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How to Worship

By BURTON A. MILEY

David was returning the Ark after it had been captured by the enemy. It was an important event in the life of Israel, which called for a special program. Musical instruments, singers, trumpets, all were called into service to build ceremony for the advent of the Ark. David wrote a psalm from which we learn some rudiments in worship. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come before him; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

What is the glory due unto the Lord? Glory is not the essence of God's nature so much as it is the atmosphere which surrounds God. Any notable person has atmosphere built around him befitting his importance.

If he is from the state, we surround him with flags. If he is of military prestige, a parade is called and the bands play. If he is of importance to the family, the best cover is laid at the table, the seldom-used silver is brought from its protective cover. Atmosphere is built for the person. This atmosphere befitting the importance of God constitutes glory due His name. Four elements enter into the building of this atmosphere.

Adoration is first. We adore God and stand ready to herald forth His worth and merit. Adoration is the grasping of particular value which God bears to us with the willingness to speak it forth to one or many.

Reverence for God comes next. Reverence is recognition of the supremacy and superiority of God. God is not to be rushed up to as one would accost a peanut vender for a nickel's worth of peanuts or the popcorn husker for a sack of popcorn. God is so far our superior that He is to be approached with awe.

Communion with God is to be engaged. We need speech with our Father. We need conference with our Counselor.

No atmosphere can be built about God without the individual's **dedication**. No worship can be complete without dedication.

Offerings

After the atmosphere befitting God's position has been constructed an offering is to be made. It is not limited to offering from purse but includes offerings from personality. Three offerings are acceptable unto God and any one offering is incomplete without the other two.

First, the offering of a heart and life to be cleansed. God is definitely in the cleaning business. He wants to take the sin-infested, foul life, becoated with the slush of many moral failures and cleanse that life by forgiveness. But God is helpless to do so until that life is offered to Him for cleansing.

The next offering is that of **increase of service**. God does not care for His Kingdom to be static in affairs of time and space. He earnestly demands an increase. The

kingdom parasite who constantly sucks from the kingdom without giving increase to it, has missed the will of God. God's Kingdom is increased as men increase in application of its principles. The Kingdom expands only through the growth of men who are its citizens.

The third offering in worship is that from the reserve of energy's sale. All my energy was not used for the Kingdom of God, but some was sold to another for which I was paid a price. It is only fair and proper that I give a tithe and offering unto God from the price paid for my energy and ability. This is the cash offering with which many are more familiar than the personality-cleansing and service offerings.

Beauty of Holiness

Lastly, we are to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. God is a complete God within himself. No outside force, agent or circumstance is required to complete Him. He is holy, perfectly completed.

God is complete as a moral being. Against Him no accusation has stood from the wicked men of Noah's time to the wicked men of our time. No shadowy deal has been dealt by God.

God is complete in the quality of love. God's love includes every individual. Go to the center of the penitentiary and find the hardened criminal. God loves him. Go to the innocent youth without scar and failure and God loves him. Go to the gutter and find the victim of many moral failures. It is hard to recognize him in filth and dissipation's ruin as a human being, but God loves him! God's love is complete to the last person and it is complete for all time.

God is complete in strength. God doesn't use crutches. God's muscles have not grown flabby, neither has His wisdom grown beclouded with age. We can come with our weakness and ask covering from His strength and He gladly gives. We can come with our hatred and ask removal and he will replace hatred with His love. He is able to answer every call. He has strength!

We must build atmosphere, make an offering of personality and purse and worship a complete God to make acceptable worship at all. Can you worship or merely attend church?

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THE SUPREME CHALLENGE

By CHARLES A. WELLS

One of the most important places where the teachings of Christ bring a dramatic challenge is on the value that we place on life. The great genius, musician, theologian, philosopher and missionary doctor, Albert Schweitzer, created the striking phrase "reverence for life" in his interpretation of the central theme of Christian doctrine. Today, with war reducing life to the insignificance of a long serial number on some wounded boy's jacket, with industry doing the same thing with a gate pass or name on a pay master's list, and mass political movements often reducing men to organized mobs, "reverence for life" rings out like a bugle call from heaven. No doubt the future of our civilization will rise or fall on its ability to hold that concept at the heart of its motivations. The teachings of Christ have become absolutely essential for the survival of our culture and civilization.

The God of Love

A Devotion by the Editor

"For God so loved."

John 3:16 is a towering mountain whose heights have not yet been scaled; it is a deep well whose infinite depths have not yet been reached; it is a broad plain whose expanse has not yet been completely surveyed; it is a priceless jewel whose value cannot be accurately appraised; it is a picture the beauty of which is not yet fully appreciated; it is a pronouncement the wonder of which staggers the imagination with its amazing and limitless provisions for the needs of men.

Love reaches back into eternity; it springs from pure spirit; it has its roots deep in the heart of God; it is of the essence of life itself. It throbs with undiminished vitality; it works with unrestricted energy; it moves with unimpeded progress. If darkness falls, it has a light of its own by which to see; if obstructions occur, it has a power of its own by which to overcome them; if enmity is encountered, it has a way of conquering by means of suffering.

The heart of God was too full to contain itself; a divine eruption was inevitable; the pressure of divine love was too great to withstand. It could not be confined, imprisoned, or held in check. "God so loved . . . that He gave." And that tells the story of the divine insurgency of love. It cannot be requited by itself; it is lonesome alone; it suffers unless it can give itself; its pains are occasioned not by its sacrifices, but for want of sacrifice. Generosity is its life, service its breath, and salvation its end. What more can we say, but that love is the heart of God personified in Jesus Christ, who made an everlasting atonement for sins upon Calvary's cross!

God wants to be known as the God of love, because love is the most comprehensive term by which we may characterize God. He is the God of justice; He is the God of wisdom; He is the God of power. But these attributes might be cold, hard, and unfriendly were it not for His love. "God is love," and there is no other word into which is distilled so much of the very essence of God's nature and character as in this word LOVE. It throbs with the beat of His heart; it is the pulse of His life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

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From the Editor's Desk

It Can't Be Done

We have been told never to say "can't," that the word "can't" does not belong in the Christian vocabulary.

Yet the word "can't," a contraction of the word "cannot," is a perfectly good word, and it does have a place in the Christian vocabulary. The word should have special significance for Southern Baptists, in relation to their benevolent, educational, and missionary programs, in at least one particular: Southern Baptists can't fulfill the commission of Jesus by spending 79.7 per cent of all receipts on the local church program and only 20.3 per cent on Christian education, Christian benevolences, and Christian missions at home and throughout the world.

However, that was the record of spending by Southern Baptist churches in 1948. Total contributions to all causes reached the all time high of \$156,605,521. Of this amount the sum of \$124,855,222, or 79.7 per cent, was spent on local church programs, and \$31,750,299, or 20.3 per cent, was spent on denominational programs outside the local churches.

These denominational programs include the associational programs, the state programs, and the Southern Baptist Convention programs, which not only cover the territory of the Convention, but extend to the work of our denomination throughout the world.

The division of the \$31,750,299 spent outside the local churches shows a further disparity in the division of funds: associational and other state programs, \$22,884,509; South-wide programs, \$8,865,790. Of the \$8,865,790 for South-wide objects, the Foreign Mission Board received \$4,209,915. Adding the totals spent on local church programs and other funds expended in the home land, including associational, state, and South-wide causes, we have a grand total of \$152,395,607 spent in the home land as against \$4,209,915 for all the rest of the world.

One other disturbing fact appears in the record for 1948. While the total contributions for both local church programs and denominational causes exceeded the gifts for 1947, the percentage for denominational causes was reduced from 21.5 per cent in 1947 to 20.3 per cent in 1948. Throughout 1948 every agency of the denomination emphasized the slogan: "Fifty-Fifty by 1950." At the same time the gap was widened instead of narrowed.

In the light of these facts, do you not agree that Southern Baptists can't carry out the commission of Jesus by the division of funds as revealed in the record of 1948?

We are now in the midst of the greatest of local church programs that Southern Baptists have ever known. This expansion is commendable and a healthy sign only if the churches get a vision of and respond equally to the world-wide needs and opportunities.

"Southern Baptist churches reported church property valued at \$450,835,517 at the close of 1948, a gain of \$83,554,865, or nearly one fourth more than ever reported in the history of the Convention," according to Porter Routh.

One thing is certain: we cannot, we must not, wait to carry out the Commission of Jesus to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature until all the needed church buildings in the home land are constructed and paid for; nor can we wait until all the other local church needs and denominational needs in the home land are met.

Paul Dana, a layman in the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, writing in the February issue of the *Baptist Program* concerning the late Dr. George W. Truett's attitude toward church building and mission causes, has this to say, "One of the deepest convictions of his heart found expression in this: he would never let us pay off the indebtedness on our church property at the expense of missionary causes."

The building project of the First Church, Dallas, in the early 1920's cost \$600,000 and it took 20 years to pay it off.

Mr. Dana continues: "It was not long before our conviction was as deep as his own: we would never build a church house for ourselves at the expense of missionary causes. To us it seems too much like expecting foreign missions, home missions, seminaries, colleges, hospitals, and state missions to pay for the church for ourselves . . . I think by all means a note of warning should be sounded: do not go into debt that will burden the church or hamper its missionary participation."

There are many churches and pastors in Arkansas who take the same attitude, and who sacrifice at home in order to enlarge their gifts to missionary causes. But the total record for Southern Baptists tells a different story.

It appears that the early Christians felt that they couldn't leave Jerusalem and its environs, there was so much to do and the needs were so great. Not until they were driven out by a relentless wave of persecution did they go everywhere preaching the gospel.

Must Southern Baptists be driven out to the uttermost part of the earth with the gospel message, or will they go voluntarily? What will it take to send us forth to preach the gospel to every creature? Frankly, we don't know. But we do know this, it can't be done on the basis of the present division of funds.

