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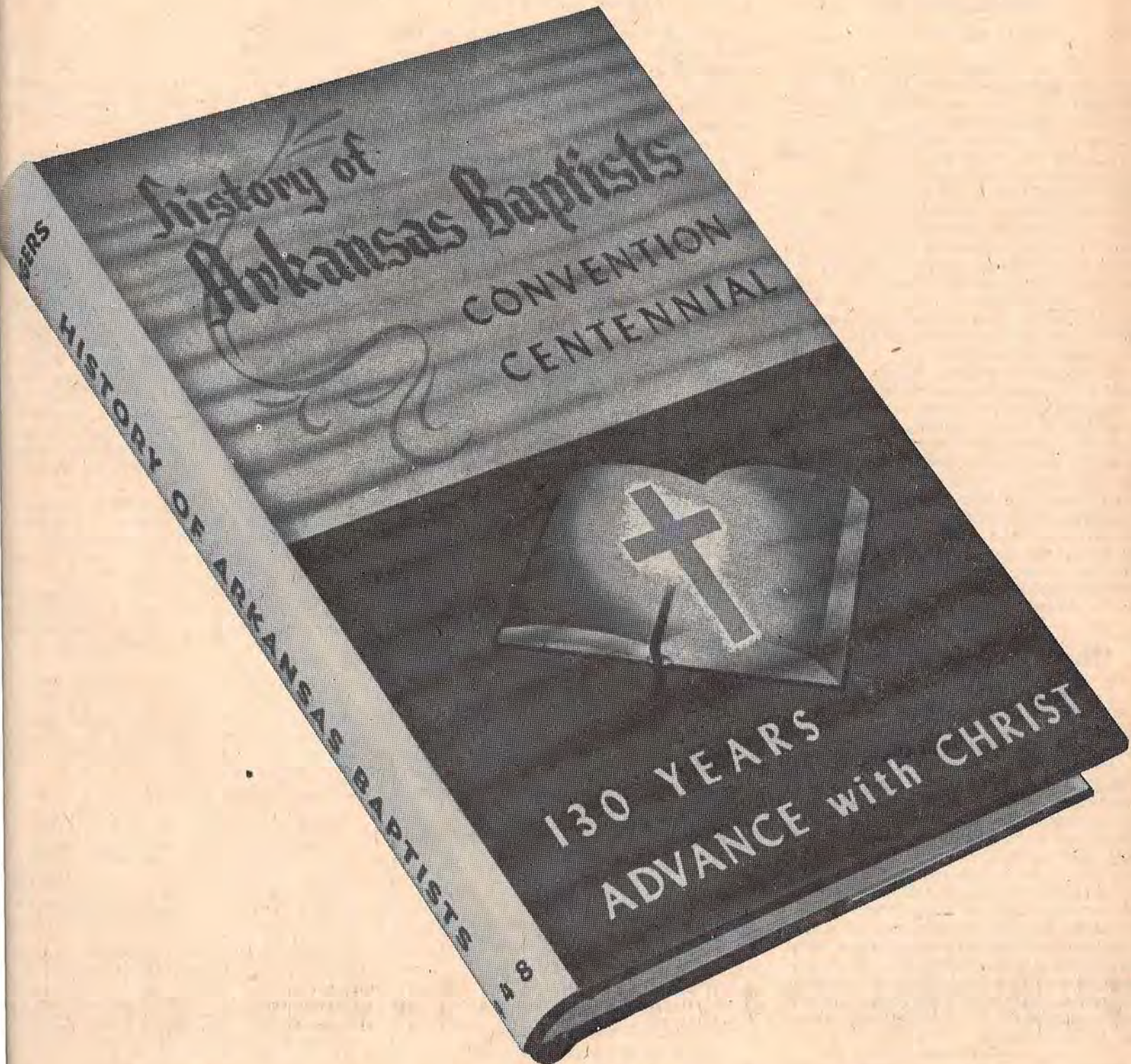
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## Tulip, Arkansas

### Let's Go To Tulip September 21

By E. C. BROWN

It is my earnest hope that a great host of Arkansas Baptists will go to Tulip, Arkansas, on September 21, for the one-day Centennial Session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. This will be an historic occasion because the Convention was organized at this hallowed spot on September 21, 1848.

Stalwart soldiers of the Cross participated in this organization and thus laid the foundation for our great Convention. Others have followed in their train and have carried on the work of Arkansas Baptist in a marvelous fashion. They have built our institutions and have organized new churches up and down our State. They have won men and women to Christ until now we number more than 200,000 in this wonder State.

Ours is a rich heritage. We do well to go back to Tulip and there re-dedicate ourselves to our God. It is the sincere prayer and earnest hope of your president that this day shall be a day when Arkansas Baptists shall be united in spirit, in plan, and purpose to the end that all of us together, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, shall go forward to do even greater things for our Savior in the new century. Let every church elect messengers and send them to Tulip. Let every Arkansas Baptist pray that the power of God's Holy Spirit shall descend upon Arkansas Baptists on September 21.

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### Chaplains Association

By T. BARON GIBSON

All men who have served as chaplains in any branch of the armed forces of the United States either in World War I or II are eligible for membership in the Southern Baptist Chaplains Association. There are no dues or initiation fee as this organization functions only to conserve the lessons learned with men in military service and to seek to improve ways and means for Southern Baptists to minister to men in military service.

The annual meeting of the Association is held in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention but Auxiliary meetings are sought in each State of the Convention. Men submitting requests for membership are respectfully asked to state branch of service and dates of that service. Such applications should be sent to Secretary Harry V. Smith, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia.

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Nothing is more untrue than that secular education can save us. Only one thing is worse than a Devil and that is an educated Devil.

George A. Buttrick.

### American Baptist Alliance

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

Recently, there has developed a proposal that there be set up on this North American continent an American Baptist Alliance. The idea was presented at both the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions last May. The purpose in the project is to have a body set up on the same principles as the Baptist World Alliance. The idea seems to us to be a good one. The Northern Baptist Convention at Milwaukee voted heartily in favor of such an alliance. The Southern Convention had the project before it at Memphis, but enthusiasm for it was restrained by the idea which was spread that Northern Baptists and the Disciples of Christ were about to enter into formal union.

Southern Baptists can be assured that there is no such proposal and there is no discoverable technique whereby it could be done. The only steps taken up to now have been of a consultative nature. There will be no North American Baptist Alliance unless the Northern and Southern Baptists can come to an understanding as to the terms on such an alliance could be entertained. Even this would of Baptists in this country, all of which ought only be a beginning. There are many groups to be regarded as potential members of an American Baptist Alliance. We trust that now the idea has been launched, it will be advanced and carefully studied as to its practical features.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

## Radio

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- KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:45 p. m.
- KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.
- KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.
- KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.
- KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.
- KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.

## Lament Over Jerusalem

A Devotion by the Editor

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!"

A mother hen and her brood of chicks searching diligently and scratching industriously, if perchance they may find some of nourishment, chirping the while in contentment and happiness. Now and then the mother hen, having found some delicious morsel, gives out a series of excited clucks and little tribe races to her, each one trying feverishly to get there first and claim the delicacy.

But that mother hen never becomes preoccupied with the search for food; her sensitive ears are not always alert for the sound of approaching danger. Suddenly she raises her head and sounds a note of warning; all activity ceases at once; she listens and the threat of danger is heard again; she utters in imperative tones, and this time the flock rushes hurriedly under her wing for protection.

This is the picture in the mind of Christ. He looks upon Jerusalem and utters those unforgettable words, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

A hurried review of the history of Jerusalem will confirm this statement of Jesus. God has always been alert to the slightest sound of approaching danger to His people and has called in urgent pleadings to them to return to Him for safety and protection. "Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord." "I will fight your battles for you, saith the Lord, and drive back the enemy," "Cast thy care upon the Lord, for He will take care for you."

Yet, how often have they heeded the warning, even maltreating the messengers who issued the warning, stoning some and killing others. It is a startling, even an amazing fact, that human beings endowed with intelligence will act with such unintelligent tardiness at the warning of approaching danger, whereas baby chicks without intelligence act with instinctive promptness at the first sound of alarm.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matthew 23:37).

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## From the Editor's Desk

# Centennial State Convention

Centennial! To repeat that word sets one's thoughts racing and calls upon the imagination to reconstruct scenes of the past and trace the course of events which led up to the present.

We are thinking now of the hundred years history of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and its Centennial session to be held at Tulip on September 21.

We visualize the small beginnings, the growth and expansion, and the present resources and opportunities of our Baptist work in the State. Men and women of stalwart faith, indomitable courage, sacrificial spirit, and loyal devotion, forged ahead through the difficulties of those early years and laid a foundation upon which a great structure of denominational organization and activity has been built.

We shall come to the Centennial session of the Convention at Tulip keenly conscious of the legacy bequeathed to us by those who have wrought so well in the past. We shall also be mindful of our obligation to conserve the fruits of the labors of those who have preceded us and measure up to the larger opportunities which challenge us today.

A glance at our present resources and opportunities should both humble us and challenge us. Our colleges, our hospital and orphanage, are assets which return great dividends to the denomination. To heighten our appreciation of these institutions, let us try to imagine what our denominational work would be like if we had no such institutions.

Look also at the departments of our Executive Board; Administration, Religious Education, W.M.U., Brotherhood, Missions, Arkansas Baptist. These departments promote every phase of church and denominational activity. What would our denominational life be like without these departments?

