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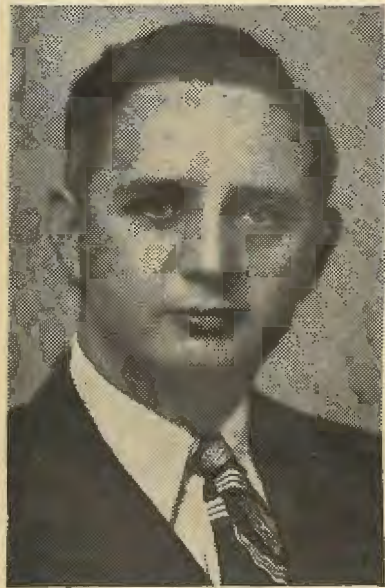
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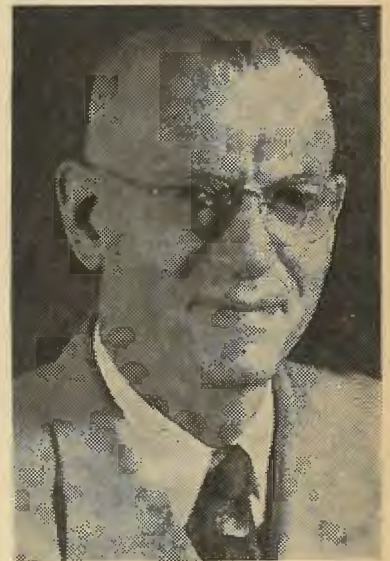
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Spiritual Road to World Peace

By FRANK E. BURKHALTER

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No one denies that the greatest diplomatic need of the world today is a universal, just, and permanent peace.

Repeated efforts looking to the elimination of war have been made since the turn of the present century, but while some of these attempts gave great promise of success at first, they finally proved inadequate. Although several achievements are credited to the United Nations, in spite of the labors of that body the threat of another major war still exists.

What have been the inherent deficiencies of such organizations as the World Court of International Justice, the League of Nations, and the United Nations, and such action as the wide-spread adoption of the Briand-Kellogg Peace Pact that pretended to outlaw war?

The Court of International Justice welcomed the opportunity to arbitrate or decide issues submitted to it, but it had no authority to compel the submission of disputes. The League of Nations and the United Nations have proceeded too largely on the false theory that war can be prevented by political and economic pressure. The Briand-Kellogg Peace Pact got nowhere in bringing about peace because many of the signatory nations were insincere in their pretensions and frankly refused to live up to any of their commitments.

Recent experience has demonstrated, too, that great armaments, no matter how extensive and destructive, cannot prevent war. In the present complex state of society, no human mechanism or organization whatever, taken alone, can prevent war and produce peace, for the simple reason that the problem of directing sinful man along right paths is such a stupendous task that only God, the Creator and ruler of the universe, has the necessary wisdom and power for its performance.

Mere men who are shaping the international policies and procedure of the various nations today are making at least colossal blunders: First, they have presumed they could regulate world affairs by human instruments without the assistance of God. And, second, they have failed to recognize the true character of war and the underlying forces that produce it.

At no time in history have the problems of diplomacy been so broad, intricate, and difficult of solution as they are today. To assume that these problems can be adequately solved without the aid of heaven is the rankest presumption.

War is always psychological before it becomes political and military. It has its origin in such motives as fear, jealousy, suspicion, hatred, and greed, and before it can be abolished these motives must be removed from the minds and hearts of mankind. Therefore, before international war can be banished from the world and peace established, Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, must operate on men's minds and hearts, and remove from them all traces of malignant fear, jealousy, suspicion, hatred, and greed.

However, before Christ has a chance to exert his skill and power in removing the

germs of war from the hearts of men, the preponderant influence now exerted by military leaders and bankers who profit from manufacture of munitions in the shaping of American foreign policy must give way to a definitely spiritual leadership. Spiritual rather than military fortifications must be erected along the frontiers that mark international boundaries.

To be more specific, a revival of the Christian religion—one that will pervade the United States first, and then permeate at least the leadership of other nations—must be employed in bringing about a durable, just, and otherwise adequate peace in the world.

"That is a fine, theoretical ideal, but wholly impractical," some will say. To take that position, however, is to both discredit the Word of God, and to doubt the power of God Himself. God stands ready to revive His people everywhere the moment they will meet the conditions so plainly laid down in II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sins, and heal their land."

God is the same today that he was when these words were spoken 3,000 years ago, and, being premier gentlemen of the whole universe, He always keeps His promises. Any church, denomination, or nation can have a soul-stirring life-transforming revival at any time the people involved pray with sufficient humility, earnestness, faith, and persistence to reach God's ear and command his blessings.

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The Church Is Not

The church is not made up of people who think they are better than the rest, but of people who know they ought to be better than they are, and belong to the church because it is trying to help them to be better.

The church is not made up of people who think they are perfect, but of people who are sure that they have found the perfect ideal in Jesus of Nazareth.

The church is not made up of people who think they never made any mistakes, but of people who have recognized their wrongdoing and have joined the church in the belief that it will help them avoid wrong-doing.

The church is not trying to tell people what they must believe, but it is trying to tell what they can believe, and what a difference it will make in their lives if they do believe these things.

The church is not trying to take the joy out of life, but is trying to put joy into every man's life that will last through all of time.

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We are not really prepared to pray until we have become overwhelmed with awe before the mighty God and with the consciousness of our own unworthiness, or until we have realized that "we have not an high priest untouched by our infirmities" but One who has entered into all our condition and need. Then we "come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."—W. O. Carver, The Teacher.

The Trials of Jesus The Mock Trial

A Devotion by the Editor

"What need we any further witnesses?"

The Jewish sanhedrin, presided over by the high priest had made its decision before the trial started. That trial must result in the sentence which was predetermined. No evidence was admitted which would tend to alter the decision already made. Such testimony as was given was carefully selected by the court itself, and only such testimony was selected or allowed as would be against the accused.

It is not difficult to find duplicates of this trial among people today. To discover this prejudgment among people of our day, we need only attempt to press upon them the merits and claims of Jesus. You will discover that their minds are already made up against Him. They will repeat all the stock testimony against Christ which has been accumulated since the night that the Jewish sanhedrin sat in mock session.

These persons who have made up their minds to reject Christ will not admit any positive testimony. People who want to disprove of Jesus and His claims upon them are as arbitrary in their decisions as the judge and jury of this ancient trial.

Such an attitude is rank infidelity, though it may not go by that name. You may find those who will loudly profess to believe that Jesus was all He claimed to be, and with the same breath will denounce Christianity in the most uncompromising terms. They will profess to believe that Jesus was the Son of God and the Savior of men, but they will not allow that profession to stand without at once proclaiming that Christianity has failed and that the churches are filled with hypocrits; admitting one positive fact they attempt to produce an abundance of negative proofs to counteract it. Robert Ingersoll was no more an infidel than they.

The infidelity that crucified Jesus and the infidelity that rejects Him today and pronounces its anathemas upon Christianity and the churches do not build orphanages, hospitals, and rescue homes. Such infidelity does not reclaim the wayward and sinful, nor offer them purity of life, salvation, and eternal bliss.

"Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth." Luke 22:70-71.

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From the Editor's Desk

Looking Forward to the Convention

A Salvation Army lassie is credited with saying, "I don't know what is in the future but I know who is in the future,"—meaning God.

Even though a well prepared program will be presented to our Arkansas Baptist State Convention, which has already been published in the Arkansas Baptist, even though we know the major items that will be discussed and the principal persons who will appear on the program, no one is in position to say that he knows all the issues which will arise in the Convention sessions, nor does anyone know the best methods of resolving these issues; but it is hoped that all can say, "I know who will be in the Convention," meaning God.

We may be certain that if God is present and His presence recognized and honored, all issues arising in the sessions of the Convention will be resolved with divine wisdom. God will be there to guide, to inspire, and to empower. We may definitely count on His presence; He will not fail us.

However, a presence is meaningless unless, and until, we become conscious of that presence. Even though God is present in the Convention, His presence will be meaningless to anyone who for any reason fails or refuses to allow God's presence to dominate his consciousness and to determine his decisions.

God is capable of revealing His will to all the messengers who shall attend the sessions of the Convention, but no revelation is complete until there is someone to receive that revelation and walk in its light. However much God may try to reveal His will to those who compose the Convention, His will will affect the Convention only in so far as His revelation is seen, accepted, honored, and followed by the messengers who make up the Convention.

Pre-Convention Preparations

As we think and plan and pray for the coming meeting of the Convention, we should do so with open minds, understanding hearts, and co-operative spirits. Fixed and unyielding attitudes do not prepare one for the best approach to the issues involved in a democratic assembly. Certainly one's attitudes should not be so fixed and unelastic as to make it difficult, if not impossible, for God to reveal His will and guide the decisions one will be called upon to make.

