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SEPTEMBER 16, 1965

# personally speaking

# Half a letter

THE most of our readers receive the paper each week through the church budget plan-the plan whereby churches send the paper to all their families. But we still have a sprinkling of individual or independent subscribers. Among these is Dr. Frank A. Woodward, a retired physician of 815 Alexander Valley Road, Healds-

Dr. Woodward's subscription was about to run out, and Associate Editor Juanez Stokes, our circulation manager, mailed him half a letter (see cut) as a reminder.



Just half a letter - - that will take half a minute of your time - - to let you know that your subscription to the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine will soon expire.

As an Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine reader, you know its value better than anyone else. You know that it brings to you each week Baptist news from Arkansas and all over the world. There is no other source of information about Baptists and what we are doing to carry out the great commission quite like the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

Now is the time to send your renewal. An individual subscription costs only \$2.25 for one year. Send \$5.75 for 3 years and save \$1.00. Use the handy envelope enclosed to keep your paper coming.

Sincerely yours, Juanez Stokes Circulation Manager

JS

The letter began: "Just half a letter-that will take half a minute of your time-to let you know that your subscription to the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine will soon expire...."

Along with his check, Dr. Woodward sends us a story that was called to mind by our half-a-letter approach: A fellow was trying to hire a ghost to haunt his girl's father. Said the ghost: "For \$10 I'll scare him out of his wits." "Here's five," replied the suitor. "He's a half-wit."

published here:

"We do enjoy your magazine-all of it, but particularly McDonald's editorials, the Sunday School lesson and your funnies. So, let's all keep up the good work."

AS one of our readers, you might be interested to know that the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine goes each week to all continents, to many of the "islands of the sea," and to 42 of the 50 States of the USA.

Numbers of the foreign mailings go to members of the military personnel, through APO addresses in San Francisco, Calif., New York City, and Seattle, Wash.

On the current mailing list are Canal Zone, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Republic of China, Costa Rica, England, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, Italy, Korea, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Kenya, New Zealand, Paraguay, Peru, East Pakistan, Russia, Scotland, Spain, and Thailand.

If we weren't afraid somebody might think we were tooting our own horn a little too much we'd ask if your church is sending the Newsmagazine to your military people and those away in college. What a good way to keep a line of communication between members away from home and those back home!

# Elwin L. M Bonels

# IN THIS ISSUE:

THE Bible is not an account of man's effort to reach God, but of God's effort to reveal Himself to man. Does the Bible confirm today's scientific knowledge? One of the nation's outstanding Space Age scientists gives us his views in "The Amazing Book," pages 4 and 5.

GIVING of the wonderful good news of our faith is just as important as receiving. Christianity is something to share, and Mrs. R. L. Mathis tells us how we can join in this supreme effort in her article on page 6.

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But it was the last part of his letter that got him abbished here:

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# Arkansas Baptist newsmagazine

**Guest editorial** 

# Some never witness

COUNT a hundred Baptists. According to intelligent estimates, 95 of them have never made an effort to bring a lost person to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Why? To be sure, many Baptists cannot witness for Christ because they do not know Him. I have discovered at least four reasons, however, for the silence of those Baptists who are Christians.

Some Christians are so busy doing good things that they do not have time to witness. Their time and energies are expended at civic clubs, fraternal organizations, school functions, and recreational activities. They have left no time for witnessing.

They often salve their conscience by engaging in some other "activity" at the church. They fail to realize that even preaching, teaching, singing, praying, studying, typing, reading, and visiting cannot take the place of Christian witnessing.

The excuse of many Christians is, "I don't know how to witness." Many think that they must memorize a backlog of Scriptures before they can even think of witnessing for Christ.

Basically, however, a Christian witness is one who tells what he knows about Jesus Christ. The Christian witness shares the Good News about Jesus Christ. Of course, a knowledge of the Scriptures will help in witnessing. However, a knowledge of the Saviour through a personal encounter is basic to witnessing,

Some never witness because they are too embarrassed. They are too self-conscious to witness. The Christian must remember, however, that he cannot witness for Christ and be accepted by everyone.

There must be a difference between the Christian and the lost person before the witness is effective. Many Christians are too embarrassed to witness because their actions have spoken more loudly than their words.

Some never witness because they don't really believe that the lost are lost. Their theology is unsound. They think that Hell might not be so hot. "Perhaps," they reason, "the lost are not so lost after all." They never witness because, in the back of their minds, they think that all of the lost will be saved anyway or at least be spared the agonies of Hell.

Every Christian ought to witness! If you do no more than give your testimony, you are witnessing. The Holy spirit will help you. If your life is already a witness for Christ, your words will be more effective. The lost are lost. They will spend eternity in Hell unless you and I tell them what we know about Jesus Christ.-Tal D. Bonham, South Side Church, Pine Bluff

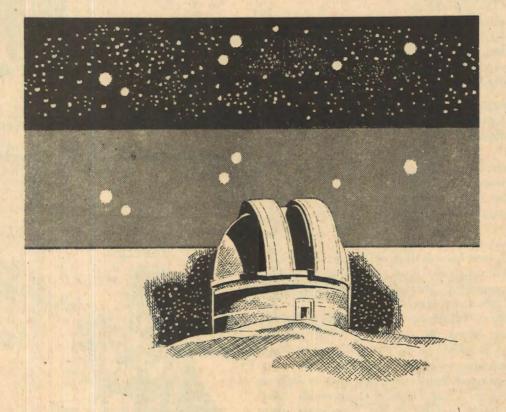
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Something Childish About Playing In Mud Holes



# the amazing Book



BY ULRIC JELINEK

ULRIC Jelinek is president of Severna Manufacturing Corporation. Formerly he was chief of materials research on one of the initial rocket and guided missile programs. GREATER efforts have been made to destroy the Bible than any other book. Criticism has assailed it; ridicule has derided it; and cience and philosophy have been nvoked to discredit it. Yet, despite the attacks of men, it remains an amazing Book.

The Bible is not an account of man's effort to reach God, but of God's effort to reveal Himself to man. It is composed of 66 books written over a period of 1600 years by men of various backgrounds—lawgivers, kings, artisans, farmers, fishermen and scholars. It was written in different countries, under different social and political conditions: yet, in its harmony, it is chronologically, historically, doctrinally, prophetically, and scientifically correct.

As a scientist, I am particularly interested in the fact that the Bible is scientifically correct. Many new findings of science demonstrate this fact and I would like to call your attention to the secret of why this is so. It is because, in the authorship of the Bible, . . . men, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, wrote contrary to and beyond the thinking of their times.

The Bible was written in the language of the common man and in the culture of the day. The devine guidance lay in the fact that the writers avoided the explanation of scientific things. Had they tried to interpret scriptural statements in the light of the best science of the day, this book would be full of grotesque error as are all the scientific books of the ages past.

### STARS WITHOUT NUMBER

Let me give an illustration. In Jeremiah's writings is a simple statement to the effect that the host of heaven, or stars, are without number.

"And the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord; ... As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant..."

Yet Hipparchus (150 B.C.), who lived a few hundred years after Jeremiah, said that there were exactly 1026 stars in the universe. One hundred and fifty years later, Ptolemy, the Roman scientist who lived at the time of Christ, said that there were not 1026 stars, but 1056. It was not until 1610 A.D. that a scientist named Galileo using the newly invented telescope looked into the sky and exclaimed, in effect, "Hold everything! There are more stars!" Ever since, as man has developed better instruments, he has discovered more and more stars.

Today it is estimated that there are about 100 billion stars in our galaxy alone. Furthermore, the two hundred inch telescope has shown us not millions, but billions of such galaxies. We have finally caught up with Jeremiah. The stars cannot be numbered!

The point to recognize here is that Jeremiah, as he was moved by the Holy Spirit, wrote contrary to and beyond the thinking of the times. And this is just one example of how this Book, written so long ago, over a period of 1600 years, in different countries, under different social conditions, is still scientifically correct. Who else but God could accomplish this?

If I, in 1940, would have taken the simple statements of Scripture that allude to science and explained them so as to completely harmonize with the "science" of 1940, the Bible, as explained by me, would be hopelessly out of date today. Instead, recent discoveries of science have given this Book a richer and a fuller meaning than ever before. Certainly such statements in Scripture as "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heats have a far richer meaning to those of us living in the "day of the atom."

