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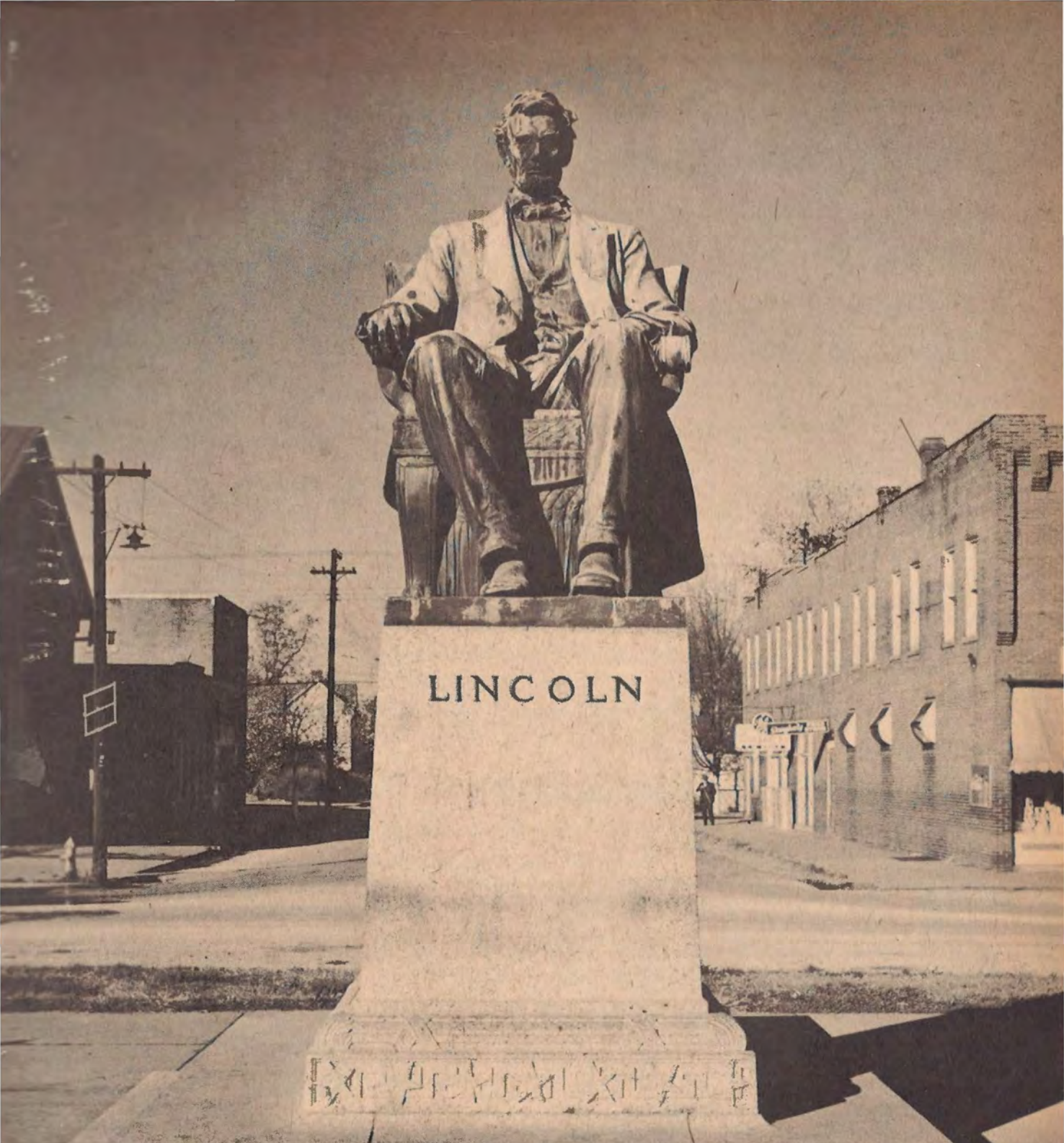
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# Cooperative Program receipts

FOLLOWING is an account of the distribution of the Cooperative Program receipts made by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention of monies received from our office for the year of 1962:

SBC Budget Fund .....	\$ 6,973.15
Foreign Mission Board .....	294,700.79
Home Mission Board .....	109,031.05
Annuity Board .....	8,716.41
Southern Seminary .....	35,711.88
Southwestern Seminary .....	45,652.59
New Orleans Seminary .....	30,125.74
Golden Gate Seminary .....	15,252.86
Southeastern Seminary .....	27,319.32
Radio & Television Commission .....	23,765.40
American Seminary .....	3,945.11
Carver School of Missions .....	5,578.48
Southern Baptist Hospital .....	2,631.64
Brotherhood Commission .....	6,563.89
Public Affairs Committee .....	2,091.91
Southern Baptist Foundation .....	1,412.02
Education Commission .....	2,161.62
Historical Commission .....	1,551.52
Christian Life Commission .....	1,290.00
Midwestern Seminary .....	35,099.26
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$659,574.64</b>

—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

## A sounder base for associations

IN A state-wide meeting of associational missionaries and associational stewardship chairmen on Monday, Jan.

14, among other things, we looked rather closely at "A Stewardship Development Program for Baptist Associations." This is a plan developed by the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is designed to put the associational mission program on a sounder

financial basis.

In the Introduction of this program it reads, "For some time associational missionaries have been asking for a tool to aid them in promotion of the associational budget. We believe 'A Stewardship Development Program for Baptist Associations' is the answer."

In the development of this program they followed much the same pattern as that of the Forward Program of Church Finance for local churches. It has been tested and tried and found to be exceedingly useful in accomplishing

the churches in good promotion of its purpose.

It is further stated: "Associations can provide a pattern and challenge for budgets, Cooperative Program and associational missions. Our associations have a wonderful opportunity to help churches to follow the Bible plan of stewardship, thus enabling them to carry out the Great Commission of Christ locally, and through the Cooperative Program to the whole world." In my experience as a pastor, I remember only too well that most of us were willing to leave the associational program to the missionary, In this hands-off attitude we came very near making the associational missions program an impossible situation.

In my judgment the associational missions program should be financed locally. There is not much point in sending money to Little Rock to be sent back to the associations to finance a local program. This approach would perhaps create more interest in the associational missions program right where it is carried out.

This financial plan could be the answer to the strengthening of this unit of our Baptist work which is so important to all that we are trying to do. —S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.



## The Cover

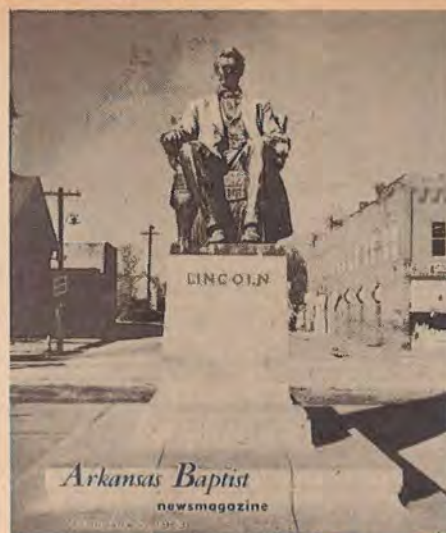



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His head is bowed. He thinks on men and kings. . . .  
He cannot rest until a spirit-dawn Shall come; the shining hope of Europe free;  
The league of sober folk, the Workers' Earth,  
Bring long peace to Cornland, Alp and Sea.

It breaks his heart that kings must murder still,  
That all his hours of travail here for men  
Seem yet in vain. And who will bring white peace  
That he may sleep upon his hill again?

—From "Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight," by Vachel Lindsay



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EP Evangelical Press.

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### Baptists, wake up!

THE official theme for the annual Evangelism Conference here last week was "Basic Evangelism." But the topic of one of the addresses, "Southern Baptists, Wake Up," by Dr. Grady Cothen, was a keynote sounded again and again by the various speakers.

There was much to indicate that the hundreds attending the conference, in Little Rock's beautiful First Baptist Church, felt the utter futility of depending upon anything or anyone but God for the power and vision the church must have if it is to accomplish its purpose in the world.

One summary statement that seemed to cover what many were saying and feeling was that of a Northwest Arkansas pastor, the Rev. Austin Kindred of Berry Street Church, Springdale, who declared that men, with their message, their motives and their methods, cannot achieve true evangelism unless the Holy Spirit be over all.

Another note that was heard with considerable frequency was the need for Southern Baptists as pastors and people to repent of their sins and to live lives in harmony with the professions of their faith and the teachings of Christ.

A retired minister who now serves as an evangelist and interim pastor, Dr. T. L. Harris, of North Little Rock, pointed to a "woeful lack of conviction of sin" among Southern Baptists. "You can tell by the way our people live," he said, "that they really do not believe there is going to be retribution, pay day for sin." For many church people, there is no evidence of regeneration in the lives they live, the places they go or the things they do. There is very little difference in the way professing Christians live as compared with those who have never accepted Christ."

Said Richard Perkins, pastor of First Church, Galveston, Tex.: "Modern man is not much concerned about his sin. And where there is no vision of the heinousness of sin, there can be no vision of the magnificence of God in forgiving sin. How shall sinners turn from the iniquity they have not recognized as obnoxious to God?"

Dr. Eual Lawson, of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Dallas, Tex., emphasized that Christians have a duty before God in their citizenship. "Many of our people wouldn't get drunk or gamble, even on the horses," he said, "but they fail to see it is just as much a sin before God for them to refuse to go and vote against

these evils as it is for people to take part in the evils." There are enough Baptists in this section of the country to guarantee whatever legislation is needed in the interest of righteousness, he added.

