Institute sponsored by Billy Graham for three days starting January 30 in Dallas.

Other speaking engagements by Mr. Karam, this month include Trinity Church, Memphis, Jan. 21; Central Church, Decatur, Ala., Jan. 27.



MRS. BAKER



MR. BAKER

New musicians to El Dorado church

MR. and Mrs. George I. Baker, minister of music and organist, respectively, of West End Church, Atlanta, Ga., for the past five and one-half years, assumed the leadership of the music ministry in First Church, El Dorado, Jan. 15. Mr. Baker will be minister of music, and Mrs. Baker will serve as graded choir assistant-organist.

The Bakers are natives of Missouri and hold music degrees from the University of Missouri and master's degrees in sacred music from New Orleans Seminary.

During their ministry at the Atlanta church, they led the church to a place of music distinction among Georgia Baptist churches.

For the past several years their church has led the state in music awards.

The Bakers' outstanding music leadership has been recognized on the south-wide denominational level as they have appeared on the faculties of several Ridgecrest Assembly programs. They have also been featured in state-wide music clinics.

Mrs. Baker is a writer of elementary music materials in *Church Musician*, and Mr. Baker has also made contributions to this publication.

The Bakers have one child, a daughter three and one-half years of age.

MISS Miriam Willis, Southern Baptist missionary, of Paraguay, is on furlough in the States. She may be addressed at 358 Pinewood Lane, San Antonio, Tex. Miss Willis is a native of Little Rock.

Coming revivals

PRESCOTT First Church, Mar. 31-Apr. 7; Rev. Don Hook, pastor of the Tabernacle, Little Rock, evangelist; M. A. Turman, Hot Springs, music; Rev. William R. Woodell, pastor.

New Arkansas Baptist subscribers

Church	Association	Pastor
New Budget after trial:		
Banks	Black River	Simon Norris
Temple, Searcy	Calvary	Delton J. Cooper
Kelso	Delta	R. C. Creed
Two Mile	Ouachita	pastorless

Pottsville Church back in the picture



FOR more than 30 years, silence and dust reigned in the Baptist church at Pottsville, in the Dardanelle-Russellville Association. Today, the church building, long since "raked out and renovated," is the center of Christian activity once more. This picture was taken on a Sunday morning, shortly before the Christmas holidays.

A CHURCH that died and was dead for more than 30 years has now been revived—Pottsville Church, of the Dardanelle-Russellville Association, now known as First Church, Pottsville.

According to Rev. Herman Hurd, pastor of the new church, it was a color slide of the old, abandoned Pottsville church building that caused him to turn his attention to the situation.

While serving as pastor of Kelly Heights Church, Russellville, Mr. Hurd attended a monthly meeting of the Dardanelle-Russellville Association, in First Church, Russellville, and heard Dr. C. W. Cald-

well, superintendent of Missions for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Showing the slide of the old Pottsville church, Dr. Caldwell said:

"Here is a church we'd like very much to see re-organized. It has been dead for many years and several attempts have been made to reorganize it, but so far all attempts have failed."

Some months later, Hurd held a church service, on Oct. 1, 1961, in the Pottsville church building. Sixty attended this service and when the invitation for membership was given, 19 responded. The

offering that day totaled \$119.

Although the new church was to be operated for sometime as a mission of First Church, Russellville, with Mr. Hurd as mission pastor supported by the Russellville church, its offerings from the beginning have been enough to make it self-supporting. The congregation was constituted a church last March 4.

Attendance good

With 46 members, the church averages about 50 in Sunday School. Regular services include mid-week prayer meeting on Wednesday nights, two worship

services on Sundays, and Sunday School and Training Union.

The pastor and his family now live in the renovated parsonage and Mr. Hurd, who previously supplemented his income as a builder, now gives his full time to the church.

The Hurds are a solid Baptist family. Mrs. Hurd, the former Miss Rosa Lee Ruso of Carthage, Tex., is a vital part of her husband's ministry. Their oldest son, John, has been a minister several years and is now missions pastor of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, where another son, Will, is an active member. Their son Herman, Jr., a senior in Russellville High School, announced his call to the ministry last February and plans to enter Ouachita College next September.

Their daughter Nancy is a freshman this year at Ouachita and a volunteer for special Christian service. Their married daughter, Jean (Mrs. Rodney Mize), of Springdale, is also an active Baptist.

An interesting sidelight is that the father surrendered his life to the ministry in a service conducted by his son John.

And there's another important item: The church has the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* in its budget for all the church families.—ELM

Carter accepts call

REV. HAROLD Carter has resigned as pastor of Pickles Gap Church, Faulkner Association, to become pastor of Village Church in the Liberty Association.

Mr. Carter, serving his second term as moderator of the Faulkner Association, has been pastor of the Pickles Gap Church for the past two years. During that time the church received 34 new members, 8 by baptism. A new home for the pastor was completed in the fall of 1961.

The Sunday School was expanded following the installation of folding doors in the church building. The church now pays the total on the pastor's annuity.

New mission planned

LAKE Hamilton Church, Hot Springs, recently broke ground for a new mission, on Highway 88 and Lakeshore Drive, near Hot Springs. The location is in a new and growing housing development area. Construction is to begin soon on the first unit.

Taking part in the groundbreaking service were: Rev. B. D. Smith, pastor of Lake Hamilton Church; Rev. Hugh Owen, missionary for Central Association; Paul Miller, member of the Missions committee; Freddy Price, chairman of the Missions committee; and Gipson Baber, a member of the Missions committee and chairman of deacons of the Lake Hamilton Church.

Arkansas Valley Ass'n

By H. S. Coleman, Missionary

REV. Jack Parckman, associational evangelism chairman, was director of the association's evangelism meeting at First Church, Lexa. Rev. B. Franklin Bates, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, brought the message.

Rev. Glenn Hicks is the new pastor of Lexa Church.

Rev. Julian McKinney has accepted the pastorate of Rehoboth Church, and Rev. Charles Caery has accepted Friendship church, moving from Beck's Memorial.

