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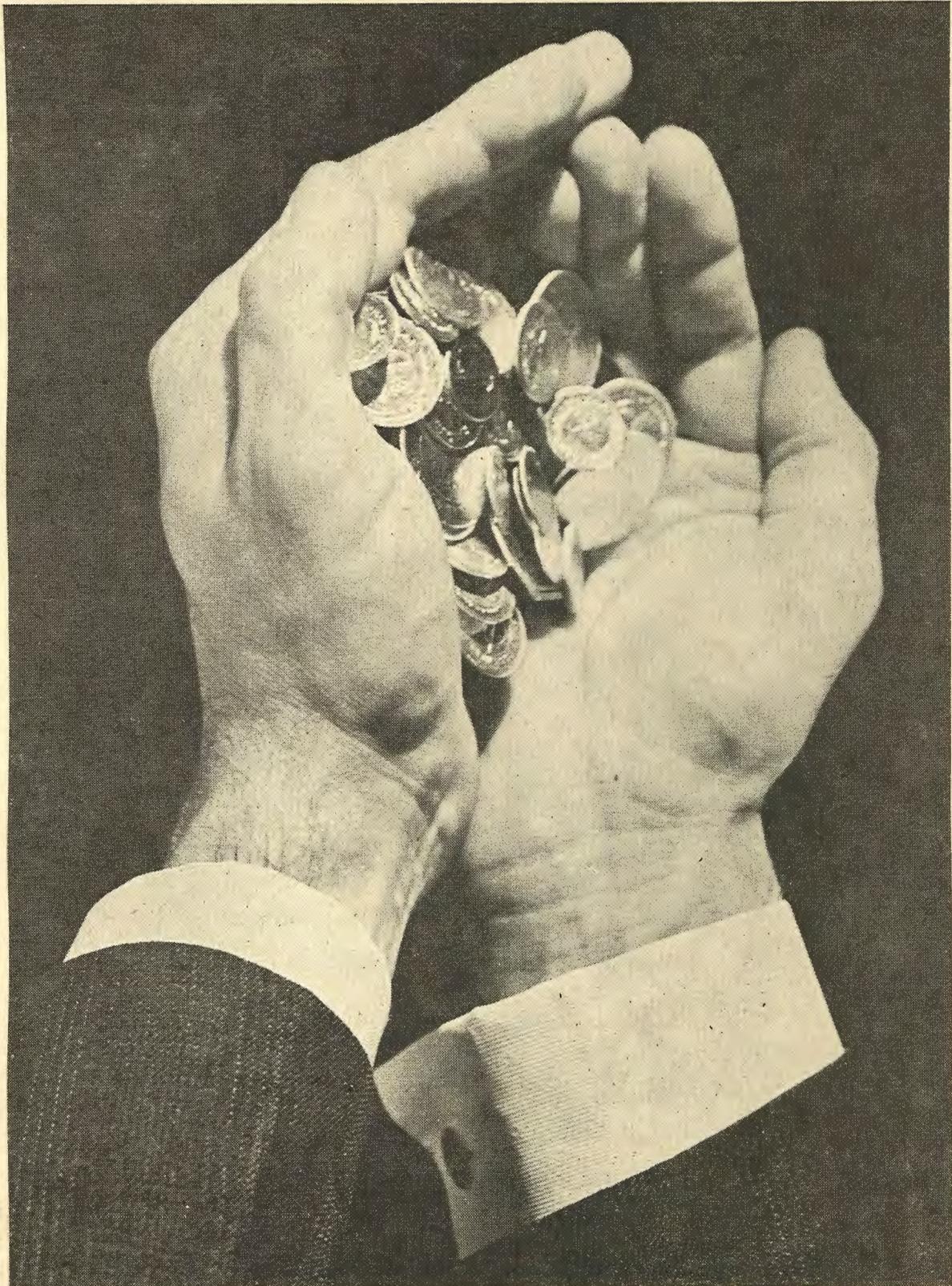
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"Bring Ye all the tithes into the Storehouse . . ."

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Alaskan Baptists Are Waiting

By B. I. CARPENTER

"METHODISTS WILL ADD A PASTOR" . . . This was the headline of a news item which appeared recently in the local paper of Ketchikan in southeastern Alaska, where B. I. Carpenter, employed by the Home Mission Board, serves as missionary pastor. The news item stated that another pastor would arrive by October first to serve in the northern section of the island where a pulp and paper industry is to be established. They also plan a new \$50,000 church and recreational center here.

This is the section of the island where Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter held a Vacation Bible School last summer in an abandoned school building. Later the site of the schoolhouse was sold to the pulp company and the building was sold to an individual who refused to let his newly acquired property be used for any kind of religious services. Since no other building was available, the Baptist beginning had to retreat. This summer all efforts to find a building for another Vacation Bible School were unsuccessful. One dwelling could have been rented but it was without heating facilities. This was not practical since the continued rainfall makes it necessary to use heat all summer long.

So! While waiting for a building in which to worship, another denomination has moved in, with money for a building and salary for an assistant, to seize the opportunity that should be Baptist.

Not only has the Methodist group extended its work, but many "off brands" and false religious groups are moving into Alaska. The Mormons have started a flourishing work with two missionaries on the field. The Four Square Gospel Church has added an assistant pastor and acquired another bus to make runs into another section of our city. The Church of

Christ has added another preacher with a new "station sedan" and a four-passenger amphibian plane to be used in reaching outlying sections. A man, representing the Alaska Evangelistic Association, has just recently come to Ketchikan to establish a rescue mission. The Presbyterians have had two evangelistic parties tour the Territory by boat this year, looking forward to an enlarged work program. Just recently a young woman sent out by the Russian Gospel Association of Chicago was in Ketchikan on her way to Nome to serve as a missionary in an inter-denominational situation. Another was returning to Bethel, in the interior, after a furlough in the States as a representative of the Alaska Evangelization Association.

Everywhere others are moving in, with workers, buildings and money. Can we afford to wait longer if we plan to do work in Alaska for Christ? There is nothing that will make a missionary feel so futile and helpless as when he reviews such a situation and is forced to stand by doing nothing because there are not sufficient funds to meet the need. No money to buy lots and buildings! No money to buy and operate a bus! No money for another missionary to assist in enlarging Baptist opportunities.

What are we waiting for? If these irregular doctrines and spurious religions can find the money to send men and equipment to Alaska with which to only further confuse the people, why can't Baptists, with the Gospel of Salvation, find money to assist in winning the lost to Christ? While we are waiting, our opportunities are being rapidly snatched by others.

Southern Baptists! This is YOUR opportunity. Today is your Macedonian call and may you respond even as Paul did.

Hindsight and Foresight

By W. B. TATUM

Two persons met recently. Their conversation soon got around to church matters. One made a number of wholesale assertions condemning the church. After listening to the tirade the other began to ask questions. It was soon revealed that the critic had no understanding whatsoever about the church under discussion.

"But," it was said in self defense, "I have a right to my opinion." That is just where he was wrong. Everyone must earn his right to an opinion by becoming informed. Until a person has at least tried to get the facts and tried to interpret them objectively he has a right to say only that he does not know. When we cultivate the bad habit of making wholesale assertions about any subject or any person we are sure to show that we know many things that are not so. Let us try to be honest with ourselves. If we do not know let us say that we do not know. From that moment on we learn the truth fast. What the world needs today is not experts in the field of opinion but the self-acknowledged ignorance that will permit God to use us fully in the right way for His own ends.

—First Baptist Builder, Pine Bluff

Have You Ever Tried It?

By LAWSON H. COOKE

Have you ever tried to preach one hundred and four sermons a year to the same congregation?

Have you ever tried to please one thousand church members?

Have you ever tried to lead a prayer meeting week after week when nine hundred and fifty of the one thousand were absent?

Have you ever tried to visit in five hundred homes in twelve months?

Have you ever tried to lead when no one would follow?

Have you ever tried to get a little man to do a big job?

Have you ever tried to carry the weight of a lost world?

Have you ever tried to love when others hated, or praise when others condemn?

Have you ever tried to sympathize with and help fallen men and women when others seem not to care?

Have you ever tried to smile upon empty collection plates and realize that the world is moving away from God?

Have you ever tried to pour out your very soul to get men to give themselves to Christ and have no response?

If not, then you cannot know what it means to be the pastor of a Baptist Church.

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"Give God the blossom of the day. Do not put Him off with faded leaves."

Jesus In Gethsemane

A Devotion by the Editor

"My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death.

Sin and the devil are here making their last stand, they are staging their supreme battle, they are attacking the citadel of heaven and earth, they are seeking to strangle the last hope of the human heart and break the sceptre of the eternal God. Into this struggle which took place in the garden are crowded the issues of eternity; eternal destiny hangs upon the outcome.

Jesus had seen sin lay hold on the bodies of men and women and leave them deformed and helpless. He had seen sin twist and distort the mental powers of men and children, leaving them idiotic or mental weaklings. He had seen sin take hold of the souls of men and women and make spiritual wrecks of them.

Looking upon this beaten and broken mass of humanity, Jesus had spoken the words of healing to those who were physically ill. He had spoken the words of healing to the mentally sick and restored their sanity. He had also spoken the words of forgiveness to sinful souls, cleansing their hearts from the stains of sin.

But sin now dares to attack Him, to clutch at His heart, to seek to stifle His life, to defeat His purposes. If sin could defeat Him, then sin could defeat the entire race. By one mighty stroke sin attempted to waste the blood of His veins before it could be used to wash away the sins of men.

Sin had sought by temptation to trap Jesus, it had sought by popularity to lead Him astray, it had sought by hostility to drive Him out of the field of human redemption. None of these methods had worked, and now sin comes to the last combat, a combat that is personal, staged in the heart of the Saviour Himself. It is no wonder that this was a strange and terrifying moment for Jesus.

We may well be afraid of that thing that tortured and terrified the soul of Jesus that night. Sin is the deadliest thing that ever entered into human life. We need only to go to Gethsemane to discover how deadly and terrifying it is, and no man can afford to meet it in personal combat without the presence of Jesus who conquered sin. For if we encounter sin without His presence and power we are defeated before the struggle begins. It was to give us victory over sin that Jesus fought out the issue in the Garden and on Calvary.

"And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy." Mark 14:32-33.

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From the Editor's Desk

Stewardship . . .

Its Basis In Christian Experience

"If I had a million dollars!" Did you ever dream of what you would do, if you had a million dollars? For one thing, you would ease the burden on Mother and Dad so they wouldn't have to work so hard; you would pay off the church debt and make those repairs on the church building which have been needed so long; you would help some charity or educational institution in which you are specially interested. You would do many things which, up to now, you have been unable to do because of limited means.

Some such planning is the usual order when we are spending the million dollars which we do not have. Such dreams—spending may be a pleasant pastime, or is it? Does it not always leave one rather flat when he comes back to the reality of his actual limited resources? And the reaction is usually debilitating and discouraging, it tends to make one dissatisfied with what he has, and may even disqualify one for using to the best advantage his meager means.

It is not a matter of very great importance what we do with a million dollars, but it is a matter of tremendous importance what we ARE doing with the few dollars we do have.

We suggest a much more entertaining, enterprising, and stimulating exercise—try using your limited means to the very best advantage possible, try making your small investments and expenditures where you will receive the most worthwhile and satisfying returns. This is what the poor widow did when she put all her living into the treasury of the Lord, this is what the Macedonians did when "out of their deep poverty" they abounded unto the "riches of their liberality."

First, "They gave their own selves to the Lord." That is the determining factor in the disposition of one's possessions. One's possessions will invariably and inevitably follow one's self. It is an axiomatic truth that to whatever one gives himself, to that self-same thing he gives his means. Therefore the use to which one puts his material resources reveals far more of his character and the nature of his life investment than is commonly thought. It will reveal whether one is miserly or profligate, selfish or generous; whether he trusts God with his whole life or only with what he considers his spiritual interests while he keeps his financial affairs in his own hands.

It becomes obvious that when one withholds his means from God, there is a reservation in the commitment of himself to God. God has always required of His people that they recognize their stewardship of material possessions and bring to His storehouse not less than one tenth of their income. When they refuse to honor this requirement which God makes, Christian people are thereby limiting their commitment to God, they are not giving their whole selves to Him.