### MAN VERSUS ANIMAL

Another reason I believe this Book to be the Word of God is because it alone has the ability to satisfy the human heart.

One of the great differences between man and animal is that man alone has the capacity to know and to worship God. Man is a worshipping creature. He is not content to live like an animal, unthinkingly, taking things as they come. He must know something of the God he is to worship; what His nature is, what He requires of us, and what our destiny is after death. Even a casual study of the development of civilization will impress one with the fact that every human being has an inherent cry after God.

This cry after God cannot be satisfied by science. Even if a person had the capacity and knew everything there is to know in all sciences, he then would have only some appreciation of the wisdom of God.

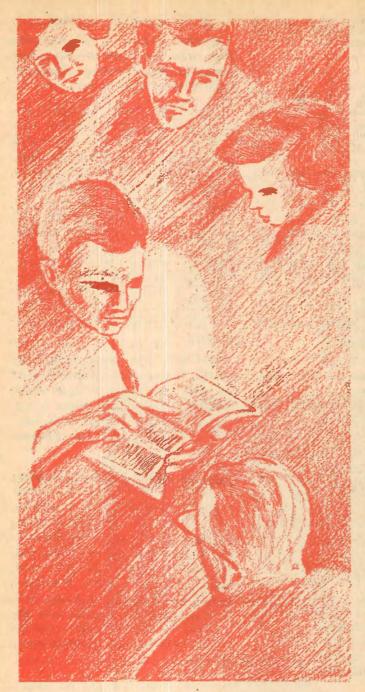
To love God and to worship Him, you must know Him in His moral character and for that a revelation is necessary. And that is what this Book is. It is not an account of man's effort to reach God, but a revelation of God's love and efforts to reach man. Furthermore, the quest or cry after God can be satisfied only by God on His terms, and these are clearly stated so that each of us can understand:

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."<sup>3</sup>

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Although there are many reasons why I, as a scientist, believe this Book is God's Word, the supreme reason is that I have come to know personally the One about whom it speaks because I have come to God on His terms. Have you?

Bible References: 1. Jer. 33:19-22; 2. H Peter 3:10; 3. I Tim. 2:5; 4. John 3:16



# THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IS SOMETHING TO Share

BY MRS. R. L. MATHIS



THE Christian faith—this wonderful good news—is not something just to receive and enjoy; it is supremely something to share.

Thus it becomes our daily business to speak the "message of reconciliation" and to bring men everywhere into harmony with God. We who have become Christians have been given our Commission to "go ye into all the world" with the message of salvation.

Do you long for God's guidance for your church? If you do, you may have it; but it may cost your church if you truly pray for His guidance. You may have to give of your sons and daughters to take the Gospel; you may have to give more of your offerings to win a world; you may have to deny yourselves buildings and equipment. But a whole new area of missionary endeavor will be open to your church.

The Cooperative Program offers all Southern Baptist churches a plan for "together giving" to all mission causes which we hold dear. Week by week we give and from these gifts the world mission enterprise becomes vital and real.

The Cooperative Program dollar flows like a river from the individual through the church to the state where it is divided and a part of the money is used to do mission work in each state. The other part is sent to the Southern Baptist Convention where the money is again divided and used to support the cause which we hold dear.

If once we could get the information to all the members of our churches that the Cooperative Program is everybody's program, we would realize the possibility of bringing new life to our churches. It would be an interesting thing for every member of every Southern Baptist church to look at "his missionary dollar" and see what it helps to do. He would find that the uses of his dollar are not imaginary. He would find that his missionary dollar carries the richness of the Gospel of Christ to all the world. He would find that put to work for the Kingdom of God, it circles the world.

I believe that Southern Baptists could become a mighty force used of God in this generation as no other denomination has ever been used. But it will take a "new look" at our stewardship program as it leaves the church and the state before we can accomplish the world-wide task of which we are truly capable.

# OAll Israel saved, but which Israel?

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS Past President, Southern Baptist Convention, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

"AND shall all Israel SO be saved. . ." (Rom. 11:26). Does this mean the final salvation of all Jews? Does Paul use "Israel" in a general or specific sense?

In Romans 9-11 the apostle is dealing with the problem of the salvation of his "kinsman accord-This he does in relation to the Gen-

God's redemptive purpose through faith in Jesus Christ. He points to a time when the Israelites, the branches which had been broken off through unbelief, shall be grafted in again through faith (Rom. 11:17-23). But this does not mean that in some special future dispensation all of the Jews shall be saved.

Note that Paul distinguishes between the Israel of the flesh and the true Israel of the spirit (Rom. 6:7ff.). He says that "they are not all Israel, which are of Israel" (6:6). Just because one is of the seed of Abraham does not make him a child of God (v. 7; cf. Matt. 3:9). Even the Old Testament speaks of the spiritual remnant within the nation of Israel (Rom. 9:27; 10:2ff.; 11:2-7).

Paul himself was an Israelite ing to the flesh" (Rom. 9:3). who had been saved from among his natural people by tiles who have been grafted into through faith in Christ (Rom.

11:1). In the first century many Jews were saved in the same way. They were not saved because they were the natural seed of Abraham (cf. Rom. 4), but because, like Abraham, they believed God (in Christ), and it was counted unto them as righteousness (4:3).

Paul foresees the day when many Jews or Israelites will turn from unbelief to receive Christ as their Saviour (Rom. 11:23-26). This will not be a universal salvation for all Jews because they are Jews. It will be the salvation of those Jews who believe in Christ. All who believe in Christ, Jews and Gentiles, are the spiritual Israel. And it is this "all Israel" which "shall be saved."

For Peter said, "But we believe that through grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we (Jews) shall be saved, even as they (Gentiles)"by grace through faith in Jesus

Middle of the Road

# Bible truth

By J. I. Cossey

I HAVE never questioned the Bible as a book of truth. It is the whole truth without any mixture of error and should not be added to or taken from. I believe all that is taught in the Bible is sound and safe and true. I believe that the Bible from cover to cover is the word of God. I cannot explain it all but I devotedly believe it all. I try to keep my church beliefs geared to the Bible rather than the Bible geared to my church beliefs. If our beliefs are contrary to Bible truth, they should be brought into the safe Bible way.

The Bible teaches me all I need to know about the church, its origin, its work, its mission and its responsibility to God. Christ said he would build his church and he did. He purchased it with his own precious blood.

He put two ordinances in his is offered to all other believers.

church, baptism and the Lord's News about missionaries Supper. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are not denominational ordinances, they are church or- tist missionary, sailed Aug. 14 dinances. These ordinances are for Nigeria, following furlough in monuments, not designed to have the States. She may be addressed, any saving power.

of the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. When we make in Union County. Appointed a misbaptism and the Lord's Supper desionary in 1957, she formerly nominational or inter-denomina- taught English and physical educational balls to be pitched from tion in several Arkansas towns. church to church or from one denomination to another, we Baptists will be out of business. There are no other truths that make us different.

Eternal salvation by grace through faith is our greatest offering to the human family. Only genuine believers in Jesus Christ are secure in Jesus Christ. I once thought that the security of the believer was only for Baptists. Now I know that it is a great Bible teaching that Baptists believe, but the security is in Christ and not in the church. Security of the believer is for every person who accepts Christ as a personal Saviour. All the Bible is for Baptists and

Miss Nan Owens, Southern Bap-Baptist Mission, Joinkrama, via Baptism is a picture or symbol Ahoada, Nigeria, West Africa. A native of Arkansas, she was born

> REV. and Mrs. Ray T. Fleet, Southern Baptist missionaries to North Brazil, have completed initial language study and are moving to Recife, where he will be director of the religious education department of the Pernambuco Baptist state convention. They may be addressed at Caixa Postal 178, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil. He is a native of Memphis, Tenn.; she, the former Ruby Edson, is a native of Foreman (she moved to Memphis as a teen-ager). When they were appointed missionaries in 1964 he was music and education worker at First Church, Mansfield, Tex.