W. A. Ginn, pastor at Corder Chapel, has taken the work at Northside. B. F. McDonald is supplying for Petty's Chapel.

Arkansas to aid West



ARKANSAS Baptists were assured of an active role in the 1964 West Coast Laymen's Crusade when Nelson Tull (right), state Brotherhood secretary, gave his pledge of support to Jack Stanton, crusade director, to enlist 100 laymen for the event. The crusade, sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and Home Mission Board, may find as many as 1,600 laymen giving evangelistic assistance to 1,200 Baptist churches in California, Oregon and Washington.

To make Holy Land tour



WINDY BURKE



JERRY PARK



NANCY BROOKS



JAMIE JONES



DR. B. F. BATES



REV. J. A. OVERTON

AMONG those who have recently registered for the Arkansas Tour to the Baptist Youth World Conference at Beirut, Lebanon, are Windy Burke, Jerry Park, Nancy Brooks, Jamie Jones, Dr. B. Franklin Bates and Rev. James A. Overton.

Mr. Burke is from Jonesboro and is at present Baptist Student director at Arizona State University. He is a former BSU president at Arkansas State College and state BSU president.

Jerry Park is a 1962 graduate of the University of Arkansas Pharmacy School and is now asso-

ciated with Warner Brown Hospital in El Dorado.

Nancy Brooks is from Rogers and a junior at Ouachita College.

Jamie Jones is Baptist Student Union director at the University of Arkansas, where he has served for 12 years.

Dr. Bates is pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, and Mr. Overton is pastor of First Church, Marked Tree.

The tour is directed by Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* and Dr. Tom Logue, secretary of the Baptist Student Union de-

partment of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The party will leave New York City July 8 and return to New York Aug. 15, following attendance of the Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut and a tour of 13 countries in the Holy Land and Europe. Most of the travel will be by jet planes. Total cost, including hotel, most meals, and conducted sight-seeing trips to Baptist mission points and places of outstanding historic significance, is \$1,480. Persons interested in making the tour should contact McDonald or Logue immediately.



FRANK E. ARNALL

FRANK E. Arnall, mid-term graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, has been called by First Church, Stuttgart, as minister of music and education. He will assume his new duties Jan. 23.

Mr. Arnall, 31, is a native of Hannibal, Mo., and attended Hannibal-LaGrange College there as a music major. After two years of military service, he entered Texas Wesleyan College.

He has been minister of music at Park Street Church, Greenville, Tex., and Richmond Avenue Church, Ft. Worth. He is a charter member of the Choral Conductor's Guild of America and a member of the Men's Chorus at Southwestern.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnall have four children.

40th year observed

JESSE B. Reed, director of Evangelism for the state convention, delivered the commemorative address at his former church, El Dorado Second, at the observance of its 40th anniversary, Jan. 6.

An afternoon open house featured presentation of the church's educational life and inspection of the church building.

The evening service was devoted to a historical sketch of the 40 years of ministry and to the hearing of taped greetings from former pastors.

Arkansans to Nigeria

REV. and Mrs. C. Turner Hopkins of Marianna will sail for Nigeria in March, following their recent appointment as missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board.

Since 1961 **Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins** have been living in New Orleans, where both attend New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. Hopkins attended Georgia Institute of Technology and received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Arkansas. **Mrs. Hopkins** attended Louisiana College and the University of Tennessee School of Nursing.

They have three children, **Amy Turner**, **Charles Boaz** and **William Densford**.

Mr. Hopkins was ordained to the ministry Dec. 23, 1962, at First Church, Marianna. **Dr. S. A. Whitlow**, executive secretary of the state convention, delivered the sermon.

The examining presbytery was composed of **Jim Brewer**, leader, **Wilson Deese**, **W. A. Ginn**, **H. S. Coleman**, **C. B. Hogan**, **J. G. Willis**, and **Rev. D. Hoyle Haire**, pastor, who acted as moderator.

Taylor to Memphis

REV. Max L. Taylor resigned as pastor of Fair Oaks Church recently to become pastor of Buntyn Street Church, Memphis.

During the year and a half that **Mr. Taylor** served as pastor of the Fair Oaks Church, there were 30 additions to the church, 22 by baptism, and there are seven now awaiting baptism.

The church budget increased from \$8,500 to \$17,800. There was extensive remodeling and building of additional class rooms. A Baldwin organ and Baptist hymnals were purchased.

The Fair Oaks Church used the Forward Program of Church Finance for the first time this year. It has added to its staff a part-time music director and is now giving 12 per cent of its budget to missions.

Mr. Taylor served as associational Sunday School superintendent and vice moderator of Tri-County Association at the time of his resignation.

The Cover



FRIENDLINESS, with "everybody knowing everybody else," is part of the attraction in the smaller colleges such as Southern, Walnut Ridge, where the total enrollment is considerably less than 300.

But, even at "Friendly Southern," Baptist junior college, it takes a little time each fall for **President H. E. Williams** and his faculty and staff to get acquainted with the new students.

Visiting with an athletic new freshman during registration last fall, **Dr. Williams** remarked: "You look like you ought to make a good ball player." And he was thinking that the young fellow might qualify for at least the second string on the Southern basketball team.

"I certainly hope so," replied the freshman.

When the freshman had passed out of hearing, a Southern professor asked the president if he knew who the young man is.

"No," replied **Williams**.

"He's **Charles (Gabby) Hayes**," was the reply. "He has a \$20,000-a-year contract with the New York Yankees."

In the cover shot, **Hayes** exhibits his Yankee suit as he prepares to leave Southern before too long for the pre-season practice sessions. With him are, left, **John Sain**, Walnut Ridge, New York Yankee coaching pitcher, and **Dr. Williams**.

BY the BAPTIST PRESS

Speakers for Home Mission week named

ATLANTA (BP) —The executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Baker James Cauthen, of Richmond, will preach each day during Home Mission week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, N. M., this year. The announcement was made by L. O. Griffith of Atlanta, director of the division of education and promotion for the SBC Home Mission Board.

Cauthen will be joined by Wayne Ward, professor at Southern Seminary, Louisville, the Bible teacher. Euell Porter, of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., will be music director.

The Home Mission week will be Aug. 1-7 at Glorieta and Aug. 15-21 at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, N. C. Theme for both weeks is "Spiritual Conquest Now."

