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The Challenge of the New Year
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Beginning The New Year

By BRUCE H. PRICE
First Baptist Church,
Newport News, Va.

There is before me a cartoon which is appropriate at the beginning of the New Year. In it is a picture of an elevator with the words written above the door: "Set your affection on things above, not on things of the earth" (Col. 3:1).

On the lower left corner of the elevator is an arrow pointing down and the words, "To base-ment' desires."

At the top of the door, pointing up, is an arrow with the promise: "To more consecrated living." Standing near is old Father Time asking, "Going Up?"

So Personal

At the beginning of the year we stand face to face with Father Time and see the arrow of Satan pointing down, hearing his voice tempting us to go to the baser things of life. Looking around on the ground floor we see the multitudes coming and going satisfied with life as it is, having no desire for higher things. Glancing at the elevator again, we see it ready to take us to the higher plane known to those who dedicate themselves to the risen Lord.

In his poem by the title: "The Ways" John Oxenham saw the three different planes on which a person may live his life:

"To every man there openeth
A way, and ways, and a way,
The high soul climbs the highway,
And the low soul gropes the low,
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go."

Choice is Yours

At our bidding, Father Time is ready to take us to the lower level. It is dark, damp, and musty down there. This is the underworld, filled with those who love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. Those who have no regard for God nor man, who spend their time concerned only about gratifying their appetites, live here. Many of them are like a woman whom a social worker found speaking through a half-open door of her dirty flat. She said: "You need not come in here. Me and my old man ain't interested in nothing."

I am sure there are some things in which she and her husband are interested. They are interested in beer, liquor, gambling, cigarettes, unemployment insurance, and in doing nothing. What she meant was that they were not interested in the better things, the beautiful or the good.

When the prodigal son left home he did not plan to go to the cellar of life but because of his own wicked and sinful choices he soon found himself in a hog pen. However, he did not have to stay there. He came to himself and by the help of God arose and went to his father. Those who are down in the gutter of sin do not have to stay there. By the grace of God they may arise to the Father's presence.

Strange Neutrality

Multitudes among us would not think of living in the basement of life, neither have they thought of rising to the higher life. It is in between on the misty flats that they drift to and fro. Their thoughts are on this world. Many of them are good neighbors and

kind friends. They give their time, talents and money to the social and business activities of this life, eating and drinking and making merry, as if this world were all.

Some of these people are church members but they are babes in Christ, no higher today than when they joined the church ten, twenty or fifty years ago. They get no joy out of their salvation.

Alas for him who never catches a vision of the life above the noise and troubles of this world; who never hears the call "Come up high"; who never feels the pull at his heart strings from upstairs. The spirit of God does call, and Father Time is ready to take us higher.

Look Up!

Paul showed the way to the higher level when he pleaded, "Set your affections on things above, not on things of the earth." We are to do the setting of our affections and the power of God through His grace will lift us up.

Dwight L. Moody said he knew how to get higher. He had known men who had gone up in balloons. When they wanted to go higher they would throw out another bag of sand. While Paul did not know about balloons he understood how to get higher and expressed it in the words: Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us (Heb. 12:1).

"Is life worth living?" Franklin Adams asked. Then he answered his own question: "It depends on the liver."

John Gay spoke as a cynic by saying: "Life is a jest, and all things show it; I thought so once, but now I know it."

Longfellow had the correct understanding when he wrote, "Life is real! Life is earnest, And the grave is not its goal: Dust thou art to dust returneth, Was not spoken of the soul."

All who want to dwell in the heights may begin now by setting their affections on things above.

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Something to Think About

Research psychologists are reporting that they have found attendance at church more restoring and refreshing to the nerves, mind, and health of the average individual than golf, fishing, games and many other forms of recreation. We can exercise and be out of doors all day and still carry around within us distraught nerves and frayed emotions because we have not found the peace and satisfaction which living with Christ alone can give. Families which go to church are happy families. The peace and inspiration of divine worship can miraculously put the mind and soul in order. For recreation to recreate — it must be spiritual. Golf, fishing, and games are good — but not good enough if worship is left out. If worship has had its place on the Lord's Day, then physical recreation is at its best and becomes a part of re-creating our bodies, our minds and our spirits.

—South Main Sentinel,
South Main Baptist Church
Houston, Texas

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You should have two aims — to make a little money first, then make a little money last.

—Tit-Bits, London

The Absentee

A Devotion By The Editor

"But Thomas. . . was not with them when Jesus came."

Thomas was not in the place where Jesus was most likely to reveal Himself, nor among the company to whom He was most likely to reveal Himself.

He had allowed his diplomacy to hold away from the place where Jesus came and so had robbed himself of an experience that would have healed the wounds of his heart. Disappointed, he had given up all hope and had ceased to try. Since Jesus was gone, He saw no use in the disciple band holding together. He had virtually resigned, though he may not have handed in a written statement. In fact, he didn't even see the need of that formality.

Here is a point that we often overlook, Jesus will reveal Himself to those who are trying, who are doing their duty, who are taking advantage of every thing that is likely to strengthen their hopes and their courage.

Like many another person, Thomas no longer tried to put himself in position where, if there should be any hope left, he might find it.

May we not learn a lesson from Thomas, or will we make the same mistake by staying away from the company of the disciples who are trying to do their best and who therefore have a better chance of seeing their Lord?

Oh, how much we miss by not being there! Many are cold, skeptical, pessimistic, blue, disappointed because they do not frequent the place where they are most likely to meet Jesus. Search out those who never associate themselves with the people of God in Christian service, who take no part in the work and activities of the church, and you will find them to be pessimistic and gloomy. Their hopes have faded, their faith has waned, their courage has failed, their spiritual vision is blurred, all their prospects are doubtful and disappointing.

On the other hand, go among those who are doing the Lord's work, and you will find the happy, optimistic, forward looking Christians.

"And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them; then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

"Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing," (John 20:26-27).

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From The Editor's Desk

A New Year Dawns — 1956

A clean page lies daily before us; a quill for recording each day's events; a candle to provide illumination of the events of the day and the pages of life upon which they are recorded. All these, the clean page, the quill, and the light, are provided by God who shall grade what we write according to the pattern which He has provided us in Christ Jesus and His teaching.

The Calendar

The calendar reminds us of the value of time. Without time nothing of this earth has any value. It is time that gives value to all earthly possessions, relationships, and institutions. It is time that provides us with the opportunities and challenges of this life.

What we do with our time, how we spend our days, is a true index to our lives. Most of us will spend the time of our employment in gainful occupations. We can spend our leisure in profitable diversionary activities and recreation. We can spend a good portion of our time in Christian service and activity, rendering unto God that which is due Him of our time, our talents, our energy, and our thought.

Of course, there are those who will squander time day by day as it passes. They will spend their days in the pursuit of evil objectives. They will occupy their thoughts and their energies with intrigue and duplicity. They will curse the God who gives them time with all of its opportunities and challenges and blessings.

Men are left free to do as they will with the time that God has given them. They may use it nobly and for constructive ends. Or they may elect to use the time that God has given them in pursuit of objectives that blight and blast and mar life in all of its issues. It is necessary to enact laws for the regulation of human society, with fixed penalties for their violation. We must have a police force and courts of justice for the protection of society in general and for the apprehension and punishment of those who disregard and violate the laws.

Time! What will we do with the time provided us in the year, 1956? Each one answer that question for himself and each one answers it by the life he lives, by the relationships he forms, by his daily activities and conduct.

A Clean Page

We are given a clean page and a quill for the recording of our individual life story each day. We may not keep a diary, we may not write a word, but we are making a daily record of our life story. Each one of us is writing his own individual and personal story day by day. Each one of us must assume complete responsibility for that story. We cannot shift the responsibility for our daily record to someone else.

Of course, being subject to human weaknesses and frailties, imperfect knowledge and

emotional upsets, each page of our daily record will have its share of blots, errors, and mistakes. But each day we are given a clean page and may make such improvements in the record as our experience enables us to



make. It would help us to improve the record day by day if at the close of the day we should visualize and review the story that we have just recorded during the day. Such a review should not be a boring exercise nor a discouraging one if we are trying conscientiously and sincerely to do our best each day. For those who are careless and indifferent, and for those who deliberately soil the pages of each day's record, such a daily review of that record would be a wholesome exercise. It would tend to impress on a person his folly by seeing in the light of a retrospective view the marred page of his life story which he has recorded.

That daily page once recorded cannot be erased. It is a permanent record. This should give us pause as each new day dawns and inspire us to make each day's record better, cleaner, and more wholesome than the day before. For we do have a clean page at the dawn of each day. We should not allow the dirty pages of the day before to discourage us as we begin to make the record of each new day. Profiting by past mistakes and errors and blunders, we should be able to correct in the days ahead many of these blots in the record of the days gone by.

It is necessary to maintain a true perspective in order to improve the daily record that we are writing. If we write into that daily record only the things immediately at hand, our horizons are likely to be limited, our time and energy spent on the petty problems of the day. We are likely to become emotionally upset and harassed constantly by the irritations of the day. We may become disgruntled and complaining and ill adjusted to the circumstances of life by which we are surrounded.

To maintain a true perspective of life, it is necessary that we see life in its entirety. Such a view of life will go beyond the immediate conditions and circumstances of life to include ternity, God, Jesus, salvation, and eternal life. A true perspective of life will include one's position in the structure of human society and the contribution one may make to the welfare of others. A true perspective of life will include one's hopes and visions and aspirations. The nobler and purer and truer these are, the better will be the record of each day's living. Against this background the minor details of daily living can be placed in proper focus.

