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—Religious News Photo.

“As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to bring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.”

—ISAIAH 61:11

An Open Letter to

Senators J. W. Fulbright and John L. McClellan; and Congressmen E. C. Gathings, Wilbur D. Mills, Brooks Hays, W. F. Norrell, Boyd Tackett, J. W. Trimble, and Oren Harris.

By the Editor

Honorable Sirs:

Since you are the elected representatives of the citizens of Arkansas, it is encouraging to note from your voting records and your deliverances in the Senate and Congress of the United States that you are not rubber stamps, that you hold to the basic principles of American Democracy.

Yet we, the public, realize that in these chaotic and stressful times you are subjected to terrific pressure by forces, trends, and influences which are not indigenous to our democratic way of life, but which are imported from alien soil.

While I speak only for myself, yet my own convictions are echoed by many people who have expressed the same concern which disturbs me, and I am led to the belief that this uneasy concern is quite widespread throughout the nation. I refer to certain trends in our national government which are alien to our American Democracy, and which are disturbing in the extreme since they obviously threaten the very foundation upon which our nation is built and offer as a substitute for the principles which have made our nation strong the very things which our founding fathers sought to fortify us against, and the things which have brought ruin to other nations of the world.

The centralization of so much power in Washington is the greatest threat to our traditional and historic American Democracy. This centralization of power has grown and will continue to grow in direct proportion to the amount of tax money the federal government collects and expends. The more money the federal government is able to collect and in turn hand out, the greater its power to control and direct in ever greater detail the political subdivisions of the country and the individual citizens themselves. This control and direction threatens to extend itself to the social, political, educational, religious, and business areas of the life of the individual.

When Washington has vast sums to hand out, it is inevitable that many hands will be reaching out to receive it. Consequently, there is an ever increasing number of petitions appeals, and pleas for federal grants. The American people are being schooled to look to a paternal government for everything; they are actually being taught by the most subtle methods to accept the security of regimentation as a substitute for their own personal thrift, initiative, and resourcefulness.

The federal government is in the lending business in competition with the banks of the country. I have seen the statement that federal government has 33 billion dollars invested in business enterprises in competition with private business. I have also seen the statement in print that 15 million Americans are receiving federal checks.

And now the federal government is proposing to enter the field of medicine. Notwithstanding all the protestations to the contrary, if the government's proposal for health insurance is enacted into law, it will result in completely socializing the whole field of medicine far sooner than we can now anticipate. It is the history of such government innovations that they become perm-

anent and that they grow and expand as the claims upon them increase. Only guesses have been ventured concerning the cost of this proposed plan of health insurance, it would obviously reach into astronomical billions.

The aid-to-education bill, already passed by the Senate is another example of the expansion of the federal government in its paternalism and the inevitable control which will follow. Of course, the different bills now proposed disclaim any kind of control over education. But the personnel of the Senate and the Congress is constantly changing. Once the innovation is established a future Congress can and inevitably will issue controls along with the grants. As the demands for money increase, the federal government will have no choice but to exercise control; it cannot be avoided.

And further, this bill will open the door of the federal treasury to religious denominations. It is begging the question to point out that the use of the funds provided for in this bill is left entirely to the states. This bill, if passed, makes it possible for churches and denominations, sectarian religion, to receive federal tax funds. It is also begging the question to point out that any federal funds which go to parochial schools are not for the benefit of the religious sect but for the school. Parochial schools are established for the primary purpose of teaching sectarian religion, else these religious sects would not go to the expense of establishing such schools. If government money goes to sectarian schools, the government will be financing the teaching of sectarian religion.

Throughout the bill the word **public** is inserted 21 times before the phrase **elementary and secondary schools**. In section six the word **public** is omitted at the point which authorizes the expenditure of funds by the state educational authority. That one word **public** would check the small break in the dike separating church and state.

If federal funds are allowed under any pretext to go into sectarian schools it will open the way for more than 250 religious denominations to raid the public treasury to support their church schools. The Roman Catholic Church now has more parochial schools than all other religious denominations combined. If parochial schools are allowed to share in these federal funds, other denominations will begin to build parochial schools in order to get their share of federal funds, and it is not difficult to visualize the stampede which will follow as these denominations press their claims for tax money. The sums demanded by both public and parochial schools will grow to enormous size, and who can predict the end! It will wreck our public school system.

What does it all add up to? Simply this: The federal budget is now above 40 billion dollars, and 45 billion is freely predicted. That means that at least one-fourth of the income of American citizens goes into the federal treasury, with the indices pointing ever upward. The federal government is collecting the money from the citizens, and then handing it back to them in the form

Symbolism of Baptism

A Devotion by the Editor

"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."

Baptism is a symbol and not a sacrament. A symbol is a picture of something that has already come into being; a sacrament is a condition without which the thing desired cannot come to pass. Therefore, baptism is the symbol of salvation and not a condition of salvation.

This symbolic ordinance to which Jesus submitted and which He enjoined should be guarded carefully; it should be practiced cheerfully; it should be preached faithfully.

Baptism proclaims our allegiance to Jesus as we renounce our allegiance to sin and Satan. It proclaims the transformation which has taken place within us—we have not only changed our citizenship, we are changed citizens.

Baptism is the picture of the death and burial of Jesus. God knew the tendency of men to drift away from the original significance of the plan of redemption. He was not willing to trust the meaning of Christ's atoning death to the written page alone.

Men have even changed baptism so that there is practiced in its place an act which has no reference to the death and burial of Jesus. We might well believe that, if it were not for baptism, the world would long ago have lost the significance of the atoning death of Jesus. But so long as New Testament baptism is practiced the world will not be without the picture of the atoning death of Jesus.

Baptism also gives a picture of the resurrection of Jesus. Without New Testament Baptism, the significance of the resurrection is lost. So long as trusting believers are baptized, just so long will the triumph of Christ over death and the grave be pictorially presented.

Baptism is also the prophecy of the resurrection of the believer. In living relation with Jesus, we too shall rise from the dead; death shall have no more dominion over us.

"Know ye not, that so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:" (Romans 6:3-5).

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From the Editor's Desk

They Are Musts

It is imperative that Arkansas Baptists consider immediately the issues involved in the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign and address themselves to the task of bringing the campaign to a successful and glorious conclusion. This means that pastors and laymen individually and churches corporately must immediately become concerned about the campaign and energetically promote it in the churches and associations.

Need Is Urgent

The need for money is urgent and immediate. Too much is at stake to "dilly-dally" longer; the risk is too great; too much is dependent upon the funds which the campaign is to supply. It seems unthinkable that Arkansas Baptists would allow three years and three months to elapse with only \$443,014.99 of the proposed \$1,000,000 actually paid. But that is the record as of April 1, 1949.

The total disbursements of funds received, as of April 1, 1949, amount to \$252,083.70, which leaves a balance in the campaign fund of \$190,931.29. This balance is entirely inadequate for immediate needs.

Standing Endangered

These immediate needs which depend on campaign funds for their supply are a science building and a library building. These two buildings will cost between \$350,000 and \$450,000, yet the balance on hand is a little less than \$200,000.

There is a reason why it is imperative that these two buildings be erected—Ouachita College will lose its standing with the accrediting agency if these buildings are not erected. That would mean that Arkansas Baptists would have no senior college whose credits would be accepted by other institutions.

The buildings are needed, else the accrediting agency, the North Central Association, would not insist upon them. Really, you can't imagine a standard college without a science building and a library building! They are musts, if we would provide our Baptist young people with facilities for completing their college education.

If Arkansas Baptists allow Ouachita College to lose its credit rating, the denomination in the state will feel the effects of this loss for years to come. And it will become increasingly difficult to recover that credit rating in the future.

Examining Committee

Now is the time to act. And the time is short. The examining committee from the North Central Association will return to Ouachita next fall for a check up. The standing of Ouachita will depend upon what we do between now and then. If this examining committee does not find these two buildings on the campus of Ouachita or in the process of construction with funds available to com-

plete them, then Ouachita loses her rating.

Arkansas Baptists must not let this happen. We believe that Arkansas Baptists will not let this happen.

Associational Directors

You will note from week to week an announcement of chairmen who are directing the campaign in their respective associations. We appeal to all pastors, laymen, and churches to co-operate with these associational directors, and arouse all our people to the urgency of the situation.

One Man Did It

Dr. Bridges handed us a letter which he received from Allen McCurry which says in part, "We did not regard the meeting at Daniel's Chapel Church as a revival. We were there on behalf of the Ouachita Campaign. We preached each evening and visited in the daytime for five days. We tried to sell Ouachita to the people. We raised \$325 for Ouachita and the church pledged to pay \$125 more, their full quota.

