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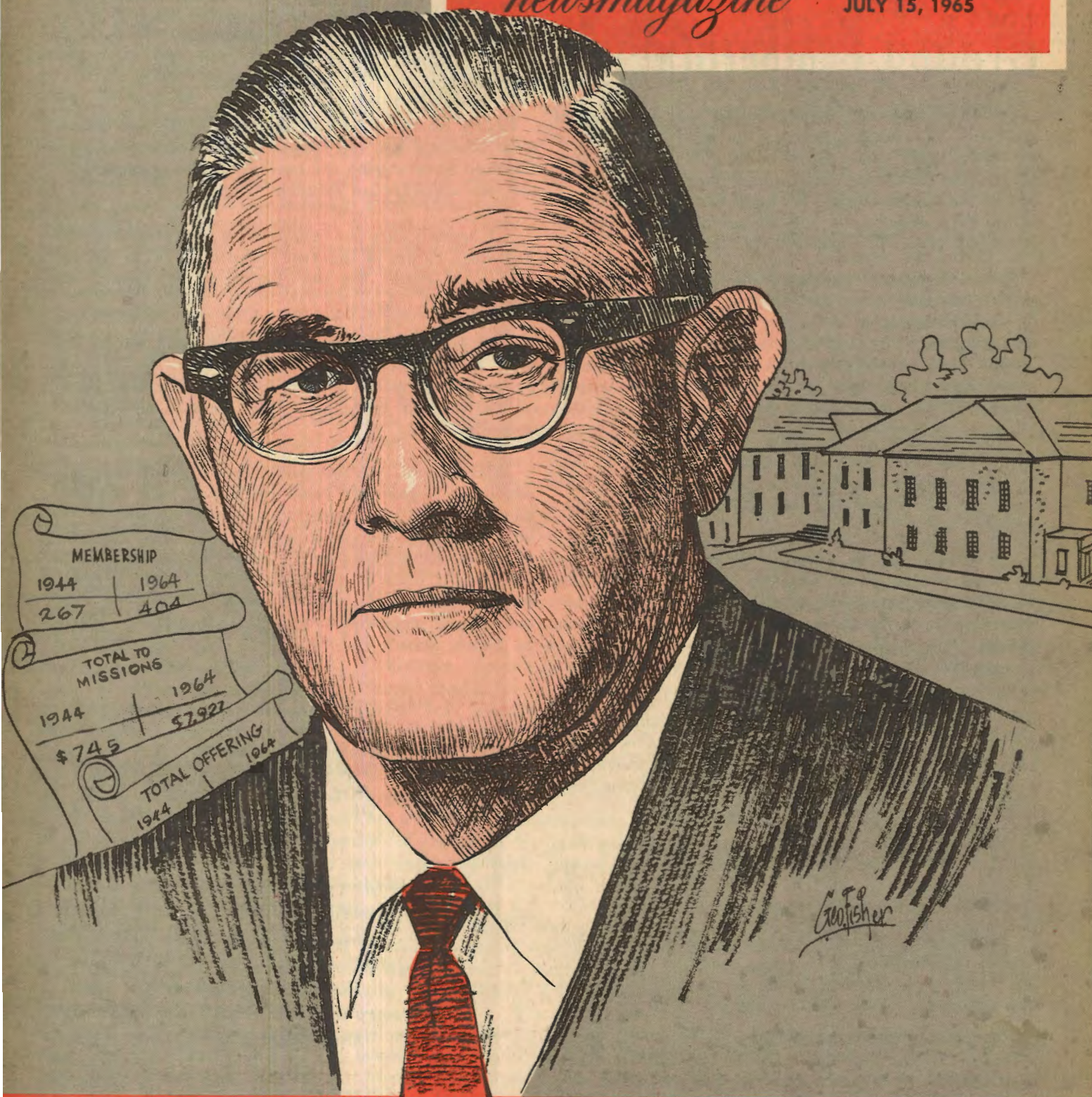
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Ground cumbering

"WHY cumbereth... the ground?" was not asked of the Lord on a modern freeway, but on a quiet path in the Holy Land many centuries ago. If the Lord were here in the flesh today, driving a modern automobile on one of our superhighways, he might find better examples of ground cumbering in the average motor traffic than he found, even, in a fruitless fig tree.

Some of the greatest hazards to life, limb and property in our day are to be found in drivers who either do not know how to get on or off a freeway or could not care less. Among the most deadly drivers are the ground cumberers who stop in the access lanes leading onto superhighways and sit till all traffic that can pass and that which is blocked is stopped dead still.

The bad part of cumbering the ground on the freeway is that the driver who pokes or mopes or stops compels others to cumber with him. And there is nothing any more frustrating than being forced to cumber against your will.

Sometimes the cumbering is not on the highway but in the church. A pastor who has little or no vision can be a cumberer who blocks progress for the church. Quite often the cumberer in church is not the pastor but the people. The pastor, as the undershepherd, is supposed to lead. But how can you lead those who will not be led?

According to the parable of the barren fig tree (Luke 13:6-10), when the orchardist came and found no fruit on the tree that had had plenty of time to grow up and bear fruit, he gave orders to the one who worked for him to cut it down and asked in words of strong judgment: "...why cumbereth it the ground?"

But the dresser of the vineyard pleaded with the owner: "Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it, And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down."

Interestingly, the Lord does not tell us in the parable whether or not the owner agreed to leave the tree for one more season before cutting it down, but the implication seems to be that he did.

Certainly, one thing that seems to stand out above others is that the Lord has no place for mere cumberers of the ground in his own vineyard. But we cannot help but be gratefully aware of his unmeasurable mercy that gives so many of us not one season but many seasons to show some evidence of fruit in our lives.

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

MIAMI Beach, Fla., was the setting for a meeting of Baptists throughout the world when the Baptist World Congress gathered there to elect its first Negro president, an outstanding African preacher. A report from the sessions begins on page 8. The Editor comments on the election in the editorial columns on page 3. Other editorial subjects of the week include Rev. T. J. Gotcher, Dr. J. I. Cossey's recent column on supply preachers' pay, and the death of Judge Trimble.

FROM Miami Beach this week also comes our "Courtship, Marriage and the Home" column, written by Mrs. Rosalind Street during the convention. Her comments on the race situation are excellent. Page 6.

IT appears that our readers were favorably impressed with our "Father of the Year" portrait of W. B. O'Neal by George Fisher. See the "Letters to the Editor," on page 4.

A VACATION from our everyday work should not mean a "staycation" from the Lord's work, Tal Bonham warns us in his article on page 19. How to combine physical and spiritual refreshment is set forth in three simple suggestions.

BIG church, medium-sized church, small church — whichever is yours we think you'll find some workable plans for next year's program, news about people you know and projected plant expansions in our "From the Churches" feature on page 12. Items that fill this column are gleaned from church bulletins and from our mail. We try each week to bring you news from over the state and include ideas that have proven successful in Arkansas Baptist church life.

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New BWA president

THE election of a native of Liberia, William R. Tolbert Jr., to the presidency of Baptist World Alliance last week, at the BWA Congress in Miami Beach, sets no new precedent, even though President Tolbert is the first Negro to hold this strategic post. For the BWA, by its very nature, representing 26 million Baptists in 121 nations, is color blind as far as race discrimination is concerned.

Facing a five-year term of world Christian service, the new president spoke wisely and in complete harmony with the teachings of the Bible as he declared, "Christianity is not confined to any particular race or color . . . We are a world-wide family." Surely he will have the prayerful support of all Baptists as he visits in countries around the world to emphasize fellowship and cooperation among Baptists. He will be in a unique position to help the world to see and understand that Christianity "is not just a white man's religion."

Although Dr. Tolbert is and has been for many years vice president of the Republic of Liberia, he stands for "complete separation of church and state." As to ecumenicity, he feels that Baptists should work with other Christians, but hold to Baptist principles without compromise.

Southern Baptists will be well represented among the vice presidents of BWA by two of their most widely loved and highly honored leaders, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Birmingham, Ala., and Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Rev. T. J. Gotcher

IN the death of the Rev. T. J. Gotcher, pastor emeritus of First Assembly of God Church, North Little Rock, Baptists and Christians in general lost one of their greatest co-workers in the cause of civic righteousness.

A native of Pope County, Mr. Gotcher lived all of his life in his native state. He was pastor of the North Little Rock church for 25 years, until his retirement due to ill health, and had an equal period of service in a radio preaching ministry. He was one of the founders of his denomination's national children's home, Hillcrest Children's Home, Hot Springs, and served as a member of its board of directors from its founding till his death. He was a member of the executive board of the Arkansas District Council of Assemblies of God for 37 years and assistant superintendent of the Arkansas Council for 21 years.

Mr. Gotcher demonstrated the spirit of ecumenicity at its best, sacrificing none of the tenets of his faith, but giving himself freely to serve in Christian fellowship with those of other denominations for those things for which all Christians stand. One of the most active members of the executive committee of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, he continued to attend the meetings of the committee as long as his health would permit.

Lives such as that lived by Mr. Gotcher bring new meaning to Matthew 12:35a: "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things. . ." Arkansas will always be a better state because this man lived.

Supply preacher pay

SOMETHING Dr. Cossey had to say in our July 1 paper about pay for supply preaching will bear repeating. Said Dr. Cossey:

"I know churches that paid \$25 per week for pulpit supplies when their budgets were \$50 per week that now have budgets of \$200 per week but which still pay \$25 per week for a pulpit supply."

A retired minister who necessarily must depend largely on his earnings for supply preaching was telling me personally the other day about the hardships he and others like him must endure because so many churches pay scarcely more than the cost of transportation.

This minister had been paid \$25 for supplying on a recent Sunday at a church 70 or 80 miles from his home. When you take into account the fact that the minister must own an automobile and keep it in good running condition to be able to accept such preaching engagements, you see how much of a burden is left on the preacher.

In happy contrast, the same preacher recently supplied the pulpit for a church in Northeastern Arkansas that paid him \$25 as honorarium but added to this travel expense money at the rate of ten cents a mile. This is more like it.

Some who have never done any preaching may think whatever is paid the supply preacher is "pretty high for one day's work." But a preacher knows that far more time is required for preaching than the time the preacher is actually in the pulpit. One who knows he is to preach a week from now is likely to spend many hours, if not days, between now and the time he is to preach, getting ready, preparing the sermons and doing what he can, with the Lord's help, to prepare his own heart.

It should not continue to be true that, as Dr. Cossey was saying, "Everything has gone up but preaching."

Judge Trimble

THE life of Judge Thomas Clark Trimble demonstrated on a high plane the application of Christianity to vocation and the everyday affairs. Never active as an office-holder in his church—First Church, Lonoke—Judge Trimble was, nonetheless, a "bench warmer" in the good sense of the term. He was a supporter of his church with his attendance, his prayers, his giving, and the way he lived and conducted his professional and private affairs.

Judge Trimble's family and friends, his church, and his denomination can always be grateful for his outstanding career as an attorney and as a federal judge. He has helped us to see that all of life is sacred and his influence will live on in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the people SPEAK

THE spelling and sentence structure in this department are those of the writers. The only editing of letters to the editor is the writing of headlines and, occasionally, deletion of parts that are not regarded as essential.