The Candle

The candle reminds us of the divine light which God has made available to each of us for recording each day's life story.

The Psalmist said, "Thy word is a lamp (candle) unto my feet and a light unto my path." God has recognized that man's intelligence is not equal to the problems and difficulties which he meets in this life. Therefore, He has given His inspired word as a guide to direct man along life's highway, as a light to reveal both the dangers and pitfalls and also the values and the beauties along the way. He has given Jesus Christ, His Son, as our savior to do for us what we could not do for ourselves, to redeem us from sin, and give us eternal life. He has provided us the Holy Spirit as the interpreter of God's message and the teachings of Jesus, as the Comforter along the way of life, as the One who makes us conscious of the presence of our Lord.

All this provision would be a waste of effort had not God planted within the soul of man a sensitive spirit which is capable of responding to all these stimuli which God has provided in the environment of man. There is a spiritual environment as real as the material environment to which our physical senses respond. The light of this spiritual environment sparks a light in the inner consciousness of the soul and one becomes aware of a life and life powers which supersede the physical and temporal life which is so obvious to our physical senses and which too often absorbs our whole attention and interests to the neglect of our spiritual lives.

For 1956 we have a new calendar, a new page, and a new light. May we use them as God-given opportunities to build a better life and one that honors both God and man.

"Clergyman Of The Month"

You will find on page ten an advertisement from the magazine, *Faith Today*. The December issue of this magazine features Dr. B. L. Bridges, State Secretary, as "Clergyman of the Month," together with an article by C. E. Bryant on the honor debt payment by Arkansas Baptists in which Dr. Bridges led. We feel that every Arkansas Baptist will want a copy of this issue of the magazine. It may be had for 25 cents. Every church should have a copy of the magazine for its library. We would suggest that our churches order a supply of this magazine to distribute among the members of the church. This may be done by each person contributing 25 cents, or the church might wish to purchase the magazine for free distribution among its members.

Kingdom Progress

Highlights of Sunday School Board Meeting

Highlights of the recent Sunday School Board semi-annual meeting include the adoption of a new pension plan to be administered by the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. It will offer increased benefits for Board employees in Nashville, the 49 book stores, and the employees of the Ridgecrest and Glorieta summer assemblies.

A Broadman Press publication, *Maid of Israel*, by Tolbert R. Ingram, which has been on Broadman's "best seller" list since its release Apr. 5, will be brought out next year in Holland.

Funds were approved for Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly improvements and additions, including completing and equipping the new Children's Building, further improvements of cottages, by adding electrical appliances to the kitchens; purchase of additional property; and parking area improvements.

Glorieta funds appropriated will be used to complete and equip the addition to the dining hall and kitchen; complete and furnish two wings in the Hall of States; and landscape the entrance. New work planned is the building and equipping of a three-story wing to Oklahoma Hall to serve as dormitory and class-room facilities.

Sunday School Board Name Change Committee Makes Report

The Baptist Sunday School Board in semi-annual meeting Dec. 8 and 9 voted to request the Southern Baptist Convention to change the Board's name to "The Board of Education and Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention."

The actual change in name, if approved by the Convention, will not take place immediately, but only after Southern Baptists have been prepared by the Board's administration to accept the change.

The Sunday School Board was organized in 1891 when its ministry was entirely in the area of publishing literature for Sunday schools. Its title does not suggest the Board's added functions of Training Union, Student Union, Music, Home Education, Recreation Service, Church Library Service, Audio-Visuals, Architecture, Broadman books, and book stores.

The special five-member committee recommended the Board favor the adoption of a name more descriptive of its purpose and ministry.

New Director Selected For Camp Ridgecrest for Boys

Harry McCall, Jr., of Miami, Fla., has been selected as director of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, Ridgecrest, N. C. He succeeds George Pickering, who resigned Dec. 1, 1955, in order to build his own camp.

McCall is physical education instructor in the Citrus Grove High School, Miami. A graduate of the University of Miami, where he majored in physical education, he has had twelve years' camping experience with Boy Scouts and other groups, and has served as a junior camp counselor.

Willard K. Weeks, manager of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly said McCall will assume his new duties Feb. 1, 1956.

Minister Ordained

Immanuel Church, Magnolia, ordained Charles Taylor to the gospel ministry on December 12. Pastor Dennis James, Immanuel Church, served as moderator of the ordaining council. J. C. Crabbe served as clerk and conducted the examination. A. M. Muncy led the ordaining prayer. E. E. Griever delivered the charge and the ordination sermon.

Mr. Taylor is pastor of Rocky Mound Church in Hope Association.

One Week Revival At Decatur, First

Sardis Bever of First Church, Decatur, was the evangelist in a revival meeting, November 27-December 4, at Chickasaw Church, McGehee. Pastor Russell K. Hunt was in charge of the music. The meeting resulted in three additions by baptism and three young people surrendered for special services.

West Helena Church Organizes Brotherhood

Second Church, West Helena, organized a Brotherhood December 8. There were thirteen men present, with H. S. Coleman, Associational Missionary, directing the organization. The officers are as follows: President, J. W. Johnson; Membership Vice President, Rube Humphries; Program Vice President, W. M. Griffin; Activities Vice President, Teav McGill; Chorister, Billy Ferguson; Sec.-Treas., Harlan Johnson. Paul Pearson is pastor of the church.

Tract for Christian Morality Crusade Now Available

Can You Be Trusted? is the title of a new tract now available by the Sunday School Board to be used in connection with the Crusade for Christian Morality.

This is the first of three quarterly tracts, on the subjects emphasized in the Crusade, to be prepared in 1956.

Donald F. Ackland, editor of general tracts at the Board, estimates this year's circulation of general tracts will exceed 9½ million, an increase of one million over last year's figures. During the year, eight new tracts have been published, bringing the total number of titles to 95.

Applications for tracts should come from the churches addressed to the Tract Editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. The policy of the Board is to make free tract grants in reasonable quantities to churches and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Texas Adopts 1956 State Mission Work

Southern Baptists in Texas will embark on a \$1,343,862 state missions program as the result of action by the executive board of the state convention.

In session recently, the executive board also elected Arthur B. Rutledge, pastor, Marshall First Baptist Church, its chairman for the next year. The funds for the state missions program will come from the \$9 million overall state budget approved recently by the convention.

The annual budget last year for state missions was \$1,049,926.

Subscription Analysis Arkansas Baptist

New Budget

Pettit Church, Current River Association, J. C. Smith, pastor.

Big Creek Association has three budgets; no clubs; 10 with neither.

Black River has 6 budgets; 5 clubs; and 19 with neither.

Boone Association has 6 budgets; 3 clubs; and 12 with neither.

Buckner has 12 budgets; one club; and 25 with neither.

Watch for the analysis of the churches of your association in future issues of the *Arkansas Baptist*. We are publishing the analysis with the hope that it may stimulate other churches to adopt the budget plan of subscriptions to the *Arkansas Baptist*.

Should SBC Study Its Agency Work?

Should there be an intensive study of the work done by Southern Baptist Convention boards and agencies?

Five members of the Convention's Executive Committee will be looking for an answer to that question between now and May.

Carr P. Collins, member of the Executive Committee from Dallas, Tex., told the Committee meeting in Nashville that he believed there is "a very acute need for intensive examination and study of work of agencies and boards of the Southern Baptist Convention."

He said he thought "nothing but good" could result from such a study.

Other members of the Executive Committee declined to put the Committee on record favoring a study, but agreed to let a five-man committee consider his proposal for such a study.

The five are to report back to the Executive Committee next May in their meeting which immediately precedes the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City.

Brotherhood Educational Program Warmly Welcomed

Presidents of Southern Baptist schools and colleges have warmly welcomed the Baptist Brotherhood Commission's plan to stress Christian education.

They say it is one of the most significant developments in Christian higher education among Southern Baptists. The Brotherhood plan was discussed at the educators' recent meeting.

The Brotherhood's plan is this: It will present a program to acquaint Southern Baptist laymen with the work of Southern Baptist schools and colleges and their needs.

The program will begin in 1956 and last for several years.

Local churches will receive material from the Brotherhood Commission to aid local Brotherhood organizations in their study of Southern Baptist educational work.

Brotherhood-produced tracts on Christian Colleges will point out the responsibility of Baptist laymen toward denominational schools.

"Return in Autumn," a film first produced by the education commission of the Texas State Baptist convention, will be available at Baptist Book Stores throughout the Southern Baptist Convention in March.

The story of an alumni couple returning to the Baptist College from which they had graduated and their memories of college days, the film may be used by Brotherhood groups in their educational programs.

'School of Missions' Or 'Missions Emphasis Week'?

By LEO B. GOLDEN
Director of Schools of Missions

There is a vast difference in a School of Missions and a Missions Emphasis week.

A Missions Emphasis week may consist of having a group or team of missionaries — Foreign, Home or State, or some from each of these groups — to rotate, with a different missionary speaking each night in a different church, presenting the various phases of our mission work. Many of our people mistake a Missions Emphasis week for a School of Missions.

Schools of Missions are really what the term implies — schools. Each church participating in the school has a series of mission books taught during the first period each evening. This class period is followed by an informing, inspiring message by one of the invited missionaries — a different missionary each night.

The classes are taught by teachers in the local church—the Pastor, some Sunday school or Training Union worker. There will be a class for the adults, one each for the Young People, Intermediates, Juniors, Primaries, and even the Nursery, Beginner, Primary Hour. There are graded series of books for the different ages. These books cover the various fields of our mission work. For instance, there is a graded series of books on State Missions, another on Home Missions, and another on Foreign Missions. Each church participating in a School of Missions should have all ages studying in the same field. For instance, all ages should be studying Home Missions one year, State Missions another year, and Foreign Missions another year. Some of the churches in an association may wish to study State missions while other churches may wish to study Home or Foreign Missions. It is not necessary for ALL the churches to study in any one given field. However, each

church will hear some Foreign, Home and State missionaries each year, in the inspirational hour.