Prayer Is Necessary

The primary condition to a constructive, spiritual, dynamic, and forward looking Convention is prayer—prayer that denies self, prayer that exalts the Lord, prayer that yields one's power to God, prayer that asks to be used of God, prayer that has in it the spirit of brotherhood and co-operation, pray-

er that lays all on the altar.

Great programs of Christian advance have been born in the atmosphere of prayer. Great spiritual powers in the possession of God's people have been released by prayer. Great material resources in the hands of Christian people have been consecrated to God in prayer. Great mission fields have been claimed by God's people when they prayed.

If we pray ourselves into the purposes of God, God will empower us with the will, the energy, and the means demanded by His kingdom enterprises.

Baptist Democracy

If in preparation for the Convention we pray to know God's will, if during the sessions of the Convention we are conscious of God's presence, we shall enter into the work of the Convention with the characteristic spirit of Baptist democracy. With full and free, fair and friendly discussions of all issues that come before the Convention undergirded by prayer and inspired by the spirit of brotherhood Arkansas Baptists in Convention assembled will promote a program of advance which will challenge the Baptist constituency of the state to its greatest effort and its noblest adventure in kingdom service.

With our spirits fused together by fervent and unceasing prayer, we shall find a basis of complete co-operation. Co-operation does not consist of parallel lines but rather a triangle—you and I and God. If we will both co-operate with God; we are of necessity co-operating one with the other. Such co-operation produces a unity that adds an increment of power to our Baptist forces—a sum-total of power which is greater than the sum of all component parts.

May we look forward to the Convention with joyous hopes and prayerful hearts. God has great things in store for us. May we prove ourselves capable of receiving the full bounty from His generous hands.

On To Little Rock

By E. C. BROWN
President, State Convention

It is my sincere hope and prayer that Arkansas Baptists will go to Little Rock in large numbers for the annual meeting of our Convention at the First Baptist Church, November 15-17. Our theme is "Advancing With Christ."

Let me urge my fellow Baptists to come in a spirit of prayer and determination to launch a program that will enable Arkansas Baptists to advance with Christ in 1950. It is absolutely essential that all of the messengers shall come with the desire to find and do God's will.

Our Baptist Institutions

We call attention to the publicity given in this issue of the Arkansas Baptist to our state institutions. These institutions are the children of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. They must look to the Convention for their support.

They are rendering outstanding service to the Baptist constituency of the state. They deserve the confidence, the prayers, and the financial support of every Baptist and every Baptist Church in the state. These institutions are obedient to the instructions of the Convention in their respective fields of service.

Know your Baptist institutions of the state. Inform yourselves on their operations, functions, ministries, and services to the Baptist cause. The more we know of these institutions and the work they are doing the larger they will grow in our estimation and our appreciation, and the larger will grow the support which we provide for them.

Read about these institutions in this week's issue of the paper and let the information herein contained stimulate your interest in these institutions to the extent that you will seek to learn more about them. We commend to Arkansas Baptists the Baptist institutions of our state.

One For Ripley

The following quotation is taken from one of our exchanges:

"A press report in the New York Times for August 21 stated that because there had been no indication that Communist government in Hungary would hold the traditional ceremonies in honor of St. Stephen, patron saint of the country, the Voice of America would broadcast observances that day. The material to be broadcast, it was reported, would include recordings of a mass in honor of St. Stephen, celebrated in St. Patrick's cathedral by Monsignor Bela Varga, former speaker of the Lower House of the Hungarian Parliament, with Francis Spellman presiding."

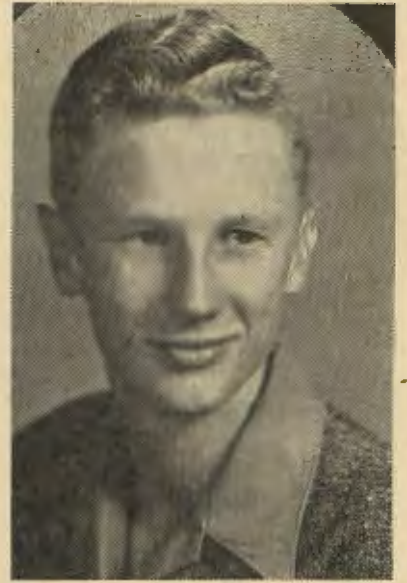
By what right does the State Department of our government use the tax payer's money to broadcast a Catholic service to Hungary? The audacity of any department of our government broadcasting a Roman Catholic Mass to a foreign country leaves us stunned. It violates every principle of Americanism. There should be some authority to restrict such unprecedented and brazen violations of the principle of American democracy.

It could be that the present administration in Washington will go just a little too far in its favoritism for Roman Catholicism. There will be a pay day some day.

"Teaching the Bible is a major of the Sunday School. Nothing should weaken this function. No man is well informed on anything that does not know what he knows in the light of the Holy Scriptures. He cannot have understanding of world issues of the times if he does not see them through the lenses of divine revelation."

—The Sunday School Builder

Ambassador Plenipotentiary



Billy Louis Bierbaum

Billy Louis Bierbaum of the First Church, Paragould, has reached the highest rank of Royal Ambassador work. He has completed all requirements and now holds the distinction of Ambassador Plenipotentiary. This rank has been reached by few and in our state there are very few that have accomplished all the requirements.

To reach this rank, Billy Louis had to perform projects from a Candidate through all ranks which require completion of 52 projects. A few weeks ago he was presented with the R. A. pen of his rank. The pen is encircled by the laurel wreath and a gold chain and key is attached.

Pastor Harvey Elledge of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, and Arthur Nelson, Evangelist Singer from Mountain Home, assisted Pastor D. C. McAtee in a revival at Second Church of Pine Bluff, October 16-28.

There were five professions of faith, four additions by letter, a large number of re-dedications, and large number of families who made decision to begin a family altar in their homes. Mr. Elledge is a former pastor of Second Church.

Can You Beat This?

October 23 completed 25 years unbroken church and Sunday School attendance by Charles E. Taylor of Newport. Incidentally Mr. Taylor was 55 years of age on October 23.

He has been Sunday School superintendent of the First Church for 23 years. In the 2 year period he has been absent from his own church and Sunday School only seven times but he attended churches in other towns or of other denominations on those Sundays.

In recognition of his record attendance and in appreciation for his services to church and Sunday School the members of the Sunday School presented him a gold embossed Bible.

"The happiest experience I ever had was learning, while I was a little girl, that God loves me, and that the possibilities counteract the cramping effects upon me of blindness and deafness. This blessedness of faith convinces me that all the young who are given opportunity to see God with their heart have the best chance of facing life's problems courageously and making of their lives noble achievement. . . ."

—Helen Keller

Kingdom Progress

City-Wide Revivals In Nation's Capital

Evangelists and singers from eleven states, New York to Texas, assisted in the Baptist City-Wide Simultaneous Revivals of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, September 25-October 9. The results were 663 additions to the twenty-seven participating churches, 353 of whom were received for baptism.

A special feature of the campaign was Noonday services for busy people and shoppers in a centrally located downtown church. Dr. C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, preached the first week and Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, preached the second week. Dr. B. B. McKinney, Secretary Church Music, the Sunday School Board, Nashville, conducted the music. Attendance was beyond expectation.

Another feature of the campaign was a gracious letter received from President Harry S. Truman expressing his concern for the need of a revival of the spirit of old-fashioned religion. His personal word of commendation and interest was helpful and appreciated.

The services began with a rally of District of Columbia Baptists in the Calvary Church on Saturday evening, September 24, Dr. C. E. Matthews speaking. He was also Director of the campaign, and was assisted by his Associate, Dr. E. Powell Lee.

The breakfast conferences for all pastors, evangelists, and singers, held the first week at the Fountain Memorial Church, Frank B. Burrell, pastor, and the second week at the Luther Rice Memorial Church, Michael Warr, pastor, were a most inspiring clinic in evangelism. Pastor Frank B. Burrell of the Fountain Memorial Church served as Chairman of the Steering Committee and Dr. William J. Crowder, Director of Missions, District of Columbia Baptist Convention, was organizer.

First Helena Advances

Under the leadership of Pastor and Mrs. Ralph Douglas the First Church of Helena has had the most successful year in its ninety-nine year history.

During the past associational year 190 people have been received into the church membership; 149 of these were received on profession of faith and baptism. More than fifty per cent of the baptisms have come from the Old Town Mission sponsored by the First Church, Jerry Davis mission pastor.

The Helena Church is in the process of constructing a \$200,000 church building and expects to have the structure completed and ready for occupancy within the near future.