The O'Neal Cover

LET me take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful recognition you and the staff of the Arkansas Newsmagazine have given Dad. He says he has been going around hunting lead for his shoes. Well, I have been going around basking in reflected glory.—Iris O'Neal Bowen, N. Little Rock

I CANNOT say words to express my happiness for this weeks (issue of June 17) Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine with the picture of our dear Bro. W. B. O'Neal also the nice piece about him. I do appreciate the honor given him. He deserves all and more. He has been a wonderful person to me and our family for years. His life has long been a help, inspiration, and blessing to me.

I always enjoy my Arkansas Baptist. I read your "Personally Speaking" first, and enjoy it very much. So keep it going in each week's issue. I also always look before reading the rest of my magazine for poems etc. written by Bro. O'Neal. Feel disappointed if or when don't find any.

My intention is to order your book "75 Stories and Illustrations from Everyday Life" soon.—Mrs. Ora Wilson, Banner, Ark.

Missions in Brazil

MY husband and I have recently returned from Brazil where we spent a month visiting our son, Dr. Glenn E. Hickey and family, Southern Baptist Missionaries to Brazil, and who are now in Campinas attending language school.

We met some seventy of our Missionaries during our short visit and it thrilled our hearts to actually see our work going on and to see how very happy our Missionaries are in their work and how very dedicated they are to it.

Our son and family met us in Recife in North Brazil where they will be located after finishing language school in August. Here we visited our Baptist Seminary where Glenn will be teaching, the Baptist Student Center, the Goodwill Center, The Baptist Building and Baptist Book Store.

Other cities visited were Rio, Sao Paulo, Campinas and Brasili, all of which have similar Baptist work.

Brazil is an enchanting country with high mountains, lovely fertile valleys, rivers and waterfalls, the sea with beautiful beaches, and coffee and banana plantations everywhere.

The climate in Campinas was perfect. It is winter there now, which compares with an early fall.

We were very fortunate to visit Brazil during their Evangelistic Campaign and witness the glorious results coming in from revivals all over the country.

Southern Baptists have thirteen families at Present in language school in Campinas. Many of these preacher students go out on week-ends and preach in the churches near Campinas and the results have been wonderful as the lost are won to the Lord.

Some Arkansas families we met were the Fred Spanns in Recife, the James Wilsons and Richard Walkers in Campinas. (The Wilsons have recently moved to their field of work in Equatorial Brazil.)

Pray with us for our Missionaries in Brazil that God will continue to bless them as they labor for Him there.—Mrs. Glenn Hickey, Mount Ida

Cooperating Baptists

WITH regard to your editorial "Name Change" again in the June 17 issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, may I share some observations:

I feel as evidently you do that we should change the name of the Convention to something more appropriate than "Southern." However, I fail to see the point in your proposal that we call it "Baptist Convention USA."

If I understand the objection to the word "Southern" it is to the local connotation involved. The word "Southern" stirs resentment in the mind of some people in the pioneer areas of our Convention work. I know that this is a very real problem because I was confronted with it for two years in Michigan.

It seems to me, however, that your suggestion would simply be to trade our present problem for its bigger brother; that it would mean to drop our flag of more local dimensions which has been displayed before our neighbors in the United States and that we pick up the flag of nationalism and wave it at the whole world.

I do not doubt your wisdom in seeking a name that identifies as much as possible with all of our Convention fellowship, but I fear that the handle "USA" would tend to alienate those

whom we are trying to win in foreign lands.

My personal opinion is that the most wholesome approach to the whole thing would be to amend Article II of the Constitution to extend the privileges of participation to all Baptists (who otherwise meet the membership requirements) without regard to geographical boundaries and that we choose a name consistent with the enlarged scope of operation.

Well, I have spelled it but I am not sure I can say it. Someone has suggested the name "Baptist World Convention." At the expense of some redundancy, I would prefer "Cooperative Baptist Convention."

Perhaps it would be just as well to call it the "ABC" for Another Baptist Convention.—Floyd Emmerling, Pastor, Sunset Lane Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.

REPLY: Thanks, Brother Emmerling. My suggestion was based on the fact that our home base is USA. Certainly "the world is our parish." Your suggestion is commendable, but would the "Cooperative Baptist Convention" still have a place for the Baptists who are members of our churches and "in good standing" but who do mighty little cooperating? (Of course, I'm being facetious.)—ELM

Honor students

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Arkansas has nine students on Oklahoma Baptist University honor rolls for the spring semester. Six are on the president's honor roll, three with a straight-A average, and three are on the dean's honor roll.

To make the president's honor roll a student must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours, make a grade average of 3.5 or above (with A equal to 4.0), and have no grade lower than B.

Arkansas students on the president's honor roll are: from Ft. Smith: Donna Standiford; (4.0 straight A), Vicky Robertson Kendig, Warren Leigh McWilliams (4.0 straight A); St. Joe: Albert Floyd Baker; Little Rock: Julie Ann Mitchell (4.0 straight A), Melanie Smith.

To make the dean's honor roll a student must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours, make a grade average of 3.0 or above, and have no grade lower than C.

Dean's honor roll students are: Ft. Smith: Donna Standiford; Little Rock: Eddie Otto; Mena: William H. Underwood; Alma: Gary Grant.

Hugh Cantrell takes new post

AFTER more than twenty years as pastor of First Church, Stephens, Hugh Cantrell is resigning to accept a new position with Ouachita University, effective at the end of August.

In his new position, Mr. Cantrell will conduct an in-service ministry for ministerial students at the University and will teach a course or two in the Bible. He will be employed by the University, with the joint support of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the state mission department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

A native of Jonesboro, Route 3, where he was born on March 26, 1907, Mr. Cantrell received his elementary education in Jonesboro. He was graduated from the academy of Arkansas State College and studied at ASC, taking a premedical course, 1929-1931. He completed his college education at Ouachita after his call to the ministry, in 1936. He was ordained by Mt. Pisgah Church, Jonesboro, in March, 1937.

At Arkansas State College, he lettered in football and served as business manager of the college yearbook. He taught for a while in one-room schools, worked for the Arkansas State Highway department, and farmed.

He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Student pastorates, while he was at Ouachita and at the seminary, included: Black Springs, in Caddo River Association; Perry, in Perry Association; Biscoe, in Caroline Association; Hanging Rock, Leitchfield, Ky.; Liberty, Leitchfield, Ky.; and Meeting Creek, East View, Ky.

Before going to Stephens, Mr. Cantrell pastored Old Union Church, El Dorado, from May, 1941, to March 1, 1945.

While serving First Church, Stephens, he has seen the membership grow from 267 to more than 400; the annual offerings increase from \$4,304 to more than \$24,000; the gifts to the Cooperative Program increase from \$335

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—Portrait by George Fisher

per year to \$5,734, and the total gifts to missions, from \$745 to \$7,927. The church received, in the years of the Cantrell pastorate, 288 members by baptism and 324 by letter.

Active in denominational affairs, Pastor Cantrell has served eight years on the executive board of the Arkansas Baptist State

Convention and is presently serving as vice chairman of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1957 he preached the annual sermon of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Mrs. Cantrell is the former Miss Audrie Reecer of Norman. She was graduated from Ouachita in 1963, along with the older Cantrell daughter, Virginia B., who is now a public school teacher. The younger daughter, Amanda Carol, will be a sophomore at Ouachita beginning in September. Mrs. Cantrell will serve as assistant librarian at Ouachita, beginning Sept. 1.

News about missionaries

REV. Edward G. Berry, Southern Baptist missionary on furlough from South Brazil, received the master of religious education degree May 28 from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He may be addressed at Box 46, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky., 40206. Son of missionaries, he was born in Brazil. He is a graduate of Ouachita University.



THIRTY-THREE young people from Pulaski Heights Church recently attended Southern Baptist Youth Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C. They are left to right: Front row: Counselors—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goodrich and Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Spann; Second row: Debbie Holt, Sharon Gilmore, Nancy Winburn, Jerry Berry, Donna Corley, Shirley Qualls, Paul Odum, Bob Scott, Carl Kolb and Mariruth Smith; Third row: Shelley Abernathy, Sarah McMurray, Christy Martin, Marshia Jons, Virginia Woolsey, Jo Linder, Charles Sparks, April Dunham, Sharon Farrell, Diane Johnson and Drew Rogers; Fourth row: Gina Lou Marks, Leah Kraras, Bill Nunnally, Sinclair Winburn, Joey Michalls, Tommy Deere, George McKinney and Roger Beckstad.

Solution to race problem --- GOD !



SOME weeks ago a charming young mother slipped into my hand a note that read:

"Next September our child will start to school in an integrated situation.

"We have deep prejudice against integration. It is un-Christian to feel as we do, I know. How can we overcome our prejudice?"

Anytime that one faces a problem and acknowledges a fault, she (or he) has taken a first step toward the solution.

What has been your approach in prayer, Christian mother? Have you merely generalized in your upreach for divine wisdom? Because of your awareness that your attitude needs changing, and your inner resistance to that change, have you left this matter completely out of your petitions?

Why don't you make a thorough confession of your feelings to God. Don't try to gloss it over; rather enter into completely honest communication with Him about this specific thing. Tell Him as simply and naturally as you would tell your best friend.

Now ask God for the right perspective and for help in achieving the right attitude.

When Jesus said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," he did not mean that you must have the same feeling of affection toward your neighbor as you have toward your family or your closest friends.

He did mean that you are to have good will toward your ac-

quaintances and maintain a considerate, readily-helpful relationship toward all with whom you come in contact.

There is no indication that the "good Samaritan" ever saw again the man to whose need he ministered. We have no evidence that he cultivated a close friendship with him. If, in the course of human events, he had found himself living and working in the same community with the man he had helped, it seems reasonable that he would have treated him as a fellow human being, studying with him, or worshiping with him without resentment, if circumstances necessitated.

A Christian attitude on your part toward people born with different physical traits, reared in less fortunate circumstances will express itself in your home and family life.

It will restrain derogatory remarks about the Negro pupils who are to be enrolled in your child's class at school.

It will not tolerate any "making fun" of the Negro children.

It will remind all members of your family that the Negro girls and boys have feelings just as we do: they experience loneliness, fun, sorrow, happiness even as others do; some lessons are hard for them to learn, some easy, as is true with the white classmates.

This copy is being written at Miami Beach, between sessions of the Baptist World Alliance. A large percentage of the thousands attending this year's sessions of the Congress are Negroes. It is a striking thing to note how much they act like the rest of us. Some of them are attractively dressed, others rather poorly attired, still others noticeably over-dressed; some of them are modest and unassuming, others are oversupplied with a feeling of self-importance; some are worshipful and reverent, while others are shallow and uninhibited about talking and walking around during the sessions...

The same situation will exist in your child's schoolroom, on a childhood level.

Will you try to protect your offspring from rather than instilling into his (or her) personality prejudice? Will you help your little one in the classroom, and everywhere, to accept associates for *what they are* rather than *who they are*?

Distinguished Negro pastor, Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, said in a message to the Baptist World Alliance:

"We know how to swim;

We know how to fly;

But we don't know how to live together on this earth."

Perhaps our children will help us to learn better human relations.