There are some special features about a School of Missions that make them infinitely more desirable than a Missions Emphasis week. The Sunday School, Training Union, and W. M. U. Departments give credits — if those taking the missions study books desire it — for the books taken. You let your teacher know in what field you want your credits.

Again, these classes will bring together five to ten times as many people to hear the missionaries' addresses as come to hear the address alone. Too, the people, fresh from the study of mission books, have prepared themselves to receive so much more from the inspirational message, and the blessings to the spiritual life of the church, and the enlarging and clarifying of the mission-mindedness of a congregation, are infinitely more profitable. Therein all ages of a congregation are given visions of the needs of the various mission fields, and God has a far better chance to reach the hearts and lives of our young people for the replenishing of workers on all mission fields.

Moreover, to those who are interested in financing a School of Missions, it stands to reason that more people you get together the more the offerings you receive. We have never known a School of Missions failing to more than pay its own way.

Therefore, brethren, as we plan for some, let us not fall back to "the line of least resistance" and have only a Missions Emphasis week! Then, Pastors, your hearts will rejoice in the incomparable blessings your whole church family will receive.

construction of a new administration and classroom building at the Training School and for that reason she delayed her furlough until the building was finished and dedicated.

Miss Hairston is a sister of Mrs. Luther F. Dorsey of Pine Bluff, whose husband is pastor of the Forrest Park Church of that city.

From \$7,000 to Two Million In Twelve Years

Twelve years ago Dr. Arthur Jackson of Georgia became the executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Foundation. There was in the treasury of the Foundation at that time \$7,000. Dr. Jackson recently retired leaving in the treasury \$2,080,000.

Harry V. Smith, formerly assistant to the president of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, will succeed Dr. Jackson as executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Foundation.

Bayless In Oklahoma

C. Gordon Bayless, pastor of Central Church, North Little Rock, was the evangelist in a revival meeting with First Baptist Church, Miami, Oklahoma, recently. The meeting resulted in 27 additions to the church, 15 by baptism and 12 by letter.

Dr. L. H. Maples is pastor of the Oklahoma church. Edwin Keithly was in charge of the music.

Musicians Notice

Wanted. To locate a church choir from whom we can procure either by purchase or exchange some back issues of CHOIR HERALD.

Contact Dr. V. O. McNabb,
First Presbyterian Church
Morrilton, Ark.

Baptists Map Big Joint Evangelism Crusade

Baptist leaders of four national Conventions agreed to conduct a vast united evangelism crusade from 1959 to 1964. They met with evangelism experts at a strategy conference to outline tentative plans.

Presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Inc., the American Baptist Convention and the North American Baptist General Conference attended. The four groups represent about 14.5 million churchgoers in the United States.

Three other Baptist Conventions will participate, the church officials predicted, bringing a total of 18.4 million persons into the drive.

The presidents and officers, designating themselves "an unofficial but representative Baptist group," urged that the separate Conventions appoint a central group to organize the crusade. They suggested it be called the Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Third Jubilee Celebration of Organized Baptist Mission Work in America.

The crusade is to culminate in 1964 with the sesquicentennial observances of the first triennial convention held in Philadelphia in 1814, the first example of Baptist cooperative effort on a national level in North America.

Delegates set up this schedule of emphases, which is subject to approval by participating Conventions: 1959, evangelism; 1960, Bible teaching and Baptist witness; 1961, stewardship and enlistment; 1962, church extension and leadership training; 1963, world missions; and 1964, jubilee celebration.

Presidents attending the conference were: Dr. Casper C. Warren, Charlotte (N. C.) pastor, president of the 8.5 million-member Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, Chicago pastor, president of the 4.5 million-member National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. Inc. (Negro).

Frank A. Nelson, Racine (Wis.) industrialist, president of the 1.5 million-member American Baptist Convention.

Walter W. Grosser, Oak Park, Ill., insurance executive, moderator of the 45,000-member North American General Baptist Conference.

Dr. Jackson, who heads the world's largest Negro denomination, said he hoped the joint crusade would help destroy racial barriers that exist between the Conventions.

"A campaign emphasizing the cardinal Baptist principles of freedom of the individual and the sacredness of human personality is bound to have some good effects," he said.

Mr. Nelson cited the world's desperate need for "the one power available to make the world right."

"That power is the power of the cross. . . the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the cure for all the world's ills," he said.

Dr. Warren stressed that organic union of Baptists was not to be a goal of the crusade, but that it might culminate in "tandem" American-Southern annual meetings in 1964. He also emphasized that Southern Convention officials would have to review and approve all details of the crusade.

Assembly Program Folders Are Ready

Folders listing the 1956 programs at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist assemblies are now available at the Sunday School Board, according to R. L. Middleton, director of the Business Division.

Negro School Merger Gets Further Study

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee declared that further study must be given to any proposed merger of two Negro religious institutions located in Nashville.

They are the American Baptist Theological Seminary and National Baptist Woman's Training School, located on adjacent campuses. The Southern Baptist Convention owns the seminary campus and operates it jointly with the National Baptist Convention, Inc., a Negro group.

The training school is solely owned and operated by the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

G. Allen West, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, reported that the Southern Baptist Convention's policies of providing ministerial and missionary education to Negro students are involved to such an extent that further study must be made.

The chairman of the Executive Committee will appoint five persons to continue the study originated in September by West's committee.

Miss Martha Hairston on Furlough

Miss Martha Hairston of Warren returned home Friday, December 9, after over four years of service in Brazil with the Foreign Mission Board. For the past three years Miss Hairston has been director of the WMU Training School in Recife, Pernambuco. This is her first furlough since her assignment by the Foreign Mission Board.

At the time she left for Brazil she was a teacher in our WMU Training School in Louisville, Kentucky.

Miss Hairston was due for furlough in July. At that time, however, she was supervising the

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By Religious News Service

Pacific Garden Mission To Expand

Chicago's famed Pacific Garden Mission in the State St. "honky tonk" area is going to expand.

The mission where Evangelist Billy Sunday was converted to Christianity has purchased the Loyal Hotel next door for \$177,500 to increase its sleeping facilities from 85 to 200 persons.

This is in addition to accommodations for 50 men in the mission's servicemen's center. Another \$200,000 will be spent to remodel and rehabilitate the hotel, a four-story fire-proof building that is in sound condition but that had wire cages in Skid Row flophouse style.

Dining rooms, consultation offices, job-finding services and the women's division also will be expanded.

For lack of space, the mission turns away up to 40 men who drift in on inclement nights from the nearby dim saloons, burlesque houses and peep-show arcades.

"We don't turn anyone away until we're so crowded we'd be violating fire ordinances," an attendant said.

"I just gave a poor fellow a blanket and a piece of the floor — it was all we had left."

Each year, about 100,000 men and thousands of women pass under the "Jesus Saves" sign over the entrance of the 78-year-old mission.

Religious Groups Bequeathed \$200,000,000 in Decade

Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish institutions in the United States have received more than \$200,000,000 in bequests over the past ten years.

The estimate was given by T. K. Thompson, executive director of the National Council of Churches' department of stewardship and benevolence, at a conference on "Remember the Church in Your Will."

He said that more than \$100,000,000 went to Protestant churches and institutions.

Methodist Bishop Ralph Cushman of St. Paul, Minn., told 100 clergymen and laymen at the meeting that the making of a Christian will is "the largest single act of Christian stewardship."

"Every Christian brings his weekly offering to God as an act of worship," he said, "but, in addition, he should so plan his estate that his Christian concerns live after him."

Argentine Protestants Ask More Freedom

The executive board of the Confederation of River Plate Evangelical Churches called on President Eugenio Pedro Aramburu and urged him to repeal measures restricting the activities of Protestants in Argentina.

They urged the lifting of restrictions affecting the work of Evangelical Churches in frontier "security" zones covering large areas of the country, and full freedom for preaching the Gospel over radio stations. They also asked that a government index of non-Catholic religions be abolished.

The Evangelical leaders reiterated their opposition to the re-introduction of religious education in State schools.

Bradfordsville Residents Form Corporation to Set Up New School

Residents of this Protestant community have formed a corporation to set up a "public high school" to replace one closed down by the Marion County School Board last year.

The board said the closing was necessary for economic reasons. But parents charged it discriminated against the Bradfordsville School while favoring schools in the predominantly Roman Catholic western part of the county.

Articles of incorporation for the Bradfordsville Public School Foundation, Inc. have been sent to the office of the Secretary of State at Frankfort.

Richard Z. Drye, Louisville attorney who filed the papers, said the group of 15 Bradfordsville residents hopes to raise funds to support a high school and, if necessary, to build a new one.

A suit to reopen the closed-down school is pending before the Kentucky Court of Appeals. In September, the Franklin Circuit Court upheld the closing.

Dr. Drye said that if the appeals court orders the school reopened, the foundation will give it all the support possible, including financial aid. If it remains closed, he said, the group hopes to build a new one or rent quarters for one.

Report Business Firms Discontinuing Christmas Liquor Parties

The Methodist Board of Temperance reported that a national survey shows a definite downtrend in the number of office Christmas parties featuring liquor.

"According to many office managers and executives," the agency said, "the 'holiday' season has often become the 'headache' season for everyone."