"Fifty-Fifty." Fifty for ourselves and fifty for the rest of the world. Is that an unfair division of church funds? Southern Baptists must answer that question in the presence of Jesus Christ their Lord.

He Preaches In Freedom the Book His Forefathers Hid

By COLMAN CRAIG

Albert Dusek looks with a dim eye on some of the current advertising in the national magazines about "the Bible being a Catholic book."

"My forefathers had to hide these books from the Roman Catholics in Moravia to keep them from destroying them," declares Dusek with feeling as he holds in his hands two ancient volumes—a New Testament and a hymn book, dated 1792.

Yellowed with age and stained from their frequent burial under barnyard refuse generations ago, as Dusek's forebears sought to preserve them, these volumes are treasured items in this East Texas Baptist preacher's home—treasured all the more because Albert Dusek is able to preach in freedom from the books which his ancestors had to hide.

Dusek has been a preacher only four years. Born in Granger, Texas, in 1909, he was confirmed in the church of the Moravian Brethren when thirteen years old. He learned the catechism, attended Sunday School and church regularly, but had never been converted. That experience of grace came much later—when he was married and father of children. Living in Tyler, Texas, and proprietor of a thriving business, he and his wife began attending services of the First Church. Under the ministry of Dr. Porter M. Bailes, both were baptized.

Coincident with his conversion there was the call to preach. This was a revolutionary experience. So claimant was the call that he sold his business—Dusek is an ignition expert—and for the next few months he devoted himself to a study of the Bible. Not having the academic requirements to enter a seminary, he took several correspondence courses, and in 1945 was ordained by the Calvary Baptist Church, Tyler.

In 1945 Bethel Baptist Church, out a few miles from Tyler, was organized, and he became pastor. Organized under a tent with 22 charter members, the church has grown marvelously under Pastor Dusek's ministry. In his first year he baptized 58; in 1947, 39, and in 1948, again 39 were baptized.

—The Baptist Review.

Which Way Out

By MISS MINNIE HATCHER
Tyler, Alabama

The philosopher says, "Think your way out."

Repeal says, "Drink your way out and to hell."

The New Deal says, "Spend your way out." The politician says, "Legislate your way out."

Science says, "Invent your way out." Industry says, "Work your way out." Communism says, "Strike your way out." Fascism says, "Bluff your way out." Militarism says, "Fight your way out." The Bible says, "Pray your way out." Christ says, "I am the way out. Try me."

—The Alabama Baptist.

Kingdom Progress

Enlargement Campaign At First Church, Mena

The First Church, Mena, A. L. McDaniel, pastor, held a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign February 27-March 4, under the leadership of Dr. Edgar Williamson, State director of Religious Education, and four other State-approved workers. There were 47 officers and teachers who completed the study course offered.

The first Sunday of the campaign a census was taken of the city, revealing over 1,000 prospects for the Sunday School. Three new departments and ten new classes were organized.

The second Sunday following the campaign 28 new members were enrolled in the Sunday School. A weekly visitation program is being planned for the purpose of reaching the many prospects.

Huntington Church, Buckner Association, has recently begun a full time program, with Larry O'Kelly, Ouachita College student, as pastor. Since Pastor O'Kelly's coming, the church has organized a Training Union and a mid-week prayer service. Plans are being made for the organization of a Woman's Missionary Union.

Associational Missionary Herman Highfill says, "We are thankful for wide-awake young men like Brother O'Kelly with a vision for the Lord's cause."

Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary, recently conducted revival services at First Church, Harrison, and Eagle Heights Mission. Pastor E. E. Griever reports there were 73 additions to the church membership, 63 coming for baptism.

Miss Aileen Storey of the First Church, Heber Springs, has been appointed by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to serve as assistant matron and dietitian of the Woman's Emergency Home, New Orleans, Louisiana, and left for duty March 15. Miss Storey is a graduate of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

The Second Church, Pine Bluff, D. C. McAtee, pastor, recently had the services of Miss Russeleen Baldrige, state library worker, for a week in re-establishing their church library. In the words of Miss Baldrige, "The furnishings are superior; the room and its location is one that any church could be proud of; and the church is fortunate in having Mrs. D. C. McAtee, the pastor's wife, who has a degree in library science, as head librarian, plus a corps of workers who have also had experience in library work."

Pastor McAtee says, "We appreciate very much the work that Miss Baldrige did in helping us get our library going again."

Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, whose pastor is W. Ross Edwards, native of Arkansas, has begun construction of a sanctuary, at a cost of \$175,000, with a seating capacity of 1,000. The church is located in one of the most attractive, fast-developing sections of the city. Last year the church erected a Baby Building, at a cost of about \$10,000 to care for the nursery.

The Sunday School is increasing about 100 each year and the average attendance in 1948 was 555. The offerings have doubled during the past two years.

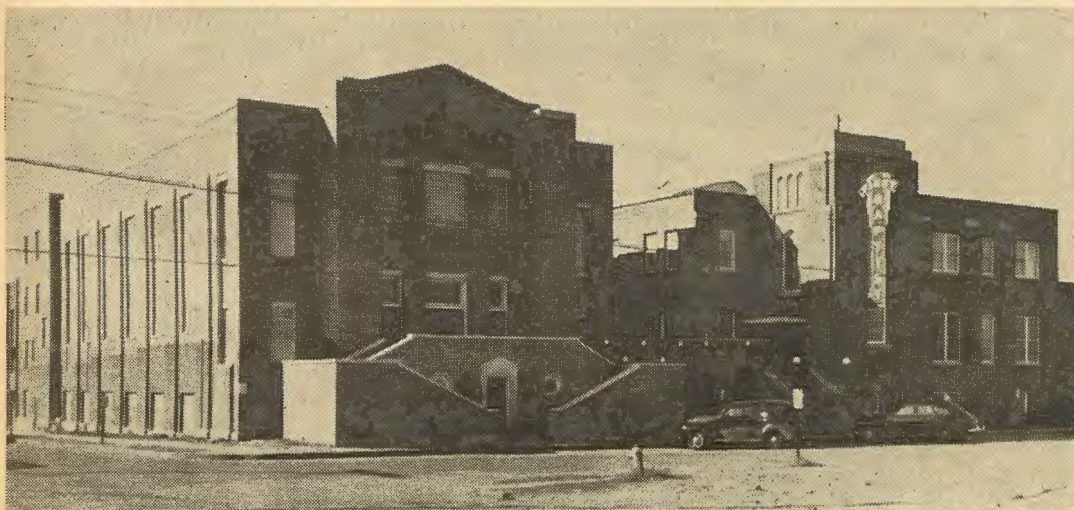
Church Library Worker Resigns



Miss Russeleen Baldrige, for the past two and one-half years State Church Library worker, employed by the Sunday School Board, and working in co-operation with the Baptist Book Store of Little Rock, has resigned effective March 19 to accept the position of director of student activities at the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. She will assume her new duties on April 1.

Miss Baldrige has done an outstanding work in Arkansas in the establishment of many church libraries and the re-organization and systematizing of many libraries that were already in existence. She has promoted her work through contacts at assemblies and conventions. She has rendered personal assistance in local churches, has conducted Library Emphasis Week programs in many churches, showing how the library is best used in the local church.

First Church, North Little Rock, Completes Auditorium



The First Church, North Little Rock, has completed its new auditorium. The entire church and Sunday School building, valued at \$250,000, includes a three-story educational building which was constructed during the pastorate of Dr. T. L. Harris, now of First Church, Camden. Other pastors who have had a part in the over-all building program are R. O. Barker, who succeeded Dr. Harris, and O. W. Moran, present pastor.

The new auditorium has a seating capacity of 1,100. A new three-manual organ, considered one of the best in the state, has been installed, also a modern central heating and cooling system. At present the church is engaged in an extensive city-wide mission program under the leadership of Pastor O. W. Moran. The building committee is composed of W. I. Woolly, chairman, T. W. Townsend, J. F. Oates, and L. E. Robinson.

Dale McCoy to Ashdown

Dale McCoy, for four years pastor of First Church, Cabot, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Church, Ashdown. The Cabot church has experienced notable progress during the pastoral leadership of Mr. McCoy.

The church membership has been increased from 220 to 330; 90 persons have been received into the church membership on profession of faith and baptism; average Sunday School attendance has grown from 61 to 140; and gifts to missions have increased from \$60 per month to \$105 per month.

Other accomplishments include the erection of an educational building, installation of heating and cooling systems, adopted budget plan of finance, gave \$10,954 to Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign, built a pastor's home costing \$7,500, a youth choir and other youth organizations have been established.

In the closing service of his ministry at Cabot, from which pastorate he goes to the First Church, Ashdown, Pastor McCoy spoke affectionately to the people of Cabot: "It is with a great deal of regret I leave this field of service to take a new work at Ashdown. Mrs. McCoy and I have come to love this place and you fine folk who have made our stay here enjoyable. I shall be praying that you shall search diligently and prayerfully till you find the man God has for you."

Letter to the Editor

B. H. Duncan, Editor
Arkansas Baptist

As secretary of the Bartholomew Baptist Association in Arkansas, I am directed to write you concerning one B. G. Kidder who came from Louisiana into our association several months ago as pastor of Magnolia Church. The Bartholomew Association wishes you to publicize the fact of Mr. Kidder's exclusion from Magnolia Church for heresy. His fundamental or basic interpretations of the New Testament are opposed to those commonly accepted by Baptists. They are utterly intolerable.

This notification and request for publicity comes from a committee from our Executive Board appointed for the purpose of seeking to help teach Mr. Kidder "the way of the Lord more perfectly," and which found its task impossible. This committee was composed of Pastors J. W. Buckner, First Church, Crossett, S. E. Powell, Mt. Olive No. 2 Church near Crossett, and Harold White, North Crossett Church.

