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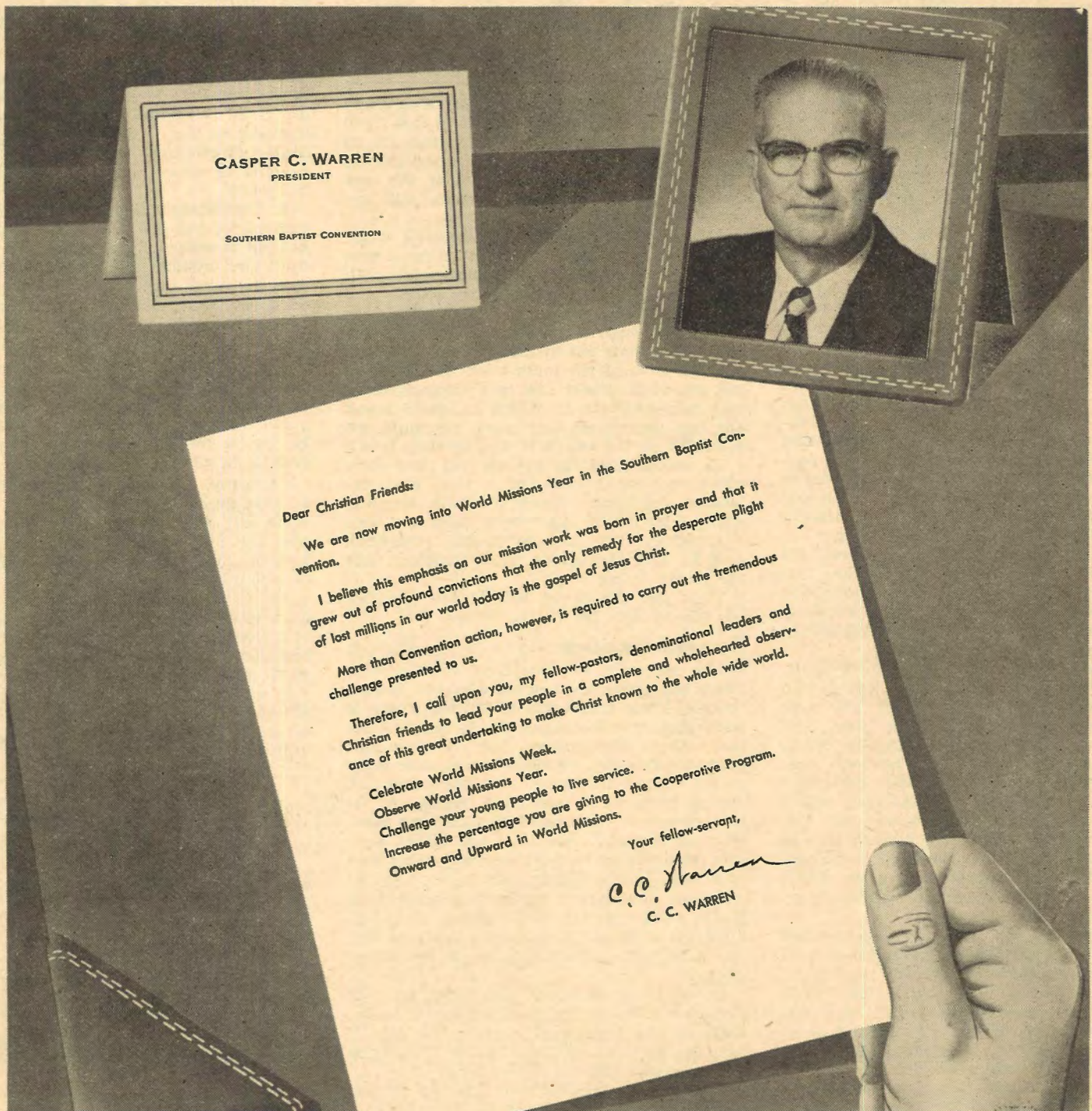
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By T. K. RUCKER, *Pastor*
First Church, Forrest City

Southern Baptists have their eye on the world with the aim of taking it for Christ. Our whole denominational program, from the local church, state convention, home and world missions is geared toward advance.

The terminology used and the goals set reveal that Baptists are on the march—such as “The advance Program of Southern Baptists,” “World Evangelization,” “World Missions year in 1957” and “30,000 New Churches and Mission Stations by 1964” and “The Forward Program of Finance of Southern Baptists” are manifestations of our great Baptist army catching step and preparing to take this world for Christ.

The crisis of our world situation, springing from the sea of surging human life in desperate plight seeking for security, freedom, light, and life cry out to us for help. We are moved with a deep sense of obligation and compassion to help them.

There are days for heroic action. The late Dr. George W. Truett once said, “It is high time for Baptists to take a great step forward. A lassitude seems to have settled upon many of Christ’s people. Something grandly heroic and sacrificial needs now to be done to quicken the pulse beat of our vast Baptist family and start our people in every land on the upward march.”

We Believe the Day Has Come

The Spirit of God is moving mightily across our whole convention. If each individual Christian will do only what a little boy of ten did for his country we can take this world for Christ. Quite some years ago there was a war between the French and the people who lived in that little country to the northeast of Italy called the Tyrol. I suppose most people love their native land, but at this particular time the Tyrolese were so anxious to save their country that even the women and children followed the soldiers to battle in hopes of being of some use to them.

One of the boys who thus followed his father was called Albert Speckbacker. He was only ten years old, but his father was one of the bravest leaders of the Tyrolese, and young as he was, Albert was determined that he would help him somehow.

One day the French went to attack a village. Between them and it there was a deep ravine, at the bottom of which the river Ard dashed along at a terrific pace. The only way to reach the village was by crossing a bridge. A strange sort of bridge it was, too, just the kind to keep a village free from enemies. It was simply a great tree, which had been felled from the mountain side and allowed to fall right across the ravine, so that its topmost boughs caught on the opposite rocks—a dangerous crossing place, and one on which only one person could go at a time.

The Tyrolese knew what the French were doing, and a party of three hundred men with Speckbacker as their leader, was sent down to defend this bridge. For an hour the battle raged on each side of the ravine, and the Tyrolese seemed to be getting the best of it. Then the French general ordered two cannon to be dragged up the rocks, and in a very short time more than half the brave Tyrolese were killed, Speckbacker among the number.

Little Albert knelt beside his father’s dead body, and wondered what he could do to save his village. He saw that the Tyrolese were going to try to destroy the bridge. If that could be done, the French could not

possibly enter the village. He watched them get their axes and begin cutting through the roots and trunk of the tree.



But as they boldly worked, the rifles killed one after the other of them, till at last their courage failed, and no one came forward to take his place at the task which had proven fatal to so many. A great part of the tree had been cut through, but there still remained enough to hold it firm.

Albert looked down at his father’s white face, then up to the bright heaven for a moment; then he seized the axe and worked with all his strength. A shower of bullets fell round him, but none touched him. The tree was cut through at last except at one point, which was quite out of his reach. It was only a small piece of the inner bark, but he could not get at it. Albert saw in a moment there was only one way in which he could break the tree away from this point. He must put a weight on the top of it, and so snap it off.

He waited until the French had fired their rifles once more, then, while they were reloading, he sprang upon the tree, jumping with all his might. His weight, light as it was, snapped the little piece by which it was held, and he and the bridge went tumbling into the ravine below.

Thus did the brave boy of ten sacrifice his life to save his native village.

Personal Sacrifice

May we catch the sacrificial spirit of this noble lad and ask ourselves what we can do to help bring this world to Christ. There is something that each can do. It matters not how old or how young, how rich or how poor. We can give ourselves in complete dedication to the furtherance of the cause of Christ. **Be loyal to your local church and its total program. Undergird it with your presence and prayers, your time and talent, your love and service as well as your tithes and offerings.** Just as Albert grabbed the axe and cut away that which guaranteed deliverance to his village, so we, as followers of Christ, must cut away all hindrances around us that would prevent the bringing in of His Kingdom.

As Albert knelt beside the fallen body of his beloved father and resolved to rise to the need of the hour and sacrifice his life if need be, so let us in the name of Christ rise up and make this our finest hour.

While this noble lad gave his life for his country, Christ calls upon us to give ourselves through our local churches to the whole world. In the midst of the wreckage and debris of human life that is seething all about us may we each be more aggressive in sharing the good news of our Savior and Lord to those less fortunate than we.

How Pleasant is Unity

By LUTHER F. DORSEY, *Pastor*
Forrest Park Church, Pine Bluff

“Behold how good and how pleasant it is that brethren dwell in unity.” Psalm 133:1. The psalmist is singing of the blessing and beauty of the heart-harmony that should characterize the children of God, who have the privilege of joining their efforts in living for and worshipping the Lord.

It is becoming of Christians to love one another. “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another” Rom. 12:10. Dwelling together in unity becomes a blessing to the brethren, an attraction to a lost world, and it is well-pleasing to God.

It is good to see Arkansas Baptists growing in this grace. There is evident among us a greater spirit of unity and brotherly love than has been seen in recent years. Tensions and factions are less in evidence. Struggle for prestige and selfish advantage by groups or individuals is not apparent. Our institutions seek to perform their functions on the highest possible level, yet with a vital interest in all the causes which we support. The workers in the various departments of our State Convention perform their services keeping in view the total program of Baptist work.

It has become the rule rather than the exception for our State Baptist Conventions to be held in peace and harmony on a high spiritual level without discord and disunity. This does not mean that we have all come to agree on every issue, but, perhaps, that we have learned to disagree without being disagreeable.

Baptists have no artificial or mechanical basis of union. Our only grounds for unity are that we take God’s word as our guide for faith and practice and that we are bound by brotherly love which is the outgrowth of God’s indwelling love.

Certainly, there is much room for growth in this grace for each of us. It will be a great day when every Christian can rejoice over the good work and advanced opportunities of his fellow Christian, when every church praises God for the growth of her sister churches, when every institution and department has lost every vestige of envy and jealousy, and when our hearts are ruled completely by the principle of love. Until such time arrives, let us rejoice over the progress which we have made and say with the writer to the Hebrews, “Let brotherly love continue,” and bind us into a more perfect unity.

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He Is the Way In All Relationships of Life

By S. A. WHITLOW, *Chrm., Executive Board,*
Arkansas Baptist State Convention

This generation has lived under a long and mounting tension. There was a time when the seas provided a large measure of immunity from the ills of other nations. By comparison — life a few years ago was much more simple. Our economic needs were fewer and provided for largely by the fruits produced within our own national boundary. But today life is much more complex. Our dependence upon others for mere existence has increased. We have witnessed a change in the complexion of the entire world. Life among the peoples of the world has become so interwoven that no longer are we able to live separate and apart. The firing of a gun in Korea immediately reverberates around the world. A Suez incident immediately effects the economy of the whole world. The methods of warfare between the two great wars have so changed that today total warfare means total destruction.

World Tensions

Likewise this generation has witnessed the emergence of world unrest. The peoples of the "have not" nations have been sending up a strong cry for a larger share in the good things of this life. The subject peoples have been asserting their will for liberty and freedom. The race problem throughout the world is but a part of this world cry for deliverance. These problems clamor for a solution. Is there a solution? Is there a way out of this wilderness of strife and tension?

Our generation has also witnessed the rise of a number of "isms" which have promised

a way out — Fascism, Nazism, Communism. We believe these "isms" will only lead to the dead-end street of disaster. There is one hope, and only one. Christ stands in the midst of the world turmoil and says, "I am the Way."

It seems evident that Christianity has its best opportunity in America today. But it also seems that in view of world conditions our Christian faith — and to bring it a little closer home — our Baptist witness is being challenged at three particular points. We need to face our claims and reevaluate our response at these points.