The board said many offices are finding family parties the answer, with plenty of gifts for the children. Others have ruled out parties on office time and simply give employees the time off instead. Still others have turned the annual party budget into a contribution to charity or a party for orphan children.

A poll of 265 leading Chicago employers, the board said, found that more than half have discontinued the traditional Christmas party in favor of other activities and that the trend appears to be nationwide.

See Ford Grants Spurring Business Gifts to Church Colleges

Representatives of Minnesota's 14 church-related senior liberal arts colleges, jubilant over the announcement that the Ford Foundation is donating \$3,406,700 to their institutions, reported more good news.

Minnesota business and industry is sharply increasing its giving to the colleges through the Minnesota College Fund Association, joint fund-raising group.

Presidents of nine colleges expressed belief that the Ford Foundation grants will stimulate even greater business giving in the state.

A Smile or Two



"So, I get a swell new sled for Christmas . . . and what happens. We're going to Florida for the winter."

Five-year-old Willie had been taught that Sunday is not a day for play. One Sunday morning his mother found him sailing his toy boat in the bath.

"Willie," she scolded, "don't you know it's wicked to sail boats on Sunday?"

"Oh, that's all right, Mummy," he replied, calmly. "This isn't a pleasure trip. This is a Missionary boat going to Africa."

—*Tid-Bits, London*

A boy was practicing his violin lesson in the house, while his younger sister was playing with the dog on the porch. As the boy scraped away with the bow the hound howled dismally.

The sister stood it as long as she could, then she poked her head in the open window and said: "For goodness sakes, Jimmy, can't you play something the dog doesn't know?"

—*Quote*

The hardest part of putting something away for a rainy day is finding a clear day to do it.

—*Quote*

An Air Force master sergeant in North Africa was briefing his fellow Texans. "Our job here is to promote good will and friendliness. We've got to be polite to the natives. If they say Africa is bigger than Texas, just agree with them."

—*Ex.*

I told the small boy in my office that I wanted to take an X-ray picture of his chest. He started to shriek as I led him toward the machine.

"But it's only a picture," I reassured him.

"Yeah," he blubbered "But I want it on a pony."

Johnnie was gazing at his baby brother, who lay squealing and wailing in his cot.

"Did he come from heaven?" inquired Johnnie.

"Yes, dear."

"No wonder they put him out."

A small boy visiting New York City went up in the elevator to the top of the Empire State Building. As he passed the sixty-fifth floor, he gulped, turned to his father, and said, "Daddy, does God know we are coming?"

News From Baptist Press

Ask More Churches to Give Half to Missions

The treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention has asked that more churches give at least half of their total annual receipts to missions.

Porter Routh, of Nashville, said that only one-tenth of 1 per cent of Southern Baptist churches gave at least half of their receipts last year to missions. There are over 29,000 churches.

He told Baptist leaders in a church finance workshop that "I hope to see 5 per cent of all Southern Baptist churches giving over half their receipts to missions by 1958."

Comparing 1954 figures with those for 1950, Routh said the newer financial report was "encouraging but shows we have a long way yet to go to meet our world mission needs."

The average Southern Baptist church member gave, during 1954, about 2 1/4 per cent of his income to his church. This, he said, compares with the average American's giving less than 1 per cent of his total income to any benevolent work, including both churches and charity.

"However," Routh continued, "when we measure the 2 1/4 per cent of Southern Baptists against the Bible requirement of a tithe (10 per cent), we see again how far we still have to go."

Prepared by Statistician

The 1954 financial report was prepared in Nashville by the department of survey, statistics, and information, Baptist Sunday School Board, under the direction of J. P. Edmunds, department secretary.

It shows, Routh pointed out, that fewer Southern Baptist churches are giving nothing at all to missions and that more churches are giving over 50 per cent of their receipts to missions.

In 1950, 9.6 per cent of the churches gave nothing to missions. In 1954, that percentage dropped to 6 per cent.

While the percentage of churches giving at least half their receipts to missions remains small, the number of these churches has almost doubled since 1950 when they were only one-half of 1 per cent.

Most of the churches, Routh said, fall into the category of giving from 10 to 20 per cent of their total receipts to missions.

The Southern Baptist Convention still has more open country churches than it has city churches, there being more than 14,000 churches in open country compared with over 6,000 in places of more than 2,500 population.

Comparison of Churches

Routh reported that members of city churches gave more money each year than did members of churches in open country. However, a larger per centage of open country churches gave more than 50 per cent of their total church receipts to missions than did city churches.

Forty per cent of Southern Baptist churches — 12,000 — last year reported total receipts of from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Another 5,000 churches reported their total receipts were less than \$1,000. There were 5,000 churches in the range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Six thousand churches had total receipts between \$10,000 and \$50,000 while only 1,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention had total receipts above \$50,000 during 1954, according to Routh.

Proposed '57 Budget Increases Missions

Southern Baptist Convention plans to intensify its missionary program in the United States and overseas will receive a strong boost in the Convention's proposed 1957 budget.

The budget, for \$11 million, has been approved by the Convention's Executive Committee, and will be submitted to the 1956 annual Convention meeting in Kansas City.

Operating budgets for the Foreign and Home Mission Boards will be increased \$1,015,000 over the 1956 budget, which has already been accepted by the Convention.

The Foreign Mission Board's budget for capital expenses in 1957 will remain the same as for 1956, at \$600,000, but there will be some increase in that for the Home Mission Board.

The capital expense item for the Home Board in 1956 is \$439,800. It increases to \$500,000 if the 1957 budget gets Convention adoption.

The \$11 million budget for 1957 is \$1 million higher than the 1956 budget — which means that the entire increase is represented in the additional missionary allocations.

The budget figure represents Cooperative Program funds for these two mission boards, for Convention-operated seminaries, and for other SBC boards and agencies. It does not include designated offerings and does not include gifts to be used locally by churches and state conventions.

The Executive Committee, in Nashville, also heard Convention Treasurer Porter Routh report thousands of more dollars have been received on the 1955 budget.

Routh said through mid-December \$11,236,029 had come in for Convention work. He estimated \$275,000 more would be received through the Cooperative Program by the end of the calendar year.

This compared, he said, with \$10,739,497 for all of 1954.

Routh presented Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, with a check for \$469,154 for work of that board. Courts Redford, executive secretary, Home Mission Board, accepted a check for \$156,384 on the Board's behalf.

The checks were part of 1955 funds received during the "Advance" program. After the annual budget was met in October, all funds began going exclusively to these mission boards.

The Foreign Mission Board will receive the greatest amount in operating expenses in the 1957 budget — \$3,950,000 — compared with \$3,200,000 in 1956.

The Home Mission Board's operating budget is \$1,050,000 for 1957, up \$265,000 over 1956.

Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., which is developing a new campus site, will receive more capital funds in 1957 than any other school, agency, or board. Its allocation is \$626,733 for this purpose.

Retiring Ministers Should File SS Claims Immediately

Ministers who retire in 1956 should file their claims for social security as soon as possible after they retire. Otherwise, social security officials report, the minister may not receive maximum benefits.

Filing dates during 1956 are Jan. 1, April 1, July 1, and Oct. 1. Ministers who retire after Sept. 30, 1956, should file on Jan. 1, 1957, to insure themselves maximum social security benefits.



Denominational Calendar

- 7-20—Southern Convention-wide S. S. Clinic, Birmingham, Ala.
- 9 — Ouachita Board Meeting, Arkadelphia
- 9-11 — Home Board Missionary Educational Council, Nashville, Tenn.
- 12 — Executive Committee Meeting, Little Rock
- 15-20 — W. M. U. Focus Week
- 22 — Spring Term Begins at Ouachita
- 23-25 — Annual State Wide Evangelistic Conference, First Church, Little Rock

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Teenager Problem

Question: Our daughter is 13 and wants to go to fellowship meetings after church. They are in the homes of nice people. My husband says that she is too young to start going places like that. She is the only one who can't. He doesn't approve of light colored lipstick, hose, or slight heels on her dress shoes.

Am I wrong in thinking it is normal for a child to want to feel that she is part of her crowd?

Answer: Your husband is dead wrong. There is nothing more wholesome than for a teenager to be with other teenagers. And I cannot think of a better place than at a well-planned fellowship after church.

And as for light colored lipstick and slight heels, when on earth does he expect her to start these things? They need to be introduced gradually.

A girl at thirteen has some real problems. They need their father's love and respect even more than their mother's. If your husband could only see it, he has the chance of a lifetime with this girl. She needs from him affection (real physical affection), understanding, kindness, and admiration. If she gets suspicion, fussing, condemning, criticism, and unfairness, it will be hard for this girl to believe that other men are reasonable and understanding.

When girls have unkind fathers, they often grow up to feel unloved and inadequate. This is often back of immorality on the part of women and especially of later maladjustments in marriage. When girls are not trusted by their fathers, they have a hard time trusting others.

You have a delicate problem. Stick to your husband and your daughter both. Keep channels of communication open, if possible. But, most of all, help each other to see that the Christian faith sponsors reasonableness and good common sense.

Benefits are figured on the minister's earnings over a 12-month period. If the minister does not delay, but files for his benefits on the filing date immediately after he retires, the benefits will be figured on the year ending with the date of his retirement.

Suppose, however, the minister delays filing a claim and lets one or more filing dates slip by before he claims benefits. In that case, social security officials say, they would have to figure in several months after the retirement date, in which the minister probably earned little or no money. This will reduce his 12-month earning average and thus also reduce the benefits which he can claim as social security.