Dr. Lawson deplored the mistaken view of many who seem to think they can accept Christ for their salvation and wait till some time "at their good pleasure to make him the Lord of their lives."

In his sermon, "Southern Baptists, Wake Up," Dr. Cothen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, declared, "The trouble with Southern Baptists is not our program, but our people." He pointed out that it took 10,000,000 Southern Baptists to win 400,000 to Christ last year, and that this was less than the number won the previous year.

"We have come to put so much emphasis on bigger and better buildings that we seem to have lost sight of the purpose of the buildings," the California leader continued. "The church is not buildings but people. God wants us to hide him in our hearts and to go everywhere to win the lost." Baptists are having grave fellowship problems, he said. "Never have there been so many at one another's throats arguing over who's going to run the church, instead of saying to God: Be our Lord and run the show." One of our biggest problems, he said, is that we are ashamed to ask God to forgive us. There are counsellors and theologians by the thousands, but the great need of every community today is for men "who know God firsthand and not by hearsay," Dr. Cothen concluded.

By design of Evangelism Secretary Jesse Reed and others who planned the conference program, the climax of the two-day meeting came in the closing session, with an address by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Cauthen reported on the destitute spiritual needs in the 52 countries where Southern Baptist missionaries now serve, and challenged the people to "give God the refusal of your lives." Many come to Dr. Cauthen to say they would go as missionaries except for one condition or another, or if they felt the Lord calling, he said. He urged that ministers, nurses, and others take another approach, surrendering for missionary service and going out to needy fields unless God closes doors to keep them in the homeland.

Dr. Cauthen expressed appreciation for leaders in Arkansas who were "not afraid in the racial crisis to let it be known that you love people of all races." The speaking out of Christians for the right attitudes in race relations strengthens the hands of our foreign missionaries, he said.

There seemed to be a general feeling that the incisive and spirit-directed preaching of the conference found its mark in the hearts of those present and that the effects of the impact may be felt across the state in the days to come. In the closing moments, scores of people, young and old, knelt in prayer of rededication at the front of the church.

Surely God has a great work cut out for Southern Baptists in this challenging and strategic day in the world's history. May we wake up and follow where he leads.

## Law in Arkansas

ARKANSAS' great need, politically, is not so much the passage of more laws as the enforcement of laws already on the books.

This was pointed up categorically recently by Dorothy Caldwell in her "It Seems to Me" column in the *Courier-Index* of Marianna, quoted in the *Arkansas Gazette*:

"I don't know why we worry so much about the legislature and the laws they pass. Is it, after all, important what is legal and illegal in Arkansas?"

"We are a state in which gambling is illegal; yet there are numerous places where you can find roulette wheels, dice tables and slot machines crowded with activity.

"We are in a state in which it is illegal to sell

mixed drinks; yet there are many, many establishments in which you may buy them over the bar.

"We are a state in which it is illegal for persons whose salaries are paid partially with federal monies to solicit funds for political campaigns; yet although three men were convicted of violations of this act, they were not fired . . .

"We are a state in which the salaries of legislators is set at \$1,200; yet each year the house passes a bill paying additional money to ghost employees to boost these salaries.

"We are a state in which it is required that county quorum courts publish an account of expenditures approved at each meeting; yet very few counties follow the practice.

"There are many more examples. Does any one remember the old fashioned belief that laws are made to be obeyed. If we don't agree with them, we are free to work to get them changed, but in the meantime, we do as they say?"

As Governor Faubus has said and implied on numerous occasions, it's next to impossible to enforce laws the people do not want enforced. In the final analysis, enforcement, as enactment, gets right back to the people. But it takes a lot of time and trouble for private citizens to exert their influence in this area. The most of us never do much more than growl about it.

## Beer for dry areas

BY LEE J. DANCE  
(Legislative secretary,  
Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas)

THE 64th biennial session of the Arkansas State Legislature completed its third week of work last Friday. Thus far it appears to have been relatively quiet.

Bills have been introduced which could go a long way toward wrecking our present alcoholic beverage local option laws. They are:

HB 216 by Nance of Crittenden County, which would define the term "intoxicating liquor" to mean any alcoholic beverage containing MORE than 3.2 percent of alcohol by weight. If this bill should pass and become law, it would permit the sale of 3.2 percent beer in any territory of our state. This would nullify the efforts of our people thus far to remove this evil from our midst. This bill must be defeated. (The present law defines the term "intoxicating liquor" as any beverage containing more than 0.5 percent of alcohol by weight.)

HB 254 by Nance of Crittenden County, which would make it unlawful for any non-resident corporations, associations, or individuals to sell or deliver publications, newspapers, magazines, etc., in Arkansas if such publications refuse to publish any lawful paid advertisements submitted to any lawful enterprise in Arkansas, if the publication receives any

other type of paid advertising. This means simply that this would force all out-of-state religious and secular publications which do not carry liquor advertising to either take liquor advertisements or stop doing business in the state.

The following bills are those thus far introduced which will provide for better moral conditions across the state of Arkansas:

HB 116 by Murphy of Ashley County, which would create a special division of the state police to investigate and prosecute continuing violations of our present gambling laws. Our laws already provide for the use of state police in the enforcement of any laws in our state. The proposal in HB 116 would simply create a special division of state police to see that the present disgraceful gambling situations in some areas of our state are corrected. This is the most controversial bill which has thus far been introduced and much pressure will be brought to bear to defeat it.

HB 250 by Hammons of St. Francis County, which is commonly referred to as the "implied consent law." The essence of this bill is that when a person applies for a motor vehicle operator's license, he would thereby give his consent to a blood-test to determine the alcoholic content of his blood if he should be apprehended by a law enforcement officer while operating a motor vehicle and suspicioned of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

NOW IS THE TIME TO LET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THESE MATTERS.

'Fullness of time'

YOU don't travel far without running into an occasional roadblock. Using the term figuratively, that happens even if you are flying.



ERWIN L.

Recently I spent a full day going to Memphis from Little Rock and back, with many long hours of uncertainty in between in the Memphis airport.

My ticket had listed Memphis merely as the first stop — 28 minutes from Little Rock — on what was to be a trip to Washington, D.C., with a day's stop-over in South Carolina. But after sitting for two hours on a grounded jet on which I had hoped to travel from Memphis to Atlanta, the second leg of the trip, I learned that Atlanta was hopelessly fogged in. So I climbed off, claimed my luggage, and began trying to get passage back to Little Rock.

The plane on which I was eventually ticketed for the back-home flight normally would have left Memphis for Little Rock at 2 p.m. That day it ran exactly four hours late.

Originally, I had planned to leave Little Rock on a direct flight for Washington, leaving on Sunday. Then I had received a letter from the pastor of a South Carolina church where I had been the first pastor. The church was having its 10th anniversary services that Sunday morning and wanted me to participate.

Thrilled, I had changed my plans to leave a day early and go a little out of the way for the special engagement. But what had seemed a happy coincidence was not to be. We had worked out my schedule to the last detail, but the fog said no!

Two days later I got to make that trip to Washington. I missed seeing my South Carolina friends and helping them to celebrate, but I enjoyed those extra days at home. And that delayed trip turned out to be smooth sailing all the way.

In life, most people get grounded occasionally. And often the thing that grounds one is something beyond his control. The fog that grounds may not be a fog at all. It may be a great personal loss — in business, in love, in unattained goals — bringing disappointment, frustration, and sorrow. The one without both faith and patience is poor indeed.

So we pray: "Lord, thy will be done. You can see all the way. Ground us when that's best, and let us go on at your good pleasure, for we remember it was in the fullness of time that you



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Dr. Erwin L. McDonald  
Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
401 W. Capitol Ave.  
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Dr. McDonald:

There is a growing concern in many areas of American industry regarding the encroachment of unadvertised private labels in the consumer market, to the detriment of well-known advertised labels.

This matter is not only of serious concern to the manufacturers of fine brand-name products -- but to everyone who earns his living directly or indirectly from the various marketing services required in the promotion of brand names. For it is axiomatic that any weakening of the brand name concept must be attended by a decline in the volume of advertising -- an eventuality which would be contrary to the best interests of those engaged in the advertising business, or in allied fields such as publishing, printing, engraving, display, broadcast, etc., etc.

Based on the nature of your business, I would assume that you are as dedicated as I am to the continued growth and development of well-known, advertised brands of merchandise.

Recently, a letter over my signature (see attached) was mailed to all employees of our company in which I suggested that it makes good sense for anyone who earns his livelihood in any way from the marketing of brand names, to patronize America's well-known brands in all categories.

With your assistance, the range of this program and its salutary effects can be extended. I respectfully suggest that, if you concur, you communicate to the employees of your organization the inherent logic in their purchasing the well-known, advertised brands which have contributed so much to the American economy.

I earnestly solicit your support in this worthwhile undertaking. As a leader in the field of communications, you will undoubtedly have other ideas for the implementation of this program -- and I would indeed welcome hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Edgar M. Bronfman

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REPLY: Your letter is as welcome as it was unexpected.

Frankly, the labeling practice that disturbs me most is not that of the encroachment of unadvertised private labels to the detriment of the well-known advertised labels. My concern is for more accurate and truthful information on all labels, particularly on products

came to our world. When we run into roadblocks, help us to see that even these fit into thy purpose for us."

Erwin L. McDonald

that are being sold which are themselves detrimental to the health and well-being of individuals and of the public. Excuse me for being so pointed, Sir, but I am thinking especially of products such as your firm produces and markets—alcoholic beverages.

Proposals have been made from time to time that the producers and advertisers of alcoholic beverages be required to label their product according to its action, as is required of other similar substances. But such proposals have

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## More prayer than pressure

"Low conceptions of life and false standards of living can never flourish where the Bible is allowed to shed its own light and to set up its own ideals."—J. McKee Adams (*Our Bible*)

QUESTION: "I would like to lead my children into meaningful daily Bible reading habits. How can I go about it?"