# Editors seek subscribers from 15,000 rural churches

BY WALKER L. KNIGHT, SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF EDITORIAL SERVICES HOME MISSION BOARD, SBC

THE Southern Baptist Conven- be our daily light. But along with three rural churches.

the South, report the rural churches to be the area of greatest potential in circulation growth, or, in other words, fewer of the rural church members are receiving the state papers than those in the cit-

One editor, Joe Odle of Mississippi, says of the 500 churches in his state not using the church budget plan, 90 per cent are rural churches.

### THE STATE BAPTIST PAPERS

No denomination is as blessed as Southern Baptists with weekly newspapers which are as responsible, as lively, as informing, as inspirational, as the 29 state Baptist papers.

Baptists have encouraged the development of strong state papers because the denomination stresses the importance of the individual-whose vote in the association, state convention, or Southern Baptist Convention when he goes as a messenger is also equal to any other. Without informed members. Baptists can not function adequately in any of their organized groups.

Erwin L. McDonald, editor in Arkansas, writes, "One thing we Christians must do if we expect to live the best possible lives in our homes, at our work and playwherever we are-is to know and do the will of God. The Bible must

tion reports 15,073 open country this we must keep ourselves inchurches affiliated with it; and in formed and inspired on our great, addition, there are 4,464 village common task of winning a lost churches, and 3,643 town churches. world for Christ. This makes our These 23,180 churches contain Baptist state paper a 'must' for all some 42 per cent of the member- of us, for it has long since proved ship of the Convention. Our goal to be the only thing that covers of 15,000 of those adding the Bap- the total world mission program tists state papers to their budgets of Baptists. It keeps before us constitutes about two of every what Baptists believe, what they stand for, and as a 'defender of State paper editors, especially in the faith' it helps to keep us from falling for what Christians cannot afford to fall for. We not only have the right to know, we have the responsibility before God to keep ourselves informed."

> The functions of the state papers include the following:

> Indoctrination: Baptists need to know what they believe-and why. Doctrinal articles appear frequently in these publications. These help to correct error and solidify convictions.

> Information: Participation follows information. The state papers are the only publications presenting the full Baptist program of each state, including missions, Christian education, and benevolences.

> Enlistment: The value of the state paper as an enlistment agency cannot be overemphasized. No church can interest its membership in the support of a program of work which they know nothing about and in which they have no interest.

> Inspiration: Almost every week one or more inspirational articles appear in most state papers. These are helpful in meeting life's dayby-day problems.

> Communication: It has been said that "there is no such thing as enlisting the uninformed in service." worthwhile Christian There must be a dependable means

# The Cover



ARKANSAS Baptist Newsmagazine Editor Erwin L. McDonald (left) discusses role of state paper with Baptist leaders, Dr. Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary. Home Mission Board: Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, chairman of the SBC Committee on State Papers; and Dr. Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

of communication to all church families and the state paper provides this valuable link.

## THE CHURCH BUDGET PLAN

The church budget plan or the every family plan is the most economical subscription method offered by all of the state Baptist papers. It is not the only subscription plan, for all sell the papers to individuals and also in small group or club plans.

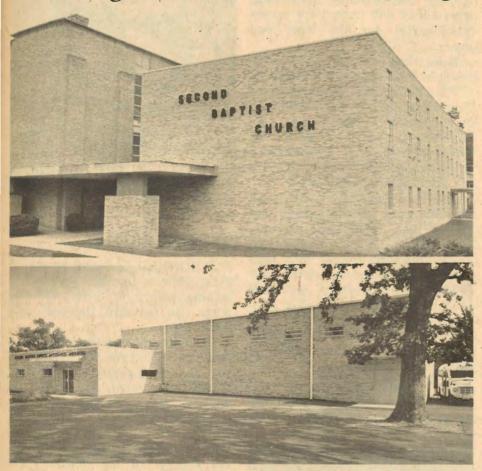
The church budget plan is that method by which the church acts as the subscription agent and sends the paper to each family in its active membership and pays for the paper out of the church budget. Payments vary, according to the state, from monthly, to quarterly, to annually, and the cost varies because of frequency of publication and size of circulation and number of pages.

For most states, there is no annual expiration of these subscriptions, but individuals may be added or deleted at the discretion of the church. The contract beween

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# Arkansas All Over-

# Building dedicated at Hot Springs



life of Second Church, Hot Springs. It marked the dedication of the last of the buildings of the building program started almost 20 years ago.

Opening services for the Adult Educational Building were held during the afternoon. The threestory structure contains more than 19,000 square feet. In the building are five adult departments, six primary departments, a choir room, minister of musicyouth office and church library.

In 1948 a Junior Building was erected. The Intermediate and Beginner Building was constructed in 1950. The auditorium, seating 1,300, was completed in 1954, and in 1960 an Adult-Nursery Building was added.

In addition to the new educational building, Second Church has built an activities building dedicated to the adult and youth

AUG. 29 was a big day in the of the church to be used for recreation. The building holds a regulation-size basketball court, a vollev ball court and two badminton courts. There is a game room and a T.V. and lounge room. There is also an area for ping pong tables and shuffleboard, and a kitchen.

The building committee completely renovated the dining area of the church and installed all new kitchen equipment when they enlarged the kitchen area. The Junior and Intermediate Buildings were air-conditioned.

# Stell at Ft. Smith

JOHN Stell Jr. has resigned as pastor of First Church, Decatur, to accept the pastorate of Towson Avenue Church, Ft. Smith. He assumed his new duties Sept. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Stell have three children, Johnny, Dickie, Gary.

# Journalism professor

ROBERT Russell of West Monroe. La., has been named as assistant professor of journalism and assistant director of the news bureau at Ouachita University. President Ralph Phelps has announced.

Russell holds a B.A. and an M.A. from Louisiana State University. He served for three years as a journalism instructor and an assistant in the news bureau at Northeast Louisana State at Mon-

An earlier report that Ouachita was cutting back to a one-man journalism department was erroneous, Dr. Phelps said. He indicated that Russell also would teach a freshman English class until enrollment in Ouachita journalism classes resumed their level of two years ago, before Claude Sumerlin, department chairman, took a 15-month leave of absence to work toward a Ph.D. in journalism at the University of Missouri.

# Southern opens

THE 25th session of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, began Sept. 13. Former students are registering Thursday, Sept. 16 and transfer students Sept. 17. The deadline for registration will be September 25.

The annual Baptist Student Union Mixer will be held in the Student Center Sept. 16 at 7:30

An increase of 40 to 50 per cent enrollment over last year is anticipated.

For the 1965-66 year, Southern Baptist has added ten new facultv members.

# Sebastian leaves

DON Sebastian, pastor of Providence Church, Washington-Madison Association, for three years has accepted the call of the Leonard Church in Oklahoma;

During his pastorate were 76 additions to the Providence Church. A new parsonage was built, new sanctuary furniture purchased and some remodeling work done on the educational building. (AB)



# Leaves Westside

JAMES Heflin has resigned the pastorate of Westside Church, Warren, to attend Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

During his year at Westside, the church was organized from a mission of Immanuel Church into a full time church. There have been 31 professions of faith, 16 by letter and 5 by statement.

A new air-conditioned building has been constructed for the auditorium.

Mrs. Heflin is the former Miss Wilma Hamm, Monticello.

# Independence Assn.

ROSIE Church has completed its new educational building, which provides 100 square feet of floor space, divided into six class rooms and an assembly area.

Sulphur Rock Church will soon begin construction on a new church building.

West Church, Batesville, now has under construction a new parsonage.

A 1964 GRADUATE of Ouachita University, Carl Willis of Para-tive secretary-treasurer of the gould, has joined the faculty at Sunday School Board of the the University of Southern Mis-Southern sissippi at Hattiesburg. He will be will be the board's representative, an instructor in journalism and Nov. 15-17, at the Arkansas State co-sponsor of the school newspa- Convention, at First Church, Litper.

### Off for Africa

SIXTEEN of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's first missionary journeymen are beginning assignments in Africa, where they will serve with career missionaries for the next twovears.

More than half this group will teach in Baptist schools in Nigeria.

Miss Berta Seitz, who will teach English in a school in Owerri, may be addressed, Baptist Mission, Box 79. Owerri, Nigeria, West Africa. She is a native of Berryville and a 1965 graduate of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Jim C. Dillard, who will teach English, may be addressed. Baptist Mission, Igede-Ekiti, Nigeria. West Africa. A native of Tyronza, he formerly taught in a high school in Casa Grande, Ariz.