Sincerely,
Wesley A. Lindsey
Second Baptist Church
Monticello, Arkansas

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Greater Little Rock Hymn Festival

Mrs. Perry Parsons led the Quarterly Hymn Festival for the Greater Little Rock area of Pulaski County association which was held at Calvary Church, on Sunday afternoon, February 27. "Hymns of Spring-time" was the theme of the service which was attended by 300 people from 19 churches. Mrs. Wilbur Beck organist, and Mrs. Harold Wilson, pianist, accompanied the group singing.

Wilbur Herring, host pastor, led the devotional, and Robert James, gave the history of the "Song of the Month." Special choir numbers were presented by Calvary, First, South Highland, Gaines Street, and Park Hill churches. Prayers were offered by Taylor Stanfill, and Pat Mehaffy.

Roland Leath, associational music director, was in charge of the service. The next Hymn-sing will be held at the Reynolds Memorial Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, May 29.

Liberty Association Has Progressive Music School

Liberty association engaged in a Progressive School of Church Music the week of February 27, under the leadership of the state director and Mrs. Ralph Reasor, who is associational music director. More than 500 people attended one or more sessions of the school and 81 qualified for awards in "Practical Music Lessons," which was the textbook used. One outstanding feature of the work was the large massed Youth Choir which which attended and rehearsed each night. This group appeared on the program for the Festival.

The plan for the Progressive School, a new approach to music education included the hymn-sing on Sunday afternoon, February 27, at the First Church, Smackover, class sessions Monday night at Cullendale with an attendance of 166, Tuesday night at Strong with an attendance of 90, Wednesday night at village with an attendance of 53, Thursday night at Norphlet with an attendance of 167, Friday night at Immanuel Church, El Dorado with an attendance of 185.

News of Interest About Foreign Missions

Three of six missionary candidates who appeared before the Foreign Mission Board for appointment March 10 are children of missionaries: Robert G. Bratcher for Brazil; Miss Margaret Page McGavock for Mexico; and Miss Mary Hester Powell for Nigeria.

Others appointed at the March meeting of the Board are: Mrs. Robert Bratcher for Brazil; Miss Lucy Belle Stokes for Japan; and Charles L. Whaley Jr., for Japan. Two others, appointed for Nigeria, were not present at the meeting of the Board. They are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roberson who served a three-year term as contract teachers at Iwo Baptist college in Nigeria, returning to the States in December last year.

Mr. Bratcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, was born in Campos, Brazil, during his parents' first term of service as missionaries and spent much of his childhood in Brazil. He served as a Navy chaplain during the War.

Miss McGavock is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McGavock who went to Chile as missionaries when she was five months old. They lived in Chile during her childhood but are now with the Spanish Publishing House at El Paso where Margaret will also serve. She worked at the publishing house several months in 1947 and 1948.

Miss Powell, appointed for contract work, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, missionaries to Nigeria. She was born at Oyo and lived with her parents in Nigeria and the States until she was eleven when she remained in the States for schooling. She is trained for medical work.

Missionaries Returning to States

Mrs. C. L. Culpepper arrived in the States from China on February 6. She was called home because of the illness of her daughter at Lindale, Texas. Miss Emily Lansdell of China arrived February 15. She is at Hephzibah, Georgia.

Progress Under Tension Describes Missions Under Communists

These are good days to remember the statement in Ecclesiastes, "He that observeth the wind shall not sow and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap," Secretary Baker J. Cauthen writes in his March report to the Foreign Mission Board as he tells of precarious conditions in China.

Christian work is continuing with little interference in Communist-held territory in China. Foreign activity seems to be largely ignored by the new officials. However, there is a general feeling of tension and caution for fear that the new attitude is merely a preliminary stage preceding characteristically harsh methods of dealing with the public.

Very little relocation of missionaries has been necessary within the past month. Schools are operating in Kaifeng and are being reopened in Yangchow. Dr. A. W. Yocum is continuing his work in Chengchow.

New efforts are being made to check inflation. The currency brought into use in August last year on the basis of four Chinese dollars to one American dollar has depreciated until its exchange value now is 2,950 Chinese dollars to one American dollar. Strenuous efforts to enforce economic controls and hold the value of the Chinese dollar were fruitless then. Results of the new

economic measures to check inflation are yet to be seen.

Dr. Cauthen ends his report on a characteristic note of faith: "There is no way of knowing how the situation in China is going to terminate nor can we place any dependence on timetables which may be worked out. We are, therefore, going on with our work, trusting in the Lord who is able to control any situation and has promised to be with his servants even to the end of the age."

Missionaries Leave for Brazil

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fairchild, 1948 appointees, left for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on February 25.

Progress at Seminary in Zurich Is Bright Spot in European Missions

A bright spot in the European mission outlook is the progress of the European seminary in Zurich. Twenty-one students have already applied for enrolment next September and double that number are expected before the first session begins. Eight different countries and eleven nationalities are represented among the applicants for admission. Chaplain Peter E. Collom, stationed in Japan, saw the new seminary property on a recent trip to Europe and wrote the Board: "I firmly believe the Lord had that house built for a Baptist seminary."

In Italy our position was never more favorable, Missionary W. Dewey Moore writes, and the missionaries sometimes feel almost overwhelmed with the opportunities for evangelism. But in Spain no change has taken place in the matter of religious liberty. A roving correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune wrote recently after an investigation of conditions in Spain:

"The Protestant clergyman in Spain suffers much the same type of persecution as the Roman Catholic clergy endure in Communist Hungary. The same fear motivates both oppressions. As in Hungary, where the Catholic Church is regarded as the most dangerous enemy of the Red dictatorship, so in Spain are the Protestants looked upon as an evil force bent on disrupting the existing order—the Spanish way of life."

In Communist-dominated areas of Europe the situation is still distressing, and seem to be growing worse. Rumania and Hungary are almost completely cut off from communication with Baptists in America.

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Arkansas Valley Association Hymn-Sing

First Church, Helena, was host to the quarterly Hymn-sing for Arkansas Valley association on March 6. There were present, 116 representing five church in the association. Special choir numbers were brought by the Adult and Youth choirs of the Helena church, and the Youth Choir of West Helena church. Ralph Douglass, pastor of the host church, led in prayer. The program was planned by Mrs. B. A. Sugg, the associational music director, who presided and presented the State Music Director, who led the congregational singing. Mrs. Kenneth McElduff was accompanist for the afternoon. The next quarterly Hymn-sing will be held with the First Church, West Helena.

*** Christian Horizons ***

A Smile or Two

Baptist Men Open Against Repeal: Six hundred Baptist men of Oklahoma City have opened a fight against the repeal of prohibition in Oklahoma, one of the nation's two remaining dry states.

The men, meeting in their annual Brotherhood Convention, unanimously agreed not to vote for anyone, "from constable up to governor," who casts a ballot in favor of a special repeal election.

The resolution was read to the state legislature. It said the Baptists would "vigorously oppose any move to repeal the present liquor laws" and would heartily endorse "every action of our legislature to strengthen the present prohibition statutes."

A number of persons representing anti-liquor groups appeared at a session of the legislature wearing lapel buttons advocating "Christ Over Repeal."

Principals Hear Plea for Religion in Schools: Non-sectarian religious education should be included in the public school curriculum, a California educator told the annual meeting of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, meeting in Chicago.

The educator, Dr. John W. Wilson, principal of the David Starr Jordan High School of Long Beach, California, made this recommendation at a session of the meeting devoted to consideration of the spiritual values in the secondary school program.

He praised courses in moral and spiritual values as offered by the school systems of Los Angeles and San Diego.

Wilson's views were upheld by two Illinois principals—Carl W. Allesen of the Campaign High School and Donald L. Simon of the Bloomington High School.

—Religious News Service.

Baptist Highlights: Possibility of a Baptist College operated by the Southern Baptists in California is seen in the steps being taken to purchase building, grounds, and equipment of the American Academy at Atascadero, California. Dr. H. D. Bruce of East Texas Baptist College has been invited by California Baptists to study the new property.

The Baylor University School of Medicine has received oil properties worth \$50,000 in honor of the late Dr. John B. Goldsmith.

The Southern Baptist Radio Commission presented its first television picture in its new home, 1585 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Sunday School Department reports 33,319 awards during February. The Training Union Department reports 23,523 awards, compared with 19,522 for the same month in 1948.

Illinois Baptists have suggested Chicago as a possible site for the 1950 Southern Baptist Convention.

A New York Appellate Court has ruled "under the usages and customs of a Baptist Church, the authority to employ or dismiss a minister lies not in the trustees or the deacons, but in the congregation itself."

—The Survey Bulletin.

Pastors Win Fight Against Gambling: By order of Mayor Lester E. Holloway, Muncie, Indiana, has become a "closed city."

Acting in accordance with the desires of the Delaware County Ministerial Association, Mayor Holloway ordered police to close all places where gambling had been known to exist and "advised" the madams of alleged houses of prostitution to cease operations.

"Some people are not going to like what I am about to do," the mayor said at a news conference. "But I intend to do it anyway."

The ministerial association had waged a two-weeks' publicity campaign against alleged vice and graft in the city administration. Thousands of church people signed petitions requesting that the mayor, the chief of police and the sheriff co-operate in cleaning up the situation.

Sheriff W. Pete Anthony at a meeting with ministers held at a local church, pledged his co-operation in stopping violations in the county. A vice squad from the police department made the rounds of known "spots" in the city, instructing the operators to go out of business "because the heat is on."

—Religious News Service.

In the World of Religion: Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, a convert to Catholicism, has suggested that the Catholic Church use the tactics of the Pyramid Friendship clubs to win converts.