Roy O. McClain, pastor of First Church, Atlanta, will preach during the week at Ridgecrest. V. Lavelle Seats, professor, Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., will teach the Bible, and Quinn Pugh, pastor of Bergin Church, Westwood, N. J., will direct the music.

The Brotherhood Commission of the Convention will hold its assembly session at Glorieta at the same time as the Home Mission emphasis.

Bill Moyers named Peace Corps deputy

WASHINGTON (BP)—Bill D. Moyers has been appointed deputy director of the Peace Corps, according to announcement by President John F. Kennedy.

Moyers is a former director of information for Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. In his new Peace Corps post Moyers succeeds Paul Geren, who resigned last June to accept a State Department diplomatic post in Africa.

The deputy director job is the number two position in the Peace Corps, second only to Director Sargent Shriver. The deputy director's salary is \$19,500.

Prior to his new appointment, Moyers was associate director for

public affairs of the Peace Corps. He was in charge of recruiting activities, and he coordinated the agency's relations with members of Congress.

Moyers, at 28, will represent one of the youngest presidential appointments ever presented to the Senate for confirmation. As for the youthfulness of the appointee, Shriver found it "very fitting," observing that "in much of the world, particularly in new African nations, young men are the responsible leaders."

A native of Hugo, Okla., Moyers grew up in Marshall, Tex., and graduated from the University of Texas and Southwestern Seminary. Prior to his Washington experience, he was headed for a job of teaching ethics at Baylor University.

While Lyndon B. Johnson was Democratic leader in the Senate, Moyers served as a secretary in the senator's office. During the senator's vice-presidential campaign he was Johnson's executive assistant. He filled many liaison assignments in connection with the presidential campaign of candidate John F. Kennedy.

Prayers for Japan

THE Japanese New Life Movement Crusade is being suggested as a major object of prayer during the observance of Baptist Men's Day, Jan. 27, in Southern Baptist churches.

It is suggested that, in addition to their own intercessory prayers, the men may lead their churches to adopt prayer partners with churches and missions in Japan between now and the crusade. T. A. Patterson of Dallas, executive secretary of Texas Baptists, can provide church prayer partners.

Summer mission deadline

The deadline for students to apply for this year's summer mission work with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is Feb. 1. Miss Beverly Hammack, of Atlanta, secretary of special mission ministries, said 600 students will be used in mission work in every state and the Republic of Panama.

\$700,000 offer hits Baptist snag

SWANSEA, Wales (BP)—A philanthropist's effort to encourage a British church merger through offer of \$700,000 in cash hit a snag in the council meeting of the Baptist Union of Wales.

Sir David J. James of London proposed the gift to establish a United Free Church Fund if Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Methodists and Baptists would merge.

According to his terms, the money would go to increase salaries of preachers. The merging denominations would add \$2 million to the fund over a decade, during which their union would be accomplished.

The Welch Baptist Council recommended to its churches a polite "no" vote on James' offer. The terms of the offer are that 90 percent of the churches have to vote for it.

Observers regarded this as unlikely because of the council's negative recommendation.

In a letter to James, the council said:

"This does not mean that we are not concerned with the union of the free churches. We have always cooperated to the fullest extent with our Congregationalist, Presbyterian and Methodist brethren, and we share with them the desire to press on toward a fellowship deeper than cooperation."

Folks and facts

R. C. CAMPBELL, a medical center development counselor and former Dallas Baptist pastor, has been named president and general manager of Buckner Baptist Benevolences.

STANLEY Howell has resigned as associate in the Training Union department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention to become secretary of Training Union and Baptist student work for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan. Effective Jan. 31, he moves from Midletown, Ky., to Detroit.

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K SELPH, Th. D.
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

Baptists denied rights

IN some parts of our country today Baptists face opposition to their mission work. They are reluctantly accepted, but this is a part of their heritage.

A number of Baptists of New Bern, N. C., were denied permission to erect a new church building in 1740. According

to the law of that day—the Act of Toleration—they had to file a petition for the privilege of any religious service or exercise.

It seems that the Episcopalians were erecting a new edifice, and this had stimulated the Baptists to build. Certainly they would feel that they had the same right. Consequently, eight men petitioned for registration before the county court of Quarter Sessions. Three of the men were reputable farmers.

But it was not to be this simple. Nine justices before whom the Baptists appeared were alarmed at the thought of granting a petition to such "dissenters." The proposal to erect a church rivaling the one they were erecting by public taxation struck the justices with dismay. They sought to prevent it if possible.

For three days the court labored to find some way to justify a denial of the Baptist's rights guaranteed them by the Act of Toleration. The court found no question of their right to build the church which the justices wanted to prevent. Finally, three of these men made oath to several misdemeanors committed by the petitioners. Six of them were put under a bond of 40 pounds each and two under a 20 pound bond.

This was enough to obstruct justice and have the case bound over. The only evidence produced of any misdemeanor was that the petitioners had previously held religious services. Technically, this

made them guilty of violating the Act of Toleration.

The *Colonial Records* show the three witnesses to have been corrupt men. Shortly after this incident the governor required them to resign their commission because they had acted with partiality on the seat of justice.

Letters

(Continued from page 5)

those of us who preach the gospel of Christ.

In leaving I can hope for an opportunity to return someday, for I can truthfully say with Paul:

"I want to be among you to receive encouragement myself through the influence of your faith on me as of mine on you" (Rom. 1:12 NEB).—Al Butler, First Baptist Church, Bentonville.

Wants revival work

I AM a music director of sorts, not very fancy, and can't put on much of a

show, but I love to sing and try to lead others.

I will be available for revival work this summer in case any of the churches are in need of a music director. I am a school teacher and will not be available until about the first week in June, unless the church is within daily driving distance.

At present I am music director at Gum Springs Baptist Church, and was interim director at First Baptist for the first eight months of 1962.—Willis M. Crosby, 705 S. Elm, Siloam Springs.

\$500 for Ouachita

FIRST Church, DeQueen, Ark., from surplus money of 1962, mailed a \$500 check to the Ouachita Baptist College Endowment Fund. We believe that the best way to endow Ouachita College is for the churches to do it through their budgets. Also, we have sent \$1,069.38 to Cooperative Missions from our surplus money. We are completely out of debt and it is our plan to do a substantial amount of work on our present building and to build an educational unit.—E. Butler Abington, Pastor, First Baptist Church, DeQueen



DR. SELPH

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WORLD MISSIONS WEEK

What is it?