Our greater assets consist of 200,000 Baptists, voluntarily associated together in approximately 1,000 churches, ministered to and guided in their local and denominational program by faithful, aggressive, and consecrated pastors.

But our greatest assets consist of the Bible, the message of salvation which we are commissioned to deliver to all the world; of redeeming and sustaining grace which is accessible to every soul; of God our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our comforter and guide.

We are not lacking in resources, assets, and abilities. We have everything needful for carrying out our Lord's commission. We stand on the plateau of the present, trustees of the heritage bequeathed to us from the past, "Ambassadors on behalf of Christ," equipped with the resources, the instruments, the assets and the abilities to carry forward and

expand the program developed during the past hundred years. We are not here to write "finis" to that history, or to rest upon the laurels of others; we are here to write a more glorious chapter in the history of Arkansas Baptists.

"The field is the world," and "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest; behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already unto harvest." Therefore, let us thrust in the sickle and reap for the Lord the harvest that is waiting to be garnered.

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## Our Baptist Schools

Arkansas Baptists have three schools: Ouachita College, Central College, and the School of Nursing at the Baptist State Hospital. These schools represent the educational opportunities which we provide for the Baptist young people of the State, and other young people who are attracted to them.

Our schools are among our most valuable assets; they return to the denomination a trained leadership, of both laymen and ministers, without which our Baptist cause would be seriously handicapped. When we consider the contributions which these schools have made to the denomination, we must confess that they deserve better support than we are now giving them.

Monday through Thursday, September 6-9, were orientation days at Ouachita, regular classes began on Friday the tenth. Ouachita is looking forward to its greatest year.

Central College opened its doors on September sixth at its new location, the hospital area of Camp Robinson, North Little Rock. Approximately 100 were enrolled the first day with the prospect of reaching at least 300 during the school year. A highly qualified faculty has been engaged and the physical equipment has been renovated and remodeled to provide ample and comfortable living quarters for both faculty and student body.

The Baptist State Hospital maintains a School of Nursing with a student body of 200. This school provides a standard three-year course. New classes are started two or three times a year. Last June, 46 students were admitted, 62 others were admitted on September 12. Age limits are 16 and one-half to 35 years.

Three things we can do for our schools: Encourage our young people to attend them, pray for them, and support them with our means. The probability is that if we would do more praying for these schools we would give them more money.

It is easy to stand at a distance and find fault with the management of these schools.

## Is America Christian

The Christian Herald's annual report of membership of religious bodies in the United States reveals some interesting figures. For instance, the total membership of religious bodies in the United States, Protestant and non-Protestant, stands at 77,386,188. This represents 53 per cent of the population of the United States, the highest in the history of the country.

There are 223 Protestant denominations listed with a total membership of 46,149,674 or a little more than 60 per cent. The Roman Catholics claim 25,286,178, a little better than 33 per cent. Jewish congregations number 4,641,000, about six per cent. The remaining one per cent is made up of various small groups.

Catholicism reported a gain of 3.5 per cent in 1947, while Protestantism reported a gain of 2.6 per cent. Contrary to popular belief, the larger Protestant denominations had the largest percentage increase in membership. Denominations numbering 1,000,000 or more registered a gain of nine per cent. Denominations with 200,000 to 1,000,000 members also registered a gain of nine per cent. Denominations with 50,000 to 200,000 membership had a net gain of seven per cent. The very small sects registered only 1.2 per cent.

If these 77,386,188 professing Christians were really CHRISTIAN, with an overpowering devotion to the Lord; if they were all consecrated to the task of carrying out the commissions of Jesus; if they would accept the teachings of the Bible and live by its instructions; this would be a different kind of world from what it is today. But we are forced to admit that the Christian people of the world are not making the contribution to world peace and good will which is within their power to make.

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## Order Your Copy Now

The history of Arkansas Baptists, by Dr. J. S. Rogers, is being accorded a splendid reception, both in Arkansas and in many other sections. Doubtless you have read the commendations which we have published in the Arkansas Baptist.

This book contains a mass of historical information which should challenge and inspire every Baptist in the State. No church library can afford to be without it, and every preacher should have a copy for his own library. Also, many others among our church leaders would find this book to be a valuable source of information and inspiration.

Brethren, if you have not already secured your copy of the History of Arkansas Baptists, you should do so at once.

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But that is the cheapest thing we can do. The probability is that if we were charged with the responsibility of conducting these schools, we would make more mistakes than the present management. Our schools deserve our unqualified support.



# Kingdom Progress

## Webb To West Helena

Lehman F. Webb, who graduated from the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, last May with the Thm. degree, has announced his acceptance of the pastorate of the West Helena Baptist Church, and will assume his duties October 1.

Mr. Webb was reared at Tuckerman, Arkansas. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and for the past four years has been a student in the Southern Seminary. During his student days in the Seminary, he has been pastor of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, a full time rural church near Franklin, Kentucky.

R. J. McMillan has announced his resignation as associate pastor of the First Church, Benton. Mr. McMillan has been with the Benton Church for more than two years. Previously he was associate pastor and music director of the First Church, Searcy. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and for two years was director of the Ouachita College Choir. Mr. McMillan is available for the pastorate, or as associate pastor, or director of education and music. He can be contacted at Benton, Arkansas.

Earl Tankersley, pastor of the Coy Baptist Church, reports a successful revival in which Morris Ashcraft, former pastor of the church, and now pastor of First Church, Ellisburg, Kentucky, did the preaching.

Pastor E. C. Hecksher, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Blytheville, was assisted in a revival meeting by P. H. Jernigan, Calvary Church, Blytheville, in which there were 28 additions to the church.

Pastor E. Butler Abington, Trinity Baptist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana, recently concluded a 15 day tent revival with Dr. J. M. Hendley, Atlanta, Georgia, evangelist, and Forrest Schickedanz, Pickneyville, Illinois, song director. Many other churches in the Lake Charles area participated in the services. There were 167 decisions for Christ. Trinity Church received 85 for baptism and 28 by letter.

Roy Elrod and Code Tillery were ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the Owenville Baptist Church August 15. The ordination sermon was delivered by D. C. Bandy, Park Place Church, Hot Springs. S. A. Wiles, associational missionary, delivered the charge. D. C. Bandy served as moderator, and Gib Robinson was clerk.

T. T. Reynolds of Tucson, Arizona, general field worker for the Home Mission Board, was the visiting evangelist in revival services recently at the Chidester Baptist Church, Rawls Pierce, Pastor. There were 13 additions to the church, 7 of whom were baptized.

Pastor Reese S. Howard, Central Church, Jonesboro, was the visiting evangelist at Childress Chapel, Greene County Association, J. O. Miles pastor. There were 35 additions to the church membership, 30 by baptism.

Superintendent and Mrs. L. B. Snider, of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello, have announced their resignation to accept a similar position with the Central Baptist Children's Home, Chicago, Illinois. Since their coming to the Orphanage many improvements have been made, new buildings erected, old ones repaired, additions made to the playgrounds. The Board of Trustees, in accepting the Sniders' resignation, expressed their deep appreciation for the work done by them and also their sincere regrets for losing them.

Pastor W. C. Rowe of the Capitol Hill Church, Little Rock, preached in revival services recently at the First Baptist Church, Brookland, S. J. Meador, pastor. There were 15 additions to the church, 14 of them coming on profession of faith and baptism. Pastor Meador expresses his gratitude to Brother Rowe for the service he rendered during the revival meeting and for the impetus which was given to the entire church program in these services.

A new rock veneer church building is being constructed by the Mayflower Church, Conway. The building is to be 32 by 40 feet, and will have an auditorium and eight Sunday School classrooms. Dr. Tom Wallace of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, is supply pastor for the church.

Pastor L. C. Tedford, First Church, Corning, recently baptized 16 into the fellowship of the church. These 16 came as a result of a revival at the New Hope mission. One was received on promise of letter.

## Pastoral Changes

L. C. Edwards announced his resignation as pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Trinity Association, to accept the call to Waldenburg Church, Trinity Association. He will begin his work there September 12.

Byron King, Calvary Baptist Church, Batesville, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, effective September 15.

J. M. Hayes, Lexington, has resigned his pastorate to accept the call to do mission work.

John V. Terry from Mason Valley Church, Benton County, to First Church, Decatur.

## Correction

We regret that it was erroneously reported in the August 19 issue of the Arkansas Baptist that Joe Cruse had resigned the pastorate of the Lake Village Baptist Church. It should read "the Wake Village Baptist Church."

We regret this error and trust that this correction will obviate any further confusion.

H. O. Malone is pastor of the Lake Village Church and is going strong.

Youth Sunday was observed August 26 Central Church, Hot Springs, Clyde H. pastor. Services were conducted by and over the young people and the youth leaders of the offices of the church for the Thomas Landers Jr., assistant pastor, spoke on "Youth Seeks a Master" at the 11 o'clock service and at the evening service, "I Do You," a challenge to the young people. T. McCulloch, state student secretary and youth leader, spoke to the young people of the Baptist churches of the city at the combined Training Union meeting in the evening.

Vacation Bible School was conducted Mt. Zion Baptist Church (colored), Little Rock, by Mrs. E. A. Showalter and Mrs. L. Guthrey, with 290 enrolled. Evangelistic services were conducted in connection with the school by Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., Immanuel Church, Little Rock. There were 20 professions of faith.