"I would like for you to urge all the people in the country churches to give to Ouachita, as most of our preachers who attend Ouachita are country boys. The leaders for our country churches are educated at Ouachita.

"The country churches which I have contacted have pledged to pay what they were asked for. Many of them tell me that the preachers have not tried to raise the money. I believe if all our pastors would try, they could raise the money and save Ouachita."

Others Can Do It

What Allen McCurry did is one of the finest pieces of work done for the Ouachita Campaign. It should set an example for others and should inspire us all to go all-out to complete this campaign in glorious fashion.

Will Catholics Pay?

What could be a solution to the transportation of parochial school pupils by operators of school buses was proposed by L. F. Fellenz, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, before a legislative committee at Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Fellenz proposed a "bill that would give school bus operators permanent operating rights, by determination of the Public Service Commission, over transportation routes as laid out by the Department of Public Instruction." It was further stated that under such a system "the operators could contract separately with public and parochial schools for the carriage of children to their respective schools."

That would be a satisfactory solution to the problem of transporting parochial school children in the event that the Catholics paid the bus operator for the transportation of parochial school pupils.

Spiritual Messages

A Lutheran pastor, Myrus L. Knutson, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, discovered that the members of his congregation "don't want to hear about psychology, economics, and war," but that "they are eager and hungry for spiritual affirmation."

As a result of polling the congregation on their preference of sermon subjects Mr. Knutson discovered that his people wanted such subjects as these discussed from the pulpit: "How to Pray;" "What Happens to the Soul After Death;" "The Second Coming of Christ and Judgment Day;" "What is the Meaning of Our Faith;" and "Marriage and Divorce."

However, no one voted for a sermon on sin. While sin is the most popular practice in the world, it is the least popular subject for pulpit deliverance. It seems that after people have practiced sinning all the week, they don't want to hear about it from the pulpit on Sunday.

It seems obvious, however, that when people go to church on the Lord's Day they want to hear a spiritual message instead of a social, political, economic, or philosophical message. The fact is that any preacher who goes into the pulpit with any sort of message other than the Gospel of the grace of God, is losing his supreme opportunity. There is no substitute in the pulpit for the Gospel message.

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Local Units Needed

Religious News Service reports the organization of "a local unit of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State" at Mobile, Alabama. We would commend this movement to Protestants and groups who are interested in maintaining the historic American principle of separation of Church and State. If these local units were organized throughout the country, it would strengthen the national organization tremendously and at the same time provide a grass roots channel for the expression of this fundamental American principle.

The principle of separation of Church and State is more fiercely threatened today than ever before since the adoption of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and unless the American people will arise to the danger which threatens this great principle we will most surely lose the principle itself.

We would like to see a local unit of this organization in Little Rock and in other cities of Arkansas, as well as other states throughout the nation. The local unit in Mobile was sponsored by Mobile Ministerial Association. It would be well for Ministerial Associations in our American cities to take this matter under consideration immediately.

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"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23).

There is a place in the human soul which only God can fill, and if not filled by Him, it will remain an eternal and aching void.

Kingdom Progress

Simultaneous Revival, Conway-Perry County Association

There were 53 professions of faith and 27 additions by letter to the churches of Conway-Perry County Association in a simultaneous revival effort April 18-28. Preceding the revival meeting a youth rally was held under the direction of Mrs. John Cox, associational W. M. U. superintendent, with 250 attending. The simultaneous evangelistic committee was composed of Pastor C. D. Sallee, First Church, Morrilton, chairman; Associational Missionary H. D. Palmer, organizer; and Pastor C. S. Ray, Perryville, publicity chairman. There were two meetings of the workers during the campaign; Rick Jernigan, Ozark, led the singing.

Following is a list of the participating churches and the number of additions:

Church	Baptism	Letter and statement
Morrilton, First	15	11
Perryville	11	3
Nimrod Mission	4	5
Bigelow	11	
Thornburg	5	
Perry	2	3
Harmony	2	
Houston	2	
Union Valley	1	5
Totals	53	27

Pastor J. G. Cothran, First Church, Arkadelphia, was the visiting preacher in revival services at First Church, Malvern, T. K. Rucker, pastor, April 17-24. There were 22 additions to the church by baptism and three by letter and statement. Alfred Grigsby, pastor, Beech Street Church, Gurdon, led the singing. Pastor Rucker says, "Our church was richly blessed by having these two fine men during these days of special effort."

The Second Church, Arkadelphia, S. M. Cooper, pastor, recently closed a revival meeting with Dr. Otto Whittington, Little Rock, doing the preaching and Mark Short, Arkadelphia, leading the singing. Mrs. Mark Short played the piano. There were twenty-six additions to the church, thirteen coming by baptism.

Dallas Avenue Church, Mena, closed their first Youth Week observance April 10. Don Bowman, member of the First Church, Ashdown, and senior in the Ashdown High School, was the Youth Week pastor. The young people had charge of every phase of the church activities. There were fourteen additions to the church during the two Sunday services. Eleven of this number came on profession of faith.

Pastor Dean Newberry Jr. says, "We believe in Youth Week and have voted to observe this special week every year. It has certainly helped our church."

Whiteville and Antioch No. One Churches, White River Association, have gone together to form a pastoral field. Darrell Ball, Walnut Ridge, is the pastor.

Mission Holds Open House

Rachel Sims Mission, oldest of the River Front Missions in New Orleans, will hold open house in its new home on Sunday, May 8. A quiet service of dedication will be held on Tuesday evening.

The new building, made possible largely through the gifts of Woman's Missionary Union, replaces the dwellings used for mission work since its beginning in 1919 and occupies the same site at 729 Second Street.

Of modern brick construction, the two-story building provides rooms for all the mission activities and living quarters for eight missionaries.

Rachel Sims Mission with Toledano Mission and Bowen Center constitute the River Front Baptist Missions, owned and operated by Southern Baptists through the Home Mission Board. Miss Gladys Keith is completing her fourteenth year as director of this work.

The First Church, Walnut Ridge, Selbert H. Haley, pastor, was engaged in a revival meeting April 3-8, with Robert S. Denny, associate in Department of Student Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, doing the preaching, and George Thompson leading the music.

Sixteen people united with the church and many re-dedicated their lives to the Lord's service.

Pastor Haley says, "Mr. Denny is one of the best. He shall be remembered in the hearts of the people of the First Church and the community. Mr. Thompson, who is instructor of music at the Southern Baptist College, has done much to build the musical program of the church, and we are grateful for his wonderful service."

The West Batesville Church, L. H. Roseman, pastor, had the services of Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick in a revival meeting April 17-May 1. The music was directed by Bob McMillan, pastor of First Church, Judsonia. There were 54 additions to the church, 38 of whom were by baptism. There were four conversions who did not unite with the church. Over 300 members of the church re-dedicated their lives to Christ, and ten young people answered the call to special Christian service.

Pastor Roseman says, "The revival was well attended by the largest crowds ever to attend a revival in West Batesville Baptist Church, and older members of the church say it was the greatest revival ever held in the church. Evangelist Kirkpatrick and Bob McMillan are a great team in a revival meeting. Mrs. Kirkpatrick does a most effective work among the women, leading them in prayer and personal work."

Missionary Allen McCurry was the visiting preacher in a revival meeting April 17-27 at the First Church, Dardanelle, where Sidney Oxendine is pastor. C. E. Parrish, pastor of the First Church, Montrose, led the singing. The visible results of the meeting were eight additions by baptism and one by letter. This brings the total number of additions to the church membership in the five months of Mr. Oxendine's pastorate at First Church, to twenty-one.

Russellville Baptists

By Mrs. Lewis S. Talley

If numbers are indicative of progress, the record attendance of 632 April 24 is evidence that the Sunday School of the First Church, Russellville, is one of the fastest growing Sunday Schools in Arkansas. The goal of 550 was exceeded by 82, not because of contests or spectacular attractions, but because the members were co-operative and had a "mind to work."

Intermediate Day was observed and was begun with a breakfast for the teachers and members of the department. Intermediate boys and girls served in the official capacities of the Sunday School and ushered at the church services.

The Central College choir furnished the music at the eleven o'clock hour. Carl Bassett, evangelist, brought the morning message, which opened a two weeks' revival.

Russellville Baptists are grateful for the leadership of Pastor W. E. Speed. Both the pastor and the members are thankful to the Master for His many blessings during recent months.