Miss Sue Thresher, a music teacher, may be addressed at Baptist College, Iwo, Nigeria, West Africa. A native of Fort Smith. she formerly taught school in Farmington, Mich.

MARVIN Boswell has resigned as pastor of Berea Church, Jacksonville. (AB)



DR. James L. Sullivan, execu-Baptist Convention, tle Rock.



J. RONALD CONDREN

# Condren to Alma

J. RONALD Condren, pastor of First Church, Ola, has resigned to become pastor of First Church. Alma. He assumed the pastorate Sept. 13.

He was pastor at Ola two and a half years. During his tenure the Ola church increased its budget by 33 1/3 percent, and raised its mission gifts to 19 percent of its budget. It received 47 additions, with 25 of these coming by baptism. The church put the Arkansas Baptist in the budget, purchased new Baptist Hymnals, built and furnished a new nursery and added \$1,100 in building improvements.

Mr. Condren graduated from Ouachita University in 1960 and Southwestern Seminary in 1963. He and Mrs. Condren have two children, Lisa Ann, 3, and Rodney Holt, 4 months.

# **Baylor graduates**

WACO—Baylor University conferred degrees on 322 graduates in commencement exercises Aug. 27.

Among the graduates were: Miss Mary M. Diggs, MHA, Fayetteville; Gary Gayle Wisener, LL.B., Ft. Smith; Carol Gladys Robertson, BS, Fouke; John Mark Nickols, MA, Harrison.

JOHN Collier has resigned as pastor of Dixie Church, Mt. Zion Association. (AB)

# From the churches

# **El Dorado Trinity**

THE first youth retreat in our church's history was held at Beach Springs Baptist Camp Aug. 27-28. There were 21 young people and five adult leaders attending. The only unhappy experience of the entire week end was a near swimming tragedy. A very brave rescue by Miss Pat Crawford averted the tragedy.

# Desha church

OCT. 1 will mark the second anniversary of Pastor Paul Huskey.

During his pastorate there have been 39 additions by baptism, 5 other conversions and 16 by letter.

The attendance in Sunday School has increased from 20 to 70. The budget was increased from \$5,200 to \$7.200.

New purchases for the church included a duplicator, 25 song books, a lawn mower and a church bus. The driveway has been extended, a well dug, a baptistry installed, and a pastor's study established. A young man surrendered to the ministry, the first in the history of the church.

Recently the church voted to enter the Church Development Ministry. A \$9,000 pastorium is now under construction.

# Carlisle First

THE church observed its 88th anniversary Sept. 5. Guest preacher was Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School department secretary. R. W. Bishop is pastor. (DP)

# Little Rock Second

THE Keen-Age Club recently organized by older members of the church is headed by H. C. Stephan as president. The club is the outgrowth of an outing by older members of the adult group to Queen Wilhelmina State Park sponsored by the church. They decided to organize for Christian purposes and social contact within their age group. Plans have been made for a bus trip to Monticello to visit the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children.

# **Chatfield Church**

DEACONS were ordained by the church Sept. 3: Herb Smith, G. E. Gennings, Curtis Featherstone and Clifford Franks. Participating in the ordination were Billy Pierce, First Church, Hughes, pastor; deacons from Hughes Church and Chatfield; and Raymond Holloway, Chatfield pastor.

# **Hot Springs Central**

THURMAN Watson, a member of the faculty of Ouachita University, is our new interim minister of music. Prior to joining the Ouachita family, Mr. Watson served as minister of music and education for Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock.

# Springdale First

SOMETHING new for the youth of our church has been added. After the high school football games on Friday, there will be a fellowship where our young people can bring their friends and talk about the ball game, play ping pong, play table games or just sit and eat. When the games are out of town, there will be a "Listening Party," where the young folks can gather to listen to the game and have fun with their pals. Bring a friend or two!

### **Pastor returns**



RUSSELL J. CLEARMAN

RUSSELL Clearman, Oklahoma City, has accepted the pastorate of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock.

Mr. Clearman pastored the church from 1955 to 1958. The present sanctuary was constructed during his pastorate.

Mr. Clearman left Little Rock to become pastor of Rancho Village Church, Oklahoma City. Later he was in evangelistic work.

Mr. and Mrs. Clearman have two sons.

# Ordain pastor

Raynor Grove Church conducted ordination services Aug. 29 for their pastor, Rudy McClanahan.



MR. McCLANAHAN

The questioning was made by J. A. Bliss, pastor, Amagon Church. The message was delivered by Lloyd Garner, pastor, Perryville Church. Dewey Thompson, Raynor Grove, lead

Members of the ordination council were R. V. Gean and Bill Miller, Augusta; Chester Wright, Pleasant Grove; Cyrill Miller, Pitts Church, Milburn Long, Dewey Thompson and T. J. Brown, Raynor Grove; Otto Morrison, Claude Henderson and Louis Gustavas, Tupelo; Lloyd Garner, Perryville; B. C. Guyer, Liberty; and Carl Fielder, Jonesboro.

# Calvary GA's win

CALVARY Church GA's won the pennant for the highest percentage of membership in attendance at the prayer retreat of Independence Association GA's Aug. 20-21.

Speaker for the Saturday morning session was Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary, Arkansas State Convention.

Mrs. J. Everett Sneed is associational director. Dr. Sneed and Leonard Bunch, pastor, East Side Church, Cave City, taught the Junior and Intermediate Bible study groups.

Discussion groups were lead by Rev. and Mrs. John Holston, First Church, Batesville; R. A. Bone, Calvary Church; Hal Gallop, First Church, Bay; and Mrs. Martha Fulbright, Mrs. Marsha Lancaster and Mrs. Inez Young, all of West Batesville Church.

Retreat counselors were Mrs. Lonnie Meacham, Mrs. Raymond Morris, both of Pleasant Plains; Mrs. N. W. James, Mrs. Noel Presley, Mrs. Sherman Collins, Mrs. Lancaster, Mrs. Fulbright, Mrs. Young and Judy Hargon and Janie Grigsby, all of Batesville.

# **SBC News and Notes**

By the BAPTIST PRESS

# Health plan extended

DALLAS, Texas—The Southern Baptist Annuity Board has secured permission from Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas to extend the enrollment period for the Health Benefit Plan to Dec. 1.

Baynard F. Fox, Director of the Life and Health Benefits Department of the Annuity Board, said ministers and denominational employees who enroll during this second enrollment period will have protection beginning January 1, 1966, instead of having to wait until next July.

He stated that persons whose applications were received by the first closing date will have coverage as of Oct. 1. He indicated these persons will be notified by mail.

Fox emphasized that any applicant who enrolls during this second period will be assured of coverage being available after he retires.

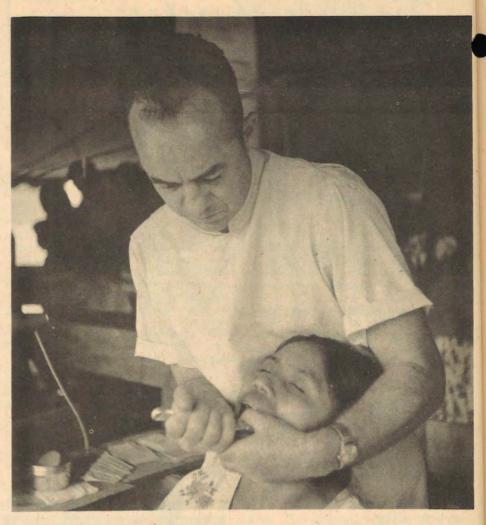
However, if a person delays past the Dec. 1 deadline, he will need five years of active participation in order to continue his coverage after retirement.

Fox said there will be no enrollment extension after December 1. Enrollment thereafter will be reopened semi-annually.

A DEDICATORY service for the new Dargan-Carver Library quarters on the first floor of the Sunday School Board's Tower Building is scheduled for Sept. 21. The service, with a reception following, will be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Communications Conference.

A 1915 publication "Baptist Missions in the South" by Victor Masters, D.D., was recently found in the attic of the auditorium at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly. It will be added to the Ridgecrest museum collection.