During the two and a half years of pastor Douglas' ministry at First Church there have been 369 additions to the church, 235 of these by baptism. The Sunday School has doubled in attendance and the financial receipts have also doubled.

On the first Sunday in October a special offering was taken for the building fund which amounted to \$23,395.

Also during the pastorate of Mr. Douglas three young men have surrendered to the gospel ministry: Donald Gravenmier, Neal Baird, and Rolan Chappell.

Successful Youth Revival

First Church, Little Rock, had the services of Dr. Paul Brooks Leath, pastor of First Church, Vivian, Louisiana, in a Youth Revival during the week of October 9-16, which resulted in thirty-four additions to the church, with many re-dedications, and two young women surrendering their lives to special service.

There was a unique feature to this revival; Dr. Leath's brother, Roland Leath, is the Music and Educational Director of First Church, both are talented musicians, and they teamed up in a musical program each evening using two pianos most of the time, that lifted the audience to new heights of inspiration.

Pastor John L. Dodge reports a successful Stewardship Revival in the First Church of Hot Springs, October 16-23, with Pastor J. W. Buckner of the First Church of Crossett as evangelist.

Pastor Dodge says: "Mr. Buckner is one of the best in the country in Stewardship Revivals. He has the 'know how'; his messages are to the point, deeply spiritual and informative. The people of the church and the pastor greatly appreciate Pastor Buckner's services."

Results which can be tabulated reveal 217 tithing cards signed to date, 73 additional pledges made, and many other pledges are expected to be received in the coming weeks.

The East View Church of Texarkana recently held a Study Course teaching the book, Building a Standard Sunday School. R. T. Strange taught the book and climaxed the Study Course with an inspirational message.

The church voted to adopt the Standard for its Sunday School and to promote plans for reaching the standard.

The South Side Church of Fort Smith recently held a one week's revival with Evangelist Jess Moody of Waco, Texas, doing the preaching and Paul McMillan of First Church, Springdale, directing the music.

There were twenty-eight additions to the church by baptism. Pastor Victor H. Coffman says: "Jess Moody is one of the greatest youth evangelists and one of the strongest young preachers any church has had to lead a revival. Paul McMillan is one of the most worthwhile leaders of music and soul winners I have ever had with me."

The South Side Church is making plans for the erection of an additional Educational Building which will provide space for a completely departmentalized Sunday School. It will also provide for the social and recreational needs of the church.

Miss Joan Crouch is church secretary and pastor's assistant.

Announcement

The Alumnae banquet of the Arkansas Association of the New Orleans Seminary Alumnae will be held at the LaFayette Hotel Wednesday, November 16 at 5:30 in the evening. Dr. E. N. Patterson from the Seminary will be the guest speaker. If you plan to attend please notify C. S. Maynard, 923 Pierce Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Breaking In The Preacher

By GEORGE LOVELL JR.

This article was brought to mind by a witicism of Hambone in the daily paper: "Dey is breaking in a new preacher out at Oak Hammock, and boy, when dey breaks in a preacher out deah, he stay broke." While this is true with many churches, it is not true of all. In any case there are some things I want to say about breaking the preacher in.

No doubt, there are many things that have to do with the success or failure of any public service where speaking is involved. The arrangement of the seats in the building, the heating, the lighting, the ventilation, the cleanliness of the floor and the furniture, the general physical surroundings all count for much in making a service successful or causing it to fail.

Of course the preacher himself has much to do with the situation. If he is cold of heart and unbelieving and full of doubt, these dark things spread out over the congregation. If he is warmhearted and full of faith and the Holy Spirit, there will be a kindling up in the congregation, as a rule. Spurgeon said, "The way to warm a church is to build a fire in the pulpit."

Congregation's Responsibility

On the other hand, the congregation has much to do with the success or failure of the minister. A man may be a fine success at one place and almost a dismal failure at another—the same man, but two different congregations. I know of a minister who is doing a great work in a certain city in the Southland. Yet, he told me that he had been pastor at a certain church and had done so poorly that he had rather it would not be known that he had ever been pastor there.

He said the congregation was utterly without culture. Most of them chewed gum during worship service and some even chewed tobacco. When he tried to lift them to a higher level, they insisted on staying where they were. They resented him and he finally had to leave. Very few men can overcome an indifferent and practically none a hostile congregation.

I should like to list a few factors that have to do with the breaking in of the preacher.

1. The size of the congregation. There is no inspiration in empty pews, be they ever so fine. There is none in the paint on the benches. Painted faces are better than that. A large auditorium and a few scattered people discourage the preacher when he comes out before them. His people have spoken to him in the thunderous silence of indifference and neglect. "What care we for you or your message?"

That is the voice from their fireside or from their cars speeding in the distance. This same depression spreads over the few faithful ones who are there so that the preacher and the faithful are discouraged together. Then the preacher has a natural tendency to make it worse by scolding those who are there when they are the ones who need to be praised.

Interest of People

2. The interest of the congregation. When Joseph Fort Newton went from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to pastor the City Temple in London, England, he said he dreaded his first effort before the congregation. He went to church that morning with fear and trembling. The great house was full. There had been placed in the study a vase of flowers. In them was a note saying that he had the sympathetic interest of the entire membership. That note calmed his nerves and gave him the inspiration to do his best.

It pays a congregation, if they are going to have a preacher at all, to keep his spirits up. It's like a farmer said about his chickens and his cattle. "If you half feed them, you lose what you do feed them. It is the last half of the full feed that gives the returns. The other just keeps their body existing and on it they give no profit."

Need For Prayer

3. The prayers of the congregation. "Withal praying for us also that God may open to us a door for the Word to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds; that I may make it manifest as I ought to speak." (Col. 4-3). So even Paul with all his great experience, his inspiration, and his wonderful missionary enthusiasm, needed the prayers of his people.

4. The response of the congregation. If he speaks on Bible reading, they read their Bibles. If he preaches on repentance, they repent. If he speaks on a new building, the people see a vision of its towers arising.

—The Christian Index

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New Books

Broadman Comments, 1950

R. Paul Caudill \$2.00
Broadman Press

Heartily commended by teachers and class members, **Broadman Comments** is the fruit of Dr. Caudill's thorough scholarship and keen consciousness of today's spiritual needs. The text of each lesson is followed by helpful explanatory notes, a good outline and interpretation, and an application to life. There are more than 475 pages in this easy-to-follow treatment of the International Sunday School Lessons for 1950.

Points For Emphasis, 1950

Hight C. Moore 60 cents
Broadman Press

Here is the thirty-third edition of this marvelous vest pocket size Sunday School lesson commentary, packed with an amazing number of well-organized teaching and study helps. Lesson text and outline, explanatory and practical comments (including the "lesson of the lesson"), and daily Bible readings are given for each lesson.

Robert G. Lee, A Chosen Vessel

E. Schuyler English \$3.50
Zondervan Publishing House

A biography of the peerless preacher and pastor of Bellevue Church of Memphis, Tennessee, and President of the Southern Baptist Convention, R. G. Lee. This intimate story of the rise from humble beginnings to world renown will grip the heart of every reader and give encouragement to attempt great things for God, even as R. G. Lee who gives God the credit for any achievements that may be attributed to his life ministry.

"A tale that grips your heart and your head, puts tears in your eyes and a smile on your lips, and conviction in your soul that God still reigns . . . a gripping and dramatic biography of one of God's great servants."—Dr. Duke K. McCall.

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"The man who wants to do something always finds a way; the other kind always finds an excuse."

The Crime of Dismantling

By O. K. ARMSTRONG

Here in Frankfurt, Germany, defeated by war, beset by continued hunger and distress, the Allies—meaning Great Britain, France, and the United States,—are still dismantling and destroying factories and industrial plants.

It is impossible for me to write on this subject without great feeling, for I have just completed a tour of the Ruhr district of Germany, where much of the manufacture of chemicals, coal products and steel is concentrated. For a week I have visited one plant after another, and have watched the gruesome process of destruction.

In my opinion, this act of vengeance upon a defeated people, four and more years after the war, is economic insanity, social injustice, and a great political mistake.

What the German people want, above all things, is to get back to peaceful work. They want to rebuild their homes, their churches, their communities. Dismantling of their factories began on the theory that their "war potential" must be destroyed. In other words, tear down their factories, and they can't make guns.

But I ask: What is war potential? And what is NOT? In America during the recent war, every industry was geared to war. Even the soil was dedicated to producing the food for war. When peace comes, we should all change over to producing the good things of peaceful life.

Never in history was there a greater opportunity for Christian America to demonstrate that swords could be beaten into plowshares than in postwar Germany. Instead, our misguided politicians, blinded by vengeance, are tearing down plants needed to produce steel for buildings, chemicals for fertilizer and medicines, fuel oil for transportation, and so on.