God wants His people to so enter into His purposes, so understand His gracious plans, so trust His promises, so depend upon His strength, that they will invest their lives in His kingdom; and with the investment of their lives they will not be afraid to trust God with their material possessions.

A generous man was planning to give \$100 to the Lord's work, but before he paid it he suffered a disaster by a destructive hail-storm. The narrator of the story says, "I was invited to call and receive the donation. While walking with this man toward the house, he remarked that because of the disaster he would have to reduce the amount to \$60. He gave me a seat and called his wife out. Presently he returned and handed me a check for \$100 saying that after talking it over with his wife, they had decided to stand the loss themselves and not charge it up to the Lord."

Jesus has something to say about this matter of the commitment of our lives and the commitment of our possessions being inseparably united: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

An American received a letter from an English friend who had lived through the weeks of the Nazi threat to England. He wrote, "as one man, the whole nation has handed over its resources to the government. Never have rich men set so little store by their wealth; never have we been so ready to lay down life itself, if only our cause may triumph." Suppose we could read "Christ" into that statement: "As one man, the whole nation has handed over its resources to Christ. Never have rich men set so little store by their wealth; never have we been so ready to lay down life itself, if only Christ may triumph."

When one gives up his life all other gifts are easy. Therefore, the question we face is this, have we given up our lives to Jesus?

More than a hundred years ago a young man sat listening to a missionary sermon. The more he heard about the sorrow and suffering in lands where Christ is not known, the more he wished he had something he might give to send the gospel to them. But he was a fatherless boy trying to get an education to fit himself for life. He had nothing to give.

The sermon ended and there was a great hush in the church as God spoke to the hearts of the people. And now it was time for the offering to be made. With bowed head the young student sat thinking. Nearer and nearer came the ushers collecting the gifts of the people. As the coins jingled and the bills rustled, the young man mused: "I, too, love my Lord as these who are giving their money. And I want to offer a gift as proof of my love; but I have no money." Then his face brightened, he took a piece of paper and wrote on it and joyously dropped it into the plate.

Stored Up Personality

By COURTS REDFORD

Money is stored up personality.

A man receives ten dollars for eight hours' work. What do those ten dollars represent?

They represent eight hours of that man's life. He has spent those hours once, but he can spend them again, because eight hours of his life is wrapped up in that ten dollar bill.

If he spends the money in reckless living he has wasted those eight hours and he and his associates are worse because of that waste.

If he uses the ten dollars to buy groceries and clothing for his loved ones he has spent the stored up moments to brighten a home.

If he gives that ten dollars to his church for a local and world-wide kingdom program he has spent his eight hours in standing beside his pastor in his spiritual ministry, in serving with the missionaries on our home and foreign fields, and in rendering every other ministry that is included in the budget of that church.

"As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff; they shall part alike."

When the meeting was over and the officials began to count the money, they rejoiced over the generous offering. Then they came to the tiny piece of paper, unfolded it and read, "Myself. J. Lewis Shuck."

And J. Lewis Shuck with his beautiful young wife became the first Baptist missionaries from America to China.

The Lord demands that we honor Him with our substance. We cannot honor our Lord with our substance by giving grudgingly, sparingly, or under pressure. Nor can we honor Him by giving out of the pocket change which is left over after all other obligations have been met. We cannot honor Him by giving with a patronizing attitude. We must rise from these low levels to the plane of generosity before we can honor our Lord with our substance.

We raise this question, have we the right to use any part of our income before we have set aside the Lord's share? It all belongs to Him. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." "It is the Lord that giveth thee power to get wealth." "Ye are not your own, Ye are bought with a price."

Would it not, therefore, be more in order to say, "Lord, here is what I have been able to earn by the powers and resources which thou hast given me. What part of it do you want me to take?"

And the Lord says, "The first tenth is mine, you may have the nine tenths. But if you want to know the joy of giving, then make me an offering from the nine tenths."

We have no right to the first tenth, that belongs to the Lord. We dishonor Him when we appropriate it for ourselves, and in such appropriation we take that which belongs to another; and God says, "Ye have robbed me."

"First, they gave themselves to the Lord." That is the right beginning. And when we have given ourselves to the Lord without any reservation, it will be a joyous experience to bring all the tithe into His storehouse. And we shall discover that our stewardship has its basis in Christian experience.

Kingdom Progress

Activities Of A Missionary

To travel 24,445 miles during the year is covering considerable territory for an Associational Missionary. That is the record of Missionary H. W. Johnston of the Current River Association, but when it is realized that Missionary Johnston made 516 visits to churches and missions, 634 visits to homes, added 55 conferences with workers, and 18 denominational meetings, you will understand that it took considerable travelling to achieve this remarkable result.

Missionary Johnston averaged more than two sermons each week during the year, having preached 206 sermons. He also mailed 2,606 letters, cards, and bulletins. He conducted eight revivals, witnessed 42 professions of faith, had 49 additions to churches, assisted in the ministration of the ordinances of baptism to 37 persons.

For the next year, Missionary Johnston recommends to his association: "That we co-operate with our Department of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Convention in designating Sunday, March 19 to Sunday, April 2, 1950, as a period of "Simultaneous Revival;" that we express our thanks and appreciation to Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions, and to Dr. B. L. Bridges, Executive Secretary, for their co-operation and assistance in supplementing our mission program; that we continue our Pastors and Workers Council Meeting on the second Monday evening of each month; that all our churches be encouraged to increase their offerings through the Cooperative Program to help meet the increased budget of our State Convention, and South-land needs, and the causes dear to our hearts around the world."

Successful Revival

First Church, Farmington, and Pastor Jesse Coleman had the services of Evangelist A. L. Leake in a revival meeting, from September 25 to October 2. Lawrence Laymon of Springdale had charge of the music, with Mrs. Leake and Mrs. Coleman as accompanists. John Wilson was in charge of special music.

There were three additions to the church by baptism. Pastor Coleman says the church was greatly revived, and asks that all readers pray for the new church at Farmington.

Youth-spiration

First Church, Fayetteville and First Church, Springdale, held a joint Youth-spiration meeting, Sunday evening, September 25, with seventy young people from Springdale in attendance at Fayetteville. The meeting was under the direction of Paul McMillion, minister of music and education in the Springdale church. The program consisted of group singing, testimonies, and the showing of slides taken by summer field workers in Hawaii. Dan Bates, B. S. U. secretary, assisted with the program.

Announcement

Lawrence Ferriell has resigned the pastorate at Kelso following two years of outstanding achievements, and is open for evangelistic, mission, supply work, or pastoral. He may be reached at Box 457, Rohwer, Arkansas.

Clarksville Baptists Enter New Building

The First Baptist Church of Clarksville observed the formal opening of their new church and Sunday School building on Sunday, October 2. The church auditorium, which carries out the building's basic Gothic design, has a seating capacity of five hundred. The auditorium is furnished with attractive oak pews, pulpit, and chairs, and communion table. A new type cork flooring is used in the auditorium, and the ceiling is covered with Johns-Manville soundboard. A new Hammond Organ has been installed. Art glass windows have been donated by individual members of the church.

The Educational Building is a three story structure. The first floor provides space for Adult Classes, a Chapel, and a completely equipped kitchen. The second floor provides space for the Nursery, the Beginners, and the Primary Department. The Junior and Intermediate Departments occupy the third floor.

Each of the three floors and the auditorium has a general heating unit—the latest model Chrysler Airtemp gas heating systems. A unit is installed on each floor so that any portion of the church may be heated without heating other portions of the building.

The Educational Building provides forty rooms. The large bell from the old church building will be moved to the bell tower of the new structure and will continue to sound its Sunday morning call to worship.

Walter L. Yeldell Jr. is pastor of the Clarksville church.

The Way to Succeed

First Church, Fort Smith, has averaged more than 1000 in Sunday School every Sunday in the calendar year of 1949. They are just now completing a new Educational Building at a cost of \$150,000. Dr. Edgar Williamson will be with them in December in an Enlargement Campaign. They plan to set up eleven new departments and one hundred new workers. In preparation for that, the First Church alone is taking a city wide census, with two hundred workers enlisted.

This is the way it is done. They will succeed as any church will succeed who will follow similar methods.

—Immanuel Messenger, Fort Smith

The Central Church of Jonesboro and Pastor Reese S. Howard reports advancement along all lines during the past associational year. A total of seventy-nine additions were received into the church membership; the Sunday School experienced a twenty-nine per cent increase in enrolment, or a total net gain of 101; the Training Union enrolment stands at 140; the building fund increased from \$8,750 to \$14,354.51.

Correction

In a news item from the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage which appeared in the *Arkansas Baptist*, October 6, it was stated that the Orphanage had 6,000 chickens. This was an error of 5,400—it should have read 600 chickens.



Joe Shaver

Joe Shaver has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Batesville.

Mr. Shaver is a native of Jonesboro, and was ordained by Fisher Street Church of that city. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Mr. Shaver served in the United States Navy during World War II. His ministry has been varied and wide, having done evangelistic work from Illinois to California, and throughout the South. We welcome Pastor Shaver back to Arkansas.

First Church, Fayetteville, has designated Sunday, October 23, as Building Fund Day and expects to receive at least \$10,000 for that fund. The First Church is in the process of constructing an Educational Building. A total of \$68,225 has been received to date for the construction of this building and \$61,309 has already been expended.

Current River Hymn-Sing

The regular monthly Hymn-Sing for Current River association was held on October 2 at the Biggers Church. There were thirty-one people present, and the congregational singing was led by Corbin Gerrish, who is the newly elected associational Music Director. Miss Loveta Smith of Corning was elected associational pianist and accompanied the singing.

The Sing will take place on the first Sunday in each month. H. W. Johnston, associational missionary, is assisting Mr. Gerrish in the promotion of these monthly Hymn-Sings. Much interest is being manifested.

Almost Perfect Record

The Florida Baptist Convention had 99.89 per cent of the Baptist churches of the state co-operating in the Convention's mission program during the year ending October 1, 1949. Out of 904 churches, 903 of them participated in the world mission program through the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program goal of \$677,629.24 of the Florida Convention for the year September 30, 1948-October 1, 1949, was exceeded by \$19,921.07. Designated gifts amounted to \$434,158.15, making a grand total of \$1,170,000.49, from 903 churches in the state.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer John Maguire, commenting on this record of the Florida Churches, says, "This has been Florida's greatest year. We have almost perfect co-operation from pastors and churches. We give God all the glory!"

New Pastor at Biddle Church

Marion F. Boyd Jr., ministerial student of Central College, has been called as pastor of the Biddle Church of Little Rock, according to an announcement by the church.

Mr. Boyd, native of Kankakee, Illinois, formerly served as pastor of the Bigelow Church, Bigelow. He served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II as a flier and flight instructor. He is the recipient of the following combat decorations: the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Evangelist Otey Rhodes of Jonesboro has been busy in revival meetings since early last spring. Evangelist Rhodes was in revival services at the Madison Church with Pastor J. M. Hitt, March 13 to 20. Ten persons were received into the church by baptism, and one by letter.

From March 20 to April 3, Evangelist Rhodes was with Pastor Hitt and the church at Palestine in a revival meeting which resulted in four additions to the church by baptism.

From July 17 to 31, twenty-two churches in the Mt. Zion Association participated in a simultaneous revival campaign. Evangelist Rhodes conducted the meeting in the New Hope Church near Jonesboro. There were eighteen received into the church by baptism, and nine by letter and statement. Only one other church in the Association equalled this record during the simultaneous effort, this was the Brookland Church.

From August 17 to 28, Mr. Rhodes assisted Pastor Wallace Denton and the Fisher Church in a revival meeting which resulted in six baptisms.

From September 5 to September 16, he was with Pastor A. O. Hancock and the Weiner Church. Seven persons were baptized as a result of this meeting. Mr. Rhodes is serving the New Hope Church, Jonesboro, as supply pastor for the present.

The Ministerial Alliance of Central College has completed organization for 1949-50 following the election of the following officers: R. H. Mullins, president; R. D. Harrington, vice president; Marion Boyd, secretary-treasurer; Don Hankins, program chairman; Vernon Wickliffe, reporter; and Fred Hobbs, chorister. Dr. W. W. Phelps, head of the Department of Christian Education, Central College, is advisor for the organization.