To All People

First, the announcement of the angel in the long ago was that the good tidings of salvation was to be TO ALL PEOPLE. Do we believe that it means just this — to all people? Eight million Southern Baptists have something over one thousand missionaries witnessing to the billions of people outside our home land. If there were not but one missionary, that would be an occasion to thank God. But when we look at the two figures — eight million then one thousand, is this a compliment to our faith? What does it say in terms of the sincerity we have in our message to solve the problems which plague the world?

In the next place, this salvation is to effect every area of life. A salvation that is relegated to a corner of one's life and tabbed "religion" is not likely to have a saving influence on the world. Jesus said, "I am the

Way." His Way is to become the Way in all of life's relationships. Is this not what He taught us to pray for when He said, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done IN EARTH, as it is in heaven." The peace which God gives comes as a result of a right relationship with Himself, and in the expression of justice, love and mercy toward our fellow-man. We experience the peace only as we express the good will. The world shall never be safe for humanity until all men are living within the will of God in all of life's relationships.

Personal Witness

Another area of testing is at the point of our personal witness. Jesus said to His disciples a short time before His ascension. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." And again, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." If it takes a score of Baptists a year to win one person to Christ, does this indicate the lack of seriousness with which we take our mission? Does He expect every follower to be a missionary? A little three-year-old began her bedtime prayer by saying, "Dear God, please bless all the missionaries who do not know about Jesus."

G. K. Chesterton has said, "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting: it has been found difficult, and left untried." Do we have in the Gospel the message which the world needs? Perhaps better still, Do we have the will to give the Gospel to the whole world?

Promotion Day Rebellion

By LAWSON HATFIELD, *Pastor*
First Church, Fordyce

Well it finally happened. A member of our Sunday School refused to co-operate with the church program of grading the Sunday School on the age basis.

Grading has been taught here for years. All our members know we believe in a graded Sunday School. We have observed what other progressive churches have done in grading. We have departments and classes for every age-group from the Nursery through the Adult departments. Grading is our way. We respectfully believe that all our members should gladly co-operate with the established church program of grading.

When this situation came to my attention I thought I'd better look into it. I was told that I should not be surprised if every member did not see eye to eye on this, or any other question. I was reminded that there has been only one perfect world series game, so why look for perfection here? Of course, I admit we are not perfect, but I still contend that this particular individual should co-operate.

This person is of Baptist stock. This individual is watched by many, carries considerable influence. This person has known Baptist work and nothing else for a lifetime. So, I decided to investigate.

Naturally, I recognize that a class member develops a love and appreciation for one's teacher. This one surely did! Too, a member develops an appreciation for the nice room in which the class meets. This member acted as if the room was personal property! As unwise as it is, I feel that I will be justified in calling names here, for after all there is a

time when a pastor must be firm. Just think, this person is elevating self above the program. However, I doubt if even this will embarrass the person involved, for I have never seen such a stubborn will in all my life.

In my investigation I wanted to know a few things. First, did the teacher have the right attitude? Or, did the teacher seek the member's loyalty above the loyalty to the program? Then I wanted to know if the Department Superintendent used proper influence? Finally, did other members of the department try to do the same thing without my knowing about it.

I found the answers.

I found that in spite of a wonderful preparatory work — In spite of a good teacher and a good room in the next class above awaiting the promotee — In spite of the good leadership of our general superintendent, and the wish of the pastor. — In spite of promotion exercises taking place in every other class and department. — Yes, in spite of all this, this one, all important person refused to promote.

The teacher did have the right attitude, as did the department superintendent. (However, the department superintendent should have been more firm in authority than was evident to me.)

Even my wife, typical example of a pastor's wife, usually a "smoother-over-of-many-situations," even my wife was at wit's end.

Naturally, others were infected by this negative action. A whole segment of the class seemed to feel the same way. Finally I came

face to face with this raging, indignant, even bellowing rebel, letting all the Sunday School known just how he felt.

I faced my two year old son, Stephen Gill, ring leader of the Promotion Day Rebellion, stubbornly refusing to promote on Promotion Day.

Finally, I took him by the hand and exercised the authority inherent in the father-son (not pastor-member) relationship and promptly executed the Promotion act. At this writing three weeks after promotion Stephen still casts longing eyes through the door of the toddlers nursery as he solemnly conforms to the Baptist program of grading. He is even showing some signs of becoming happy in his new found membership of the foreign legion, oops, of the 2 year old nursery.

And let that be a lesson to you!

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Germans Hold Prayers For Peace, Reunification

Protestants and Roman Catholics in East and West Germany joined in prayers for international peace and German reunification during overcrowded Christmas services.

Tokens of hope for East-West unity were seen in huge lighted Christmas trees set up at 250 points along the border and visible for miles inside the Soviet Zone.

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In Russia the government denies religious freedom to the 500,000 baptized Baptist believers.

—Theo F. Adams

Kingdom Progress

Hot Springs Pastor



R. R. SHREVE

R. R. Shreve, for the past five years associational missionary for Independence County, became the pastor of Emmanuel Church, Hot Springs, December 5. For three years prior Mr. Shreve was missionary for Little Red River Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Shreve are the parents of six children; three sons are ministers; one daughter is married to a minister; Carroll, 17; and Mary Elizabeth, 13, reside at home. The Shreves reside at 119 Moore Street in Hot Springs.

New Orleans Book Store Suffers Fire Loss

The Baptist Book Store, 4141 Providence Place, New Orleans, La., suffered a severe fire loss on Christmas.

Temporary headquarters have been set up in the Music Building of the New Orleans Seminary, and business has continued uninterrupted, according to Miss May Detherage, manager.

The store will move back into its old quarters in about 90 days or as soon as the building can be repaired and new stock installed.

—B.S.S.B.

Henry Lin Freed From Prison, Says Report

Dr. Henry H. Lin, former president of the University of Shanghai, China, who has been in Communist prison for a number of years, has been released, according to information which Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has received from Hong Kong.

The report, which came in a letter from the Baptist Mission office in Hong Kong, says that a telegram from Mrs. Henry Lin gives the information.

Dr. Lin, a fourth generation Christian and great Baptist leader of China, is a graduate of the University of Shanghai. He did graduate work in the States and holds the honorary degree of doctor of laws from Wake Forest (N. C.) College and Baylor University, Waco, Tex. He has many friends among Southern Baptists.

Extension Dept. Worker



DR. ALBERT H. FAUTH

Albert H. Fauth began his work as an associate with the Seminary Extension Department on January 1, 1957. He comes to this position from Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, where he served as Director of Extension.

He is a native of Missouri and was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Columbus, Indiana in 1945. He received his A. B. from Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, his B. D. from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and his Th. D. from Central Seminary. Dr. Fauth served the following churches as pastor: First Baptist Church, Columbus, Indiana; First Baptist Church, Plainfield, Indiana; First Baptist Church, Salisbury, Missouri, and the First Baptist Church, Vandalia, Missouri. He became associated with the Central Baptist Seminary in June 1955, serving as Director of Extension, Dean of Night School, Professor of New Testament, and part time Public Relations Assistant.

The Seminary Extension Department is located in Jackson, Mississippi, with Lee Gallman as Director. The coming of Dr. Fauth brings the third associate to the Department. Ray K. Hodge works primarily on the eastern seaboard, W. A. Whitten works primarily in Kentucky, Western Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, and East Texas. Dr. Fauth will supervise the work in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, Dr. Gallman announces.

El Dorado Pastor

Galilee Church, El Dorado, has recently called Jack Livingston as pastor.

Mr. Livingston is a native of Rogers. He graduated from Central High School, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma. He is presently attending Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Mr. Livingston was previously pastor of First Church, Muldrow, Oklahoma, and has held several other pastorates in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Livingston is the former Virginia Newton, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Tom Newton of Joyce City Church, Smackover. The Livingstons have one child, a son, Eddie.

Minister Ordained



JESSE L. NUTT JR.

Jesse L. Nutt Jr. was ordained to the ministry by Immanuel Church, El Dorado, Sunday afternoon, December 30.

John E. Hargett, pastor of Cross Roads Church, served as moderator of the ordaining council. W. F. Couch, associational missionary in Liberty Association, conducted the examination. R. C. Brinkley, pastor of Southside Church, El Dorado, delivered the charge and presented the Bible. Pastor Jay D. Tolleson delivered the ordination sermon.

Mr. Nutt is a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia. He is a senior in Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and is serving with First Church, Newport, Kentucky.

News From Mississippi County Association

By JOHN D. GEARING, *Missionary*

The attendance for the "M" Night meeting, held at First Church, Blytheville, reached an all-time high with 1,505 present. The attendance for 1955 was 840. A goal of 1,750 has been set for 1957. Keiser Church won the attendance banner and Boynton Church the efficiency banner.

Approximately 200 Sunday school awards were earned and 75 per cent of the churches in the association participated in group training schools held in December. Ernest Adams, assistant state Sunday School Secretary, assisted in three schools.

The Vacation Bible School goal for 1957 has been set for 41 church schools and 9 mission schools. The first VBS clinic will be held at First Church, Blytheville, March 8.

James Marlar has accepted the call to the Whittion Church as pastor.

George Richardson has resigned as pastor of New Harmony Church.

M. D. Davis has resigned as pastor of New Bethel Church to accept work in Reeves, Missouri.

First of Film Series On Major Religions Released

The first of a series of color films on major world religions was released in New York.

Entitled "The Crescent and the Cross," the 30-minute motion picture on Mohammedanism was produced in Egypt and the Holy Land under the supervision of Dick Ross, producer of Billy Graham's radio series.

**Educational Director,
Little Rock, Second**



W. H. OAKES

W. H. Oakes became Educational Director of the Second Church, Little Rock, January 7. Mr. Oakes has been Educational Director at the Evans Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, for the past seven years.

Mr. Oakes, a native of Greenville, Florida, is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College at Fort Worth, and holds a master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakes, the former Blanche Ray Conner at Fort Worth, will reside at 2000 Woodlawn, with their three children, Walter, nine; Carol Ann, five, and Dana Sue, four.

Dr. Dale Cowling is pastor of Second Church.

**What a Stewardship Revival
Did For Beebe Church**

Last fall we began one of the most intensive Stewardship drives that we have ever put on here in Beebe. We began with a Church Wide Mission Study, all the various organizations cooperating. We showed Stewardship films, taught stewardship Sunday School Lessons, preached several sermons on the various phases of Stewardship. Strange things began to take place, attendance increased, people began to be saved, others transferred their membership, with the result that we have had more additions to the church since September 1, than all last year put together. There have been 31 additions to the church, 9 of these being by baptism.

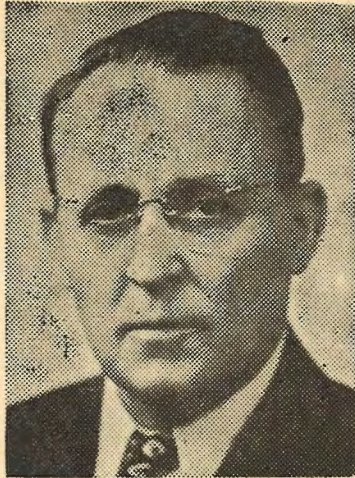
In the meantime, we have increased our gifts for this year both to the Cooperative Program, and to Associational Missions. In addition to this the church has purchased additional property including some vacant lots adjacent to the church and a pastor's home. For all this and more we give thanks to God for his blessings upon our church.

—Reese S. Howard, Pastor

Relatives in California?

Dear Pastor, if there is a member of your church that has moved into the Greater Los Angeles Area, we would appreciate it very much if you would submit their names and addresses to the Southern Baptist City Missions office at 6620 Rita Avenue, Huntington Park, California. This area includes San Fernando, Burbank, Panarama City, North Hollywood, Universal City, Tarzana, Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys, Receda, Glendale, Pasa-

Arkansan in Indiana



W. C. ROWE

W. C. Rowe, former pastor and associational missionary in Arkansas, assumed the duties of Director and Organizer of New missions for the East Gary Baptist Church in East Gary, Indiana, January 22. Mr. Rowe is associated with his son, G. C. Rowe, who is pastor of the East Gary Church.