Hortense Powdermaker, in her textbook, *Probing Our Prejudices*, suggests certain steps in the chapter, "What We Can Do About It."

"First you must have a sincere desire to do something about your own prejudices.

"A second step in the attack on prejudice is a frank recognition of it in ourselves. We must bring our prejudices out in the open, admit them honestly, and examine them carefully.

"The next step is a definite attempt to eradicate or materially reduce our prejudices.

"If, after an honest appraisal of yourself, you find that, in spite of your strong efforts, some prejudices still linger, you must be careful not to *act* on them. For instance, if you know that you are prejudiced against one of your classmates, you can make a special attempt to see his good points and be fair with him. You may never like him, if your prejudice remains, but at least you can keep from abusing him."

Only God has the solution to our race problems. Let us seek His way.

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I. T. Tichenor

DR. I. T. Tichenor of the Home Mission Board addressed the messengers of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, meeting in Broadway Church, Pine Bluff, in 1884.

Born in Spencer County, Kentucky, this leader among Baptists was graduated from Taylorsville Academy. An attack of measles interrupted his schooling and left him in a weakened condition for several years. But his ability and inquisitive mind led him on to further education.

Of him, Cathcart in his Baptist Encyclopedia says, "He is thoroughly acquainted with theology, history and science, and is a clear and independent thinker, a gifted writer, a most eloquent and powerful preacher, and as nearly the perfection of a platform speaker as one will meet in this country." (Vol. 2, p. 1152)

This glowing praise is borne out in the facts of his life. His early efforts at preaching won for him the title, "boy orator of Kentucky." In 1847 he became agent for the American Indian Mission Association. While traveling in this work he became acquainted in Columbus, Mississippi, and the First Baptist Church of that city called him as pastor. Two years later, he went to Texas for a short time and then back to Kentucky as pastor. On Jan. 1, 1852, he began a 15-year pastorate of First Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

While in this pastorate he joined the movement to establish a southwide seminary in Greenville, South Carolina, and in 1860 preached its first commencement sermon.

For one year during the Civil War he served as chaplain of the 17th Alabama Regiment.

Not all of his interests lay in the ministry. He was concerned with the development of the state. He became one of the owners of the

Montevello Coal Mining Company in Shelby County, Alabama, in 1863. As its president he began geological surveys of what became the mineral district in Birmingham. He predicted a great potential for this area.

He resigned his pastorate in 1868 to devote all of his time to material interests. But the death of his wife caused him to return to the pastorate. He took First Church, Memphis, Tennessee, in 1871.

Dr. Tichenor resigned this pastorate after one year and returned to Alabama to be president of state A. and M. College. For ten years he served as head of this institution, laying a broad foundation for its future development.

He studied the agricultural situation, saw possibilities for future industry, and led his people to appreciate these.

In June, 1882, he resigned as president of the college to take the secretaryship of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, the headquarters of which had recently moved to Atlanta, Georgia.

His 17 years of leadership produced extensive achievements. He is accredited with saving the Southern Baptist Convention. Strong currents of influence were running to turn Southern Baptists toward the Northern Baptist's idea of the society method of work. Dr. Tichenor advocated the convention plan.

He inaugurated far-reaching work west of the Mississippi; developed a cooperative plan of support through regular giving; established a church building department; originated and sustained Sunday School literature until the Sunday School Board took over this work. He began work in Cuba, and enlarged the program for negro education as well as initiating educational work in the mountain areas. He dealt with the problems in growing industrial centers, and encouraged work among the women and Indians.

He resigned in 1899 and died Dec. 2, 1902.

Dr. Tichenor was married four times, but the longest any wife lived after marriage was eight years.

The Bookshelf

Eloquence in Public Speaking, by Kenneth McFarland, Prentice Hall, 1961, \$4.95

The author, an educational consultant and lecturer for the General Motors Corp., delivers hundreds of speeches per year before educational and business groups. In a United States Chamber of Commerce poll he was voted America's top public speaker.

In this book Dr. McFarland shows the reader how to acquire his sure-fire tricks and techniques of setting words on fire and going over big with audiences. He deals with, among other things, how to appeal to audience interest. He suggests a "smooth mixture of emotional appeal and reason."

My People is the Enemy, by William Stringfellow, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1964, \$3.95

In this extraordinary and passionate book, Mr. Stringfellow relates his deep concern with the ugly reality of being black and being poor. A white Anglo-Saxon, he does not try to speak for Negroes and Puerto Ricans in the Harlem Ghetto, but, as a Harvard-trained lawyer, he graphically underlines the failure of the American legal system to provide equal justice for the poor. And as a Christian who lived for seven years on what the *New York Times* called the worst block in New York City, he challenges the reluctance of the churches "to be involved in the racial crisis beyond the point of pontification."

Nonviolence, A Christian Interpretation, by William Robert Miller, Association Press, 1964, \$6.95

Author Miller is managing editor of *United Church Herald*, the official journal of the United Church of Christ. He offers here a comprehensive study of the theory and application of nonviolent action as a discipline of personal conduct and as a strategy of social action for civil rights and political freedom. The book examines such diverse nonviolent concepts as those in Hindu and Judeo-Christian scriptures, and the words and actions of Thoreau, Tolstoy, Gandhi, Kwame Nkrumah and Martin Luther King. It treats of nonviolence in its three major forms: nonresistance, passive resistance and active (nonviolent) resistance.

God Is a Spirit, by Charles W. Leslie, The Christopher Publishing House, 1965, \$2.95

"... we must not make the mistake of Nicodemus and expect too much," writes the author. "Christians must be neither superficial optimists nor cynical pessimists, with respect to the improvement of the external conditions of human existence," he continues. "We should rather be courageously realistic, persistently hopeful, and everlastingly alert, in order to make this a better world in which to live."

Baptist World Congress overruns Miami Beach

By JACK U. HARWELL, ASSOCIATE EDITOR
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MIAMI BEACH—This world-renowned convention city could hardly contain the mass, color and enthusiasm of more than 20,000 Baptists from almost 100 nations congregated for their 11th Baptist World Congress.

Convention Hall on Miami Beach was running over from the very first session. The Orange Bowl football stadium in Miami had to be used for four night meetings to handle crowds estimated at up to 50,000.

Evangelist Billy Graham was the speaker at giant rallies in the Orange Bowl Saturday and Sunday nights. About 40,000 were present Saturday night and upwards of 50,000 Sunday night.

ABOUT 30,000 attended the Friday night meeting in the Orange Bowl, which was highlighted by a parade of flags from over the world and the president's address by Joao F. Soren of Rio de Janeiro, completing a five-year term as president of the Baptist World Alliance.

A parade of speakers from around the world appeared at the microphones all week, telling of Baptist work in their areas of the world and calling for new advances in Christian evangelism and missions.

A group of so-called "conservative" Christians, led by Carl McIntire of New Jersey, tried to protest attendance of Russian Baptists at the congress, but got absolutely nowhere.

LESS THAN 2,000 people attended their Friday night rally for which they had predicted "more than 20,000." They picketed the congress Saturday morning, but most delegates didn't even know they were there.

In his Saturday night message, Billy Graham issued a sober warning that "war clouds are hanging low over the world."

He cited six "flames" which he

said "are licking at the edges of our world today" — political, social, sexual, moral, intellectual and student flames.

He said "the great problem of the 20th Century is man—man in rebellion against God." He said the answers to the ultimate questions of our time are to be found "only in God's Holy Word, the Bible (and) . . . in the mystery of the cross."

In his Sunday night sermon, the famed evangelist spoke on "the new morality, the new theology and the new evangelism."

He plead for Baptists to "serve His cause with complete abandonment, with a fervor that will put all worldly enthusiasms to shame, even though the world may count us unworthy and call us mad."

Dr. Graham's Saturday night message was preceded by Christian testimonies from young people of England, Mexico, The Congo and America. The choirmaster of the Moscow Baptist Church sang *How Great Thou Art* in his own language.

In his presidential address, Dr. Soren cited four major challenges to Christianity—the challenges of a divided world, of moral decadence, of waning freedoms and of the quest for abiding realities.

MIAMI NEWSPAPERS said the 11th Baptist World Congress was the largest religious convention ever held at Miami Beach and the largest convention of any kind to be held there this year.

Only 10,000 advance registrations were made, but by the time the first day's meetings ended, over 17,000 delegates had registered. Final registration was expected to go beyond 20,000.

Tentative approval was given to Hong Kong as the host city for the 1970 congress, with Tokyo as the alternate site if suitable facilities cannot be had in Hong Kong.

Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of

First church in Oklahoma City, spoke on "The Truth That Makes Men Free" in the keynote address closing the opening session.

Dr. Hobbs said "we are privileged to preach this gospel of freedom in the most challenging age in history up to this moment . . . The purpose of God will not be completed without the faithfulness of succeeding generations of His people."

He said "Jesus is seated at the right hand of God, expecting, until His enemies shall become the footstool of His feet. He is expecting us to declare unto men the truth that makes men free. And He will not say, 'It is enough,' until the redeemed of all ages shall sing, 'Worthy is the Lamb.'"

Dr. Hobbs said "In desperation this age looks with imploring eyes to those who claim to deal in things of the spirit. And it is asking us, 'What is truth?' What shall we answer?"

He answered his own question by stating: "Definitions will not suffice. Philosophical platitudes are too vague. . . What we need is deeds, not words; an example, not an explanation; a power, not a proposition. We are looking for truth that lives, truth personified, which not only reveals itself but empowers us to live by it."

Convention Hall was about half full when the opening session convened at 9:30 Friday morning. A colossal jam at the registration desks delayed many trying to get in without advance registration.

By 10:30, when the usual preliminaries were completed, the 15,000-seat hall was jammed and arrangements were being made for closed circuit television in the adjoining auditorium, site of the Jackie Gleason TV show.

The international flavor of the alliance was dramatically portrayed in the nationalities of those sharing in the opening ac-

tivities. Presiding was Joao F. Soren of Brazil. Leading the music was W. Hines Sims of Nashville.

The Congress Scripture, John 8:28-32, was read by Roger Velasquez of El Salvador. The opening prayer was led, in Spanish, by Juan Juan Lacue of Spain. Conrad Willard and J. Ray Dobbins of Miami gave welcoming addresses. The response was given by Alfonso Olmedo of Argentina.

Porter Routh of Nashville was appointed chairman of the nominating committee and Ernest A. Payne of Great Britain chairman of the resolutions committee.

Official observers were recognized from three denominations—the Mennonite World Conference, World Presbyterian Alliance and Lutheran World Federation.

A panel discussion on "The Purpose of the BWA and the Congress" was a feature of the opening session.

SBC Notes

By the BAPTIST PRESS

CONTRACT for a new auditorium at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly has been awarded to Bradbury and Stamm Construction Co., Inc., of Albuquerque, in the amount of \$1,233,030. Scheduled for completion by June, 1966, the auditorium has been planned to seat 2,600 persons. Provisions are made for joining it to the present auditorium, seating 1,000.

ROBERT G. Fulbright joined the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board June 16 as supervisor of the children's field services unit. A native of North Carolina, Fulbright was, until recently, minister of education at First Church, Longview, Tex.