MORE than 2,500 college students from 30 states met at Glor-



DR. Neal Goss, Baptist dentist from Panama City, Fla., extracted more than 1,000 teeth from 400 patients during a regional fair in Coban, Guatemala, the first week of August. His "office" was in the Baptist exhibit.

ieta (N. M.) Assembly Aug. 26-Sept. 1 for the 13th annual student conference. The program emphasized proclamation and witness on the college campus.

THE manager of the Baptist Book Store in Portland, Ore., was honored for 20 years of service during the annual book store division banquet Aug. 28 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Assembly. Miss Mildred Baker, who has pioneered the work in the West, was presented a ring in appreciation of her service. A humorous poem calling to mind the highlights of her 20 years with the Board was read by Keith C. Von Hagen, director of the Sunday School Board's book store division, before he presented the ring to her.

MR. and Mrs. Richard E. Walker. Southern Baptist missionaries to Equatorial Brazil, have completed initial language study and are moving to Manaus, where they will do field evangelism. They may be addressed at Caixa Postal 278, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. Born in Texas City, Tex., he lived in Carroll County, Ark., and Point Lookout, Mo., while growing up; she, the former Beatrice Rodgers, was born and reared in Bauxite. When they were appointed missionaries in 1964 he was pastor of Northwest Church, Atlanta, Ga.

RICHARD Edward Norton, 33, director of student activities at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., since March, died in a Hillsboro, Tex., hospital Aug. 30.

# Executive Board

# **Elect chairman!**

IT is nearing the time for the annual associational meetings. This is a time when officers are elected. Don't forget to elect an associational stewardship chairman.

Last year 38 associations out of 43 elected a Stewardship chairman. Please! Please! Let's make it 100 percent for next year.

Here are some reasons why each association needs to elect a Stewardship chairman. He does these and other things:

1. Studies and understands the Stewardship helps.

2. Arranges at least one associational Stewardship meeting a year with help of associational

Sunday School superintendent and Training Union director.

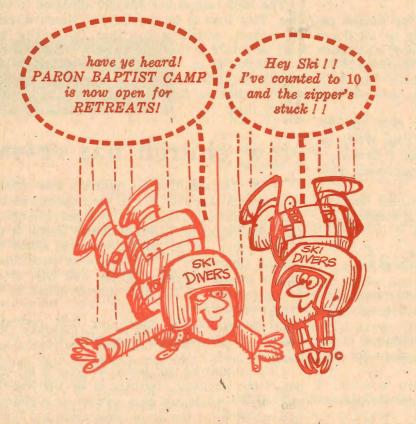
3. Attends one state Stewardship conference in Little Rock.

4. Promotes gifts to association and Cooperative Program.

- (1) Makes a report of associational and Cooperative Program gifts monthly at associational meetings.
- (2) Urges each church to give percentage-wise to association and Cooperative Program.
- (3) Urges each church to give something each month to association and Cooperative Program.

5. Presents and explains all Stewardship helps to association.

6. Promotes study courses on Stewardship in the churches and is available to teach in study courses.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary



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# **Consolidation logical**

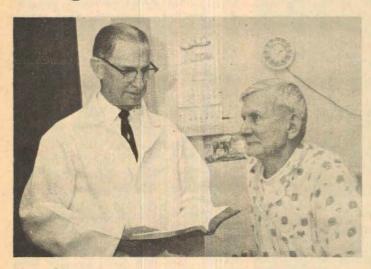
A FEW months ago two churches in Delta Association, in the rural section, realized that with their limited membership, finances, etc., they were failing to live up to their spiritual responsibility to their respective communities. The two communities, within convenient driving distance to each other, decided that, by consolidation of the two churches, they could provide a full and well rounded program for both adults and young people.

They unselfishly "buried" the sentiment attached to the original organizations and merged their two congregations into one. They named the new church, the Shiloah Baptist Church. Sunday, Sept. 5, at 2:30 p.m., the new organization occupied its new, attractive and spacious church home. It was a day of triumph and rejoicing! Since consolidating their congregations they have a Sunday School enrollment of 113 and 92 present last Sunday. They have maintained an through the summer months of 80 in Sunday School; 47 in Training Union, and 27 at the mid-week prayer services. One of the church buildings has been made into a pastor's home and Rolla Nixon is ably serving as the pastor.

The Mission Department assisted financially in procuring the land and erecting the new church building. R. A. Hill, director of the Church Development Ministry and Community Survey, assisted the pastor in a revival meeting, the first to be held by the new organization and the first in their new structure, Sept. 12-19.

These two churches have "pion-eered" in a movement which would be very beneficial to a goodly number of other rural churches in Arkansas. We are in the process of building new buildings for new congregations where Baptist work and worship are not accessible, and this is as it should be. But with transportation and roads as they are today, some congregations would profit greatly by considering consolidation.—R. A. Hill

# Chaplain Boyd Baker



CHAPLAIN Boyd Baker reads Bible to tubercular patient, Booneville.

Tuesday.

"Distributed: 200 copies of Home Life, 150 Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazines, 24 Open Windows, 8 New Testaments, 60 religious tracts, 3 dresses, 5 pairs of shoes, 2 pairs trousers, and numerous other

"Witnessed one profession. Conducted one funeral. Attended several denominational meetings."

# Services for the deaf

JOE Johnson reports splendid conferences and services for the deaf during August and gives his schedule for September:

"Sept. 5: Will go to Ft. Smith. Planned to include Fayetteville, but they had other plans for that

"Sept. 12: Deaf students will return to school. I will be at the school on this day to meet the parents as well as the boys and girls.

"Sept. 19: Will go to Hot Springs (Central Church) and speak to the church concerning deaf work in their church.

"Sept. 26: Will go to Hot Springs (Central Church). Inviting all the deaf in and around Hot Springs to attend.

In addition to the above schedule, Mr. Johnson will be working with the 140 deaf people affiliated with First Church, Little Rock.

# New mission sites

THE population boom in many Arkansas towns points up the need of purchasing mission sites in the new areas. It is predicted that the Greater Little Rock area will have 400,000 by 1980 and Pine Bluff will have 100,000. Other towns will increase proportionately. If we delay in purchasing a mission or church site until an area is well developed the price is almost prohibitive.

The Southside Church of Pine Bluff has purchased a site in a new area on the east edge of the city costing about \$38,000, with \$10,000 being given from our mission funds. The Immanuel Church of Pine Bluff purchased property in another section for \$24,000 with \$8,000 paid from State Mission funds. Last year \$4,200 of our "Mission Site" fund was used to purchase lots in Fayetteville. The Missions Committee approved \$8,000 for acreage at Batesville which never materialized.

A letter has just been received from Washington-Madison Association requesting \$5,000 to purchase mission site between Fayetteville and Springdale. A letter has also been received about securing help in purchasing a mission site in Warren.

The 1965 budget has \$25,000 allocated to mission CHAPLAIN Boyd Baker's report for August re- sites. This item is in the Capital Needs division of veals the following: "Visited regularly on all floors the budget, which means that the entire budget each week. Taught men's Sunday School class each must be raised if the amount is to become available. Sunday. Held vesper services each Thursday. Con- But \$25,000 is in no way sufficient for the needs. ducted worship services second, fourth and fifth Florida Baptists have, for a number of years, car-Sundays. Conducted employee worship services each ried \$100,000 in their budget for new mission or church sites.

# New church has revival

THE Westside Church, Warren, was constituted as a church April 4. It has been sponsored by Immanuel Church, Warren, and helped financially by the Department of Missions. James Heflin is pastor.

A layman, W. L. Rowell, who was asked by Immanuel Church to go and serve as superintendent of the mission Sunday School, and who is now a happy member of the new church writes to tell of their recent revival:

"I would like to report our first revival as a church: 17 by baptism, 4 by letter and 1 by statement.

"Rev. Caldwell, we feel that we are going to be one of the strongest churches in Bartholomew Association. We would not be a mission or a church if it had not been for the State Convention and Immanuel Church. Thanks and God bless you."

BERNARD Ford, an Arkansan who has been in Nevada is back in the state pastoring Morning Star Mission, Marshall. His full-time service as mission pastor is made possible by a designation from the First Church, DeQueen.