WORLD Missions Week is the study of new books on World Missions by each age group in each church during the week of April 21-26, 1963. Study course credit in Category 10 will be granted.

BOOKS TO BE STUDIED

ADULTS

Christianity and World Religions, by Luther Copeland.

The author distinguished between religion and Christianity, takes up such primitive religions as Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism, Judaism, and Islam. In his final chapter he answers the question, "What is the meaning of the present encounter of Christianity with the conflicting religions claims?"

YOUNG PEOPLE

Missions . . . Today, by Ross Coggins.

In many ways this is the most stimulating and comprehensive mission book ever studied by Southern Baptist young people. This book is an over-all study of world missions, giving something of the Bible basic for missions; the challenges of communism, other religions, etc., to immediate action; the worthy heritage of Baptists today and their service through the Southern Baptist Convention; confronting young people with a potential role somewhere in the mission endeavor, home or foreign; importance of thorough preparation; and the call for commitment or working together in this missionary venture. It brings missions into the 1960's and exposes the great enemies of Christian missions today.

INTERMEDIATES

Missions and Me, by Ivaloy and Amelia Bishop.

The purpose is to help Intermediates gain a better understanding of God's plan for the salvation of the world as revealed in the Bible; to aid them in developing a feeling of concern for the lost of the world; to confront them with the tragic condition of a person without Christ.

JUNIORS

Keep Telling the Story, by Roberta Ryan.

This book is readable and attractive, in Junior language, helping them to know What Is Missions, and Who Is Missions. The Bible basis of missions will be given, majoring on New Testament missionary motive, beginning, and expansion. It includes how Jesus worked, sent out the twelve, etc., showing that the missionary enterprise did not end with Paul.

CHILDREN

Primary Unit
Beginner Unit
Nursery Unit

God Loves Everybody
Helping Others Learn
My Family

Jester Summers
Marjorie Stith
Elsie Rivers and
Hazel Rowe Luck

5 Questions About

WORLD MISSIONS WEEK:

What is the goal?

"A Million Studying Missions in 1963" is the goal of Southern Baptists. Arkansas goal for World Missions Week is 53,000! This week is a part of the special emphasis on world missions, and every pastor should lead his church to study missions during the week of April 21-26, 1963.

Associational Missionaries and directors should set their associational goals and suggest church goals for each church.

Each church will be responsible for enlisting its faculty, ordering the books, planning and promoting the study for the week.

When are the rallies?

An associational rally should be held in each association on Sunday afternoon, April 21. Associational Training Union directors and missionaries should lead in setting the place and planning the program for the rally. Program supplies will be found in the first quarter Associational Bulletin and will include hymns, recognition of faculty of each church, church goal, introduction of books to be used, etc.

What are the emphases?

Monday	Associational Missions Through Cooperative Giving
Tuesday	State Missions Through the Cooperative Program
Wednesday	Home Missions Through the Cooperative Program
Thursday	Foreign Missions Through the Cooperative Program
Friday	We Are the Cooperative Program

A thirty-minute emphasis should follow a study period of an hour and a half each night. The Brotherhood in each church could plan for the nightly emphasis, under the leadership of the pastor. A special kit of materials will be mailed in January to pastors.

When are the teaching clinics?

The associational Training Union director and associational missionary should plan to conduct a teaching clinic for all people of the churches of the association who will be teaching one of the books April 22-26. It is suggested that these clinics be held some time between March 15 and 30. Associational leaders will decide on the length of the clinic and the faculty to teach in the clinic.

What Is the Distribution of Responsibilities?

Training Union: Advance publicity, enlistment of teaching faculty, planning of teaching clinics, securing of books, films, free helps

WMU: Exhibits—centers of interest—fellowship (including refreshments)

Sunday School: Worship programs in each department with mission theme, April 21

Brotherhood: Transportation, special emphasis—along with WMU and Training Union

Church Music: Rally features, Sunday afternoon, April 21

Library: Resource centers

All organizations: Rallies and classes

Missions-Evangelism

The need of the hour

LAST WEEK our article was on our "Record of Baptisms" for the year 1961-1962. All of us should be disturbed over the fact we had a drop of 1,941 baptisms over 1960-1961. Winning people to Christ and baptising them into our churches is our main channel for growth. We must continue to win people to Christ and win more than we have been winning.



MR. REED

It doesn't concern God, I am sure, whether we win people through the Sunday School and our regular worship services or through personal work or by mass evangelism in revivals, but win them we must.

However, there are certain laws of growth in Sunday School, which when followed give us more people for Christ. Arkansas Baptists have the methods of getting the sin-sick soul and the remedy together. They are: locate the people, organize to reach them or enlist new workers, provide space, train the harvest hands and visit the people. The Sunday School is not the only way of evangelism but it is one of the most effective and productive means. The Sunday School is a means to an end that souls can be saved. Usually when the Sunday School enrollment and the Vacation Bible School enrollment are up baptisms are up. In 1960-1961 one association was down 24 in baptisms over the year before. Sunday School enrollment was off 124 and Vacation Bible School enrollment was off 304. Another Association was up 7 in baptisms and was up 20 in Sunday School enrollment. In 1959-1960 the Sunday School enrollment was 210,733. We had 11,838 baptisms. In 1960-1961 the Sunday School enrollment was 215,158. Our baptisms were 12,937 or up 1,099.

From 85 to 90 percent of our baptisms come through the Sunday School. Before we will be able to win people to Christ we must first show them we care. The great army of needy, longing, heartsick, lonesome, poverty-cursed, discouraged, indifferent, careless, unbelieving sin-sick people must be won to Christ.

The Sunday School is to major on making disciples of Christ by teaching the Word of God. The teacher must be inspired to believe that his supreme business is to win his pupils to an open stand for Jesus Christ.

The need of the hour? More people enrolled in our Sunday Schools.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

Don't give financial information on phone

SOME day you or some member of your family may get a telephone call from some nosey individual who has taken a sudden interest in locating your bank account. This individual may use the name of a perfectly legitimate organization and give a very plausible story—that a check has been defaced and they can't make out the name of the branch, or they can't decipher the address of the bank.