Central College has thirty-five ministerial students enrolled for this semester.

The Forty-seventh Street Church, North Little Rock, R. D. Harrington, pastor closed a two weeks revival with twenty-two additions, fifteen on profession of faith and seven by letter, also five re-dedications.

H. W. Ryan, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, did the preaching.

Forty-seventh Street Church was organized a year ago and during this time the membership has doubled.

Malvern Has Music School

The First Church at Malvern has just completed a school of Church Music which was conducted by the State director. There were more than sixty people enrolled in the school, with an average attendance of twenty-five. Evening sessions were held, and studies were carried on in the theory of music, congregational singing, departmental accompanying, and special choir work. Thirteen adults qualified for awards in "Practical Music Lessons."

Pastor Rawlings Retires

After serving the Caney Creek Church for more than nine years, Pastor Everett Rawlings offered his resignation on Sunday, October 2, and announced his retirement from the active pastorate.

Pastor and Mrs. Rawlings came to Arkansas in 1911. He has been an active pastor in the state ever since, except for a period when he served as a State Missionary.

The resignation of Mr. Rawlings was received by the church with profound regret, and the congregation was moved to tears by the loss of their faithful pastor and his wife. Pastor Rawlings majored on the simple presentation of the gospel message and ministering to his congregation in their spiritual needs.

Mr. and Mrs. Rawlings plan to make their home in California to be near their only son, Everett Rawlings Jr.

First Church, Mount Ida, and Pastor D. B. Bledsoe experienced a successful revival during the week of September 18 to 25. Nine were added to the church by baptism; the house was filled to capacity for the services, with 160 in Sunday School and 180 in Training Union on the closing day.

The Trinity Baptist Church of Lake Charles, Louisiana, E. Butler Abington, pastor, moved into their new \$200,000 fireproof Educational Building on October 16. Mrs. Edgar Williamson of Little Rock was with Pastor Abington and Trinity Church in a training school the week of October 9.

Pocahontas Saints in New Building

We were in Pocahontas attending the Current River Association. We knew what the Saints in Pocahontas were doing about a church building. They have always had a dingy, small church house in which to worship. It is not so any more. A large and beautiful building with a commodious educational plant, beautifully furnished with all modern appointments, has been completed with the exception of a few stones to be put on the tower. Pastor Harry Hunt wears a smile that reflects a real sincere joy for a deep gratitude for the grace of God which made this splendid building possible.

Miami Church Attendance Wins Over Race-Tracks: Known throughout the world as a glittering capital of gaiety, sports and recreation, and as "the hub of the Florida Gold Coast," Miami also can be described as a community of churches.

Metropolitan Miami's 235 churches have an estimated investment value of about \$50,000,000, and there are more Miamians and visitors who go to church than those who attend all the horses and dog tracks for which the city is more famed.

How church attendance stacks up with race track attendance is shown by a comparison for the years 1947-48, when attendance at the tracks reached an all-time peak. During that season, the three horse tracks of the area, operating a total of 120 days, and the four dog tracks, operating an aggregate of 345 nights, drew crowds totaling 2,967,718 persons. During the same period, for 52 Sundays, metropolitan Miami churches attracted 3,120,000 worshippers.

"A great many people are like buttons—always popping off at the wrong time."

THE BAPTIST HOUR

DR. R. G. LEE, Preacher

October 23—Subject:
"Is It Nothing To You?"

Stations in Arkansas:

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

How Far Can He Go?

By CHARLES A. WELLS

It is often said that today's world lacks the leadership we have had in the past. That may be true, but of one thing we can be sure—we have a very different world. It is far more complex, populations have increased enormously, the intricacies of science have added to the unfathomable intricacies of man's character and human relations. The world has outgrown man's outreach—his controls. There is a growing feeling among historians that the leaders of the world do very little really to guide or change things. The task of leadership in any nation today has simply grown beyond human capacity, and when men unite for joint control, their conflicting natures and desires bring no remedy for the helplessness. It is here that divine presence has meaning. When the will of God,—truth, justice, love—are the common denominators of men's thoughts and actions, a new unity enters; forces are set into play that can reach out and govern as human whim and wishes can never do. Must we stumble on towards a complete breakdown before we learn once more the support of the "Everlasting Arms?"

Mom's Translation

There is a story about four clergymen who were discussing the merits of the various translations of the Bible. One liked the King James Version best because of its simple, beautiful English.

Another liked the American Revised Version best because it is more literal and comes nearer the original Hebrew and Greek.

Still another liked Moffat's translation best because of its up-to-date vocabulary.

The fourth minister was silent. When asked to express his opinion, he replied, "I like my mother's translation best."

The other three expressed surprise. They did not know that his mother had translated the Bible.

"Yes, she did," he replied. "She translated it into life, and it was the most convincing translation I ever saw."

—The Christian Digest

Handwritten Bible Finished

By DON NORMAN

Betty Veenstra, 13, of Route 2, Gary, Indiana, wrote the last verse in the Chicago Bible Society's Handwritten Bible, at the Illinois Central Exhibit of the Railroad Fair, Tuesday, September 27 at 2:00 P. M., and received from Don Norman, Executive Secretary of the Chicago Bible Society, the award of a Bible bound in gold.

Betty was one of a group of seventeen pupils from the Highland Christian School of Highland, Indiana, brought to the Fair by their principal, Mr. J. Vander Zee. They had no previous information that the Bible would be finished on the date of their visit to the fair.

A unique feature of the Bible is the fact that it will contain an index showing the name of the person who wrote each verse.

*** Christian Horizons ***

"Prejudice" to be Premiered in 100 Cities: "Prejudice", a motion picture showing how religion can help in overcoming bias, will have simultaneous premieres in more than one-hundred cities in the United States, Canada, and England on October 17.

According to Paul F. Heard, executive secretary of the Protestant Film Commission, the movie is the first ever produced in this country under exclusive religious auspices to achieve commercial theatrical distribution.

Heard said that beginning on October 17, the film would be distributed simultaneously to theatres, churches, schools, factories, civic and fraternal organizations, labor unions, and clubs. The commercial outlets will show 16 mm. versions.

"Prejudice," the third Protestant Commission production, "probes deeply into the psychological basis of hatreds among groups," and "concerns itself principally with hatreds as the problem of the bigot," Heard said.

"Because of the excellence of its production and the urgency of its theme," he added, "industry circles anticipate it will be seen by millions of persons who normally have neither the opportunity nor the inclination to view religious pictures."

Episcopal Bishops Oppose State Aid to Sectarian Schools: Opposition to Federal or state funds for the support of private, parochial, or sectarian schools was voiced by the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in San Francisco.

A resolution adopted by the bishops declared:

"Whereas every religious group has the right to establish sectarian schools, it is required that they shall draw their full support from private sources or from the Church.

"And, as the Federal and state governments provide public schools without expense to all children regardless of creed, this House fully endorses the principle that sectarian schools be supported in full from private sources or from a Church."

In another resolution the bishops urged President Truman to grant amnesty to imprisoned conscientious objectors. They expressed sympathy "for those who for conscience' sake refuse to bear arms but are willing to make equivalent sacrifices for their country's sake."

Finds Fewer Mental Disorders Among Religious People; Speaking at a special clinic of Veterans Administration psychiatrists in Salt Lake City, Utah, Dr. Lawrence F. Woodley, Atlanta, Georgia, psychiatrist, said that deeply religious people are less subject to mental disorders than any other class.

"People who are deeply religious—and I use the term in a broad sense with no question of sectarianism—are more emotionally secure than non-religious folks," he said.

Oklahoma Dries To Push Drive: After succeeding in defeating an attempt to repeal Oklahoma's state constitutional prohibition against the sale of intoxicating beverages at a special state-wide election September 27, dry leaders will seek new legislation aimed at Oklahoma bootleggers and 3.2 beer.

Church Employees to Get Social Security Coverage: Employees of religious and charitable organizations will be covered under expanded social security legislation adopted by the House of Representatives.

The legislation, passed by a vote of 333 to 14 after two days of debate, provides coverage of lay employees of such non-profit organizations on a compulsory basis. Ministers and members of religious orders are not covered.

Employers would not have to pay their portion of the tax unless they chose to. But they would be required to withhold a portion of the employee's earnings, which would be turned over to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which would place it in the old age and survivors trust fund for eventual distribution.

Court Rejects Petition Against Bible Reading in Schools: A petition seeking a ban against Bible reading in public schools was dismissed in Augusta, Maine, by State Supreme Court Justice Robert B. Williamson.

Filed by a group of Boothbay Harbor residents led by Frank C. Hughes, 67, a self-styled atheist who was formerly a municipal judge in Glendive, Mont., the petition contends that prayer and Bible reading in school was an attempt to undermine the Constitution.

In rejecting the petition, Justice Williamson said he was without jurisdiction to consider it since no proof was submitted that its form had been approved by the State Attorney General, as required by law.

Rabbi Urges Religions Drop "Chosen People" Concept: A Jewish rabbi who believes "there are no chosen peoples" suggested in New York that every religion drop the concept that its adherents are God's sole representatives on earth.

Preaching at Temple Israel, Rabbi William F. Rosenblum said "there are no master races, no master religions, no individuals chosen by God to be outside His eternal laws and no chosen peoples to whom has been given any sole mandate to be His people."

Methodists Launch Country-Wide Mass Meetings: A series of 78 Methodist mass meetings throughout the country was launched at Jackson, Miss., with a conclave of 1,500 laymen and ministers from Mississippi.

The all-day meeting was typical of gatherings to be held across the United States from now until November 2, as part of Methodism's four-year "Advance for Christ and His Church."

Designed to combat secularism and indifference, the Advance program has the two-fold purpose of stimulating a deeper understanding of the basic elements of the Christian faith and an over-all increase in missionary giving, including overseas relief.

"Eight "Faith Booklets," to be studied by Methodism's eight-and-a-half million members, were officially introduced at the meeting here.

One of the booklets will be studied each month throughout the preaching and teaching phase of the Advance.

A Smile or Two

The employer called his secretary, "Hello John, take a look at this letter. I can't make out whether it's from my tailor or my lawyer. They're both named Smith."

And this is what John read: "I have begun your suit. Ready to be tried on Thursday Smith."

—Quote

The former vicar and his wife decided to attend the church social of his old parish.

The new vicar greeted his predecessor heartily. "I'm very pleased to see you again," he said, "And is this your most charming wife?"

"This," the other replied reprovingly, "is my only wife."

—Sanatorium Outlook

A college professor never liked girl students in his classes. One day during a lesson he turned toward a pretty coed and demanded:

"Why didn't you answer me?"

"I did, professor," she replied. "I showed my head."

The professor glared for a second and then asked sharply, "And did you suppose I would be able to hear it rattle all the way up here?"

—Selected

At the Capitol Heights Church, Austin, Texas, a teacher and her six-year-olds had just finished singing "Soldiers for Jesus" when she asked:

"How many would like to be soldiers for Jesus?"

All hands went up except one. "Jimmie, don't you want to be a soldier for Jesus?"

"Naw," answered Jimmie, "I'm going to be a marine."

—Baptist Standard

"Your son has very fine manners. He opened the gate for me."

"Oh, that's nothing. He does that for the cows every evening."

—Baptist Observer

"Are you really content to spend your life walking about the country begging?"

"No, lady," answered the tramp. "Many times I wished I had a car."

—Exchange

A little girl was visiting for the first time in the country and marvelling at the wonders of Mother Nature. "Mommie, what are those things on that cow's head?"

"Those are horns, dear," her mother replied.

The little darling pondered for a long moment, and then solemnly asked, "Why doesn't she toot her whistles?"

—Selected

"Do you think I can make her happy?"

"Well, she'll always have something to laugh at."

—Watchman Examiner

"No, Nora," Grandpa nodded sadly, "girls are not the same nowadays, unfortunately. His granddaughter smiled.

"No," went on the old man, "you never see a girl blush nowadays. When I was a young man, it was different."

"Oh, grandpa!" exclaimed the girl, "Why ever did you say to them?"