The Indiana Church was organized in 1952 with 56 members and an annual income of \$861. In 1956 the membership had grown to 373, with contributions totaling \$29,985. Five missions have been organized by the church, three of which have grown into full time churches.

**Home Board Opens Korean
Mission Work**

The Home Mission Board officially opened mission work with Korean people in the United States with the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Dong M. Kim in the January executive committee meeting.

The couple will be located on the West Coast, with mission work in either Los Angeles or San Francisco, depending upon the information gleaned from a current survey of Korean mission possibilities.

The Kims, both natives of Korea, have been studying at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth where, in January, Mr. Kim completed resident work for the Th. D., and Mrs. Kim received the M.R.E. degree.

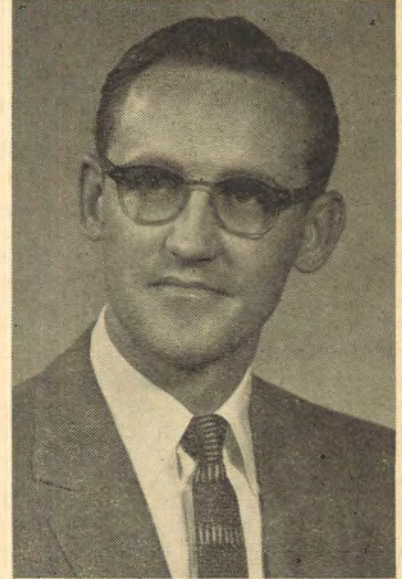
Mr. Kim is a graduate of a Korean university, and Mrs. Kim is a graduate of a Japanese college. Mrs. Kim was in a Japanese prison for five years as a result of her evangelistic efforts.

In other Board action, Gerald Palmer, Trinidad, Colorado, was elected director of Spanish and Indian Missions in New Mexico. Mr. Palmer, missionary in northern New Mexico for nine years, has been pastor in Trinidad for a year. He and Mrs. Palmer succeed Rev. and Mrs. Milton Leach, Sr. in the position.

dena, Santa Monica, Inglewood, Culver City, Long Beach, Hawthorne, San Pedro, Lakewood, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Whittier, Baldwin Park, Covina, W. Covina, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Huntington Park, Compton, South Cate, Norwalk, and Downey. These are the principle cities. Others that may be in this same area will be gladly received and forwarded to the proper pastor for consideration. Thank you very much."

H. M. Liechty, Supt.,
Southern Baptist City Missions
Huntington Park, Calif.

**Minister of Music,
Baring Cross, No. Little Rock**



URAL CLAYTON

Ural Clayton, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, and former Minister of Music of the Evans Avenue Baptist Church in that city, became the Minister of Music for Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, on January 20.

Mr. Clayton received the B. S. M. degree from Texas Wesleyan College and the M. S. M. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton have two daughters, ages one and two.

**Practice Teaching Begins
At Ouachita**

Practice teaching will begin in the spring semester at Ouachita College, it was announced by Dr. C. A. Yeoman.

Practice teaching is a laboratory situation where beginning teachers work under supervision of cooperation teachers and college supervisors. In the elementary grades Miss Maude Wright, assistant professor of education and in the secondary grades Dr. Horace Nelson, associate professor of psychology and education, are faculty supervisors.

The student teacher starts orientation the first week with the college supervisor and then goes to Malvern a half day for one semester. First they observe and then are inducted into the technical aspect of teaching. When the instructor feels the student is ready he allows the student to take charge of the class.

Dr. Yeoman said "The practice teaching period gives the student more help than any other part of teacher preparation."

Cotton Plant Receives 19

First Church, Cotton Plant, had the services of Evangelist Homer Martinez and Song Director Emmett Johnson, both of Fort Worth, Texas, in a revival meeting recently. There were 19 additions to the church, 16 by baptism and 3 by letter. Curtis H. Downs is pastor.

**Church Construction
Set Record in 1956**

Church construction reached an all-time high of \$773,000,000 in 1956, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported in Washington. This was \$39,000,000 more than the record established in 1955.

—Religious News Service

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By Religious News Service

Baptists Sponsor English-Language School For Refugees

Within a week after the first Hungarian refugees arrived in Cleveland, an English language school was opened for them in Euclid Avenue Baptist church.

While opened primarily for the Hungarians, the school also attracted new arrivals from Romania, Greece and Russia. Age of the students ranges from 18 to 60.

First lessons have been centered in simple phrases which the women will use in shopping and the men in shop work. Later, it is intended to broaden the base to cover a wide range of activities in American life.

Dr. Angus C. Hull, executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association, sponsor of the school, said he expects the newcomers will have a working knowledge of the language in six months.

Rabbis Protest Communist Propaganda On Wailing Wall

Israel's two Chief Rabbis protested in Jerusalem against the desecration of the Wailing Wall, "the holiest site in Judaism," which stands in Jerusalem's Jordan-controlled Old City.

They charged that Communist propaganda posters had been pasted on the Wall and called upon Jordanian authorities to take effective measures against the "defilers."

The Chief Rabbis also demanded that effective measures be taken to protect other Jewish Holy Places now in Jordan-held territory.

Southern Baptists Made Record Contributions Last Year

Southern Baptists set a new record in 1956 by giving \$20,942,547 in direct contributions to the denomination's various causes, it was reported by Porter Routh, secretary-treasurer of the Convention's executive committee.

The total is \$2,702,092, or 14.81 per cent, more than the 1955 amount.

Mr. Routh pointed out that these figures do not include amounts to support activities of the nation's 30,400 Southern Baptist churches and state Baptist bodies.

Congress Gets New Bills To Ban Liquor on Planes

Legislation to ban the serving of alcoholic beverages on commercial airliners was reintroduced in both the House and Senate.

A bill prohibiting the dispensing of liquor on planes was passed by the House last year but failed in the Senate. It was strongly supported by religious and temperance groups.

Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D.-Mass.) is the sponsor of a new House measure that would ban the serving of alcoholic beverages to passengers on any aircraft, commercial, private or military. Sen. J. Strom Thurmond (D.-S.C.) introduced a bill applicable to commercial passenger planes and military aircraft.

Several other members of the House and Senate are preparing to join in sponsoring similar bills.

Congress Gets Proposals to Aid American Missionaries

American missionaries abroad would be given the privilege of buying at commissaries and post exchanges maintained by the U. S. Armed Forces under a bill sponsored by Rep. Philip J. Philbin (D.-Mass.).

"Our missionaries are doing a tremendous job in many areas, according to reports brought home by our boys in the armed services," he said, "and I think we ought to do all we can to help them.

"This is a very practical way of giving them assistance since it would permit them to buy many of the ordinary necessities of life that we take for granted here at home but which are so expensive and difficult to obtain in foreign lands."

The Congressman, a member of the House Armed Services Committee to which the bill was referred, said that the Department of Defense has opposed the enactment of such legislation, contending that missionaries are being helped through informal arrangements at PX's in many overseas bases.

"I feel that it is better to do it through specific legislation," Mr. Philbin said, "and I hope that all religious groups maintaining missionaries abroad will make their views known to the committee."

Kefauver Bill Seeks Stiffer Penalties For Pornography Peddlers

Stiffer penalties would be meted out to peddlers of indecent literature under the terms of a bill introduced in Congress by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D.-Tenn.). It also would authorize police to confiscate all equipment, including automobiles and cameras, used in making or distributing pornographic materials.

The measure was one of three recommended by the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Committee for enactment in the District of Columbia as model statutes for the rest of the country. Congress is the municipal law-making body for the District, which includes the city of Washington.

American Baptists Set Record in Giving

American Baptists set a new record in 1956 by contributing \$8,739,958 to the denomination's various causes.

American Baptist headquarters in New York City said the total is 9.2 per cent more than the \$8,000,000 goal set by the denomination and \$256,118 above the 1955 contributions.

Included in the 1956 figure are the two annual missionary offerings. A total of \$449,308 was received from the World Fellowship Offering which helps undergird the Convention's foreign mission work; and \$369,250 came from the America for Christ offering which goes toward the support of the Convention's home missions enterprise. The offerings represented a combined gain of \$61,500 over last year's offerings.

New York led all other areas in giving. For the past several years, the 270 American Baptist churches in Southern California have contributed about one-tenth of the denomination's annual goal. In 1956 they gave \$801,234.

A Smile or Two



"I dread the coming plumbing convention . . . those fellows tinker with the faucets in the hotel until all hours in the night."

One of the greatest satisfactions in life comes from being able to park on what's left of the other fellow's nickel.

A little girl had just received a new ring for her birthday. On that same evening, her mother had company. During the course of the evening — and much to the three-year-old's dismay — no one noticed her ring. Growing quite exasperated with waiting for attention, she squirmed and fidgeted. Then, just as a lull set in, the little child loudly exclaimed:

"My goodness, it's hot in here! I think I'll take off my ring."

Young Father: "In your sermon this morning you spoke about a baby being a new wave on the ocean of life."

Minister: That's right."

Young Father: "Don't you think a fresh squall would have been nearer the truth?"

A porter in a hotel was asked why rich men usually gave him small tips, while poor men were liberal.

"Well, suh, boss, I don't know, 'cep the rich man don't want nobody t' know he's rich and the po' man don't want nobody t' know he's po."

You can't beat New England enterprise. A native put up a sign: "This is the house that Paul Revere would have passed had he gone this way."

A few evenings ago, in a traffic jam, one of the inevitable horn-tooters began blasting his horn. A man in a car alongside looked over and politely inquired, "What else did you get for Christmas?"

A backwoods community had a reputation for not keeping its ministers for more than three or four months. Finally, the bishop sent a young preacher, and after two years, he was still on the job.

Surprised, the bishop pressed for an explanation.

Finally, a local townsman replied: "Well, I'd rather not tell you, but if you insist, here's the reason. We folks out here don't really want any preacher at all, and he's the closest we've come to it."

News From Baptist Press

Advance Funds Assist Work Of Mission Boards

The \$3,210,279 in Advance Cooperative Program funds to the two Southern Baptist Convention mission boards will enable them to set an "accelerated pace" for their work. Both Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, and Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, described advances made possible by these funds.

The Advance Cooperative Program funds include the money received in non-designated gifts after its annual operating and capital needs budget is met.

The Convention's \$10 million operating and capital needs budget for 1956 was met last October. After that date, through Dec. 31, all funds through the Cooperative Program went directly to missions — 75 per cent to the Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to the Home Mission Board.

In a message to Convention Treasurer Porter Routh, Nashville, Cauthen said the \$2,407,709 share received for foreign missions "enables worldwide ministry to advance with accelerated pace."

"We praise God for this blessing and pray that 1957 may see new heights reached as Southern Baptists share the Gospel of Christ with a needy world through the Cooperative Program."

Redford said that \$650,000 of the home board's share of \$802,569 went into the board's annual operating budget. It supported the full work of the Home Mission Board, "especially making possible an enlarged ministry in pioneer areas with more mission pastors and more missionaries."

It also enlarged our work among Negroes, adding more Negro centers, and more extension and institute work. It provided more direct mission work," Redford added, "among Indians in California, Colorado, and other Western states." He said \$100,000 went into the board's church extension loan fund to aid church building programs.

BPRA Workshop to Be Held February 11-12

Public relations men from the American Bible Society and the Billy Graham evangelistic team will appear on the program of the third annual Baptist Public Relations Association workshop in Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 11-12.

Harold E. Ingraham, program chairman, said that Jerry Beaven of the Graham team and Secretary Robert T. Taylor of the Bible Society will speak.