ANSWER: The attitude of children toward the Bible has its beginning in babyhood. The mother's dependence upon God, her hiding of God's Word in her heart; the father's reverence for God and His Word—even these parental attitudes have a bearing upon the child's early love for the Bible.

Then, as the little child grows, Bible stories told over and over; Bible verses planted in the heart from repeated hearing of them, songs about the Bible hummed as lullabies and worked into natural settings—these help.

Earliest memories of mother, father, brothers and sisters reading the Bible and praying together—a time as carefully observed in the home schedule as regular meal times — spontaneous conversations about God and prayer to Him in mother-child experiences — all these elements weave themselves together into a good foundation for Bible reading habits.

Read again *Your Child and God* by Robbie Trent. It is not a new title, but in my opinion, it is still one of the best.

The foundation is sturdier for those children who are spared careless, profane talk; questionable jokes that carry overtones of irreverent attitudes toward the Bible; disregard of the sacredness of the Bible and matters pertaining to God.

But then come the days of moving out from the home sphere into the midst of secular, unsympathetic influences. Here we encounter real conflicts as we try to encourage personal Bible reading habits in our growing-up

children, our sub-teens and teenagers.

First, some don'ts.

Don't lecture.

Don't try to regiment your family's habits.

Avoid building feelings that Bible reading and prayer are always connected with nagging criticism.

There is a great difference between austerity and reverence. But some people don't know that.

Even as I caution against these negative approaches, I must relate that I know some adults whose parents "regimented" them, and didn't worry too much about connotations of austerity. These adolescents in their day felt resentment. They went through periods of reaction, and even rebellion.

But today the Bible has a basic place in and an inescapable influence upon the lives of those very adolescents, now grown into adulthood. They find in their mature years an impulse of appreciation to their parents for even "regimenting" their habits in the right direction.

Positives?

Once again, "precept and example" are basic.

Introducing comments on daily Bible reading passages into family conversation has its value.

Proposing lively questions, the finding of whose answers lure members of the family into Scriptures search is well worth the effort. *Fun With Bible Quizzes* by J. Vernon Jacobs, available at your Baptist Book Store, will help you get started.

During the January Bible Study week, many teenagers were introduced to Helen Cannan Graves' book, *Growing in Bible Knowledge*.

Chapter seven offers excellent and practical suggestions concerning the matter we are considering with you.

Here are some of them.

1. Read the Bible lovingly. She recommends as a good exercise noting—perhaps underscoring—in the 119th Psalm such expressions as "O how I love thy law," "I delight," "Sweeter than honey," etc.

2. Read the Bible intelligently. Set aside a special time in your day's schedule; find a quiet place; try to understand the meaning of the passage read; and read with an open mind.

3. Read the Bible prayerfully.

Mrs. Graves then adds ten good methods of Bible study.

One teacher, leading a lively group of Intermediates in this January Bible study, asked:

"Do our explorations into space disturb your concept of God?"

One of the brightest boys in the group quickly responded:

"No. God is all powerful. If He chose to create other planets, He can manage them and ours too."

Sometimes those "giddy teenagers" handle with solid wisdom deep matters that stagger us adults!

Don't expect immediate perfection.

Keep lovingly working away toward your goal.

Apply more prayer than pressure.

"The world is wide  
In time and tide,  
And—God is guide;  
Then do not hurry.

"That man is blest!  
Who does his best  
And leaves the rest;  
Then do not worry."  
—Charles F. Deems

Rosalind Street

Mrs. J. H. Street

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

# Separation of church and state

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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THE PHARISEES and Herodians faced Jesus with a *loaded* question (Matt. 22:15-17). Involved was their Messianic concept which forbade payment of taxes to a pagan power. To answer categorically either way would have involved Jesus in trouble with the Romans or the Jews. Jesus did neither (Matt. 22:18). The coin testified to the Jews' subservience to and dependence upon the State (vv. 19-20). They also recognized their relationship toward God. Jesus pointed out their obligations to both God and the State (v. 21). Thus the basic text on separation of church and state.

The principle of the separation of church and state does not mean that the two have no relations whatever. Jesus recognized the existence, rights, and functions of the state (Matt. 22:15-21). The early Christians in missionary work utilized roads and sea lanes provided by the state (cf. Paul's travels, Acts 13-16; 27). On occasion Paul accepted or called for the protection of the state (Acts 18:12ff.; 21:27ff.; 22:25ff.; 25:10-12). At the same time Christians were exhorted to submit to the authority of the state (Rom. 13:1ff.; I Pet. 2:12-17). Even when persecuted by the state they were to endure it willingly as a testimony unto the Lord (I Pet. 3:14-15). In the peaceful existence of an orderly society they were to carry on their spiritual work (I Tim. 2:1ff.).

Church and state are mutually related in the normal events of life. The state provides a proper atmosphere in which the churches carry on their work (cf. fire and police protection, national security, post-

al service, and general stability in society). In turn the churches endeavor to produce through the gospel the type of Christian character conducive to a well-ordered society.

But church and state also are mutually exclusive. Neither shall endeavor to control the other or to use it in the discharge of its separate responsibility. The church shall not seek to achieve its spiritual goals through political power (cf. Matt. 4:8-10; John 6:15). Nor shall the state commandeer the church for political ends (Acts 4:19). No religion shall be favored above another. The state shall not levy taxes upon strictly religious property; nor shall any church receive tax funds to be used in the performance of its spiritual, educational, and healing ministry (cf. I Cor. 16:1ff.). The church shall be free to determine its own form of worship, faith, government, membership, and missionary outreach. But such shall be carried on within the framework of the laws of the state (see excellent pamphlet "The Meaning of Religious Liberty," Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D.C.).

Various religious groups are not agreed on the distinct line of demarcation in the separation of church and state. Obviously there are "gray" areas which account for these differences. Baptists may differ as to the *line* but not the *principle*. They have always been its leading champions. The greatest progress in Baptist witness in history has come under this principle.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

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

### Why Baptists re-baptize?

QUESTION: I have a friend who is 70 years old and who for quite a number of years has



DR. HUDSON

shopped for a church. She made peace with God 20 years ago and was baptized by an ordained minister, by immersion, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Ghost. Now she presents herself to a Missionary Baptist Church for membership, but they will not receive her unless she will let *them* baptize her. Why is this?

ANSWER: Most Southern Baptists and many other Baptists believe that baptism is a church ordinance and that no individual, ordained or not, has the authority to baptize without a church's vote. Right or wrong this is the way many people see the Scriptural teaching on this subject.

Don't judge this Missionary Baptist Church for holding to this belief, that your friend should be baptized as they believe the Scriptures. They may be right. At least they are conscientious.

Tell your friend that if she wants to join this church, baptism will not harm her. In fact, it will be a witness to the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord—a kind of silent sermon. If she loves the Lord this will be a good way to show it.

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



## Evangelism and world missions

**EVANGELISM** and world missions are inseparably linked, said Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va., in an address on "Evangelism and World Missions." We are motivated by what God has done in the cross. God through Christ has saved us and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

God has brought us to a vast opportunity. He has singularly blessed us as a Baptist people. He has broken off the shackles of debt.

I hold in my hand a tract dated January, 1933, written by Dr. T. B. Ray and titled, "Present Condition of the Foreign Mission Board." By that time, just 30 years ago, the Foreign Mission Board budget had dropped in four years from \$1,300,000 to \$605,000. Our work, including schools, hospitals, and other mission fields were closing all over the world. Missionaries home on furlough could not go back.

We were saying, "Five more years of this and we'll be out of the Foreign Mission business."

Here in the states, churches were having to apply the most or all of their funds above bare operation to apply on the interest on their debts. Few could pay anything on the principal of their debts. Faculties in our schools and colleges were going unpaid.

Now Southern Baptists are giving a total of half a billion dollars a year through their churches. But the part of that released to go to bless the labor beyond our church doors is a little less on a percentage basis, than we were giving 30 years ago. I wonder where we will be in 1993.

God didn't pour out his blessings on us to make us plush, but to say, "The field is the world."

What we Southern Baptists are 30 years from now may depend upon what we do now. What do

you do with the blessings you receive so bountifully from God?

I have just come from an orientation conference for 100 missionary appointees, meeting in Gulfshore, Miss. They are awaiting their ships and planes to take them out to their mission fields. Among them are ministers who could pastor any churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Others are gifted in music. Some are physicians, some are nurses.

One of these, a layman who had 3,600 employees under his direction, in a position he held with the federal government, is going at great personal expense to himself.

Why not give the Lord the refusal of your life? Why not let the matter of whether you go or don't go to a foreign mission field rest in God's hands?

If you volunteer to go, you may reduce your salary thousands of dollars. You may be in danger of war. But I dare you to place the refusal of your life in the hands of your God.

Brother preachers, the field is the world. Who wrote under your call to preach the footnote that you are called to preach in Arkansas or in the United States? If there is such a footnote under your call, be sure the Lord Jesus placed it there.

Let your directions come from God. Don't let your decisions rest on creature comforts and your own personal glory. Do not come at the last of your life to the sad conclusion: "Alas, I have sought my own way and my own ease."

Many are saying to God: "We are ready." We now have missionaries in 52 countries and we are on the borders of many others. We need desperately to enlarge our



*DR. BAKER James Cauthen, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, visits with Arkansas friends.*

work in Africa where so many independent countries are springing up with little or no Christian witness.

In the whole Moslem world, where there are 300,000,000 people, we have only a few workers . . .

Our duty is plainly before us. We commit ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ in a radical obedience that makes us look like fools for the sacrifice we make.