It is estimated that there is one church building for every 550 persons in the United States. There are 55,000,000 seats in U. S. churches compared with 10,000,000 seats in the U. S. movies.

Two Kentucky clergymen have urged the state legislature to levy a tax on church-owned income producing property which is not being used directly for church use.

Catholic authorities are expecting 2,000,000 visitors from foreign countries in Rome for the "Holy Year" in 1950.

The Chief Rabbinate in Jerusalem has ruled that lighting an electric bulb on the Sabbath constitutes a profanation.

Puerto Rican Protestants recently celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of mission work in Puerto Rico.

The annual meeting of the Associated Church Press will be held in Washington D. C. April 20-22. Herman Burns, art director for the Baptist Sunday School Board, will speak on "How to Improve the Church Press." The editors will have a press conference with President Truman.

—The Survey Bulletin.

Texas Presbyterians Buy Big Ranch: The Texas Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern), has purchased the Moran Ranch, twenty-three miles west of Kerrville, as a conference center at a cost of \$512,500.

Joseph R. Haynen of Dallas, member of a committee named at last year's annual synod meeting to negotiate for the camp, said the terms called for part cash and part credit.

—Religious News Service.

The historic Senate battle over the filibuster brings to mind a story concerning Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama. Before his death in 1907, he made several speeches in advocacy of his Nicaraguan Canal bill. It was not unusual for the Gentleman from Alabama to talk about the canal for a week at a time, so dear was this cause to his heart.

One day a reporter, baiting Morgan, suggested the Senator could doubtless talk endlessly on any given subject.

Completely serious, Senator Morgan thought that over for a minute. "No," he drawled, "I think if I knew absolutely nothing at all about a subject I could probably speak for only a day or two."

—Phillip E. Haman, Pageant.

A recent statement on the incomes of dentists under the (British) Health Scheme indicates that some of them are making mountains out of molars.

—Punch (London).

He walked. There was a spring in his step and a happy smile on his lips.

He walked gaily, his hand resting in his pocket on the little lavender note which read "Dearest: Yes—I love you and will marry you."

He walked. His shoulders drooped, and his mouth drooped.

Glumly he walked, his hand resting in his pocket on a little brown note which said: "1 pound of potatoes. 3 brown eggs. ½ pound bacon—slice it thin."

—Opinion (London).

A youngster was asked by his history teacher to name the principal cultural contribution of the Phoenicians. The answer: "Blinds."

—NEA Journal.

"What's the matter?" asked the police captain, as the park policeman came in with a rather disgruntled look on his face.

"It's Mrs. Dinwiddie who donated the bird bath to the park, sir. She just called to say that it wasn't to be used by sparrows!"

—Texas Outlook.

Love-making hasn't changed much in 2,500 years. Greek girls used to sit and listen to a lyre all evening.

—Indiana Telephone News.

Education—Modern

A history professor ended one of his classes with the following statement: "Will Aaron Burr succeed in wresting the West from the U. S.? Will the American people sanction the Louisiana Purchase? Come to class Thursday and find out!"

—Plainsman.

Theory vs. Practice

Two Communists were talking about the merits of dividing the wealth among all the people, and the first man decided to test the sincerity of the second. He said: "Ivan, if you had \$10,000 would you give me half of it?" "Sure," said Ivan.

"If you had an automobile, would you give me half interest in it?" "Sure," was the quick reply.

"Ivan, if you had two shirts, would you give me one?" "Heavens to caviar, NO! I've got two shirts!"

—Pittsburgh People.

The Baptists of Bulgaria

By WALTER O. LEWIS,
Associate Secretary of the
Baptist World Alliance

Just after the announcement of the condemnation of Cardinal Mindszenty in Budapest came the news that the Protestant leaders of Bulgaria had been formally indicted. Some of them had been arrested months before. They are charged with serving as spies for foreign countries and are accused of black market and other illegal activities. And it is alleged they have all confessed. Congregationalists, Methodists, Baptists, and Pentecostals are involved. Certain Protestant leaders feel sure that Cardinal Mindszenty was innocent of the crimes he was accused of and have protested publicly against the injustices they feel was done him. And already, prominent Roman Catholic leaders are protesting against the arrest of Evangelicals in Bulgaria.

Three Influences

There are sixteen Baptist churches in Bulgaria and about seven hundred members. The first of these churches was founded in 1880. The Baptist movement in Bulgaria is not the result of the work of foreign missionaries sent in by Baptist missionary societies from outside the country. In general it may be said these churches owe their origin to three distinct influences. First of all, Baptist churches sprang up from the reading of the Bible without the preaching of any evangelist. Secondly, Baptist preachers who were persecuted in Russia under the Czars in the "eighties," fled to Bulgaria for refuge. These Russian Baptists had a share in planting Baptist churches in Bulgaria. And, lastly, Bulgarians who had come into contact with Baptists outside returned to Bulgaria and preached Baptist principles. Here should be mentioned Peter Doycheff who spent some time in the United States. And after the first world war, C. E. Petrick, who was of Slav origin, went to Bulgaria to labor for a number of years, having finished a long term of service in India under the auspices of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Petrick was supported by the North America Baptist General Conference.

Religious Liberty

By common consent before this war for decades there was a large degree of religious liberty in the country. And it should not be forgotten that for years Bulgaria was ruled by Mohammedans. It was Mohammedan Bulgaria that sheltered Baptist preachers who fled from persecution in Russia. And there was freedom not only to worship but to carry on religious propaganda. And the Bulgarian Government raised no objection to the co-operation of Protestants in the country with Protestants abroad. It is not likely that the people of Bulgaria approve the arrest of fifteen Evangelical Churchmen.

Dispatches from Sofia state that there is full religious freedom in Bulgaria, and that the Protestant leaders have not been arrested because of their religion, but for crimes against the laws of the land. But Bulgaria and Hungary are dominated by Russia. And the Soviets have never concealed their hostility to all religions. These arrests in Hungary and Bulgaria conform to a pattern long followed in Russia. Many Baptist leaders in Soviet Russia have been arrested and thrown into prison or banished. So far as

we know, none of them has been imprisoned for being a Baptist. They are accused of taking part in plots to assassinate Stalin, of serving as spies for foreign governments, or of stealing money given by Baptist churches for charity. Those of us who have known these men cannot believe they were guilty of such crimes. They were successful preachers of the gospel and were in the way. The Soviets did not wish to offend the outside world by admitting that these believers were arrested because of their religion. And so a trumped up charge of crime was used as an excuse for arresting them.

Persecution

Persecution is an admission of weakness on the part of the persecutors. Beliefs are not changed by the use of force. Three hundred years ago, Baptists were being persecuted in England and America. Persecution in the proper sense of the term in Britain or the United States is unthinkable now. We may have to wait some time before things reach this stage in eastern Europe. Baptists are opposed to persecuting anyone for any religion. We ask for freedom to worship and preach not only for ourselves but for all others. Through the ages, the enemies of true religion have struck many blows hoping to crush the truth. It is the hammer that wears out, not the anvil.

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A New Testament Church

By E. S. JAMES

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end," Ephesians 3:21.

The Christian who gives glory to God in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all his life will not find much time for service through other institutions. Many institutions do much good on earth. They are well founded on good principles, and many persons are probably made better by belonging to them. However, God's children are not commanded to work through them; and they are exhorted to glorify Him through the church.

True evangelicals teach that membership in a church does not save the soul, and many are asking why the churches should be maintained if this be the case. It costs money to operate a church. It requires much prayer, work, and devotion. Why have a church if it does not save the soul? Well, a lighthouse does not save an incoming ship, but it lights the way that leads to safety. The church does not save, but it does hold up the light whereby man may find the Way; and Christ is that Way.

There is a four-fold answer to the question. The New Testament church in any locality is God's institution. The Father planned it. The Son founded it. The Spirit empowers it. The best Christians in that community belong to it.

The Church "Dynamo"

A second reason for maintaining the local church is that it is God's dynamo. A dynamo in the city power plant does not make electricity. It gathers it out of the air and sends it down the wires for our use. The local church has no power within itself, but it does get the power from Heaven that electrifies human hearts with the message of love.

The third reason to be listed for the church

is that it is so uniquely militant without being military. Its irresistableness lies in the fact that it does not resist. Its strength is accomplished through its weakness. It is the only institution that is humbled by its nobility and enriched by its poverty. It alone is multiplied by its Scriptural division, and some of its finest additions come through the process of subtraction.

The fourth reason for the exhortation of the text is that the local New Testament church is the Christian workshop. It is in that church that the Christian becomes acquainted with the book of instructions for directing his course in life.

A Church and the Kingdom

There is a vast difference between the Kingdom of God and any church, regardless of the fact that several denominations proclaim themselves to be the kingdom. Ninety-three times out of the 110 times the word is used in the New Testament the reference is to a local, visible body of believers in a given place. There was a church of the pagans in Ephesus, Revelation mentions the synagogue of Satan, and it is evident that there is a false church.

The Kingdom is eternal and invisible. The church is visible and subject to removal. In the Kingdom there are none but saints. Most churches have some unsaved sinners in them. Acts 5:13-14 says some persons there refused to join the church for fear, but believers were the more added to the Lord. So men are born into the Kingdom but they join the church. Besides this, Diotrophes cast out of the church some members, but no man can cast out of the Kingdom of God. The needs of the Kingdom gave rise to the churches, and the churches enlarge the Kingdom.

—Baptist Standard.

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President Truman Violates Nation's Modesty Publicly

By W. BARRY GARRETT

Millions of Americans resented to the depths of their soul the language President Truman used in a recent public address in which he stripped himself of decency and self-respect to describe a newspaper columnist.