Pastor Walter L. Yeldell, First Church, Clarksville, reports that they have completed the sale of \$30,000 worth of bonds under the Broadway plan of church finance, for the completion of their building program. Pastor Yeldell says that about \$15,000 in bonds was sold to members of the First Church, Clarksville, and \$15,000 to the general public.

The Broadway plan of church finance is advertised in the Arkansas Baptist by J. S. Bracewell, director, Houston, Texas. Five other churches in Arkansas are using this plan. These churches are: Second Church, El Dorado; First Church, Earle; Tyler Street Church, Little Rock; First Church, Bentonville; and Calvary Church, Texarkana.

Pastor Jay D. Tolleson and the Immanuel Church, El Dorado, had the services of Pastor Paul Fox, Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, in revival services recently. Malcolm Sample, Ouachita College student, led the singing. There were 41 additions to the church membership. Since the coming of Pastor Tolleson to the Immanuel Church on September 1, 1948, there have been 185 additions to the church membership. For the month of April the Sunday School attendance averaged 458 and the Training Union attendance averaged 256.

Scholarship Offered

Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas, is offering five scholarships for the coming year to girls of five Southwestern states in honor of Mrs. Fannie Breedlove Davis and the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, according to Dr. Gordon G. Singleton, president of the college.

One of the scholarships is to be awarded an Arkansas girl. Applicants must be 1949 graduates of accredited high schools and must be in the upper 50 per cent of their classes. Applications must be filed with the secretary to the president not later than June 1, 1949. Forms for applications may be obtained by writing to the president's secretary, Mary Hardin-Baylor College. Each of the five scholarships amounts to \$200 for the year 1949-50.

Simultaneous Revival, Central Association

There were 426 additions to the eighteen churches of Central Association participating in the associational simultaneous revival April 17-24. Of the total additions, 310 were by baptism, and 116 by letter and statement. There were nineteen professions of faith by persons who did not unite with the churches.

Pastor O. L. Bayless, Second Church, Hot Springs, was director of the revival crusade. Pastor John L. Dodge, First Church, Hot Springs, was director of publicity. Pastor Clyde Hart, Central Church, Hot Springs, was in charge of finances. Pastor D. C. Bandy, Park Place Church, Hot Springs, was in charge of radio programs. Pastor T. K. Rucker, First Church, Malvern, was director of the religious census; Missionary S. A. Wiles was the organizer; Pastor R. A. Butler, First Church, Bauxite, fellowship director; Pastor Bill Kersh, Third Church, Malvern, extension director; Pastor V. A. Rose, First Church, Benton, director of special rallies; Pastor Edward Anderson, Piney, was in charge of prayer meetings; Pastor J. C. Melton, Memorial Church, Hot Springs, director of visitation-evangelism; Ray McClung, Second Church, Hot Springs, chairman of music.

A noon luncheon at the Park Place Church, Hot Springs, was provided by the participating churches for the pastors, visiting evangelists, and educational directors. Dr. O. L. Bayless, director of the campaign, was in charge of these noon-day luncheons. Among the speakers at these luncheons were Dr. Alfred Carpenter, director of Chaplain's Commission, Home Mission Board, and Pastor J. G. Cothran, First Church, Arkadelphia.

Following is a list of participating churches and the number of additions received by each:

Church	Baptisms	By letter and Statement
Antioch	10	3
Bauxite, First	52	6
Benton, First	34	9
Gum Springs	6	
Harvey's Chapel	12	
Hot Springs		
First	18	11
Second	56	33
Central	18	11
Park Place	10	3
Emmanuel	8	2
Malvern		
First	22	3
Third	25	10
Memorial	9	5
Paron		
Piney	13	10
Lake Hamilton		4
Shorewood Hills	10	2
Walnut Valley	7	4
Totals	310	116

Pastor Jack Redford reports that the Winslow Baptist Church had "rare experiences" in their revival meeting the week of April 10, conducted by Associational Missionary A. L. Leake. Several mature men were converted and baptized, two eighty-year-old men.

The First Church, Hampton, has called Raymond C. Marks, native of Camden, and senior at Ouachita College, as their pastor. Mr. Marks and his family now reside in Hampton, and he will be full time pastor of the church.

Reporting Family Altar Results

By JOE W. BURTON
Editor, Home Life

Many wonderful spiritual victories were won on Home Dedication Day last Sunday. Many new family altars have been established in this climax to the Southern Baptist campaign for 100,000 new family altars.

Many of these spiritual victories no doubt are worthy to be recorded in the archives kept by angels. Many surely will be recorded to the Baptist press throughout the land.

We want a report from every church and pastor. A postal card will do. Simply state the number of homes which have established family altars. Address your card to the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

One of the thrilling moments at the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City will be when the combined report of the family altar campaign is given. This report will be made at the Christian Home Service on Sunday afternoon, May 22.

A Cowboy On Religion

A cowboy expressed it this way: "Now I'm working for Jim here. If I'd sit around, telling what a good fellow Jim is, and singing songs to him, and getting up in the night to serenade him, I'd be doing just what a lot of Christians do; but I wouldn't suit Jim, and I'd get fired mighty quick. But when I buckle on my straps and hustle among the hills, and see that Jim's herd is all right and not suffering from lack of water and feed, or getting off range and branded by cattle thieves, then I'm proving my love and serving Jim as he wants to be served."

—Moody Monthly.

You can test all your big sentiment about love for humanity by what you are doing for individuals.

—The Baptist Student.

C. E. Bryant to Direct Baylor Press Relations

C. E. Bryant, publicity director of the Southern Baptist Convention and former editor of Arkansas Baptist, has accepted the position as director of press relations for Baylor University effective July 1, according to an announcement of President W. R. White.

Bryant graduated from Baylor in 1939 and handled publicity work for the school until June 1942 when he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. During the school year he was elected editor of the Arkansas Baptist and served until two years ago when he moved to Nashville as publicity director on the staff of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

In addition to publicity, Bryant will also teach courses in religious journalism at Baylor, according to Dr. White.

As publicist for Southern Baptists, Bryant is editor of the Baptist Program, promotional publication for the Executive Committee sent to Southern Baptist pastors, and also editor of the Baptist Bulletin Service. He has started a religious mat service for churches and a monthly mailing of Baptist news to 3,400 county weekly papers in the South.

In his move to Baylor, Bryant will be following in the footsteps of another Southern Baptist publicist, Frank E. Burkhalter. Professor Burkhalter served as publicity director for the Southern Baptist 75-Million campaign and the first publicity director for the Executive Committee before going to Baylor as publicity head and teacher of religious journalism. Bryant studied under Dr. Burkhalter while a student in Baylor.

Christ and the devil go in opposite directions; you can't walk hand in hand with both of them.

—The Baptist Student.

The torch of Christianity may be lit in church, but it does its burning in the shop, in the street.

—The Baptist Student.

Story Hour Makes Remarkable Gains



The Story Hour of the Fordyce Church, J. T. Elliff, pastor, had an average attendance of 63 in March. Miss Verna Hornaday is the capable Story Hour director. The other Story Hour workers are: Mrs. Jesse Rothwell, Mrs. Roy Moseley, Mrs. Frank Jordan, Miss Mildred Summers, Mrs. Bob Kanive, Miss Sue Atwood, Mrs. Lamont Gray, Mrs. Ruby Earley, Mrs. Hugh Smith, Mrs. Doris Ellis, Mrs. Ernest Richardson, and Mrs. Bill Graham. Mrs. Howard Samuels is the Training Union director.

We Still Need to Give That Others Might Live

By JESSE D. FRANKS
Geneva

A conference of relief workers was held at Bex, Switzerland, on March 17-22, which I was privileged to attend. More than eighty workers were in attendance, representing every type of relief service being administered in Europe and the Near East and practically every church or other relief agency now at work in this area.

Knowing that the Southern Baptist Convention will soon be meeting and that the problem of relief will very likely be an item on its agenda it occurred to me that it might be in order for me to give through the Southern Baptist press a summary of the conclusions of this unique conference:

Refugee Situation

The greatest and most urgent relief need is that growing out of the refugee situation. This problem at the moment is apparently insoluble. In the displaced persons category alone there are between 800,000 and 1,000,000 miserable souls. These are found principally in Germany, Austria, and Italy. But they are not entirely hopeless for several of the major religious groups, including Southern Baptists, are hard at work in co-operation with International Refugee Organization to find homes for them. At the present rate of repatriation, however, it will take a long time to process this group and start them on their ways to new lands which they can call home.

The most pitiable and hopeless refugee group, however, is that horde of some eight to ten millions who do not qualify for displaced persons status and, therefore, have least hope of finding new homes in other parts of the world. And their number grows. Every day they keep pouring across the borders.