In racial tension many of you have not been afraid to let it be known that you love all people, regardless of race or color. Every time you exhibit a right attitude in these matters, you are strengthening the hands of your missionaries.

Preachers, carry your resignation in your hearts, as far as where you are now working is concerned if the Lord should want you to step out into a place of greater need.

The world sits under the shadow of a mushroom warfare. Let's give our all to witness now. This is the only life, the only ministry we have. Give yourselves to Jesus on a world scale and see what he'll do with you.

### Soulwinning helps

SUGGESTIONS on how a soul-winner can lead a lost person to repent were made by Rev. Harry Hunt, pastor of First Church, Jackson, Mo., at the evangelistic conference:

1. Pray for him. How many sinners are you praying for by name? Pray for the Holy Spirit to come to bring convicting power.
2. Remind him of the awfulness of his sins. Many sinners do not realize how odious are their sins. Hold up Christ and his sacrificial death.
3. Tell him about hell. We preach a lot about the love of God but we seldom preach about the anger and wrath of God.
4. Persuade him to make his decision for Christ now. I am convinced we should never close a service without giving an invitation to accept Christ.

## Be kind, dear reader

CONTAINED here are quotations and digests of addresses made last week at the Evangelism Conference at First Church, Little Rock. The editor has prepared this report from notes he made during the conference. For the most part, the reports are in the words of the speakers. But the editor does not take shorthand and he has not hesitated to fill in the notes by drawing on his memory. He has tried not to let his imagination get into the act.

There is always danger that this type of reporting will not give the full meaning or intent of the speakers whose addresses are reported. And since there is not space to report the messages in full, there is the usual danger of misunderstanding that results from stating something out of its full context. A further handicap is that so many of the speakers seemed to know so much more about their subjects than does this editor.

Please be kind, dear reader. If there is something here you like, tell the speaker. If you don't like what you read, tell the editor and he may have to confess that he might have misunderstood or misinterpreted what was said.—ELM

### 'Conviction for sin'

MODERN man is not much concerned about his sin, declared Richard Perkins, pastor, First Church, Galveston, Tex., in discussing "Conviction for Sin." Where there is no vision of the heinousness of sin, there can be no vision of the magnificence of God in forgiving sin. How shall sinners depart from the iniquity they have not recognized as obnoxious to God?

Judgment must begin at the house of God. It will not happen in a lost world where men have no regard for God's plumbline of righteousness. Sin is heinous unto God. There must be conviction for sin.

Conviction for sin must begin

with the preacher. How can people be led to have a conviction for their sins if they see in us preachers the contradiction of what we preach?

We are such strange creatures. We place our emphasis in the wrong place. We turn to the busy activity of our program. When we have done all we are still scared as Jacob was when he was about to meet Esau. We need, as Jacob did, to meet with God.

It is a most significant thing for God to get us in a corner. We do not like to give up our sins. If we are to stand before the people and they are to have a conviction for sin, they must know that we have ourselves been purged.



CHORUS of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Nursing School, which sang at the closing session of the conference.

## 'Preaching the word'

By GRADY C. COTHEN

*Executive Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention of California*

IF preaching will bring in the kingdom, it will soon be here!

There is no point in dealing with heresy. Certainly not here in Arkansas.

In the last century there came out of Germany an intellectual philosophy—it was not a theology—that had as its goal the freeing of mankind from his "bondage to superstition" and his ties to the Bible as the inspired word of God. This movement implied that the miracles of the Bible were madness and that those who continued to accept the Bible as the inspired word of God were ignoramuses.

The major premise of the movement was that man could lift himself up to a higher plane of living by pulling on his bootstraps of education. The salvation of man depended upon education. Man would be able to live better if he had greater knowledge. The idea was that through education, "Every day in every way we are getting better and better." Man was to be free of much of the teachings of the Scriptures, including the "old ideas" about such things as incarnation, sacrifice, justification, blood atonement.

Then came World War I. With countries at each other's throats it soon became clear that the escalator that the new school of thought had acclaimed as going up was not going up but down. The war to end war neither ended war nor "saved" democracy. But there were some who still held to the ideas of the German school and called those who held to the truths of the Scriptures "fundamentalists."

In a few years came World War II, and the "brave new world" of the intellectualists died at Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Buchenwald, and the ghettos of Warsaw. Man came to see that education as represented



*DR. AND Mrs. John R. Maddox, First Church, Camden, talk with Dr. Grady Cothen following one of the conference sessions.*

by the rationalism of the German scholars was putting to death the Jewish people and multitudes of others.

Even before World War I, some theologians began to understand that something was wrong with the German philosophy, under which man's inhumanity to man was awesome to contemplate. After World War I came a whole new system called "neo-orthodoxy," or "the new orthodoxy." This recognized that man was desperately evil, with his heart full of vain imaginations. Some went so far as to conclude that man had fallen so far from God that nothing could save him. There was a strong appeal for regeneration, justification, and sanctification, but not always in the sense these terms are used in the Scriptures. Man must have an encounter with God, they said, and in this they meant what the New Testament means about such encounter.

The neo-orthodox group have never been in full agreement among themselves, but a predominant

view is that the Bible is not necessarily the word of God. This depends upon the one who reads it. They make a distinction between *being* the word of God and *containing* the word of God. They hold that man may meet God in the Bible, but that he may also meet God anywhere else. Many of them feel the Bible is no more inspired than much other literature . . .

Many of the neo-orthodox school damn the Bible with faint praise. . .

Let's not fuss at our book stores over what they can sell and what we can read. My library has enough trash in it to make several bonfires. But I want to know what those are saying with whom I do not agree.

If we are going to shoot at our seminaries, let's shoot with a rifle and not a scatter-gun. If some on the seminary faculties have erred, let's deal with the individuals and not slap at the seminaries. How would you pastors like for the people to blame all of you because one pastor somewhere runs off with his pianist?

I do not claim to be a Bible scholar, but I know something about form criticism and its dealing with certain problems in the New Testament. I can't understand a lot of things in the Bible, but I know that the doctrines of the Bible have produced the great Christian denominations. I cling to the old-time faith that the Bible is the word of God.

I read what the Bible critics write and I know that the people certainly can't understand much of that.

The world with all its wisdom has never been able to produce an ethical standard such as that found in the Bible that teaches us to love not only our neighbors but our enemies and to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Where else can you find the principle of honesty, of sexual purity, etc., as you find in the Bible?

I've tried to keep up with the latest in psychology. But what is the latest in this field depends on whom you've read last. Psychology comes up with a brand new approach every decade.

In the word of God you find a unique unveiling of the human mind—look at the prodigal son; the pharisee and the publican at prayer. Two thousand years before psychology developed as a science—if it is a science—God unveiled man's mind in the New Testament.

To see the anatomy of sin, read Genesis 3. The psychological insights of the scriptures are unique. And the Scriptural principles are practical. If religion does not do something for the ordinary man in ordinary places, it cannot be of God. The theology of the Bible is altogether adequate. Man wants to make a contribution. What do we need that is not in the Bible? Our light for life, time and eternity is revelation, not reason.

**BILL Fowlkes** has resigned as minister of education at Park Place Church, Hot Springs, to accept a similar position with Central Church, Bryan, Tex.

## True and false evangelism

THE difference between true and false evangelism can be seen in two "mathematical formulas," Rev. Austin Kindred, pastor of Berry Street Church, Springdale, told those attending the Evangelistic Conference. The first of the formulas was presented as:

$$\frac{HG}{M+m+m+m} = TE$$

This was described as: "The Holy Spirit over man plus message plus motive plus method equals true evangelism."

A rearrangement of the same formula was given to show false evangelism:

$$\frac{M+m+m+m}{HG} = FE$$

Pastor Kindred described this as: "Man plus message plus motive plus method over the Holy Spirit equals false evangelism."

His conclusion was that the Holy Spirit must have the pre-eminence in true evangelism.



DR. JOHN Ross, associate with the Seminary Extension Department, second from left, visits with three associational missionaries at the Evangelistic Conference: Hugh Owen, Central Association, L. D. Eppinette, Trinity Association and Theo James, Green County Association.

### Lewis to Monticello

REV. Bill Lewis, Paragould evangelist for the last three years, has accepted a call to Second Church, Monticello, and will assume his new duties Mar. 11.

Mr. Lewis' work in the three year period has taken him to 15 different states, and he reports 1,600 conversions and more than 2,000 additions to the churches.

Mr. Lewis is the author of *How Can These Things Be*, a compilation of sermons published by the Zondervan Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. Lewis is the former Miss Rozella Bell of Paragould. They have four children.

Mr. Lewis, a native of Little Rock, graduated from Southern and Ouachita colleges and attended Southwestern Seminary.

# Governor urged to enforce laws

GOVERNOR Orval E. Faubus was requested to enforce present laws and to continue opposition to enactment of future laws to legalize gambling in two separate resolutions passed by the Johnson County Ministerial Fellowship and by Tyronza First Church.

In a letter to the governor signed by Rev. Carroll D. Caldwell, pastor of First Church, Clarksville, as president of the fellowship, the group also opposes "any revision or changing of the local option law concerning the sale of alcoholic beverages." The statement sets forth that sale of liquor by the drink would be a return to the open-type saloon.

In its formal resolution to the chief executive, the Tyronza church denounces both legal and illegal gambling as "an open sin against the Almighty God and an evil reproach against mankind, the result of which is the break down of the moral and economic standards of our society."

The statement, signed by the pastor, Rev. Horace O. Duke, Jr., expressed disfavor with those in positions of public trust who use their office to support gambling in Arkansas.