# Superintendent reports

FOR a change, I will report some of my engagements for the month of August. I have never felt that people were interested in a relation of the

DR. CALDWELL

number of sermons preached, miles traveled, and conferences held, but for this column I will mention some of the places where I have been for services.

It was my privilege to speak on State Missions to an Associational W.M.U. meeting in Conway-Perry Association. I presented the work of State Missions, also, to a Vacation Bible School group in Baring Cross

Church. A week was spent in the Home Mission Conference at Glorieta which conference had a record attendance for the history of Glorieta.

I have looked at mission sites in Warren, Hot Springs, and made two trips to Conway in surveying prospective sites. Conducted prayer service, First Church, Jacksonville. Supplied pulpit, Bastrop, La.;

East End Church, Pulaski Association. Brought the dedicatory message for Lakeside Mission, Hot Springs. Conducted revival meeting in Westside Mission, McGehee. Held a conference with the new superintendent of Girls' Training School and Chaplain McNeill in regard to the continuation of services to the girls. Met with the Operating Committee of the Executive Board to present requests for supplementary aid.

The September engagements include: a preaching service for the Girls' Training School at Alexander; supplying the pulpit of Levy Church; participating in a homecoming service at Natural Steps, Pulaski Association; a note-burning service and dedication for Hermitage Church, Bartholomew Association; speaking to the W.M.U. circles on State Missions at First Church, Little Rock.

It is wonderful to be engaged in missions and see the results of our mission program. The dedication services are an inspiration to anyone.—C. W. Caldwell

E. A. RICHMOND reports 11 boys saved in the services conducted at the Boys' Training School during August. Six were baptized.

Beacon Lights
of Baptist History
By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

# Co-pastors

HOW many pastors do you have in your church? The question does not concern assistant pastors, educational directors or music directors, but pastors of equal rank. Well, most churches have one pastor, one shepherd, under whom all work is directed and who is responsible for the work.

An exception to the idea of a single pastor was held by the Bullitsburg Baptist church of Kentucky of another era. During its first 32 years of history it never had a pastor in the modern sense. Quaint, eccentric John Taylor, its first pastor, was responsible for this.

Mr. Taylor believed all the preachers in the membership of a church were equal co-laborers in pastoral work and responsibilities. None were to have preeminence over another, except in age, ex-

perience, or as superior abilities would give him superior influence. He organized the Bullitsburg church with such ideas.

Mr. Taylor served only one church as pastor and resigned shortly thereafter. He could never be induced to take another pastorate. Furthemore, he would not preach to any church of which he was not a member, except in rare cases of extreme necessity as that of a destitute church.

The Bullitsburg church ordained Robert Kirtley, the second Sunday in August, 1822. He became pastor of this church, along with Absolom Graves and James Dicken. In 1826 Graves and Dicken died, leaving Kirtley the sole pastor.

After the death of Graves and Dicken, Mr. Taylor wrote: "Bullitsburg church is now in a lower condition as to the gospel ministry than any time for more than thirty years past. She has but one preacher in this very large church, Robert Kirtley, who was baptized among them; a respectable man, and respectable preaching talents... There are a

number of men in the church capable to go forward and assist Brother Kirtley. May the Lord stir them up." (J. H. Spencer, History of Kentucky Baptist, Vol. I, p 301)

But so far as we are able to learn, the Lord never stirred up the men to go forward to assist Mr. Kirtley as co-pastor.

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STUDENT WEEK at Glorieta included these dent Week at Ridgecrest earlier in the summer. Arkansans. Although a small part of the total reg- Each year during these weeks of inspiration and istration of 2,200, the Arkansans were noted for fellowship, climactic decisions are made by students. their sweepstakes win in athletics and their "calling -Tom J. Logue, Director of the hogs." Other Arkansas students attended Stu-

### Revival news

FOREST Highlands Church, Little Rock, Nov. 1-7; R. V. Haygood, evangelist; George Baker, music director; Jim E. Tillman, pastor.

WEBB City Church, Ozark, Aug. 15-27; David L. Land, pastor, Phoenix Avenue Church, Tulsa, Okla., evangelist; Herbert "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, song director; 7 for baptism; 10 rededications; Eddie Smith, pastor.

FIRST Church, Warren; James T. Draper Jr., Kansas City, evangelist; Hoyt A. Mulkey, Little Rock, singer; 4 for baptism; 4 by letter; 33 rededications; James T. Draper Sr., pastor.

DOUGLAS Church, Harmony Association; Allen McCurry, evangelist; R. L. Rogers, song leader; 4 by profession of faith; 3 by letter.

EASTSIDE Church, Dewitt, Aug. 16-25; Bill James, pastor, Gethsemene Church, Melvindale, Mich., evangelist; 11 professions of faith; 7 by baptist; 40 rededications; Eugene Hughes, pas-

TENT revival, First Church, Dr. Paul Roberts, pastor, and South Highland Church, Garrett Graham, pastor, spon-sors; Aug. 22-Sept. 5; Walker K. Ayers, evangelist; V. O. Gray, music director; 12 by letter; 10 saved.

SECOND Church, Van Buren; Aug. 30-Sept. 5; Jerry Weaver, Union Academy Church, student at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., evangelist; Billy Nix, song director; 1 for special service; 5 rededications; 2 by letter; 1 by baptism; 1 by profession of faith; Harold Clegg, pastor.

CHATFIELD Church, Aug. 22-29; Thomas Drake, Dyersburg, evangelist; Raymond Holloway, song director; 6 by baptism; 2 by letter; 18 rededications; 16 pledging to tithe; Raymond Holloway, pastor.

CRYSTAL Valley Church, North Little Rock, Aug. 23-29; Jack Parchman, Gladewater, Tex., evangelist; C. H. (Pop) Stone, Gulfport, Miss., singer; 22 by profession of faith; 2 by letter; 70 rededications; Theo Cook, pastor.

DR. Harold E. Ingraham, director of the Sunday School Board's service division, Nashville, was honor guest at a banquet during the 19th annual church library conference at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly. Dr. Ingraham retires Feb. 28, after 43 years of service with the Board.

# Nicholas on faculty

DR. D. Jack Nicholas has joined the faculty of California Baptist College at Riverside as professor

of psychology.

Dr. Nicholas received his training from Southern College, Arkansas State College, Southwestern Seminary, and North Texas State University. He was a

DR. NICHOLAS

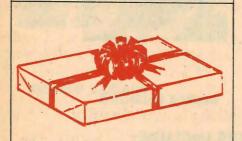
teaching fellow in psychology at North Texas State University.

Dr. Nicholas is an ordained Baptist minister and served pastorates in Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas, prior to coming to Cal Baptist.

His wife is the former Martha Ann Williams, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Williams. (Dr. Williams is president of Southern College, Walnut Ridge.) Mrs. Nicholas will teach in the Riverside city schools.

# Answer these questions

- "HOW can Christians grow through spiritual experiences?"
- 2. "What are some opportunities to witness the day-to-day circumstances? How may we improve the effectiveness of our witness?"
- 3. "How can my chuch improve or develop Christian stewards?"
- 4. "What can teachers, leaders, and group members do to improve the effectiveness of work in groups?"
- 5. "What are the nature, means, methods and results of proclaiming what God has done in and through Jesus Christ for the salvation of man?"
- 6. "How can we improve the work of our adult unions?" See



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- 1. "What concepts and ideas contributed to the origin of several major denominations?"
- "What do we as Baptists proclaim?"
- "What are my stewardship responsibilities? What is the Forward Program of Christian Stewardship? What can I do to help promote the financial program of my church?"
- 4. "In facing moral issues, what are some guiding principles?
- 5. "How can churches proclaim the gospel more effectively?"
- 6. "How is the Southern Baptist Convention organized and how does it function?" See your Baptist Young People and Baptist Married Young People quarterly FOR October-December, 1965.— James A. Giffin, Associate Secretary

# Interim pastor

CLYDE Hankins is the new in- ly, quarterly, or annually. terim pastor of First Church, Fcrrest City.

and of Southern Seminary. He losses by other means. served churches in Texas and Arkansas before going to Brazil as sages or talks before church an independent Baptist mission- groups of articles and items in the ary. He has just returned after 25 state Baptist paper to encourage years service.