—Watchman Examiner

News of Interest

By BAPTIST PRESS

Biography of Dr. R. G. Lee

The Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, has announced the publication of a large 448 page biography of Dr. Robert G. Lee, the President of the Southern Baptist Convention. This dramatic biography of America's leading pulpit orator is written by Dr. E. Schuyler English, widely known as a biographer, editor of the OUR HOPE publication and editor of the PILGRIM BIBLE. This biography is illustrated with over fifty pictures from the life and ministry of Lee who, for many years, has served as pastor of the magnificent Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. English has been able to unearth and bring to light a host of interesting sidelights concerning the personality of this prominent preacher and has presented these in a unique and interesting style. The book also contains Dr. Lee's famous sermon which he has preached nearly 400 times, "Pay Day Someday." This is the only place this sermon, reminiscent of Russell Conwell's "Acres of Diamonds," appears in print.

The book is on sale at all religious book stores; the price is \$3.50.

Biblical?

Harlan A. Dixon, a Dallas citizen wrote a letter to the editor of *The Dallas Morning News* in answer to a statement that had appeared in the paper. It said, "Right you are. St. Peter was the first Pope. And if my memory serves me right, at the same time St. John was president of the World Baptist Alliance."

Convention Plans Need \$25,000,000 For Cooperative Program's 25th Anniversary

Southern Baptist plans call for \$25,000,000 in gifts through the Cooperative Program in 1950, the year of the 25th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, after a brief check up of state and Southwide goals here this week.

"The 1950 Cooperative Program goal for S. B. C. agencies is \$10,000,000," said Dr. McCall. "Based on actual receipts by states and S. B. C. causes in 1948, this would require \$15,000,000 for state causes, or a total of \$25,000,000 for the Cooperative Program, state and Southwide, in 1950, which is the 25th anniversary of the Cooperative Program.

"While holding fast to the 'fifty-fifty by 1950' ideal for division between gifts to the local church program and the Cooperative Program we must recognize that many churches make their gifts to the Cooperative Program by a direct appropriation rather than a percentage. To those churches which will not be able to go all the way in realization of the fifty-fifty goal, we would issue the challenge to increase their gifts to the Cooperative Program in 1950 by 40 per cent."

States Organize For 1950 Simultaneous Revivals

Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma are nearly 100 per cent complete in the organization of their associations for the 1950 simultaneous crusade in states west of the Mississippi River, according to E. Powell Lee, director of the crusade organization. The other nine states will be complete in forty days.

Stewardship Revival For Jesus Sake

By J. W. BUCKNER

Now is a good time to have a Stewardship Revival in the Churches of Arkansas. It is possible that all our Churches need a Stewardship Revival, even though they have already had one or more revivals during the year. A Stewardship Revival is different and refreshing to the Church that has never had one and invigorating to those having had one or more. Because it calls for the very best in all the members, it is likely to do more lasting good for the Church as a whole than any other kind of meeting. Here are some steps proven to be successful in a Stewardship Revival.

As with all other revivals this type needs expert planning and careful direction from beginning to end. About five or six weeks before the meeting the pastor should plan every detail of the meeting with all his officers and organizations. Beginning with the deacons, all officers should be sold on the merits of this meeting. Then it should be carried to every organization and department of the Church. Even if some talk against it, it will do good for talk begets interest. But good planning will assure a good revival.

After the meeting has been planned and the visiting evangelist secured or the home pastor engaged, publicity should begin in earnest. Hundreds or even thousands of good, sound tracts on Stewardship should be distributed to all the members of the Church and all the Sunday School, excepting none. Even the smallest child in the nursery should receive these tracts for they will become interested and carry the news to the parents. Mention some of the tracts from the pulpit and in the bulletin.

The pastor should use many of his denominational posters in order to further publicize the causes involved in the whole mission program. It is well for the pastor to write letters to all the members before the meeting laying the matter frankly and urgently upon the hearts of all the people.

The Sunday School lesson for the two Sundays preceding the meeting should be on Tithing. Let the pastor teach the officers and teachers on Wednesday evening. These Sunday School lessons will have the revival going before the meeting begins. This is important.

Newspapers provide excellent publicity for the local Church. Use them much during this period of preparation and be frank about the whole program, never failing to say STEWARDSHIP. Buy some space and use all the free space possible.

Dr. Rankin Urges Global Thinking

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, recently spent two days in the San Francisco Bay area visiting the 60 Southern Baptist churches and mission points and speaking at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

In a special missionary rally at the seminary, Dr. Rankin reminded the pastors, "Southern Baptists need to think in terms of the global dimensions we undertook in World War II."

Commenting on the missionary spirit and progress of Southern Baptists in California, Dr. Rankin said that his tour of churches and mission points in the San Francisco Bay area gave him the same uplift that he recently experienced in Hawaii, and in other foreign fields where we carry the message of Christ and establish new work.

During the week of revival let the pastor or the visiting evangelist preach only on Stewardship, morning and evening. By all means have a morning service. If we preach this doctrine frankly and fairly, people will be convinced and converted. People will not honor and respect OFF-HAND preaching on Stewardship. Have special nights to attract more people but always preach the same theme, **Stewardship**.

The basis of the revival is the love of Christ and the needs of the world for Him. Let the people know that only the tithe is God's plan of financing His kingdom. No other plan is adequate. No other plan will really challenge the people. Let us always be sure that we are doing this out of hearts of deep affection both for the people and for the Lord and it will take firm hold upon our congregations.

The last thing to do is to secure pledges during the meeting. Sometimes it is well to begin securing tither's pledges about Wednesday evening and continuing through Sunday. For the average Church this is probably safer. Sometimes it is good to secure all the pledges on the last Sunday of the meeting. Dr. E. C. Land does this very effectively. But the pledges should be only to tithe, not stating a definite amount, for the Lord may increase a man's income after he begins to tithe. Again, every person in Sunday School and in the Church should be given an opportunity to sign one of these pledges. Keep these cards as permanent records and write the signer a personal letter of thanks for agreeing to tithe.

Have a real Stewardship Revival and all your people will be happier as the church forges rapidly ahead.

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Music Festival Bulletin

Required Selections for 1950

YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL

March 31—Ouachita College

- Thy Church, O God _____ Thiman
- Praise God in His Holiness _____ Geoffrey Shaw
- Onward, Ye People _____ Sibelius
- Sons and Daughters of a Land _____
- Reborn _____ O'Hara
- With a Voice of Singing _____ M. Shaw
- Bless the Lord, O My Soul _____ Ivanof

JUNIOR CHOIR FESTIVAL

April 1—Ouachita College

All numbers in "Green Hill Junior Choir Book" (Soprano and Alto), arranged by Katherine K. Davis.

- No. 3—Angels O'er the Fields
- No. 4—Awake Thou Wintry Earth
- No. 7—Christ When a Child
- No. 25—O Lord, Most Merciful
- No. 28—Sing We Noel
- No. 35—Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

HYMN PLAYING TOURNAMENT

July 8—Siloam Springs Assembly

- Fairest Lord Jesus _____ Crusaders Hymn
- Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken _____ Ellesdie
- Hail to the Brightness _____ Wesley
- Lead On, O King Eternal _____ Lancashire
- O Little Town of Bethlehem _____ St. Louis

Secure all of this music through your Baptist Book Store, and commence rehearsals early so that your groups will be well prepared.

MRS. B. W. NININGER,
State Music Director.

Ouachita Emergency Fund Received Through October 10

Name of Church—Location	Amount	Name of Church—Location	Amount	Name of Church—Location	Amount
Abbott, Abbott	\$ 5.55	The Barton Foundation, El Dorado	\$1,000.00	Central, Jonesboro	\$ 68.18
Kibler, Alma	100.00	West Side, El Dorado	500.00	Judsonia, Judsonia	112.55
Alpena, Alpena	17.90	R. W. Newell, El Dorado	1,000.00	First Church, Junction City	53.07
Almyra, Almyra	754.25	Philadelphia, El Dorado	89.76	M. J. Chaney, Judsonia	5.00
First Church, Arkadelphia	5,000.00	Ebenezer, El Dorado	40.00	First Church, Knoxville	52.34
W. J. Cannon, Arkadelphia	75.00	Galilee, El Dorado	15.88	Pittsburg, Lamar	5.00
N. W. Denty, Arkadelphia	150.00	Joyce City, El Dorado	103.53	Lavaca, Lavaca	50.00
Second Church, Arkadelphia	26.18	Immanuel, El Dorado	470.47	Keiser, Keiser	25.00
Rupert Thompson, Arkadelphia	25.00	Union, El Dorado	76.00	Leslie, Leslie	100.00
Mt. Zion, Arkadelphia, RFD	26.34	Parkview, El Dorado	25.81	Lexa, Lexa	25.00
Unity, Arkadelphia, RFD	50.00	Caledonia, El Dorado	50.00	J. B. Burton, Lewisville	100.00
Fairview, Arkadelphia, RFD	3.68	Eudora, Eudora	848.63	New Providence, Leachville	24.89
Fairview (VBS), Arkadelphia, RFD	3.70	Omega, Eudora	19.41	Piney Grove, Lewisville	50.00
Richwoods, Arkadelphia, RFD	310.00	First Church, Fayetteville	421.15	First Church, Lincoln	35.30
Arkansas City, Arkansas City	36.50	Emmanuel, Faulkner County	8.50	West Side, Little Rock	22.10
Atkins, Atkins	21.00	Flipin, Flipin	23.61	Second Church, Little Rock	841.28
Augusta, Augusta	323.66	Formosa, Formosa	30.00	First Church, Little Rock	1,600.00
Woodruff County Ass'n., Augusta	400.00	Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith	51.15	Pleasant Hill, Little Rock	55.56
Austin, Austin	25.00	Rye Hill, Ft. Smith	24.14	Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock	253.08
Shiloh, Arkadelphia, RFD	29.07	Trinity, Ft. Smith	75.00	Immanuel, Little Rock	2,211.66
Barton, Barton	15.00	Temple, Ft. Smith	33.29	South Highland, Little Rock	125.00
Ruddell, Batesville	28.59	Calvary, Ft. Smith	44.38	Brownstown, Lockesburg	25.00
First Church, Bauxite	821.24	South Side, Ft. Smith	100.00	Owensville, Lonsdale	10.00
Prosperity, Bearden	31.43	First Church, Forrest City	2,500.00	Baugh Chapel, Lonoke	10.00
Guy Yeager, Bearden	50.00	Rocky Mound, Fouke	20.00	Brownsville, Lonoke	6.00
Bee Branch, Bee Branch	9.52	Union Sunday School, Franklin	12.27	Louann, Louann	130.35
First Church, Benton	932.90	Garfield, Garfield	6.00	Cross Roads, Louann	25.00
Mt. View, Benton	10.00	First Church, Greenwood	107.10	New Hope, McCaskill	5.00
First Church, Bentonville	309.78	Mt. Zion, Greenwood	25.00	Good Hope, McCrory	6.30
Mason Valley, Bentonville	6.00	First Church, Gregory	50.50	Central, Magnolia	683.00
Berryville, Berryville	45.50	Wickes, Grannis	50.90	W. L. Payne Lumber Co., Malvern	25.00
First Church, Bingen	118.50	Genoa, Genoa	8.06	Shorewood Hills, Malvern	90.11
First Church, Biscoe	70.00	Beech Street, Gurdon	130.50	First Church, Malvern	750.00
First Church, Blytheville	516.85	South Fork, Gurdon	4.27	Mammoth Springs, Mammoth Springs	25.00
Clear Lake, Blytheville	64.69	Griffithville, Griffithville	10.00	Manila, Manila	50.00
Woodland Corner, Blytheville	15.00	Prairie Grove, Hamburg	6.85	H. L. Petty, Marianna	50.00
New Hope, Black Oak	7.15	Eden Missionary, Hamburg	6.20	First Church, Marianna	457.00
Bethel, Blevins	10.27	Sallie Lou Wilson, Hampton	20.00	Rock Creek, Mansfield	5.22
New Liberty, Blytheville	118.00	Greenfield, Harrisburg	50.00	Brown Chapel, Manila	8.60
First Church, Bradley	152.85	White Oakes, Harrison	25.00	Nutt's Chapel, Marmaduke	20.00
First Church, Brinkley	674.00	Bear Creek Springs, Harrison	12.75	Marshall, Marshall	65.00
Brickey's, Brickeys	6.29	First Church, Harrison	755.88	Lone Star, Miller	34.00
Glendale, Booneville	5.00	West Hartford, Hartford	25.00	Second Church, Monticello	8.35
Buffton, Buffton	33.78	West Harmony, Hartford	6.86	First Church, Monticello	850.00
First Church, Cabot	1,521.29	First Church, Heber Springs	148.77	Moro, Moro	200.00
Pleasant Hill, Cabot	10.51	Corder's Chapel, Helena	40.20	First Church, Morrilton	437.29
Elliott, Camden	443.38	Second Church, Helena	10.00	Monte Ne, Monte Ne	10.00
First Church, Canfield	25.00	First Church, Helena	201.00	Montrose, Montrose	45.35
Chambers, Carlisle	5.00	First Church, Hazen	52.94	Rehobeth, Moorefield	25.61
Cash, Cash	40.00	Hopewell, Harrison	5.00	Flat Rock, Mountain Home	3.00
Centerton, Centerton	15.00	Gaither, Harrison	46.00	First Church, Mountain Home	100.00
Charleston, Charleston	63.50	Gruff Springs, Harrison	18.20	First Church, Midland	20.00
Chidester, Chidester	49.26	First Church, Hamburg	631.85	Smyrna, Mt. Vernon	30.00
Union Grove, Clarksdale	13.00	North Vale, Harrison	25.30	Mulberry, Mulberry	12.03
Cash, Clinton	47.00	Marsden, Hermitage	7.57	Central, North Little Rock	109.00
Oak Bowery, Conway	17.00	First Church, Hope	1,385.50	First Church, North Little Rock	862.68
Beryl, Conway	50.00	W. W. White, Hope	100.00	First Church, Norphlet	1,548.00
Hopewell, Corning	200.00	Graydon Anthony Lbr. Co., Hope	150.00	Oden, Oden	85.00
Corning, Corning	64.00	Dr. G. E. Cannon, Hope	250.00	Mt. Bethel, Osceola	5.00
Cord, Cord	10.00	First Church, Horatio	100.00	Lower Big Fork, Opal	17.00
New Hope, Cotter	5.00	Hindsville, Hindsville	38.10	Ouachita, Ouachita	42.96
East Cotter, Cotter	15.50	J. A. Caldwell, Hot Springs	1.00	Jack Lide, Ouachita College	7.00
Cotton Plant, Cotton Plant	65.00	Emmanuel Hot Springs	100.00	Paul Bremmerman, Ouachita College	15.00
First Church, Cotter	112.00	Central, Hot Springs	1,784.48	Phil Sims, Ouachita College	20.00
Coy, Coy	29.56	Piney, Hot Springs	27.00	Robbs Chapel, Paragould	25.00
Mt. Olive, Crossett	100.00	Lake Hamilton, Hot Springs	143.34	Fairview, Paragould	10.00
Curtis, Curtis	14.25	Memorial, Hot Springs	25.74	First Church, Paragould	35.70
Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wood, Crossett	100.00	Sue Merle Lewallyn, Hot Springs	500.00	Parkin, Parkin	75.00
Dardanelle, Dardanelle	16.00	Second Church, Hot Springs	1,500.00	First Church, Paris	48.40
New Hope, Dardanelle	21.00	First Mexican, Hughes	60.00	Pleasant Grove, Perryville	50.00
Deer, Deer	3.25	Hughes, Hughes	130.00	Peach Orchard, Peach Orchard	6.10
DeGray, DeGray	100.00	Beck Memorial, Hughes	100.00	Austin, Fliggott	20.00
Lone Oak, DeQueen	44.16	Hunter, Hunter	83.23	J. P. Crawford, Pine Bluff	250.00
First Church, DeWitt	750.00	Huttig, Huttig	115.75	First Church, Pine Bluff	6,075.13
First Church, Dierks	6.95	Jacksonville, Jacksonville	100.00	First Church Brotherhood, Pine Bluff	50.00
Anderson Chapel, Dumas	11.09	Jessieville, Jessieville	17.75	Mathews Memorial, Pine Bluff	136.57
Daniels Chapel, Dumas	62.52	Joiner, Joiner	116.83	Sulphur Springs, Pine Bluff	10.00
Gladden, Earle	21.24	Walnut Street, Jonesboro	38.93	Second Church, Pine Bluff	166.50
First Church, El Dorado	6,291.81	S. E. Brinkley, Jonesboro	15.00		