The Baptist Public Relations Association (BPRA) is an organization of Southern Baptists journalists. They serve in publications, publicity, public relations, advertising, radio and television, films, and similar occupations.

Buildings Rise on New Furman Campus

Six more buildings for the new Furman University campus, Greenville, S. C., will be completed or under construction during 1957.

Two of the proposed 20 major buildings are already constructed. They are a men's dormitory and classroom building.

The administration building and a million-dollar library will be finished in 1957. Construction will be started this spring on three men's dormitories and a dining hall.

The university plans to move its men students to the new campus in the fall of 1958. Women students will move to the new campus as soon afterward as possible.

More Time Sought For SBC Business Study

Changes in two bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention have been proposed which will give Convention messengers more time to consider resolutions and other business matters coming before the annual session.

The revisions will be presented to the 1957 SBC meeting at Chicago. They are substitutions for the present bylaws 11 and 12.

The revised bylaw 11 would permit the Convention committee on resolutions to report resolutions at every session of the Convention. Presently the committee on resolutions is restricted to a single report near the close of the Convention.

The change in bylaw 12 would allow the committee on order of business to fix specific time for the consideration of miscellaneous business introduced on the Convention floor. Notice of the times for consideration would be published in the Convention Bulletin or announced from the floor.

The recommended revisions, as approved by the SBC Executive Committee for Convention consideration are:

Recommends striking Bylaw 11 entitled "Committee on Resolutions" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11. **Committee on Resolutions:** The president, on the first day of the Convention, shall appoint a Committee on Resolutions to consist of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee at each session of the Convention to prepare and submit to the Convention all resolutions which it deems appropriate for adoption, and to report on all matters submitted to it by the Convention, with or without recommendation or amendments.

Recommends that Bylaw 12 entitled "Committee on Order of Business" be stricken and in lieu thereof the following inserted:

12. **Committee on Order of Business:** The Committee on Order of Business shall consist of seven members and shall suggest an order of business for the next meeting of the Convention. It shall provide periods of time during the early days of the Convention for the introduction of miscellaneous business, and, when introduced (unless the Convention then gives its unanimous consent for its immediate consideration) shall fix times for the consideration of the same. When practicable it shall give notice in the Convention Bulletin of the substance of the motion or resolution and the time for its consideration. If unable to give notice in the Bulletin, it shall cause announcement to be made from the floor of the Convention of the same, action thereon to be taken at a subsequent session of the Convention.

Wake Forest College Needs More Quarters

Despite the fact that during the past year Wake Forest College occupied a new, \$20 million campus, its president says that "we do not have enough buildings to meet our present basic needs."

President Harold W. Tribble issued a special year-end report in which he noted that 1956 was one of the most eventful years in Wake Forest history. After taking cognizance of the move and \$1,015,000 in Ford Foundation grants received last year, he added: "We are desperately crowded for laboratory space in the science building. We must provide another science building in the immediate future or . . . place an arbitrary limit

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Vote of Confidence

Question: Don't you think any preacher should give the church a chance at least once a year for a vote of confidence? Our preacher butchers the King's English, has no culture and refinement and generally is in favor of a low class of music. I think his heart is right with God and, occasionally, when he studies, preaches a fairly good sermon.

Answer: No, I do not think a vote of confidence will solve your problem. Would you want to be a preacher and have the insecurity of an annual vote? Would you want it if your son were the pastor?

How did your pastor's English get so bad? Is it really worse than when you called him?

I believe in good grammar but I believe that good religion is more important.

You speak of "no culture and refinement." All God's chilluns got culture. The only difference is that some have the culture of one group, and others of another group. If you really believe in your own culture you do not have to look with disdain on that which is different.

If your pastor's heart is right with God, perhaps he will absorb some of your church's ways of doing things. I certainly would not be the one to attack him. My observation has been that when a church member attacks a pastor, he never lives it down. He seems to die spiritually. This is probably because of the office rather than because of the man himself. But somehow those who attack God's leader lose their spiritual power, without exception; and so far as my observation goes, never regain it.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

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Child Care Executives To Convene Jan. 24-25

Connie Maxwell Children's Home in Greenwood, S. C. will be host to the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists meeting Jan. 24-25.

The organization is composed of Baptist executives in the children's home and orphanage field. There are 24 such homes in states affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention from District of Columbia to California. Several have branch homes.

Sam Ed Bradley, superintendent of Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown, Ky., is president of the child care group.

Warren Called 'Man Of The Year' In SBC

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention has been chosen "Man of the Year" in the Convention by **Charity and Children**, publication of the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina.

Editor Marse Grant singled out C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., because of his service as "ambassador-at-large" for Southern Baptists.

Warren, the first North Carolina pastor elected to presidency of the 8½ million-member Convention, is now serving the final year of his two-year term as president.

upon the number of students to be enrolled . . ."

Other needs, according to Tribble, are more dormitories for girls, a building for the school of business administration, an infirmary, a fine arts building, and a humanities building.

Looking Ahead

By S. H. JONES

As we enter a new year, we naturally try to look ahead and project our thoughts and our hopes toward the future. That is as it should be, but who can look ahead with any clear vision? The fact that none can know what even a day may bring forth should caution us against any tendency toward free prediction and unfounded expectation. At the same time, hope is necessary; and the forward look must be taken if any progress is to be made. People should, therefore, look ahead, at the beginning of the year and at all other times. Even though they may be peering into the darkness, they can look in the right direction and see and follow the rays of light that come to them.

Looking ahead is not a futile effort because we have some dependable sources of light. We mention a few.

Past Experience

Any person who has lived much can, with little effort, recall many experiences which have demonstrated the sufficiency of God's grace. Time after time, when the way seemed almost too dark to travel and the load too heavy to bear, God has led us safely along. Also, one feels safe in believing that God has blessed His people in far more ways and in greater measure than we are able to understand. Remembering one's joyous experiences is a source of encouragement also. Life has been good, and it can continue to be so. It can be even better; so our past experiences lead us to believe.

Human History

Human history is simply the past experience of the whole human race. And, just as an individual's past experiences give light for his future, so the past history of the human race gives light and hope for the future. Men have disobeyed God and blundered, but God has never failed; and, when people repent of sin and turn to God, they find Him ready to pardon and bless them. History has in it both defeats and triumphs, and the purpose of God runs through it all.

A Double Lesson From The Book of Nature

By W. B. O'NEAL, Batesville

Strolling through a great forest one day I observed a stupendous oak, tall and with wide-spreading branches. It was almost completely covered by a huge grape vine which had sprung up near its trunk and had taken hold with its tendrils and climbed and spread to its farthest reaches.

It was evident that for some years the vine had borne its fruit supported by the mighty oak, and at the time of visit its luscious fruit adorned all portions of the tree.

My soul breathed forth this prayer, "O, Lord, I am weak and unable to stand alone as truly as this vine. Thou art strong and mighty. Let me, like this vine, but cling. Support me, Lord, that I may bear fruit to the glory of God."

I had walked but a little way from that scene when I beheld another tree, an oak, strong and majestic as the first. I saw, also, that a grape vine had sprung up near the great oak, but, alas! It had reached out with its tendrils and had seized hold on a stump and, clamboring over it, had followed the fallen trunk. It had climbed upon rotting branches which had fallen under its weight. Beasts had fed upon its foliage and the vine itself was a long string of bruises and sores. There were no grapes, not one.

Our limited knowledge of history does not answer all questions, but it does indicate some principles which we can follow into the future.

God's Promises

The promises of God, as found in His Word, are sure; upon them, we can depend. Our concern should be to comply with the conditions upon which the promises are made. It is not necessary for us to know how or when any particular promise of God will be fulfilled; it is enough to believe that God will do what He alone can do for the good of all who trust Him and obey His commandments. Perhaps the most reassuring promise of all is the assurance that God's grace is always available and sufficient for every need. Relying upon God's Word, one can face the future with confidence. The Bible never fails.

Our Own Faith

One's faith may be small, but it is very precious. It is the key to the future. Even though our faith may be weak, we can pray to God to strengthen it, and we can move forward with the faith we do have. And why should we not have great faith? There is every reason for believing. To walk by faith is to go forward, while to take counsel of doubt and fear is to fall back and fail. Faith, even when it is not very great, casts a light upon the future even as a lighthouse sends forth its light into the dark night. "Have faith in God," our Lord once admonished His disciples (Mark 11:22); and all of us need such an admonition.

These four dependable sources of light are available to us all. We can remember past experiences. We can study history. We can learn what God has promised and seek to meet the conditions of His promises, and we can walk by faith into the unseen future. By so doing, we can find light enough to live our lives a day at a time and to travel our appointed way a step at a time. Is that not enough?

—Baptist Courier

PERSON TO PERSON

By LEHMAN WEBB

I thanked the Long-distance Operator and placed the phone back on the hook. It had been most interesting to listen as she had located the party to whom I wished to speak. From the thousands of people in the area in which he lived, she had singled him out and had put him on the line for our "person to person" conversation. A "message to his representative would not suffice; nothing short of an actual interview with the designated party would do."

As I understand Christianity, that is the exact basis of the relationship our Lord wants with us. Symbols, images, dogmas, creeds, representative ideas and truths about Jesus and His teachings are not enough to satisfy the yearnings of the human soul. Nothing short of a "person to person" encounter with Jesus Christ by faith in Him will cleanse from sin and give peace to troubled hearts. As a matter of fact we will never begin to understand the truths about Jesus and His teachings until this personal relationship with Him has been established.

If you are a Christian, try this "person to person" idea when you pray, remembering to give Him time to answer and to speak to you lest the circuit be disconnected.

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Baptist Students Contribute To Hungarian Relief

The 2,360 students who attended the Congress in Nashville, recently contributed \$2,013.18 to a special offering for Hungarian relief.

The funds, which will be channeled through the relief committee of the Baptist World Alliance, were given in response to a plea by Dr. Theodore F. Adams "to show our concern by sharing."

"Since God so loved us that He gave us our faith" Dr. Adams said, "we need to love one another. This love should be manifested concretely in deeds."

—B.S.S.B. Service

Huddleston Made First Board Business Manager

B. M. Huddleston, secretary-treasurer of the M. R. S. Manufacturing Co. of Flora, Miss., has resigned to become the first business manager for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Huddleston will have supervision of all budgetary matters and direction of all office personnel, according to Chester L. Quarles, state Baptist executive secretary.

Hays and Kerr to Speak For Press Association

Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark), chairman of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, and Sen. Robert W. Kerr (D-Okla.), well-known Baptist laymen, will speak to the Southern Baptist Press Association meeting in Washington, D. C., Feb. 4-7.

The sessions, to be held at the Burlington Hotel, will begin Monday night. Tuesday, in addition to Hays' speech in the morning, there will be a joint luncheon with the executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions at First Baptist Church. After the afternoon session on Tuesday, a joint secretary editor banquet is planned.

Also present will be Casper Nannes, religion editor of the *Washington Star*; Dean Goodwin, director of publicity for the American Baptist Convention; and William B. Lippard, former editor of *Missions* magazine of the American Baptist Convention. Special lecturer will be James Carty, religion editor of the *Nashville Tennessean*.

"O, God," I cried, "Let me not take hold of the perishing. Woo, O Lord, the tender, helpless tendrils of my heart and soul. Teach me to turn to the living and to shun the dead."

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." John 15:8.

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Hungarian Refugee

Here is a young man not yet twenty, good looking, alert; hope and determination radiate from him.

"Son, what do you expect to do?" I asked. "Well," he said, "I am not afraid. They kicked me out from the high school because my Dad was a minister, so I went to work as a printer. Now I want to learn English, work, and go to college."

"Son," I remarked, "according to customs and conventionalities, I should feel very sorry for you, but to tell the truth, I have no such feelings; for I envy you! With that energy, will, and youthful zeal, you can make a living on the North Pole with an ice-pick in your hands. But you are not on the land of barren ice — you are now in the best country in the world!"