Reese S. Howard, Central Church, Jonesboro, recently did the preaching in a revival at the Childress Chapel Baptist Church, Greene County Association, J. O. Miles, pastor. There were 35 additions to the church, 30 of them by baptism.

Dr. Hugh Brimm, newly elected Director of the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke at both services at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Sunday, September 5. Dr. Brimm is a graduate of Mississippi College and has a Ph. D. degree from the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. With headquarters at the Southern Baptist Seminary, he is directing and promoting the program of the Social Service Commission.

Pastor Horace Grigson Jr., has resigned pastorate of Biddle Baptist Church in order to continue his education at Southwest Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is a former student of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia.

Mr. Grigson accepted the pastorate of Biddle Church, August, 1946. Under his leadership a new church building was begun during latter part of 1947, and is now nearing completion.

Pat Mehaffy of Atlanta, Georgia, and former student at Ouachita, will succeed Pastor Grigson at the Biddle Church.

Pastor James W. Johnson has resigned pastorate of the Eastside Church at DeVine in order that he may re-enter school and complete his education. Pastor Johnson has been with the Eastside Church since their organization in March 1947.

The Eastside Church grew out of a mission sponsored by the First Church of DeVine Douglas M. White, pastor. During the months since the organization of the church the Sunday School attendance has more than doubled, the church building is free of debt and 23 persons have been received for baptism and 6 have united with the church by letter. The church has been assisted by the Social Mission Department of the Executive Board.

This young church is now looking for a pastor and has appointed a pulpit committee for the purpose of supplying the pulpit, considering possibilities for the pastorate of the church.

Roger M. Baxter Jr., New Boston, Tennessee student in Ouachita College, worked through the summer with Texas Royal Ambassador in their summer camp program. Through the summer he was in charge of the handicraft work and assisted in the other camp activities.



## Who Will Be Next?

The following churches have added to their subscription lists: First, Fayetteville; New Liberty, Blytheville; Graves Memorial, North Little Rock; First, Stuttgart; Southside, Pine Bluff; South, Fort Smith; First, Harrison; Immanuel, Little Rock; Calvary, Batesville; Park Place, Hot Springs; Biddle, Little Rock; Beech Street, Texarkana; First, Bentonville; First, Walnut Ridge; First, Batesville; Second, Monticello; Shady Grove, Little Rock; Hebron, Little Rock; First, McGehee; Arkansas City; Immanuel, El Dorado; Second, Little Rock; Central, Pine Bluff; Gaines Street, Little Rock; First, Hot Springs; Immanuel, Fort Smith; Plainview, Little Rock; Second, El Dorado; First, Lewisville; First, North Little Rock; South, Texarkana; First, Trumann.

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Mrs. Herbert Morris was principal of the Vacation Bible School at Graves Memorial Church, North Little Rock, with 65 enrolled. There were a number of professions of faith and re-dedications.

Caney Creek Church recently had the services of Pastor W. M. Pratt, First Church Lonoke, in a revival meeting. The result was 22 additions to the church membership by baptism and five by letter. A. L. Coleman was in charge of the music.

The church building has recently been remodeled and a baptistry installed, also attic fans for air conditioning have been installed. E. Rawlings is pastor of the church.

New Hope Church, Omaha, met in special session August 22, for the purpose of ordaining Kenneth Threet to the full gospel ministry.

The ordaining council was composed of the following: E. F. Cox, moderator; W. A. Odell, clerk; J. W. Henderson examined the candidate; John Hilger preached the sermon and gave the charge to the candidate and church; Perry Fitchue delivered the ordination prayer; and E. F. Cox presented the Bible. Other members of the council were Loy Moody, Burlington; L. F. Pruitt and Ben Littleton, New Hope; Sam Journagan and Quentin Middleton, Omaha; F. B. Beck, Denver; and Wade Taylor, Oregon Flat.

Black Water Church, Mississippi County Association, had the services of G. W. Wages, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, in recent revival services which resulted in 30 additions to the church membership by baptism and a number by letter. T. J. Richardson is pastor of the church.

Pastor F. F. Weaver, Diaz Church, reports a successful revival and Vacation Bible School held August 9-19. There were 43 enrolled in the Vacation Bible School. The result was ten professions of faith and seven additions to the church membership by baptism. The pastor was assisted by Birt Edwards, a student in Southern College.

Brown Chapel Church, Manila, reports a successful revival. C. A. Johnson, El Dorado, did the preaching. There were 27 professions of faith, five additions to the church membership by letter, and several re-dedications. J. M. Wilkinson is pastor of the church.

Pastor J. E. Ratliff and the New Hope Church had the assistance of Associational Missionary S. D. Davis, Harmony Association, in recent revival services in which there were 39 additions to the church by baptism and one by letter. Mrs. Davis conducted a story hour for the children in which she used Bible story pictures. Clifford White of Caraway, directed the music.

Union Church, Boone-Carroll Association, closed a two weeks revival August 22, in which John R. Stratton did the preaching. There were 19 additions to the church membership, 18 by baptism.

Hugh McGehee, who has been pastor of the Union church for eighteen months, recently resigned to enter Southern College. He is available for pastoral or supply work in the vicinity of the college.

The Ratliff Church recently closed a revival in which W. A. Crow did the preaching and Pastor E. C. Egbert was in charge of the music. There were three professions of faith and four additions to the church membership.

A debt free building was dedicated at the morning service August 1, at which time the notes were burned. The native stone veneer building, consisting of auditorium and two class rooms, was built in 1947. In the afternoon two deacons were ordained and Hubert Huchins was licensed to preach.

There were 35 enrolled in the Vacation Bible School at Harmony Church, Perry County Association. Revival services were conducted at the same time by Pastor A. D. Corder and several visiting pastors. There were 14 additions to the church membership by baptism, one addition by letter, and one person surrendered to preach.

The First Church, Decatur, closed a two weeks revival on August 22, in which Evangelist W. F. Coucher did the preaching. Pastor John V. Terry says: "The church was greatly strengthened by the meeting, and we expect to be reaping results from it for many months to come. We wish to heartily recommend Mr. Couch to Arkansas Baptists as being a great Bible scholar and preacher. No church could help being strengthened by his straightforward preaching of the Word of God."

Pastor M. D. Davis, Nodena Church, Wilson, reports a very successful mission revival on Island 35 in Tennessee, about eight miles from Nodena church. There were 41 professions of faith and additions to the Nodena church.

Pastor Bill Lewis and Big Creek Church, Greene County Association, had the services of Brother Lee Lewis, father of the pastor, in a revival meeting recently. The result was 15 additions to the church membership, 14 of whom were by baptism.

Pastor W. M. Thompson, Riverside Church, Tri-County Association, reports a successful revival in which Evangelist Gene Gales did the preaching. There were 14 professions of faith.

Pastor Hal Gallop preached in recent revival services at Sage, Arkansas, in which there were five additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism.

## Central College Opening

The formal opening of Central College was held in the college auditorium at 10:30 Thursday morning, September 9. The exercises were under the direction of President I. M. Prince.

After the invocation, President Prince presented Fritz E. Goodbar, vice president and business manager, who gave a detailed account of the conversion program by which the buildings were conditioned for administrative offices, class rooms and dormitories. Mr. Goodbar also introduced the members of the administrative staff: Clyde Tate, assistant business manager and operator of the college store; Mrs. Demetria Morgan, dietitian; Mrs. Bernard Goodbar, superintendent of buildings; William Moody, engineer and bookkeeper; and Mrs. Marvin Bankston, registrar.

President Prince then introduced Dr. Marvin Bankston, dean of the institution, who in turn presented the members of the faculty: James Moos, Dr. Ann Beck, Bill Moody, Ray Gardner, James Beals, Mrs. William Norton, Miss Irma Gray, Miss Marcella Johnson, Eugene Davis, Martin H. Sauser, Miss Virginia Webster, Horace Nelson, Dr. Woodrow Phelps and Dr. Maximilian Beck.

The assembly was addressed by Mayor Johnson of North Little Rock, Dr. Ben I. Bridges, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor, First Church, Little Rock.

Following the exercises in the auditorium the visitors were conducted on a tour of inspection and were served refreshments in the girls' lounge.

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The Lunsford Baptist Church, Jack E. Laffler, pastor, recently closed a successful revival with Leslie Riherd, pastor of Lepanto Baptist Church, as evangelist, and Paul Owens of Lake City as music director. The church experienced a great spiritual uplift and four young people surrendered their lives to the Lord for special service. There were 11 conversions, many re-dedications, and 13 additions to the church, ten of them by baptism.

Pastor Laffler is completing his third year with the Lunsford Church, during which time the membership has continually increased and all phases of the work have expanded. The budget has been increased by 300 percent and contributions to missions are now 10 times larger than three years ago. Plans are being formulated for a mission revival and the organization of a mission Sunday School on the lower end of Maumelle Prairie, about four miles from the church. Progress in all phases of the work is made possible by the splendid co-operation of the deacons with the pastor's program of enlargement and expansion.

Lewis Gardner was licensed to preach by the Central Baptist Church, Magnolia, on Wednesday night, August 25.

Declining a music scholarship in a college in Louisiana, having had considerable training in voice, young Gardner is entering Ouachita College as a ministerial student.

State Missionary W. E. Wiles assisted recently in the Newton County associational wide revival. Missionary Wiles preached in the old Newton County Baptist Academy building at Parthenon. There was one addition to the church membership on profession of faith and baptism.