In an accompanying letter to the governor, Mr. Caldwell suggests additional appropriations for the state police if needed to enforce anti-gambling laws. "I have read where the state police have walked through and around gambling devices in the Vapors Club to investigate a local explosion," he writes, "but I also remember that you used the state police in the Central High School incident to obstruct federal law and that was a local area."

REV. Howard King has resigned as pastor of Pangburn Church to accept a position with Pfeifer's in Little Rock and will supply nearby churches.

## Jones in Arkansas

REV. Marvin Jones, pastor of Cook Church, Ruston, La., is the new pastor of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock.

Mrs. Jones is the former Miss Idelle Milner of Yazoo City, Miss. They have three children, Angela, 17, Deborah, 14, and Jerry, 5.

Mr. Jones was educated at Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He has served churches in Baton Rouge and Leesville, La., and in Fordyce. He spent four years in mission work in the Pacific Northwest.

At the time of his call to Arkansas, Mr. Jones was moderator of Concord Association, Ruston, and president of that city's ministerial alliance.

## Church to rebuild

NATURAL Steps Church, Roland, destroyed by fire recently, will be rebuilt on the highway in Natural Steps, according to Rev. M. E. Young, pastor.

The church, built in 1900, was partially covered by insurance.

Services are being held temporarily at Joe T. Robinson High School.

The building program is expected to get underway by Mar. 1. (DP)

## Mrs. Taylor dies

MRS. M. E. Taylor, oldest member of First Church, Harrison, died recently.



MRS. TAYLOR

Born Jan. 8, 1871. Mrs. Taylor, together with her late husband, Milous E. Taylor, were founders and pillars of the Prairie View Church. She joined the Harrison church in 1944.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by four sons, Floyd Taylor of Harrison, Kirby Taylor of Springfield, Mo., Marvin Taylor of Mobile, Ala., and Wilson Taylor of Little Rock; and five daughters, Mrs. Ruby Robinson of Rogers, Mrs. Travis Jones of Western Grove, Mrs. Ralph Hudson of Harrison, Mrs. John Dewey of El Paso and Miss Elizabeth Taylor of the home.

## Setliff at Calvary

REV. Reuben C. Setliff, junior student in the University of Arkansas Medical School, is serving as interim pastor of Calvary Church, Little Rock.

A native of El Dorado, he was graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita College in 1960. He was ordained to preach in 1957 by Central Church, Magnolia. (DP)



FOUNDATION ELECTS OFFICERS — JUDGE Edward Maddox, third from left, was elected president of the Arkansas Christian Civic Foundation at the recent annual meeting of that organization. Other newly-elected officers are (l. to r.): Alfred A. Knox, treasurer; Kenneth L. Spore, fourth vice president; Worth Gibson, executive committeeman; J. Albert Gatlin, first vice president; Rheub L. South, third vice president; Tom Digby, second vice president; and Erwin L. McDonald, secretary.

## Missionary resigns

REV. James Evans has resigned as Faulkner County Association missionary to become pastor of Hebron Church.



Mr. EVANS

Mr. Evans served six years as superintendent of missions. Prior to that time he held pastorates at Park Springs and Belmont Park, Tex., and Humphrey, Ark.

Born near Thornton, Ark., he was ordained to the ministry in Boyd, Tex., in 1952, with his twin brother, Henry, pastor of Spradling Church, Ft. Smith, preaching the sermon.

## Trinity Church dedicated

THREE years after First Church, Searcy, organized a mission with a congregation of 15 which later became Trinity Church, a \$25,000 building was dedicated. And it's only the first unit of a four unit building planned for the future.

The present building seats 100 in a temporary auditorium and has nine class rooms and complete kitchen.

The Sunday School has grown from its 15 original members to 107.

Rev. David M. Stevens is the pastor and lead the dedication services. Others assisting included Rev. W. J. Sewell and Rev. E. E. Boone.

## Ray Conner resigns

RAY Conner, minister of education and music at First Church, Fayetteville, has resigned.

Mr. Conner has accepted the position of state music secretary for the Kansas State Convention. He and his family will reside in Wichita. (CB)

## Revival statistics

FIVE conversions and 81 rededications were reported at the recent laymans revival at Levy Church, North Little Rock, conducted by the brotherhood.

## Minister's wife saves life of injured man

THE wife of a Baptist minister was credited with saving the life of an Atkins man recently.

Mrs. Johnny Hagan, whose husband is pastor of First Church, Atkins, happened on a highway accident near Atkins, finding a 45-year-old carpenter unconscious on the pavement. He had swallowed his tongue, completely blocking the airway.

Mrs. Hagan, a registered nurse, put her knowledge to work quickly and effectively. She cleared the passage with a borrowed comb, wrapped in a handkerchief, which she used as a tongue blade.

The carpenter soon began breathing again.

## Coming revivals

EVANGELIST Oscar Wells, Bethany, Okla., will preach at services at Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, Mar. 11-17.

DR. CORT R. Flint, pastor of First Church, Anderson, S.C., will be the evangelist at the spring revival of First Church, Nashville. A definite date in August has not been selected. (CB)

## Students on program

SOUTHERN College student group presented a special youth program Jan. 16 at First Church, Pochontas. They were accompanied by Rev. J. T. Midkiff.

Music was furnished by the girls ensemble. Rev. James Costner delivered the sermon.

Concord Church ordained Wilford Arnold as a deacon Sunday, Dec. 30. Elmore Suggs, deacon of the ordaining church, presented the candidate. Questioning was led by Rev. Paul E. Wilhelm, Missionary. Clerk was Gerald Harris, also a deacon at Concord. The message was brought by Rev. C. C. Roberts, retired missionary. Billy Smith, another deacon, pronounced the benediction. Other deacons of the church taking part were K. N. McCurdy and T. O. Suggs. Leading in the ordination prayer and serving as moderator was the pastor, Rev. Alfred J. Duncan.

## Youth is licensed

MICHAEL Lynn Smith, 15, was licensed to preach Jan. 3 by Lake Hamilton Church, Hot Springs. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Smith, and a tenth grade student at Lakeside High School.



MICHAEL SMITH

Michael preached his first sermon at the age of 12. He observed his sixteenth birthday shortly after he was licensed. He has served as Youth Week pastor at his church for several years. The young preacher is a singer and a member of the school band.

## Mt. Zion Association

By Carl Bunch

LAWSON Hatfield, Little Rock, was the inspirational speaker for a Christian witness rally at Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, Jan. 21. A Sunday School Christian witnessing campaign will be conducted in the association Feb. 25-27. Pastors in the association met during the afternoon for a period of preparation. Curtis Mathis, pastor, Central Church, Jonesboro, will lead the campaign. Instruction sessions for pastors will be conducted at Lake City each morning during the campaign.

The Associational Pastor's Conference was held in conjunction with the WMU Quarterly rally for the first time at Black Oak Church, Jan. 25. There were 18 present, including a layman. Dick Bumpas, student director at Arkansas State College, conducted the conference period, the topic for discussion being "The Kingdom of God."

Schools of Missions were conducted in 28 churches in the association Feb. 3-8.

Strawfloor Church, Jonesboro, has placed the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* in its budget. They have recently tiled the church floors, installed two rest rooms and a deep well. The pastor is A. R. Watkins.

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## Noted conductor coming to capital

PAUL J. Christiansen, composer and conductor of the Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minn., will serve as one of the two guest clinicians for the State Choral and Instrumental Clinic, March 25-27 in First Church, Little Rock.

Mr. Christiansen is the son of the distinguished F. Melius Christiansen, who won world fame with his St. Olaf Choir of Northfield, Minn., and brother of Olaf Christiansen, who succeeded his father as director of that organization.

Following his graduation from St. Olaf College, Paul Christiansen studied composition with Norman Lockwood at Oberlin Conservatory. He was granted his Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music. Since 1937, he has been director of the Concordia choir at Concordia College where he heads the Music Department.

The clinic will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, March 25 and conclude Wednesday noon, March 27. Sessions are scheduled for morning, afternoon, and evening on Monday and Tuesday, with final morning session on Wednesday.

Sam Shanko, Baptist Sunday School Board, will serve as instrumental clinician. Conferences will be included for the pianist and organist on technique, service playing, and repertoire.

Registration and music packet fee is \$10.—Le Roy McClard



MR. CHRISTIANSEN

The responsibility on the shoulders of the Sunday School is great.

J. T. Elliff was right in saying, "Red flags are showing." The slowdown and losses in some areas of our work should cause us great concern. We must give more earnest attention to Sunday School growth.

While red flags are showing, there is nothing to stop us from enlargement if we really want to grow. The "go" signal is on for Sunday School growth.

The green light is on, let's go.—Lawson Hatfield

### Student Union

#### Youth evangelism

THE fact that our 1962 records have shown a decrease in baptisms in Arkansas has been of real concern to many. Each of us in our own way can help to provide a more effective and productive witness.

One of the possibilities for improved witnessing is the youth-led revival. Some churches already avail themselves of the blessing of a team of young people, but many do not. Many talented and dedicated young people could be utilized on the week-ends during the school year and in the summer months. The students are a blessing not just in the church during the services, but also in the homes where youngsters soon set the young people up as ideals for their own lives.

The student office is happy to suggest team members for youth-led revivals. A Baptist Student director will also be provided to direct the week and serve as liaison, if the church desires.

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DR. LOGUE

### Sunday School

#### The green light is on

RECENT REPORTS for Arkansas Baptists for 1962 are complete, but not yet released. These reports indicate the Sunday School had a net increase of about one per church. Compared with the high year of 1954 this is not good. In 1954 the gain was about 14 per church.

In the years when Baptists have majored on Sunday School enrollment gain, we immediately experienced growth by letters and baptisms at a related pace. When the Sunday School experienced a net loss, or a slowdown in growth, church additions followed the same pattern.