According to the United Press report of February 22 Mr. Truman said vehemently, "If any thinks he can get me to discharge any of my staff or cabinet by some smart alec statement over the air, he has got another think coming." To which we as citizens of the United States reply, "We are shocked beyond measure and we hang our heads in shame to think that the chief executive of our nation would be so indiscreet as to use such foul and vile language in a public address."

Many times we have boasted that the president is a Baptist, but now the cause of Christ has been done irreparable damage by one who occupies so high a position. We are no longer proud of the fact that the president is a Baptist and we hope no one ever calls our attention to it again.

Such a flood of protests should be poured into the White House that the president will be forced to make a public apology to the nation for the evil manner in which he has spoken. We hope that every reader of this article will write to the president immediately while it is fresh on his mind. Pastors' groups, churches, denominational gatherings should make their voices heard that we do not appreciate such conduct on the part of our president.

—Arizona Baptist Beacon.

Second Church, Little Rock, E

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A Climax And A New Beginning

Sunday, March 20, marked the climax of one era and the beginning of a new era in the life of the Second Church, Little Rock.

The Climax

The climax was reached with the completion and occupancy of the new \$300,000 education building as 1,011 people marched into Sunday School. This was the realization of a long standing and holy ambition toward which the entire church and Sunday School had dreamed and prayed and worked and given of their means for years.

Leading up to this climactic day was a period of careful planning and intensive work. The week immediately preceding was devoted to an enlargement campaign directed by Dr. W. L. Howse of the Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas, in co-operation with Dr. Edgar Williamson, director of Religious Education in Arkansas.

The enlargement campaign was begun on Sunday, March 13, when a religious census was taken to discover the possibilities for Sunday School. The results of this census were tabulated and classified in preparation for a visitation program the purpose of which would be to enlist the prospects discovered in actual Sunday School attendance.

Classes were conducted throughout the week in the study of Sunday School methods and technique. New departments and classes were set up and additional workers were enlisted to staff the enlarged organization. The

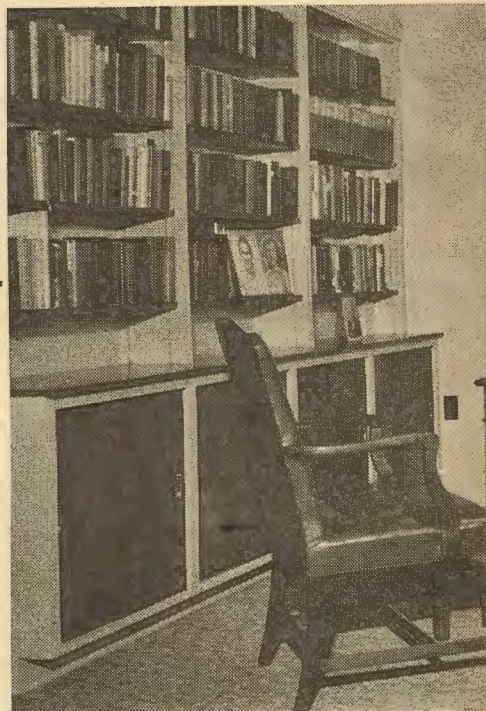
latter part of the week a literal army of voluntary visitors went throughout the city of Little Rock extending a friendly, cordial, Christian invitation to attend Sunday School at the Second Church. The result was 1,011 in Sunday School and a profound wave of holy enthusiasm and deep spiritual interest which was obvious in every department and class and which was felt by every person present.

The New Era

"A new day has dawned for Second Church," was a frequently heard comment. The climax of Sunday, March 20, is considered a new beginning, a new starting point.

The immediate objective is the enlistment of workers to staff an enlarged organization. The goal of this enlarged organization is to contact all prospects for Sunday School, enlist their interest and attendance, and teach them the word of God, and lead them to faith in Jesus as their personal Savior, and enlist them in Christian service. "More people won to Christ," is the aim of Second Church.

But the program isn't complete yet. The structure just completed is only the first unit of an over-all plan which includes a new auditorium and other units of the educational building. Second Church is looking far into the future as well as at the immediate present. Present achievements, instead of inducing a sense of static satisfaction, have created a spiritual restlessness to launch a greater program, to accomplish greater things, to win greater numbers to the Lord, to generate a deeper consecration, to be more faithful servants of the Master.



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Purpose of the Building

By DR. M. RAY MCKAY, Pastor

The purpose of an educational building to carry out the commands of Christ more effectively. Two of the most important these commands are preaching and teaching. The primary purpose of the educational building, therefore, is to make provision for effective worship and teaching.

In the new educational building at the Second Church careful provision has been made for graded worship and study. In addition to the Young People's Department the building includes four nurseries, two beginners, and two primary rooms. There are also two complete Junior Departments and two complete Intermediate Departments. Consider one of the junior departments for illustration. The Junior Number 1 Department for boys and girls nine and ten years old includes an assembly room and eight adjacent class rooms. The assembly or worship room contains comfortable chairs of the proper height, a piano and the leader's desk. Behind the leader's desk is an outlet for the Executone over which suitable music or other programs may be heard. There is also a picture of Christ with a blackboard and whiteboard near at hand. An attempt has been made to focus the center of attention on the worship theme and to make it easy for the leader to create an attitude of reverence and quiet. The individual class rooms are as nearly sound proof as possible. They are small, allowing ordinarily for not more than ten pupils to a class. They contain a blackboard, a good picture, a teacher's chair and desk, and comfortable chairs for the pupils.

The four nurseries, beautifully, comfortably, and adequately equipped, have as their fundamental purpose a ministry to the little child and the parents. Here babies can



Seated, left to right: Miss Melbaree Lands, church secretary; Mrs. E. J. Baker, bookkeeper. Standing, left to right: Miss Claudine Cazer, pastor's secretary; Robert P. James, educational director; Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor.

ers New Educational Building



study.

afely left while the young parents study and worship. The little children two and three years old will be cared for and also taught early lessons about our heavenly Father and His matchless love. We have sought to "build the house great, for great is our Lord."

A Successful Campaign

By ROBERT P. JAMES
Educational Director

We had a most successful enlargement campaign, March 13-20, under the direction of Dr. W. L. Howse, Fort Worth, Texas, and Dr. Edgar Williamson, Little Rock, and with the assistance of a visiting faculty of outstanding Sunday School workers and the qualified co-operation of our own workers.

We were particularly fortunate in the selection of a faculty for which we are indebted to Dr. Edgar Williamson. The faculty members were: Cradle Roll, Mrs. B. L. McManis, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Nursery, Mrs. Edgar Williamson, State approved worker, Little Rock; Beginners Department, Miss Pauline Hargis, Nashville, Tennessee; Primary Department, Mrs. Elizabeth Parris, Dallas, Texas; Junior Department, Mrs. M. Mahnker, New Orleans, Louisiana; Intermediate Department, Mrs. Edgar Patterson, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Young People and Adult Departments, Dr. W. L. Howse, and Dr. Edgar Williamson.

To all these visiting workers and to our own local workers are due the thanks of the entire church and the official staff.

The Sunday School organization was extended by the establishment of six new departments, 16 new classes, by the enlargement of existing departments and classes, and by enlisting 45 additional Sunday School workers.

Beauty and Utility Harmoniously Blended

Upon entering the new educational building of the Second Church, Little Rock, one is impressed with the interior decorations and general appearance of the building. Moving on to the various department provisions one observes the completeness and adequacy of every facility, the appropriateness of design in both decorations and arrangement, and the adaptation of space and equipment for the particular purpose for which the space was planned.

Having surveyed the entire building, all impressions are compounded into a comprehensive concept of beauty and utility harmoniously blended which induces a spirit of reverence and worship, provides an environment appropriate to the teaching of God's word, and produces a sense of profound appreciation and gratitude.

The suite of offices consists of four rooms. The main office, occupied by the church secretary and bookkeeper; to the right of the main office is a room occupied by the pastor's secretary; from this room one enters the pastor's study. To the left of the main office is the educational director's office. Across the hall from the offices is the commodious library, adapted to the use of all ages and groups.

The Nursery Department consists of four rooms. No detail is omitted for the care of the little children, from the tiny infant to the three-year-old. Two beautiful rooms are provided for beginners and two for the

primaries, all adequately furnished and appropriately appointed.

Provision is made for two Junior Departments and two Intermediate Departments, each department consisting of an assembly room and eight class rooms, providing for 160 pupils in each of the four departments.

The Young People's Department consists of an assembly room and four class rooms, each with a capacity of 20. The assembly room of the Young People's Department is provided with a stage and will be used for general purposes. Adjoining the assembly room of the Young People's Department and separated by a movable partition is the Brooks Hays Bible class room, the only room provided in the new building for an Adult class. This room has a seating capacity of 300.

One of the most unique and servicable features of the equipment of the building is the Executone inter-communication system, originating in the main office. Phonograph records can be played over the Executone and directed to any single room, or any combination of rooms, or to all the rooms in the building. The same is true of the entire worship service of the church, or any other program.

The building is heated by a central heating plant and is completely air conditioned.

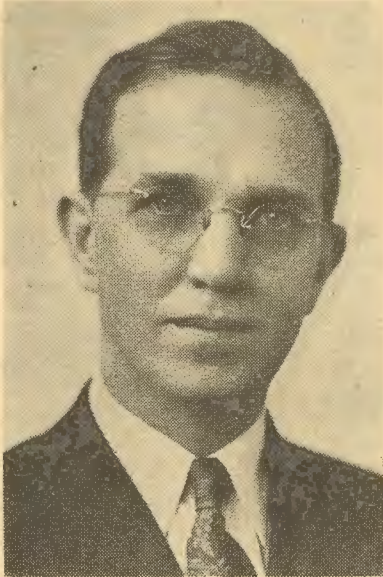
No detail of construction, arrangement, equipment, or decoration has been omitted to produce a building perfectly adapted to the most modern technique of Sunday School organization and perfectly suited to the most effective methods of Bible instruction and the most challenging appeal to win the lost to Christ.