There is still another group of refugees in yet another category. They are found mainly in Palestine and Greece, numbering approximately 600,000 and 800,000 respectively. Their condition is described as very grave, in many instances as desperate.

The need in the Russian Zones of Germany and Austria, particularly Germany, is great. It is urged that help of all kinds should be sent to these areas, if, when, and wherever it can be done. Children from the Russian Zone slip across the border in certain sections into the American Zone to beg for food. Officers from both sides allow them to do it, it is reported, ignoring their violation of the regulation against it.

In Germany and Austria there is still need for food and warm clothing and certain medicines. The aged people seem to be the most neglected and neediest in these countries. Feeding centers and distribution of clothing should be continued for this group.

Students In Need

Students constitute another needy class in all of the war-ravaged areas. They need wholesome food, clothing, books, or scholarships that enable them to have these necessities.

Southern Baptists are doing something that is constructive and worthy in this field of need, through their theological schools and student subsidies.

There will continue to be need for contributed goods of all kinds for at least another year in the judgement of the Bex conference.

What Has Been Done

Southern Baptists have done well in their generous contributions of material goods. The

New Orleans Relief Center has been an outstanding success.

The greatest need of all is for spiritual relief and encouragement. Up to now little has been done in this field. To leave the task of relief at the physical level would be the same as if Christ had fed the hungry multitudes with bread, without giving them spiritual counsel and comfort, without offering them himself.

Southern Baptists are in a particularly favorable position to render great spiritual service in Europe today, sharing with their Baptist brethren on the continent the fellowship of service in richly inviting fields of evangelism, religious education, co-operative missions and of church buildings. The great emphasis of the conference at Bex was that the churches, and only the churches, can enter this wide-open door and administer the spiritual relief that is needed and would be acceptable.

This is not the time for Southern Baptists to plan to do less for relief, but rather to shift their emphasis to the definitely spiritual side.

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of grants, subsidies, and doles, subtracting, of course, the cost of handling.

Following the present trend, and there are no indications of the trend changing, the government "take" will increase to 30 per cent of the nation's earnings, then to 40 per cent, and 50 per cent. Followed to its logical conclusion the government takes all and gives back to the earners what it considers they need to get by with.

The "take" of the federal government becomes so great that the tax resources are practically exhausted and the political subdivision must look to the federal government for support. Also, the resources of the schools and other institutions, even the resources of the churches, are drained off by the federal government, and more and more both institutions and individuals must look to the federal government for support.

Taxes have already reached the point of confiscation in some cases; paternalism in government has become a fixed policy; government monopoly is growing at an alarming rate; government business which pays no taxes is in competition with tax paying private enterprise.

I am not an alarmist. But these trends are so obvious that the American citizen cannot ignore them, even the least imaginative citizen can easily visualize the ultimate end to which these trends are leading—complete socialization or, worse still—well, I will let you name it!

Gentlemen: you and your colleagues in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States constitute the last line of defense of the citizens and taxpayers of the country. The trends to which I have called attention, together with other and kindred trends, can develop and come to maturity only by the consent and encouragement and active co-operation of the Congress of the United States.

Your responsibility is great; may your courage and wisdom be equal to your responsibilities.

A Smile or Two

A city child was visiting the country for the first time. One day he wandered into a black smith's shop. Within a minute he was out again. "Mother," he shouted, "I've just seen a man making horses. Come quickly! He hasn't finished yet—he's just nailing on it back feet!"

—A. E. I. News (London)

The only time some people won't pass the buck is when there is a collection.

—Times of Brazil (Sao Paulo)

Two clothing merchants were bragging to each other about their salesmen. "One of my men," said one of them, "is the smartest salesman in town. The other day a man came in for a pair of shoelaces, and before he left my man had sold him an overcoat."

"That's nothing," said the other merchant. "Last week a woman came in to buy a suit to bury her husband in and before she left the store my man sold her an extra pair of pants to go with the suit."

—Alexander Co-operator

Little Jimmy, fourth grade, was being tested on his practical knowledge of the Commandments. "You say stealing is a sin, Jimmy. Against which Commandment?"

Without hesitation little Jimmy answered, "The seventh, Sister."

"And lying?" queried Sister.

"The eighth, Sister." Again no hesitation.

"Tell me, Jimmy, is pulling a cat's tail a sin?"

"Yes, Sister."

"Against which Commandment, Jimmy?"

Here little Jimmy hesitated. "Well—I'm not sure which number it is, but it says something about 'What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.'"

—Frank Versag, Catholic Digest.

"The rate is \$1.20 for three minutes," said the toll operator, "and 30 cents for each additional minute."

Answered the caller: "Do you take anything off for just listening? I want to call my wife."

—Farm Journal.

A small boy sat in the gallery and watched the preacher read a carefully written sermon. One page after another was laid aside until 30 or 40 of them had been piled up to the left. The youngster had watched the pile to the right decrease. When, therefore, the last leaf was carefully laid to the left, the minister lifted his face and said, "And so, my brethren, on this wonderful theme I could go on and on and on."

It was too much for the impatient little boy, and so he shouted, "No, you couldn't. You are out of stuff, and you know it."

—Mrs. Gladys Kruse.

To prove this is indeed an age of abbreviations in which we find ourselves, this headline appeared over a story recently in the *Cadiz Record*:

"T C H S F F A Defeats Butler F F A."

Translated it reads: "Trigg County High School Future Farmers of America Defeats Butler Future Farmers of America."

—Joe Creason, Louisville.

A Problem Southern Baptists Must Face

By JOHN H. BUCHANAN

With the expansion and growth of the Southern Baptist Convention both geographically and numerically, the Convention is faced with a very difficult and serious problem of finding a city within its borders which can provide adequate hotel and auditorium facilities to entertain the Convention.

We all recognize that there is tremendous value in having great throngs of our people attend the annual meeting of the Convention. The fellowship of the brethren and the inspiration and impetus such meetings give to our whole denominational program cannot be measured. It would be most unfortunate to deprive any Southern Baptist of that privilege. But on account of the lack of facilities mentioned above, the Convention must face the problem of either limiting the number of messengers or revising its constitution. Is there a way in which we can keep the great inspirational value of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention for the greatest number of our people in the face of our present difficulty? I think there is.

If the Convention would revise its constitution to create the following pattern, a solution might be found.

First: Create an Administrative Convention composed of a limited representation, in one of the following ways. A. Since we have a few less than 1,000 District Associations, let each state be represented by one messenger for each District Association within its bounds, to be a member of an Administrative Convention. B. Or let each co-operating state in the Southern Baptist Convention be represented by one messenger for every 10,000 church members within the given state. These messengers to be nominated by the state groups and elected by the current session of the Convention for the ensuing year.

Then let the amended constitution provide for two or more Regional Meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention, all business and the determining of policies to be delegated by these regional Conventions to the Administrative Convention. The Regional Conventions will be for promotion, inspiration, and fellowship. All business and fixing of policies and program to be delegated to the Administrative body, which shall fairly and equitably represent all states and sections of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Regional Conventions could not change the policies or programs adopted by the Administrative Convention. However, a Regional Convention could memorialize the Administrative Convention for a change of program or policy or the innovation of any new matter. Final authority in all matters would rest with the Administrative Convention.

The President elected by the Administrative Convention would become the President of all Regional Conventions. However, each Regional Convention would elect two Vice Presidents and a Recording Secretary. These regional officers by virtue of their office would be members automatically of the Administrative Convention.

At the Regional Convention all Boards and Agencies would submit their reports and provide the same type of program as now obtains in the Southern Baptist Convention. Members of all Boards and Agencies may be nominated by Regional Conventions but elected by the Administrative Convention. All committees for each meeting of the Regional

Convention to be nominated and elected by that Convention.

It is recognized that this is a radical change in the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. But it is a realistic approach to a serious problem that now confronts us.

A great democracy such as our Convention is compelled to delegate powers and responsibilities to function effectively. The messengers from the churches assembled in Regional meetings will thus delegate to representatives chosen by them to be members of the Administrative body powers and authority.

This suggestion would have to be very carefully implemented, but to the writer it offers one solution to our problem which the Southern Baptist Convention might well explore.

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Oregon-Washington Petition to Be Considered at Convention

"Only recognition and support on the part of Southern Baptists will suffice," declares Dr. R. E. Milam, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon, referring to the petition that this Convention be admitted into the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Baptist General Convention of Oregon was organized April 13, 1948, and petitioned the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Memphis, last May, to be admitted to the Convention. The Memphis Convention appointed a committee to investigate the Oregon petition. This committee will report its findings and doubtless make recommendation pro or con to the Oklahoma Convention this May.