ARTHUR Driscoll on June 16 became a consultant in the administration section of the Sunday School Board's student department. Since 1960, Driscoll has been director of Baptist student work at University of Virginia, Charlottesville. He held a similar position at University of Oklaho-

Mrs. Bates re-elected

— By CATHERINE ALLEN —

MIAMI BEACH, June 28 — Some 8000 Baptist women returned their president to office and took a close look at unity in the final session of the Women's Department, auxiliary meeting to the Baptist World Congress.

Mrs. Edgar Bates, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, was elected to a second term as president, and Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Birmingham, Alabama, was re-elected treasurer of the department. Secretary is Mrs. Olivia deLerin of El Paso, Tex., who is a member of the Latin American Baptist Women's Union.

Delegates adopted a change in by-laws which will make presidents of six continental women's unions new vice presidents of the Women's Department.

Vice presidents are Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde, Ibadan, Nigeria, representing Baptist women of Africa; Mrs. Ayako Hino, Tokyo, Japan, Asian Union; Mrs. Elizabeth Flugge, Ludenscheid, Germany, European Union; Mrs. A. C. Church, Adelaide, South Australia, Australian-New Zealand Union; Mrs. Edna Guitierrez, Managua, Nicaragua, Latin American Union; and Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, North Amer-

ica, Norman, for 10 years before going to Charlottesville.

DR. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention emphasized the need for writers who can deal with contemporary problems on an intellectual level and from the Christian viewpoint, at the opening session of the writers' conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly, June 10.

MAN is a person of worth because he is a caring person, Don Berry, Houston pastor, said at the opening session of the second Southern Baptist youth conference June 10-16 at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly. More

than 1,250 young people and adults heard Berry, who is pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Houston, and inspirational speaker for the conference.

Women also elected four members-at-large to serve on the Women's Department executive committee. They are Mrs. Willie Wickramasinghe of Colombo, Ceylon; Mrs. Erik Ruden of London, England; and Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Atinuke Baumijoki of Ghana.

Two representatives from the women's department to the Alliance executive committee will be Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Rachel Iversen of Oslo, Norway.

"Baptist oneness is a necessary requisite for accomplishing our tasks," Alliance President Joao F. Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, told the women.

Soren, issuing a call to Christian service, said, "The basic need of all Baptists today is for spiritual-minded, dedicated servants of Jesus Christ." He said modern evangelism has soft-pedaled the obligation of service as part of Christianity.

"Many Christians make service a personal and political issue. They may choose to serve if they love their human leader," he claimed. "But the New Testament places upon all followers of Christ a solemn duty to render service."

THE Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will hold its annual session at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly July 28-29.

HOWARD Payne College (Baptist), Brownwood, Tex., awarded two honorary doctor of laws degrees during spring commencement exercises. Receiving the degrees were Carr P. Collins Jr., Dallas, vice president of the Fidelity Union Life Insurance Co., and Willard L. Russell, Houston, attorney-at-law.

African heads Baptist World Alliance

—By ORVILLE SCOTT—

MIAMI BEACH, June 29 — William R. Tolbert, Jr., vice president of the Republic of Liberia, Tuesday has become the first Negro president of the Baptist World Alliance.

The bespectacled Baptist preacher was elected without opposition to head the organization representing 26 million Baptists in 121 nations.

Chosen to serve with him as vice presidents were Paul Mbende, Doula, Cameroun; Lawrence Silcock, Lower Hutt, New Zealand; Shuichi Matsumura, Tokyo, Japan; Aleksander Kircun, Warsaw, Poland; Ernest Payne, London, England; Roberto Porras Maynes, Mexico City; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Birmingham, Ala., Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and John W. Williams, Kansas City, Mo.

Both Mbende and Williams are Negroes.

In a press conference following his election, Tolbert said, "I humbly commit myself as a servant of God and as an instrument in his hands.

"I feel I've been summoned by God. I want to say to members of this good Baptist family that I'm convinced this is the mighty work of God."

Outgoing president Joao Soren, pastor of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, called Tolbert's election "an exceptional breakthrough" in the Baptist World Alliance.

As president, Tolbert will spend the next five years visiting in countries throughout the world emphasizing fellowship and cooperation among Baptists.

Tolbert is president of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc., with offices in Monrovia, and a past vice president of the Alliance.

Tolbert said his election might help the Baptist cause in Africa.

He pledged to work to erase the idea of some Africans that Christianity is a white man's religion.

"Christianity is not confined to any particular race or color," he

said.

Asked if his election might make it easier for missionaries to return to some countries now excluding them Tolbert said he plans to do everything possible to help open doors for the Christian witness.

Regarding his office as vice president of Liberia, Tolbert said, "I believe in complete separation of church and state, but some help can come through my position in carrying out the work of the Lord."

Asked if his election would help missions causes in Asia, the new Alliance president said all help will be given throughout the world. "We are a world-wide family."

On ecumenicity, Tolbert said Baptists will work with other Christians, but Baptist principles must be regarded and held to without compromise.

Tolbert said the objectives of the Alliance automatically establish it as the agency for implementing the challenge of outgoing president Soren for a world-wide evangelistic effort by 1970.

He added though that it is the people who must provide the vigorous thrust and the motivation to spread the gospel of Christ throughout the earth.

A Swedish reporter asked Tolbert if he spoke Swedish, and the Liberian replied, "I don't, but if I need to, I will speak in the common language of love."

Hobbs, new Alliance vice president and pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, said he feels Tolbert will have the support of Baptists all over the world.

Hobbs was seriously considered for the presidency by the nominating committee in early balloting but sentiment switched to Tolbert.

Harold Stassen, Philadelphia, former president of the American Baptist Convention, also drew early support in the nominating committee.

Williams, Kansas City Negro

pastor and Alliance vice president, said it was significant that "in the South where there are a majority of Baptists, a man of color is elected without a dissenting vote.

"I think it will help destroy the kind of image a lot of people have built up about the South."

Professor McCoy dies

DR. Lee H. McCoy, 50, professor at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., died from a heart attack July 5.

Professor of church administration, he began teaching at Southwestern in 1955. He taught this year during the first session of summer school, May 31-June 25.

He received the B. S. degree at Oklahoma Baptist University in 1941. He earned the master and doctor of religious education degrees at Southwestern Seminary.

Dr. McCoy served as minister of education in churches in Texas, Virginia and Oklahoma. He wrote the book, *Understanding Baptist Polity* and articles in numerous periodicals.

News about missionaries

MR. and Mrs. Henry Whitlow, foreign mission appointees to Hong Kong, sailed for Hong Kong on July 1. Their address will be 167 Boundary Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong. In order to receive their quarterly letter send name and address to Mrs. Freeman Shell, 420 N. 14th, Arkadelphia.

REV. and Mrs. Douglas E. Kendall, Southern Baptist missionaries to Zambia, arrived in the States June 4 for furlough. They may be addressed at 931 Timber Dell, Dallas, Tex. Born in Worcester, Mass., he lived in several states during childhood; she, the former Katherine Kerr, was born in Batesville, but grew up in Dallas.

MISS Josephine Scaggs, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, arrived in the States June 4 for furlough. She may be addressed at 136 W. Lafayette St., Fayetteville. She is a native of Stigler, Okla.

Arkansas All Over—

Young at Camden

REV. Gerald E. Young, Perryville, who taught English in the Perryville High School during the past year and served as chaplain of the Arkansas State Legislature, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Temple Church, Camden.

Mr. Young was born and reared in St. Louis. He is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.; and of University of Corpus Christi, Tex. Former pastorates have included Webster Groves Church, Webster Groves, Mo.; Temple Oaks Church, Houston, Tex.; First Church, Alief, Tex.; and West Heights Church, Corpus Christi, Tex. Mr. Young did a special study on teen-age problems while at the University of Corpus Christi and has been interviewed on "Little Rock Today" since coming to our State.

Mrs. Young is the former Miss Peggy Jean Ashworth of Houston, Tex.

The Youngs have four children: Daniel, 12; David, 10; Sue, 8; and Sandra, 6.



GERALD E. YOUNG

OKLAHOMA Baptist University announces high school graduates accepting academic scholarships beginning with the fall semester include Linda Crow, North Little Rock; Rebecca Jane Edge, Jacksonville; and Shirley J. Elam, Rector.

Conference program



DR. STAGG



DR. CHAFIN

THE program for the ninth annual Bible Conference at Ouachita University July 26-30 has been announced by Dr. Vester Wolber, chairman of the Religion department and conference director.

Sessions on the theme, "The Word Made Relevant," will be at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily except Monday and Friday. An evening session will open the conference and it will close after the Friday morning meeting.

Guest speakers will be leading educators from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. They are Dr. Frank Stagg, chairman of New Testament Interpretation, and Dr. Kenneth Chafin, Billy Graham professor of Evangelism.

Also on the program will be Eugene Moore, pastor of Ft. Smith Trinity Church; Milton DuPriest, pastor of Texarkana Beech Street Church; Lory Hildreath, pastor of Texarkana First, and Don Harbuck, pastor of El Dorado First Church. Jimmy Capel, minister of music at Arkadelphia First Church, will be in charge of the music.

At Baring Cross

JACK Cowling is the new minister of education-youth director of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock.

A native of Mineral Springs he received degrees from Southern State College, Magnolia, and New Orleans Seminary. He has previously served First Churches, Springdale and Crossett, and Second Church, El Dorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowling have two children, Kenan Davis, 6, and John Barak, 5.

Judge Trimble dies

THOMAS Clark Trimble, 86, Lonoke, who served as judge of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas for 20 years before he retired in 1957, died July 6.

He was a Baptist.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Elsie Wells Trimble; two sons, Thomas C. Jr. and Walls, Little Rock; three daughters, Mrs. James M. Roy, Little Rock, Mrs. E. E. Verser Jr., Eudora, and Mrs. M. C. Measel of Alabama; three sisters, Mrs. W. S. Smith and Mrs. C. T. Goode, Lonoke, and Mrs. Terry Feild, Little Rock.

Lewis to California

REV. BILL H. Lewis, for almost three years pastor of Second Church, Monticello, has resigned



MR. LEWIS

his pastorate to accept the call of Castlewood Church, Vallejo, Calif., effective Aug. 1.

Mr. Lewis came to the Second Church pastorate from the field of fulltime evangelism. He led the church in acquiring almost a city block of additional property, a new pastorium and auditorium were constructed and there were almost 300 additions to the church.

Mr. Lewis is the author of several religious books, and has served on the executive boards of three state conventions. He has engaged in evangelistic clinics and conference across the country. He is at present a member of the Drew County Juvenile Board.

H. L. LIPFORD, who has served for the past eight months as pastor of Aberdeen Mission, First Church, Stuttgart, has retired from his service there.

D. M. SHOPHER was recently licensed to preach by New Antioch Church, Mt. Zion Association. He surrendered to preach during the spring revival.

Baptists named to literacy board

TWO Arkansas Baptists have been named to the national committee of the Institute for Fundamental Communication, Washington, D. C., Miss Ella F. Harlee, president of Educational Communication Association, Washington, of which the Institute is a subsidiary, has announced.

They are Paul Meers, Little Rock, Arkansas timberman and church and civic leader, and Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

According to Miss Harlee, IFC is "an association of interested organizations and individuals who are concerned with the optimum use of the multi-sensory media for the rapid and widespread communication of ideas and information to illiterate and semi-literate adults throughout the world."