# ★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

*We must face the fact that what we are tomorrow is determined, more than anything else, by what we are today. The future is bound up in now. How shall we live today to be at our best tomorrow?*

**Erect 'Lord's Acre' Produce Stand on Highway:** Members of the Methodist Church of Whitehouse, New Jersey, dedicated the new highway produce stand at which they will sell the garden products and baked and canned goods donated in their "Lord's Acre project," a method of supporting and enlarging the rural church which is proving highly successful. A printed announcement distributed at the dedication service read: "So with this pledge of giving, this act which involves sacrifice of time and labor, the knowledge grows in the heart as the harvest in the soil that 'the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.'"

**Welcome Japanese Christians:** New York welcomed two noted Japanese Christian leaders in August: Michio Kozaki, chairman of the National Christian Council of Japan, lifelong friend and associate of Toyniko Kagawa, and chairman of the Japanese section of the F. O. R. from 1926 until its dissolution by the military in 1939; and Yoshio Higa, secretary of the Young Men and Women's Christian Association of Okinawa and minister of a non-denominational church. Both men were on their way to Amsterdam.

**Pastor Opens Fight On Slums:** In celebrating his twentieth anniversary as pastor of the large Antioch Baptist Church, Cleveland, Wade H. McKinney opened a three-point offensive against vice, ignorance, and substandard housing. He called upon the city to condemn unsanitary dwellings; he asked the State to withhold liquor licenses from "racketeers" operating resorts in the Negro districts; and he urged the school board to provide facilities for over-age Negro children in the public schools.

"If we can win our fight on these three fronts, we will have done much to improve the lot of our people," said Dr. McKinney, who is a former president of the local ministerial association, a member of the board of trustees of the central Y. M. C. A. and president of the Cedar "Y" branch. At a recent testimonial dinner, the Cleveland Baptist association paid tribute to Dr. McKinney and his family and adopted a resolution backing his crusade against slums.

**Traffic Accidents:** According to a recent report published by the Public Administration Service in Chicago, Illinois, seven out of ten drivers involved in fatal accidents were violating traffic laws at the time, and one out of six had been drinking. Young drivers, according to the statement, have the highest fatal accident rate. One study cited indicated that persons 16 years of age drove 2.3 million miles per fatal accident, while a comparative statistic for persons 45 to 49 years of age was 21.9 million miles. When persons passed the

age of 50, their accident record again became worse, as physical abilities decline. According to the report, there is about one woman driver for every three men drivers, while the mileage driven by the average man is about twice that of the average woman.

Approximately six per cent of the drivers involved in fatal accidents are women. The report, titled, "Traffic Engineering Functions and Administration," was prepared by a joint committee of the American Association of State Highway Officials, American Public Works Association, and the Institute of Traffic Engineers.

**The New York Times**, July 17, 1948, on page 28, publishes an article to the effect that Catholics wish to train a million or so for the armed forces by their own officer units under some veteran war plan. Dr. Clyde R. Miller, of New York, at once addressed a letter to President Truman protesting that this indicates that a group in America, under the influence of a foreign power, the Vatican, with possible undisclosed aims, could utilize this force for private ends, even to subversive purposes. In any event, the Catholic undertaking is plainly a violation of the Constitutional provision for separation of church and state.

**Released Time in Pennsylvania:** The State Justice Department has ruled that Pennsylvania public schools can legally sponsor released time religious instruction off school property during the classroom day period, and the State law requiring teachers to read ten verses from the Bible to students each day, without comment, was held not in violation of a recent Supreme Court Decision on religious education in Illinois.

The opinion, written by Deputy Attorney General John C. Phillips, held that public schools cannot legally be used for religious instruction, either during or after school hours, but that religious and church history as "part of a general course conducted by a public school teacher, taught objectively and not for the purpose of propagating particular religious doctrines or beliefs, may be included."

**Pope's Approval:** It is announced by **Time** that appointment of the president of the Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D. C., is subject to approval of the Pope in Rome. Is this further proof of the interpenetration of Papal influence and control over the huge concentration of Catholic interests in Washington? Is this not a bit out of line with American practices which obtain with the management of other institutions in this country?

—*Watchman-Examiner.*

## A Smile or Two

"Have you ever driven a car?" the lady applicant for a license was asked.

"One hundred and 20 thousand miles," in her husband, "and never had a hand the wheel."

Little boy in woodshed: "Father, Grandpa spank you when you were a little boy?"

Father with paddle: "Yes, son."

Little Boy: "And did Great-grandpa spank Grandpa when he was a little boy?"

Father: "Yes, son."

Little Boy: "And did Great-grandpa spank Great-grandpa?"

Father: "Yes."

Little Boy: "Well, don't you think with help you could overcome this inherited rowism?"

"Politeness is like an air cushion—there may not be much in it, but it certainly does ease life's jolts."

Ill-mannered Diner: "Hey, waiter!"

Waiter: "Don't serve it, sir."

"Here, waiter! This steak is positively black."

"Yes, sir. Mark of respect, sir. Our head cook died yesterday."

The young school teacher had just finished telling a small boy the story of a lamb that had strayed from the flock and had been eaten by a wolf.

"You see," she said, "had the lamb been obedient and stayed in the flock, it would have been eaten by the wolf, would it?"

"No, ma'm," answered the boy. "It would have been eaten by us."

Captain: "Don't you know how to stand attention?"

Rookie (in oversize uniform): "I am! It's my uniform that is at ease."

Teacher: "Where are the biggest diamonds found?"

Johnny: "In the baseball parks."

Teacher: "What's the fastest growing thing in nature?"

Skeptical Pupil: "A fish, from the time Daddy lands it 'til he tells about it at next party."

A rather stout schoolmistress was talking about birds and their habits.

"Now," she said, "at home I have a can and it can do something I cannot do. I wonder if any of you know just what that thing is?"

"I know, teacher," he said. "Take a bird in a saucer!"

Teacher: "What did Columbus prove standing an egg on end?"

Pupil: "That eggs were then cheap enough and plentiful enough to be handled carelessly."

Policeman (after the collision): "You lady driving toward you. Why didn't you give her half of the road?"

Motorist: "I was going to—as soon as I covered which half she wanted."



# ENCOURAGING MISSION REPORTS

## Missionary Establishes Twelve Missions and Organizes Church

We now have twelve mission points opened in White River Association. Preaching services are conducted in each one by the pastors of the churches and preachers who are not pastors from once to twice each month. A revival has been held in each one this summer.

In addition to the missions, we have organized one church which will apply for membership in the association this fall.

—CLAUDE CRIGLER, *missionary, White River Association.*

## Pastor Missionary Leads Church in Progressive Program

The Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Harmony Association, under the leadership of its pastor, T. S. Cowden, has made great progress since last November when he came to this church. We now have church services each Sunday afternoon and one Saturday evening during the month. There have been nine additions to the church, eight by baptism and one by letter. Three deacons have been ordained since Brother Cowden came as pastor.

The financial report of the church has more than doubled and several members have pledged to the tithe. Members of the Hickory Grove Church greatly appreciate the assistance received from the State Mission Board.

—MRS. JEFF C. HADDOX, *treasurer.*

## Building Fund Aid Inspires Rural Church

The Harmony Hill Baptist Church has splendid progress to report, and, also, we want to express our sincere appreciation to the Mission Department for the gift of \$100 which was a major incentive in getting the work started.

The work was started Wednesday morning, July 14, with practically the entire community on hand with such tools as were available. We worked every day and had dinner at the church, with good fellowship. The work went well and we didn't have to hire any labor. We have been having services in the new building for several weeks and the classrooms are almost completed.

Knowing your interest in this church, which was made by two churches joining together about one year ago, we are happy to report that the new church is doing many times what the two churches combined had ever done before. We have had 12 professions of faith in this year, an average attendance of well over 50, average offering of over \$100 per month. The church has a fine spirit of love and zealously to do God's will.

—RAYMOND MARKS, *pastor.*

## Star City Pastor Writes Superintendent

"I would like to tell you of a happy experience we had recently. There are two mill sections in town where most of the people had not been attending church, and many of them were lost. We secured a tent, purchased by Harmony Association for this purpose, and placed it near these two sections. We preached every night for ten nights and had the tent filled almost every night.

"Last Sunday we baptized 15 who were won during this meeting. Three were received by letter, and there were four other professions of faith. All but two of this number are adults. These people were in Sunday School Sunday, and here in the middle of the summer we broke our attendance record. We had thought about a mission Sunday School, but since these people are so close to us and want to come to our services we are going to use them to help us reach their neighbors for the Lord and our church."

—LUTHER DORSEY, *pastor First Church, Star City.*

## A New Outlook

Antioch Church No. 1, White River Association, is making splendid progress under the leadership of Pastor W. E. Parker who began his pastorate on June first, having come from Fort Worth, Texas.

The upswing in the activities of the Antioch Church had its beginning in a revival meeting, May 16-23, conducted by Missionaries Claude Crigler and Ottis Denney. There were 12 additions to the church membership on profession of faith.

Since Pastor Parker came on the field, the offerings have increased from \$5 per week to \$35 per week. In its financial program the church has included associational missions and the Co-operative Program, and is hoping soon to co-operate with some other church near enough to form a full time pastoral field.

The Antioch church was organized in 1880 and worshipped in a building which was used for both school and religious services. Some years later the church was moved to Flippin where it worshipped in the community building. However, in the early 30's it moved back to its original site.