In his report to the Oregon committee which met in Memphis in March of this year, Dr. Milam emphasizes the unlimited missionary and evangelistic opportunities in Oregon and Washington, the territory comprising the Oregon Convention. He says in part:

"One thing that amazes the Southern Baptists who visit this area, Oregon and Washington, is the need everywhere for new churches to be organized. Even without outside aid Southern Baptist churches have been organized in towns where there were no Baptist churches such as: Longview, Washington, population 15,000; Sweet Home, Oregon, 5,000; Dallas, Oregon, 5,000; Vernonia, Oregon, 4,000; Port Orchard, Washington, 5,000. There are many other comparable situations, while the smaller towns and country areas are practically untouched. It is estimated that three-fourths of the population of Oregon and Washington are unevangelized and unaffiliated with any church.

"Southern Baptists all over the territory are clamoring for churches and we believe that there is opportunity for us to organize one hundred new churches just as fast as we can get to it. This fact should be of interest to Southern Baptists who have at this time 7,500 young ministers in their colleges and seminaries.

"Only recognition and direct support to the work in Oregon and Washington, an area which has its own peculiar needs, can avail very much. It is a vast and potential mission field itself. Many believe that in the next generation there may be not four, but ten million people in these two states. Even today it is one of the most needy and neglected mission fields in America."

Mission Rallies In Florida

By CHARLES A. LEONARD SR.

A Foreign Missionary Tells of Experiences and Observations When Speaking in the "Sunshine State."

One does not wonder that the boy's ambition was to become a returned missionary, if he enjoyed food as most boys do and had seen how the good people down in Florida feed the Lord's servants when laboring among them.

We spent two months recently speaking in churches of the "Sunshine State" on the Lord's work in China and the Hawaiian Islands. We met many fine Baptist people whose interest and hospitality indicated genuine love for the Lord and His work.

The method for giving missionary information and inspiration in the churches this year was somewhat different from the plan formerly used. Instead of putting on schools of missions, where a missionary speaks every evening for a week, it was thought best to have a mission rally of only one service in as many churches as possible. Many rural churches had never had the visit of a missionary, so it was felt that it would be better to get into all the churches with some missionary information than to continue from year to year going into a few small groups with a more elaborate program.

The plan used entailed harder work for the speakers because it meant going to a different church each evening and usually spending the night in a different home or hotel. Addresses were also delivered during the day before public schools, civic clubs, or over radio, and there were usually three services on Sunday. The denominational state and local leaders were solicitous and helpful; the churches, as a rule, co-operative; the people cordial and hospitable; the audiences interested and appreciative. Attendance was usually larger than expected.

The plan seemed most successful. Many churches had never before had the visit of a missionary. Not a few of these manifested surprise at the great needs of the gospel in heathen lands and keen interest in results of foreign mission work. Interested pastors expressed a belief that gratifying results in prayer, interest, and gifts are sure to accrue in coming years.

An offering for the Cooperative Program was taken in every church, except in a few cases, and these had all given through the budget plan. Some churches visited had never co-operated in this way and sometimes made offerings surprisingly large. Five hundred subscriptions were secured for "The Commission," and many for "Home Missions." During the five days spent in the Suwannee Association attendance reached 2,300, offerings amounted to \$550, and subscriptions to the two mission magazines totaled 150.

Baptists in Florida are progressing in many ways and occupy a large, important place in the spiritual and moral welfare of the State. Some of the rural churches are backward, of course, as in other states, but much is being done for their advancement.

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Principal For Rome Training School

Miss Virginia Wingo, professor of Bible and missions at the women's training school at Louisville, was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to take charge of the new women's training school in Rome. She will leave for Italy this summer to begin work when the new school opens this fall.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST

Siloam Springs

EDGAR WILLIAMSON

Theme:—Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today

Extensive Preparations

Every effort is being made to prepare for the largest and best assembly session July 5-13, 1949. Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, will be the night service speaker; Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, the morning devotional service speaker; and Gale Dunn, Education and Music director, Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, will serve as song leader.

Tabernacle Enlarged

The tabernacle has been enlarged and a substantial improvement made to the water system. The grounds will look better; the meals will be better; the recreation will be of the best. All phases of church and denominational work will be presented with classes offered for all ages. In response to many requests, the assembly session will be lengthened one day.



Rates For Tent Full

- Registration _____
- Cot and Mattress in Dormitory
 - Individuals in Assembly _____
 - Individuals in Church _____
 - Individuals in Church _____
 - own cots and mattresses _____
 - Children 5 to 10 years _____
 - Cot and Mattress in Dormitory
 - (For Married Couples) _____
 - Individuals _____
 - Children 5 to 10 years _____
 - Cot and Mattress in Cabin
 - (For Married Couples) _____
 - Individuals _____
 - Children 5 to 10 years _____
- NOTE: All individuals in cabins and dormitories, hall, will pay an assembly fee.



Dr. W. A. Criswell
Night Speaker



Gale Dunn
Music Director

Reservations

1. Reservations should be made now. Reservations will be accepted only for those who send name or names, with a \$2.00 reservation fee for each name. If accepted (receipt issued), no reservation fee will be returned.
2. Reservation fees will be credited to the account of those for whom reservation is made.
3. All reservations will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis, and will be held only until 9:00 p. m., Tuesday, July 5, unless otherwise arranged. All reservations unclaimed at this time will be reassigned.
4. Send all requests for reservations, with reservation fees to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.



Nelson Tull
Brotherhood



Miss Nancy Cooper
Woman's Missionary Union



Dr. Edgar Williamson
Director



BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

Arkansas

SON, Director

and today, and forever. Heb. 13:8 R. S.



49 Assembly

Rates

	\$ 2.00
<i>all Meals:</i>	
Dormitories _____	15.00
Dormitories _____	14.00
Dormitories providing _____	12.00
_____	12.00
<i>and all Meals:</i>	
(Families Only) _____	15.00
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<i>Meals:</i>	
(Families Only) _____	16.00
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Daily Schedule

- 6:30 Rising Bell
- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Devotional Hour—Dr. M. Ray McKay
- 8:50 Sunday School Study Courses—A. D. Bates, Dean
- 9:40 Training Union Study Courses—Ralph Davis, Dean
- 10:30 Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood—Miss Nancy Cooper and Nelson Tull, Deans
- 11:15 Recess
- 11:30 General Assembly—Denominational Activities Presented
- 12:45 Dinner
- 2:30 Recreation
- 6:00 Supper
- 6:45 Baptist Student Union Conference—A. D. Bates, Dean
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Gale Dunn, Director
- 7:30 Night Service—Dr. W. A. Criswell, Speaker
- 9:00 Fellowship Hour—J. P. Leveritt, directing
- 10:30 Campus Clear
- 11:00 Lights Out



*Dr. M. Ray McKay
Morning Speaker*



*Dr. B. L. Bridges
State Secretary*



*Ralph Davis
Training Union*



*Mrs. B. W. Nininger
Church Music*



*A. D. Bates
Student Union*



Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON F. TULL, *State Secretary*
219 Baptist Building
Little Rock, Arkansas



Facts Concerning the Associational Brotherhood

By GEORGE W. SCHROEDER
Associate Secretary

The Associational Brotherhood is a very important unit in the Brotherhood movement. Enthusiasm and interest created in the Brotherhood in the regular meetings and work of the associational unit will reflect itself directly in the life and activity of the Brotherhoods in the churches. Not only can the associational Brotherhood create interest in the Brotherhood movement, it can, properly functioning, sustain the interest of all the men in all the churches of the association in the continual promotion of various church and denominational-centered projects.

The purpose of this article will be to set forth briefly some of the basic objectives and features of the associational Brotherhood.

Purpose

The purpose of the associational Brotherhood is: to provide a means of Christian fellowship among the men of the churches; create and stimulate interest in the Brotherhood movement; find and utilize the executive abilities of lay membership of the churches; quicken the interest of the men of the churches in all the affairs of the church and denomination; deepen the spiritual life of the men; and promote, efficiently and effectively, all practical projects as recommended and sponsored by the church, association, and denomination.

It is readily seen from this "statement of purpose" that the main work of the associational Brotherhood is to be centered in the development of the men of all churches in the knowledge of, and participation in, all church and denominational affairs and activity. Such a program of work, if

properly carried out, is large enough in its scope to interest, challenge, and utilize for Christ, every man of every church within the association.