He is now residing in the church tant tool. parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Hankins were honored by the church Sept. 1 with an old fashioned pounding and reception.

REV. and Mrs. Melvin K. Wasson, Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from Nigeria, may now be addressed at 121 N. 13th St., Arkadelphia, 71923. He is a native of Sedalia, Mo.; she, the former Lillian Strickland, is a native of Nashville, Ark. At the time of missionary appointment in 1954 he was a pharmacist in Jewish Hospital, Louisville, Ky.

# Rural subscribers

(Continued from page 8)

the church and the state paper may be started or terminated at any time during the year.

The procedure for the church to use the church budget plan is as follows:

- 1. Write the state Baptist paper for complete subscription costs and details concerning their billing arrangements. Many of these papers offer free trial subscriptions to interested churches.
- 2. Inform your church leadership as to the benefits of the state Baptist paper, some of which are presented in the early part of this paper.
- 3. Lead the church to vote to accept the church budget plan as a part of its financial program, much as it accepts other church literature.
- 4. Provide the state Baptist paper with a list of all your active membership by families. Lists should include the Zip Code and be arranged alphabetically within towns.
- 5. Inform the state Baptist paper of how you desire your billing (if a choice is offered) -month-
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Unit V-The Continung Need for

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Lesson 13-"How Shall They Hear?"



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# Children's Nook

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BY VINCENT EDWARDS

SABINE Baring-Gould must have thought a great deal of the boys and girls of Horley. More than a century ago he went to that little English mill town as a young parson of the Church of England. He had not been there long before he opened a night school in his own living quarters.

Because most of the children worked in the woolen mills, they never had learned to read and write. They wore cheap clothing, and often they were tired and sleepy after their long day's work. Yet they came night after night to their parson-teacher. After their lessons, they would beg him to tell them stories.

"You must tell us a tale before we go," they would plead.

As they gathered around Mr. Baring-Gould, he would begin, "Once upon a time. . ." He had a good imagination. Quite a while afterward he became famous for novels of his native Devonshire.

As Mr. Baring-Gould spun the web of some thrilling story, those poor children in their rough clothing would sit spellbound. Probably no young minister was ever more adored. For his own part, he felt a keen urge to be of help to his young charges. He could not help them with money, that was sure, because of his own meager pay. But he gave freely of his time and interest.

Mr. Baring-Gould even shared his narrow, crowded quarters with these eager boys and girls. He lived in only three rooms. A single room and a kitchen were on the ground floor. A small room, reached by a narrow stairway, was above. The upper room served as a chapel, and here the parson held a service each Sunday evening. On these nights all the space was filled. Those who arrived late had to sit on the stairs or in the kitchen below.

When hymns were sung, a funny thing would often happen. Just as they were nicely started on the second stanza, the end of the first stanza would come drifting up from below. Mr. Baring-Gould could hardly keep from laughing aloud

Those crowded quarters hardly seem the place for a famous hymn to be written. Nevertheless, because of his interest and fondness for these boys and girls, the young curate was able to write some stanzas that are sung all over the world even today.

In the spring of 1864, Mr. Baring-Gould was to lead his young people in their special celebration

# MARCHING

of the English church holiday of Whitmonday. They were to march to Horbury Bridge, singing as they went along.

Mr. Baring-Gould needed a marching song. Though he searched through the church hymnal, he could not find a song whose words suited him.

What should he do? He soon answered that question. He decided to write a new hymn for the occasion.

The young minister sat up very late the night before the march, working on verses that he thought would be appropriate. By morning his "marching hymn" was ready. The first stanza read:

"Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See His banners go!"

When he wrote those words, Mr. Baring-Gould had no idea they would someday be sung wherever the Christian religion has followers. A few years after he wrote the verses, a new tune was joined



to the lines by the famous English composer, Sir Arthur S. Sullivan. "Onward, Christian Soldiers" became the most popular and familiar of all marching hymns.

This song is known and sung around the world today. White-robed choir boys sing it as they march in long processionals in high-arched cathedrals. It is also a favorite in big tents where evangelists are holding revivals.

Over and over again it has played its part in history. When the allied armies came marching to the relief of besieged legations at Peking in the Boxer Rebellion in China, they were singing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." It was heard again from General Allenby's victorious forces as they swung through the streets of Jerusalem in World War I.

Mr. Baring-Gould, the author, lived to be almost ninety. By the time he died in 1924, he knew of the popularity of his verses. Nowadays, when a band or an organ in church starts to play his hymn, everybody recognizes it and can tell the title. Tens of thousands join their voices in "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Probably only a scattered few in our time are aware that the words were written one hundred years ago by this kindly parson for lowly English mill children to use in marching.

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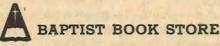
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This is the shocking, spellbinding account of a rabbi's experiences as a prison chaplain—and an angry indictment of the entire American prison system. The author charges that prisons corrupt far more inmates than they cure; that they are often cesspools of homosexuality; that prisoners are often deliberately deprived of every vestige of self-respect, becoming so brutalized and hardened that the majority are psychologically unfit to return directly to society.

The Supreme Task of the Church, by John T. Seamands, Eerdmans, 1964, \$2.95

Christians, who long had the field of missions largely to themselves, are now finding keenest of competition in Buddhists, Mohammedans, and Hindus, in many of the new and independent countries of Asia and Africa. For with the emergence of a new spirit of nationalism, there is also a renaissance of national cultures and a revival of ancient religions. The author, a Methodist missionary, shares his view of the church's task in the new situation.

# Growing in understanding and patience

By Dr. RALPH A. PHELPS JR.\*

GALATIANS 6:1-10; PHILIPPIANS 4; COLOSSIANS 3:12-15 SEPTEMBER 19, 1965

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for themselves and others. When personal differences are carried over into the Lord's work, the whole cause can be hindered. When one's own feelings of hurt or disappointment are permitted to get him down, his effectiveness for Christ is minimized.

Paul realized these truths and shared them with members of New Testament churches by means of three different letters in which the texts for this Sunday's lesson are contained.

### I. Help for the faltering

Instead of "letting the hammer down" on a person who has committed a wrong, a Christian is urged to help him. If a man has been detected in a sin, the spiritual ones in the church are directed to set him back on the right path, doing it quietly and without any feeling of superiority over the erring one. (Gal. 6:1)

The Christian's obligation to troubled people is spelled out clearly in Gal. 1:2: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Too often our reaction to another's troubles simply piles additional weight on top the load he is already carrying. The law of Christ commands, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," but we are usually char-

LIVING at peace with one's itable in self-judgment and harsh

Another reason for bearing othare marks of er's loads is that chances are good Christian maturi- that sooner or later we, too, will Unfortunate- have a heavy burden to carry. ly, a great many Every man must "shoulder his believers have not own pack," as Phillips translates Gal. 6:5.

Trying to help others can beand their come a bone-wearying process, but personal turmoil the believer is urged not to "be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9) We are to do good to all men as the opportunity offers, especially to those of the Christian household. (Gal. 6:10) How wonderful it would be if we dealt with those in trouble in this way instead of assassinating their character and dismembering their reputations.

### II. Peace for the warring

Except for their unusual names. Euodias and Syntyche (Phil. 4:2) might be members of any one of a large number of Baptist churches in 1965, for they were two members of the same congregation who had gotten sore at each other. The reason for their estrangement is not mentioned, and about all that is known, apart from their having fallen out with each other, is that in earlier days both had been of genuine help to Paul. Their personal antagonism has made them problems to the church, and Paul earnestly beseeches each to make up her differences as a Christian should. Each is urged separately to enter upon the work of reconciliation.

Who the "true yokefellow" mentioned in Phil. 4:3 is, there is no way of knowing. But Paul obviously thought that his or her talents might be useful in helping these

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Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." A difficult, dangerous and sometimes thankless work is that of the peacemaker, but how badly is he needed!

### III. Assurance for the worrying

The King James' version of Phil. 4:6, "Be careful for nothing," is not a good translation of the Greek into today's English. Paul was telling them not to be full of cares; he was not admonishing them against caution. Phillips translates it, "Don't worry over anything whatever; tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God which transcends understanding will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus."