Name of Church—Location	Amount
Lee Memorial, Pine Bluff	\$ 100.00
Pine Ridge, Pine Ridge	21.50
Lone Star, Plummerville	24.37
First Church, Plummerville	142.00
Pottsville, Pottsville	100.00
Prairie Grove, Prairie Grove	18.75
Boughton, Prescott	25.48
First Church, Prescott	282.32
Aileen Brannon, Quitman	20.22
First Church, Rector	200.00
Pleasant Hill, Rogers	13.91
Rovender, Rovender	10.00
Antioch, Royal	100.00
First Church, Russellville	131.55
First Church, Salem	41.18
Mt. Hebron, Searcy	50.00
First Church, Searcy	1,744.00
Toltec, Scott	18.00
All Souls, Scott	243.84
First Church, Smackover	5,263.65
Spadra, Spadra	5.00
Johnson, Springdale	55.11
First Church, Springdale	712.72
Brush Creek, Springdale	7.15
First Church, Sparkman	544.50
A. O. Smith, Stamps	25.00
First Church, Stamps	1,704.25
Fred Ward, Stephens	25.00
First Church, Stuttgart	104.05
T. W. Hudson, Strong	1,000.00
Monroe Scoggins, Texarkana	250.00
Trinity, Texarkana	17.39
Calvary, Texarkana	35.00
Shiloah, Texarkana	105.00
South Texarkana, Texarkana	11.02
East View, Texarkana	90.50
Beech Street, Texarkana	55.00
Mandeville, Texarkana	9.60
Harmony, Thornburg	10.00
Thornton, Thornton	17.15
First Church, Tuckerman	387.70
Union Town, Uniontown	5.00
Urbana, Urbana	302.18
Oak Grove, Van Buren	10.00
First Church, Van Buren	400.35
Valley Springs, Valley Springs	20.00
Vandale, Vandale	16.25
Village, Village	170.00
Flora, Viola	10.00
Mt. Colem, Viola	1.50
Gum Springs, Viola	5.47
Happy Hollow, Vilonia	10.00
First Church, Waldron	25.00
Walcott, Walcott	62.00
Black Rock, Walnut Ridge	30.25
First Church, Walnut Ridge	39.61
George C. Monroe, Walnut Ridge	13.50
College City, Walnut Ridge	185.00
Ebenezer, Warren	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Lehr, West Memphis	500.00
West Fork, West Fork	26.65
West Ridge, West Ridge	10.00
West Helena, West Helena	369.37
Wheelen Springs, Wheelen Sprgs.	15.20
Wilson, Wilson	45.00
Wilmar, Wilmar	25.00
Wynne, Wynne	591.39
Harris Chapel, Wynne	48.29
Plum Bayou, Wright	53.77
Yellville, Yellville	50.00
J. W. Anthony	100.00
Gunter Lumber Co.	200.00
Charles E. Scott	100.00
J. E. Speer Lumber Co.	100.00
Holly Church	18.05
L. W. Meachum	5.00
Collins Church	25.00
Murfreesboro Lbr. Co., Murfreesboro	150.00
Pittsburg Church	10.30
Wattensaw Church	11.25

A Foreign Dictator Over American Citizens

Did you know that a foreign dictator is leading a group of American citizens and directing them in their political attitude? The Pope of Rome is an Italian and he is a dictator and holds as supreme authority over Roman Catholics as any dictator. Isn't it strange that American citizens would yield to the leadership and direction of a foreign dictator? Cardinal Spellman who has tried so hard to get Congress to appropriate money for benefit of parochial schools has flown to Rome recently to present his "ad limina" report to Pope Pius XII. He presented the Pope with funds from his archdiocese for the erection of a new powerful radio in Vatican City. Has he gone to Rome for further directions from the Pope in the matter of getting this monetary appropriation from the American Government?

For World Program

For the month of September our office forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for the Cooperative Program \$19,108.27. This has been going on every month this year in similar amounts.

Name of Church—Location	Amount
Sage Church	\$ 20.00
Wilford Lee, Leland, Miss.	20.00
A. A. Dulaney, Roswell, N. M.	25.00
R. E. Reed, Lake Wales, Fla.	100.00
Andrew Hall, Hartford, Ky.	9.00
Mrs. Homer L. Grice, Nashville, Tenn.	10.00
Roy Thompkins, Stillwater, Okla.	5.00
Mrs. W. H. Bruening, Pittsburg, Kas.	15.00
Riverside Church, Memphis, Tenn.	15.00
Raynor's Chapel, Memphis, Tenn.	10.00
J. A. Carnes, Duncan, Okla.	100.00
Jesse Jones, Houston, Texas.	100.00
Mrs. J. E. Guerrero, Dallas, Texas.	10.00
W. E. Martin, Lamar, Mo.	5.00
Nell Mondy, Ithaca, N. Y.	25.00
Daniel Grant, Nashville, Tenn.	50.00
Charles E. Heckler, Kerrville, Texas.	25.00
Wallace Herbert, Ruston, La.	10.00
Mrs. J. A. Colburn, Los Angeles, Cal.	50.00
Mary Watters, Springfield, Ill.	10.00
Dr. J. A. Pierce, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Printes Park, Memphis, Tenn.	25.00
Dougald McMillan, Jr., Frankfort, Mich.	100.00
Chaplain James H. Dean, Camp Lee, Va.	100.00
Rose C. Sanborn, Jersey City, N. J.	2.00
Mrs. Mariam Hutchieson, Tahoka, Tex.	15.00
Leon Gambrell, Florida	5.00
Park Place, Houston, Tex.	200.00
Mrs. A. F. Haslow, Venezuela, S. A.	10.00
Mrs. Sam Yancy, Heavener, Okla.	4.00
Gerald Berry, White Oak, Md.	25.00
Alvis B. Carpenter, Denver, Colo.	20.00
Fred L. Ogles, Houston, Texas	10.00
Esther Garland, Idaho Falls, Idaho	100.00
G. D. Faucett, Kansas City, Mo.	5.00
Lloyd Garland, LaGrange, Ga.	10.00
Mrs. Anson Gaston, Memphis, Tenn.	5.00
B. L. Stout, Memphis, Tenn.	50.00
Mrs. H. Ivan Melhuish, Baltimore, Md.	55.00
Mrs. J. M. Daughtrey, Winnsboro, La.	2.00
H. F. Vermillion, Eastland, Texas	25.00
Aubrey Halsell, Memphis, Tenn.	50.00
Zion Light, St. Joe, Ark.	5.00

Total Received to Oct. 10, 1949 \$77,338.32

State-Wide Pastor's Conference

By DR. B. L. BRIDGES

We are publishing today the Program for the annual Baptist Pastor's Conference to be held at the **First Church, Little Rock, November 14**. This Conference is a meeting that is calculated to be a source of help and strength to every pastor who attends. The meeting last year was a good one indeed.

There is a crying need for a closer fellowship among Baptist preachers, and a greater ethical spirit toward each other. Every pastor ought to make an unusual effort to attend this meeting. Here is the program:

- THEME: "Our Churches Advance"**
 2:00 P. M.—Song Service —Walter N. Hill
 2:10 P. M.—Devotion: "We Go On"
 _____ Joe Sullivan
 2:25 P. M.—"Stabilizing Our Churches
 For Advance" —Sam Reeves
 2:45 P. M.—"Evangelizing the Lost for
 Church Advance" —B. B. Sawyer
 3:05 P. M.—Business and Organization
 3:25 P. M.—"Publicizing for Church
 Advance" —W. O. Vaught Jr.
 3:45 P. M.—Open Forum
 4:00 P. M.—Song
 4:05 P. M.—"Mobilizing Our Members
 For Advance" —Othar Smith
 4:25 P. M.—Adjournment

The Cooperative Program

Have you increased the allocation in your church budget for the 1950 Cooperative Program? We should make a great advance next year. Try to increase your allocation brethren as much as 64%. Baptists ought not to stand still. They ought to go forward. Ten or fifteen pennies out of your church dollar has become a ridiculous thing for an intelligent and Christian people. Does your Christian outlook on Christ's great world program dwindle down to ten or fifteen cents on the dollar that your church receives? Let us do better next year.