Purpose of the Institute will be to conduct research and to develop means and methods of communication for projects and services not only in the United States but in foreign countries.

The need for the Institute was pointed up by Miss Harlee in the fact that there are an estimated 300,000,000 non-literate people in the world today and this figure is increasing at the rate of 25,000,000 a year.

"It is obvious that new techniques of education and training must be applied to this critical problem if the great society is to grow and flourish in this country and abroad," Miss Harlee said.

Both Meers and McDonald have been engaged in literacy work for sometime, Meers as a field representative of Educational Communication Association, and McDonald as president of the Arkansas Laubach Literacy Committee.

Besides Miss Harlee, other members of the Institute's national committee are: Thomas Walker Hope, assistant advisor on non-theatrical films, Eastman Kodak Company; Orlando Stephen Knudson, producer and manager of the film production unit of Iowa State University of Sciences and Technology; Dr. Randall Whaley, chancellor of the Univer-

From the churches . . .

Stuttgart First

"EMPHASIS on Youth" is the theme this summer, with Rev. Russ Burbank, Ouachita University junior from St. Louis, as youth director.

Russ took up his new duties June 3, and immediately launched a planned program of youth activities, serving as assistant principal of the annual Vacation Bible School for the first two weeks.

"Fun Time" for Juniors is conducted twice each week on Monday and Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. Then the Intermediates and Young People have their fellowships and "Teen Times" on Friday or Saturday nights, and another usually on Sunday evening after worship service. One encouraging phase of the program is the reaching of many college students who are home for the summer. From 50 to 60 attend each session of the teen age group.

Plans are to use many of the young people this summer at our Aberdeen Mission in testimony services, personal soul winning and visitation.

Sunday was "Adoption Day." All of the intermediates and young people were turned out in the heat by their real parents and were all up for adoption. A whole church full of "orphans" were adopted out to families in the church for the day.

After the morning services the "orphans" went home with their new parents for an afternoon of family life. Then they came back to church to sit with their adopted parents during the evening service.

Little Rock Pulaski Heights

JOHN Russ, a senior at Henderson State Teachers College, is serving as youth director for the summer. His work includes supervision of the Activities Building, camp counselor and director of other youth related activities.

sity of Missouri; and Dr. Don Williams, director of the film department of the University of Missouri.

Plans for the opening of the Institute's national office and the beginning of its national and world program will be worked out at a meeting of the national committee in New York City in August.

Black Rock First

DORSEY L. Crow, pastor, is the author of an article in the May issue of *Home Life*, SBC Sunday School Board magazine. The story is entitled, "They Learn It All In Sunbeams."

Pine Bluff So. Side

JAMES Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hill, received his license to preach in the worship service June 20. Tentative plans for James are to finish high school next year, attend Ouachita University and later Southwestern Seminary.

Jonesboro Central

BILLY Walker Jr. is serving as our youth director during the months of July and August.

FOUR were ordained as deacons June 20: Truett Brannon, Gayle Croft, Larry Graves and Jimmy Watkins.

Pastor Curtis L. Mathis and Mrs. Mathis leave July 6 for a visit in Scotland.

Hot Springs Second

SEVERAL months ago Leonard Street Baptist Church, recognizing its inability to continue as a church, asked Second Church to take it over as a mission and to promote the program until such time as they were able to operate again as a church. Rev. Floyd Davis is serving as interim pastor.

McGehee First

J. WAYNE Crowder has resigned as music and education director. He plans to spend July and August in Waco, Tex., to get his music degree from Baylor University.

Rogers First

THE church has voted to proceed with plans toward a new church facility. The architects will proceed to prepare the working drawings and the finance committee will continue to seek for the necessary loan.

FOUR Arkansans have enrolled for the fall semester at Oklahoma Baptist University: Jane O'Mally Shell, Arkadelphia; Ronald Gene Staton, Charleston; Mike Stanley Gipson, Springdale; Shirley Jeanne Elam, Rector.

Dutton Anniversary



VERNON DUTTON

MEMBERS of Matthews Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, celebrated their pastor's sixth anniversary with the church in a special way on June 13, by proclaiming that Sunday as "Vernon and Vivian Dutton Day."

Special recognition was given the pastor on this day when a letter of thanks and appreciation from the congregation was read and a cash gift was presented to him at the morning worship hour.

Potluck luncheon was served following the worship service.

Under Pastor Dutton's leadership, there have been 700 additions to the church membership and the budget has increased from \$38,355.09 to \$57,857.20 annually.—Mrs. W. H. Norrell

Havner to Texas

E. D. HAVNER, a native of Arkansas, has recently accepted the position as pastor of Hillcrest Church, Wichita Falls, Tex. He has pastored Bethel Church, Harrisburg; Antioch Church, near Wynne; and Raynor Grove Church, McCrory.

Mr. Havner attended Memphis State University, Ouachita University and recently received his degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Cowling at Glorieta

By Sue Harwell
Press Representative

GLORIETA, N. M. — "Home base" for Christians is the spiritual experience — rebirth — that takes place inside the heart, Dr. Dale Cowling told Southern Baptists June 24 at the opening assembly of the Training Union leadership and youth conferences, Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly.

Cowling, who is pastor of Second Church, Little Rock, addressed more than 1,150 young people and adult workers. He served as evening inspirational speaker for the second of two consecutive Training Union conferences, June 24-30.

"We must be born again because we are sinners by nature," Cowling said. "There is in the heart of every individual that part that tends to do wrong."

He said that man can never be born again by some physical act, and many people "have come to substitute joining the church for being reborn."

But rebirth is a spiritual experience, he explained. It takes place inside the heart. One knows it is there because he feels it, just as he feels the wind and knows its presence.

This, said the Little Rock pastor, is the "theological foundation for proclamation—or home base."

In a later address to adult workers, Dr. C. W. Scudder, associate professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, spoke on the topic "New Life and New Morality."

"New morality," he said, "bears a sickening resemblance to the old immorality."

"Moral decision is now considered a relative matter, a thing of the past. There are no rules except those I choose through love. There are those who say the way of real fulfillment is...the way of self-expression, doing what comes naturally."

"They are free," Scudder explained, "in the way a traveler is free with no road maps or signs. True Christian freedom is found

To Hamburg Church



KLOIS L. HARGIS

KLOIS L. Hargis, pastor of First Church, Marshall, has been called as pastor of First Church, Hamburg.

Mr. Hargis, a native of Ingalls, is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary. He has been pastor at Marshall since 1960 and until leaving has been moderator of Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association.

During his years at Marshall the church building has been air-conditioned and a church mission established. There have been 131 additions to the church, including 68 for baptism.

Hogg to Old Austin

HARLAN Hogg, North Little Rock, has been called as pastor of Old Austin Church, Carolina Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogg and a son and daughter will move into the parsonage before the beginning of school.

RAY South has resigned Batavia Church to enroll in California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif.

when we become slaves of Jesus Christ."

Scudder said that Christian discipleship is a blending of love and law. The test of our love is the keeping of the law, and the moral law—the Ten Commandments—still remains as the law of God.



NASHVILLE—Dr. W. C. Ribble of New Mexico, Stewardship Commission chairman, and Dr. Merrill D. Moore, executive director, discuss the new Convention press book "Our Cooperative Program" with commission member, Robert A. Parker, Camden, at a recent meeting of commission members in Nashville.—BSSB photo.



CHAPEL ESTABLISHED—Lakeside Chapel, erected by Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, with the assistance of the State Missions Department, is located on Malvern Road in the Lakeside community. The first service was held May 16. A revival May 24-30 resulted in 13 additions by baptism and 17 by letter. Garland A. Morris, pastor of Grand Avenue Church, was evangelist, and Herbert "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, lead the singing. George Robinson has been called as pastor.

New Arkansas Baptist subscribers

Church	Pastor	Association
New Budget After Free Trial:		
Pleasant Valley	Orville R. Dickerson	Black River
Pocahontas, First	O. Phillip May	Current River
One month free trial received:		
First, Wilton	Eugene Jewell	Little River

Bains in Balboa

MR. and Mrs. Douglas Bain Jr. are serving in Balboa, Canal Zone, on summer assignment from the Home Mission Board. They are working with Dr. L. D. Wood.

Mr. Bain, a graduate of Mississippi State College, Clinton, and a theology student at Southwestern Seminary at Ft. Worth, is pastor of Cocoli Church.

Mrs. Bain, the former Miss Neena Ledbetter, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and is teaching science in Ft. Worth, where she is also taking courses at the seminary. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ledbetter live at Benton. His parents live in Starkville, Mississippi.

Herring anniversary

JUNE 27, North Jacksonville (Fla.) Church observed the seventh anniversary of its pastor, Dr. R. Wilbur Herring, formerly of Arkansas. A brochure recording the highlights of "Seven Golden Years" and projecting goals for the future was distributed.

The church has received 1932 new members during the Herring pastorate. Of this number 740 were by baptism.

The stewardship of the church has almost tripled as indicated by the annual budgets. In 1958 the budget was \$83,491.90. In 1965 the budget totals \$231,800.

A highlight of the celebration was the dedication of a \$285,000, three-story educational building.

Associational GA's

ROCKY Bayou Associational GA's held a coronation ceremony May 24 at Melbourne Church.

Recognition for outstanding work during the year was given to: Linda Jones, Bonnie London, Janice Lawrence and Suzanne Cook, queens; Judy Cook, princess; Retha Jones, Angel Tatum, Marilyn Hagar, Margaret Harris, Maria Griffin and Martha Miller, ladies in waiting.

In charge of the ceremonies were Mrs. T. J. Harris, counselor, Mrs. Shaw Griffin, Mrs. Cleo Jones and Mrs. Harold Tatum.

Departments

Sunday School

New for superintendents

AVAILABLE now for Sunday School superintendents and other general officers is a new Sunday School Superintendent's Package.

The packet contains 45 separate items, including a twenty-four page teaching guide for Sunday School Leadership Preparation Week, conference agenda outlines, and suggestions for 17 conferences. Two or more packages are recommended for larger schools. The cost is \$2.25 per package.

Preparation Week study material for Adults will be outlined reading in the August and September issues of the Builder. Study course books will not be used for leadership.

This is a planned kit of specific aids to assist General Sunday School Superintendents or pastors in conducting annual Preparation Week.

Price \$2.25; size 8½ x 11; Pages 24; available, now at the Baptist Book Store.

Preparation Week plans are outlined in the July issue of the Builder. Persons requesting Church Study Course credit will be required to read certain pages from the August and September Builder. Participants in the week of study, September 20-24, will need both issues. Place your order now for the additional copies needed.

Most churches will need and should order extra copies of the August and September issues of the Builder.