All other phases of our Baptist program prosper or decline in proportion to the rate of growth in the Sunday School.

The reason the Sunday School is a major factor is because of the nature of its work. The Sunday School meets at the best hour of the week. It has the popular appeal of Bible study. It is the instrument of the church with the assigned task of reaching and enrolling for Bible study all ages of people, the

churched and the unchurched, men and women, young people, boys and girls, and even the infants. The Sunday School is the oldest and largest of the organizations of the church. While the Sunday School is not the only means of evangelism, it has proved to be the best force and field of evangelism among the churches.

Jesse Reed says the slowdown of Sunday School growth has had its effect on the decline in Baptisms. He is right.



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1. What are the theological concepts involved in the polity and organization of the Southern Baptist Convention?
2. What do we mean by "autonomy" of Baptist bodies?
3. What is the scope of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention? How can we become involved in it?
4. How can Southern Baptists practice "unity in diversity"?
5. What are some of the problems to be considered at the Convention's annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, May 7-10?—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

## Brotherhood

### The next event

WE ARE grateful to God for the wonderful Evangelistic Conference which He has given His people in Arkansas through the wonderful leadership of Jesse Reed, our state secretary of evangelism. Surely if the Baptists of Arkansas follow through on the inspiration received at the conference this year, 1963, should show a wonderful upturn in the evangelistic efforts of our people and in the number of baptisms which shall be reported by the churches of our state.

The next great state wide event is the State Brotherhood Convention,

which is scheduled for March 4 and 5, at the First Church, North Little Rock. Presiding at the convention will be Monroe Drye of Mena, brotherhood convention president; and he will be assisted by Harry Brewer of Jonesboro, vice president, and by Robert Moore of Arkansas City, secretary. Other elected convention officers are C. E. Precise of Hot Springs, Christian witness leader; G.A. Starke of Searcy, personal stewardship leader; and Dr. James Sawyer of Benton, world missions leader.

Appearing on the program will be some outstanding personalities, including our own Arkansas Baptist State Convention president, Dr. C. Z. Holland of Jonesboro.

The convention will feature good music, devotion, seminars on vital subjects, and excellent speaking by capable and experienced men. There will be three sessions; Monday afternoon, beginning at 3; Monday night, beginning at 7; and Tuesday morning from 9 to 11.

Publicity on the convention will go out from the brotherhood office to every church in the state, and in the very near future.

Begin now to notify the men of your church, in order that there shall be a good and worthy representation from your church to the State Brotherhood Convention.—Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary

## Letters

(Continued from page 5)

never come close to enactment, due to the resistance of your industry.

I should like to ask your assistance, in all fairness to what is best for the public interest, in having a law passed that would require all containers of alcoholic beverages to have some such label as the following, which label was proposed sometime ago by the National Temperance League:

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Continued use of alcoholic beverages may lead to alcoholism—one of the major public health problems in America today.

—ELM

## An Awakening

I WOULD like to use this means to express my appreciation for the stand that you and the other leaders of our convention are taking against the gambling gang from Hot Springs.

It is our desire that our people will be awakened to the damaging influence this can have on our state.

The First Baptist Church and Pastor pledge their help in this fight.—A. D. Corder, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Mountain View

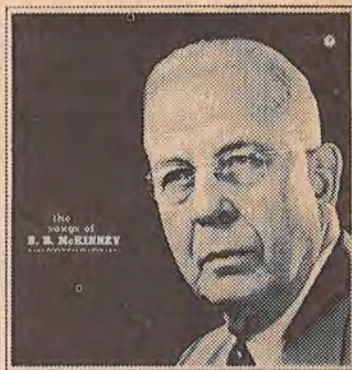
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SINCE WE reported our records of baptisms for last year some changes have been made. Central Association reported 334 but they had 456. The last report is 11,246 for baptism. We are off 1677 from 1960-1961.



MR. REED

In my last article I mentioned the fact that White River Association set a new record in baptisms. They also set new records in everything reported at the annual association including the number of churches reporting, the number of church sponsored missions, vacation Bible school enrollment, cooperative program gifts, association mission gifts.

Here are some of the reasons for the records. There are 11 church sponsored missions. They have had 10 preaching stations not sponsored by any church. The more churches and missions plus preaching stations plus mission vacation Bible schools they had, the more baptisms they reported. This led to more money coming in for the Lord's work.

Why is this so? Those small churches and missions were not bogged down with the mechanics of methods and promotion. Methods have divine sanction only as long as they can be worked successfully and bring results. We must have methods and we must promote but if the method you are now using will not work, then throw it away and invent a new one. However, I cannot see any improvement of the Bible way which is to Organize, Agonize and Evangelize. Visitation plays a big part in this kind of program.

Evangelism seems to be more of a spirit than a program. One of the explanations of the growth of Southern Baptists is the strong evangelistic emphasis which has been given to our work. We have many people who believe in revival meetings. We have wanted our preachers to have warm evangelistic hearts and to preach the gospel of Christ with a desire of reaching lost people for Christ. Our worship services have been slanted toward the spirit of evangelism. As a result Baptists have been used of God in reaching people. It seems to me that the more formal our services become the less evangelistic we are. In most of our well organized churches we are dealing with cultural Christians — people who were saved while young in life and have never had a deep sense of sin. Most of them have never had a personal commitment to Christ. They have been

saved but have not dedicated themselves to the work of God in helping bring others to Christ.

My heart is heavy that we have not reached more people for Christ. Let's be consistent soul winners this year.

Our hearts have been warmed and is strangely moved by the great evangelism Conference. Let's not let the fires burn low. How long since you have won a soul?—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

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## Ouachita, here I come!

By J. I. COSSEY  
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas  
Field Representative  
Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

IN 1910 I settled for all time that I was called of God to preach the gospel.

I helped my father in his crop that year. I plowed a little mule and preached to him from morning until night. I knew the mule did not know any more about preaching than I did. But I knew the preaching would help me to settle some things that had to be before I could proceed in any direction.

I knew that I had to go to school. I knew that I must go to Ouachita College. Owen Richardson, a cousin of mine and a graduate of Ouachita, had sold me on Ouachita being the school for me.

It was four o'clock in the morning on Sept. 10, 1910, that I started to Ouachita. I packed all my earthly possessions into a valise, except my umbrella. I was, soon loaded into the farm wagon at my Damascus home to drive to Conway, 25 miles away, to catch a train for my first day in Ouachita.

I told my father that I was cold and would walk behind the wagon for awhile. I did not want my father to see me cry. I knew I was leaving my precious mother and would not live at home with her again.

Our little team of mules walked about four miles per hour, so I walked about four miles and cried and meditated upon what I was doing and where I was going. That was one of the great days in my little life.

I had an awful time changing trains in Little Rock. I followed the train caller around until he called, "Arkadelphia!"

I grabbed my valise and umbrella and passed everybody and got me a seat on that train. When the train arrived in Arkadelphia, I got off and looked around. I did not have the money to pay for a cab, so I walked up town. When I got

up into Arkadelphia, I stopped in front of the Smokers Dry Goods Store to rest. I went into the store and asked a clerk if I could leave my valise and umbrella there until I could locate Ouachita College.

I finally reached the front door of Ouachita and stood for awhile in the vestibule of the front entrance. Presently, a well dressed, red-haired young man came bursting through the door and looked up into my face and said, "Do you play football?" I said, "I don't know, I never have seen one." Then I told him I was a young preacher and wanted to go to school.

He guided me into the President's office and introduced me to a nice looking lady by the name of Miss Crow. Miss Crow looked at me and said, "Do you want to matriculate?" My reply was, "Maybe so, if that is the next step to get me into Ouachita College."

Every one of the six years I was at Ouachita I was teased about stopping at the front gate and saying, "Hello, do you have a biting dog?" In my senior year, a young preacher came to me, and asked: "Brother Cossey, is all they tell on you so?" I said, "No, but the truth is so much worse than what they say, I just let it go." How I do thank God for that first trip to Ouachita and for all the days I spent at my dear alma mater!

## The Bookshelf

*The Southwest in Life and Literature*, by C. L. Sonnichsen, Devin-Adair, 1962, \$7.50.

Four states, Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico constitute the "Southwest" as dealt with by Author Sonnichsen, dean of the Graduate Division at Texas Western College, El Paso.

Says Mr. Sonnichsen of his Southwest: "Like the Egyptian Queen, it has infinite variety. Its plains and deserts are vast; its forests are dense; its canyons profound; its skies wide and high.

Against this backdrop have moved, for four centuries, an endless variety of human beings working out their destinies and taking part in the most stirring events."

The work of a total of 43 writers, covering the events of 400 years in the four-state area, is included, in seven sections: *The Land Itself*; *The Conquistadores*; *The Spanish Legacy*; *Three Points of View*; *The Americans Arrive*; *The Indians of the Southwest*; *Cowboys and Ranchmen*; and *Bad Men and Peace Officers*.

*Businessman in the Statehouse*, an account by Luther H. Hodges of six years as governor of North Carolina, The University of North Carolina Press, 1962, \$4.75.

Politics was a second career for Luther H. Hodges, son of a tenant farmer who worked his way through the state university, went on to a successful business career that culminated in the vice presidency of Marshall Field and Company. Retiring from business at 52, he ran for the office of lieutenant-governor, making the race strictly on his own, and won. He became governor upon the death of Governor William B. Umstead, on Nov. 7, 1954.

His first day as governor, Hodges sat in his chair in the governor's office and pressed in succession all the little buttons before him and asked each person who came in what he or she did to help run the office.

His businesslike way of dealing with the state's problems, including integration, made his governorship notable for the state and the nation.