—Bela Udvarnoki
Baptist Press

Helping People to Die

By S. L. MORGAN, SR., Wake Forest, N. C.

Protestants have a zeal to help people to live, but they are lax and remiss about helping them to die. This is written to urge that we ought also to help people to die. And the help should begin long before death comes. Many desperately need help for a right approach to death.

Recently I said to a young doctor in his office, "I grieve over the death of Dr. Blank." The doctor referred to I had long admired as a princely gentleman, a devoted churchman, and a man widely known for his kindness and benevolence. He was the warm friend of both of us. The young doctor said sadly, "The pathos of his death was that he had in late years a horrible fear of death."

It is a tragic fact that countless millions of people go through life haunted and crippled by a fear of death. For it is the most universal of all fears. And I write this to declare on the highest authority that this fear of death has no foundation in solid fact.

Dying Almost Always Peaceful and Painless

The famous Dr. William Osler had his nurse to observe and record the deaths of 500 persons. Some had feared death before, but only one showed fear when death actually arrived. Invariably dying was peaceful and painless. Of course one may well fear the pain that often precedes and ushers in death. But that belongs to the life process, and is apart from dying.

Dr. Russell L. Dicks of Duke University, for years chaplain of large hospitals, wrote, "I have seen nearly 300 persons die. Some of them had approached death with fear; but almost invariably they slipped into a coma, so that death came peacefully without fear or pain."

Dr. Wingate M. Johnson in *The Years After Fifty* says, "Death is seldom terrifying or even unpleasant . . . Almost invariably . . . it is more like going to sleep . . . death bringing its own anesthetic."

This carries virtually the weight of a scientific conclusion.

"The Beatific Vision"

And much can be added about the death of the Christian. Many saints in their last moments, their minds clear, their faces aglow, have spoken out clearly of seeing loved ones, of hearing exquisite music, calling it all "beautiful." They seemed clearly to be telling of something actually seen and heard coming through the portal out of the unseen world they were entering. Too many authentic instances of this kind occur to be brushed aside. Science has had to take account of them. It is indeed impressive evidence that death is the gateway into another stage in the total career of an immortal. Why may we not indeed believe it is a change typified by that of the butterfly: first a caterpillar, then a torpid state resembling death, finally a butterfly? That death is indeed a like transition from a physical existence to a higher stage of being — that is the Christian faith.

Little Short of Scientific Proof

These two lines of evidence, based as they are on solid fact, are little short of scientific proof that life does not end in the grave. It equally shows that death is not a thing to be feared nor dreaded. It ought to go far indeed to cancel out the fear of death so haunting to millions. They even seem to justify factually the confidence of Jesus, obviously shared by the early Christians, that death is entrance into heavenly bliss.

We dare to conclude on the basis of substantial facts that the usual fear of death is groundless, certainly for the Christian, and that it can be eliminated by appeal to such known facts as those cited. I believe this fear will begin to fade out for the race as soon as a new generation of parents, teachers, and preachers unite in a factual, open, persistent crusade of teaching about death. And obviously such a conquest of fear would be a long step upward in the peace and happiness of mankind.

Year-End Inventories

By JOHN J. HURT JR.

This is no time for Baptists to celebrate their achievements in the year just closed although in many categories they were greater than anticipated.

Both the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board have reached new peaks in the number of missionaries. We can be proud and thankful but only so long as we realize the number can be doubled and yet more would be needed.

Church giving is at the highest point in history. The Cooperative Program is sending more money than ever before into all our work. Both the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention are expending their programs. But, again, the call is for more.

We should be disturbed by the spiritual level in our churches. A decrease in baptisms is indicative of the decline as will be other statistical reports soon to be completed.

We are getting bigger but are we getting better? We do well to pause and find the answer for quantity without quality is nothing.

Business has its year-end inventory. Christians, individually and collectively in their churches, need their own inventories. They need to pause, and think, and pray.

The Baptist emphasis this year is on world missions. That means missions in Georgia, in the nation and in all the world. Missions means Christian education, benevolence and all else just as much as it means preaching the Gospel.

We can't export that which we do not have. Spiritual depth. That's the great need of the hour. Get it and we have everything for ourselves and for others.

—The Christian Index

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Hollow Beauty

By ANDREW M. HALL, Fayetteville

We have been interested in visiting and examining new Sanctuaries in a three state area — with the view of our own future needs in mind.

Our Committee came upon a lovely contemporary Baptist church building in a large capitol city. We were struck with the exterior and interior alike. Many things seemed to point to a great deal of planning and work. We walked in and around the prominent structure for some time.

I then asked a question of the secretary: "Where do you folks send your money for missions?"

"Oh, we don't send any," she replied.

Dumbfounded, I tried again — "I mean where do you send money which has been given for the purpose of missions?"

Again the answer was the same. Somehow the landscaping, the stone walls, the lovely windows took on a hollow kind of beauty.

Here was several hundred people coming together week by week, singing, preaching, giving money to spend on their own needs and building. Not one penny was being given for outside causes except in isolated cases.

To me, this is a case of cooperative selfishness. I remember the words of Dr. Tribble in his little book entitled *Our Doctrines* — "The church that is not missionary is not only anti-Scriptural it is anti-Christian and doomed to failure."

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Democracy is a system under which a fellow who didn't vote can spend the rest of the year complaining about officials the other fellows elected.

World Wide Baptist Fellowship

By W. BARRY GARRETT

Baptist fellowship begins in the local congregation and extends around the world. Christian fellowship is one of the important themes of the Bible. So precious is the fellowship of God's people that the Bible exclaims, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Baptist fellowship as experienced by Southern Baptists is expressed in a five-fold connection — 1. the local congregation; 2. the district association; 3. the state convention; 4. the Southern Convention; and 5 the Baptist World Alliance

It should be pointed out that these are not five "levels" of Baptist fellowship as if one were above the other. If there were any highest "level" of Baptist fellowship it would be the local church fellowship, because this is the only ecclesiastical organization known in the New Testament. These are five areas of fellowship that emphasize that "none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself" and that we are all in reality a part of one another.

Each area of Baptist fellowship provides something that cannot be supplied by any of the others. Without the total picture our Christian experience would be incomplete.

As diverse as many Baptists and many Baptist groups may be there are vital elements of similarity that cause us all to have fellowship one with another. The fundamentals of the faith, the common purposes of evangelism and missions, mutual helpfulness in world relief, and our common concern for the separation of church and state and for religious liberty everywhere for all people make the Baptists of the world one people regardless of the convention or association or union or conference to which they might belong.

Latest figures indicate that there are 21,179,661 Baptists in the world. These are distributed as follows: Europe, 1,124,447; Asia, 718,863; Australia and Oceania, 45,592; Africa, 221,671; Central America and West Indies, 98,455; South America, 134,081; and North America, 18,736,552.

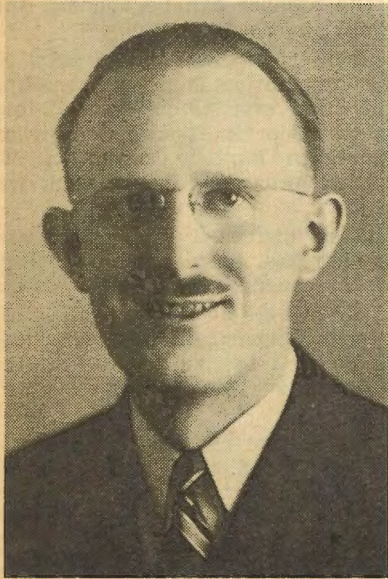
Alone and out in our little corner of the world we may feel rather small and insignificant, but when we lift up our eyes and look across the world scene, the Baptist people constitute a very significant portion of the world's population.

—Baptist Beacon

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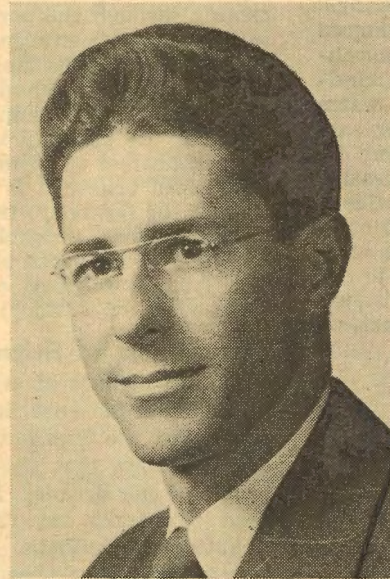
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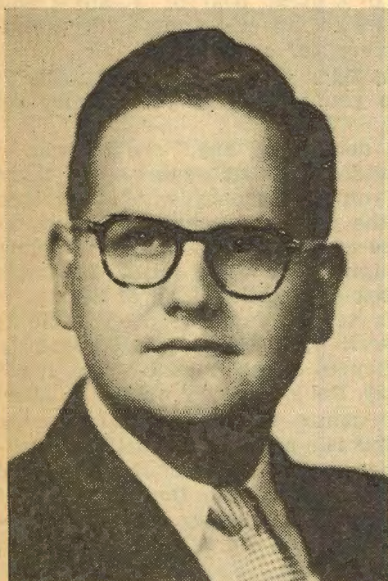


JAMES P. SATTERWHITE, M.D.
Japan

Opening session at 7 p.m. Friday night, January 25, at Student Union Building, University of Tennessee Medical School, Madison and Dunlap Streets. All other sessions at chapel of Baptist Memorial Hospital, 860 Madison. Meeting closes at 9:00 p.m. Saturday night. All students interested in medical missions are invited to attend. There is no registration fee.

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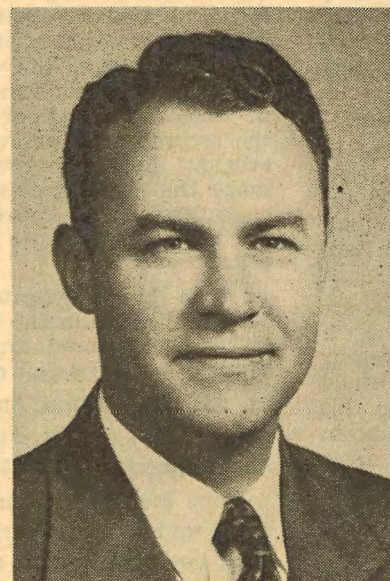
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A Whole Nickel and a Penny To Tell the World of Jesus

It was Sunday night, December 23, and College Place Baptist Church, Monroe, La., was about to begin its Christmas service with the annual program of music by its choirs.

A small boy, dressed in tattered coat and ragged pants, entered the auditorium and sat beside a member of the church. He pulled up his pants leg to show the man his new Christmas socks; and, a few minutes later (still before the service), he pulled a worn billfold out of his pocket, opened it up, and said, "Look, I have a whole nickel and a penny, and it's all mine."

Following the musical program there was a roll call of all church organizations to which each responded by having a representative come forward and place its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering beneath a lighted Christmas tree. The amount of each gift was announced so that all could hear; and tellers, sitting near by with an adding machine, totaled the figures as the roll call proceeded.

When the last person had walked down and placed his gift beneath the tree, the total was announced: \$3,992.54, just \$7.46 short of the goal.

Pastor T. Earl Ogg emptied the offering plates of the regular offering as the deacons spontaneously started up the aisles. One of the choirs began raising the deficit. A member came forward and insist that an additional gift from his department would send the Offering over the top. Members of the Carol Choir started for the choir room to get their purses. However, the offering plates were already being passed.

There was a wonderful feeling of love for Christ in a world mission program; but the climax came when the boy in the new socks looked up into the face of the man beside him and asked: "Is this for missions to tell others around the world about Jesus?" And the man answered: "Certainly it is."

When the plate came by, the little boy took his billfold, turned it upside down, and the nickel and one penny fell among the larger gifts.