Among the pastors who have served the Antioch church are: W. M. McCuistion, J. B. Routh, Charles Gipson, and Claude Crigler.

## Mission Funds Have Encouraged Saline Baptist Church

We would like to mention a few things that the Mission Department has done for our church. In the first place, it has made possible a minister for half time where before we only had one for one fourth time.

## Trinity Association

Missionary Louis Gustavus sends in the following report of recent revival meetings in Trinity Association:

"Spear Lake School House, mission point from Lepanto Church, recently had the services of Pastor Leslie Riherd, Lepanto Church and Missionary Louis Gustavus in a revival meeting. There were 70 additions to the church membership, 60 of whom were by profession of faith. Jimmie Marshall was in charge of the music. Other workers were Carl Mitchum, pastor of the mission; Martha Mae Eason and Thomas Edwin Farrar, working with the young people.

"West Ridge Church, Lepanto Mission Church: Derryl Ball did the preaching and Pastor R. D. McEwen was in charge of the music. There were 27 additions to the church membership, 21 of whom were by profession of faith.

"First Church, Tyronza: 36 additions to the church membership, 25 by profession of faith. Evangelist W. E. Couch did the preaching and Roland Leath, director of religious education, First Church, Little Rock, was in charge of the music. Boyd Eldridge is pastor of the church.

"Morning Sun School House, mission meeting of the Pleasant Grove Church, L. C. Edwards, pastor: Missionary Louis Gustavus, evangelist, and Currey Coker were in charge of the music. There were 10 additions to the church membership, nine by profession of faith.

"Neiswander Church: Three professions of faith; W. F. Carlton, evangelist.

"Maple Grove Church: One profession of faith; church building program launched. Missionary Louis Gustavus did the preaching. C. I. Hathcoat is pastor of church.

"Trumann Church: Nineteen additions to the church membership, 10 of whom were by profession of faith; H. E. Kirkpatrick, evangelist, John Basinger, pastor.

"Pleasant Grove Church: P. O. Freeman, evangelist. There were 16 professions of faith and one rededication. L. C. Edwards is pastor if the church."

—Louis Gustavus  
*Associational Missionary.*

Then, too, he has devoted time and effort to the working and building of our church, moving his membership with us and bringing his tithe into the church treasury. All in all, we feel that the mission money has helped the church 100 per cent and hope that it can continue.

—MRS. H. C. STEADMAN, *Saline Church, Bartholomew Association.*

# BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

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# Removing Spiritual Hindrances

By W. W. HAMILTON

The Great Physician says that if your hand, or your foot, or your eye is causing you to stumble, it is better to undergo spiritual surgery, than to go away into hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. The Bible and history and literature and missions bring into close association the minister and the doctor. Paul and Dr. Luke! What would the great apostle have done without his beloved physician, and how could the doctor have written the gospel of Luke and the Acts without Paul? (Col. 4:14).

Surgery is nothing new. Luke may have attended the Alexandrian School of Medicine, and long before Christ there were many surgical instruments, such as lancets and forceps and metal mirrors and various types of bandages. Egyptian mummies revealed artificial teeth, well set fractures, and cataracts removed. "Healing Humanity's Hurt" requires both physical and spiritual surgery, and today the medical missionary is a two-fold messenger of the Gospel of the Great Physician."

1. **The purpose of surgery** is not to maim, to limit, but is to remove the abnormal, to take away that which will hurt and hinder. It is altogether curative in its objective, and would counteract that which is a menace to health and life. Body and soul are subject to the poisons of sin, which always tend to weaken and to destroy, but if taken in time, and wisely, life can be preserved and happiness multiplied and usefulness assured.

War casualties have been greatly decreased through surgery, and in the last war almost fifty per cent of the wounded were able to return to the firing line. Dr. John Murphy, the famous surgeon, said that wars persist because boys and girls are taught to defy warriors and those who destroy life, rather than those who preserve and extend it. Said he, "We ought to write our histories over and make those books a series of constructive, not destructive events."

2. **Surgery becomes necessary then**, as Jesus says, when to withhold the knife means death. It is better to enter the kingdom of God a cripple than to keep both eyes, both hands, both feet, and be cast into hell. A boy friend had one operation after another, shortening the leg each time, but he lived and became the teacher of hundreds in one of our very greatest universities. Another was spared because of frequent uses of the knife, and now he is serving Southern Baptists in ministering to the needy around the world. The bird with the broken wing may not soar as high again, but it can sing even more gloriously and effectively. The broken violin in the hands of the master may possess a tone impossible to others.

So to prevent suffering, to keep poison from the blood stream, to prolong life, to restore health, to save life, surgery becomes a necessity. For the spiritual life it is likewise most important that the minister as well as the doctor shall be faithful to young and old. What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world of sinful indulgence and lose eternally his soul? David prayed that God would use the X-ray on his heart, and "see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

3. **Surgery has its dangers.** Quacks abound in every realm, and it is to be regretted that so many who are ill put their lives and their eternity in the hands of those who suggest

palliatives and nostrums, when only the Celestial Surgery can remove the malignant cause. The temptation is to neglect and say it is not dangerous, or to compromise and permit the evil to go on until it is too late. A woman in the hospital was beyond hope, and did not realize it. She had said to a friend shortly before, "I have not had a pain in so long that I do not know what one feels like." There is a way that seemeth right unto men, but the ends therefore are the ways of death.

The Best Surgeon is available. He is the one who has never lost a case. The apostles of Satan are eager to transform themselves as does Satan himself, into angels of light, and to deceive and to destroy. When a loved one is on the operating table it is gratifying to know that the surgeon is trustworthy. Likewise in the spiritual realm parents and friends are comforted and sustained when they know that the Savior gives eternal life to all who trust Him, and that no one can take them out of his hand.

4. **There are essentials in spiritual surgery.** The most important thing in any hospital is the patient. He is ill, and needs the skill and experience of the doctor, who has been studying and practicing for years that he may be ready for this very hour, but he can do nothing unless the sufferer is willing to let the harmful thing go and willing to trust himself to his physician. How anxiously we have walked the floor, or have waited outside while the surgeon did his work! The patient and the loved ones must surrender all if the doctor is to do the needed work.

Years ago the dean of the medical faculty of a great university had started with some students for a luncheon. On the way a father besought help for his child, who was choking to death with diphtheria. The doctor sent for the necessary instruments, and inserted the tube into the child's throat, and though suffering with a throat cold, he forced his own breath into the child's lungs and received the poison from the child's throat into his own. The child lived, but in three days Dr. Arnold was dead. Jesus died that we might live.

"I am sick and I cannot cure myself, so I have sent for you and have turned my case over to you and am depending on you to make me well," said the Christian woman to the physician for whom she had so often prayed. Then she added, "You are a sick doctor. You can't cure yourself, but you can turn your case over to the Great Physician. He will save you here and now." The doctor said, "Is that it? Is that what it means to trust Christ for salvation?" For a few moments he sat in silence, as though in deep thought, then suddenly as if he had made the discovery, he said, "That's it! I see it! I see it now! And I will trust Him. How simple! How simple! Just what I ask my patients to do."

—Baptist Message.

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All education should be directed toward the development of character. Sound character cannot be achieved if spiritual development is neglected. I do not like to think of turning out physical and mental giants who are spiritual pygmies.

—Dr. Walter C. Coffey.

*The more you listen to politicians' speeches,  
the more you realize ours is the Land of  
Promise.*

## Popularity

By BILL AND LILE PITTARD

One snowy Christmas Eve, the crowd swarming through a city railroad station assumed such proportions that it had become next to impossible either to direct them properly or to maintain even nominal regulations. The gateman standing by the entrance to the main track, where the train was due, was having all he could do to hold back the heaving mob who seemed to be determined to get through before proper time. Some of the would-be passengers spoke belligerently as they were shoved and pawed, and finally arrived at the ticket office to find it barred.

All at once, the gateman heard a far-off voice, and turning his head, he saw a friend grinning in open amusement. "You don't seem to be very popular with this mob for some reason, Jim!" he teased good-naturedly.

But the gateman's answer is worth repeating for all ages: "George, I only have a reputation for being popular with one man!"

Hear Christ say to us with regard to unpopularity for His sake—as well as with regard to other things—"What is the truth? Follow thou me!" Of a truth we only have to be popular with one man!

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**Learn To Be Agreeable:** A society member said to a mutual friend: "Be agreeable or I will kill you!" It certainly will not kill you if it is good to have that kind of determination. Agreeableness is a valuable personal quality. Employers prefer to choose help that is agreeable. We have to move in a world of human beings possessing every kind of disposition. Learn to be agreeable with them by being agreeable with yourself.

Many a man would discover that he is frowning at himself while shaving in the morning, if he took time to look. If that happens to you, try a smile. The day brings inevitable problems. If your task is hard, meet it agreeably. If someone tends to "get on your nerves" be agreeable. It is deplorable when otherwise sensible men and women will descend to angry contentiousness over the trifling matter.

Courtesy, kindness, sympathy, and kindness are still the best assets of life in our relationships with others.

—Watchman-Examiner.

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## "Yes, I Tithe"

I had been a Christian for several years and a preacher for two years, before I realized that tithing was right for the Christian. Then, I learned that tithing was practiced before the law was given to Moses, that it was practiced under the law, that it was fully observed in New Testament times and commended by Jesus. I could find no evidence to Jesus having abolished tithing. I can think of no good reason why He should have.