Look at DeWitt

Pastor Boyd of DeWitt writes that this splendid church has increased its allocation for the Cooperative Program 64% as we requested. The proposed Cooperative Program budget for 1950 calls for a 64% increase. That means that we are to take designations and put them through the Cooperative Program. By doing this we can reach the goal on the enlarged program. Pastor Boyd and the DeWitt Church has set the pace for us. Can't your church do likewise? This church is in the rice belt, and the price of rice is not so good as it was, but this forward looking pastor believes that the Holy Spirit has led his church to make this advance and he refuses to let outward circumstances such as poorer economic conditions stifle the work of the Kingdom of God.

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"Anyone who wishes to know the meaning and method of prayer and to experience its values in his life will find in the Bible varied and significant examples of prayer and much instruction concerning it. The men and the women who figure as factors in the making of the religion of which the Bible is the interpretation and the history were pray-ers."—W. O. Carver, The Teacher.

"Time spent in prayer is the best time invested for the highest good to ourselves and to others."—Louis S. Gaines, The Teacher.

Woman's Missionary Union

Fundamentals Concluded

This week the discussion of the fundamentals of Woman's Missionary Union, prepared by Miss Dollie Hiett, is concluded with the discussion of Community Missions and Missionary Education of Young People. In previous issues of the **Arkansas Baptist** the first three fundamentals — Prayer, Study, and Tithes and Offerings—were discussed.

Community Missions

Winning the lost to Christ, maintaining Christian fellowship, and giving to our communities a spiritual uplift, we call community missions. These activities will make our communities better places in which to live. We cannot afford to sit idly by and permit unregenerate people to mold the opinion in our communities. It takes Christian folks to make a community Christian. Therefore, we must win the lost about us. It is Christ's command.

Everyone at some time is a victim of discouragement, heartache, and "hard times." It's during these testing periods that Satan makes the strongest attacks to seduce human hearts from God. Christian fellowship defeats such satanic intentions, and strengthens the soul of his victims. Spiritual victories are then won. We cannot afford to let our Lord be without some Christian salt in our communities and miss the blessing of winning victories for Him.

A home which maintains a family altar daily is doubly blessed. It is blessed with sweeter home life, and is strengthened spiritually when the storms of life flow. It is also a blessing to the community and has a greater influence of good than the altarless home. A family altar makes and keeps our homes Christian. We cannot afford to omit it.

Missionary Education of Young People

If the world tomorrow is to have men and women who will think in terms of world redemption instead of world destruction, we must give missionary education to our young people today. The ideals and activities of our missionary organizations for young people as presented in their manuals, magazines (**World Comrades**, **Ambassador Life**, and **The Window of Y. W. A.**) and in mission study books will combat the evils of comic books, "shoot-em-up" movies, and other questionable forms of entertainment. We cannot afford to keep their best ideals out of the minds and hearts and living of our youth. Let us foster Sunbeam Bands

for children from four to nine years; Girls' Auxiliaries for girls from nine to sixteen years; Royal Ambassador Chapters for boys from nine years and up; Young Woman's Auxiliaries for young unmarried women sixteen to twenty-five years, and give to our youth missionary education to enrich their lives, increase their vision and help them grasp God's great world purpose. We must prepare them today for the places they will fill in the world tomorrow.

"Teach diligently unto thy children . . ."

Let there be no streamlining of the Lord's work during 1950. Rather may we major on these fundamentals and thus let our lives accent the work Christ gave us to do.

"If my people . . . shall humble themselves . . . pray . . . seek . . . turn from . . . then will I hear. . . forgive . . . heal."

Grade Your Society

1. Glean for Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions and remit to State W.M.U. Treasurer, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

2. Send quarterly report to Associational Superintendent. (Please Rush!)

3. Representation at Associational Rally.

4. Plan Mission Study to precede Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. (New series on Japan listed below. Order from Baptist Book Store.)

Adults: **Japan's New Day.**

Young People: **Ring In The New Japan.**

Juniors: **My Daddy Told Me.**

Primaries: **Chie-Ko-Chan.**

5. Check standards in all organizations.

6. Observe Church Night of Stewardship.

7. Send names of new officers to State W. M. U. Headquarters immediately upon election.

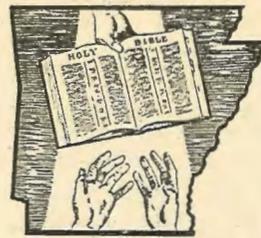
8. Complete payment of District Budget before end of year.

9. Campaign for subscribers to **Royal Service**. (Send subscriptions to W. M. U., 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama.)

10. Plan activities for Royal Ambassador Focus Week, November 5-11.

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the thing that money can't buy.

—George Horace Lorimer



Department of

MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Calendar For 1950 Evangelistic Crusade

Below, we give the suggested calendar step by step for the 1950 Evangelistic Crusade west of the Mississippi River. It will be necessary for each church to begin making preparation now to cooperate in every phase of the Crusade. The success depends upon the proper preparations made, not only in each association, but in each church. Just to agree to have a revival meeting in all the churches at the same time will not be sufficient. These suggestions, however, are not a cut and dried program but are suggestions which will help to properly prepare each association and church.

January 2-6

Teaching of book of Acts in all churches, accompanied by thirty minutes of prayer. Sponsored by Sunday School.

January 16-18

State-Wide Evangelistic Conference, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock.

February 5

Sunday — Taking of religious census simultaneously in all churches west of Mississippi River. Directed by Sunday School.

February 6-10

Teaching of book, entitled **The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelism**, by J. N. Barnette, in all churches. Daily visitation and enlistment of Sunday School prospects. Regular visitation should be continued through April.

Month of March

Association-wide rallies for men and women, sponsored by Brotherhood and W. M. U. respectively. Also, church study course in soul-winning using the books for all age groups as listed in the Graded Baptist Training Union Study Course for all church members.

April 1

Saturday night — Association-wide youth rally sponsored by Training Union.

April 2-9

A week of prayer in all churches as follows: cottage prayer meetings Monday and Tuesday; all-church prayer meeting Wednesday; cottage prayer meetings Thursday and Friday; round-the-clock prayer meeting Saturday. Clear the week of all other meetings. Make it a week of prayer. Cottage prayer meetings under direction of Brotherhood.

April 9-23

Two full weeks of preaching and

visitation in every church west of the Mississippi River.

April 16

High Attendance Day in Sunday School and unified service in every church west of the Mississippi River.

April 23, 2:30 P. M., CST

All churches east and west of the Mississippi River assemble in sanctuary and listen to broadcast of the Baptist Hour. Invitation to be given at close of broadcast for lost to confess Christ as Saviour and unattached Baptists to unite with the church. Service to be followed by ordinance of baptism. Where practical, a basket lunch should be served at noontime. This service should be the greatest and most far-reaching of any radio broadcast in the history of the Christian religion. It would be glorious if all of our 27,000 churches would participate.

April 23

High Attendance Day in Training Union, followed by a great closing evangelistic service.

April 24

Monday—All associational chairmen have in hand full and complete report of associations as to additions, etc., and mail same to Department of Missions, Dr. C. E. Matthews, 206 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas.

As soon after the revival as possible each church should teach the doctrinal books which include the books on church membership for all age groups as listed in the Graded Study Course for All Church Members in the Training Union.

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This is not exactly what the Savior had in mind when He said: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men," but it will illustrate a point.

Mankind by reason of sin has fallen, and is in danger of perishing. They cannot save themselves, for salvation is "not of works."

The life-line needed in the Gospel of Christ, which is the good news of Christ's death for our sins, His burial and His resurrection.

Each believer should be able to expertly cast that line to some helpless, sinking person in the stream of time, and draw him to the Savior, who alone can save.

—Tom Olson

Two Associational "M Night" Training Union Rallies

DECEMBER 5-9, 1950

Meeting Place	Date In Dec.	Attendance In 1948	Goal For 1949
ley—West Helena	9	90	150
—First, Monticello	8	176	200
y—Rogers	6	87	150
alem	6	33	100
Tuckerman	5	35	85
—Green Forest	9	132	200
nsfield	5	51	100
ckville	4	—	50
—Mount Ida	8	52	100
ce	9	83	150
zen	8	120	150
Almyra	5	83	150
tral, Hot Springs	8	280	300
—Alma	8	108	150
eenwood	5	244	442
y—Perryville	4	65	100
r—Biggers	9	50	150
ville—Dardanelle	9	36	150
Village	9	173	300
asant Grove	6	7	75
Piggott	5	28	75
ty—First, Paragould	5	150	200
outh Side, Pine Bluff	6	160	300
	5	177	200
e—West Batesville	6	90	150
phlet	8	386	400
iver—Heber Springs	6	23	100
—DeQueen	9	208	225
ounty—Manila	9	155	300
—Central, Jonesboro	8	70	150
ty—Jasper	8	—	50
ena	6	70	135
ty—Immanuel, Little Rock	9	234	500
Gurdon	6	32	100
—Melbourne	8	47	75
en—Searcy—Clinton	5	34	75
—Earle	6	145	200
onza	5	110	175
on—Springdale	5	83	150
y—Beebe	8	24	150
—Mountain Home	5	47	75
ugusta	9	87	100

PLANNING A CHURCH PROGRAM OF MUSIC

Outline followed by Ray McClung at the supper conference of the Central Baptist Association Music Festival, Central Church, Hot Springs, July 21, 1949.

"Looking ahead is a good way to keep from falling behind."

I. WHY PLAN A PROGRAM OF CHURCH MUSIC

1. We NEED to improve our music programs
2. Planned objectives avoid the haphazard
3. Plans will be made for other phases of church activity

II. HOW PLAN A CHURCH PROGRAM OF MUSIC

1. Let pastor make a survey of the church musically
 - (a) Do you need more capable song leaders?
 - (b) Do you need more capable pianists?
 - (c) Do you need better trained choir members?
 - (d) Do you need to organize some choirs in addition to adult choir?
 - (e) Do you need a better appreciation by the whole church of the place and importance of music in worship?
2. Lead church to secure best qualified music director possible
 - (a) May be full-time
 - (b) May be part-time
 - (c) May be volunteer
3. Lead church to elect a Music Committee
 - (a) Ought to be representative (member for every department of the church life)
 - (b) Ought to WANT better music for your church
4. Counsel together on what to do next
 - (a) Determine activities for whole year
 - (b) Meet at least quarterly

III. WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A CHURCH MUSIC PROGRAM

1. Graded choirs—as many as situation calls for
2. Training
 - (a) Music classes: for song leaders
for pianists
in music appreciation
 - (b) Annual church music school
 - (c) Sending directors to State Leadership School, Ridgecrest
3. Regular participation of choirs in the services
4. Hymn-playing contests
5. Seasonal music—Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter
6. Annual Church Music Festival
7. Co-operation in Associational music work

IV. ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS IN A PLANNED PROGRAM OF CHURCH MUSIC

1. Leadership to WANT better church music and co-operate to get it
2. Adequate provision in church budget for music needs
3. Music activities scheduled in the church calendar
4. Full support of program by the church

Study Course Standard Training Union Books

The first eight months of Training Union study books were issued to the people of Arkansas with 12,184 for the months of 1948. All were urged to observeewardship Week in winter. An ideal plan church to use its Training to sponsor its special ly, with all of the s co-operating. This church event and all bers should be visited o participate. Classes ts and young people ke McCall's new book, y." or adults could g Abundantly" and e, "Investments In ring." The intermedi- ake the course, "Not and the Juniors the ng for Jesus."

rch in Arkansas will d to conduct an all- y course promoted Training Union dur-

The Training Union of the First Church, Lake City, is a demonstration of the fact that a Standard Training Union does Standard Work. During the month of September there were 100 people that were on the 100 percent Honor Roll. This means that 100 people attended Training Union every Sunday night in September and made 100 percent. A. M. Norton is pastor and Fred Carter is Training Union Director.

The sky may sometimes be reflected in a puddle, but woe to him who expects to reach the stars thereby!

ing the month of February, using the soul winning books as a preparation for the Simultaneous revivals in the spring. "A Winning Witness" would be a good course for adults, "Winning Others To Christ" for the young people, "Witnessing for Christ" for the Intermediates, and the "Junior and His Church" for the Junior.