This telephonic approach is most likely to be used upon an unsuspecting wife or relative when the person directly involved is not home. Unless members of your family are warned, they may unwittingly give information they may regret.

There is one safe and sure way to protect yourself—never give such information over the telephone. Tell the person calling to write you a letter on his firm's letterhead telling what he wants to know and why he wants to know it. No legitimate firm will deny this request—and if your caller does not immediately comply and tries to pressure you point that out to him.

Remember a telephone is a stranger in your house who must identify himself every time he says "Hello."—Printopics

Sunday School

30,000 movement

THE Sunday School has many opportunities to expand its outreach in enlisting more people for Bible study and evangelism.



MR. HATFIELD

One major opportunity is for a church to use its Sunday School in establishing teaching places among people who cannot attend on Sunday. We call these Extension Bible Classes. In one city a church has a person who regularly goes to the county jail to witness through teaching the Sunday School lesson. The teacher says, "People in jail are just people, too. They are people who need to know the Saviour."

Another church sponsors a class meeting in a fire station. The pastor reports, "We are highly pleased with the results of the Extension Bible Class."

In another state a pastor reports an Extension Bible Class in a rest home. He says, "Attendance averages thirty to forty and has proved to be a blessing not only to those within the home, but to our people who have helped in the services."

Recently I talked with a fine lady who saw the need for a Bible class in a rest home in a town in Arkansas. She consulted her superintendent and they both agreed that she should resign teaching an adult class on Sunday and teach at the rest home during the Sunday School hour.

This experience has been full of many blessings for class members and teacher. Another person was sought out to teach the class at the church, adding another worker for that church.

Most churches in Arkansas could have an Extension Bible Class. It could be for such places as a fire station, jail, rest home, noon hour classes in factories or other places. These classes could meet at any time during the week.

Plan now for an Extension Bible Class. Confer now with the proper leaders in your church and association about places for an Extension or Mission Class. Contact the proper person at the place you want to conduct the class, set up a time and place for the meeting. Enlist a teacher for the class. Report the class to the church as "one of 30,000." Write us for a new descriptive leaflet "Extension Bible Classes."

Some churches have such classes but have not reported them as "one of 30,000." Use the above-mentioned leaflet for request purposes. Let us hear from you this week.—Lawson Hatfield, Secretary

Hymn playing tournament

SUGGESTED PLACE — a central location with piano and organ. **Suggested Date**—April 28 at 2 P.M. **Leadership**—

Associational Music Committee, whose functions are: 1) Actively promote tourney, enlisting participants and placing in hands of participants the rules, the Hymns of the Month pamphlet, for 1963, and sample adjudication sheets. 2) Enlist two competent piano teachers to serve as judges. 3) Secure adjudication and recapitulation sheets from State Music office. 4) Conduct the tournament.



MR. McCLARD

judges. 3) Secure adjudication and recapitulation sheets from State Music office. 4) Conduct the tournament.

Rules—1) Hymn players may participate in own age division. There are two sections (organ and piano) and two divisions in each section (Intermediate 12-14 and Youth 15-18). There shall be one winner from each section and division, making a total of four winners.

2) Each hymn player will practice the Hymns of the Month for 1963 and be ready to play these hymns as follows:

a) Play complete hymn as written. b) Play correct hymn introduction and accompany the congregation in the singing of the hymn. The introduction should preferably include the opening measures of the hymn, should be of sufficient length to properly identify the hymn, complete musical sentence, ending on the tonic chord. The introduction should identify the melody, establish pitch and rhythm, set the tempo, and interpret the mood and spirit of the hymn.

3) Each hymn player will play one hymn of own choosing and one hymn chosen by judges (both from the Hymns of the Month for 1963).

4) Each Hymn player will sight read one hymn as written, chosen by the judges. Any hymn in the Baptist Hymnal may be chosen.

Awards — The State tourney will be held at 10 a.m. on Ouachita College Campus, Friday, June 21, 1963. Winners from each association may compete in the State Tourney. All associational winners will receive Friday evening and Saturday morning and noon meals free, as well as lodging in the dormitory Friday evening, unless they are already attending Ouachita Music Conference, in which case, their fee for Music Conference will be reduced \$2.50. First place State Winner in each division will receive an appropriate award equal to \$25.00 in value. Associational Winners' pictures will be printed in the June issue of Religious Education News. All pictures and information must be in State office by May 15, 1963.—LeRoy McClard, Secretary



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Aids for programming

THIS IS the second in a series of articles on "What's New in Training Union?" We have wonderful aids for programming now. No longer is it necessary—in fact, it never was necessary—to have the same type of programs every Sunday night, with several "parts" being given back, to the union in a parrot-like fashion. There is a section in the back of the Baptist Adults and Baptist



MR. DAVIS

Young Adults quarterlies called "Aids in Programing."

Let us turn to page 56 in the current Baptist Adults quarterly. The unit for March is "Churches in a Changing World." We can see immediately that by preparing a suggested flip chart of lesson titles and aims, we will be able to relate each program to the unit for the month. We will also be able to set forth the aim of each program each Sunday night.

The "Aids in Programing" give us ways of implementing the six steps in planning for group learning. These six steps are: relate program to unit; determine appropriate aim; select an appropriate method or methods of presentation; prepare learning aids; plan follow-through activities; and evaluate results.

Your State Training Union Department has a pamphlet explaining various methods of presentation of program which will be sent to you free of charge when you request them. Let us realize that the purpose of Training Union is NOT to "put on a program," but to engage in learning experiences. — Ralph W. Davis, Secretary.



NATHAN PORTER

Porter to tour state campuses

NATHAN Porter, associate secretary for missionary personnel for the Home Mission Board, will make a 10-day tour of Arkansas campuses this month to enlist 1963 summer missionaries.

Of 500 summer missionaries employed by the board last year, 21 were students enrolled in Arkansas colleges. The University of Arkansas and Arkansas A.M.&N. led the state by furnishing five summer missionaries each, with Arkansas State, Arkansas State Teachers, Ouachita, Arkansas Baptist College, and Southern Baptist College each supplying two, and Arkansas A.&M. sending one student. The Arkansas Student Department is seeking to enlist 50 students for service next summer.