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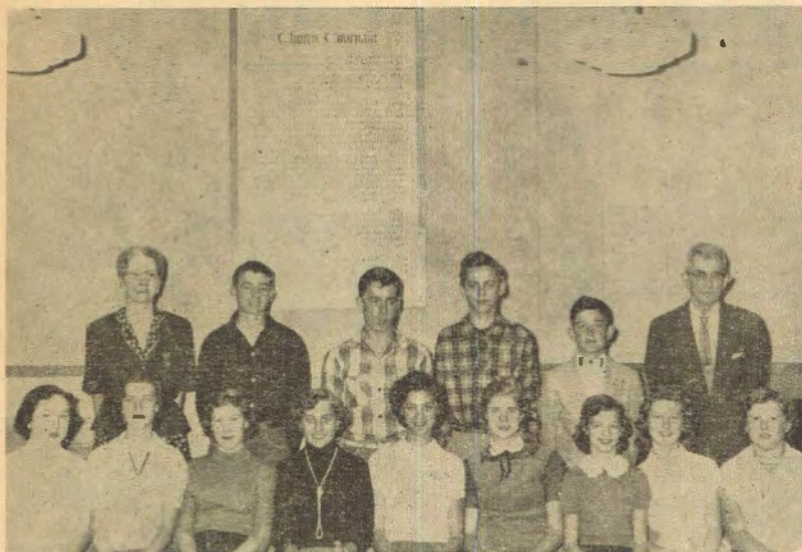


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Training Union Maintains Year-Long Standard



"The King's Workers" Intermediate Union of the North Maple Baptist Chapel, a mission of First Church, Stuttgart, was standard for an entire year, from October, 1954, to October, 1955. Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Craig are the leaders of this union.

The names from right to left, back row, are Mr. P. B. Craig, James Wilks, Owen Bailey, Melvin Case, Bobby Craig and Mrs. P. B. Craig. Front row: Margaret Bailey, Martha Scroggins, Virginia Ponder, Carolyn Simpson, Vera Ruth Simpson, Charlene Wilcox, Ann Hatfield, Leola Glover, and Irene Glover.

Our congratulations to this Intermediate Union in one of our missions!

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

Religious Liberty

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

Some months ago, Senator Hennings, Missouri, introduced a bill which provided for an extensive study of the Constitution of the United States. As the movement progressed, it became obvious that any study of the Constitution would involve the First Amendment, and so, representative leaders of religious thought in the country were invited to appear at a hearing on the First Amendment — what it means, how it is being applied, etc. etc. — on October 3, 1955. Dr. Walter Pope Binns was to have spoken for Southern Baptists. Dr. Glenn Archer, executive director, was to have spoken for POAU, and so along the line.

Then something happened within a week or less of the hearing. Certain interests became alarmed when they discovered that Dr. Glenn Archer would appear — a very able lawyer of Kansas, who left a most attractive situation to accept the leadership of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State — who took the issue straight to court in New Mexico, challenging the usurpation of the public schools in that state for the purpose of promoting Roman Catholicism, winning a resounding decision from the state's Supreme Court. They demanded to see Archer's manuscript.

Archer

But they hadn't fully calculated on Glenn Archer. He replied: "I will submit my manuscript when the other side submits its manuscript. Not until then." After quick consultation, this telegram went out from Senator Hennings: "Because members of the subcommittee have not had opportunity to thoroughly study in the date in the religious clause. . ." Okay. There she stands, and there she blows! Liberty has not perished from the earth. Don't whistle for the bear unless you are ready. Truth may still be stranger than fiction. Selah.

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Missionaries' Child Drowns In Paraguay

Heather Suzanne McDowell, 16-month-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald E. McDowell, Southern Baptist missionaries to Paraguay, was drowned Saturday, December 10, according to a cable received by Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Dr. McDowell is a surgeon at the Baptist Hospital, Asuncion. He and Mrs. McDowell were appointed missionaries in October, 1954. Their address is: Casilla 31, Asuncion, Paraguay.

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one of the most exciting stories we've ever run, and it's in the December issue of *Faith Today* magazine. It features your own Ben Bridges, General Secretary, as "Clergyman of the Month," plus the heroic story of the Arkansas Baptist Convention and the miracle of its "honor debt." It's an article that every Arkansas Baptist will want to read, for it is a story of outstanding faith, courage, and inspiration. In the final essence, it is the story of what it means to be a Christian.

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MRS. HASKELL BOYTER

The first Primary Choir Workshop and Festival ever held in the Southern Baptist Convention will be held in Arkansas March 1,

2, and 3. Mrs. Haskell Boyter, Director of the Children's School of Music, Atlanta, Georgia is to be the leader for this great event.

Mrs. Boyter will conduct Elementary Music Workshops and demonstrations Thursday, Friday and Saturday and lead the Primary Choir Festival on Saturday.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday: 2:00-4:00 — Workshop; 4:30-5:30 — Choir Demonstration.

Friday: 2:00-4:00 — Workshop; 4:30-5:30 — Choir Demonstration.

Saturday: 10:00 - 11:00 — Rehearsal of all Festival Choirs; 11:00 - 12:00 — Parade of Primary Choirs (Each choir will sing one selection); 12:00-1:00 — Lunch; 1:00-1:30—Final Rehearsal; 2:00 — Primary Choir Festival.

A list of music and instructions concerning the festival may be secured through the Church Music Department, 312 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Give Attention To The Indians

"The American Indian" — "trail of tears" from the pages of history, his present spiritual status and need, and what Southern Baptists have done and are doing to help fill these needs will be the subject of the 1956 home mission study series.

Five books, five visual productions (three filmstrips and two motion pictures) and other materials are available to make the study vivid and successful.

The Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock has many teaching aids for the series including the filmstrips **Trail of Triumph, Indian Baskets,** and **Pray Ye. Trail of Triumph and Indian Baskets** both feature Indian mission work. The former is especially recommended for use with the adult book. **Indian Baskets** presents Indian mission work through the story of the beginning and progress of work in one mission situation — the Papago Indians in Arizona. **Pray Ye** follow the sequence of the March Week of Prayer program and points out the importance of prayer in missions. The filmstrip presents the total ministries of the Home Mission Board. All these filmstrips are in color and come with manual for \$5 each.

Indian motion pictures are also available for rental. **Indian Missionary Diary** is the personal report of one of our missionaries to the Indians on the need, progress, and ways of reaching the Indians. The film was made on a western Indian reservation. It is a 16 mm. sound, color motion picture, and runs 18½ minutes. **Indian Children**, briefly, yet dramatically, depicts the true story of Indian child life — how the Indian child plays, what he eats, etc.

The texts to be used are listed below and should be ordered from the Baptist Book Store:

Adults, **The Tribes Go Up**, 50 cents.

Young People, **Indian Life on New Trails**, 50 cents.

Intermediates, **Paths in Papago Land**, 50 cents.

Juniors, **Beyond the Desert**, 50 cents.

Primaries, **Skias-Chui**, 50 cents.

Teaching Helps for each book, 15 cents.

A PLEA

Missionaries use to great advantage old, used, Christmas cards, and there comes a request for them from Missionary Carl Hunker of Taiwan. He wrote they had exhausted their supply, and we can replenish it NOW! Carefully wrap the cards, mark the package "PRINTED MATTER" — and that is so important in order that they go duty free — and send to

W. Carl Hunker
Box 427
Taipei, Taiwan

In writing about the cards, Mr. Hunker said "Christmas cards which have been cut — either names or the message—lose much of their attractiveness."

OTHERS ATTAINED

Among the youth organizations meeting the requirements on the Standards of Excellence for the year just closed were twenty-one Young Woman's Auxiliaries. To the leaders of those organizations and the young women who were members, congratulations are extended with a hope that in the current year they will continue to maintain their high quality of work. They were:

Central District: Carlisle, First; Conway, First; Hot Springs, Central; Little Rock, Immanuel; Little Rock, Highland; No. Little Rock, Calvary (Rose City); No. Little Rock, Highway.

West Central District: Ozark First; Van Buren, Oak Grove.

Southeast District: Crossett, First; Dumas, First; Huttig, First; Pine Bluff, Immanuel; Smackover, First; Stephens, First.

Southwest District: Horatio, First.

North Central District: Batesville, Ruddell Hill.

Northeast District: Blytheville, First.

Northwest: Bentonville, First Siloam Springs, First.

East Central District: Parkin, First.

November Report of Church Music Departments

Church Reporting	Department Enrollment	Number Choirs	Choir Enrollment	Number Rehearsals	Average Attendance	Number Appearances	Special Event
Immanuel, Little Rock	337	7	247	22	200	23	Thanksgiving Combined Choirs
Calvary, No. Little Rock	59	2	35	8	25	16	
First, Siloam Springs	103	4	77	18	64	10	
Calvary, Texarkana	91	3	76	11	64	4	Two Training Classes 31 Enrolled
First, Waldron	189	7	169	29	148	11	Two Choir Banquets

Beginning this month we are going to publish a report of the Church Music Departments for the preceding month. Music Directors should secure form CM-50 from the Baptist Book Store for use in making this report.

The churches above have made it a regular practice to send in a Monthly Church Music Report. We would like to include your church in our monthly report.

Piney Baptist Church in Central Association recently completed a study of the Music Training Text, "Practical Music Lessons" by Harrison and McKinney. Forty-two young people and adults received awards and four children received certificates. Rev. William West is pastor of this church.