Pastor Ogg wrote the Foreign Mission Board: "The man could not wait to get to the front of the auditorium to tell his pastor of the marvelous experience which came to him as he witnessed a little boy giving all he had. And the spirit of this act will remain in the hearts of all of us who know about it. The only thing that needs to be said that each of us might go and do likewise."

Mr. and Mrs. Heyward L. Adams, Southern Baptist mission, have sailed for their field of service and may be addressed at Baptist Mission, Kabba, Nigeria, West Africa. Mrs. Adams is a native of Camden.

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

Foreign Board Gets \$2,407,709 From Advance Program Receipts

The advance section of the Co-operative Program brought to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board \$2,407,709.64 for the year just ended. Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, announced to the Board at its January meeting. This money represents 75 per cent of that received by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention since early October.

(The Southern Baptist Convention's 1956 budget of \$10,000,000 to support its seminaries, boards, and agencies was met on October 8. All Co-operative Program funds for then through December 31, called Advance Program funds, were shared by the Foreign and the Home Mission Boards. Under the convention's 1956 budget, the Foreign Mission Board received \$3,800,000.)

Advance Program funds received by the Foreign Mission Board in recent years have been as follows: \$998,520 in 1953; \$1,297,123 in 1954; and \$1,836,630 in 1955.

Dr. Cauthen said in his report: "The large amount of money received from Advance Program funds this year is of the highest significance. It enables the Foreign Mission Board to continue pressing on in a program of world missions advance in a definite way. It makes possible appropriation to meet capital purposes and other needs.

"This money carries with it an indication of the growing world missions conviction of Southern Baptists. It carries with it the assurance of prayers on the part of the entire Convention. It indicates the readiness of Southern Baptists to match with their money the dedication of life on the part of young people which is so significant and growing."

Dr. Cauthen explained the use of the 1956 Advance Program funds: The sum of \$600,000 has been appropriated to apply to the 1957 budget; \$250,000 will apply on the Board's headquarters building soon to be erected; \$100,000 is being earmarked for appropriation throughout 1957 for advance projects in evangelism and church development on the mission fields; \$31,500 was appropriated for the preparation of a missionary education film; and \$5,000 will be recommended to make possible the reconditioning of the Board's film, *Advance in Africa*, in preparation for the 1957 mission study on Africa.

The remainder of these funds, totaling \$1,421,209.64, will be appropriated equally between the Board's three large areas of work: (1) Latin America, (2) the Orient, and (3) Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

The money to be used on the fields will take care of urgent capital needs and some items which could not be included in

the budget of the Foreign Mission Board. Approximately \$300,000 of this money was appropriated at the January meeting of the Board; the remainder will be recommended to the Board for appropriation within the next three months.

Dr. Cauthen said: "Advance in world missions is not only a matter of placing more missionaries in more locations; but it is also a matter of increasing the effectiveness of our ministry . . . We anticipate that in the days ahead advance will continue both along the lines of quantitative expansion in numbers of missionaries, locations of work, and institutions and of effectiveness in ministry."

1956 Income

Treasurer Everett L. Deane announced that the total cash income of the Foreign Mission Board during 1956 was \$12,733,681, an increase of \$1,625,413, or 14.63 per cent, over 1955.

Missionary Education

The following facts are gleaned from the January report of Dr. Eugene L. Hill, secretary for missionary education and promotion:

The Commission, monthly publication of the Foreign Mission Board, had a circulation of 134,063 in December, 1956, an increase of 20,181 over December, 1955.

The 1956 Foreign Mission Graded Series books on Japan had a combined sale of 240,911.

There were 150 association-wide Schools of Missions during 1956 with 3,675 churches participating. Foreign missionaries gave 952 weeks in these schools.

12 Missionaries in East Africa

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said one of the most significant happenings of 1956 in the area for which he is responsible is related to the entry of six couples into Tanganyika and Kenya, countries of East Africa.

The first Southern Baptist missionaries to reach Tanganyika were Mr. and Mrs. Winfred O. Harper, formerly of the Nigerian missionary staff. They arrived on October 20, 1956. They have been joined by Dr. and Mrs. Jack E. Walker, also of the Nigerian staff, Mr. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hampton, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. DeBord, all recent appointees.

On December 17, 1956, Davis L. Saunders established residence in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. The next day Mrs. Saunders flew from Dar es Salaam, capital of Tanganyika, to join her husband. Mr. Saunders writes: "After just three weeks here we are challenged by the great need for a greater Christian witness in Nairobi. Pray that we may have wisdom and patience to follow the right paths."

Brotherhood Convention March 3 and 4

If you will examine your Denominational Calendar, you will discover anew that the State Brotherhood Convention is scheduled for March 3 and 4.

The Convention will be held in North Little Rock, with the Levy Baptist Church, of which W. Harry Hunt is pastor; and it will be an Afternoon-Night-Morning gathering of Baptist men from over the state.

The Afternoon Session will be mainly for Brotherhood leadership on every level. The Night Session will be the BIG meeting of the Convention, with many men driving in for the night service, and going back home that night. The Tuesday morning Session will be largely exploratory and devotional.

The program for the Convention will go out in due time, along with a publicity packet to every church. The program will feature choice speakers, and activities designed to lift men to a higher level of service to their Lord. Every feature of the Convention will be worthwhile.

We trust that every Brotherhood Region, every association, and every church will endeavor to have representatives at the Brotherhood Convention.

Good Regional Conventions!

Fifteen Regional Brotherhood Conventions are scheduled for January and February of 1957. These Regional Conventions are cover-

Hungarian Tragedy

"For many of us, during recent weeks, Europe has meant Hungary," Dr. Sadler said. Southern Baptists have been in a fortunate position, so far as relief is concerned, for the reason that Dr. and Mrs. John A. Moore were living in Vienna at the time of the Hungarian tragedy. They have been of great benefit to many of the 165,000 (up to December 31, 1956) who have escaped the cruelty of the oppressor.

"Southern Baptists are responding to the appeals for money to relieve the suffering of the Hungarian people; but funds are still urgently needed for this cause. Money for relief should be sent in care of the Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.; and it should be clearly marked for relief."

Near East Personnel At Posts of Duty

Dr. Sadler reported that all Southern Baptist missionaries to the Near East are now at their posts of duty. Missionary women and children and some of the men who serve in Jordan left that country temporarily in November. The men returned within a few days; and families were reunited in time to celebrate Christmas.

The wives and children of the two doctors in Gaza have returned to that area.

ing the entire geographical area of our state; and the series will be finished (with possibly two exceptions) before the State Brotherhood Convention in March.

Several of these Regional Conventions have already been held, and the response has been excellent. Regional Brotherhood officers have been elected, a Constitution (with By-Laws) has been adopted, an offering has been taken for the Regional treasury, and a worthy and profitable experience has been enjoyed by all who have attended. This same pattern will be followed throughout the whole series.

The Regional Brotherhood Conventions are projections of the State Brotherhood Convention into every area of Arkansas. Their purpose is primarily instructional, promotional, and inspirational. The Regional Conventions will meet annually, in January and March. Besides the annual meeting, each Region will plan and hold an annual Regional Brotherhood Encampment, an annual Regional Brotherhood Clinic for Associational Brotherhood officers; and help to promote Brotherhood work on every level throughout the year.

Plan to attend the Regional Brotherhood Convention in your area!

Another Brotherhood Revival

Your Brotherhood Secretary and your Associate Brotherhood Secretary had the privilege of working last week with Calvary Baptist Church, North Little Rock, in a Brotherhood Revival. W. V. Philliber is the very capable and effective pastor of this fine and growing church.

The Lord gave 52 additions, 38 coming on profession of faith as candidates for baptism, 12 by letter, and 2 by statement. Three others accepted Christ in the services, but have not yet united with the church. There were several rededications.

We have never worked with a pastor who loves people more, or who knows his church field more thoroughly.

"By My Spirit"

God's Holy Spirit works when God's people work. And it is a wonderful experience to see the Spirit of God working in the hearts and lives of His people to bring them to a place of willingness to do those things they were saved to do; as He gives them a burden for people who are lost, leads them to pray, and then leads them out after those for whom Christ died.

Thereunto were we born again!

Brotherhood Department
Nelson Tull, Secretary
C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary

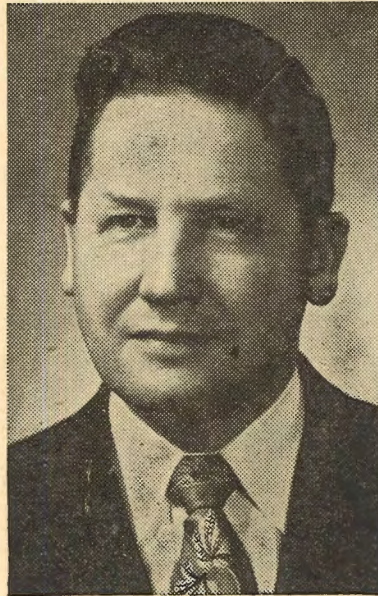
Dr. Donald Ackland to Speak at Training Union Convention, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 15-16

Dr. Donald F. Ackland was born in London, England, and from his earliest years was associated with a Baptist Church in West London which had as its pastor an intimate of the great Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

At the close of his school days he was invited to join the editorial staff of *The Christian*, an old-established religious magazine published in London. In 1946 he resigned editorial work because of the increasing calls for him to speak and conduct conferences. This made possible a visit to the United States in 1947.

An introduction to the Sunday School Board resulted in an appointment to the editorial staff of the Board in 1949.

Mr. Ackland is editor of *Open Windows*, the Southern Baptist devotional quarterly, *The Braille Baptist*, and general tracts. He has written extensively in Sunday School Board publications during the past few years and is in much demand for speaking and



preaching engagements. He will bring three messages at the Training Union Convention: Friday morning, afternoon, and night, March 15.

Seventeen Facts About the Training Union Convention

1. **Time** — Begins Friday morning, March 15, 10 a.m. Closes Saturday noon.
2. **Place** — Immanuel Baptist Church, 10th and Bishop, Little Rock.
3. **Theme** — "Serving the Lord Christ."
4. **President** — Dr. Nolan P. Howington, pastor, First Baptist Church, Little Rock.
5. **Messages** — Dr. Donald Ackland—Friday morning, afternoon, night. Dr. Joe Burton, Home Education Department—Saturday morning.
6. **Panels or Questions** — "Arkansas is Curious" and "It Happened at Hoxie."
7. **Music** — Mr. LeRoy McClard of the Music Department will direct the song services and arrange special music.
8. **Tournaments** — Elimination speakers tournaments will be held in the two Young People's sectional meetings Friday afternoon. Two from each section will be selected for the finals Friday night.
9. **State Sword Drill** will be conducted Friday night. The participants will be the eight winners in the eight district sword drills.
10. **Junior Memory Drill** will be in two divisions on Saturday morning, 9-10 year Juniors and 11-12 year Juniors. Participants will register in the Junior sectional meetings Friday afternoon and meet in the choir room Saturday morning at 8:45.
11. **Personal Interest Conferences** will be of special interest to Intermediates in their section meetings Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
12. Young People on Saturday morning will have two meetings—one for single young people and one for married young people. On Friday afternoon the sectional meetings will be by ages—17-18 year olds and 18-24 year plus college students.
13. Dr. Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita College, will present the tuition scholarships to the two speaker's tournament winners on Friday night.
14. Registration will begin on Friday morning at 8:45 on the ground floor, old building, and in the foyer of the educational building. Registration fee: 50c.
15. Bed and breakfast furnished free by churches of greater Little Rock.
16. Juniors will make a notebook in the sectional meetings. All materials in their conferences will be punched to fit a notebook. On Saturday morning the Juniors will have a "party."
17. The convention program (20 pages) and all materials will be punched to fit a three-ring binder. Materials will be 5½x8½ inches.