Mr. Porter is the son of missionary parents. He was born in Brazil and lived there until he came to the United States to enter college. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary.—Tom J. Logue

DR. WALTER L. Johnson, pastor of University Church, Fayetteville, was the Bible teacher for the January study course in Matthew, Jan. 7-10, for First Church, Tallulah, La. Pastor of the church is Rev. Oster Daniel, formerly pastor of First Church, Siloam Springs.

MISS Josephine Dew, financial and pastor's secretary and church clerk of Central Church, Magnolia, was honored at a reception Jan. 6 for her 20 years of service.—C.B.

Piano on its way

SOME weeks ago we suggested, through this column, that someone could render a real Christian service by contributing a good used piano to our Baptist Student Center at A.M. & N. College, Pine Bluff. We are happy to report that the piano was shipped out of Springdale, today, (Jan. 6).



DR. HART

We take this means of publicly thanking Mrs. Harry Harp, Route 5, Springdale, for the gift of the piano; and to Morris Clarkson, Clarkson Mercantile, Springdale, for repairing the piano, furnishing all materials and labor free; to Ralph Crumpacker, Jones Truck Lines, Springdale, for shipping piano into Little Rock; and to Rev. Burton A. Miley, pastor of First Church, Springdale, for giving much time and effort in attending to the many details involved in this transaction.

To these good people we simply say, "May the good Lord bless you for this expression of your wonderful Christian spirit." — Clyde Hart, Director Race Relations.

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God's Wondrous World

ISLAND WORLDS

By THELMA C. CARTER

LOOK at a world globe or map. Seeing the thousands of islands, some mere pinpoints, can be amazing and puzzling.

Islands are described as areas of land entirely surrounded by water. They are smaller than continents, such as North and South America and Africa. Explorers tell us that each island is really a small world of its own with its own particular kinds of plants, birds, fish, and animals.

Islands are usually formed by the tops of ocean mountains rising up from the seas. However, many island chains are coral reefs. They are formed of dead corals, which are sea creatures that cling to outer ridges of ocean mountains.

Some densely forested tropical islands are almost entirely jungle. They are really small worlds within themselves, with their arching palms, giant ferns, jewel-colored hummingbirds, and great green, yellow, and blue butterflies.

Volcanic islands, whose volcanoes are active, spew their lava and ashes down mountainsides in many parts of our world. Some islands have year-round heavy rains and fog. There huge seals, turtles, giant tortoises, and many strange birds make their homes.

The largest island, Greenland, is covered with ice and snow most of its long, cold winter. In spite of the intense cold, many birds, seals, and plants call this big island home.

Many lonely islands, mere specks of land on the maps, are strange puzzles to explorers and scientists. Some of the Creator's rarest birds, animals, and plants live on these lonely islands.

One can visit no more beautiful places than the islands rising high in the warm South Seas. One visit to these islands and you can never forget the sunrise and sunset on the pink, yellow, and lavender granite rock mountains that make up the islands. The scene reminds one of the Bible verse: "The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land." (Psalm 95:5).

God, the Giver

By LOU ANN WELTS

God gave the birds their singing
And me two ears

To hear,

The autumn leaves their fire
And eyes to me

To see,

Perfume to the earth in springtime
And a nose to tell
Its smell.

No one has to tell me that he loves me;
I know it well.

Indian Painter

By LOUISE WRIGHT

WHEN eleven-year-old Carl Wimar came to St. Louis in 1839, he found many things that fascinated him. These included the wide silvery river, flatboats, busy wharves, wagon trains starting for the West, trappers, fur traders, and Indians.

It was the Indians that especially interested Carl. He often visited their camp on the edge of town and made many friends among them. He went hunting and fishing with them. They taught him how to handle the canoe, bow, and spear, and how to trail game.

Whenever he went to the Indian village, Carl took notebook and pencil. Ever since he could remember, he had liked to draw. Among the Indians, so strange to a boy from a little German village, he found just what he wanted to paint.

Carl did not have much time to spend in this way. His family was poor, and he needed to work. His first job was with a painter of boats and wagons. This was not the kind of painting he wanted to do, but he had a chance to meet all sorts of men of the frontier. He listened to their stories of buffalo hunts, prairie fires, and Indian attacks. Someday, he told himself, he would go West, too.

Two things happened to encourage him in his ambition. One was a better job. It was with a painter who let him help decorate walls of new buildings. Then a traveler from Europe saw his drawings and admired them.

This man, sick and lost in a snowstorm one winter night, had stumbled into Carl's home. The kindhearted family had taken care of him until he was well again. They could not understand his broken English very well. They did make out that he thought Carl's pictures showed great promise and that he advised the youth to go to Europe to study.

This was impossible, however. There

was not enough money, and Carl kept working at his trade. He went hunting and fishing with his Indian friends whenever he could.

On his return from such a trip one autumn day of 1851, a surprise was waiting for him. It was a battered letter from Europe with the astonishing news that he had inherited a small fortune. The unknown traveler had died, leaving to Carl all his property. It was to be spent studying art in Europe.

Study in Europe! Carl's dream was coming true. The next spring he sailed for Germany.

During the four years Carl spent working in the Old World, his thoughts kept coming back to the New World, to the rivers, prairies, and Indians. From his memories, he painted two of his best pictures, *Buffalo Hunt* and *Attack on an Emigrant Train*.

In 1856 Carl came home. St. Louis was no longer the frontier town of his boyhood. Trappers and Indians had gone farther west. He followed them to paint their way of life before it vanished entirely.

For three years, in the boats of the American Fur Company, he made the twenty-five hundred mile trip up the Missouri River to the mouth of the Yellowstone. Each time he came back with sketchbooks full of drawings and a big collection of Indian weapons and costumes.

Then he was asked to paint the dome and walls of the new courthouse with scenes from St. Louis history. These were his last and most noted paintings.

Today, a hundred years later, you can see these in the courthouse in St. Louis. Others are in the museum in Forest Park. They are a rich legacy from the poor immigrant boy who loved to paint Indians.