Paul's assurance stems not from self-confidence but from faith in God. "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19) In many ways, including the support of fellow-Christians who had come to his aid in times of crisis. Paul had seen God's power demonstrated; and he is telling them to lean on the same pillar.

Because of his confidence in divine resources-"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"-Paul has learned to be content, whatever the circumstances might be. (Phil. 4:11) Whether things were difficult or easy, plentiful or scarce, he had learned to live on an even keel and not to come "unglued" in adversity. Doubtless this is one reason for his dynamic life and effective ministry.

# IV. Philosophy for the believing

To obtain the frame of mind he needs for victorious living, the Christian must fix his mind on "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever two resolve their differences. things are pure, whatsoever things

are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report. . . ." (Phil. 4:8) Here positive thinking is clearly advocated.

To gain peace of mind, the believer needs to do certain things, according to Col. 3:12-15. He needs to be merciful in action, kindly in heart, and humble in mind. He needs to accept life as it is and to be patient and tolerant with others. He needs to be ready to forgive if he has a difference with anyone, and when he does forgive he should do so as freely as the Lord has forgiven him. He should never forget to be thankful for what God has done for him; and, above all, he should be truly loving for "love is the golden chain of all the virtues." (Col. 3:14, Phillips Trans.)

"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts" (Col. 3:15) is not an unattainable goal if the believer's philosophy of life includes the above. Much of our misery results from our not having taken so seriously God's code of living as we have taken God's plan of salvation.

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FOUR-YEAR-OLD whose sunburn had reached the peeling off stage, was heard muttering as he washed his face: "Only four years old, and wearing out already!"

# A Smile or Two

# Pun my word

JONES: "New teeth eh? How long have you had them."

Bones: "Oh, ever since the last decade."

# Sign language

THE tax office in one midwestern town has a sign over the door that reads: "Watch Your Step."

As you leave the office, you will see written on the back of the sign the words: "Watch Your Language."

# **Family joke**

FROM the kitchen came sounds of a severe spanking. Soon a tearyeyed youngster ran out and wrapped himself around his father's legs.

"Daddy," he cried, "how did you and me ever get mixed up with Mom?"

# Made a warm impression

A COWBOY with nothing much to do ambled into the local blacksmith's shop and picked up a horseshoe without realizing that it had just come from the forge. Instantly, he dropped the hot shoe, shoved his seared hand into his pocket and tried to appear nonchalant.

"Kinda hot, wasn't it?" asked the blacksmith.

"Nope," replied the cowpoke. "Just don't take me long to look at a horseshoe."

# Doggone good alarm

DISCUSSING problems concerning teenagers, one woman asked her neighbor, "Is your son hard to get out of bed in the morning?"

"No," replied the other, "I just open the door and throw the cat on his bed."

The neighbor was puzzled. "How," she asked, "does that waken him?"

Replied the other, "He sleeps with the dog."

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Dumas, First	281	84	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	36	33	
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First	733	524	
Immanuel	438	158	1
Trinity	197	80	
Greenwood, First	269	112	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	233	89	4
Hope, First	448	87	-
Huntsville, Calvary	39	25	1
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First	413	111	4
Marshall Rd.	151	59	
Second	227	86	4
Jasper	54	31	
Jonesboro, Nettleton	261	135	
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Runyan	80	58	
Sixteenth St.	47	31	
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# **General error**

GENERAL Sherman was once a guest of honor at a banquet which was followed by a reception. Among the people who shook hands with him was a man whose face was familiar, but whom he could not place.

"Who are you?" the general asked in a whisper as he heartily welcomed the guest.

The man's face flushed as he answered, "Made your shirts, sir."

"Ah, of course," exclaimed the general. Then turning to the receiving committee, he said, "Gentlemen, allow me to present Major Shurtz."

# Legal maneuver

ON visiting a critically ill lawyer in the hospital, his friend found him propped up in bed, frantically leafing through the

"What are you doing?" the friend asked.

Replied the lawyer, "Looking for loopholes."

IF you eat slowly, you will eat less. This is particularly true if you are living in a boarding house.

# Religious News Digest

By Evangelical Press

A MASSIVE rent strike by residents of riot-torn West Garfield Park was suggested by a Protestant expert on urban conditions as one way of channeling the aggressions of the community into positive action. The Rev. J. Archie Hargraves, a ctaff member of the interdenominational Urban Training Center for Christian Mission, Chicago, said the strike should include people in good housing as well as bad in Chicago's West Side. "People in good housing should be sympathetic in an effort to bring to the attention of the city the fact that the residents of the area must begin to control their own community."

Initially, he said, the proposed strike should last one month. Rent money would be pooled and used by "community trustees" to tackle the worst of the slum buildings, using as labor the young Negro men in the community who are without jobs.

# Astronauts men of faith

LIKE earlier fellow astronauts, Air Force Lt. Col. Leroy Gordon Cooper Jr., and Navy Lt. Comdr. Charles (Pete) Conrad Jr., pilots of the Gemni 5 on its eight-day flight, placed strong faith in God as well as in their spacecraft.

Col. Cooper gave a sincere and dramatic profession of faith in 1963 when, during a 22-orbit solo flight, he dictated to a recorder in his Faith 8 capsule a simple prayer thanking God for "all these many startling, wonderful things You have created" in space.

The first astronaut to make two orbital flights, Col. Cooper, command pilot of Gemini 5, and his wife, Trudy, are active parishioners of First Methodist Church in Seabrook, near Houston, Tex. Their pastor is the Rev. Conrad Winborn. n Florida, they attend the Cocoa Beach Methodist Church of which the Rev. H. J. Downey is minister.

Mrs. Cooper and their two children, Camala, 16 and Janita, 15, left their Texas home to come to Cape Kennedy for the launching of Gemini 5 by the nine-story high Titan rocket.

The next day, a Sunday, Mrs. Cooper and her two daughters, were back home and attended services at Seabrook Methodist, conducted by Mr. Winborn and a visiting Methodist minister, the Rev. Nace Crawford of nearby Palestine, Texas. The regular morning service did not include a special congregational prayer for the astronauts, but there were silent prayers.

Comdr. Conrad is a life-long Episcopalian who was baptized, confirmed and married in St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Radnor. Pa. In Texas, he and his wife, Jane, attend St. John's Episcopal Church at La Porte.

The astronaut is a fifth-grade Sunday school teacher at St. John's and his wife participates in the work of the Episcopal Churchwomen. Mrs. Conrad, an artist, planned to do some murals for the church nursery after completion of her husband's flight.

PURPOSE of the Second Vatican Council is to be "a restorer of the Christian conscience," Pope Paul VI declared in a talk at the papal summer residence in which he warned that "many Christians today too easily absorb the worldly ideas of their time." The 67year-old pontiff was speaking to thousands of Italians and pilgrims from countries around the world, gathered for his customary midweek general audience.

# In the world of religion

. . . A WORLDWIDE Scripture distribution goal of 3.6 million Bibles and New Testaments has been set by Gideons International. The group will work toward placement of 2.1 million copies of Scripture in the United States and 1.5 million copies overseas in the coming year. The Gideons, widely known for their distribution of the Bible, particularly in hotels and motels, have 22,000 members around the world.

. . . . The number of Mormons in Brazil has increased during the last ten years from 1,000 to nearly 21,000. In 1938, the first year of Mormon statistics in the South American nation, only 32 persons became Mormons, compared to 5,000 last year. The Church now has 390 missionaries in Brazil who use the Portuguese language in their work. Mormons there have ten chapels and twelve under construction.

. . . . Ten Lutheran bodies in North America reported a combined membership of more than 9 million adults and children at the end of 1964, a gain of 1.4 percent over the year 1963. Among the reporting Lutheran bodies—which together comprise the third largest Protestant denominational grouping in America, exceeded in number only by Baptists and Methodists-five recorded membership gains; four reported no change; and one suffered a loss.

. . . . Ghana, a West African republic in the British Commonwealth, has placed an urgent order for 500,000 Bibles with the British and Foreign Bible Society in London. About half of the copies were requested to be in the English Authorized Version. The remaining copies will be translated into several of Ghana's tribal dialects. The Bibles are for distribution in schools throughout the country, which has a population of about seven million.—The Survey

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