Only Jesus

Your only hope of happiness here and hereafter is in looking to "Jesus Only." One afternoon a carpenter in a western city, by means of a couple of ladders, went to the roof of a high building to do repair work. While there busily engaged it was found that his little daughter had climbed up the ladder past the third story windows. The child stopped, became frightened and began to cry. It was only then that anybody knew that the child was there. Of course, intense excitement prevailed among the crowd that quickly gathered. Someone said, "Oh, she will fall." Others exclaimed, "Oh, the poor child." Others asked, "Oh, what can we do?" The father soon silenced the crowd, then after speaking gently to his little scared child, extended his hands toward her and said, "Now look here at daddy, and come right on up here where I am." The child

"What Think Ye Of Christ?"

Says Youth: "Too happy to think—time enough."
 Manhood: "Too busy to think—more money first!"
 Maturity: "Too anxious to think—worry over work!"
 Declining years: "Too aged to think—fixed habits."
 As death approaches: "Too ill to think—weak and suffering."
 Death: "Too late to think—the spirit has flown."
 Eternity: "Forever to think—God's judgment day."

—W. H. Rogers

'Tis not dying for a faith that's so hard; 'tis the living up to it that is difficult.

—Thackery

started again, and soon in safety reached her father's strong arms. My friends, your only hope of safety is in looking up toward "Jesus only." Do that always.

—J. E. Dinger

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON F. TULL, *State Secretary*

219 Baptist Building
Little Rock, Arkansas



Remember Brotherhood Night!

PLACE: First Baptist Church, Twelfth and Louisiana Streets, Little Rock.

DATE: Monday evening, November 14. The eve of the meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

TIME: 7:30. (Music begins at seven o'clock).

OCCASION: "The annual gathering of Baptist men. Both preachers and laymen, from all over Arkansas.

PURPOSE: That our men may have fellowship together. That they may be informed concerning the great objectives and work of Baptists.

PROGRAM: Good music, timely messages, excellent speakers.

Dr. Kyle M. Yates, pastor of Second Church, Houston, Texas, will be the main speaker on Brotherhood Night. Dr. Yates was for twenty years a professor of Old Testament in the Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Leaving his work at the Seminary, he became pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, one of the greatest churches of our Southland. Dr. Yates is one of the ranking Hebrew scholars of the world. He is one of the most popular speakers in the Southern Baptist Convention. We are fortunate, indeed, to have him bring the message on Brotherhood Night.

Plan to be there—with several car-loads of men from your church and association!

The following letter from Brother Burton A. Miley, pastor of First Church, Marianna, reports a worthwhile observance, on the part of his church, of Layman's Day, Sunday, October 9.

"The men of the First Church, Marianna, observed Layman's Day yesterday by the following activities:

Had charge of music and gave testimonies over local radio program, "Spiritual Awakening," station KXJK at 7:30 a. m.

Filled choir for morning worship program and had a total of 104 men in service for the eleven o'clock worship. These men looked impressive in their reserved seats.

Gathered back in church at 2:10 for a twenty-minute prayer service ahead of Dr. Lee's message at 2:30. Heard Dr. Lee's message and went to church parlor for fellowship hour and refreshments.

Of course, invitation was given to support the evening service. More than the usual number of men were present in the evening.

I can safely say that this day was one of the most inspiring since I have been in Marianna and the men got a great joy out of doing work for the Master."

We thank Brother Miley for this excellent report; and we would like to hear from other pastors concerning their observance of Layman's Day.

Layman's Day is observed annually, throughout the Southland on the second Sunday of October.

Planning For Progress

By DAVID M. GARDNER

It will not be long before several thousand churches in Texas will be making budgets for the new associational year. There are 3,377 Baptist churches affiliated with the Texas Baptist General Convention. There are about 2,000 of that number which will provide for sending the Baptist Standard into the homes of the churches without any reminder or suggestion from either the editor of the paper or from the pastors. Churches and pastors who have given the church budget plan a fair trial, know the value of keeping our people informed.

We recall a story related by Dr. J. B. Gambrell when he was editor of the Baptist Standard. He was captain of scouts under General Robert E. Lee in the Civil War. It was his duty to keep the Southern army informed concerning the location, movements, and size of the opposition at all times. They were in Virginia and the invading Federal army was having trouble getting information and co-operation from native Negroes of the section. They did not know the Negro people.

Dr. Gambrell related how easy it was for him to keep up with the maneuvers and movements of the opposing army, just by moving among the Negroes. Information which he could not secure personally without assuming hazardous risks, Negroes would get for him. After citing several cases he smiled and remarked, "The trouble with Yankee scouts was they did not know how to deal with Negroes. We knew them because we had grown up with them on the farms in the South." Then with a characteristic twinkle in his eye, and with his soft Southern voice, he said, "Remember, the man who knows, always has the advantage."

"Remember, the man who knows always has the advantage." That applies to scouts in war, and soldiers of the cross preaching, pray-

ing, and living for peace. Battles for right against wrong are won by people who know. Soldiers who do not know why they are in battle or what they are fighting for, are apt to be faint-hearted.

It is more important that Baptist people shall be informed than any other group of Christians we know. That is due to the fact that we are a democracy. All Baptist organizations from the independent church on out to the state and southwide conventions and the Baptist World Alliance, are founded upon the principle of true democracy. There is no individual or group of individuals who can tell Baptists what we must do; and those who are disposed to tell us what we ought to do, had better be ready with a sound Scriptural reason, then we will want to do it.

Of all people, Baptists must be informed and must be kept informed. That has always been true but is more imperative today than ever before. There was never a day in the history of Baptists when there were so many vicious propagandists out to deceive and mislead our people. If our people are informed and are kept informed, Baptists will have to do it. No one else can.

We have some vitally important agencies for the dissemination of truth. We haven't too many and none of them is functioning too well. Every pastor needs all the help he can get to keep his people properly indoctrinated in the Word and informed concerning the varied forms of the work of our great denomination.

It is our firm and seasoned conviction that the right sort of a state Baptist paper can and will do more toward the dissemination of vital truths than any other single agency outside the independent church. And the paper can and will reach many, especially in large churches, that the pastor seldom ever sees.

We have said all of the above preparatory to this paragraph. Any Baptist church in Texas which fails to put the Baptist Standard in the church budget, and see to it that it goes into the home of each resident member, is standing in the way of and blocking the path of progress for herself and for the denomination at large. The annual budget for a Baptist church is never complete until the state Baptist paper is included.

—Baptist Standard

What Is a Lie?

The essence of lying is in deception, not in words; a lie may be told by silence, by equivocation, by the accent on a syllable, by a glance of the eyes attaching a peculiar significance to a sentence, and all these kinds of lies are worse and baser, by many degrees, than a lie plainly worded.

—John Ruskin

Many have quarreled about religion that they never practiced.

Figures To Inspire

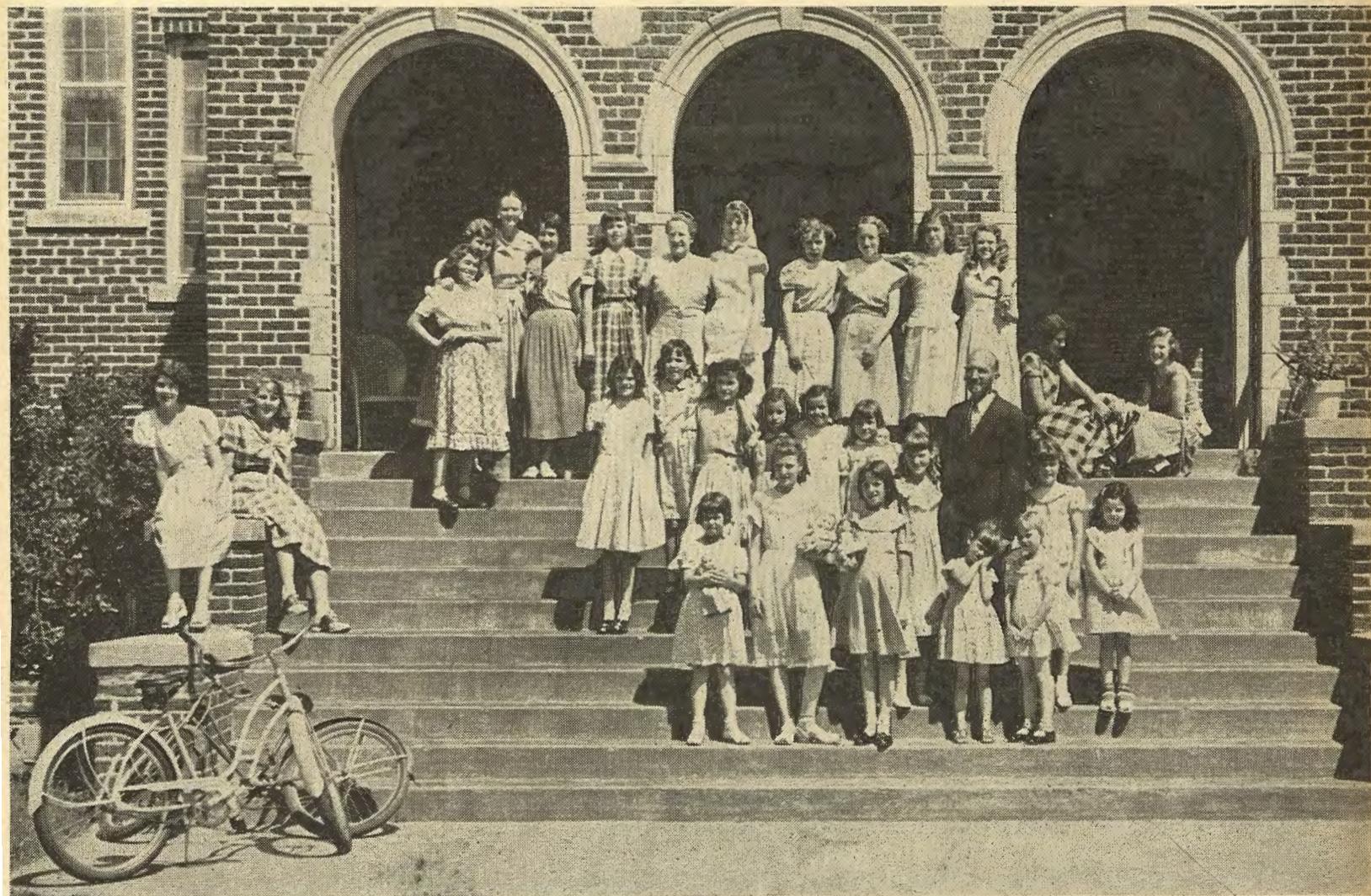
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	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1256	444	11
Including Missions	1535	614	34
Ft. Smith, First	1202	452	2
Little Rock, First	908	332	20
Including Missions	988		22
N. Little Rock, Baring Cross	858	313	3
Including Missions	1000	358	5
El Dorado, First	861	241	5
Little Rock, Second	773	136	7
Hot Springs, Second	720	190	6
Pine Bluff, South Side	630	201	2
Including Missions	690	229	
Crossett, First	582	249	1
Including Missions	617		
McGehee, First	582	232	
Including Missions	708	316	
El Dorado, Second	544	236	
Magnolia, Central	541	177	10
Including Missions	671	200	
Camden, First	529	177	1
Including Missions	704	281	
Fayetteville, First	528	202	5
Including Missions	584	236	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	527	154	3
El Dorado, Immanuel	505	269	1
Including Missions	556	327	
Russellville, First	486	228	11
Including Missions	537	243	
Hope, First	483	125	2
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	478	103	3

Warren, First	468	113	
Malvern, First	450	129	
Including Missions	473		
Forrest City, First	449	190	
Arkadelphia, First	440	166	3
Including Missions	467		
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	438	187	1
Fordyce, First	438	171	4
West Helena	435	183	1
Little Rock, Gaines St.	483	265	10
Hot Springs, Central	431	137	5
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	428	169	2
Hot Springs, Park Place	422	168	2
Paris, First	391	180	
Including Mission	457		
Ft. Smith, Calvary	390	100	3
Lake City, First	387	207	1
Cullendale, First	385	201	2
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	381	140	
Siloam Springs, First	359	195	1
Conway, First	359	113	8
Little Rock, So. Highland	355	146	
N. Little Rock, First	341	130	2
N. Little Rock, Park Hill	326	81	4
Hot Springs, First	324	85	
Including Mission	349		
Rogers, First	319	77	
Gurdon, Beech Street	317	129	
Smackover, First	315	122	
Pine Bluff, Second	309	122	2
Mena, First	301	130	
Gentry, First	300	136	2
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	299	104	
Harrison, First	286	116	1
Norphlet, First	283	241	