Front row, left to right: Mrs. Jack Ferguson, hostess; Mrs. Carl Olsson, assistant hostess. Back row: Patrie Wines, cook; Henry Scott, janitor, and Thelma Young, cook.

Annual Meeting
Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas
March 29 - 30, 1949

**Executive Secretary
 Foreign Mission Board**



*Dr. M. T. Rankin
 Speaker Wednesday Night,
 March 30*

**Immanuel Baptist Church
 Tenth and Bishop
 Little Rock, Arkansas
 Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, President**

**Meeting Place
 Tuesday Night Only
 First Baptist Church
 Twelfth and Louisiana**

**Southern W. M. U.
 Representative**



*Miss Blanche White, Executive
 Secretary, W. M. U. of Virginia,
 Speaker Wednesday and Thursday
 mornings, March 30 and 31*

**Missionary to Indians
 Albuquerque, New Mexico**



*Mrs. George Wilson, Home Mission
 Board Representative, speaker
 Wednesday morning, March 30*

**Young Woman's Auxiliary
 Banquet
 First Baptist Church
 Twelfth and Louisiana
 5:30 p. m.
 March 29**

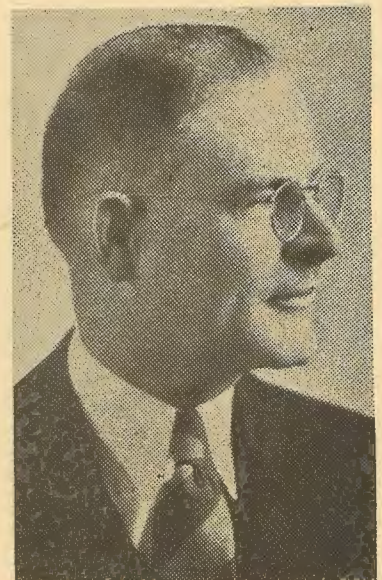
**State B. W. C. Federation
 Banquet
 Woman's City Club
 Fourth and Scott
 5:30 p. m.
 March 30**

Missionary to Africa

Missionary to China



*Miss Josephine Scaggs,
 Speaker Tuesday and Wednesday
 Evenings, March 29 and 30*



*John A. Abernathy, speaker
 Wednesday evening, March 30*

**"Come
 Women,
 Wide
 Proclaim"**

Other outstanding speakers: Dr. Alfred Carpenter, secretary of Chaplain's Commission, Home Mission Board; Dr. B. L. Bridges, Dr. E. C. Brown, Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Mrs. S. W. Eubanks, Mrs. B. A. Gray, Mrs. C. H. Ray, Mrs. Mae C. Crouse, and Floyd Chaffin.

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Church Music Director



Central College Host to State Student Union Retreat

Newly elected Baptist Student Union officers from the different campuses of Arkansas, will gather at Central College, North Little Rock, April 29-30, for their annual State Student Union Spring Retreat. The program is designed to train and inspire newly elected officers. It is made up of inspirational addresses, special music, conferences, clinics, and dramatizations. Officers of like responsibility will conference under the leadership of Adults and State student officers. The conference will begin at one o'clock Friday afternoon, and will close at one o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Program personnel includes Robert S. Denney of the Southwide Department of Student Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, who will bring two challenging messages and conduct conferences. Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, will bring the inspirational address Friday night. Irving M. Prince, president, Central College, will welcome the students. Additional program personalities are: Dr. Edgar Williamson, director, Department of Religious Education, Ralph W. Davis, State Training Union Director, Miss Elma Cobb, Student Secretary, Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, A. D. Bates, Student Secretary, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Marlin Gennings, Ouachita college, 1948 Student Missionary to Hawaii, college center pastors, and State Baptist Student Union officers.



Dr. M. Ray McKay,
Inspirational Speaker

J. M. Cossey Sr., chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Lake City Church, is the mission superintendent and is doing a fine job in keeping the mission closely connected with the church.

Summer Field Work

Plans are being made for six great weeks of summer field work, following the Arkansas Baptist Assembly which will be held July 5-13. Fifty young people have made application to do summer field work, and thirty of these from nine schools will be selected the first part of April.

The five-fold plan of summer field work includes visitation, enlistment, teaching, organizing, and winning. Fifteen teams will work in fifteen churches each week for six weeks.

The State Training Union Director has been asked to teach the Adult Union Manual during third Training Union week at Ridgecrest, which will be the week of July 21-27.

Fifty reservations will be held for Arkansas people for Third Training Union Week, until April 1st. No person under fifteen years of age may attend unless accompanied by a parent.

Send \$2.00 reservation fee to Robert Guy, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, immediately.

Youth Choir Registration

Will all directors of Youth choirs please send in the number of people who expect to attend the Youth Choir Festival, April 15, and Junior Choir Festival, April 16, at Ouachita College. In order to make adequate preparation for these large groups, it is necessary to know in advance who is coming. Please mail in number of singers, and the number of listeners to the office of the State Music Director, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, immediately.

It is suggested that one check to cover the registration fee of all those attending, be made out in advance that we may carry out the registration with a minimum of time. Make check payable to Religious Education Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Figures to Inspire

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1949			
	S.S.	T. U.	Add.
Ft. Smith, First	1224	830	4
Little Rock, Immanuel	1175	588	12
Including Missions	1502	800	22
Little Rock, Second	874	196	1
Little Rock, First	868	367	4
El Dorado, First	856	257	2
Little Rock			
Baring Cross	767	338	7
Including Missions	823	376	
Hot Springs, Second	749	283	4
Pine Bluff, First	698	262	
Pine Bluff, South Side	585	226	3
Benton, First	530	209	
El Dorado, Second	509	209	
Little Rock			
Tabernacle	503	221	1
Fayetteville, First	502	237	
Including Mission	553	277	
Hope, First	501	108	2
Including Mission	538		
Camden, First	591	164	3
Including Missions	693	290	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	480	211	
Warren, First	479	166	2
Magnolia, Central	478	231	5
Including Mission	605		
Texarkana, Beech			
Street	476	198	1
McGehee, First	454	196	2
Including Missions	563	228	
Paris, First	452	202	1
Blytheville, First	450	216	
Including Mission	563	224	
Forrest City, First	429	283	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	425	170	
Little Rock			
Pulaski Heights	420	133	1
Malvern, First	418	148	4
Including Mission	442		
Hot Springs, Central	416	286	3
Including Missions	492	318	
El Dorado, Immanuel	416	223	7
Including Missions	467	263	
Paragould, First	414	200	2
Including Missions	545	260	
Russellville, First	412	260	1
Including Missions	442	274	
Fordyce, First	406	264	
Little Rock, Gaines			
Street	398	335	8
Including Mission	496	389	
West Helena	389	154	1
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	385	235	5
Stuttgart, First	383	209	1

Including Mission	452	239	
Springdale, First	369	285	1
Including Missions	523		
N. Little Rock, First	369	114	
Including Mission	397		
Searcy, First	368	78	2
Cullendale	364	320	1
Ft. Smith, Grand			
Avenue	362	96	2
Hot Springs			
Park Place	360	109	3
Conway, First	354	50	4
Hot Springs, First	350	79	
Rogers, First	337	114	
Smackover, First	325	143	10
Norphlet, First	323	223	3
DeQueen, First	323	131	3
Siloam Springs, First	317	239	3
Little Rock, South			
Highland	317	129	4
Hamburg, First	311	202	
Lake City, First	303	340	5
Mena, First	282	171	13
Harrison, First	280	120	28
Including Missions	406	172	
Greenwood, First	274	120	1
Ft. Smith, South Side	274	89	3
El Dorado, West Side	272	127	1
Gentry, First	267	130	
Monticello, First	265	155	
Pine Bluff, Second	262	101	2
Dumas, First	256	80	
Including Missions	307		
Ozark, First	253	133	
Stamps, First	246	200	2
Ft. Smith			
Bailey Hill	235	165	
Jacksonville, First	230	130	5
Texarkana, Calvary	228	111	2
Alma, First	220	94	
Ft. Smith, Trinity	205	125	
Gurdon, Beech St.	203	60	1
Little Rock, High			
Street	187		
Bentonville, First	167	43	
Little Rock, Hebron	163	121	
Hoxie, First	152	57	
Mt. Ida, First	149	138	1
Trumann, First	147	76	
Including Mission	191		
Warren, Immanuel	146	128	1
Monticello, Second	142	161	
Elliott, First	135	150	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	135	68	1
N. Little Rock, Grace	132	40	1
Pine Bluff, Matthews			
Memorial	126	121	1
Kensett	126	65	
Fountain Hill, First	121	84	
Dyess, Central	120	69	1
Dardanelle, First	120	36	
Eureka Springs, First	115	45	1
Hot Springs, Lake			
Hamilton	112	38	
El Dorado, Joyce City	105	72	
Ft. Smith, North			
Side	100	34	
Little Rock			
Capitol Hill	98	54	3
Hot Springs, Walnut			
Valley	92	87	3
Grannis	92	82	1
Bradley, First	92	31	1
Mena, Dallas Avenue	87	29	
Little Rock, East End	81	77	3
El Dorado, Parkview	79	45	
Melbourne	72	83	2
Little Rock, West			
Side	72	46	
Desha, First	70	56	1
Little Rock, Tyler			
Street	30	37	7
Rogers, Pleasant Hill	66	61	
Little Rock, Bethel	59		1
Martindale	55	30	
Monticello, North Side	54		2
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Suggested Activities

The general purposes of this committee are: first, To provide fellowship between men and boys in an atmosphere thoroughly Christian; second, to lead men to point boys to God, to God's Son; towards God's house; towards God's will; and third, to help boys want to become men who will honor God with their whole life.