Training Union Dept.
Ralph W. Davis, Secretary
Robert A. Dowdy, Associate

The Churches' Wealth

By LEON MACON

It is reported that Protestant churches in the United States received about \$2,000,000,000 in 1956. This is wonderful evidence of a great interest in religion, however it calls for us to express a warning.

Churches can become wealthy and, as a result, lay the foundations for future persecution. The anti-church spirit of communism in Russia was generated by the religious institutions of that country controlling too much wealth of the land. The church has suffered in other countries because it became wealthy and stirred opposition from the people. The revolution in Spain was greatly encouraged by the fact that one church in that country controls about five-sevenths of the nation's wealth.

We feel there will be no opposition created by churches which invest their income only in properties essential to the church's spiritual ministries. Baptists have through the years followed a policy of not investing their income for financial gain. As long as Baptists follow this policy they will never arouse opposition from being wealthy. No matter how much our tithes and offerings are they should be expended solely for the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

Already the tax free status of religious institutions in America is coming in for criticism and re-examination. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, recently stated that such tax exemptions "seemed a wise provision when

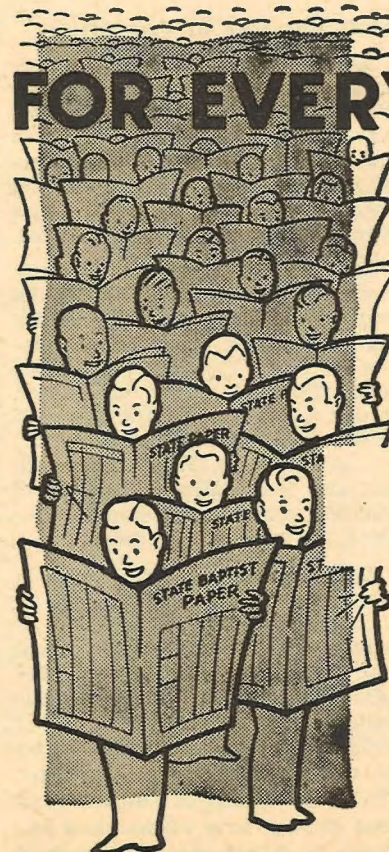
the churches were weak and poor but times have now changed." He warned that there is too much untaxed wealth falling into the hands of churches. He further aptly stated that these conditions led definitely to an anti-clerical violence in Eastern Europe.

There are some who feel that tax exemptions for the churches are leading to too much preference for those who control so much wealth in the name of the church. We are of the opinion that the churches in America had better avoid business enterprises, accumulation of wealth for profit, and vigorously promote programs to develop the spiritual and moral needs of our country with their tithes and offerings. Surely any property which is not used for religious purposes should be definitely taxed. There are already instances in America where religious groups are promoting business enterprises for profit in competition with other businesses and yet these religious bodies enjoy tax exemptions on their profits.

If we are to be warned by the events in Russia and Eastern Europe, American religious bodies had better avoid seeking too many tax exempt privileges and the accumulation of wealth for the sake of wealth.

Baptists will probably be giving \$1,000,000 a day to the churches during this year. We trust the temptation to use such a vast income for material profit will never possess any units of our work. All of it should go into spiritual and moral ministries.

—Alabama Baptist



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God's Wondrous World

By THELMA C. CARTER



Sunshine lights our day. We feel its heat when it strikes our body. If we stay out in the sunshine too long, we suffer the effects of sunburn, peeling and tanning.

Sunbeams are tiny, powerful and important, for when they pass through our skin and are taken up by the blood stream and distributed throughout the body — a miracle happens! Not only do the chemical sunbeam rays help produce a health-giving vitamin, but they also help kill harmful bacteria in the blood stream!

Man, animals and plant life cannot live without sunshine!

God puts a special kind of sunshine in the heart of every Christian. We feel the magic of its warmth and strength in our lives, and see its miraculous effects when Christ comes into the hearts of others! "I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works." Psalm 73:28.

(Is there something about God's Wondrous World you would like to see described in this column? If so please send your suggestions to Baptist Press Syndicate, 127 N. Ninth Ave., Nashville 3, Tenn.)

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Have you ever watched the sunlight streaming into your room? Perhaps you noticed the bright rainbow colors of red and violet sun rays as they reflected the tiny dust particles in the air?

These rainbow rays, or sunshine, are "infra-red" heat rays, and "ultra-violet" chemical rays. They come from that great heavenly body, the sun! Although the sun is not even one of the largest of the stars, it is very powerful and hot. It is many times hotter than the huge 6,000 degree furnaces used in steel-making!

NAME THE PLACE

By MILDRED L. ACKERMAN

1. In what city did Solomon build the Temple?
2. What famous town is five miles from Jerusalem?
3. To what country did Mary and Joseph take Jesus as a baby?
4. In what village did Jesus live as a boy?
5. Where did Noah's ark land?
6. Where did Mary, Martha and Lazarus live?
7. Where was Christ's first miracle performed?
8. What city wall fell under Joshua's leadership?
9. In what river was Naaman cured of leprosy?
10. What land was promised to the Israelites?
11. To what city was Paul going when he was converted?
12. In what garden did Jesus pray just before His arrest?

- Answers:
1. Jerusalem
 2. Bethany
 3. Egypt
 4. Nazareth
 5. Mt. Ararat
 6. Bethany
 7. Cana of Galilee
 8. Jericho
 9. Jordan
 10. Canaan
 11. Damascus
 12. Gethsemane

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A PRAYER IS SO IMPORTANT

By BERTHA R. HUDELSON

A prayer is so important
To say in morning light,
Or when I kneel beside my bed

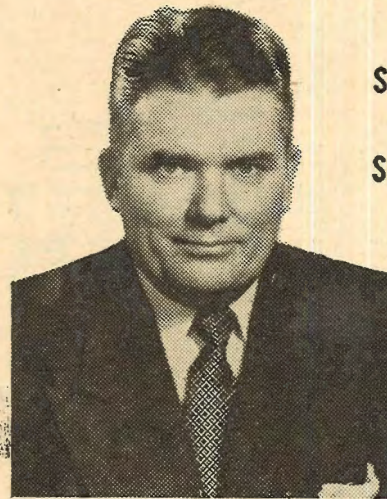
The last thing every night,
A prayer fills me with happiness
With thankfulness and love,
I'm glad that I can pray to God
Who hears me from above.

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...Two disturbing facts Man's Need, God's Purpose



Secretary Porter Routh
Executive Committee
Southern Baptist Convention

From: Porter Routh
To: Southern Baptists

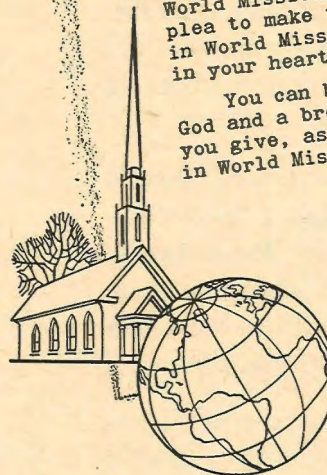
Two out of every three of the two and one-half billion people in the world are without the hope found in the promises of God through Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ came into the world to redeem men from their sins, and, through faith, restore them to fellowship with God. These two disturbing facts--man's need and God's purpose--have burned their way into the consciousness of Southern Baptists in a new way. The tragic consequences have meaning for your peace, your home, your happiness, your sons and daughters, your church, and your future.

You will have an opportunity to join with other Southern Baptists during the next twelve months in the observance of World Missions Year. This is a personal plea to make the slogan "Onward--Upward in World Missions" something that burns in your heart.

You can be a link in the chain between God and a broken world as you learn, as you give, as you think, as you participate in World Missions Year.

Sincerely yours,

Porter Routh



WORLD MISSIONS YEAR IS NOW Onward! Upward! in World Missions

OBJECTIVES of World Mission Year — 1. Dedicated Youth — one person from each church for world mission service. 2. Enlightened Minds — schools of missions, world missions conferences, conventions. 3. Directed Prayer — use prayer calendar daily as published by WMU and Training Union. 4. Informed Stewards — discussions on Cooperative Program led by pastor. 5. Increased Gifts — more tithers and larger percentage of undesignated gifts through Cooperative Program.

More About the Negro College Campaign For \$100,000

I have just finished reading, in the *Arkansas Baptist*, an excellent article on, *How We Can Save Our Baptist College in Little Rock*, by W. O. Vaught Jr. I sincerely hope that you will read and re-read his article until it becomes a real burden on your heart.

We have a great committee in W. O. Vaught Jr. and N. P. Howington of Little Rock; Wilson Deese of Helena; Robert Smith of Pine Bluff; C. Z. Holland of Jonesboro; J. Harold Smith of Ft. Smith; James Pleitz of Ft. Smith; Don Hook of Malvern; S. A. Whitlow of Hope; Dale Taylor of Smackover; and T. K. Rucker of Forrest City, appointed by the Executive Board of the Convention to promote the campaign for an offering to be taken in each of our churches on the second Sunday in June (June 9th) in an effort to raise one hundred thousand dollars for Arkansas Baptist College.

Dr. Vaught in his article in last weeks' *Arkansas Baptist* did a splendid job in describing the conditions of the college property and in stating the importance of the college to Negro Baptist Church Life in Arkansas. He also gave some revealing figures about the small percentage of Negro Baptist preachers receiving college or seminary training, we would like to add to the figures he gave the following information which came to my desk yesterday from L. O. Griffith, Southern Baptist Convention Director of Promotion. In the nation, "approximately one hundred Negro Baptist preachers are graduated from Negro colleges each year. About ninety per cent of our Baptist Negro preachers who fill the fifty thousand pulpits have not had educational opportunities beyond the grades." Recently the above named Committee had a very profitable and encouraging meeting, at which time many things were done in perfecting the

organization for the promotion of this offering throughout the state.

The Associations of the state were grouped into eleven districts with a committee member serving as chairman of each district. It will be the district chairmans' responsibility to assist in setting up a committee in each association and each church in his district for the purpose of promoting and taking this offering on the second Sunday in June.

Initial Gifts Committees will be set up in each district and in each association for the purpose of soliciting sizeable gifts from individuals, corporations, foundations, etc. Many of you pastors, laymen and women will be called upon to serve on these very important committees, I know you will respond when called upon to serve.

I believe God is going to give us the victory in raising this offering. Expressions of deep concern and vital interest in raising the entire one hundred thousand dollars is coming to us from leading pastors and laymen from all over the state.

Please pray for your Director of Negro Work, this good committee of the Executive Board and then have a heart personally by working for the campaign and giving sacrificially to the offering.

Clyde Hart
Director of Negro Work
Department of Missions
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DOUBLE STANDARD

It is still an everyday question: "Why is it that the supposedly most indoctrinated segment of the population in Hungary, the young people, have turned so vehemently against the Communists and against the Russians?" I happened to bring up the question to a young engineer.

"Well," he said, "The young people cannot be fooled. They knew the contradictions of Marxist and Leninist doctrines and they saw the unnaturalness of it. The students of the schools have learned to speak two kinds of Hungarian: one for the school that was on the Communist line, and one for the home — and this last was their real language."

This young man made one more very revealing statement: "I have been a so-called lecturer in our factory. I had to go down the Communist line, telling my audience that which I was told to say. But most everyone of us who had to make the propaganda lectures spoke between quotation marks and those who listened knew it and took it that way."

I could not tell him what I was thinking while he talked. Is this "speaking between quotation marks" the trouble with our Christian preaching?