Books and units suggested for use with youth and children are: Young People — "Young People and the Sunday School Challenge" by Lackey, Intermediate—"Intermediates in Action Through the Sunday School" by McClelland, Junior—"As Jesus Grew" by Appleton, Primary—"Finding Out About Me" by Kattner, Beginner—"Friends Who Help Us" by Rogers, and Nursery — "Good Food to Eat" by Dillard.—Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary

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Training summary

THE TOP 70 CHURCHES IN SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING DIVISION I

Church Membership 1-99 Top 25 (403 Churches)		
1. Antoine	R. Riv.	13
2. Swifton	Bl. Riv.	11
3. Pitts	Bl. Riv.	10
4. Emmanuel	B-N	9
5. Altus	Cl. Cr.	8
6. Emmanuel	Fau.	6
7. Hopewell	Wh. Riv.	6
8. New Bethel	Fau.	6
9. New Hopewell	S-VB-S	6
10. Oxford	R. Bay.	6
11. Antioch	Bar.	5
12. Old Walnut Ridge	Bl. Riv.	5
13. Bethel	R. Riv.	4
14. Mt. Bethel	R. Riv.	4
15. Temple	Calv.	4
16. Unity	R. Riv.	4
17. Fairview	R. Riv.	3
18. Hartman	Cl. Cr.	3
19. Shiloh	R. Riv.	3
20. Wooster	Fau.	3
21. Mt. Zion	R. Riv.	2
22. Okolona	R. Riv.	2
23. South Side	Fau.	2
24. Spadra	Cl. Cr.	2
25. Zion Hill	R. Bay.	2

DIVISION II

Church Membership 100-199 Top 20 (332 Churches)		
1. Bee Branch	Fau.	30
2. Coy	Carln.	24
3. Glendale	Con.	23
4. Ist., Grady	Har.	20
5. Dennison Street	Pul.	19
6. Oak Grove	Har.	17
7. Bowman	Mt. Z.	15
8. Alicia	Bl. Riv.	14
9. Sage	R. Bay	14
10. Brush Creek	W-M	13
11. Greenfield	Trin.	13
12. Wheatley	Tri.-Co.	13
13. Northvale	B-N	11
14. West Side	Hope	11
15. Victory	Lib.	10
16. Ist., Coal Hill	Cl. Crk.	9
17. Pickles Gap	Fau.	9
18. Ist., Tupelo	Calv.	9
19. Beryl	Fau.	8
20. Valley View	Trin.	7

DIVISION III

Church Membership 200-499 Top 15 (290 Churches)		
1. Elmdale	W-M	56
2. Diaz	Bl. Riv.	55
3. Ist., Ashdown	L. Riv.	42
4. Ist., Sherwood	N. Pul.	35
5. Martindale	Pul.	33
6. Shiloh Memorial	Hope	31
7. Ist., Decatur	Ben.	30
8. Beech Street	R. Riv.	29
9. Eastview	Hope	29
10. Eudora	Del.	28
11. Trinity	Pul.	28
12. Watson Chapel	Har.	28
13. Leachville	Miss.	27
14. Caudle Avenue	W-M	26
15. Nall's Memorial	Pul.	26

DIVISION IV

Church Membership 500-up Top 10 (159 Churches)		
1. Grand Avenue	Con.	100

2. Immanuel	Har.	85
3. Ist., Hope	Hope	81
4. Immanuel	Pul.	76
5. Levy	No. Pul.	73
6. Ist., Mena	Oua.	72
7. Harrisburg	Trin.	64
8. Ist., McGehee	Del.	62
9. Walnut Street	Mt. Z.	62
10. 2nd., El Dorado	Lib.	59
11. South Highland	Pul.	59

AWARDS EARNED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL PRINCIPLES AND METHODS

Category 17			
	Total Pct.	Total Awards	Total Pos.
Red River	61	128	12
Faulkner	58	122	13
Harmony	46	308	3
Bartholomew	38	110	17
Pulaski	32	469	1
Trinity	32	168	8
Black River	30	132	11
White River	30	69	26
Rocky Bayou	29	34	29
Clear Creek	28	111	16
North Pulaski	28	229	5
Gainesville	27	71	25
Washington-Madison	26	144	10
Central	24	170	7
Concord	22	177	6
Independence	22	77	23
Liberty	22	343	2
Hope	18	240	4
Benton	17	83	21
Delta	17	148	9
Arkansas Valley	16	101	18
Ashley	15	96	19
Mississippi	14	113	15
Caroline	11	77	22
Little River	11	65	27
Calvary	10	33	30
Tri-County	9	84	20
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	9	37	28
Mt. Zion	8	116	14
Boone-Newton	7	20	33
Caddo River	7	10	36
Conway-Perry	7	12	35
Carey	5	25	32
Current River	5	14	34
Greene	5	26	31
Ouachita	5	72	24
Big Creek	---	---	37
Buckner	---	---	38
Buckville	---	---	39
Carroll	---	---	40
Centennial	---	---	41
Dardanelle-Russellville	---	---	42
Little Red River	---	---	43
Total	19	4,236	
Last Year	23	4,831	

SUMMARY OF BOOK AWARDS ALL CATEGORIES

Category 1-15—Juniors	2,114
Intermediates	1,520
Young People and Adults	12,913
Category 16—Church Administration	32
Category 17—Sunday School	4,235
Category 18—Training Union	1,237
Category 19—Church Music	236
Category 20—W. M. U.	98
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Theme: Giving Orientation To New Church Members

Definition Mrs. Craig
Doctrinal Guidelines

..... Mrs. Dees
New Member Materials, for Juniors Rev. Lane

New Member Materials, for Intermediates Mrs. George
For Young People and their Leaders Mrs. Ready

For Adults and Workers with Adults Mrs. Trobridge
Meaning and method of Orientation of New Members, a summary Rev. Craig

Wouldn't it be wonderful if 40 other associations would follow this example by conducting a similar meeting. Some associations would prefer separate conferences instead of the panel discussion — Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

The preacher poet

Of a busted button

YOU'VE burst a button off your vest?

Why, you should sew another on,
Or put a band about your head
And take new ground to stand upon.

There is no cause for sad alarm
At overgrowth in head and heart.
The cure is just to call a halt
And on a safer course to start.

An ego's not to be despised,
If one is 'ligned with God aright;
Subduing it is soon achieved
When one has diagnosed his plight.

Or, rather, when he lends the Lord,
With humble meekness his own hand,
Submits his course to God's good will
And on his guiding word takes stand.

—W. B. O'Neal

Report from Seattle

I WAS told that my position here at Northgate might be a little more difficult than at



MR. GRAY

the other five churches since Arkansas had sent a youth director to the church the last two years. Really, as I look at it though, I wouldn't have it any other way.

The very first day that I arrived here (Sunday), I was put to work. I am now engaged in a Vacation Bible School at a mission of Northgate which is called Rose Hill. There are two missionaries working there with me — one girl is from Orlando, Florida, and the other from Missouri. At present, there are no intermediates in that department even though we have visited every day.

After these first two weeks, I will be working with my own intermediates here at Northgate for one week at night. Following this week, the emphasis will be on Mount Baker. This will be the place of our RA camp and also our youth week.

As far as I can see, this is going to be ONE summer for me. I am really looking forward to seeing what the Lord and I can do again — hand in hand. Seattle is really an open field as far as lost persons are concerned, and I have already seen what the love of God can do in the hearts of these people.

I do hope that the prayers of Arkansas will be with us.

Yours in Christ,
Troy Gray

(Troy Gray of Arkansas A&M is serving as youth director at Northgate Southern Baptist Church in Seattle. He serves along with five other young people from Arkansas in a special project of the Student Department. They all serve without remuneration.)

Some adequate concepts

THE Word, "Mission," as applied in Christian work, is the mission of the church as set out in the Great Commission of the Resurrected Lord (Matt. 28:18-20). The word "Missions" includes plans, methods, and activities applied in carrying out the mission of the church.

Brotherhood work, as set out by the Southern Baptist Convention, in its recent meeting in Dallas (where the recommendations of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention concerning Brotherhood were considered by the Convention) comprehends the area of Mission Education and Missions Activities involving men and boys.

"Mission Education" includes every possible learning application comprehended in the mission of the church; and "Missions Activities" includes everything (and all things) that can be done to involve men and boys in mission work.

"Missions is what a church does to extend the Gospel beyond the doors of the church building." This means the extension of the Gospel through mission work to the limits of personal outreach (the home church-field); and it also means the extension of the Gospel beyond the limits of personal outreach "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Thus Brotherhood now faces the biggest tasks of its history; for a church Brotherhood is a church organization whose work is now largely outside the church building,—out in the community, and on out in every direction to the geographical limits of the earth.

This new assignment of Brotherhood is going to require spiritual leadership of the highest order, and a constant spiritual alertness to meet Brotherhood's greatest opportunity. Otherwise, Brotherhood will be locked outside the church program.

We are happy to face this challenge!—Nelson Tull

Beginner-Primary Congress

A *FIRST* for Arkansas Baptists is coming soon! And this is not just for our music readers, but for all those who work with Beginners and Primaries in any area of church leadership. This includes Sunday School, Training Union, Graded Choirs, Sunbeams, and Kindergarten leaders.

This *first* is a series of one-day conferences in five areas of the state. Many areas of the use of music with Beginners and Primaries will be discussed.

Our *first* such conference will be led by Saxe Adams, Beginner-Primary Music consultant with the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. He is considered an authority in this area and his

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Put this *first* on your calendar now and further details will be announced soon.

Winners From Ouachita

The state tournaments for hymn playing in organ and piano

Brother Hatfield suggested that we pray and look for chances to witness.

Any church that will follow these suggestions will see a new and revitalized visitation program.

Evangelism is confronting people with Jesus. If, in our visitation, we shall make about one out of three visits a witnessing effort we shall put a "shot-in-the-arm" of our visiting. The New Testament Christians went from house-to-house gossiping the good news of Jesus' resurrection and ascension.

A witness tells forth what he knows to be the truth as well as his own experiences. Many are willing to listen to a witness in the Sunday School class or from the musician or pastor but are not willing to be witnesses themselves. We must get away from the four walls of our church buildings and tell the "Good News."

"We need concerned witnesses, face to face with lost people, declaring the love of God in Christ for lost souls."—Dr. Wm. Hull.

It is easier to pay our tithes and hire someone else to do our

and for song leading were held on Friday, June 25, in conjunction with Ouachita Music Conference. We are happy to announce the winners in each of these divisions: Hymn Playing (organ)

Senior High (tie) — Ronnie Ballard, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, North Pulaski Association; Darlene Prather, First Church, Smackover, Liberty Association.

Junior High — Sheila Combs, South Side Church, Ft. Smith, Concord Association.

Hymn Playing (piano)

Senior High — Paul Miller, Augusta, Calvary Association.

Junior High — Janie Jones, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, North Pulaski Association. Song Leading

Senior High — Harold Jones, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, North Pulaski Association.

Junior High — Dan Smith, First Church, El Dorado, Liberty Association — Hoyt A. Mulkey, Secretary

Evangelism

A purpose for visiting

IN a meeting February 9, Brother Lawson Hatfield brought an excellent message on "Essentials in a Visitation Program." Here are the main ideas: 1. Establish priority of visitation in a church's program. Set aside a day a week for this and don't have class meetings, etc. 2. Elect a superintendent of visitation. 3. The church should know the importance of cultivative commitment witnessing. 4. Plan for weekly visitation. 5. Make assignments. 6. Have a report meeting when members share their experiences and an up-dating of prospect files.