Jesus the friend of sinners

By CHARLES A. THOMPSON
Pastor, First Church, Marvell

January 20, 1963

Ps. 32:1-11; Numbers 28:9-10, 18-19; Mk. 2:1-3, 6; Mt. 9:9-13;
10:16-22; II Cor. 6:1-10; Lk. 5:27-37

JESUS had been forced to leave Capernaum after daringly healing a leper because that individual so rashly disobeyed Him. However, His plans were not thwarted as He continued His work in other cities.



MR. THOMPSON

Forgiveness of sins fosters hostility Mark 2:3-7

FEELING the need for rest, Jesus and the little band with Him quietly returned to Capernaum but their presence was soon discovered. The crowds came—the crippled, the Pharisees, the curious, teachers of law—and Jesus preached the Word of truth, the good news of salvation.

Four men, one at each corner of the "krabattos" or camp bed, came bearing their friend who was sick of palsy. In a spirit of cooperation they shared their burden. Each church member should bear his part and lighten the burden of an already overloaded minority of workers.

The four could not get to the Savior for the crowds. Crowds keep men from the Savior today—crowds of self-interest, trifling duties, amusements, fears, doubts, worldly friends, and other hindrances. But those men would not be kept from the Master; nor will an earnest soul recognizing that eternal values are at stake. Making their way to the roof of the flat-top house, "they uncovered the roof" and lowered their friend into the presence of Jesus. There was a faith which believed that he could and would heal and their zeal helped them to overcome their obstacles.

Seeing the faith of the five, Jesus looked into an anguished face and pleading eyes that indicated the palsied man had a greater problem than just physical affliction. He saw a sin-wracked but penitent heart, and heard the silent cry from parched lips. "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee," were His words to the stricken figure. Faith, which implies repentance, is the condition of forgiveness, and forgiveness is remission.

The critical but not yet hostile scribes reasoned within themselves, "Why does this man thus speak? he blasphemeth: who can forgive sins but one, even God?"

The scribes did not recognize Jesus as the Son of God, with divine rights within himself, so viewed His claim to grant forgiveness a reproach upon God's name.

Perceiving the workings of their minds Jesus questioned them, "Which is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, take up thy bed and walk? In order that ye may know the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins, (He saith unto the sick of the palsy) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go into thy house."

The performance of the physical miracle substantiated His claim that the Son of man had not only power to heal but the power to forgive sins. Jesus used the term "Son of man" in reference to himself and the term indicates that Jesus is the full representative of all mankind, a Savior of the whole world.

The forgiven soul is obedient and immediately the healed and forgiven man, blessed in body and soul, set forth to do the Lord's will. Glorifying God, he made his way through the throng, leaving behind a chorus of praise, a stunned amazement, and resentful but stifled objections.

Jesus befriends friendless Mark 2:13-17

JESUS left Peter's house to walk by the seaside for a much needed rest after His encounter with the obstinate scribes and Pharisees. But again the crowd gathered and Jesus ministered unto them. "And as he passed by he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the place of toll . . ."

Levi, better known as Matthew, was a publican, a Jew by birth, and despised by his people. He was a hated little Mockhes, a collector of duties on imports, exports, bridge tolls and a multiplicity of other taxes, and admitted of abuse and graft.

Especially were there aggravations in Judea and Galilee. To many of the Jews the payment of any form of tribute was a disgrace, the hated act even greater when the publican was a Jew. Matthew was excluded from all religious fellowship, his money tainted and defiled; he could not serve as a witness and the Rabbis had no word of help for him. Jesus may have noted this man among His hearers on numerous occasions and saw in him great possibilities, perceiving

that he was impressed with His message. Jesus' attitude toward this outcast was in deep contrast to that of the scribes, for He came to seek and to save the lost.

The Pharisees expressed their disapproval of this publican and drew their robes closer about them. ". . . and He saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed Him." He dedicated all to Jesus, trusting Him completely for cleansing, saving, and preserving. In gratitude, he made a feast for Jesus, His disciples, and his own publican friends. Effectively Jesus answered the criticizing Pharisees (Mk. 2:17). They esteemed themselves to be righteous; those whom they called sinners recognized their need of Jesus.

Need above regulation Mark 3:1-6

JESUS defended the feasting of the disciples while others fasted and later when they plucked grain on a Sabbath to satisfy their hunger.

On another Sabbath Jesus entered a synagogue as was His custom. There He was confronted by a situation which the Pharisees sought to use as condemning evidence (Mk. 3:1-6). Jesus knew their thoughts and put them on the defensive. Calling the man before him so all could see, He asked them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or to harm—to save a life, or to kill?" They refused to meet the issue, for fear they might defeat their purpose. Angered at the stubborn, unyielding hardness of their hearts, an anger mingled with grief and pity and soon lost in sorrow, he turned to the cripple saying, "Stretch forth thy hand."

No labor was involved to which they could object. But how could the man stretch out his helpless hand? Had he consulted his experience, reason, doubts, feelings, he would have received no healing. Willing to obey, he put impulse into action—the impossible became possible. Jesus placed human need above ceremonial tradition; mercy and grace before law. The Pharisees could not meet His arguments but could resort to violence and they went forth to conspire with the Herodians.

The rift between Jesus and those champions of orthodoxy grew until it brought Jesus to the Cross. He did not seek hostility but faced it with courage and tact.

So must we have courage to witness for Christ, to contend for the truth of the Scriptures, to live by high moral standards, to withstand the onslaughts and pressures of criticisms, prejudices, and false propaganda even at the risk of personal suffering.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 16:58).

Don't push!

BOY: (returning from school) "Maw, I larned to write today!"

MAW: "What have you larned to writè, son?"

BOY: "Don't know yet. I ain't larned to read."

Add fan mail

RADIO program hitting the air at 7 a.m. each day received this note from a feminine fan: "Before I tuned in your program, I could never get my husband out of bed in the morning. Now he can't get out of the house fast enough."

Don't lose hope!

THE police station had been quiet all day and most of the week.

"What a life," grousched one of the officers. "No fights, no burglaries, no riots, nothin', not even a stabbing. If it stays this quiet, they'll reduce the force."

"Rest easy, Mike," said the captain. "Things will break soon. You've got to have faith in human nature."

USHER: "May I help you sir?"
MAN: "I lost a caramel."
USHER: "Oh, I thought it was important."