As I went about, visiting the factories being torn down, I talked to the workmen. I found them embittered by what they mockingly call "American democracy." At least 40,000 families will have lost their means of living when dismantling is completed.

American taxpayers have already poured into Germany \$600,000,000 in Marshall Plan money, much of it for goods which the dismantled plants could produce right here in Germany.

Aside from the economic considerations, certainly it is morally wrong to deprive men of a right to work and support their wives and children.

All over Germany, and particularly in industrial areas where most of the dismantling is going on, I saw appeals of the Communists to unemployed workmen. "See how the western imperialists are treating you!" the slogans read.

What can we do? Church people, of all faiths, should rise to denounce this injustice. I suggest that we write to our two senators, and our congressmen in each state. Let us demand that dismantling be stopped, and that a policy of peaceful co-operation begin. Let us ask that the whole question of reparations from Germany be reviewed in the light of productive, instead of destroyed, German economy.

Another suggestion for our Baptist hosts: Write to that fine Baptist layman, Senator Walter F. George of Georgia, who recently denounced the program of dismantling in a speech in the Senate, and pledge to support him in his efforts. Let us tell our public servants that Christian America stands for mercy, understanding, justice and the Golden Rule.

Thank You!

SAYS

Southern Baptist College Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

FIRST:-

For the fine spirit of Arkansas Baptists toward the "Campus of Christian Purpose." We could not ask for finer relations with the life of the great Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

SECOND:-

For the helpful aid received through the Co-operative Program Budget this year, and the promise of same for the coming year. Southern, and her thousands of friends in the Convention, are grateful for this consideration.

THIRD:-

For the privilege of helping Arkansas Baptists grow and grow. Since the college was founded eight years ago, Arkansas Baptists have shown a net increase of about 40,000. Southern has had a great part in this growth. Annually the ministers of the institution are leading between 1,500 and 2,000 people to Christ and into his churches. There are over 1,000,000 lost people within 100 miles of the college at this moment. Southern would like to reach every single one of them.

FOURTH:-

For the help that has made Southern great in Baptist life. She is now the second largest Baptist junior college in the Southern Baptist Convention. Her total enrollment in the winter and summer sessions reached more than 800 last year. Present indications point to near 1000 for this year, by the end of the second summer term.

"The Campus of Christian Purpose"

Write for catalogue

H. E. Williams - - - President

Y. M. C. A. Discards Christian Aims

By R. T. SKINNER

There is widespread disappointment and shock as a result of recent official action taken by the International Convention of the Y. M. C. A. held at Sacramento, California. That Convention passed a constitutional amendment which discarded the old statement of aims which read, "To lead students to faith in God through Jesus Christ." The newly stated aim adopted reads, "We unite in the desire to realize full and creative life through a growing knowledge of God." Also removed from the statement of aims was an old statement which read, "To lead them into membership and service in the Christian church."

With these aims discarded, the so-called Y. M. C. A. had as well throw away the letter "C" also and call itself the Y. M. A.

While for a long time the organization has been only nominally Christian, it did at least profess the purpose to lead men to faith in God through Jesus Christ and to influence them to membership in some church of the Christian faith. As we see it, the organization can now lay no claim to vital Christian support. It has happened to the Y. M. C. A. ever as it has to so many other institutions of a few generations ago, including many colleges, which had glory because of their connection with that holy name: the central personality and theme of Christianity were discarded for the sake of a so-called broader humanitarianism. Any other religionist, regardless of name, can now accept the aim of the Y. M. C. A. The new statement of aims is worth nothing because it has nothing. For the Christian, all beautiful statements, all ideals, collapse when the name of the Christ is eliminated. The organization is now no more than a young man's club with religious generalities tacked on.

Apart from Jesus Christ, there can be no growing knowledge of God. We suppose it will mean little to them to quote the Scriptures all of which center on and about the Christ; but none the less will remind members of that aim changing Convention, that Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the LIFE; no man cometh unto the Father but by ME."

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Tract On Convention Baptists

The little tract on Convention Baptists seems to be just what many pastors have wanted. Letters and cards come in every mail asking for a supply of them. One missionary requested 1,000. A pastor asked for 500. We had only 5,000 printed and the supply is almost gone. However, we can have some more printed if you want them. One pastor affiliated with the Missionary Association has written "seeking light," as he stated it.

Order from: C. W. Caldwell.

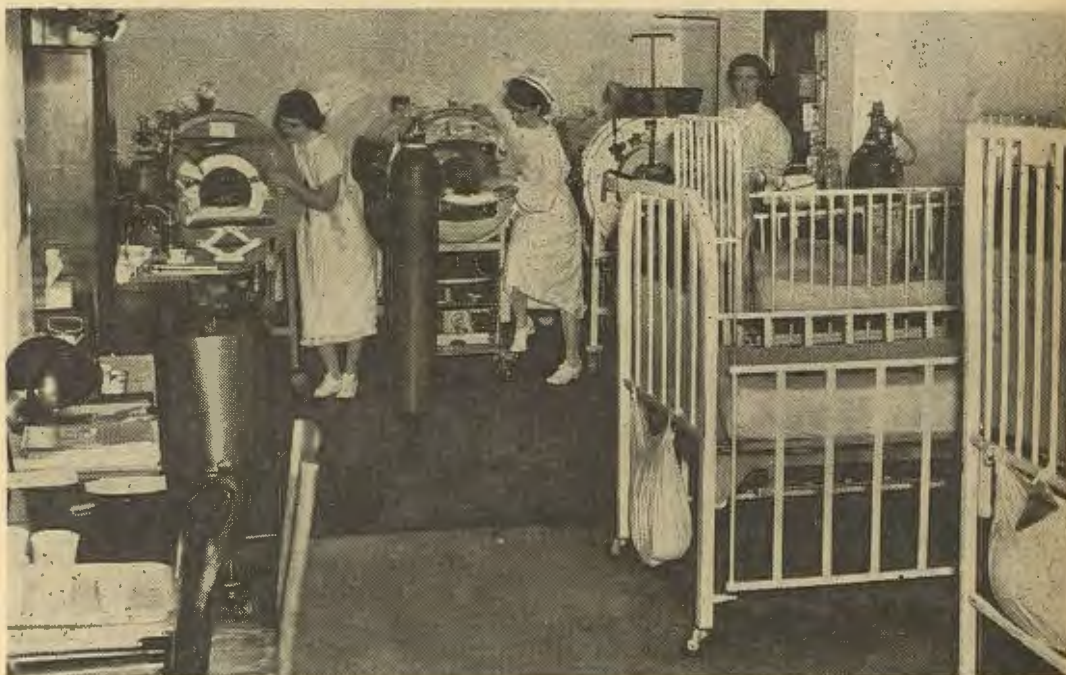
Your Arkansas Baptist Hospital – Geared To The Times – Meets Emergencies!



Hospital Responds to Crisis

During the past Summer, victims of poliomyelitis were crowded into Little Rock to such an extent that the one institution that has handled them in the past informed the public that it could not receive additional children. Critically ill children were being admitted at the rate of 10 and 12 per day.

In response to this crisis, we opened the first contagion unit within a general hospital in the State of Arkansas. This broke a precedent among general hospitals and cleared the way for another hospital to open a contagion ward to further relieve the situation at a later date.



Critical Ward



CONTAGION EQUIPMENT FLOWN TO HOSPITAL

Nursing personnel, contagion equipment, beds and iron lungs were flown into the city within a few hours. Technical personnel, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters and other maintenance men worked day and night for 48 hours in perfecting an isolation unit. Every precaution had to be taken in order to protect personnel and other patients and prevent the spread of the disease.

The 16 bed unit was filled immediately and although another hospital followed our example with a ward, the exigency became more acute and the hospital chapel was quickly converted into a ward, giving an additional 30 beds.

ALL THIS WAS DONE IN ADDITION TO NORMAL HOSPITAL OPERATION



Polio Ward



Best Equipped in Arkansas

The past year your Hospital treated 14,919 regular patients.

We were privileged to do approximately \$75,000 worth of charity the past year.

Your hospital is the best equipped in the State of Arkansas, and is well staffed with nursing personnel. There are 246 employees and 217 student nurses always available to carry out a healing ministry in an efficient, courteous, and Christian manner.



LIVES ARE BEING SAVED AND RESTORED DAILY THROUGH ARKANSAS BAPTISTS

We cherish your approval

The New Cooperative Program

How many of you remember the Seventy-five Million Dollar Campaign of Southern Baptists which was launched many years ago? Few may remember the launching of it but most of us remember the struggles which our people went through in paying off some of their individual pledges.