—Bela Udvarnoki
Baptist Press



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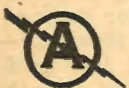
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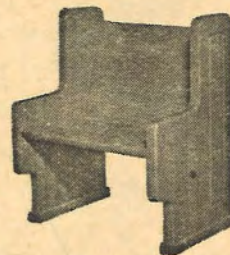
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Jesus Meets Human Need

By BURTON A. MILEY

The field of human need is great. Man is and has been dependent. He is a created being. Nothing created is adequate with-itself. The field of need may be broken down into five areas which overlap. Man has social, economic, mental, physical and spiritual needs. Spiritual need many times breeds the growth and presence of needs in the other areas. Economic need is often incidentally met when spiritual needs are supplied. Mental attitudes have undergone complete rightness. Physical health has improved and social relationships have been purified because spiritual need was supplied.

The lesson introduces Jesus meeting human needs. Examples are given where Christ met these needs upon the level of the individual. His miracles were generally for the purpose to meet and supply human needs.

PHYSICAL NEED SATISFIED THROUGH SPIRITUAL MINISTRY

Capernaum was Christ's own city. His headquarters were there. He returned to the city from the eastern side of Galilee where He had driven devils out of two men. People did not want Him in their land because the devils in men were dispatched to swine which owned. Swine had a cash value. Crazy-be-deviled men did not. Friendly neighbors brought a man sick of palsy to Him, one who had to have the help of friends. Some can carry who do not have the power to cure. Thank God these carriers brought the man to the right source, Jesus. Whether they did so at the man's request or through their interest in his case is unrevealed. Jesus read his history at a glance. No questions were asked of how or why he came to his condition. Jesus spoke the words which surely created a different attitude in the man. He bypassed physical need to minister to a deeper spiritual need, the forgiveness of sin. This action immediately drew retort from the religious officers, the Scribes. They silently charged Jesus with blasphemy. Jesus read their thoughts. He immediately spoke out and said "If you think that forgiven sin is no proof of my power, then I shall show you the proof in a way that you can understand." He commanded the man to arise, lift his pallet and be off. The man did so in obedience to Jesus. He departed from the house amidst the joy of the multitude of spectators. Jesus healed a man's soul, placed his body back in normal function and removed him from the rolls of economic dependency. The man would be able to make his own way now.

Tangled threads of life may cause one to wonder about his particular need. He may think his need is dominantly in one field

Sunday School Lesson

January 27, 1957

Matthew 9:1-13

when it is in another. Bad management oftentimes is charged against an economic need. Bad management is more apparent in the spiritual realm than any other. Tangled threads should never prevent one from going to the Master Weaver for the straightening of the pattern at spiritual range. Jesus found a man wrong with God, himself, and health. He made him right in all three.

SPIRITUAL NEED ANSWERED DIRECTLY

Matthew was one ostracized from his fellow man. He collected taxes from them which they did not like to pay. A publican could not give alms because his earnings were unacceptable. His testimony was no good in court. He could not hold membership in the Chamber of Commerce. No civic club would sanction him for membership. He was left out of all community gatherings. He was strictly a backseat man who was doing well economically.

Jesus came to this man and looked deep into his eyes with full understanding. Matthew withered under the searching eye of the Master. He may have seen or heard Jesus before. This time Jesus was direct in His command. Matthew had looked into other men's eyes and read their defiance because of his authority as tax collector. This time he met his Master and heard Him speak the simple message "follow me." Seemingly without hesitation Matthew followed. He longed to have his riches in his heart instead of his hand. Riches within hand are temporary and unsatisfying. Riches within the heart are permanent. Matthew was able bodied in contrast to the paralytic. Jesus met his need.

OTHERS HELP JESUS TO SUPPLY HUMAN NEED

Immediately Matthew gathered those of his social strata for dinner and invited Jesus and His disciples. What an opportunity and service! Jesus met others in need and Matthew grew from his service. One publican could associate with another therefore Matthew invited publicans who were socially barred from other gatherings. Sinners who joined the publicans could have been those who had failed to keep pure and clean under ceremonial law. Jesus sat down with this motley crowd.

Pharisees immediately entered their objection to Jesus fellow-

shipping those who were religious outcasts. It is strange that a man's motive would be misunderstood when he was out to help fulfil human needs. Jesus did not wait for His disciples to answer, but took over the conflict directly. He spoke in terms which left the truth bare, that if one wanted to fulfil need, he had to be where the need existed. This is an example for the church to follow today. If the church fulfils human need it must be where the need exists. Hospitals that are operated on Christian principles and with the intent to fulfil the mission of Christ are a definite force for Christ. Rescue Homes are planted where need exists. No church should look at its magnificent walls of brick and mortar and say from the inside "We are exclusive. We will minister to those who come within." The church should place itself where human need exists, whether in the physical, economic, mental or social realm. The ministry of the church is spiritual service but fulfilment here indirectly solves many of the other problems. A physician must contact the sick to help them.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

Jesus can read case history. Jesus did not have to go through a series of questions and answers to know what was wrong with the paralytic man. He read his case at a glance. No red tape accumulated. No great records were filed on the case. Jesus entered and immediately performed His service. Jesus can do that for any individual today. One might hold back because of the complexity of his life of sin, but Jesus can immediately know and set straight the affairs when given opportunity.

Inward paralysis. This affliction is common to spiritual forces. Men who can move hand and foot and make the body perform are filled with inward paralysis on spiritual and moral issues. This is as much of a disease as the physical affliction which the man suffered who had others to bring him to Jesus. If inward paralysis

is your trouble, would it not be good to turn to the Master for relief and cure?

Don't be afraid of exhausting God. God cannot be worn out by time or activity. No single need will exhaust Him. He is as strong and virile now as He was in the beginning. Isn't that the kind of helper a man in need would want?

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Ouachita Trustees' Meeting

Monday, January 14, your Associate Executive Secretary attended a quarterly meeting of the Ouachita Board of Trustees. Nineteen members of the twenty-four member Board were present.

This was the first meeting of this calendar year, so new officers were elected as follows: Mr. J. E. Berry, El Dorado — President; Mr. Marvin Green, Stephens — Vice-President; and Mr. W. P. Jones, Arkadelphia — Secretary.

President Phelps, in his report said, "The affairs of the college, all things considered, seem to be in the best condition since I became president . . . We appear to be running within our income and to be staying within the budget adopted for the year."

Property Acquisition

The college has purchased two brick veneer buildings containing eight apartments each, at the price of \$60,000. The apartments are filled and there is already a waiting list.

Eleven new homes have been completed in the Ouachita Hills addition, and a twelfth is under construction.

At this meeting the Board voted to buy at least two lots on the Spring Lake Assembly grounds at Lonsdale.

A new dining hall has been planned, and plans are under way to begin construction as soon as possible.

Athletics

The Faculty Athletic Committee recently adopted the following statement of policy, which the Board adopted:

"Be it resolved that the Faculty Athletic Committee of Ouachita Baptist College endorsed the policy of remaining in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference if at all possible and that we favor competing in all sports with all members who are in good standing in the conference.

"Be it further resolved that Ouachita proposes to continue her present policy of non-subsidization of athletes, since her financial resources at present do not permit giving athletic scholarships while maintaining proper academic standards. Competition with a school which gives athletic scholarships shall be permitted provided said scholarships are given within the rules of the conference to which the school belongs."

General Education Program

"The faculty is engaged in a comprehensive study of the general education program and of the values of Ouachita's participation in the Arkansas Experiment in Teacher Education. Two experts in higher education, Dr. John Russel of the University of Denver, and Dr. Paul Dressel of Michigan State University, studied various phases of the college program."

Dr. John H. Russel, consultant for the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, spent two days on the campus just prior to the Christmas holidays and examined various parts of the operation. His suggestions, upon conclusion of his visit, were minor except for one matter; most dealt with studies which the faculty might like to undertake and a consideration of the type of school Ouachita expected to be by 1965

or 1970. His concluding sentence in his letter following his visit was: "It was heartening to see the many evidences of the strong and vigorous program which the president and faculty colleagues are developing at Ouachita."

The Future

The future, for Ouachita, looks bright. Through the past few years, we have been giving the school increased support. This has solved many imposing problems.

But, support along other lines are needed desperately. More of us need to pray for our school, its president and the faculty. Also, more parents should point their children toward Baptist schools.

We believe that our sons and daughters need what we can give them through a Christ-centered Curriculum. — R. D.

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Last Call — For Finance Conferences

Twelve conferences on "The Forward Program of Church Finance," have been scheduled for next week—January 28-February 1.

For two years, the denominational leaders in each state of the Southern Baptist Convention, along with the Executive Committee, have been working on a plan of church finance. They have planned, revised their plans, tested and revised some more, until they now have a new program for church finance to offer to the churches.

This plan uses basic principles as taught in the Bible and practiced by Baptists. But, these principles have been correlated, utilized, systematized and put into one program called, "The Forward Program of Church Finance."

Our Baptist people will be gathering next week from many associations to hear detailed news on the new program. These conferences will be history making occasions, because they will be the first held in Arkansas on "The Forward Program of Church Finance."

For fear someone does not remember the date, place and time, we publish the schedule again:

January 18, 1957: Beech Street Baptist Church, Texarkana; First Baptist Church, Lake Village; First Baptist Church, Harrison.

January 29, 1957: First Baptist Church, Monticello; First Baptist Church, Conway; First Baptist Church, El Dorado.

January 31, 1957: Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge; First Baptist Church, Stuttgart; First Baptist Church, Mena.

February 1, 1957: First Baptist Church, Searcy; First Baptist Church, Marianna; First Baptist Church, Nashville.

Church Treasurers and Pastors

Let all church treasurers and pastors remember that our monthly books are now closing on the last day of each month. Heretofore, we have been extending the time until the 5th of the following month. But, henceforth, the books for each month will close on the last day of the month.

It is going to work out fine when once the change is made. — B. L. B.

A Correction

"Forward Program of Church Finance" Conference, Thursday, January 31, will be at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, instead of the First Baptist Church. Please make this correction. — R. D.

World Missions Meeting

Nineteen fifty-seven has been designated by Southern Baptists as World Mission Year. The local churches, the associations and the state conventions are studying the mission task of Baptists. Monday night, January 14, it was our privilege to attend a Sunday School Conference of Woodruff Association at Augusta. The theme for the meeting was "World Missions."

This meeting was an inspiration to me, and I report it, hoping our other associations will promote the same type of meeting.

The meeting was promoted and presided over by Brother T. E. Lindley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Augusta. He had it well planned and everything went along on schedule.

The people assembled in the main auditorium of the church for devotional, inspirational singing and announcements. Then, the crowd divided into nine different groups, by departments, for conferences. In these conferences world missions was discussed. Missions was presented as a task that reaches from the local church to the ends of the earth. The people learned that world missions begins at a local basis, the home church.

The names of those who led the conferences are as follows:

Adult — F. E. Wisner; Young People — Leon Chandler; Intermediate — Mrs. Bill Loftin; Junior — T. E. Farrar; Primary — Mrs. Opal Ware; Nursery — Mrs. T. E. Farrar; Cradle Roll — Mrs. Kennedy Sale; Extension — Mrs. E. E. Blalock; Pastors and Superintendents — T. E. Lindley.

After the conferences, the people came back to the church auditorium for an inspirational address. The crowd was large and the interest high — which proves again, (if we need any proof), that our people will respond to a constructive and well planned program. — R. D.

Central in Harmony and Ben Wofford

During last associational year the Central Baptist Church at Dew Drop, north of Pine Bluff, showed an increase of 28 per cent over the preceding year, and we noticed that the gifts for the first quarter of this associational year which began October 1st were up 15 per cent over the same period last year. The church will give another increase of 25 per cent for the coming year. This is a great church in a great location with a great pastor and a loyal people. — B. L. B.

Cabot and Phillips

Pastor Samuel Phillips of Cabot announces that his church will give \$3,600 for the Cooperative Program in 1957. Also, the mission that they have been sponsoring will give \$10,000 for the Cooperative Program. Samuel Phillips is an ambitious young preacher and we predict for him a bright future in the ministry. — B. L. B.

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