A First Baptist Church in Arkansas, in a growing County Seat town, is in need of a Music and Education man. Anyone interested should address a letter to Church X, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 401 West Capitol Ave., Little Rock, Ark. 72201

work than to go out and witness ourselves. It is easier to invite people to church than to come to Jesus.

Let's put purpose into our visitation.—Jesse S. Reed, Director

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Depression words

BY J. I. COSSEY

ONE can never succeed in any kind of project as long as he uses "depression words" to describe what he is doing. We cannot raise the thing we are doing above what we say about it. Dr. J. S. Rogers once said, "A church is either on the way to a mission field or the graveyard." A church may go up or down by what it says about itself.

A church treasurer was asked, "How are the finances of the church coming along?" The answer was, "Bad, we are always broke; always in the red; never have enough to pay the bills. We would be a lot better off if it were not for all that money we send to something called the Cooperative Program. I wish they would get somebody else to handle this mess. It takes too much time and I am nervous." A church treasurer with a negative attitude costs the church a lot of money. People are slow to put their money into the hands of a person with a critical, unfriendly attitude. A church treasurer should be a happy, liberal, optimistic tither.

A pastor of a good rural church was asked, "How is your church getting along?" He said, "It's looking up—being flat of its back it cannot look any other way. We cannot look any other way. We never win anyone to Christ. We have fewer in Sunday School than we had last year. The prayer meeting attendance gets smaller and smaller. I guess it will soon 'peter out.' The deacons won't let me do anything. I am expecting the whole set up to fold up at any time. I wish I had some other place to go. Some times I think I ain't called to preach."

Complaints often voiced by church members are: "Who wants to visit? That is just one word I wish I didn't have to hear again. I wouldn't mind going to see people but this business of visiting, I just don't like it. I wouldn't mind going to see my neighbor if I could talk about something be-

Baptist beliefs

Partners or instruments

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

"For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" (1 Cor. 3:9).

DOES this mean that we are working alongside God as His partners? Or that God is working through us as His instruments? Too often the former sense is followed. But an analysis of the passage favors the latter.

In the Greek text "God" is the first word in the sentence, and so it is emphatic. It is a genitive case denoting possession. "Labourers together" render one word (*sunerqoi*) which means fellow-workers." It refers back to Paul and Apollos (v. 5). So Paul and Apollos are "fellow-workers of God" or "belonging to God."

This is further seen in verses 5 and 8 where "who" (twice) and "one" are neuter forms. "What then is Paul, and what is Apollos?" (v. 5). "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one (thing)" (v. 8). This does not mean that we lose our personalities in serving God. The point

is that the Corinthian church was divided over personalities (cf. Paul, Apollos, Cephas). Paul discourages this by pointing out that they are not personalities over which to quarrel. Each of them is a "what," an instrument. And in their service they are "one thing" or one instrument belonging to God for His service.

And what is the service? The Corinthian church also belongs to God. It is His "husbandry" or ploughed field; it is His "building." The "ploughed field" suggests the need for organic growth. The "building" implies a symmetric adaptation of all of its parts. Paul and Apollos are God's instruments in tilling His field and erecting His building.

No church should make personalities the basis of differences. Instead they should be regarded as "one thing" or an instrument in doing God's work.

sides church. I don't like to go to church because they talk about church and the Bible all the time I am there. I would not mind being a member of that church if they were not always wanting me to do something. There is something to do at the church nearly every night in the week."

Other members say, "The pastor preaches on money all the time. What does he think we are, bank presidents? All we hear is money, money, money. We wish our pastor would preach on love. We want to hear sermons on, 'What is to be will be,' sermons that will set us on fire. We want to hear something that will make us bubble over."

We believe that most of our pastors are aggressive and our churches will follow aggressive leaders. There is nothing to be gained by fault-finding, low talk and negative attitudes. Even though a field may seem impossible, try to find some good feature and talk it up. When a pastor does his best he deserves a following. It will bring joy always to keep the bright side up and omit all depression words possible.



A 'staycation?'

BY TAL D. BONHAM, PASTOR
SOUTH SIDE CHURCH
PINE BLUFF

THE work of Christ suffers during the summer months because some church members are away on vacation. But I have a feeling that church attendance is down more because we take a "staycation" from the Lord's work during the summer.

Friends and relatives come to visit. We are proud of our town and the surrounding countryside. We waste no time showing off our wonderful community, parks, fishing spots, and recreation areas. But when Sunday comes, we just stay at home with them.

"We didn't bring any Sunday clothes," is the stock reason that seems to excuse them and us from attending the services of our church. Our company often leaves right after the big Sunday meal at noon. For some strange reason, we feel justified in staying home from church to fix the noon meal and bid farewell to our friends.

Thank the Lord for vacations when we can get away for a while and be refreshed! But may the Lord deliver us from taking a "staycation"!

Here's what can be done:

1. When you invite friends and relatives this summer, invite them to attend your church too; encourage them to bring their "Sunday clothes."
2. Don't let Sunday feasting at home keep you from feasting on God's Word at church.
3. When you are in town this summer, be present at your church.

Please don't take a "staycation" from God's work this summer.

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PEARCY Church, June 13-20; Milton Kresse, pastor, First Church, Boswell, Okla., evangelist; 7 by profession of faith; 1 by letter; 8 for baptism; Everet Springfield, pastor.

CALEDONIA Church, El Dorado, July 26-Aug. 1; John T. Taylor, pastor, Magnolia Park Church, Houston, Tex., evangelist; Bob Elmore, El Dorado, song director; W. Hugh Nelson, pastor.

FLORAL Church, Independence Association, July 25-Aug. 8; Gus Pull, evangelist; Henry Todd, song director; Morgan F. Burge, pastor.

REHOBETH Church, Independence Association, July 25-Aug. 1; Delton Hughes, evangelist; Ernest Brown, pastor.

RISON Church, William Sewell, First Church, Searcy, evangelist; Robert Ethers, song leader; 6 by letter; 6 by baptism; Phil Beach, pastor.

FIRST Church, Altheimer; June 13-20; Don Nall, Ft. Worth, evangelist; John Siton, singer; 12 by profession of faith; 2 by letter; Minor E. Cole, interim pastor.

EAGLE Heights Church, Harrison, Sept. 12-19; Rev. Gordon C. Bayliss, evangelist; H. Dale Jackson, pastor.

FIRST Church, Coy, Aug. 1-8; W. Leslie Smith, Little Rock, evangelist; Floyd Pannell, pastor.

BLACK ROCK area-wide tent revival, sponsored by First Church, Dorsey L. Crow, pastor; June 13-23; Walter K. Ayers, staff evangelist, First Church, Little Rock, evangelist; Herbert "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, music director; Pattye Townsend, Jerry Crow, Black Rock, pianists; 102 churches participating; 15 by profession of faith; 50 rededications; 42 soul-winning commitments; 1 Missions volunteer.

LONGVIEW Church, Little Rock, June 21-27; Ed Walker, layman, Levy Church, North Little Rock, evangelist; David Moore, song leader; 2 by baptism; 11 by letter; 49 rededications; Charles Lawrence, pastor.

Education minister

WINFRED E. Grimes, Jr., new minister of education at Second Church, Jacksonville, began his ministry with the church June 23.

In recent months, Mr. Grimes preached in an evangelistic campaign on the island of Jamaica in five participating churches. Before coming to Second Baptist Church, he served Central Church, Aurora, Colo., as the minister of education.

He is a native Texan and graduated from Texas A.&M. with a B.S. degree. He also holds a master's degree in education from Central Missouri State College.

Mr. Grimes is a captain in the U. S. Air Force, stationed at Jacksonville.

Rev. George W. Hurst is the pastor of the church.



WINFRED E. GRIMES JR.

FARM SURPRISE

By GRAYCE KROGH BOLLER



WHEN Richard heard his cousins were coming from the city, he was not sure he would welcome them. Maybe they would not be fun. Maybe they would not like the farm or like doing the things country boys like to do.

As soon as he saw Lucy and Joe, however, Richard liked them. He was eager to show them the kittens, his dog, the garden, and the swing.

"We can take walks," he offered. "If we go up the hill behind the meadow, we can see the mountains and all over the countryside."

"We'll like that," Joe nodded.

Next morning Richard, Lucy, and Joe started toward the big hill. They waved to Richard's daddy in the hayfield behind the house. They sniffed the good, fresh scent of the hay as it dried in the sun. Richard snapped off a daisy to give to Lucy.

"Hills are hard to climb," Lucy panted as they reached the top.

"But the view is pretty," Joe smiled, looking out over the countryside.

In the distance they could see the mountains. Over by the town, they could see a church spire. Cows were in the neighbor's meadow. Daddy looked like a toy in the hayfield.

"I'm tired," said Lucy as she sat down on a mossy bank. "I don't see how I can ever walk all the way back to the house, Richard, even if some of it is downhill."

"Maybe you won't have to walk back." Richard smiled at his cousins mysteriously. "Maybe, if we plan just right, we shall have to walk only a short way."

Joe and Lucy looked at Richard with questions in their eyes.

"How can we get back if we don't walk?" Joe demanded.

"Are you going to make the house move closer to us?" Lucy giggled, knowing how impossible that was.

"You'll see, when you are ready to go back," Richard chuckled.

At this, Lucy jumped up quickly. "I'm ready right now," she laughed.

"I thought that would make you forget you are tired," Richard told her. "Come on. I think now is just about the right time."

Lucy and Joe could not imagine what would happen, but they started walking behind their cousin. Going down the hill was easy, except that prickly thistles were here and there. They scratched Lucy's legs when she walked into them.

The meadow lay at the bottom of the hill. Daddy was loading the big hayrack. How good the hay smelled, sweet and warm in the sunshine! Richard stopped and all three of the cousins sniffed and sniffed again.

"Next stop is the barn," cried Daddy, as though he were a bus driver. "All aboard!"

Lucy and Joe looked at each other in surprise. Their eyes sparkled now.

"A hayride!" cried Lucy as Richard and Daddy helped her to the top of the mound of hay on the rack.

"Whee!" Joe climbed up beside her. "This is fun."

Richard made a soft nest in the hay and snuggled down beside Lucy.

"I told you you wouldn't have to walk," he grinned. "When we get this load to the barn, we can slide. Hay is nice to slide on."

A friendly cricket in the hay sang and chirped to them as they rode to the barn behind the tractor. The sun overhead was golden. The air was sweet.

"Nothing is as lovely and as wonderful as God's country," Lucy mused contentedly.

"I'm glad you came to visit," Richard beamed.

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BY MALCOLM SAMPLE
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TEXT: ROMANS 7
JULY 18, 1965

PAUL states in Romans 6:14: "Ye are not under the Law, but under grace." He believes and



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teaches the death of the Christian to sin, and he also believes in the Christian's death to the law. He illustrates this point with the marriage bond. This bond is resolved by the death of one of the marriage partners. Likewise, the death of a Christian, with Christ, frees him from any obligation to the Law. This provides and opens out to him a new, spiritual service that takes the place of his subjection to a written law or code.

I. Married to Christ

THE dominion of the law ceases with death, but life with Christ continues on throughout eternity. The church at Rome, at the time of Paul's writing, was composed of about equal numbers of Jewish and Gentile Christians. The Jews knew the provisions by being associated with the Jews, who were members of their own community. The practice of reading from the Old Testament did not stop with the change from the Jewish to the Christian way of worship.