Depression and War

Some may feel that the Seventy-five Million Dollar Campaign was a colossal failure—but not so. The campaign gave us lesson after lesson in methods of financing our Baptist work. It helped us to establish some definite financing policies. In fact it not only helped us to raise millions of dollars to be invested in what is now our permanent Southern Baptist work but it gave us our present Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program as we know it today had its beginning in the Seventy-five Million Dollar Campaign experiences.

Then came the depression of 1929 and the years following. We were still struggling to pay our denominational debts. Churches were still in debt and all efforts to raise the local budget seemed to fail. The depression years were terrible. We curtailed all of our work everywhere. We set ourselves to a rigid program of economy. Salaries were cut, church buildings went unrepaired, expansion was unheard of and any effort at suggesting ways and means of overcoming disaster was regarded as foolish. Bankruptcy seemed to be the only way out. However, just as there was good to come out of the apparent failure of the Seventy-five Million Dollar Campaign so there was good to come out of the depression years. The program of tithing was the good which emerged. Consequently, with our minds and hearts set on paying our debts and setting our houses in order, Southern Baptists and local churches everywhere made marvelous progress. It seemed that a new day was about to dawn for the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

Three Needs

But no, rather than a new day, we faced the war years of 1941 and following. These days are so fresh in our memory that we do not have to recall them. They were as yesterday. We suspended all our building programs. We curtailed expenses. We released our workers for the Chaplaincy and the war efforts. The postwar world left our Baptist work both locally and in the state, and in the south, and the world with three evident needs.

First, there is the need for operating expenses. This need is basic. But this need is not just the need of the local church. State objects have operational needs. South and world-wide agencies have operational activities which must be met. To be a world-minded Baptist Christian is to see all the operational needs on the basis of comparative dignity to the end that whatever we do in the way of financial support we will do it on the basis of recognized equity.

In the second place, the moratorium which we placed on all building and development activities during the war years left us greatly in need of endowment, buildings, increased staff, and proper facilities to take care of the great demand which we faced. Confronted first with the operational expenses in all of our work, we must now add to this the additional responsibility of our capital needs.

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By W. B. TATUM, *Pastor*
First Baptist Church
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

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A third need which the post-war world has presented to Baptists is that of an advanced world mission program on the part of our Foreign Mission Board. Literally scores of mission fields are opening to us which were never opened before. Opportunities within our present mission fields are unusually great. These things coupled with the advances made by Catholicism and Communism make it imperative that Baptists prepare for a great advanced program in the direction of world Christian missions. How can we do this except we take the all-over look and put our work in happy balance. All of our interests will then be served equitably and intelligently.

Southwide and State Budgets

The present Southwide and State-wide Cooperative Programs seem to be projected in the direction of a more intelligent, a more equitable, and a more far-reaching plan than Baptists have ever had before. Our Southwide budget of ten million dollars has been so worked and planned as to distribute equitably to all needs of all our agencies and institutions. Four million dollars will cover operational expenses. At the same time the capital needs have been studied in the light of all developments and the future life of our denomination, and two and one half millions of dollars are being prorated to this cause. No one agency builds or expands at the expense of the other. We have faced the facts of a real world. We are likely to raise just so much money. Therefore, on the basis of facts we must distribute our available capital funds so that all of our work will grow and develop together.

The additional three and a half million dollars in our total goal of ten million dollars will go for our advance foreign mission program.

Likewise, the State of Arkansas budget of \$975,000 is divided into three divisions. We have state objects to the amount of \$453,000. Every agency of the state is equitably cared for in this amount. Weeks and months of hard labor have gone into making this budget. Those interested and responsible and the heads of agencies and institutions have pooled their wisdom and experience in working out the distribution.

In order to co-operate with our fellow Baptists throughout the Southern Baptist Convention the second division of our budget calls for \$302,000 to be paid by Arkansas Baptists toward reaching the ten million dollar Cooperative Program goal of Southern Baptists.

It will naturally be distributed according to the adopted program of Southern Baptists. We will thereby not only be having a prorata part in all of our Southwide work but we will be keeping faith with our fellow Baptists throughout the southland. This \$302,000 for Southwide causes plus the \$453,000 for state objects make up a total of \$755,000 which is

a preferred amount in the grand total goal of \$975,000.

The additional \$220,000 has been set aside for capital needs for our three state colleges, the orphanage and the hospital. The distribution is made on the basis of relative need and in the light of the total picture of our Baptist work in Arkansas.

It is hoped that every individual and every church will see the wisdom in the developments which have been ours throughout the years. Surely we will not repudiate the lessons which the past has brought to us.

The Cooperative Program, tithing, and an awareness of our operational, capital, and advanced-program needs should rally us together for one great victory.

Serious Consideration

The following points should be given serious consideration as we look forward to 1950:

1. The local church budget should be made up in the light of State and Southwide effort toward equitable distribution and co-operation. What the State and Southwide leaders have done is to conform to the wishes of the church. Now if we violate the spirit of co-operation and continue to designate large amounts to specific causes we nullify the spirit of equity and throw our whole program out of balance. For the first time we have approached a truly Cooperative Program. It is by no means perfect. We must improve it as we go along. We will change it as we see developments.
2. The State and Southwide agencies and institutions should adopt the policy of living out of the Cooperative Program as adopted, realizing that encouragement towards designations will not only upset the spirit of co-operation but it is likely to cripple a sister institution and do unconscious violence to an equally much-needed work.
3. Each of us, and particularly the pastors, State leaders, and Southwide leaders should put on a perennial program of educating our people to the work and need of the Cooperative Program. The spirit of the Cooperative Program should not be overlooked. The history and development should always give us hindsight of sufficient distance so that the immediate steps which we take ahead will be in line with our historical development and progress. Let us so inform our people of ever item in our Southwide Budget, the State budget, and the local church budget that they can see the all-over picture as intelligently, consecrated world Christians.

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A gospel that does not begin with the individual will not get far as a social gospel.

This world will not be redeemed by those who have not themselves been redeemed.

Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world because it is impossible to quit and take a rest.

"Some people never have a prayer because they never have a care!"

"As leaves adorn the tree; as roses adorn the thorn bush; as smiles adorn the face; so Christian virtues adorn the soul."—Dr. Webb.

Don't Miss These Programs



Theo T. James, President
Pastor's Conference

For 1950

By B. L. BRIDGES

In order that you may refresh your understanding about the work and finances for 1950 we again print here the proposed State Budget. As we have said before in the columns of this paper and in the Cooperative Program Pamphlet, this is simply a proposed budget which the Executive Board of the State Convention suggests. Different groups have worked on these plans for the new year and the heads of the institutions have been in consultation and have presented their requests and claims. We repeat that it remains for the messengers of the church in the Convention assembled to adopt the Budget.

The first time we printed this budget in the Arkansas Baptist on July fourteenth and again September first, we called attention to the fact that it is simply a proposed budget and the messengers of the churches will be called upon in the Convention for final adoption. They may change the one that has been suggested or they may adopt it as it is. The churches through their messengers are our final authority so far as our earthly authority goes.

We believe that the Baptist churches in Arkansas can finance a budget like this if they want to do it. Such a budget would more or less undergird the work of Arkansas Baptists as it reaches out to the ends of the earth. These figures constitute the proposed budget which the Executive Board instructed us to promote and which we have relentlessly promoted during the last few weeks. Here it is:

Proposed Budget 1950

For Operation (Preferred)

Administrative	\$ 26,000.00
Arkansas Baptist	6,000.00
Woman's Missionary Union	20,000.00
Promotion and Convention	5,500.00
Brotherhood Department	9,000.00
Department of Religious Education	27,500.00
Retirement Plan	21,200.00
Old Debts	30,000.00
Office Building (Annual Payment)	7,500.00
History Commission	2,000.00
Baptist Hospital School of Nursing	35,000.00
State Missions	60,000.00

Statewide Pastor's Conference, Monday afternoon, November 14. T. T. James, president.

Brotherhood Night, Monday evening, November 14. Nelson Tull, Secretary.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention, November 15-17.

All meetings to be held at First Church, Little Rock.

Great programs planned for all three meetings.

Come and enjoy the fellowship and inspiration; great music program and preaching, testimonies and inspiring reports await you.

Make hotel reservations now! A limited number of rooms in private homes will be available on the "first come, first served" basis.

Come praying that the Convention meeting shall go down in history as our greatest. Let us join hands and hearts as we "Advance for Christ and His Church in 1950."

Every pastor is urged to attend with his full quota of messengers and as many other members of his church as will attend. "Each co-operating church shall be entitled to three messengers, with one additional messenger for each additional one-hundred members, or major fraction thereof above one-hundred." (Article III, section 2 of the Convention Constitution).