FIVE CHURCHES RECEIVING THE MOST AWARDS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER (October-November-December)

Church	Town	Association	Adult Awards	Children Awards
Calvary	Camden	Carey	39	13
First	Dardanelle	Dardanelle-Russellville	23	
B. S. U.	Fayetteville	Washington-Madison	11	
Piney	Hot Springs	Central	42	4
Ironton	Little Rock	Pulaski	16	

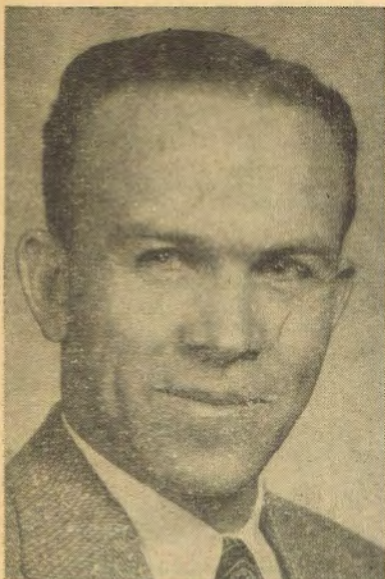
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Baptist Student Director at Arkansas Tech



NEIL JACKSON

Mr. Neil Jackson of Russellville was recently elected by the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention as the new Baptist Student Director at Arkansas Tech. He assumed this position on December 1.

A native of Atkins, Mr. Jackson began his college work at Ouachita College. After serving several years in the Army Transportation Corps in World War II, he enrolled in Arkansas Tech where he was elected president of the Baptist Student Union. Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Arkansas Tech and the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture. Since graduation he has engaged in agricultural work and during these years has felt a call to religious work as a vocation.

Mr. Jackson has served his church faithfully in many places of responsibility. He has been Training Union Director and Sunday school superintendent in the Young Peoples Department, a teacher in the Sunday school, Deacon, Chairman of the Missions Committee, a member of the Evangelistic Committee of the Brotherhood, and Brotherhood president.

Mr. Jackson and his wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Helbert, have three children: Danny, seven; Alan, four; and Frieda Nell, two.

We welcome this lovely Christian family to the enlarging group of Baptist Student Directors and anticipate great results of Mr. Jackson's ministry as Baptist Student Director at his Alma Mater, Arkansas Tech.

BAYLOR STUDENTS HELP IN B. S. U. RALLY AT OUACHITA

Under the leadership of Miss Faye Wellborn, the Baptist Student Union at Ouachita recently sponsored a rally to inform students of the purpose of B. S. U. and to instruct B. S. U. officers of their duties. Coming from Texas to help in the rally were

four Baylor students, including Don Berry, president of Baylor University's Baptist Student Union. The Baylor students also stayed for the Saturday vesper service and led in the meeting.

Danny Griffin, Ouachita's B. S. U. reporter, states that this event was the "highlight of the whole weekend, and each person that participated was lifted to mountain tops of spiritual experience."

CHRISTMAS REVIVAL AT FIRST, WARREN

First Church, Warren, had a youth-led revival during the Christmas holidays. Three Ouachita students helped in the meeting. George Peters led the music, Ella Reed Blackmon served as organist, and Johnny Ross served as personal worker. Several of the church's own young people were used in the Christmas services. Mr. Alfred R. Cullum, youth and education director, served as preacher.

LOTS PURCHASED AT CONWAY

Recently two lots across from the Arkansas State Teachers College campus were purchased as the site for the new Baptist Student Center at Conway. Arkansas Baptists are fortunate in obtaining this property because of its proximity to the campus. Southern Baptists have learned through experience that Baptist Student Centers must be in the normal flow of student traffic if the buildings are to be used for the purposes for which the buildings were erected. Already on the lots at Conway is the sign indicating that soon a Baptist Student Center will be built on the recently purchased site. Mrs. James Smalley is the new director at Conway. The Faulkner Associational Student Committee is composed of Raymond Strickland, T. B. Walls, O. M. Stallings, T. W. Hays, Walter Watts, J. H. Street, Dr. Joe West, Miss Helen Canaday, and Dr. H. L. Minton.

—Tom J. Logue,
B. S. U. Department
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PRAYER OF THE SEASON By DOROTHY DILL MASON

Thank you for the start of spring
When tiny buds unfold.
Thank you for the summertime
All blue and green and gold.
Thank you for the painted hills
When autumn's bright leaves fall,
But for the first frail snowflake,
God, thank you, most of all.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Hollingsworth, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina, have returned to the States for furlough. Mrs. Hollingsworth, formerly Marcelle Sullivan, is a native of Monticello, Ark.

Enlisting Men For Bible Study

By GEO. W. SCHROEDER

The Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, J. N. Barnette, secretary, has issued a challenge to Southern Baptists which could easily be the turning point for our denomination. Barnette and his capable associates are calling on churches "to get the men in Sunday School." We men of the Brotherhood like the idea. Nothing in our churches today could be more meaningful or pay greater dividends than this undertaking. In fact, it can be said without fear of contradiction that our churches will go forward, mark time, or slowly die in about the direct proportion to the enlistment of men.

Sunday school leaders know that the difference in Sunday Schools in Baptist churches lies in the successful enlistment of man power. In adopting such an objective — that of reaching men for Bible study — these leaders have initiated a most worthy undertaking. The Brotherhood would like to go on record as heartily endorsing this new phase of the Sunday school promotional endeavor.

We of the Brotherhood would add our voices to the earnest pleas of the Sunday School leaders to do something about it. Without a doubt, the time is ripe for such a promotional effort. Never were men more eager and awaiting in greater numbers to the call of God to take their rightful places as witnesses, servants, and leaders in churches all over the land. The phenomenal growth witnessed in our Brotherhood work during the past several years attests to that fact. Our men want to move up and out for Christ. We need to capitalize on that upsurge of interest. We can help do it by enlisting men for Bible study.

Say what you will, reach the men and the effectiveness of all areas in the life of our churches increases tremendously. With enlistment of men our Sunday Schools would solve most of their problems over night. Worship and training services, evangelism, stewardship, Cooperative Program, missions — all these great endeavors of Southern Baptists can be naturally enlarged as we reach more men for Christ. We of the Brotherhood commend the call of our Sunday School leaders across the Convention to "reach the men for Bible study."



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To Be A Denominational Man

By LEWIS A. MYERS

After 30 years of denominational work, every hour of it co-operative, every hour of it loyal, there is not now the slightest tinge of regret. To be a denominational man, first and last; to spend and be spent in one mighty joint effort, giving and taking, always co-operating, means at fifty and above an intensified joy, a magnified hope, and an evangelized world.

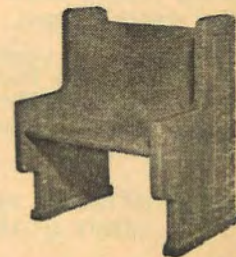
As fruitful as an independent work may appear, it can never favorably compare with a co-operative effort, any joint effort. Science tells us, like the addition of a fulcrum, the strength of one more, not only doubles the force of the action, but magnifies it a thousand fold. Mighty works are accomplished, not otherwise possible, where multiple shoulders are placed at the wheel, where a thousand hands and hearts and minds are co-operatively dedicated to the same cause. In this connection it might be suggested that it isn't independence of a freelance nature that makes for big success. It is the unreserved support in a great, co-operative body that widens the scope of labors, and that gives wings to an influence worldwide. It is the so-called independent course that shuts the laborer up to a narrow field.

We aren't able with Paul to say in so many words that we wish that all were as we are, but do wish that some, whose labors of love have never been denied, could pool their resources with our mighty New Mexico forces, and through our far-flung Southern Convention organization make a bid for those greater results which follow our working together. "Co-operation" was an issue in the Council of Jerusalem. Co-operation prompted the founding of the local churches, the institution of mission programs, and it seems to have always been in the scheme of heaven in the "Bringing in of the Kingdom."

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Variety Within The Christian Group

By W. R. CULLOM
Wake Forest, N. C.

They tell me that Abraham Lincoln said that the good Lord must love the common people, He made so many of them. On the same principle He must love variety in universe, He has provided so much of it about us. They say that no two leaves in the forest are exactly alike. It was an eye-opening experience with me when I came to notice that no two among the Twelve Apostles are just alike, but that they differ one from the other just as other men do. The one tie that bound them into a unit was that of love for and loyalty to their common Lord. The great Apostle Paul recognized the same thing and rejoiced in it. He even rejoiced in those who preached a Christ of "contention" and said so. (Phil. 1:12-18). One of his most striking descriptions of the church of his Lord is when he compares it to the human body (I Cor. 12:12-31). Those who are Christ's are baptized into one body (v.13), but the body has many members.

While I was preparing this paper a pamphlet came into my hands which pronounces very severe and even ugly anathemas on men in the world today who seem to me to stand among the finest and most useful Christians of our generation. Do I swallow and endorse all that these men teach? No means. They are not responsible to me, but to God, and I shall rejoice in the good they are doing and go on following my own vision of truth and duty un-

der God. "The hand cannot say to the foot: I have no need of thee."

The truth is that the growing Christian is not the same in himself each day. Only those who are shut into a narrow and even a dead groove remain the same from one period to another in their lives. Nor has there been a time in all the ages when the principle that I am here advocating was needed more than just now. And I say this for several reasons: (1) because it is inherently true and right; (2) because every true friend of Jesus should put on the whole armor of God and fight earnestly and faithfully in the fearful battle that is raging about us just now; (3) because the basic order of our Lord demands it. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself — put self out of sight — take up his cross, and follow me." (4) because of the awful or glorious consequences involved in the results of this battle.

Let us rejoice, then, that God can use and does use a great variety of talent and of life in bringing in his Kingdom, and move on each in his own place and in his own way doing service to Him who made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (Phil. 2:7-8).