Considering the above facts, I felt that tithing is the primary and fundamental principle toward honoring the Lord with my substance.

Lloyd L. Hunnicut, Pastor  
Central Baptist Church  
Magnolia, Arkansas.

*Every Baptist a Tither*



# Arkansas Baptist History

## "A Great Book"

By DR. B. L. BRIDGES

Except for the Bible and a good dictionary, and a good concordance, we cannot think of a book that would be more valuable to an Arkansas Baptist than the "HISTORY OF ARKANSAS BAPTISTS." Crowded into this book is a wealth of religious lore, and Baptist information that every Baptist leader should have. Reaching back into the remote periods of this section of America the writer collects interesting information and valuable facts and sets them down in order in a readable style.

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Capable judges marvel that we can make a book like this one and sell it for \$3.50. Books this large and as good as this one are selling for five and six dollars throughout the United States. Of course, we could not sell this book for \$3.50 except for the fact we have received some donations for it, and the State Convention has allocated a sizeable sum in the State budget to be used in getting out the book.

Dear Dr. Bridges:

I have just examined a copy of the "HISTORY OF ARKANSAS BAPTISTS" which I really consider one of the finest contributions to the culture and future stability of Southern Baptists that I have ever seen. The book appears to me as completely authoratative and is another step in destroying the delusions that so many Easterners and other people have about the strength and direction of Arkansas Baptists and other Southern Baptists.

Sincerely yours,  
 Albert McClellan,  
 Editor, Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.

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By T. D. McCULLOCH

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It sets forth clearly our sacred heritage and gives Scripture to support all convention methods. Although it scarcely mentions Baptist Student work, this new history is highly recommended.

## The Author



Dr. J. S. Rogers

The author of the "HISTORY OF ARKANSAS BAPTISTS," Dr. J. S. Rogers, is almost a native of Arkansas. Although he was born in Kentucky, he came to Arkansas when he was a child. Nearly all of his life has been spent in this State. For a long time he was General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention which enabled him to know more about Baptist work and Baptist people throughout the State than any other man.

He has been connected with Central College, with Ouachita College, and has been pastor of churches in the State, and has a wealth of knowledge about Arkansas Baptists and their work. We can think of no man better qualified to produce a book like this. We commend the book for its own value, and we commend it for the fitness of the author.

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Dear Dr. Rogers:

I have just received my copy of the "History of Arkansas Baptists" and hasten to congratulate you upon the completion of so gigantic a task. While I have not had time to read much in it it looks like a job well done.

Fraternally yours,  
 L. C. Tedford.

## That History of Arkansas Baptists

By E. P. ALLDREDGE

I bought the first copy of the "HISTORY OF ARKANSAS BAPTISTS," by Dr. J. S. Rogers, brought to Nashville, Tennessee. This is a wonderful book, from the "Wonder State" of Arkansas about the most wonderful people on earth—the Baptists. Buy it! Try it! Prove it! Love it!

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**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION**

**District W. M. U. Conferences**

Mrs. J. A. Abernathy, missionary to China, will be the inspirational speaker for the eight District W. M. U. Conferences to be held the latter part of October and early part of November. In addition to the missionary message, there will be special conferences on W. M. U. Methods both morning and afternoon. These meetings are designed to be helpful to leaders, as well as the entire membership of our W. M. U. organizations. Please announce the date and place of the meeting in your District and urge a large attendance from your church.



*Mrs. J. A. Abernathy,  
Inspirational Speaker*

In the September 2 issue of the Arkansas Baptist, page 3, Across the Editor's Desk, is an article which should challenge every Christian who desires to see right prevail. The article is addressed to the young people, but it also calls those of every age group to fight the liquor business to the bitter end.

In order to help rid our state of the liquor problem, the Christian women of Arkansas have united in a great effort, morally and financially, to teach the coming generations the evil effects of beverage alcohol and other narcotics. This splendid group of women has contributed funds with which to place a teacher-consultant on the field to work through the schools and civic groups. She is Miss Mae Wilhelm, who has just completed her first year's work. The results have been marvelous. A report of her first year's work has just been sent to every missionary society on our mailing list.

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas contributed, through the local missionary societies, the amount of \$1,631.42 during the past fiscal year for this work. The State W. M. U. Executive Board has voted to ask the societies to participate in this project for the next fiscal year. A request has gone from the State W. M. U. office to each society in the state to share in this worthy effort.

Please discuss the above mentioned article, tell of the results accomplished during the past

year, present the request for contribution, and vote to send offering for the Narcotic Education Fund to the State W. M. U. Treasurer, address above, at your most convenient time during the next fiscal year ending June 19

Realizing what has been accomplished and the greatness of the opportunities ahead of us, let us work, pray, and give to assure sufficient funds for the continuation of this work during the coming year.

**Two Missionary Societies  
Help Sponsor V. B. Schools**

We are happy to report that E. H. Acuff, associational missionary and the Immanuel W. M. U. S., Warren, with Mrs. E. Grubbs, president, and the Maiden W. M. U. S. with Mrs. Raymond Johnson, president, sponsored Vacation Bible Schools with combined attendance of 511. Six of these schools revivals were conducted by the missionary Harold White. Twenty conventions were reported through the schools and revivals. We commend these W. M. U. leaders for their splendid co-operative mission effort.

**Schedule of District Conferences**

Northwest District: Fayetteville, First Church.....	October
West Central District: Fort Smith, Immanuel Church.....	October
Southwest District: Murfreesboro.....	October
Central District: Little Rock, Second Church.....	October
East Central District: Wynne.....	October
Northeast District: Joiner.....	October
North Central District: Heber Springs.....	November
Southeast District: Pine Bluff, Second.....	



# Religious Education

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## Figures To Inspire

September 5, 1948

	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	940	340	6
Including Missions	1194	537	13
Ft. Smith, First	924	303	
El Dorado, First	799	181	2
Hot Springs, Second	603	180	
Pine Bluff, First	600	162	
Baring Cross	565	258	4
Including Missions	614	278	
Benton, First	556	108	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	449	128	
McGehee, First	445	142	2
Including Missions	479		
Camden, First	441	115	13
Including Missions	620	240	
Magnolia, Central	437	105	7
Including Missions	495		
Fayetteville, First	411	109	3
Including Missions	461	124	
Arkadelphia, First	403	209	73
Malvern, First	397	71	3
Including Mission	427		
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	380	83	
Hot Springs, Park Place	378	134	
Hot Springs, Central	377	98	1
Fordyce, First	361	189	1
Hot Springs, First	340	67	5
El Dorado, Immanuel	339	162	2
Warren, First	338	88	3
Ft. Smith, Calvary	328	76	1
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	327	101	2
Conway, First	325		1
Including Missions	436		
Springdale, First	317	195	1
Including Missions	436		
Hamburg, First	301	144	7
Siloam Springs, First	300	150	
Little Rock,			
South Highland	292	98	3
Cullendale	283	135	4
Gentry	280	137	
Monticello, First	270	64	
Smackover, First	262	94	
El Dorado, West Side	262	91	1
Norphlet, First	252	153	1
Harrison	238	116	
Including Mission	314	138	
Jumas, First	233	77	5
Including Mission	276		
Mena, First	230	79	6
Including Mission	306	114	
Texarkana, Calvary	228	87	1
Pine Bluff, Second	209	83	1
Ft. Smith, Southside	197	48	14
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	195	87	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	180	57	
Monticello, Second	162	86	
Pine Bluff,			
Matthews Memorial	123	88	
El Dorado, Parkview	90	54	
Hot Springs,			
Lake Hamilton	86	46	
Texarkana, Trinity	78	52	
Douglasville, Second	63	36	2
Ft. Smith, Bethlehem	61	18	

## South-Wide Sunday School Clinic

### South-wide Sunday School Clinic

The Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board announces a South-wide Sunday School Clinic to be held in Mobile, Alabama, March 6-20, 1949.

The work of the clinic will be both practical and comprehensive, including both textbook and laboratory work. Sunday school fundamentals, leadership, promotion, case studies, present trends in Christian education, use of visual aids, building Christian homes, and church buildings will be studied each morning.

Laboratory work will be carried on in the Baptist churches of Mobile during afternoons and evenings. The whole clinic is a practical study of the Sunday School as a church activity, with ample time for observation and practical experience.

Those accepted will be furnished free entertainment. Rooms will be provided by the Baptist churches of Mobile. Meals will be arranged for by the Sunday School Board. Textbooks will be furnished free to clinicians. The only expense to those attending the clinic will be transportation to and from Mobile and the registration fee of \$15, payable upon arrival.

To make application please send for application blank to J. N. Barrette, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville 3, Tennessee. Several should make application from Arkansas. The quota for the state is fifteen.

### December 6-10

During the week of December 6-10, forty Associational Training Union Rallies will be held in forty associations of Arkansas. These

will be night meetings. Eight teams; two men to the team, will conduct these meetings. This is an annual feature of the Training Union work of the State, and an announcement of these meetings can be found in the State Denominational Calendar of Activities.

A schedule of these meetings will be given at a later date, showing where and when each rally will be held, and the names of the sixteen men who will form the eight teams. These meetings will take the place of South-wide Training Union night which would come on the night of December 6. Watch for the date of the meeting in your association, and make plans to attend.