W. M. Pratt
Alternate Preacher

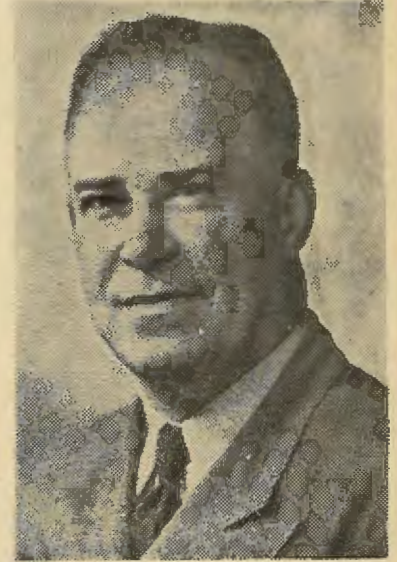
Ouachita College	75,000.00
Central College	53,000.00
Orphanage	30,000.00
Ministerial Education	1,800.00
Emergency Revenue	9,500.00
Baptist Foundation	5,500.00
Southern Baptist College	23,000.00
Camp Ground	5,500.00

TOTAL STATE OBJECTS	\$453,000.00
Southern Baptist Convention	302,000.00
Total Operating Budget	\$755,000.00

FOR CAPITAL NEEDS

Ouachita College	\$ 80,000.00
Central College	50,000.00
Southern Baptist College	20,000.00
Orphanage	20,000.00
Arkansas Baptist Hospital	50,000.00

TOTAL FOR CAPITAL NEEDS	\$220,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$975,000.00



Nelson Tull
Brotherhood Secretary

Scriptures

A bright little boy once took the Bible from the center-table of his father's home and turned its dusty pages and said: "Mother, is this God's Book?" "Certainly," was the mother's reply. "Well, I think we had better send it back to God, for we don't use it here," said the little fellow.

This is a fair picture of many a home and the way the Bible is treated. The center-table Bible is a catch-all. It is a place for relics, letters, poetry, and pressed flowers. He has revealed to us words of truth and grace, and like David, we should meditate upon His word by day and by night. The Scriptures are sufficient to make us wise unto salvation. Christ says we are sanctified by them. Paul says we are begotten by them. Peter says, we are born again by them.

—Public Speakers Library

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A teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn is hammering on cold iron.

—Horace Mann

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A man is a little thing when he works by and for himself; but when he gives voice to rules of love and justice, he is godlike.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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"Are there not those who gaze so much at 'the stars' that they forget what is at their feet? They are interested in the 'far away' but not in the 'near-by.' They get excited over the African across the Atlantic, but they wouldn't cross the tracks to help a Negro over here." To be truly consistent we should not neglect either.

—Western Recorder

THE BAPTIST HOUR

DR. R. G. LEE, Preacher

November 13—Subject:

"The Debts Christ Paid For You"

Stations in Arkansas:

At 2:30 P. M., CST, Sundays: KELD, El Dorado; KFSA, Fort Smith; KTHS, Hot Springs; KGHI, Little Rock; KCLA, Pine Bluff; KBRS, Springdale.

Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention
209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

Mrs. F. E. Goodbar President
Miss Nancy Cooper Executive Secretary and Treasurer
Miss Doris DeVault Young People's Secretary

Prayer and Purse Preparation

Have you perfected plans for the observance of the Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions? Teachers should be ready now for the special study of missions preceding the observance. The new series of books on Japan are now available at the Baptist Book Store for all age groups, and free teaching plans may be secured when requested from the Book Store or from State W. M. U. Headquarters.

Another phase of preparation necessary is that of the purse. Set a worthy offering goal and keep it before the organization. Cite what mission money does. Distribute offering envelopes in advance of the observance. Pray much for sacrificial gifts.

The most important phase of the observance is prayer. If you want to know what happens "When You Pray," read the article by that title found in the November issue of *The Commission*. You will find:

"When you pray for the missionaries you follow the example of Jesus . . .

"When you pray for the missionaries you join your life to God's redemptive world purpose . . .

"When you pray for the missionaries they are strengthened for their task . . .

"When you pray for the missionaries you yourself are being transformed to nobler living . . .

"When you pray you acknowledge your dependence on God . . . with the glad assurance that God can do exceedingly above what you ask."

Associational Methods Conferences

Association-wide methods conferences are receiving gracious acceptance! These conferences were planned to take the place of the district methods conferences which have been held for the past several years. The goal is to go into every association in the State with an all-day conference, designed for instruction of associational and local W. M. S. workers and young people's leaders.

The first of this series was held in Hope Association, October 27. Registrations revealed that 175 women attended this conference. The second one was conducted in Little River Association on October 28, with 50 women registering. Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, State W. M. U. president, led the associational officers in consideration of their duties; Miss Anne Alexander, young people's counselor, Liberty Association, was conference leader for the young people's workers; and Miss Nancy Cooper met with the local missionary society officers.

Mrs. Herman Harris, superintendent of Hope Association, and Mrs. Glen Eley, superintendent of Little River Association, are to be commended for the fine planning that was done prior to the conference.

A team composed of Mrs. Goodbar, Miss Cooper, and Miss Doris DeVault, State young people's secretary, conducted similar conferences in Liberty, Carey, and Bartholomew Associations November 1, 2 and 3. Others are scheduled for the early weeks of the year. Watch for the one to be held in your vicinity and make attendance a must!

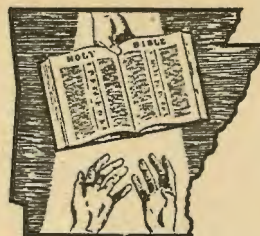
Attention, Officers and Members!

Every officer must, every member should have her own State Guide Book and Year Book for 1950! Current plans and projects are discussed fully, and direction for the year's work is set forth in a practical, workable manner. Free copies are being mailed to all associational superintendents and young people's counselors, to the president, young people's director, and circle chairmen of the local missionary societies just as fast as the new officers are reported to the State W. M. U. Headquarters.

Orders for additional copies will have prompt attention. The price is ten cents per copy for the Guide Book, or \$1.00 per dozen, and the Year Book is fifteen cents per copy. Calculate your needs, and order without delay from the State W. M. U. Office, 403 West Capitol, Little Rock. Now is the time to make definite plans for the coming year, and here is help that you need.

R. A. Fellowship Supper

Have you sent your reservations for the R. A. Fellowship Supper to be held November 14, Second Church, Little Rock? These reservations are not coming in rapidly enough, and unless we receive them in the next few days it may become necessary to cancel this supper. Get those reservations in **TODAY!**



Department of
MISSIONS
C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY ALLEN McCURRY

October 1, 1948 to October 1, 1949

Sermons preached	257
Conversions	234
Additions to churches by baptism	191
Additions to churches by letter	71
Rededications	362
Family Altars Established	80
Homes Visited	561
Prayer in Homes	320
Churches Visited	86
Sick Calls	40
Letters, Cards, and Programs Mailed	340
Showed Ouachita College film 11 times.	
Showed film "THE MAN WHO FORGOT GOD" 8 times.	
Appointments made for other preachers	7
Funerals Preached	2
Denominational Meetings Attended	20
Sick People Taken to Doctor	4
Supplied for Pastors	10
Organized One Church—Macon Lake Church—October 7, 1948	
Revivals Preached	12
Revivals Visited	7
New Testaments Given Away	75
Did 12 days work in behalf of pastors and churches	
Study Courses Taught	5
Gave Away 180 copies of the Arkansas Baptist	
Money collected for Ouachita College	\$436.50
Money collected for Associational Missions	449.13

Total Money Received	\$885.63
Pastor's Visited	57
Dead Churches Revived—one—Oak Grove Church, and led them to call a pastor.	
Moderated a conference for two churches when they called a pastor.	
Helped to ordain three preachers and four deacons.	
Finished a revival at Watson for Brother Ready.	
Led the parades for four Vacation Bible Schools.	
Announced 8 revivals with P. A. system.	
Preached on street 15 times.	
Drove my car 28,000 miles.	

NOTE: This has been the best year of my ministry and I thank God for it and for all His blessings. Let me urge you, churches and pastors, to pray for your missionary. I want to thank each one of you that made it possible for me to do this work. I know that your reward will be great in heaven. Many people would not have heard the gospel without this mission program. Let us pray together for a greater year this next year for the Glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,
ALLEN McCURRY, Missionary.

The report of Allen McCurry's work as missionary in Delta Association for the past year shows that he has not been idle. This is typical of what the missionaries are doing over the state.

During the past week, committees from three different associations have contacted the office of the Department of Missions in regard to getting larger allocations on their associational missionaries' salaries. This year, \$25,000 was used in helping pay the salaries of associational missionaries. It will probably be impossible to give more than that amount next year. So, the only way for these weak associations to be given more help will be for the stronger ones to get less from mission funds. And many of them are planning to do that very thing, too.