Organization

The officers of the associational Brotherhood are to be a President, a Program Vice President, an Attendance Vice President, a Promotion Vice President, a Chorister, and a Secretary-Treasurer. In addition to these officers there is to be an advisory council consisting of three pastors of churches within the association. These officers and advisory council, along with the three members of the executive committee, should be elected to serve a term of one year, or until their successors are named. Their election should take place at the quarterly associational Brotherhood meetings immediately preceding the annual meeting of the district association so that their names might be presented to that body for approval. Note: All male members—seventeen years of age and over—of all the churches within the association are eligible to vote on all questions and matters that might come before the associational Brotherhood.

It cannot be over-emphasized that each of these officers should be a man who is especially adept for the post to which he is to be elected. The pastors who serve on the advisory council should be men who are vitally interested in the Brotherhood movement and work of the denomination.

These officers and members of the advisory council along with three church Brotherhood presidents or officers—duly elected by the associational Brotherhood—make up the membership of the executive committee of the associational Brotherhood. The executive committee should meet at least once each quarter to make final arrangements for the next associational Brotherhood meeting, discuss promotion of various denominational objectives, and make plans for the full utilization of the associational Brotherhood in strengthening all the work of the church, association and denomination.

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Women's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention
209 Baptist Building, Little Rock
MRS. F. E. GOODBAR MISS NANCY COOPER
President *Executive Secretary and Treasurer*

W.M.U. District Meetings Scheduled for June

Annual W. M. U. District Meetings will be held the last two weeks in June at the places listed below. Missionary speakers will be featured on the program as well as other current denominational emphases. These meetings are planned for every member of Woman's Missionary Union and offer superb opportunities to hear outstanding speakers. Plan now to attend your District meeting and to help others attend. Check the place and date now:
Northwest, Siloam Springs June 16
West Central, Magazine June 17
Southwest, Hope June 21
Southeast, First, Camden June 22
Central, First, North Little Rock June 23
North Central, Melbourne June 24
East Central, Forrest City June 28
Northeast, Osceola June 29
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SEND CAMP REGISTRATIONS

TO MISS NANCY COOPER, 209 BAPTIST BUILDING, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.
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W. M. U. Training School Alumnae Meeting

The annual business meeting of the W. M. U. Training School Alumnae will be held during Breakfast Wednesday morning, May 18, at the Y. W. C. A. in Oklahoma City. The time is 7:30 a. m. and the cost, including tip, will be \$1.00. Buy your ticket Tuesday in the foyer of the Municipal Auditorium. If you are not in Oklahoma City before Wednesday morning, come along and an effort will be made to take care of you. A friend might get your ticket for you and deliver it to you at the Y. W. C. A. Anyway—breakfast meeting at the Y. W. C. A., 7:30, May 18.

Y. W. A. RIDGECREST CAMP

Live in the Land of the Sky, June 16-22, Y. W. A. Camp, Ridgecrest, N. C. It is located 18 miles east of Asheville, high in the Appalachian Mountains, near Mt. Mitchell, the highest point east of the Rockies. Literally you live in the Land of the Sky. Figuratively you live in the land of the sky because of experiences and fellowship with people who make you want to live abundantly. Living in the Land of the Sky is exciting!

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Interesting people to meet at Y. W. A. Camp: Mrs. George Martin, president; Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary; Miss Margaret Bruce, Young People's secretary of Southern W. M. U.; Dr. Georgia Harkness, professor and author; Dr. Walter Judd, congressman from Minnesota; Mrs. George Sadler, favorite vesper speaker; nationals; missionaries; fifteen young women from Y. W. A.'s around the world.

Vacation with vision, variety and vim. Sights to see, experiences to enrich and things to enjoy. There will be morning watch, Bible study, mission study, conferences, vespers, special features, and recreation, which includes sight-seeing trips, swimming, boating, hiking, special features. Take along usual summer clothes with light wrap, raincoat, umbrella, hiking shoes, party dress (maybe), swimming togery, "indispensables"—Bible, notebook, fountain pen.

Expenses: Registration fee of \$2.00 must be sent to Miss Nancy Cooper, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock, at time reservation is made. Board and room in lovely Lakeview Annex will be \$3.50 per day (\$21.00 total). Transportation in special bus from Little Rock, \$21.00, plus meals and lodging en route. Actual expenses will be about \$55.00. A \$10.00 deposit should be sent to Miss Cooper immediately if you want to go via the special bus. She can give you additional information, too.

Make Plans to Attend

Mary Hardin-Baylor

Accredited Senior Liberal Arts College For Girls. Provides a program of educational, cultural, physical, and religious development.

First Summer Term Begins June 1
Second Summer Term Begins July 13
Fall Session Starts September 15.

GORDON G. SINGLETON, Ph.D.,
President
Box 400 Belton, Texas

WAS YOUR CHURCH ONE OF THE NINE ?

The Laborers of Yesterday Know Anxiety and Want Today

In Youth They Gave Their All
—In Age They Receive Our Pittance.

The quotation below is from a preacher in a state where several thousand dollars more was spent for relief than was received from that state. Help him do something about it in your state.

"I was amazed by a former letter in which you called attention to the fact that Baptists of our state are not paying into the treasury of the Board nearly as much as the Board is paying to the needy of the state. Something must be done to change this situation. We are doing much for foreign relief, and we seem to be overlooking our own, which is our first obligation. We are not doing any more than we ought to be doing in our foreign relief effort, but we certainly, as Baptists, ought to be caring for those of our 'own household.'"

Send money from this offering to your state office, designated for Ministerial Relief.

If it was not convenient to take this offering in April, please be sure to take it as soon as convenient. The important matter is, not the date, but the response. These faithful old people can wait awhile, but they cannot wait too long. *Do this as unto the Lord.*

	Combined Total Receipts	Payments To Beneficiaries	Excess Payments* Receipts
Alabama) _____	\$ 9,178.04	\$ 13,045.50	\$ 3,867.46*
Arizona _____	541.34	481.50	59.84
Arkansas _____	4,851.27	8,036.22	3,184.95*
California _____	579.95	—0—	579.95
District of Columbia _____	247.75	605.00	357.25*
Florida _____	11,056.28	8,246.00	2,810.28
Georgia _____	12,877.99	17,782.50	4,904.51*
Illinois _____	3,313.18	3,885.00	571.82*
Kansas _____	13.72	—0—	13.72
Kentucky _____	14,652.35	13,511.50	1,140.85
Louisiana _____	5,866.29	7,748.50	1,882.21*
Maryland _____	1,786.43	1,342.50	443.93
Mississippi _____	9,580.39	8,924.50	655.89
Missouri _____	10,838.66	9,929.50	909.16
New Mexico _____	1,171.40	1,323.50	152.10*
North Carolina _____	20,509.62	21,887.00	1,377.38*
Oklahoma _____	7,173.05	6,177.50	995.55
South Carolina _____	18,933.27	14,349.55	4,583.72
Tennessee _____	19,962.14	19,641.98	320.16
Texas _____	53,017.34	53,995.13	997.79*
Virginia _____	18,218.31	15,656.16	2,562.15
Southwide _____	130.16	10,683.05	10,552.89*
TOTALS _____	\$224,498.93	\$237,252.09	\$12,753.16*

Let us ever remember those who laid the foundation of our Baptist work. Our first obligation is to look after the destitute and needy of our "Household of Faith." More will be needed than has been received by them, *but they must receive less unless you give more.* Having a part in this blessed ministry will bless your church and bring cheer to the hearts of these worthy people.

During 1948 the Relief and Annuity Board spent more in nine states for relief than it received from those states.

The high cost of living has forced *many* of those on the relief roll to request increases, that they might have the necessities of life, and has forced *others* to request that their names be added to the roll who had thought they would never find this necessary. There are now 1,385 names on the relief roll—*an all-time high.*

On page fifty-five of the Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1948 is shown "The Southern Baptist Convention Calendar—Co-ordinated Denomination Activities for 1949." For the month of April the first item listed reads, "Relief and Annuity Board (and Offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers)." This offering has the full approval of the Southern Baptist Convention.

An increasing number of churches take such an offering each year, but the number is far too small if we are to take care of those who served our denomination before there was a retirement plan which now makes it possible for a pastor to have an annuity on retirement.