1. Sponsor the Man and Boy Movement in the Brotherhood.
2. Sponsor a Man-Boy Banquet as often as is wise.
3. Provide facilities, equipment and supervision, for wholesome recreation among boys.
4. Plan and execute hikes with boys. Also nature-study trips, rock-gathering trips, fishing trips, and trips of exploration.
5. Plan with the pastor an occasional service dedicated to men and boys. Get every man to bring a boy.
6. Sponsor the Royal Ambassadors in the church.
7. Make a file of every boy in the community. Work with the Evangelistic and Education Committees to lead boys to Christ; to Sunday School and to church; into service.
8. Hold before boys ideals of physical cleanliness, freedom from bad habits, proper speech, proper behavior, Christian manhood.

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I Spent A Week On Ouachita Campus

By W. O. VAUGHT JR.

Along with a dozen other Christian workers it was my privilege to spend a week on Ouachita College Campus. The occasion for this visit was Christian Focus Week. For many weeks committees of students and faculty members had made diligent preparation for this Christian emphasis.

The real purpose of Christian Focus Week is to center the attention of every student and every faculty member on the important task of making Christianity practical on the campus. In personal conferences, in dozens of classes, through morning and evening mass meetings in the main auditorium, and by every possible means the visiting team tried to present Christ to these thousand students. Through "bull sessions" in the dormitories and rooming houses the students had a chance to face their problems frankly and attempt to find an answer to their greatest questions. In the seminars on such subjects as "Christ and World Horizons," "Christ and My Devotional Life," "Christ and Life Vocations," "Christ and Maximum Christian Living," and "Love, Courtship and Marriage," the student faced frankly life's

most important decisions. From such a program you can easily realize the far-reaching significance of such a week both for students and faculty.

And the reason I am writing these lines is to tell you what I observed while at Ouachita. First, let me say that the spirit of the entire group was indeed wonderful. Though the attendance was voluntary for the mass meetings, the chapel was well filled for all the services. In fact, the attendance was better than any Focus Week I have attended. The students came because they wanted to come and because they were interested in the program that was being presented. Many of the team members who have recently been on many other Baptist campuses remarked about the wonderful attendance for these services.

Mrs. Jessie Burrell Eubanks, who for many years taught a great class of students in Columbia, Missouri, and who taught a great Sunday School class in Washington, D. C., had this significant thing to say—"I have been on many campuses, and I believe you have the finest Christian spirit here at Ouachita College I

have found on any Southern campus. It is nothing short of miraculous to find such a Christian spirit on a modern campus." When Mrs. Eubanks made this statement to the members of the visiting team there was universal agreement. Dr. Frank H. Leavell, for many years leader of Southern Baptist Student work, was high in his praise of Ouachita and said that Ouachita was among the finest Baptist colleges of the South.

To be sure, I found problems. I found that there is a small group of students on Ouachita Campus who are not interested in spiritual things. About fifteen students are not professing Christians. I am sure some of the students who are church members are not living as Christ would have them live. It has been necessary for the college administration to take some of these problems in hand and deal with the students involved. But from my observation this group is small indeed, and much smaller than on most Baptist campuses.

But often during my week's visit I was made to feel ashamed. I was ashamed because of the lack of equipment in many of the buildings. I realized anew the tragic need of a better understanding of Ouachita among Arkansas Baptists. Our first evening at Ouachita we went to the Baptist Student Center building for a get-acquainted meeting. There

were no chairs in the large room, no rugs on the floor, nothing but a big vacant room and a cold cement floor. In every building on the campus this need could be seen. The new buildings on the campus have not been completed as they should, waiting on money that we have not yet given. And now the need is pressing in upon Ouachita for a library building and a science building, and we are told by the North Central association that these buildings must be erected if Ouachita remains accredited.

It has occurred to me that if Arkansas Baptists knew the truth about Ouachita, if they only knew the importance of supporting our one senior Baptist College, the million dollar campaign would be completed during 1949. The completion of this campaign seems to be the most important single task now facing Arkansas Baptists. Keeping our senior Baptist college accredited is an absolute necessity. This cannot be done unless we complete this campaign. For the sake of the future leadership of Arkansas Baptists let us rise up and complete this task. Three years ago I said it—and after spending a week on Ouachita campus I say it again—"I believe Ouachita College is among the top Baptist colleges of the South. If I had to rank one Baptist college above Ouachita in spiritual power it would be most difficult to name such a school."



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Total enrolment for Ouachita College for the year 1947-48 is 1,160.

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There are approximately 160 ministerial students in Ouachita now.

More than one-third of the men now attending Ouachita are Ministerial Students.



Department of MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Missionaries Retreat

The annual meeting of the associational missionaries will be held May 2-4 on Lake Hamilton near Hot Springs. This will be the third time the missionaries have gathered for a meeting where they can discuss together the missionary work and exchange ideas as to how to put over a mission program. Dr. S. F. Dowis of the Home Mission Board, will be present during the entire time. Dr. B. L. Bridges and the heads of the various departments will be present part of the time.

Every missionary in the state, whether his salary is paid out of the State Mission Fund or not, should be present in this important conference.

Chaplain Finch

Our people over the state will regret to learn that Brother Charles Finch, chaplain of Booneville Sanatorium, has been ill and ordered by his doctor to rest a few days. He writes that he is already on the way to recovery and hopes to be back on the job soon.

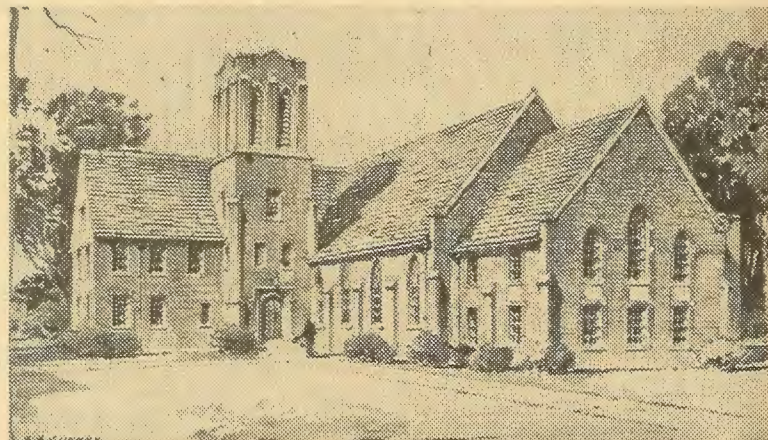
In his absence from the Sanatorium, W. W. Grafton, pastor of the Booneville Church, has been helping to keep the services going.

Chaplain Finch has been rendering outstanding service. He has gone day and night. His untiring efforts in ministering to the great host of people in the Sanatorium has been the major cause of his illness. His friends over the state will remember him in prayer. They might also supply him with good literature for use in the Sanatorium.

Evangelistic Tracts

We are having many calls for evangelistic tracts. We have recently ordered a large supply and are glad to send them out as requests come in. We have not been making any charge for the tracts or postage. The Mission Department has to pay for all tracts sent out and has also furnished the postage. Since there is a great deal of emphasis on evangelism this year the requests for tracts has considerably increased. It may become neces-

First Church, Harrisburg



By JOHN COLLIER, pastor
The First Church, Harrisburg, has been in its new \$65,000 building since last May. The old building was sold and the entire new structure has been completed with a very small indebtedness. Truly "the people had a mind to work," for \$15,000 was given or pledged in one day. A new Hammond organ has been installed, and the pastor's study has been furnished with mahogany desk, book cases, radio, and other furnishings.

Pastor Emery Collins, Melrose Church, Houston, Texas, has just closed a series of services that have truly led the people of Har-

risburg in the transition of building the physical building to the highest spiritual plane we have ever witnessed.

Members of the church believe in taking care of their pastor. They have been most congenial in every way. The only request he made of the church when called was that he be the Pastor of the church and be granted a two weeks' vacation. Both have been granted. One of the deacons has just traded cars with the pastor and has given him a practically new Chevrolet four-door sedan for his old 1939 Plymouth—no boot!

Church Houses

Did you know that there are 59 churches in Arkansas without their own houses of worship? Thirty-four of this number are meeting in public school houses, one meets in the Masonic Lodge, and others are meeting in houses owned by other denominations. Many of the churches which use public schools for their places of worship have to share the time with other denominations. Thirty-one churches are meeting in houses where other denominations worship also.

It is impossible, of course, for a church to make much progress without its own house of worship. There are fifty-four churches, according to a report from our missionaries, which need buildings of their own. Helping such churches is one of the objectives of the Mission Department.

R. A. Hill In Kentucky

Rural Evangelist R. A. Hill recently spent two weeks in Schools of Missions in Kentucky. The Home Mission Board, who supplements the salaries of our Rural Evangelists and Pioneer Missionaries, asks that each of these men give two weeks, each year, in Schools of Missions in some other state in the South. This enables our men to see the type of work being done in other states and advertise the work that is being carried on in Arkansas.

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Jesus' Concern for All People

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

We hear many discussions today on the subject of human rights; those of us who are children of God realize that all men are created by God and endowed by Him with certain rights and liberties. In God, our Father, we see respect, love, regard, and tolerance for all mankind and this teaching of His example permeates our relationships with one another.

Jesus loved all races, kinds, and creeds. He died that all who would trust His saving blood might be freed from sin's enslaving bonds. He died that salvation might be sent to every corner of the world. The great commission was given by Jesus to His followers because He had a deep concern for all races everywhere. Peter learned that "every nation that feareth Him . . . is accepted by Him." Paul was sent as an apostle to the Gentiles. The gospel of Christ is no respecter of persons.