The special offerings by the State W. M. U. and Sunday School will make it possible for the Department of Missions to respond to some of the many calls for help on pastors' salaries. It takes approximately \$95,000 per year to carry on the present mission program. The proposed state budget allocates \$60,000 for State Missions next year, so these special offerings will enable the department to continue on about the same basis.

Religious Education

EDGAR WILLIAMSON, DIRECTOR

EDGAR WILLIAMSON
Sunday School Superintendent
RALPH W. DAVIS
Training Union Director
212 Baptist Building, Little Rock

FRED J. VOGEL
Student Union Secretary
MRS. B. W. NININGER
Church Music Director



Among the Training Unions

The Training Union of the First Baptist Church, Fordyce, has had an increase in the average attendance of nearly 75 per Sunday the past associational year compared with the year before. Mrs. Howard Samuels is the Training Union Director, J. T. Elliff is pastor.

The State Training Union Director led a Training Union Enlargement Campaign at the First Baptist Church, Malvern, during the week of October 9. Assisting the Director in the campaign were: D. C. McAtee, Pine Bluff; Mrs. George Hink of Greenwood; Mrs. William J. Perkinson of Fort Smith; Mrs. Harvey Elledge of North Little Rock. Several new unions were organized during the week. The campaign began with 129 in attendance on Sunday night, October 9 and the attendance was 184 on Sunday night, October 16.

Word has just come that in October, 1948, there were 15 unions in the Training Union of the First Baptist Church, Norphlet, with an enrolment of 212. On September 25, 1949, there were 19 unions with an enrolment of 343. Mrs. W. L. Larsen is Training Union Director and Glenn Crofts is pastor.

There were 14,813 Training Union Study Course awards issued to Arkansas people during the months, January through September, 1949, compared to 12,360 for that same period in 1948.

American Guild of Organists, invited your State Music Director to speak to their group on "Arkansas Baptist Church Music Education." On October 20, the Youth Choir, Immanuel Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, presented her in a talk, "Sing the World in Tune," at their annual choir banquet. This event was particularly significant since it was in this church that Mrs. Nininger held the very first school of Church Music ever to be sponsored by the Baptist State Convention more than eight years ago.

The aforementioned events, along with the increasing demand for individual and associational schools of Church Music, monthly and quarterly Hymn-Sings, and the wide-spread enthusiasm for the Youth Choir festivals, all point to a new day for church music—when it will fulfill its true function, which as Dr. Ashton declares is "to bring to stronger and clearer consciousness and to greater vitality our inherent religious nature." The accomplishment of this ideal in church music must be shared equally by pastor, choir, and congregation.

Blessed is the man who loves his own church enough to praise it.

State Baptist Student Union President

At the business session of the recent State Student Union Convention, Charles Ripley of Jonesboro, who is a Junior student at Arkansas State College, majoring in Business Administration, was elected State Baptist Student Union president for the year 1949-50.

At the present time, he is serving as president of the local Baptist Student Union Council and is active both in Sunday school and Training Union work in the local church—the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, having served as Superintendent of the Young People's department of the Sunday school, as president of the Young People's Union, and as teacher of a class of Junior boys.



Charles Ripley
Jonesboro

Concerning the December 5-9 Associational Training Union "M Night" Rallies

The Associational Rally for Central Association will be held at Park Place Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Thursday, December 8.

The Associational Rally for Liberty Association will be held on Thursday night, December 8 at the First Baptist Church, El Dorado.

The rally for Carey Association will be held on Friday night, December 9 at First Baptist Church, Fordyce.

Nelson Greenleaf will serve with W. E. Speed on the team to conduct rallies in the following associations: Concord, Clear Creek, Faulkner County, and Dardanelle-Russellville. This team will also go to Conway-Perry County Association on Sunday afternoon, December 4 for a meeting at 2:30.

The Clear Creek Associational Rally will be held on December 8 at Alma, and the Faulkner County Rally on December 6 at Pleasant Grove.

Notice!

Two movie films will be shown during the sessions of the State Convention. One on Local Mission Stations will be shown at the Brotherhood meeting on Monday night, and another on the state mission work will be shown Thursday night following the report on State Missions.

Music Education Has Manifold Consequences

By MRS. B. W. NININGER

Paraphrasing an expression quoted recently by Dr. Perry F. Webb, during an address at the State Sunday School Convention—"Ideas have Consequences," the writer submits an encouraging report of recent music development in Arkansas under the above caption.

Through a humble beginning more than eight years ago, the progress of church music has left an ever-widening trail of accomplishment which promises to bless the people of every church, in city, town, village, and cross-roads community. The brightest spot in the preview of church music seems to center on pastoral awareness. Many pastors, some possessed of basic training in the theory and practice of music, but most with only a deep appreciation of the true purpose and function of church music as a means of worship, are leading their people into the study of music in all its varied expressions, with relation to Christian education and public worship. Since worship is an act which every individual must perform for himself, each must be taught to find the highest possible expression of worship through great music as well as through prayer, testimony, preaching service, and giving.

One pastor has initiated a class for his entire congregation, meeting at the prayer hour to study "Music in Worship." This fine text written by Joseph Ashton outlines myriad ways in which spiritual growth can be stimulated through listening to and taking part in great music, both vocal and instrumental. The pastor of First Church, Marianna, Burton A. Miley, has this to say in commenting on his effort in the project: "Worship music needs an appreciative hearer as well as a worshipful performer."

In one week the state director of Church Music was privileged to attend and to participate in three outstanding recognition services in the field of church music. On Sunday evening, October 16, the Bauxite Church held an impressive dedication service for thirty-one adult choir singers, the Hammond organ and the beautiful choir robes, which were being worn for the first time. On October 18, the Arkansas Chapter,

Big Creek Association Hymn Sing

Sunday afternoon, October 30, 1949, at Enterprise Church, Big Creek Association held its first Associational Hymn Sing. In the absence of the Associational Music Director, J. M. Langston, who was away in a meeting, Oscar E. Ellis had charge of the program. There were 135 persons in attendance and ten of the twelve churches of the Association were well represented. There was one church outside the association represented.

Various directors from the churches led the folks assembled in singing; and several special numbers were rendered by different church groups.

Big Creek Association will hold similar events on the afternoon of each Fifth Sunday during the year.

Two vices to which many good people fall victim, are abusiveness and exaggeration. We ought to express ourselves vigorously and without compromise, but we should also express ourselves with good humor.

"Words may show a man's wit, but actions show his meaning."—Franklin.

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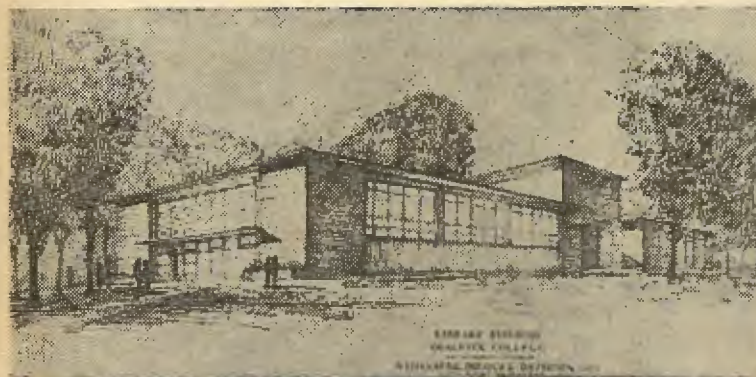
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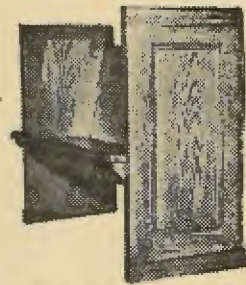
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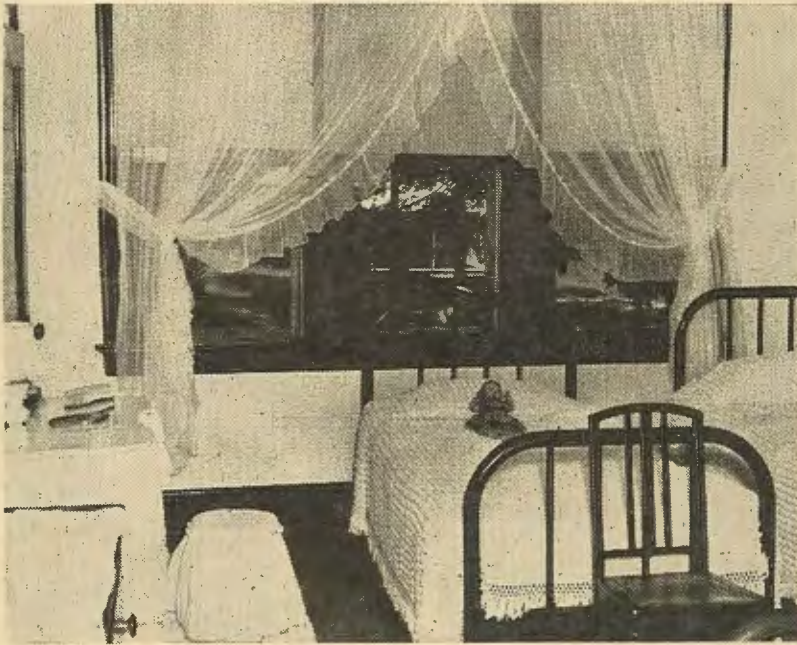
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Perfected Through Suffering

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

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The prophet Isaiah rose to lofty heights when he penned this magnificent chapter which we study this week. In Chapter 24 Isaiah speaks for the first time of the Servant of the Lord. He is presented as the One in whom the Lord delights but soon He is spoken of as the "Suffering Servant".