### Swedish Youth Leader To Speak At Baptist Student Union Convention

Theme: Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Joel Sorensen, Stockholm, is to be one of the principal speakers at the State Baptist Student Union Convention to be held at the First Church, Fayetteville, October 8-10. Mr. Sorensen, a favorite speaker at Ridgcrest, is a member of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, prominently suggested for World Secretary of Baptist Youth, and one of those who will entertain the World Baptist Youth Conference in Stockholm, Sweden, August 3-9, 1949.

Special features: Baptist High School Seniors are to be special guests—University of Arkansas—Baylor Football game—Summer Field Workers—South-wide, State, and local Baptist Student Union Leaders. Noted World, South-wide and State youth leaders; Forum on Marriage and the Home

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- Making our Home Life Attractive
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- Faithful to Our Country
- Faithful in Life's Friendships
- Faithful in Soul Winning
- God Requires Faithfulness
- How to Achieve Greatness
- Am I Prejudiced?
- Seeing the World Through the Eyes of Christ
- Democracy and Christian Education
- I Believe in Total Abstinence
- Am I Loyal to My Church?

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## The Practice Of Training

By ROBERT G. LEE

I saw a young man who was trained to run. But after his training to run he did not use that training to be an expert tree sitter.

I know a young lady who was taught to play a piano, and her fingers nimbly could build rhythmic palaces of melody. But she did not use that skill to peel potatoes.

I know a young man who was trained to fly an airplane, and he is now pilot for American Airlines. But he does not use that

training to push a wheelbarrow.

I know a man who studied geometry for eight years. But he didn't use the training he received to cut beef in a butcher shop.

I saw a man trained to be a typist. He does not use the knowledge received in training to write on a school boy's slate.

Yet, I fear that as to one matter we are as sailors without knowledge of ships and seas and paddle in a tub.

What is this great matter? It is the matter of soul winning—doing that which Jesus came to do.

As to seeking and winning, if we have lost, we have the training which will bring about great triumphs in soul winning. We have the words; we need the works in soul seeking that will come from a spiritual passion for the lost. We have the crowds; we need Christ-like concern for the lost. We have the people; we need hundreds of thousands who will be lost; we have the people to whom many of these lost souls—if they had the passion. We have the days and weeks of study; we need the days and weeks and months of seeking.

What marvelous "bringing in of the sheaves" there would be if all members of our Baptist Churches and Unions would go out in the name of the Christ and by personal appeal place on the hearts of the lost the saved the folly of life without Christ and the claims of Christ. Their professed and possessed in Him.

I make this plea for the practice of seeking salvation of the lost. What marvelous training would be—this doing of the greatest work in the world—this inducing of others to Jesus Christ, knowledge of the Bible, in understanding the Bible, and in Christian living, in becoming fishers of men.

Let us give our ears and hearts to hear Christ's urge to fish for the lost. Let us give our hearts and hands to love the lost, our every faculties to seek and win the lost. Then our training will not be as those who buy many pianos and play them but seldom.

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# Mission Survey of Alaska

By JOHN CAYLOR

A survey of the mission opportunities in Alaska is now being made by Curtis Redford, assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, who is spending the first part of September in that country.

This survey is pursuant to the action taken at the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis last May, when the Home Mission Board was asked to make a survey of Alaska and if advisable to project a mission program in the territory.

At the July meeting of the executive committee of the Home Mission Board, the administration of the Board was authorized to take necessary steps to implement the request of the Convention.

While in Alaska, Dr. Redford will attend the first session of the Southern Baptist Convention of Alaska, which will meet at Anchorage, September 8-9. B. Clarence Evans, executive secretary of the newly organized convention, will assist Secretary Redford in his survey and in determining the best approach for Southern Baptists in establishing mission work there.

Southern Baptists have a few scattered churches in Alaska, but with the influx of people and the expected coming statehood, this territory, which probably already has been too long neglected, becomes more and more an important Baptist mission field.

The first Baptist mission after leaving the States is located at Ketchikan, 767 miles from Seattle, Washington. From Ketchikan to the next church at Juneau is 276 miles. Juneau is the territorial capital with about 7,500 population. Northward from Juneau, 938 miles, is Anchorage, a city of more than 15,000 population with one Baptist church of about 125 members. The Anchorage church also sponsors a mission on Government Hill for families of military and rail employees. North from Anchorage, 376 miles, is Fairbanks with a church of about 100 members.

After Secretary Redford's visit to Alaska, the Home Mission Board will be able to take action in the light of his survey.

## New Workers For Indians and Mexicans

Among the new missionaries recently reporting for work for the Home Mission Board are Missionary and Mrs. Marvin Sorrels, who have gone to Sells, Arizona, as missionaries to the Papago Indians. They will be located in the midst of the tribe of 6,000 Papagoes at the only church provided for them in the State of Arizona.

Brother Sorrels has recently received his Th. B. degree from Cen-

tral Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. While attending school he has served as a pastor in Oklahoma, and he and his wife have been using every opportunity to work with the Indians. For nine years before entering the ministry, Brother Sorrels served as teacher and principal of a grade school.

Another couple who has just started work among the Indians is Missionary and Mrs. F. C. Rowland, who will serve in the Baptist Indian Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. For several years Brother Rowland has been doing pastoral work in Oklahoma and New Mexico. He is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary and has studied in Texas and Oklahoma colleges. Mrs. Rowland, a native of Arkansas, who was admitted to the Baptist orphanage, Monticello, at the age of three weeks when her mother died, and was later adopted by a Baptist minister, is interested in helping with the work among the Indians. Mrs. Rowland has studied at Baylor University and Southwestern. Through their contacts with the Indians in Oklahoma, the Rowlands have become impressed with the desire to devote their lives to work among them.

A long neglected, but worthy field, the Texas and Pacific Mexican Mission, Fort Worth, Texas, is to be served by Missionary and Mrs. Paul Cuevas. Brother Cuevas is a native of Juarez, Mexico, but was reared in a Christian home. He was converted at the age of twelve and called to preach at the age of eighteen. He has attended the Mexican Baptist Seminary, El Paso, Texas, has an A.B. from Howard Payne College, and has attended the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Cuevas is also of Mexican nationality, but was born in the United States at Santa Rita, New Mexico. She has an A.B. degree from Howard Payne and has served for several years as public school teacher.

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## Prayer and Worry

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

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The battle for peace seems to have become a fight for pieces of the world.

# A Major Centennial Goal

## A Million Dollars For Ouachita College

Ouachita has begun the new school year with the prospect of the largest enrolment in its history.

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The liquor people have initiated a bill that would undermine our local option law. That wet bill is to be voted on at the General Election November 2, 1948. It **absolutely must be defeated!** The **only** way to defeat this attempt of the wets is by **dry votes**, and we cannot vote without paying our poll tax.

Pastors and other Christians, please work with us and pray with us, individually and also in organized groups, to get all possible adults who are dry to be sure to pay their poll taxes before October 1, 1948.

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## Christian Libraries and Christian Missions

By JEROME O. WILLIAMS

A great task is before us. It is the duty of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to all the people of all the nations of the earth. This is the duty of all Christians. It is a privilege, for we work with God and each other. It is the greatest task ever committed to man. Only in the power of God can it be done.

This is a good time to preach the Gospel to all people on earth. The world has gone through a storm. Nations have been wrecked and ruined. They must be rebuilt or remodeled. All nations are now open for the Gospel and many of them are earnestly calling for it. Other things have failed and men are ready to receive truth that has stood the test of time and that will build for eternity. Christ is the truth and the world needs Him.

Our denomination is vitally interested in preaching the Gospel to all men. Our state mission boards are seeking to win the people in every State. Our Home Mission Board now has the largest program of its history. Our Foreign Mission Board enters the new century with a world-wide opportunity and a holy zeal to meet the needs of the nations.

These facts should stir the members of our churches to their

greatest effort in the name of Christ. November is the month for taking a look at the fields, listing the needs, and making our pledges of self and substance for supporting the missionary program of our denomination for another year.

The church library can play a large part in preparing our people to support the program of Christian missions. Let me make a few suggestions for the librarian and the library committee about how this can be done.

1. Secure for the library all of the best literature you can find on missions and stewardship. This will be found in books, tracts, magazines, and papers. Find it and use it.

2. Arrange a meeting with the pastor and the leaders in the Sunday School, Training Union, Missionary Society, and Brotherhood. Inform them of the fine literature that is available in the library, and solicit their aid in getting it used.

3. Publish in every way you can, for the members of the church, a list of literature in the library on missions and stewardship. Invite the people to use it.

4. The church library can secure most helpful tracts on these subjects and stamp the name of the library on them. Give one of

these tracts to each person as they leave the morning worship service.

5. Have a good speaker whose heart is aflame with zeal for Christ to visit the departments in the Sunday School and Training Union and tell them of the literature that is available in the library. Get the people to read it.

6. Co-operate with the leaders in the church in conducting a week of special study of a series of graded missionary books.

7. Do it. Use the library. Books have a vital message. See that the message is heard and heeded. Library leaders can and will serve for Christ and His cause and church.

—Church Library Bulletin.

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### Ridgecrest Music Week

The Eighth Annual South-wide Church Music Conference at Ridgecrest, August 19 to 29, was outstanding. Two hundred fifty people attended the conference. This number included pastors, educational directors, choir leaders, ministers of music, organists, pianists, choir singers, and others interested in the promotion of a music education program.