In following our Lord we will walk the pathway of love for all people, the journey of sacrifice and proffered solace for all in need and the highway of service to all nationalities in the world today.

Jesus walked like that. He longed to gather proud, arrogant, unbelieving Jerusalem, with the hypocritical scribes and pharisees in her borders, to Him as a hen does her brood, but they would have none of Him.

A Mother's Concern For Her Child

We will observe that in the three people helped by Jesus in this lesson one unusual truth is evidenced in each incident; someone was interested enough to come to Jesus in behalf of the one in need. He would be helping more today if we were concerned enough about the lost world about us. We read of a mother coming to Jesus about her child. "If there were more praying mothers, more daughters would be victorious over the vexations of the devil."

Here is one of a series of withdrawals on the part of Jesus; last week Jesus withdrew across the sea with the disciples in order to instruct them, and give them time to pause in the midst of their witnessing, and also to absent Himself from the crowds and jealousy and hatred of the rulers. But the five thousand whom Jesus fed followed and allowed no rest for the little band. Now, He withdraws to the Syrian coast. As far as the records reveal this is the farthest north on the coast that Jesus ever traveled and probably the only time He passed over the borders of the Israelitish nation.

In a house, either in Tyre or Sidon, or on the coast somewhere Jesus went for rest and for moments alone with the twelve, but ". . . he could not be hid." He the Divine Son, all powerful One

Sunday School Lesson

For March 27, 1949

Mark 7:24-37; Luke 7:1-10

certainly could not be hid. Jesus drew the throngs of men, women, and children to Him as He moved among men. He seemed as a magnet drawing those who needed help. He said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up. And, I, if I be lifted up, shall draw all men unto me." He did when He walked the roads of that land in those days; He does today.

Even though Jesus wanted solitude, the mother in distress found Him. Her daughter was possessed of an unclean spirit and she fell at the feet of Jesus, asking that He cast the demon out of the child, believing fully that He had the power. The entire conversation between Jesus and the woman (verses 27, 28, 29) has often been misunderstood and misinterpreted. He was testing her faith and emphasizing her position, all the while instructing the disciples. He let the woman know that He was first sent to the House of Israel, yet even as He spoke, the tenderness of the reply gave her hope and encouragement. She answered by acknowledging her position outside of Israel and professed her willingness to accept merely crumbs from the table. The disciples would see that this faith far exceeded that of the Lord's own people and point down to the time when a "New Name" would be called out to take the place of those who rejected Jesus.

Friends' Interest In a Sufferer

Leaving the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, Jesus made a long journey of some thirty miles northward, then eastward and finally southward to the eastern coast of the Sea of Galilee. Here is another withdrawal; possibly, after the healing of the Syrophenician woman's child, there was no rest at all for Jesus, no quiet teaching with the twelve. He might have taken a longer route and more time in order to be away from the multitudes.

When He reached Decapolis, the community of ten towns, "they bring Him one that was deaf, and had an impediment of speech." Here again we see concern for a needy one; this time we are not sure who had that concern. "They," it seems, meant friends of the man who could not hear and who had serious difficulty in speaking. Had it been a loved one, that one would have been designated, as the mother in the previous case. So, we are led to believe that the man had friends who led him to Jesus, beseeching Him to touch the afflicted one.

Jesus used various methods in healing and raising from the dead. Sometimes He touched, or spoke, or healed from afar. In a previous lesson He took the hands of Jairus' daughter, bringing her to life while we know He spoke in a loud voice and Lazarus returned to life. He did not approach the child just healed from the demon's grip and now he touches and speaks as this one is healed. He took the man aside; oftentimes Jesus must separate us from others, from ambitious, desires, and even occupations, in order to perform His work with us. This man could not yet hear so Jesus seems to talk with him as He leads him to full faith and confidence by touching the members of his body that were to be cured.

From "He sighed" in verse 34 it would appear that Jesus saw sin's work in the suffering of this one. Then we see that Jesus, ever the obedient, loving Son, in full fellowship with the Father, looks to Heaven before He commands leashed from the power of sin and that the ears and tongue be re-disease. The people were aston-

ished when the man's ears were opened and the string of his tongue was loosed and he could speak plainly. Jesus charged them not to tell it, but they published it abroad. Surely He does all things well!

A Master's Love For a Servant

We go back to an incident in Jesus' life at the close of the Sermon on the Mount; it well fits this lesson on Jesus concern and portrays again the interceding of one for another in need. The one who approaches Jesus is a Roman soldier, one sent to keep order among the Jews. This centurion is different from the usual picture, for he actually was esteemed by the Jewish elders.

The Roman had a servant who was dear to him; this servant became ill to the point of death. Hearing about Jesus, the Centurion sent the elders to ask Him to come and save his servant. The elders praised the soldier to Jesus as they pled his cause, proving the fine character of the man.

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The Cooperative Program For March

In January the churches sent us every dollar we needed to meet the budget expenses for January.

In February we did not reach the goal. If the churches, which did not remit in January, had sent something in February, we would have gone over the top for February. This month, March, is the last month of the quarter. Cooperative program receipts for the quarter will be published after the end of the month. We want to help every church to be represented in that quarterly report.

We will also need the remittance of your church in order to make up for the amount we lack for February, and to reach the goal for March.

We, in the office, are grateful to the churches for the support they gave us in January and February. We pray that you will come along and put your denominational work over the top for the first quarter of the year.

Be sure to talk to your church treasurer and pastor about it. Ask your treasurer to get in the remittance for your church as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Oak Grove	Clear Creek
Wilson	Mississippi County
Unity	Red River
Spring Valley	Washington-Madison
West Side, El Dorado	Liberty
Brinkley, First	Arkansas Valley
Lockesburg	Little River
Warren, First	Bartholomew
Ebenezer	Bartholomew
Hagler (New Hope)	Centennial

Need Church Pews?

We have learned that Wagoner Brothers Furniture Company, Booneville, Arkansas, makes church pews. South Side Baptist Church, Fort Smith, recently purchased pews from this firm. They are good, substantial pews. The charge is much less than that made by the American Seating Company, and other companies that are exclusive church furniture makers.

Need a Church Bus?

The Baptist Church, Hagler, Arkansas, purchased a bus and has used it very little. They are ready to dispose of the bus. If we remember correctly, they paid \$2,100 for the bus. There will be some discount, of course, if they should sell it. If you are interested, get in touch with Marion Freeman, Hagler, Arkansas.

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APPRECIATION!

With deep and profound gratitude I want to acknowledge through this medium my appreciation for the warm reception accorded me throughout the state as Assistant to Dr. Bridges. The many letters and other messages received have been great blessings to me personally and to the members of my family. The ultimate purpose of my work is to serve the Baptists of Arkansas in every capacity possible. I am grateful for the opportunity and shall strive to the best of my ability, with the Lord's help, to serve you faithfully and well. Your prayers are earnestly solicited and you will not fail to call upon me when I can help any time, anywhere.

Faithfully and sincerely,
Lucien E. Coleman,
Assistant Executive Secretary

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United Air Lines has filed notice with the Civil Aeronautics Board of its desire to withdraw its 25 per cent clergy discount plan which has been before the Economic Section of the CAB for review since January 28.

Company officials said United's withdrawal of the proposed discount for licensed and ordained clergymen devoting their full time to that calling was due to legal questions being raised as to possible discriminatory features; also because it was apparent that the plan, to be effective, should be an industry undertaking, participated in by airlines generally, as in the case of the railroads.

The Ouachita Campaign

We are giving here a list of the churches that have contributed all that Dr. Whittington and his staff requested them to give on the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign. This is a cross section of the churches of Arkansas. Notice them.

Horatio is in the hill country in the western part of the state, has been recognized through the years as being more or less conservative. If it paid in full, couldn't your church also?

Monte Ne is a new church in Benton County. If it paid, couldn't your church pay also? Moro is a small church in Arkansas Valley. If it paid in full, couldn't your church do it also?

Eudora is a middle-size church in south-east Arkansas. If Eudora paid in full, couldn't the other middle-size churches do so?

Union Grove is a rural church in the hill country, Independence Association. If it is paid in full, couldn't your rural church do likewise?

First Church, North Little Rock paid in full. It is a little larger than a medium-size church. If it paid in full, couldn't your church do likewise?

Central Church, Hot Springs is a larger church in a city. If it paid, couldn't your city church pay also?

El Paso is a rural church in White County. If it paid in full, couldn't other rural churches do likewise?

First Church, Lewisville, in Hope Association, paid in full. If it did it, couldn't your medium size church do likewise?

Bear Creek Springs in Boone-Carroll Association paid in full. It is a country church in the mountains. If it did so, couldn't yours do likewise?

Oak Grove and Sweet Home are located in the hill country of western Arkansas. If these

country churches paid in full, couldn't yours do likewise?

Hagler is a country church in the rice country. If it paid in full a \$1,000 quota, couldn't yours do likewise?

Spring Valley in the mountains of Washington County is on a hillside. If it paid in full, couldn't your rural church do likewise?

Run through the entire list for space forbids us going on with this recital. Let us get under the load with these churches that have paid in full.

Churches That Have Paid Their Quotas in the Ouachita Campaign

Church	Association
Horatio	Little River
Corning	Current River
Monte Ne	Benton County
Moro	Arkansas Valley
Eudora	Delta
Union Grove	Independence
First, N. Little Rock	Pulaski
Cabot	Caroline
Village	Liberty
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Zion	Stone-Van Buren
	Searcy
Central, Hot Springs	Central
First, Batesville	Independence
Lake City	Mt. Zion
Ozark	Clear Creek
El Paso	White County
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Norphlet	Liberty
Smackover	Liberty
Philadelphia	Liberty
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Dumas	Harmony
Lewisville	Hope
Bear Creek Springs	Boone-Carroll
Malvern, First	Central