Chapter 53 is the high pinnacle of Messianic prophecy. It is called, "the highest peak of Old Testament revelation" by the late Dr. John R. Sampey. This chapter often is called the "Holy of Holies of the Old Testament" and the "Evangel of the Old Covenant". It is basic to the understanding of both Psalm 22 and 110. The vicarious sacrifice of Christ, which made possible full forgiveness of sin for all men, is the graphic picture drawn before our eyes in this portion of the Bible.

The Ethiopian eunuch was reading this very scripture when Philip joined his chariot (Acts 8:26-39). In answer to his question, "of whom speaketh the prophet?" Philip "preached unto him Jesus." The remarkable power of the Spirit of God enabled Isaiah, centuries before the birth of Jesus, to see His entire life, ministry suffering, death, final triumph, and glory.

Isaiah 53 is one of the most remarkable examples of supernatural prediction in the entire Bible. Note that nearly seven hundred years before the birth of Christ Isaiah visioned the true meaning of vicarious sacrifice and described, graphically, the following:

The Earthly Life of Jesus of Nazareth

The prophet opens this chapter with two questions: "Who hath believed our report?" and "To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" He was in the midst of unbelieving Israel, and possibly he marvelled at the attitudes of his listeners when any message from God was given them. In this instance, as he clearly portrays Christ himself, one could believe that the Holy Spirit of God revealed to Isaiah exactly how the unbelieving Jews of that future day would react to the ministry of Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth.

He did not appear in their midst as a King, wearing costly apparel, with a retinue of slaves and heralds, but He came forth, a tender, fragile plant, "as a root out of dry ground." Jesus was of the house and lineage of David but the House of David, at the time of His birth, was an outcast, Rome ruled the world into which He

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November 13, 1949
Isaiah 53:1-12*

came no one expected the throne of David to ever gain its former power.

There was not attraction or glory about the humble man who came out of Galilee. Men who heard Him speak, teach or preach, and even perform miracles, turned away from Him, rejecting, despising Him. Jesus, who came to comfort, save, and heal was shunned, humiliated, and despised, and was a "man of sorrows, acquainted with grief." He was unaccepted and unrecognized except by a few followers and some common people who sought his healing and forgiveness.

The Sacrifice of Christ On the Cross

In verses 4 through 8, Isaiah continues this prophecy as the actual sufferings of Christ are revealed. Here we find the doctrine of substitutionary suffering; the Savior takes the place of guilty sinners, dying in their stead.

In deep suffering Christ bore our griefs and sorrows which are the results of sin and carries them Himself. He, who was sinless, was stricken and bore our sins for us, voluntarily and became our "Sin Bearer."

For our "transgressions" He was "wounded." Records reveal that He was scourged in Roman style with bits of steel on leather thongs, for Pilate wanted to whip Him and let Him go. Our iniquities brought bruises upon our Lord. Not only was His back lashed, but His brow was pierced, His hands, feet, and side were lacerated and deep, wounds were inflicted upon Him who brought about our peace with God.

For our sins Christ suffered, bled and died upon the Cross on Calvary's brow. This suffering was substitutionary because sin bears a penalty and Christ bore that penalty in order that He might be accepted as the Sin Offering before God. "He was made sin for us" and only through our belief in Him can we understand that "with His stripes we are healed."

All have sinned; guilty man is justified, only by the grace of God, who sent His Son as the Lamb of Sacrifice.

The Triumph of Christ

The closing verse foretells future triumph and glory of the Messiah. Because Christ "poured out His soul unto death," "was numbered with the transgressors," and "made intercession for the transgressors" many will yield to Him and there will be mighty triumph for Him and the redeemed one day.

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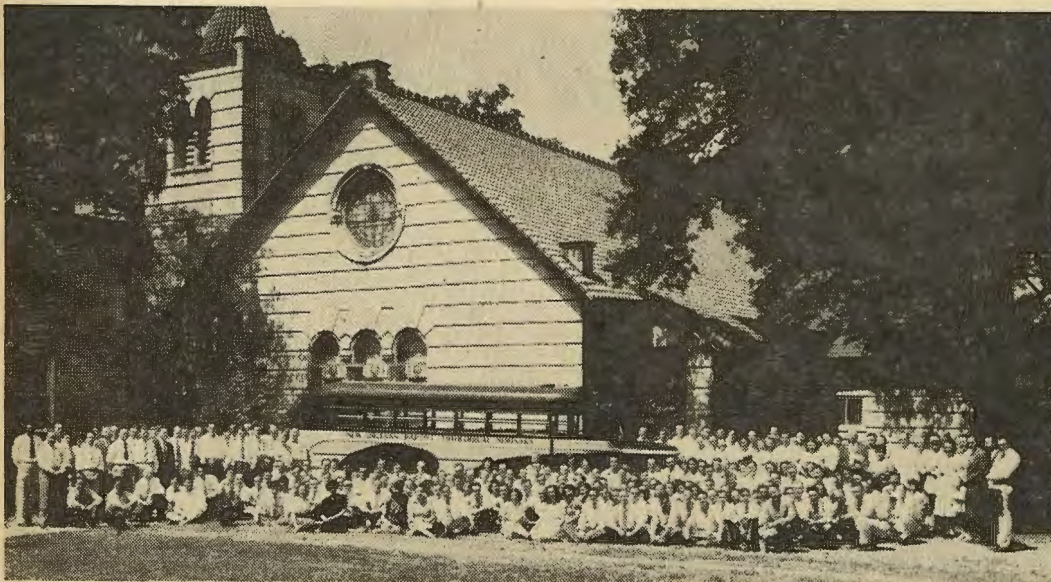
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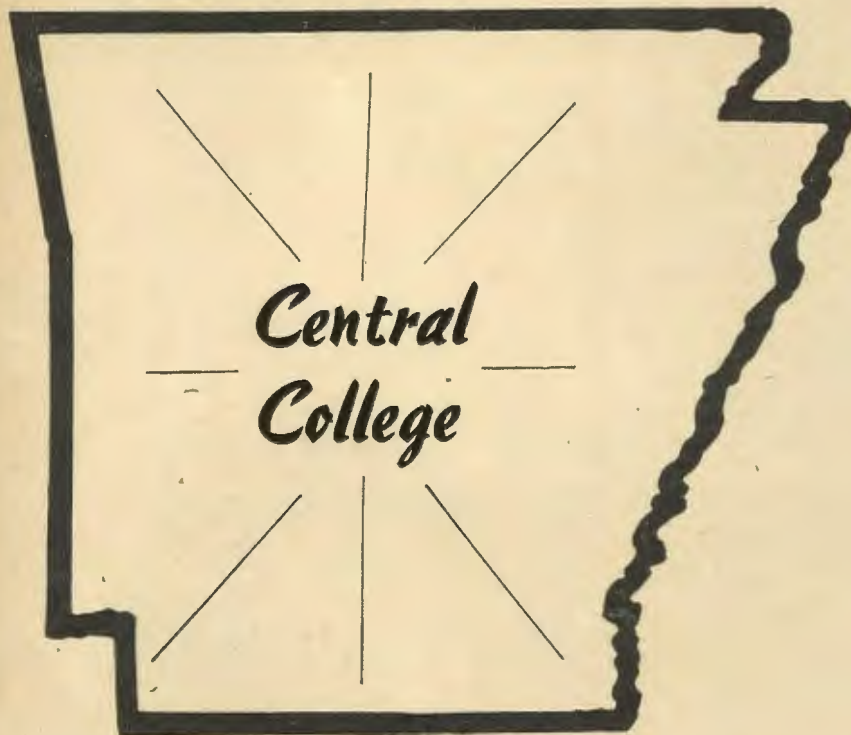
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