Paul is having to deal with this situation, and does so by explaining about the woman who has a husband. He is not saying that the Law dies to the Christian, but the Christian dies to the law. Relations of this kind are ended by death, as does the relations of wife and husband end when either partner dies.

The Christian is so united to Christ that whatever has happened to his Lord and master has happened also to him. Christ was

put to death upon the cross, and the Christian has been put to death with Him. The Christian died to the old life and all the relations contracted before that came to an end. He also entered upon new relations that correspond to his new state. He is through with the law and has been assured a new spiritual life in Christ and should make this a reality.

This union with Christ will be productive and will have for its fruit a life consecrated to God. The new allegiance was productive against sin and evil generated by the carnal nature and appetites, which are sinful impulses. These impulses have been killed by the union with the death of Christ.

The body is mentioned, which is not in itself either good or bad. It is only the material form of men capable of becoming a dwelling place for the Spirit and for holy use. The flesh is the seat of sinful appetites, and the tendency is to obey the lower rather than the higher self. The way to overcome the lower self is by the spiritual way of life produced by the death of Christ, which is a higher ideal.

When we were in the flesh our affections were those emotions or passions, which lead to death. The law served to stimulate these passions, which lead to death. Our release from one master engages us to another. A new state in which we serve a living Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the principle of the new life and is opposed to a system which proceeds by external requirements.

II. Is the law sin?

PAUL had spoken out very freely against the law in the earlier verses of this chapter, and in verse 7 he begins to make clear the defects of the law. He goes back to the time that he ac-

cepted the Christian faith and uses his own personal experience.

The apostle had just described the law stimulating the motions of sin, but the law is really not immoral. It is not itself sinful, but in a manner it incites to sin.

Before the introduction of the law acts that are sinful could be done, but they are not sinful to the person who does them. He has no knowledge or consciousness of what sin is until it is revealed to him by law.

Paul points out the Ten Commandments as a special law, and as an example covetousness was not considered sinful to him until he was confronted with the law against it.

Sin cannot act upon man without the help of the law which shows what it really is. Sin, which is the evil principle in men, acting as the primary cause, and the commandments as the secondary cause led victims into all kinds of violations of the law.

The sinful nature of men is such that the prohibition of an act suggests the desire to do that which is prohibited. When the act is done, it is sin. It is a breach of law, where before there had been no law to break. This is what Paul meant when he said, "Without the law sin was dead." Until there was written prohibition, the evil principle was unable to produce sinful action.

Uninstructed morality may be regarded as a state of life. Sin is in the heart from the first, but it is dormant until the commandment comes, and then it came to life and men became subject to the doom of eternal death.

The Law was established in order that it might give life to those who were under it and who kept it. They could not keep it, and it brought them death rather than life.

The cause of this misunderstanding was not the Law but sin. Sin tempted and then made use of the commandment to destroy its victims. Still the Law remained perfectly good in itself. It would have to be good if it came from the hand of God. Sin was the fatal power.

It was not possible for the Law to lead men to sin and ruin. It was sin acting through the Law. The Law served to expose the evil principle that led man astray.

The Law was divinely given and inspired. Man is dominated by his earthly and sinful nature, which is the direct opposite of divine. It is this sinful part of his nature that is a slave and has been sold on the auction block of sin.

III. That do I not

PAUL is saying that he acts blindly, and without any conscious direction of the will. When the higher spiritual part should direct his actions, it is kept down by the lower physical nature. If his will had free course, he would act differently. But the fact that he desires to do what is right is a witness to the excellence of the Law which he wants to keep. There is really a duel going on in the soul, and what we do and what we will are opposite things.

The deliverance brought about by Jesus Christ is that of sanctification and not of justification. It is from the domination of the body and its impulses that the Christian is freed. That is done when he is crucified to them with Christ.

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Obedience trial

"WONDER drugs won't help you," the doctor told his elderly patient. "What you need is complete rest and a change of living. Go to a quiet country place for a month. Go to bed early, eat lots of vegetables, drink plenty of good rich milk, and smoke only one cigar a day."

A month later the man returned to the doctor's office. He looked like a new man.

"Yes, doctor," the patient said, "your advice certainly did me a world of good. I went to bed early, and did all the other things you told me. But that one cigar a day almost killed me at first. It's not easy to start smoking at my age!"

—The Voice, First Church, Conway

On schedule

PULLMAN passenger: "Can I get on No. 10 before it starts?"

Porter: "You'll have to, madam."

Still a good story

A SMALL boy leading a donkey passed by an army camp. A couple of soldiers wanted to have some fun with the lad.

"Why are you holding your brother so tight, sonny?" said one of them.

"So he won't join the army," the youngster replied without blinking an eye.

Kinfolk

"HAVE you any poor relations?" "Not one that I know."
 "Have you rich relations?"
 "Not one that knows me."

Fisherman's luck!

LUGGING a huge fish, an angler met another fishing enthusiast whose catch consisted of twelve small ones. "Howdy," said the first man as he gingerly laid down his fish and waited for comment.

The other fellow stared for a few moments and calmly responded, "Just caught the one, eh?"

June 27, 1965

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adm.
Berryville			
Freeman Heights	149	61	
Blytheville			
First	576	177	1
Chapel	49	17	
Gosnell	257	80	
Camden			
Cullendale First	442	142	
First	488	136	4
Crossett			
First	502	109	1
Mt. Olive	215	81	1
Dumas First	273	68	
El Dorado			
East Main	374	115	2
Ebenezer	167	74	
First	812	568	
Immanuel	453	136	
Trinity	181	85	
Greenwood			
First	261	102	
Jenny Lind	139	110	
Gurdon Beech St.	177	61	3
Harrison Eagle Heights	223	85	2
Hope First	461	98	
Jacksonville			
Marshall Rd.	129	67	1
Second	245	95	14
Jonesboro			
Central	516	195	1
Nettleton	256	89	2
Lavaca	237	144	5
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,143	422	8
Rosedale	253	73	
McGehee First	419	131	
Chapel	73	36	
Magnolia Central	536	174	
Marked Tree First	169	62	2
Monticello Second	232	112	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	682	169	1
Southside	55	31	2
Calvary	397	97	1
Forty-Seventh St.	171	71	1
Grace	107	38	1
Gravel Ridge First	173	90	2
Runyan	63	46	
Levy	485	186	4
Sixteenth St.	49	26	1
Sylvan Hills First	250	104	5
Pine Bluff			
Matthews Memorial	289	105	2
Second	252	142	11
South Side	695	223	8
Tucker Chapel	37	21	
Springdale First	411	105	3
Star City First	269	91	
North Side	111	56	
Texarkana Beech St.	530	151	15
Community	49		
Van Buren			
First	447	160	2
Second	85	42	
Vandervoort	43	29	
Ward Cocklebur	59	31	
Warren			
First	397	103	2
Southside	97	79	
Immanuel	257	78	

July 4, 1965

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adm.
Berryville			
Freeman Heights	89	41	
Camden First	391	97	
Crossett First	460	103	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	35	30	
Ebenezer	154	62	5
First	658	456	1
Trinity	171	81	
Harrison Eagle Heights	231	73	4
Hope First	373	68	
Jacksonville			
First	337	89	2
Second	204	80	1
Jenny Lind	112	83	1
North Little Rock			
Calvary	336	103	1
Gravel Ridge First	171	73	2
Sixteenth St.	40	21	
Sylvan Hills First	242	96	
Pine Bluff Second	148	72	
Springdale First	410	103	2
Star City First	206	65	
Northside	95	56	
Warren First	337	88	
Southside	63	54	

IF you're always longing for the good old days, just try reading these items by an oil lamp.

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Adultery not crime?

ALBANY (EP)—Adultery would no longer be regarded as a crime in New York State if a bill passed by the Assembly should win the support of the Senate and the approval of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Part of a large "package" designed to revise New York's criminal code for the first time since 1881, the provision on adultery was endorsed by a package vote of 115 to 16.

The Assembly rejected a committee proposal that would have abolished as a crime homosexual acts involving consenting adults.

Under current law, adultery and homosexual acts are punishable by a maximum of one year in jail. The law has seldom been enforced. (New York law, for example, recognizes only adultery as grounds for divorce; although hundreds obtain divorces annually, with adultery truly or falsely admitted by one of the parties, no arrests have ever followed.)

'Insult' held crime

ROME (EP) — The Constitutional Court of Italy has upheld the constitutionality of laws under which it is a crime publicly to insult Roman Catholicism, recognized as the religion of the state.

Italy's supreme judicial body has been asked by a court in Cuneo, northern Italy, to rule on the question whether the penal code, which makes any person who insults the Catholic faith liable to a year's imprisonment, clashed on this point with the constitutional guarantees of freedom of worship.

The Constitutional Court held that the penal law was designed to protect the religious sentiments professed by most Italian citizens and did not limit religious freedom.

Anglican controversy

LONDON (EP) — Controversy in the Church of England over infant baptism has flared anew with publication of a statement by outspoken Anglican Bishop Mervyn Stockwood of Southwark that it is intended for the children of believing parents, "not for all and sundry." The debate also spread to other churches.

Bishop Stockwood's statement followed another by Bishop John Tiarks of Chelmsford which warned that diocesan clergy who refused to baptize infants as a matter of conscience should resign.

Both statements added fuel to a dispute which has led to the resignation of at least two Anglican priests and statements by others who vowed not to baptize infants. The debate has stirred the Convocation of Canterbury and has evoked comment from Baptists and Congregationalists.

Truck drivers' center

KAKOGAWA, Japan (EP)—A church-sponsored haven for truck drivers on the highway between Tokyo and Shimonoseki has been opened here, some 20 miles from the industrial city of Kobe.

In addition to providing food, rest and counseling facilities for truckmen, the project, called the Traffic Labor Welfare Center, will also encourage research on the cause and prevention of highway accidents.

Trucking companies and government officials have joined the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan) and the National Christian Council in sponsoring the center. Churches in Holland, Germany and Australia have contributed financially through the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugees and World Service.

Daily asks respect

MADRID (EP)—Another ecumenical appeal was made here in traditionally Roman Catholic Spain by *Ya*, a leading Catholic daily.

An editorial stressed the importance of relations with "the

separated brethren, whether they are our fellow countrymen or those who, in such great numbers, visit our country."

The paper said that for all "we ask a climate of mutual respect, and a properly prepared dialogue which should have its expression in legal provisions for religious liberty."

Ya said the appeal was addressed to all Catholics; it urged them "not to insist too inflexibly upon what are matters of doctrinal opinion rather than of dogma."

The appeal said "the transcendent value of any human person is not invalidated by his opinions and attitudes, even if these are in error."

Ecumenicity hit

DENVER, Colo. (EP)—Firm opposition to the ecumenical movement was expressed here by the 22nd annual meeting of the Conservative Baptist Association of America.

Citing a "conviction that spiritual unity is based upon a genuine Biblical faith," a resolution took stand against the ecumenical movement "as expressed in the National and World Councils of Churches..."

"This stand has been taken," the resolution said, "because of the ambiguous expression of faith in Jesus Christ which permits dubious interpretations of scripture and of the person and work of Jesus Christ."

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