"Some of My Best Friends," by Benjamin R. Epstein and Arnold Foster, Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, 1962, \$4.50.

The term used as the title of this book is described by the authors as "an apology and an excuse — and often a smokescreen — for the discrimination used to deprive Jews of their equal rights as American citizens." They point out that anti-Semitism did not die with Hitler or with the decline of organized bigotry in this country. Instead, they insist, it lies imbedded in the American subconscious, rising to the surface in times of tension and, above all, manifesting itself in hundreds of ways in daily life.

Here is a book to trouble many a conscience.

*The Scripture Sourcebook*, with an introduction on "How to Study the Bible," by D. L. Moody, Zondervan, 1962, \$2.50

This topical textbook of Bible persons, places and subjects for Christian workers will be of particular help to ministers and Bible teachers. Formerly published as *The Bible Textbook*, it is one of the three books that Moody recommended for every Christian, the others being a good study Bible and a concordance.

# The medicine of friendship

By V. WAYNE BARTON

## G. W. Puryear

MR. PURYEAR was born on a farm near Jonesboro, in 1858. While still a lad he moved to town with his father and lived there the next 71 years.



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He went into the grocery business in 1879 with a borrowed capital of \$600, the first and last money he ever borrowed. He prospered in his

endeavors. When he retired in 1925, he was recognized as one of the leading business men in Northeast Arkansas. According to a newspaper account, he served as president of several banks for 25 years, trustee of six banks, and president of 13 business concerns. His formula for a long and successful life was: Follow the tenets of the church and realize that man's span on earth should be devoted to worthwhile activities.

Mr. Puryear never had a hobby, considering time too precious. He never saw a picture show or baseball game, never drank, gambled, or used tobacco in any form.

He attributed his financial success to the fact that he tithed and the fact that he observed the Sabbath. He transacted no business on Sunday—didn't go to the postoffice after his mail on this day.

His life was devoted to the development of his home community, Jonesboro, and to the churches in the community. He joined the First church in 1887, where he was a trustee and deacon 45 years before he moved to Memphis, Tenn. Here he served for more than 10 years as a deacon in Bellevue church.

He took pride in the fact that he personally financed the education of 12 young men for the ministry.

After his second marriage in 1929, he spent nine years traveling throughout the United States, and when he settled down chose Memphis as their new home.

Mr. Puryear took a leading part

PAUL'S friends were a tonic to him. Of course, he didn't say so precisely in those words. But he said as much in the idiom of his own day. Concerning his friends—Aristarchus, Mark, and Jesus Justus—Paul said, "These . . . have been a *comfort* unto me" (Colossians 4:11).

But the word translated "comfort" is an unusual one. *Paregoria* is the word. It is not the one most commonly employed in the writings of the New Testament. Other possible meanings are *relief* and *alleviation*. It sounds like medicine, doesn't it? Well, the history of the word is long and involved, but, so far as we can tell, it had no medicinal connotation in the New Testament period. However, it was the word from which our "paregoric" was derived. Perhaps you had already noted the very obvious simi-

larity.

Paul was in prison when he spoke of the comfort of his friends. In the same connection he lamented the lack of friendship of others. "These only," he said, "have been a comfort unto me." Doubtless Paul had many needs during those days. But, surely, if he ever needed the medicine of friendship, he needed it then.

Which raises some questions for our time. How many people can you imagine are in similar need today? How many in prison, poor house, orphanage, hospital? How many are seeking the counsel of psychiatrist? How many hypochondriacs? How many neurotics? How many alcoholics are addicted to the "tonic" contained in bottles, whose condition could be alleviated, at least in part, by the paregoric of your friendship?

as a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Convention 25 years, and was a long time member of other boards of the Convention. He also served on the board of the State University and of the Memphis Baptist Hospital. Three times he served as president of the Arkansas Convention.

Dr. J. S. Rogers dedicated his History of Arkansas Baptists to this servant of God.



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## Strange eyes

By THELMA C. CARTER

The next time you visit a zoo, take a moment to study the location of the eyes of different kinds of animals. You will find that furry animals have eyes the most like people. Both eyes are located in front of the face.

Most furry animals, such as the dog, cat, monkey, and lion, use their eyes as we use a camera, to bring objects near at hand. Having both eyes on the front of the face gives animals a good idea of the shape and location of things.

Wild animals, particularly members of the cat family, are able to spring upon their prey in daylight or dim light with an exactness that is amazing. Naturalists tell us that lions, cheetahs, and cats seldom pounce upon their prey behind it or in front of it. Instead, they jump

directly, with camera-like focus, upon their prey.

If you have a pet kitten, you can observe this cat habit when the kitten playfully leaps upon a falling leaf or wind-blown twig.

Many animals, such as the horse, antelope, and rabbit, have one eye on each side of the head. The side view gives these animals a much wider view when they are grazing in open fields. This wide side vision provides a much-needed protection when fleeing from an enemy.

The hippopotamus, crocodile, and frog have eyes that stick out near the tops of their heads. Thus, while they keep their bodies below water, they can keep their eyes above the surface to see what is going on about them.

If animals are to survive, they must have special ways to live, protect their families, and flee from danger. The location of eyes is a special means the Creator gives to his creatures of the natural world. To be able to see is a precious gift we sometimes forget to appreciate.

## Ancient Paintings

IMAGINE exploring an ancient cave, hundreds of years old, and finding beautiful paintings on the ceiling and walls. Many of these caves, with their attractive red, yellow, and blue nature scenes, have been discovered in recent years.

The cave people of long ago saw the beauty of the sunrise and sunset

in the heavens. They tried to bring the beauty into their cliff dwellings and cave homes. In the deep-blue night sky they saw the stars and moon. They were inspired to paint the beauty of darkness and shining stars.

Using crude instruments, they scratched, carved, and chiseled the designs on the walls and ceilings. Then they colored them with paints mixed from clay, plant juices, and berries found in the natural world about them.

In the forests the people found all sorts of things which were useful in painting. The juices of certain berries made bright, lasting colors. They found bright red and yellow clay along the banks of streams. They ground the clay by pounding it with stones. Then they stored it in shells and hollow bones. Bits of charred wood made good black outlines.

Cave explorers are amazed at the paintings on cave ceilings and walls that tell the story of a storm, a blue sky, a harvest. Flowers, trees, animals, and people were carved in almost life-sized forms on the stone surfaces. Galloping horses, charging bison, and grazing reindeer were favorite subjects of cave artists.



## GUM BOY GREETING

Do you have a friend who will have a birthday soon or one who is ill? You can make a greeting card using three sticks of gum and a folded piece of paper.

Leave the wrappers on the gum. Paste the sticks on the front of the folded paper as shown in the picture. Draw the boy's head, hands, and feet with crayon. You can write a birthday or get-well message on the inside. Don't forget to sign your name.

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# The mighty power of Christ

BY DR. DON B. HARBUCK

Pastor, First Church, El Dorado

February 10, 1963

Mark 6:7-13; 34-42

sidered a panacea for almost every ill in the eastern regions of that day. Allowing for differences in the interpretation of details, the essential facts remain that those first Christian missionaries engaged in a frontal attack upon the three great enemies of human welfare: sin, superstition, and sickness—the diseased will, the diseased mind, and the diseased body.

## PROBLEM IN LOGISTICS

LOGISTICS is the science of supply. It has the connotation of teaming workmen. Divine logistics also requires laborers, no less in spreading a table than in spreading the gospel. The miraculous feeding of the multitudes appeals to us more and not less because of the human involvement. To be sure, the miraculous element is undeniable. All attempts at rationalization are futile. Some have felt that the liberality of the small boy, whose five barley loaves and two small fish were first given to Jesus, stimulated a general sharing of provisions by the entire multitude, thus accounting for the feeding of that vast concourse by natural means. Still others have suggested that the boy's lunch was crumbled into thousands of small particles and distributed to the people who then, under the power of Christ's magnetic personality, had their spiritual hunger satisfied to a degree that caused them to forget their physical needs. These and other explanations go wide of the intention expressed by every gospel writer and cannot be endorsed as other than classic examples of man's boundless capacity for "seeing what he wants to see." Mark is dealing with a miracle, make no mistake about that. But it is a miracle in which men play a vital role. It is a miracle from which practical suggestions hang like clusters of grapes.

To be noted first is the nature of the crisis. It was created not by hunger but by compassion. People are always hungry but only compassion feels constrained to feed them. Technically, Jesus was not obligated to provide for the multitudes. Love and not law made him feel indebted to the hungry crowds. The mission of the church grows impotent unless love is its motivation. People cannot be legalized into doing the work of missions. They cannot be forced by even the most cogent theories to engage in the work of the kingdom, which is always and only a work of love... Unless love is both our motivation and our method, then our labor can hardly produce "the fruit of the Spirit." Many alien forces may be pressed into the service of Christ but the diluting and enervating influence of such tainted energies will infect our Christian witness for years, leaving it weakened and diseased.

Very wisely Jesus induced the disciples to inventory their own resources as they faced the hungry crowds. This is a wise procedure under any circum-

gives.

The special instructions given to the twelve on their first mission are not binding upon today's disciples. Certain principles discerned in those instructions retain an abiding relevance, however. The command to "travel light" is a wise warning to those who are preoccupied with too much paraphernalia. The accouterments of our Christian calling—books, methods, standards, programs, meetings, techniques—can easily grow cumbersome. They may divert us from our main task. Our enthusiasm for the work can be exhausted in preparation. Even if we clear the hurdle of "getting ready" successfully, we may develop a devotion to the wares of our trade and neglect the pursuit of our primary task. Some very poor fishermen I know have the best equipment money can buy. They carry on great conversation about the art of angling, but they are more skilled in talking than they are in fishing.