MAN: "It is. My teeth are in it!"

Doubting Thomas

ANOTHER youngster was asked to tell about his favorite Bible story. He replied: "I like the story about the Jews who escaped from the mean Egyptians. . . . They were running away but suddenly they were trapped at the Red Sea. Then the American Army came along and quickly built a pontoon bridge across the Red Sea so the Jews could get away."

"Is that the story they taught you in Sunday School?" the child was asked incredulously.

"No," quoth he, "but what they taught us you'd never believe."

He's complaining?

JUDGE: "Your husband complains that he leads a dog's life."

WIFE: "Well, it is similar, your honor. He comes in the house with muddy feet, tracks across my clean floor, barks at nothing, growls at his food, and makes himself comfortable on my best furniture."

Attendance Report

January 6, 1963

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alma, Kibler	187	100	
Alpena, First	74	43	
Osage Mission	31	21	
Camden			
Buena Vista Chapel	42	27	
Cullendale First	452	214	
First	506	204	1
Crossett	533	216	
El Dorado, East Main	271	133	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	352	148	6
Eastside	90	58	
First	1,094	349	2
Missions	473	231	
Grand Avenue	725	341	
Mission	10		
Gentry, First	186	100	
Green Forest, First	137	41	
Gurdon, Beech St.	186	74	
Harrisburg, Calvary	160	113	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	293	114	
Huntsville	100	50	1
Combs	17	22	
Kingston	28	24	
Jacksonville, First	586	232	1
Marshall Road	100	38	4
Second	176	76	1
Jonesboro, Nettleton	261	112	
Kingsland	39	29	
Lavaca	233	163	7
Little Rock			
First	1025	409	
Berea Chapel	119	80	
White Rock	51	21	
Immanuel	1276	506	2
Forest Tower	33	29	
Kerr	43	35	
Rosedale	277	121	4
McGehee, First	385	176	2
Chapel	44	37	
Magnolia, Central	720	293	3
Marked Tree, First	174	80	
North Little Rock			
Calvary	499	166	7
Gravel Ridge	161	111	
Levy	582	278	
Park Hill	833	297	9
Smackover, First	300	137	
Mission	28	13	
Springdale, First	485	174	1
Tyronza, First	158	57	
Van Buren, First	378	186	4
Chapel	44		
Vandervoort, First	56	46	7

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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Help me think, Harvey—that looks exactly like somebody we know!"

If Harvey's half-smart, this is one time he won't help. None of us know how we really look to others, and the picture we carry of ourselves changes like the tide.

Kennedy visits Baptist church for Senator Kerr funeral rites

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—Oklahoma Baptist leaders and national and state government officials assembled in First Baptist Church here to pay last respects to a Baptist layman, Sen. Robert S. Kerr.

Kerr died Jan. 1 in Washington.

The national prominence of Kerr, who was recognized as one of the most powerful figures in Congress, was evidenced by the presence at the funeral of President John F. Kennedy. Vice president Lyndon B. Johnson, 28 senators, Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon and several other national leaders also attended.

President Kennedy flew here from Palm Beach, Fla., to attend the funeral. On his three-hour visit the President was driven directly to the church for the funeral, then to Rose Hill Cemetery. Then he returned to his plane. Kerr will be interred here for a while and then moved to his family's home site near Ada.

Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Church, where Kerr had been a member since 1931, greeted the President on his arrival at the church. Hobbs, Southern Baptist Convention president, had met Kennedy in Washington last year in a meeting arranged by Kerr.

Assisting Hobbs in the funeral service were Frederic Brown Harris, U. S. Senate chaplain, and John W. Raley, chancellor of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, who was a close friend of the late senator.

The entire 1,300-seat auditorium of the church was reserved to accommodate government officials, business associates, Baptist leaders and others associated closely with Kerr. One section was reserved for members of the Sunday School class Kerr taught at First Church for several years.

Fifty Oklahoma Baptist leaders were seated in the choir loft. The auditorium was banked with flowers, though Kerr's family had requested that instead of flowers

money be contributed to the current expansion drive for Baptist Memorial Hospital here, in which Kerr was playing an active role.

Despite a light rain which fell throughout most of the service, several hundred persons lined the streets near the church to pay their respects, as well as to catch a glimpse of the dignitaries arriving. Loud speakers carried the service to other areas of the church building and to the crowd outside.

Kerr's interest in the growth of Baptist institutions was evidenced by large contributions for the construction of a cottage at Oklahoma Baptist Children's City, dedicated to the memory of his father, and the Mrs. W. S. Kerr Memorial women's dormitory at Oklahoma Baptist University, honoring his mother.

In 1949 Sen. Kerr was elected vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and later named to the Radio and Television Commission of the Convention. He was vice president of the board of directors of the Oklahoma Baptist Foundation before his election as its president in 1960.

The senator carried his Bible wherever he traveled. His personal secretary, Lucile Christiansen, relates one specific incident in which she discovered him reading the Bible to a man in his office. She recalls that he was reading 91st Psalm and asked the office visitor pointedly, "Do you believe that?"

The secretary remembers he asked this question three times and added, "If you do, you have to live it."

His church was a very personal matter. He once said, "I give my money to my church but I do not control it. I let them decide how they want to use it."

During the last 10 years of his life Sen. Kerr's philanthropies included more than \$1 million in gifts to Oklahoma Baptist University.

A teetotaler, the senator often startled people at Washington parties by booming out, "Alcohol has cost more, destroyed more property, killed more people and created more ill health and misery than all the wars in the entire history of the human race."

McClung is president

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (BP)—The pastor of the First Baptist Church of Plainview, Roy C. McClung, has been elected as the eighth president of Wayland Baptist College here.

McClung, a native of Oklahoma and former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ada, Okla., will assume the Wayland presidency July 1.

He will succeed A. Hope Owen, who retires June 30 after 10 years as president of the Texas Baptist school. Owen will become president emeritus of Wayland.

McClung, 41, has been pastor of the 3,400-member church here for the past four years. He was pastor in Ada from 1954-1958 and pastor of the Ninth and O Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., 1947-1954.

A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, McClung holds the doctor of theology degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

He is a member of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the Wayland board of trustees, and is president of district nine of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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