Figures To Inspire

Sunday, May 1, 1949

	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Little Rock, Immanuel	1056	444	21
Including Missions	1331	645	
Little Rock, First	702	378	
Ft. Smith, First	629	494	
Little Rock, First	613	204	1
N. Little Rock, Baring Cross	607	415	7
Including Mission	652	448	9
Pine Bluff, First	572	227	
Hot Springs, Second	567	174	1
Benton, First	514	127	7
Including Mission	565		
Fayetteville, First	412	242	
Including Missions	464		
Little Rock, Tabernacle	408	206	2
Arkadelphia, First	407	184	2
Texarkana, Beech Street	398	130	6
El Dorado, First	397	273	2
Paragould, First	389	208	2
Including Missions	525	286	
Hope, First	386	89	
Including Mission	410		
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	385	269	2
Russellville, First	383	190	4
Including Missions	421	207	
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	377	100	4
Magnolia, Central	371	166	7
Camden, First	367	154	4
Including Missions	491	270	
Hot Springs, Central	347	141	1
Siloam Springs, First	340	212	9

Springdale, First	335	293	
Including Missions	436		
Lake City, First	335	236	
Malvern, First	332	84	
Including Mission	374		
N. Little Rock, First	313	144	1
Including Mission	346		
Searcy, First	306	96	2
Crossett, First	305	174	1
Forrest City, First	303	108	
Fordyce, First	302	181	4
Conway, First	301	66	17
Little Rock, Gaines Street	295	217	
Including Missions	372	255	
Rogers, First	293	100	
Hot Springs, Park Place	285	100	
Gentry, First	278	143	2
Hot Springs, First	277	97	3
Jacksonville, First	276	140	6
Little Rock, South Highland	275	144	1
N. Little Rock, Park Hill	258	61	5
Paris, First	252	133	3
Bentonville, First	244	87	3
West Helena	239	159	
Harrison, First	239	101	
Including Mission	347	148	
Stuttgart, First	235	191	4
Including Mission	260	211	
Ft. Smith, Grand Avenue	218	113	
Mena, First	213	107	
Warren, First	208	111	
Pine Bluff, Second	200	118	
Stamps, First	200	82	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	188	88	
Norhlet, First	184	270	
DeQueen, First	167	73	
Little Rock, Hebron	163	79	
Levy, First	157	80	
Greenwood, First	153	97	1

El Dorado, West Side	149	106	
Little Rock, Reynolds Memorial	147	65	
Hoxie, First	147	52	1
Little Rock, Woodlawn	132	67	3
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	118	97	2
Eureka Springs, First	102	33	1
Ft. Smith, Trinity	101	118	2
Douglaville, First	99	84	9
Hot Springs, Lake Hamilton	94	47	
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	94	106	
Melbourne	91	105	6
Kensett	90	80	
N. Little Rock, Grace	90	25	13
N. Little Rock, Pike Avenue	89	59	
Mena, Dallas Avenue	82	43	2
Dardanelle	78	25	3
Warren, Immanuel	73	106	
Martindale	72	42	
Crossett, North	70	109	14
Crossett	70	109	14
Strong, First	69	63	8
Little Rock, West Side	66	59	
Little Rock, Bethel	66		
Little Rock, Bellvue	62		
Little Rock, Geyer Springs	61	55	
Ft. Smith, North Side	46	30	3
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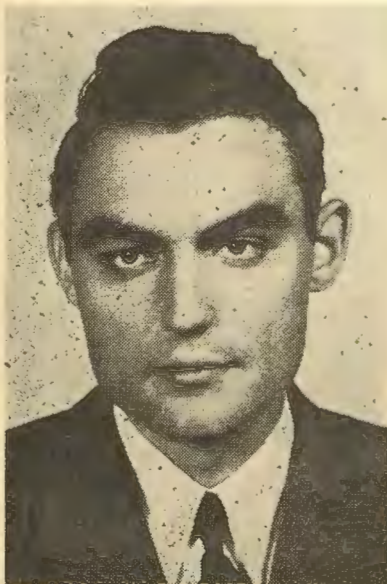
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Golden Gate Seminary A Mission Challenge

By H. H. Stagg

General Missionary, Home Mission Board, Berkeley, California

Golden Gate Seminary is the greatest missionary asset Southern Baptists have in California. Every student and faculty member is a missionary.

Located in Berkeley, California, the influence of this seminary is greatly felt in the Bay Area where forty-four churches and thirteen missions are led largely by students, former students, and faculty members. Of these fifty-seven churches and missions all but four of the pastors or leaders are, or have been associated with the seminary, and three of these plan to enroll for the fall session. Seminary students conduct street services regularly in three different places in Berkeley.

Ten new churches have been organized in this area since the associational meetings in September. Students are now beginning to move into other sections of California and other Western states.

On May 1-2 the school graduated its first class of thirteen. Enrollment to date is 119, students coming largely from Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries.

One of the greatest mission fields of the nation is at the door of the seminary. People of more than forty different nationalities can be reached by the students. The largest university in the United States is located in Berkeley just three blocks from the seminary, with an enrollment of above 23,000 from all over the world. A number of these have been won to faith in Christ, including several prominent Chinese and people of other races. The university, which does not enroll freshmen or sophomores from outside California, has over 600 Chinese students, many of whom are prominent business or professional people. Actually seminary students and faculty members are doing much foreign mission work, as they contact people from nearly every nation.

Golden Gate Seminary is an institution of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, and has been in the budget of that Convention for three years. It has property valued at \$135,000, with indebtedness of \$85,000. The budget of the seminary this year is \$31,000.

Dr. B. O. Herring, for twenty-one years in the Bible Department at Baylor University, is president. Among the eighteen faculty members and instructors, the most widely known are Drs. S. G. Posey, A. L. Aulick, J. B. Kincannon, Clyde Jay Garrett, and F. M. Powell.

Jesus' Teaching on the Judgement

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

*Sunday School Lesson
for May 15, 1949
Mark 13:1-2, 28-37*

This is a highly interesting and important lesson; it is one which deals with both past and future events in the life of Christ. So often in the centuries past and in recent days man has attempted to set a time for some of these future happenings. A preacher can announce a sermon in which he will answer the ever vital question, "when is Jesus returning to this earth again," and that preacher can draw a crowd and arouse interest. Too much sensational speculation has centered around this promise of our Lord, "I will come again." It is a sacred promise; Baptists believe absolutely in our Lord's return; we recognize many signs of the times, and yet we know that no man can be dogmatic and say when He is returning or even that certain events are positively fulfillment of prophecy. We need to teach this truth more, search our Bibles for the revelations it contains, and work diligently winning the lost and sending the words of life around the world.

The entire thirteenth chapter of Mark should be read in preparation for this lesson, and in addition the twenty-first chapter of Luke, the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth chapters of Matthew should be studied. Mark records in chapter thirteen the last public discourse of our Lord, often referred to as the Olivet Discourse. Jesus was deeply concerned that His disciples understand the events soon to happen and those in the near and distant future. He predicted the destruction of the temple, the end of the world age and His own return. The questions of the disciples led Him to answer them, which He did through the Olivet Discourse. This is called by scholars, the eschatological discourse, meaning the doctrine of last things.

The Fate of the Temple

The Tuesday before our Lord's crucifixion was a day unsurpassed in all His public ministry. Following His clash with religious leaders over His declaration of authority, Jesus left the temple for what is believed to be the last time. That moment of leaving was filled with amazing prophecy concerning the fate of the beautiful structure. The afternoon of that day was filled with His significant teaching about His return and the judgment. Out on the Mount of Olives Jesus, in apocalyptic language and thought, fully revealed the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem and events relating to His second coming and the judgment which would take place at the end of this age.

Coming out of the temple, one of the disciples pointed to the massive stones and wondrous buildings of the temple. The grandeur and immense size of it

all caused the disciples in pride and perhaps in an attempt to divert Jesus' mind from prior events within the temple, to exclaim over the magnificent scene. It was a structure of architectural splendor, in the very heart of all the life of the capital city. The Jews loved the temple, and they were proud of its size, beauty, and ability as a fortress.

Jesus was saddened by the fact that, because the people rejected Him, Divine judgment was soon to fall upon the city with its glorious temple. The weight of sorrow for the forthcoming doom of these things caused Him to weep over the city a few days earlier and now, instead of admiring the temple, He cried, "Seest thou these great buildings? There shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

It was a startling announcement to the disciples, for they could not quite realize the full purpose of the mission of Jesus. As He was so soon to leave them, He was anxious to prepare them, knowing that they had not grasped the fact that He was rejected by His people and was shortly to be crucified. In the later teaching of the day Jesus went on to foreshadow His own return and later Divine judgment. About forty years after that day Titus and the Roman armies entered Jerusalem and utterly destroyed the temple and the city itself.

"When Shall These Things Be?"