Three separate choir periods were arranged. The first, a read-

ing choir for the purpose of surveying hymns and simple anthems was conducted by Dr. Hines S. The second, a laboratory choir was directed by Dr. Warren An Oklahoma Baptist University. The third was the oratorio choir conducted by J. Campell Wray, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

This year's rendition of the oratorio "The Messiah" by Handel was a high experience. One hundred voices sang in the chorus.

An unusual feature of the conference was the music forum which was conducted at 7:00 o'clock each evening. During the mornings and afternoons specialized classes were conducted by various teachers. Each of the textbooks contained the course of study for church music.

Arkansas was represented in these classes by Mrs. B. W. Nigger, teaching the book, *GROWING A MUSICAL CHURCH*, and Miss Odessa Holt teaching *ELEMENTARY THEORY*.

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### Now Available—Planning Better Church Buildings

The second printing of the book *Planning Better Church Buildings* by W. A. Harrell, is now off press and in the Baptist Book Stores. Those who were not able to secure a copy of the first printing will want to order a copy now.



# The Town Clerk At Ephesus

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

## Sunday School Lesson For September 19, 1948

Acts 19:23-41

God and prevailed," Luke says as he gives the reason for the uproar of the mob. People were being saved, turning away from idolatry, ignoring the shrines and images made by these craftsmen; they were convinced that no true God could be "made with hands."

The city felt the impact of these two forces: the conversion of many of its citizens; and the charge of Demetrius and his guild that someone was insulting the great goddess and trying to overthrow their way of worship.

It is so easy to cause confusion. A mob quickly gathered and a riot easily followed. All Ephesus was thrown into confusion and excitement by these men who were selfish and covetous. They were afraid that, if the message of Paul was not suppressed, they would lose money; so they began shouting and incensed the populace to join in the confusion in defense of their temple and goddess. The mob that gathered around knew little or nothing about what was taking place; in sheer madness they cry, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" Two of Paul's companions were arrested and carried into the theater. Paul wanted to go and face the rioting mob, but was restrained by his friends and some of the city officials. The crowd grew wilder and more confused until they

"knew not why they had come together."

The tumult brought the town clerk out to see what was causing such an uproar. The appearance of this man of authority caused a quiet to fall upon the mob. He was, indeed, a man of courage, tact, intelligence, and he spoke to them frankly and honestly. He appeased the mob as he told them that certainly Diana was great, so why should they go into such a riot over it? Then he reminded them that Gaius and Aristarchus, whom they had seized, were not guilty of any crime against the goddess or the temple. He further stated that there were legal channels through which they could press charges, if there were any, against these Christians instead of resorting to such unlawful methods. Then, he climaxed his speech with a warning that, should Rome hear of this riot, trouble could come to them. With that he sent the blood-thirsty crowd home.

### The Christian Has a Message For the World

Paul preached and lived in such a way that he led men and women away from the worship of Diana, away from the glittering, glamorous temple to a new life, a new walk in Christ Jesus. Yes, Paul went into Ephesus and proclaimed his message in the midst of the evil worship of that city,

and historians say it was no exaggeration when the silversmith boasted that all Asia worshipped Diana.

Should Christians in our day attempt to do anything about drunkenness, juvenile delinquency, divorce, gambling, intolerance? Do we not have a message that can lead into the darkest pits of evil and light the way for blackened souls? Oh, that we would be steadfast and faithful and prove our profession to the world! Each Christian, and certainly each teacher and pastor, in all our churches should read and digest the article "Shall Churches Concern Themselves with Society's Problems" by Dr. William Ward Ayer, in the September second issue of the Arkansas Baptist. These searching statements will be a great climate to this lesson and cause us to ask "Does my profession of faith in Christ cause a stir among the leaders of my community? Am I an influence against evil?"

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This lesson is designated as the quarterly temperance lesson. However, it is not quite as easily adapted to that theme as some of our previous studies. It shall be the purpose of these comments to consider the Town Clerk of the city of Ephesus, who is the subject of this study. His action is related to the results of the preaching of the Word of God by Paul, and should serve to guide our thinking toward our responsibilities as teachers and Christians in the use of the powerful truths in such a way as to make our influence count for God in a generation of evil.

We do not even know the name of this character. We only know his title, the Town Clerk or "Secretary of the City." He had a public position which carried a great deal of influence; he was said to draft legislative measures for the government, care for the city's money, and act as a "go-between," keeping the pro-consul in touch with the affairs of the city.

Was he a Christian? There is no indication that he was, but at least he seemed to favor Paul and his work of spreading the Gospel.

What would be the result in cities and states if consecrated Christians, holding public office, would serve the Lord and honor Him as they fulfill their obligation to the community that elected them?

### The Way of Life Causes a Stir

When the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is faithfully and forcefully preached, there arises "no small stir" in lives, homes, churches, communities. Things happen when people are saved. Paul had been preaching in Ephesus for almost three years and the powerful influence of his life and his message began to have a great effect.

In Ephesus there was the magnificent and famous Temple of Diana, or Artemis. The Ephesians were ardent worshippers of the goddess Diana, and took great pride in the glittering temple. On the streets and thoroughfares shrines and images of the goddess were sold to her followers.

The time of our lesson is the spring, probably May, when great gatherings of the worshippers of Diana were held. The silversmiths of Ephesus, led by Demetrius, who was undoubtedly the most prominent of the group, were very much upset and angered because they were not selling nearly as many of their marble and silver images because of the preaching of the "Way." People were turning to the Gospel of Christ in large numbers. "So mightily grew the Word of

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We believe that we are a bit careless when we say that we have reached the peak in our giving to missions. In this day of inflation we are tempted to make such assertions. The writer has found himself saying the same thing, but it is wrong. There are two places in our Baptist program where we can improve in the matter of our support for the cause of Christ.

First, we have not enlisted all our church members in giving. We have not enlisted half of them in tithing. We fear that we have let down a bit in our efforts to obtain tithers. Churches are having a reasonable income. In fact, many churches are getting all the money that they need unless and until they get a larger outlook and conscience on missions. Churches are, therefore, tempted to say "we are getting along all right, we are satisfying our church budget," and straightway they cease to make a strenuous and determined effort to enlist more tithers.

Second, another place for improvement lies in the division of funds in a church budget. Most of our churches are giving more to missions than they ever gave before, and this fact satisfies them,—it even satisfies many of our leaders. When a church has increased its percentage allocation to the Co-operative Program it is tempted to "rest its oars" instead of pressing on. Very few of our churches in Arkansas are making a noble division of funds in favor of the Co-operative Program. No church should be satisfied until it is giving as much for others as it keeps for itself. We believe every church should do its best to give fifty per cent of its budget for the Co-operative Program while it keeps fifty per cent at home. We do not say that every church can do that well right now, but every church should keep increasing its allocations to missions until it reaches the ideal. Yes, this is another place where we can improve our support.

If churches cannot collect more, still they can endeavor to make a better division of funds in favor of the Co-operative Program.

*Proposed State Budget For 1949*

The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, meeting in Little Rock, September 9, proposed a budget of \$597,500 to be raised by the Baptists of Arkansas in the calendar year 1949. This represents an increase of a little more than \$80,000 over the 1948 budget. The budget as proposed by the Executive Board is as follows:

Administrative .....	\$23,000.00
Arkansas Baptist .....	5,000.00
Woman's Missionary Union .....	20,000.00
Promotion and Convention .....	6,600.00
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Orphanage .....	25,000.00
Ministerial Education .....	2,000.00
Emergency Reserve .....	2,000.00
Baptist Foundation .....	10,000.00
Southern Baptist College .....	20,000.00
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	\$358,500.00
South-wide Causes .....	\$239,000.00
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Grand Total .....	\$597,500.00

A significant change proposed by the Board and which will be presented to the Convention in November for consideration is that all Co-operative Program receipts be divided on a 60-40 basis between State causes and South-wide causes, with no preferred items. This division will mean an increase in the allocation to South-wide causes of approximately eight per cent of the total budget.

The general secretary, Dr. B. L. Bridges, read a communication from Dr. Duke McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, requesting \$405.00 for the Baptist World Alli-

ance Headquarters in Washington, D. C. The Executive Board authorized the general secretary to draw on the emergency reserve fund for this amount and forward it to Nashville headquarters.

The Executive Board voted to establish a Baptist Foundation and set up an item of \$10,000.00 to start this foundation. It was the opinion of the Board that this is a particularly important and a great forward step which will stabilize our institutions in the future.

Dr. B. L. Bridges, general secretary, appealed to the members of the Board to enter personally and whole-heartedly into the promotion of the program being launched as the budget proposed. Dr. Bridges emphasized the fact that Arkansas Baptists have not as yet will not reach the peak in financial contributions until "Every Baptist Is a Tither." He also called attention to the possibility that many church budgets might be adjusted to provide a larger allocation by the churches to the Co-operative Program.

While the budget proposed by the Executive Committee is the largest in the history of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, in the opinion was expressed by the members of the Board that the proposed budget does not represent an excessive claim upon the resources of the Baptist churches of Arkansas and that it is well within the realm of possibility.

The opinion was expressed that Arkansas Baptists only need to know the needs and they will respond to those needs generously and adequately.

—Reported by the Editor.

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**Correction**

Delta Association will meet October 26 at 27 instead of October 19, at Richland Church. A few weeks ago we published a list of the associations and their meeting dates. Some of them were incorrect. Send us the corrections if yours was wrong.