The main thrust of the disciples' mission was an attack upon three deadly enemies of personal and social health: sin, superstition, and sickness. Where sin was concerned, they preached repentance and proclaimed forgiveness. Primitive superstitions were overcome by "casting out devils." However the complex problem of demons be evaluated by the contemporary reader of the gospel, he must acknowledge that demons were exceedingly real to the people of the first-century world. In many primitive areas of today's world, superstitions remain to haunt the people and to keep them under fearful bondage. One of the great trophies of the gospel is the deliverance of individuals, civilizations, and cultures from the tyranny of superstitious demonologies. It would be ironic indeed if in Africa today, to use one example, where millions of people in the next ten years will relinquish their primitive belief in animism that, under the influence of Christianity, the demonology of the first-century world would be substituted in its place. Christ indeed has cast out the demons. Let us not return to them.

The disciples also anointed people with oil and healed them. Apparently this reflects a combination of medical procedure and spiritual therapy since the application of oil was generally con-

**T**HE title of this lesson is well chosen. Christ does need workers. In the Divine economy human instruments are not optional. In many places besides Nazareth Christ "can do no mighty works" because people are void of faith and faithfulness. Relying upon men does not mark God as impotent. It only makes clear His purpose. It magnifies the method by which His providence operates, by which He proclaims His program of world redemption, by which He pushes his halting disciples into the mighty mainstream of His purpose and brings them to full personhood.

Reverently and astonishingly, we confess that God needs us. He needs us because we need to be needed by Him. Only as we feel that summons of Divine need can we fulfill all the implications of our creation in the "image of God."

## THE WORK OF WITNESSING

WITNESSING is inevitable. Spontaneously and perpetually Christians bear witness to their Lord. In every dimension and department of life people radiate evidences of that to which they are committed emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Yet some witnessing is not spontaneous. It requires planning. Both types are essential in spreading the gospel. The planned approach, according to the scriptural records, was not neglected by Jesus. The casual "wayside" witness, important as it is, cannot substitute for a systematic program of preaching, teaching, and healing by trained people. While the importance of securing an intelligent witness from all of God's people needs to be emphasized, the dignity and honor which Jesus gave to trained people should not be rudely removed by carping criticisms and premature censorship. The long-range effectiveness of our denomination's witness can be seriously hindered by tailoring all of our procedures to the layman's pattern. The men whom Jesus sent forth "two by two" had been equipped by training and invested with that authority which superior knowledge always



DR. HARBUCK

stance. The pressure of crisis may lead us to discover capacities and talents long hidden and unused. God wills that we be stretched beyond the normal. This develops a wholesome spirit of self-reliance. It stimulates originality and creativity. The patient inventory of our own resources at the behest of God's spirit is usually prelude to a miracle. The research chemist in the laboratory, the writer laboring with a new idea, the artist before the unfinished canvas, the missionary before an impenetrable barrier of opposition and indifference — one and all stand on the threshold of a miracle. God can feed and nourish and heal and redeem the "scattered abroad" of the earth with our "five loaves and two fishes" when we understand their potential under the influence of His love and truth.

IN THE final analysis, our two lesson passages coalesce in meaning. One deals with witness and the other concerns bread, but they are vitally connected since the person who witnesses has also eaten "miracle" bread. Once he was a hungry beggar. Miraculously he found the living bread that satisfied his hunger. And now as one beggar to other beggars, he shares the knowledge of that satisfying bread. This is the genius of all witnessing. And these are the workers whom Christ needs: satisfied beggars who will not be satisfied until all the beggars of the earth have tasted the bread of life.

## Attendance Report

January 27, 1963

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alma, Kibler	129	91	
Alpena, First	63	40	
Osage	29	20	
Camden			
Buena Vista	18	23	
Colledale	371	204	
First	368	159	
Consett, First	526	188	
Summa, First	252	99	4
Edwards, E. Main	245	126	
St. Smith			
East Side	85	55	
First	891	315	2
Missions	438	194	
Grand Avenue	675	302	2
Mission	21		
Temple	283	134	8
Memorial	69	18	3
Kingston	18		
Coke	8		
Dickinson, First	330	203	1
Dresden			
Central	376	180	1
Memorial	187	99	2
Lovers	207	155	
Little Rock			
First	255	276	1
New Chapel	76	70	
Immanuel	406	391	
East		16	
Bible	122	70	
McClain, First	343	148	
Coke	41	31	
North First	137	60	
North Little Rock			
Caring Cross	276	216	
Coke, New City	250	128	
Coke, Edge	83	81	
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## A Smile or Two

### This month's short story

THE Texas oil man was getting married and was nervous about it. He told the minister that the fee would be in proportion to the brevity of the service, and that if he used a long service, he wouldn't receive a cent. When the wedding day came, the couple stood before the minister, in the bride's home, and the minister said to the man "Take her?"; to the woman, "Take him?" and then closed the ceremony by pronouncing "took." . . . a whole ceremony in five words.

P.S. He got a \$50 fee—or to be brief—\$10 a word.

## Overworked

THE applicant for a job as a housemaid was being interviewed by the employment agent and was asked if she had any preference as to the kind of family she would like to work for.

"Any kind," she said, "except high-brows."

"You don't like to work for high-brows?"

"You bet I don't," she said, "I worked for a pair of them once—and never again. They were fighting all the time and it kept me running back and forth from the keyhole to the dictionary until I was worn to a frazzle."

## True Story

A SIGN on U.S. Highway 66 in Arizona reads "Fwee Wocks for Fwowing at Wabbits."

## Fooling the people

THE metal strips used to band birds are inscribed: "Notify Fish and Wild Life Service, Wash. D. C.," and they used to read "Washington Biological Survey," abbreviated to "Wash. Biol. Surv." This was changed after a farmer shot a crow and disgustedly wrote the U.S. Government, "Dear Sirs: I shot one of your pet crows the other day and followed instructions attached to it. I washed it and biled it and surved it. It was turrible. You should stop trying to fool the people with things like this."

## Don't spare the hand!

"I DON'T believe in raising a finger to my children," boasted the modern mother.

"Neither do I," responded the old timer. "I always found the whole hand much more effective."

## Cranking necessary

YOU shouldn't blame the boss for being a crank if his employes aren't self-starters.

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## Electrifying sermon

HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss. (EP) — The Rev. Earl Kelly was preaching on the second coming of Christ at First Baptist Church here.

He had just quoted Matt. 24: 27, "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Without warning, a large light bulb fell from its socket in the ceiling 25 feet above. It shattered on the floor in front of the pulpit.

The worshipers were startled, but Pastor Kelly was equal to the occasion. "His coming will be just as sudden," he declared, "and unexpected, and devastating to the dreams that are not Christ-centered."

## Italy autonomus

ROME, Italy (EP) — Italian Baptist ministers have voted to make the Baptist Union of Italy a completely autonomous body, no longer dependent on the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Because of this new arrangement, the Rev. Manfredi Ronchi, president of the Baptist Union, said the union will have to "show her maturity, assuming with faith and a sense of responsibility the task of coordinating all efforts of Italian Baptists in order to witness more effectively in our country."

The ministers have agreed to release the Foreign Mission Board, which has worked in Italy since 1870, from any further legal responsibility for the support of Baptist activities in the country.

The board will continue to send money for Baptist work in Italy, but will not be legally involved with the work and will have no administrative responsibilities. Currently there are 21 Southern Baptist missionaries in Italy.

## Testament accepted

TOKYO (EP) — The Amplified New Testament in the Japanese language has received gratifying acceptance. The first edition of 5,000 copies published in December, 1962, by TEAM's Word of Life Press was sold out in less than three weeks. Preparations for the printing of a second edition are under way.

Japanese pastors and other Christian leaders have voiced their gratitude for the volume. Said the Reverend K. Yamada of Japan Christian College: "One of the important ways to learn the Bible is to compare and study it with as many translations of the Bible as we can. For this reason the Amplified Bible will be most helpful to us. It will open up an excellent new way to study the Bible for those who do not understand Greek."

## European meet slated

STOCKHOLM (EP) — The Third Conference of the European Baptist Federation will be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Aug. 12-16, 1964.

Dr. Erik Ruden of Stockholm, the Federation's general secretary, announced that the conference's theme will be: "Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life."

The six-day meeting, he said, will include reports and lectures on the religious situation of Christians in Europe, Bible study periods and mass rallies.

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## Looks at fasting

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — An article in the January 18 issue of *Christianity Today* calls for "a second look" at fasting as a religious practice.

"Maybe denying oneself of food, said Dr. James H. Blackmore, "would be the easiest step in learning to discipline oneself in the service of One who asks for complete commitment."

Blackmore, a Southern Baptist minister and former Army chaplain, said fasting "would sharpen our sympathies for the unfortunates of our society and for the hungry of the world" and "would help clear our minds and spirits as we face great problems and tasks."

"As Americans, we are known for our much eating," he observed.

He cited warnings from the Lord Jesus Christ against wrong motives in almsgiving, praying, and fasting:

"If we do any of the three for the show, then that show is exactly what we will have and no more. But if we keep a steady countenance before men and 'fast unto God' in secret, then we shall receive an open reward in that fasting (Matt. 6:16-18)."

## Phone 'thought' works

OAKVILLE, Ont. (EP) — Three years ago a New Jersey-born Baptist minister started a "dial-a-thought" telephone service in his church here. Now, he says, he receives an average of 400 calls daily.

The Rev. Allen Crawford of Calvary Baptist Church noted that he publicizes his phone inspirational service with car bumper stickers bearing the words: "Dial-a-Thought — VI 5-2501 Oakville, Ontario."