The query of the disciples rings in the hearts of men today as the world rolls on in chaos, sin, turmoil, and rebellion against God. When shall the Lord return, fulfill all hope for the believer and mete out judgment which His righteous will shall decree?

The disciples were upset and troubled; Peter, James, John and Andrew asked Him privately, "Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?" They wanted to know, not only when the destruction of the temple would take place, but also what would be the sign of His coming and the consummation of the age. Jesus in reply spoke this great prophetic message in which He gave a review of the period of time between the crucifixion and His return to the earth. There shall be "deceivers, nation in conflict with nation, earthquakes, famines." He was not only giving prophetic views of the time from their present to A. D. 70, but also He merged prophecy to reveal the period from A. D. 70 until our age.

Jesus warned of false teachers and false Christs. He warned the

disciples about being misled, even as His warning reaches us today. A sect in California, some years ago, sold all belongings, met together to await the end of the world. It did not materialize. Hitler in our day was called "the Anti-Christ"; Napoleon in his day was hailed as such. Neither proved to be any such man of sin.

Jesus spoke of the great sign which must come to pass before the end: "the gospel shall first be published among the nations" (Mark 13:20). The gospel is the message of redemption for all men, for only through acceptance of Him is there salvation for each individual, and the command was left that all nations should hear of Him. The disciples and future followers of Christ were to expect persecution, hardship, opposition, hatred, and even death, but the Holy Spirit would impart strength and power for their faithful witnessing. Their fidelity would receive just recompense. The disciples who listened that day on the Mount of Olives experienced persecution and, all but John, death.

Great tribulation would come out of the destruction of the temple and city by Titus and also would precede the Lord's return. As Jesus prophesied these things, He used the tragic scene of the destruction under Titus to describe events of the judgment to come.

He used the parable of the fig tree to explain that as the approaching summer is recognized by the bursting of the fig tree to new life, so should men see the drawing night of prophetic truths by the signs of the times.

The Certainty of Christ's Return

The Lord gave His predictions in response to the query of the disciples; He taught them the signs for which they must watch. Then He said, with convincing authority, "My words shall not pass away." Regardless of every-

thing else these things, spoken by Him, will come to pass. Just exactly when He would return Jesus could not tell: "But of that day or that hour knoweth no one, not even the angels in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." He did tell them definite things concerning the destruction of Jerusalem, but only the Father knows the hour when the Son shall return to earth. The scripture gives no license for date setting or predictions like this: "I know the Lord shall come in my lifetime." No one knows that, only the Father.

But He is coming! "Take ye heed, watch and pray." We are to prepare ourselves for His coming and spend our time in urging others to be ready. Jesus gave the disciples an example of preparedness by using the illustration of the man whose servants were to be busy always about their work, not knowing when the lord of the house was to return.

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Morning Session

- 9:45—Sing and Sing _____ Paul Green
9:55—The Scriptures and Prayer _____ Dr. J. G. Hughes, Tennessee
10:00—Introductory—The Stewardship of Ideas _____ Dr. M. E. Dodd, Louisiana
10:30—The Membership Distinctive—Regeneration _____ Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Tennessee
11:00—Announcements. Special Music.
11:15—The Ceremonial Distinctive—Believers Baptism _____ Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Georgia

Afternoon Session

- 2:00—Sing and Sing _____ Paul Green
2:10—The Scriptures and Prayer _____ Leon M. Hill, Texas
2:15—The Organizational Distinctive—Separation of Church and State
_____ Dr. Louie D. Newton, Georgia
2:45—The Governmental Distinctive—Democracy of the Saints
_____ Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, Florida
3:15—Special Music.
3:25—Free for All. What's on your mind?

Evening Session

- 7:30—Sing and Sing _____ Paul Green
7:40—The Scripture and Prayer _____ Dr. Douglas Hudgins, Mississippi
7:45—The Message Distinctive—Salvation by Grace _____ Dr. W. Boyd Hunt, Texas
8:15—Special Music. Offering for Conference expenses.
8:25—The Ultimate Distinctive—Tell the World _____ Dr. R. C. Campbell, Arkansas

Preachers Whose Wives Could Become Widows Read This

We wish to call to your attention the fact that Paragraph 11 of your Certificate of Participation is now in effect. We hope you will be governed thereby in the payment of dues. Let us set forth this paragraph:

11. GRACE PERIOD—Member contributions and convention contributions are due and payable monthly the first day of each month. In the event of non-payment of contributions a grace period of ninety days shall be allowed. In the event of the death of the member during such grace period all unpaid contributions shall be deducted from any benefits payable. If such contributions shall not have been paid during such grace period, then at the expiration of the grace period membership in the Plan shall be terminated. If and when membership is resumed by the payment of required member contributions and convention contributions, thereafter the graduated scale of benefits outlined in paragraph seven shall apply, counting from the date of the resumption of membership; further, for each year of omitted membership the widow's annuity shall be reduced at the rate of one-twenty-fifth (1-25) as provided in paragraph nine.

We urge all members to pay their dues regularly and promptly.

A Further Explanation

Let no member drop out of the Supplemental Plan for fear there is any forfeiture of benefits when he reaches the retirement age. No member has to retire at the age of 65. He may continue as long as he is physically

able to work. While an active member of the Ministers Retirement Plan, the payment of dues in that Plan assures him of benefits in the Supplemental Plan, provided that membership remains active. Those who paid their dues in full for the year 1948 are now insured in case of death during this present year. The widow would receive 10 per cent of the member's last year's salary, up to the maximum on which dues are paid into the Ministers Retirement Plan, \$4,000. This amount is increased by 2 per cent each year until the maximum of 20 per cent is reached.

If a member sees fit to retire, he can plan for an annuity for his wife by accepting a reduced annuity for himself. On the average the reduction of a member's annuity, where the wife is the same age, would be approximately 20 per cent. This would mean that an annuity of \$1,000 would be reduced to approximately \$800, leaving 50 per cent of the member's reduced annuity of \$400 to the surviving wife, to be paid to her as long as she lives. It pays to be a member of the Widows Supplemental Plan, so that the wife may be assured of a worthy annuity.

Pastor Pierce Leaves Pine Bluff

A few days ago we received information that Pastor A. B. Pierce of the First Church, Pine Bluff, is leaving Arkansas to accept the pastorate of the First Church, Kosciusko, Mississippi. Brother Pierce has done a marvelous work in Pine Bluff. Great crowds have come to hear him preach, and many have yielded to the Lord under his ministry. He has been a good yokefellow in denominational work, his counsels have been helpful, and his loyalty has been outstanding. A bulletin of the First Church, Pine Bluff, in com-

menting on the resignation of Brother Pierce, has the following to say:

"It just does not seem right to have to tell the Pierces goodbye! If there is such a nice thing as "Christian jealousy" that is our state of heart as we are confronted with the proposition to yield our good pastor and family over to the First Church, Kosciusko, Mississippi. It is nothing less than a tearful farewell with us.

"We can say to the people back in Mississippi that they are to have one of the noblest pastors in all the South and a preacher of very superior gifts. Mrs. Pierce is his counter-part in culture, grace, and unselfish service."

Gallop and Sidney

It was a great day for the saints at Sidney March 27. The occasion was the dedication of a new church building. It would have inspired your soul to see it. Pastor Hal Gallop has led the church to the completion of this building. It is a rock veneer with Sunday School rooms in the rear. There is only one thing wrong about it, and that is common to most of our Baptist churches. When it was finished it was immediately apparent that it was not large enough. It is a splendid structure. Gallop is not a standstill preacher. Wherever he goes churches lift their eyes, and make progress. He is a good preacher, and knows how to get along with his people. Sidney is a small inland town north of Batesville. In this church are some of the finest people we have ever met.

Claude Jenkins and Clinton

In our gypsying we stopped in one Sunday evening for worship with Pastor Jenkins at Clinton. A large crowd had gathered for the church service. We were impressed with a large number of young people and children in the service. They love and appreciate Brother Jenkins, and follow his leadership. He is held in high esteem. He loves his people, and they love him. We went through the new annex to the church building. It provides good facilities for Sunday School and Training Union work. The brethren there have a mind to work, and they do a lot of the building themselves. Under the leadership of Jenkins this church has a perpetual progressive program of advancement.

Debt on Southern Baptist Churches at the end of the associational year was estimated at \$47,519,018. Of this it is estimated that \$6,230,535 is owed by open country churches; \$2,902,185 by village churches; \$3,767,272 by town churches; and \$34,619,025 by city churches.

It is estimated that the city churches had more than \$50,000,000 in building and reserve funds on hand at the end of the 1948 associational year.