Bishops and Public Education

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

Roman Catholic concern for public education is to non-Romanists a case of special pleading. The nation-wide system of parochial and higher schools is a great burden upon the church's resources. Consequently, the recent Roman Catholic bishops' statement regarding public education, into which are introduced verbal arguments on behalf of their own schools in praise of their "great contribution" to the total of education, is apparently an appeal for tax money for their support.

The bishops decide that "students of these schools have the right to benefit from those measures, grants, or aids, which are manifestly designed for the health, safety, and welfare of American youth, irrespective of the schools attended." With the elasticity of interpretation of such language, as exemplified in states like New York and Massachusetts, where legislation now permits the employment of public tax money for parochial school purposes, we know the Federal target at which the bishops' statement is directed. We must expect, therefore, great political pressure on the

Federal Government's program for improving public education to identify the word "public" with parochial schools' financial needs.

If that is ever achieved, we shall then have a hopelessly divided country similar to Holland and Belgium, where religious partisan politics maliciously divides the people. Separation of church and state, in all practical politics, would be a dead issue.

—Watchman-Examiner

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Wagging Tongues

By COURTS REDFORD

I was in a train wreck a few weeks ago. They told me that it was probably caused by a "floating" switch tongue.

It seems that the bolt holding the tongue to the switch bar had come loose so that the tongue might float freely from side to side, thus direct traffic first to one track and then to the other.

That switch tongue must have changed its mind after the front wheels of the car just behind the one in which I was riding had passed, for the front trucks of that car took the main track while the rear trucks took the siding. Thus, the car was coming through broadside and struck two loaded cars on the siding. The rear end of that coach was sheared off, several cars were derailed, five people were killed, a number injured, and much property destroyed — all because the switch tongue wagged when it was supposed to be still.

A lot of tragedies occur because tongues wag when they should be still.

I know those parts involved in the train wreck could not talk, but I think I know what they might have said had they been able to talk.

The tongue would have been the first to speak, accusing the bolt that was supposed to hold it in place of failing to do his job.

The bolt in rejoinder said that it was the nut's fault — that the nut became impatient and began

to run around until she finally left him entirely.

The poor little nut was so excited about the wreck that she could hardly speak intelligently but she said that her husband, Mr. Bolt, had been so dissatisfied with his job that she simply could not live with him any longer. She said that he sometimes wished to be a railroad spike so he would not have to work so hard and at other times he seemed to be content to be a bolt but wanted to get up higher in the world where he could see what was going on.

Well, friends, that is the story of the train wreck. I wonder if homes and churches are not being wrecked in a similar manner. Many a tragedy has been caused by wagging tongues, and tongues have wagged because of the lack of co-operative effort on the part of those who should be closely bound together.

Broken homes cause wagging tongues and heart-breaking tragedies. Quarrels between pastor and deacons, or between individuals in the church, may cause wagging tongues and wrecked churches.

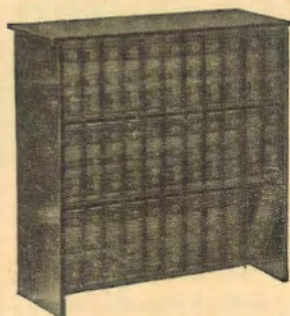
It's too bad, isn't it, that some track repairman had not noticed that loose nut and tightened it.

That suggests a task for each of us. As we find potential breaks we may save a great deal of human misery by taking a few moments to tighten the loose connections. —Home Missions

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Children's Page

Jolly Mr. Winters

By GLADYS CLEONE CARPENTER

The weather was cold, so Mr. Winters hadn't melted one bit. Mr. Winters was the big fat snow man. He stood in the yard where Tommy and Sharon lived.

Bill and Beth, their next door neighbors, had helped them make the snow man.

Now the four children were together.

"I wish we could stay up to-night," said Bill. "It's New Year's. Mother and Dad and Sister will have a party."

"Yes, our mother and father and Big Brother are going to their party," said Sharon.

"Oh, I don't care," said Beth. "Let's have fun now. Let's fix up Mr. Winters."

Mr. Winters did look a bit shabby. He had looked all right for Christmas, but now his trimmings were faded and torn.

"What can we do to make Mr. Winters look like New Year's?" asked Bill.

"We could make him a new hat-band," said Sharon. "And put the date on it."

The snow man had a tall, black hat. They made a white band for it. On the front of the band, they put the figures 1956.

Then the children got some bright colored paper. On it they wrote "Happy New Year." This they put across the snow man's chest.

"What else can we do to make

him look like New Year's?" Beth asked.

"Bells are for New Year's," said Tommy.

"Yes, they ring while we're asleep, and everyone's having fun but us," said Bill.

"That's grown up fun," said Sharon. "It wouldn't be fun for us. This snow man is our kind of fun."

They decided to shape a hand bell from snow. And put the bell in the snowman's hand.

"There! He's all ready to start the New Year," said Beth.

Mr. Winters looked very fine and he also looked very pleased. The children had made his mouth turn up at the corners as if he were smiling.

"Now let's go over to our house, and write what we'll try to do next year," said Beth.

Inside the house Sharon wrote down what each one decided to

do. The list was like this:
IN 1956

- I will try to:
1. Smile like Mr. Winters — Sharon.
 2. Be patient like the snow man — Beth
 3. Be friendly — Tommy
 4. Not beg to stay up late — Bill
- Suddenly Sharon exclaimed, "Listen!"
- Now they could hear a bell ringing.

Sharon ran to the window and looked out. There was a big hedge between the houses so she couldn't see anything.

"It sounds as if the snow man is ringing his bell!" said Tommy.

But the bell kept right on ringing merrily.

"Let's go see!" said Bill. They put on their wraps, and away they went! Soon they reached the snow man.

"Look!" exclaimed Tommy. For there in the snow man's right hand was a real bell, a metal bell.

"Someone has put the snow bell we made in Mr. Winter's left hand, and this bell in his right hand," said Bill.

Sharon noticed that someone had shaped a pocket on the snow man's chest. And in this snow pocket was a note. She took it out and read it to the others.

It said:
Dear Friends:
Thank you for making me look so nice. I'm always the best dressed snow man in town.
I want to repay you, so under my hat.

Happy New Year!
Mr. Winters.

Oh, let's see what's under the hat!" cried Beth.

Tommy was the tallest, so he was the one to look. He took off the snow man's hat, and felt on top of his head.

Someone had hollowed out some of the snow at the top of the snow man's head and had fitted in a sack. Tommy took out the sack.

The others crowded around as he opened it. They wanted to see what was in it.

The sack was filled with little cookies. They were bell-shaped, and were iced in several different colors. What fun!

"Who did all these things?" asked Bill.

"I'll go see!" said Sharon, and she rushed into the house.

"There's no one at home!" she said when she came back.

The four children never found out who left the cookies and the bell. They asked their parents and their older sister and brother when they got back home, they wouldn't tell.

So it was fun to make believe — to pretend that the snowman rang the bell, wrote the note, and put the cookies in his hat, all by himself.

Good old Mr. Winters!
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Write to the Secretary for Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia.

Jesus Teaches Confidence In God

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

January 8, 1956

Luke 12:22-34

The picture continues to build through Luke's writings of what the Lord actually is. There was no trace of insincerity in Jesus and He heartily rebuked any insincerity in the religious men of His day. Insincerity nullifies influence in religious people quickly and irreparably.

Jesus manifested and taught confidence in God. Many feel that the material is the only true value in life. Therefore, if something cannot be seen and touched, if it cannot be felt and turned into dollars, it is of little value. Jesus was never against the material. He never spoke against the material unless it became king over man and rival to Christ for man's glory. Then He spoke in harsh terms. The larger lesson includes the story of the rich man who made a bumper crop. New barns had to be built to take care of his surplus. The man didn't see beyond his filled barns. Jesus spoke against such short-sightedness and material rulership.

THE DIVINE IMPERATIVE

Words change in basic meaning. The word "thought" originally meant care, concern. Be not "filled with care" is the sense of use in Luke 12:22. "Do not be anxious about your life, what ye shall eat, or about your body, what ye shall put on." One is to pray for daily bread as well as for forgiveness. Jesus does not speak against working, saving, looking ahead, carrying insurance. The absence of these means that others will have to look after us or our families. When one is filled with care, fired with anxiety, for material goods and comfort ahead of everything else he will make money — getting possessions his chief concern.

This throws material in keen competition with God for man's concern. It may even lead him to practices and associations that are questionable. It will surely lead to anxious fears. He will fear that he will not obtain the things he goes after, or if those things are acquired he will not be able to keep them. God will be pushed into the background. The anxious mind is one of doubt instead of confidence. Worry is the antithesis of faith. Christ knows of all man's material needs necessary to his well-being. He will furnish all these things. This is no license to escape initiative or to fail to work for a living by the "sweat of the brow."

"And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink or be of anxious mind." The people to whom Jesus spoke were living in the simple condition of their time. They were dependent largely upon farming and fishing for livelihood. The anxious mind is destructive wherever it is. In the complex life, anxiety destroys.

When a job is needed, or a waning profit needs boosting, it is not easy to live without anxiety.

Yet, if one has confidence in God, a blessed deliverance comes from selfish fear. In Gethsemane Jesus knew the meaning of agony but after He had prayed He was ready to face the morrow without trace of anxiety. Martin Dibelius said "We are not able to perform the will of God in its full scope but we are able to be transformed by it." If we cannot live wholly without anxiety then we can commit to God the very anxiety that we possess so that it is dealt with as any sin that exists.

EXAMPLES FROM NATURE

God lavishes care on the lowest forms of life. His children should take courage that He will not overlook their need. The ravens of the air are not popular birds, yet they are cared for by God. They do not sow. They do not reap. They build no storehouse. They have no barns. God feeds them. These birds are an example, not of idleness, but of freedom from anxiety. Better care than God exercises over them is given to the human family. An individual might profit from the freedom of worry in a bird's life.

The question is raised of the value of worry. Does it produce a desired result? A test reveals that one cannot raise his height twenty inches neither can he extend his life by one year through any amount of worry. One may cut short his life a year by worry as he burns up energies which should be devoted to his health.

The lilies of the field are most beautiful. Yet they toil not. They spin not. Their glory is beyond anything that Solomon ever possessed. God is responsible for their beauty. Their usefulness can be terminated quickly. They can be fuel for the oven by sundown. How much more will God deal His benevolence to man that bears eternal life and is in His family. Any father would treat his children better than he would the animals or plants about his home. Confidence should rise at the thought.

Man is to seek the kingdom of God ahead of the need of drink or food. He should be more concerned over the kingdom than his own provisions. Then God will give the necessary food and clothing. This is no new doctrine that Luke is reporting. The Psalmist, hundreds of years before, issued his confidence: "I have been young and now am old; Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor

his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). Conditions existing in the world now are largely due to the fact that man took the means which God gave for him to have all that he needed and used them selfishly. The result is a world shaken to its foundation with hunger, fear, suspicion, strife, and war. God has given to man the mechanical equipment, industry, and technology to build a great age; a society free from hunger and poverty. Man has taken these means and learned of war. They have been used for destruction instead of supply. When society fails to seek God, the consequent blessings of the kingdom are withheld. God-fearing nations have every advantage.

The Father desires to give the kingdom. But it cannot be given for selfish abuse and wrong use. The kingdom is given to those who turn to God with penitent hearts and full surrender. It comes to those who beseech Him to forgive sin and to receive into His service. When the kingdom is given, peace and well being are man's portion instead of hunger, fear and anxiety.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

Worry is a sin. Chronic worry is a lack of faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Confidence in God is the only solution to worry. Why not turn to Him our lot and portion when we know that he sees both today and tomorrow and cares for our welfare?

Life is more than living. Anyone can make a living. Some do it better than others. A living may not be measured by personal righteousness. However, God is interested in one making a life that counts. A living can be accumulated by selfish work. Remember the man with filled barns, he had a living but had no life. Such is not worth the battle. God's plan is for man to furnish the life through grace and redemption and God shall furnish the living out of His bountifulness. This plan cannot be improved. No security will ever exist beyond that which is given by God.

Happiness, cheerfulness and Christian joy are inward possessions; outward circumstances have little to do with them. A lot of the Christian virtues are a matter of Christian practice.

ABERNATHYS ARE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Abernathy, Southern Baptist missionaries to Korea, have returned to the States for furlough and may be addressed in care of Mrs. T. H. Smoot, McCreary Street, Winston-Salem, N. C. Mrs. Abernathy is a native of Huntington, Ark., where they make their permanent American home.

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A New Prayer Calendar For 1956

Beginning January 1, 1956, a new prayer calendar will be started among Arkansas Baptists. This prayer calendar will give the denominational workers in the Baptist Building here in Little Rock, an opportunity to pray for the pastors, the churches and the associations in our state, and at the same time give the pastors, the churches and the associational workers an opportunity to pray for all the state workers.

Each week one association, with the officers' names along with all the churches and pastors' names, will be listed on a blackboard in the chapel at the Baptist Building. That association, with all the churches, pastors and workers, will be the object of the state workers prayers during that specified week. A letter will be sent to the associational officers and pastors notifying them that the Arkansas denominational workers are praying special prayers for them during that week, and ask them to pray for the state workers during the same period. Not only are we asking the associational officers and pastors to pray with us, but we plead with the pastors to announce the week and urge the people to pray for us.

We have 45 associations affiliated with our State Convention, which means that the denominational workers will be praying definite prayers for at least 45 weeks of the year 1956.

We plan to start the prayer chain with those associations whose names begin with the letter "A" and go through the alphabet.

Here is the proposed prayer calendar for 1956 — (Clip and post for future reference.)

Arkansas Valley	January 1-7
Ashley County	January 8-14
Bartholomew	January 15-21
Benton County	January 22-28
Big Creek	January 29-February 4
Black River	February 5-11
Boone County	February 12-18
Buckner	February 19-25
Buckville	February 26-March 3
Caddo River	March 4-10
Carey	March 11-17
Caroline	March 18-24
Carroll County	March 25-31
Centennial	April 1-7
Central	April 8-14
Clear Creek	April 15-21
Concord	April 22-28
Conway-Perry	April 29-May 5
Current River	May 6-12
Dardanelle-Russellville	May 13-19
Delta	May 20-26
Faulkner	May 27 - June 2
Gainesville	June 3-9
Greene	June 10-16
Harmony	June 17-23
Hope	June 24-30
Independence	July 1-7
Liberty	July 8-14
Little Red River	July 15-21
Little River	July 22-28
Mississippi	July 29-August 4
Motor Cities	August 5-11
Mt. Zion	August 12-18
Newton	August 19-25
Ouachita	August 26-September 1
Pulaski	September 2-8

Red River	September 9-15
Rocky Bayou	September 16-22
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	September 23-29
Tri-County	September 30-October 6
Trinity	October 7-13
Washington-Madison	October 14-20
White County	October 21-27
White River	October 28-November 3
Woodruff	November 4-10

—R. D.

DeQueen and Humble

Pastor Earl Humble of DeQueen joyously reports a deepened interest in Missions in First Church, DeQueen. The church is increasing its allocation for the Cooperative Program substantially. The increase will approximate 18 percent above last year's Cooperative Program gifts. Pastor Humble is aggressive and progressive in his superb leadership. He hopes and plans for an increase in percentage allocation for missions year by year. — B. L. B.

Got Some Extra Money?

We have just received a large gift of \$10,000 for the Baptist Foundation. A consecrated man and his helpful wife found that at the close of the year the Lord has been especially good to them and they wanted to make an extra gift that will glorify Him. They gave this money to be used to educate young preachers and foreign missionaries. Our Arkansas Baptist Foundation will handle the fund and keep the corpus of the fund intact. It should yield five or six hundred dollars every year for 100 years and then another 100 years and then on and on. You can get a faint idea of what a blessing it will be to the cause of Christ.

Maybe the Lord has blessed you this year and you want to make a special gift. Get in touch with us about it, please. — B. L. B.

Warren First Church Builds And Gives For Missions

Pastor Gerald Trussell of First Church in Warren is one of our very strongest leaders. This quality is reflected in the progress that the church is making under his ministry. The church has built a new building and has a pretty heavy debt, but in spite of this fact the church constantly increases its Cooperative Missionary Program gifts. With this heavy indebtedness at a pivotal point the church increases its Mission gifts \$600 for 1956. This is a great church and is growing all the time. — B. L. B.

Tyler Street and Overton

We have in hand a copy of the 1956 budget for Tyler Street Baptist Church in Little Rock. The budget has been adopted and there is an increase in the budget and a substantial increase for the Cooperative Program. The church is going from a 16 percent figure to a 20 percent figure for the Cooperative Program. It is expected that this will go well beyond the \$6,000 for 1956. Pastor Carl Overton is a satisfied, steady and dependable leader and the Tyler Street Church is growing under his ministry. — B. L. B.

1956 Points For Emphasis

1. Put Evangelism first in all church efforts. (1) In order to do this, be sure that you have at least one "revival meeting," (preferable two); (2) Make thorough preparation for your revival. (Write to Association Secretary for preparation plans); (3) Enter the Associational Simultaneous Revival. (If at all possible).

2. Stress the Bible plan for: (1) The church; (2) Missions; (3) Religious Training; (4) Christian living; (5) "Tithes and Offerings"; (6) Stewardship.

3. "Boost" the Cooperative Program as the best known plan for world missions. (1) Hold special offering appeals to a minimum; (2) Examine carefully all financial appeals; (3) Increase Cooperative Program gifts by 11 percent.

4. Assist the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood as they endeavor to train our Baptist youth in Kingdom service.

5. Enlist the young people to attend a Baptist college. (1) Encourage the youth to train for Christian service, whether it be as a preacher, missionary, doctor, educator, journalist or lawyer; (2) Teach that our Baptist schools have education plus.

6. Major on letting the Holy Spirit have His way in: (1) Personal lives; (2) Local churches; (3) Associational organizations. (If 285,000 Baptists would do that in 1956, our denomination could do the impossible in winning Kingdom victories) Would you be one to try this plan?

7. Prayer. (1) Set aside a definite period each day to pray; (2) Each church spending more time in actual prayer at the Wednesday evening services; (3) Church members pray for: a. Each other; b. Pastor; c. Associate pastor; d. All church leaders; e. State and denominational workers. — R. D.

All Busy

On a recent Sunday four employees of the Executive Board participated in the dedication of missions and churches. Many many buildings are now being erected and dedicated to the services of the Lord. This is as it should be in this day of material prosperity. "Let us work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work." — B. L. B.

Lee Chosen Interim Louisiana Secretary

Robert L. Lee, assistant executive secretary the Louisiana Baptist Convention, has been named interim executive secretary of the convention.

He will fill the post vacated by Floyd B. Chaffin, who becomes an associate secretary with the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas, Tex.

The executive board selected Lee for the interim appointment. As assistant to Chaffin, Lee has been carrying out missions and promotional work.

New officers of the state convention executive board include George Ritchey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mansfield, president. The board has a committee studying whether the convention should establish a home for the aged.

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