El Dorado, West Side	269	130	
Greenwood, First	261	103	1
Dumas, First	250	99	1
Including Missions	348		
Jacksonville, First	247	147	2
Little Rock, Calvary	240	127	3
DeWitt, First	244	95	1
Ft. Smith, Trinity	228	103	
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	206	128	
Warren, Immanuel	200	202	5
Judsonia, First	189	144	1
Kensett,	100	79	
Little Rock,			
Reynolds Memorial	187	65	3
Bentonville, First	178	65	
Douglassville, First	140	78	3
N. Little Rock,			
Sylvan Hills, First	140	62	3
El Dorado, Joyce City	138	102	2
Eureka Springs, First	123	50	
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial	121	108	
N. Little Rock, Highway	119	69	4
Little Rock, Woodlawn	105	55	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	98	77	
Douglassville, Second	87	40	
Melbourne, First	84	96	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	82	51	
Little Rock, Geyer Springs	76	75	
Little Rock, West Side	75	38	1
Monte Ne, First	65	81	
Little Rock, Bellvue	59		
Garfield, First	44		2
Little Rock, Mt. View No. 2	29	31	1
Vimy Ridge,	29	15	

To Acquaint Arkansas Baptists With Their Home For Homeless Children



The Girls' Building, Bottoms Baptist Orphanage

THE FUTURE OF THESE GIRLS is in our hands

The Baptists of Arkansas are responsible not only for their food, clothing, and shelter, but for their education and future usefulness as American citizens. **We must not fail them.**

THEIR LIVES ARE BEING DEVELOPED

They are taught to work; they keep their own rooms and clothing, assist with the laundry, help with serving the meals, and clean the floors.

EQUIPMENT IS BADLY NEEDED

Since all are of school-age, they need study tables. Livingroom furniture and equipment for council rooms on each floor are needed. Some are talented for music—several practice pianos would mean much in the lives of these orphan girls.

REMEMBER THE ORPHANAGE AT THANKSGIVING

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A modern version of the New Testament—translated by an evangelical Christian and said to be “one of the best English translations in existence”—is being reprinted this fall by Moody Press, Chicago. Its scheduled release date is October 15.

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ologians.

However, the work is not limited to scholars. “It is indeed a translation in the language of the people. The translation is fresh and modern, avoiding both technical and colloquial expression,” states Ray Summers, head of the

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Isaiah Teaches Trust

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

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Isaiah, while speaking plainly to the people concerning their sins, attempted to lead them to an understanding of their God. He wanted them to know as he knew Him—as Holy, mighty in power, yet accessible as a friend in whom they could trust.

Today is a time of fear; but fear will vanish when we learn to trust the Lord. How different our lives would be if we would commit our ways unto God! We need to stop worrying and fretting, and trust God. America is on the dangerous edge, with her confidence in arms, atomic power, natural resources, silver, gold, and alliances, when we should turn from our idols, our frail treaties, and honor and trust Jehovah. He has given us the greatest opportunity and privilege in history to evangelize this war torn, troubled world. We need Isaiah's admonitions as did Judah long ago.

God Speaks To a King

God had a special message for Ahaz, King of Judah; the message was faithfully and carefully delivered by Isaiah. It was at the time when Assyria, under Tiglath-pileser, was mighty in power and had great plans of conquest. Fear was in the hearts of rulers of the various countries because of the danger of Assyria. The kings of Israel, the northern tribes, and of Syria, Pekah and Rezin, joined forces in order to halt the conquests of Tiglath-pileser; they sought to influence Ahaz, King of Judah, to join with them. When he refused, they made war against him, hoping to place a king over Judah who would co-operate with them.

That turn of affairs caused Ahaz to attempt to form an alliance with Tiglath-pileser in order to defend himself against Israel and Syria.

God sent Ahaz a message right at this point, saying that this union would not endure nor succeed. Isaiah delivered this message and called upon Ahaz to trust God, have faith, and to refrain from an alliance with Assyria, for in time that power would be gone. Ahaz was invited by the Lord to ask for a sign as proof of God's words. In a false note of piety, Ahaz replied that he would not tempt the Lord by asking for a sign. God was not deterred, however, and a sign was given "the house of David," being the sign of the birth of one who would be called, "Immanuel." It was the

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Isaiah 12:2; 26:1-7; 30:12, 15-17

prophecy of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, one of the many such Messianic prophecies.

The double prophecy carried also the reference to the coming Assyrian invasion. The prophecy was an attempt to call Ahaz and the house of David to a closer walk with God.

God Is Our Salvation and Protection

All the references from Isaiah speak of our trusting God; of course, there are countless reasons why we should implicitly trust in Him. The verse, 12:2, stands as a great sign-post along the highway of life. "Behold, God is my Salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my Salvation." He does save—to the uttermost—all who come unto Him; because of that marvelous salvation, we should place utter confidence and trust in Him and not be afraid of the world or the devil with any of his cohorts. The Lord is our strength and we have a song to sing.

Much prophetic teaching is found in the chapters preceding Chapter 12, particularly are there unusual messianic prophecies in Chapters 9 and 11. In Chapter 11, the first and the second coming of Christ are blended together (verses 1-5) even as Isaiah speaks of God's hand upon his people, and the overthrow of their enemies in reference to things in the history of Ahaz, also the double reference for things yet to come. In the midst of these things he speaks of the turning away of God's wrath and His becoming "my salvation." God wanted to be the salvation of His people, but they would not, except for the believing remnant out of which the prophets came.

God's salvation is offered to all men today, who will "trust and not be afraid." Isaiah 12:2 has a rich meaning to the starving souls of sinful men, in our day, through Christ Jesus.

God is our salvation and through Him there is protection. Only redeemed people can look to God for protection. He has promised to keep us; He has made no such promise to those outside the Ark of safety. The section of Isaiah, Chapters 13 through 27, deals with God's judgment upon the nations, establishment of His Kingdom, overthrow of the enemies of His people, and the divine purpose fulfilled for the whole world. These are apocalyptic chapters; there is a song of praise here for God's protecting blessings upon

His people "in that day". While many of these things will not be realized until the future, the blessings spoken of in Chapter 26 are true in the lives of His children today.

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Convention Program

We are offering here a copy of the tentative program for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention which is to be held with the First Baptist Church in Little Rock November 15-17. While it is possible that some changes will have to be made before the Convention opens yet so far as we know now this is the program that will be suggested when the Convention opens. If the Program Committee finds it necessary to make a change or two it will have such ready by the time the Convention opens. Here is the program:

Advancing With Christ

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION NOVEMBER 15-17, 1949

E. C. BROWN, President
DR. B. L. BRIDGES, Executive Secretary
W. DAWSON KING, Recording Sec'y
FRED BECKER, Song Leader

Tuesday Morning, November 15

- 10:00—Call to Order _____ President Brown
Music, Scripture, Prayer
_____ James Harris, Texarkana
- 10:15—Enrolment
- 10:20—Welcome
- 10:30—Response _____ E. E. Griever, Harrison
- 10:40—Address by the President
- 11:05—Introduction of New Pastors
_____ Dr. B. L. Bridges
- 11:15—Announcements
- 11:20—Baptist Book Store
_____ Miss Blanche Mayes
- 11:30—Special Music
- 11:35—Advancing With Christ Through
Preaching the Gospel
The Convention Sermon
_____ James Overton, Bentonville
- 12:15—Adjournment

Tuesday Afternoon, November 15

- 1:30—Music, Scripture, Prayer
_____ D. C. McAtee, Pine Bluff
- 1:45—Miscellaneous Business
- 2:00—Arkansas Baptist _____ Dr. B. H. Duncan
and W. H. Hicks, Little Rock
- 2:30—Congregational Singing
(Congregation Standing)
- 2:35—Advancing With Christ Through Our
Seminaries (Report of Seminary
Representatives)
_____ W. E. Speed, Russellville
- 2:55—Theological Message by Representative
of Seminaries _____ Dr. E. N. Patterson
New Orleans Seminary
- 3:30—Special Music
- 3:35—Advancing With Christ Through
Preaching the Gospel
Subject, "SIN" _____ Dr. I. L. Yearby
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 4:05—Adjournment

Tuesday Night, November 15

- 7:00—Music, Scripture, Prayer
_____ Othar Smith, Conway
- 7:15—Advancing With Christ Through
Christian Teachings On Marriage
and the Family
_____ J. G. Cothran, Arkadelphia
- 7:40—Advancing With Christ Through the
W. M. U. _____ Miss Alma Hunt,

Birmingham, Alabama, and Miss
Nancy Cooper, Little Rock

- 8:10—Special Music
- 8:15—Advancing With Christ Through
Foreign Missions
_____ Dr. M Ray McKay, Little Rock
- 9:30—Adjournment

Wednesday Morning, November 16

- 9:30—Music, Scripture, Prayer
_____ D. C. Applegate, Jr., Paragould
- 9:45—Reading of the Journal
- 9:55—Miscellaneous Business
- 10:10—Organization
- 10:30—Report of Executive Board
Dr. T. H. Jordan, Van Buren, and
Dr. B. L. Bridges
- 11:40—Music
- 11:45—Advancing With Christ Through
Preaching of the Gospel
Subject, "HELL" _____ Dr. I. L. Yearby
Oklahoma City
- 12:15—Adjournment

Wednesday Afternoon, November 16

- 1:30—Music, Scripture, Prayer
_____ Don Hook, Paris
- 1:45—Advancing With Christ Through the
Religious Education Department
_____ Dr. Edgar Williamson
- 2:30—Music
- 2:35—Announcements
- 2:45—Advancing With Christ Through the
Brotherhood _____ Nelson Tull
- 3:05—Advancing With Christ Through the
Work of Our Orphanage
Ralph Douglas, Helena, and Harold
Seefeldt, Monticello
- 3:35—Special Music
- 3:40—Advancing With Christ Through
Preaching the Gospel
Subject, "THE ATONEMENT"
_____ Dr. James Landes, Wichita Falls,
Texas
- 4:10—Adjournment

Wednesday Night, November 16

- 7:00—Music, Scripture, Prayer
_____ Dr. B. B. Sawyer, Fort Smith
- 7:15—Miscellaneous Business and
Announcements
- 7:30—Advancing With Christ Through Our
Christian College _____ Lloyd Sparkman,
(Report of Ouachita, Central and
Southern Baptist Colleges) Pine
Bluff
- 9:00—Advancing With Christ Through
Preaching the Gospel
Subject, "REPENTANCE AND
FAITH" _____ Dr. James Landes,
Wichita Falls, Texas
- 9:30—Adjournment

Thursday Morning, November 17

- 9:30—Music, Scripture, Prayer
_____ Lloyd A. Hunnicutt, Magnolia
- 9:45—Reading of the Journal
- 10:00—Advancing With Christ Through the
Work of Our Hospitals _____ M. E. Cole,
Forest City, and John Gilbreath,
Little Rock
- 10:30—Advancing With Christ Through Our
Relief and Annuity Board
_____ L. E. Coleman, Little Rock
- 11:00—Music
- 11:05—Advancing With Christ Through the
Work of Home Missions

- _____ Dr. W. O. Vaught Sr., Little Rock
- 11:35—Special Music
- 11:40—Advancing With Christ Through
Preaching the Gospel
Subject, "THE CHURCH"
_____ Dr. Otto Whittington, Little Rock
- 12:15—Adjournment

Thursday Afternoon, November 17

- 1:30—Music, Scripture, Prayer
_____ Rev. H. O. Malone, Lake Village
- 1:45—Announcements and Miscellaneous
Business
- 2:00—Advancing With Christ Through the
American Bible Society
_____ Thomas T. Holloway, Dallas, Tex.
- 2:15—Advancing With Christ Through the
Work of the Steering and Planning
Commission
_____ Dr. E. P. J. Garrott, Batesville
- 2:20—Music
- 2:25—Obituaries _____ Stanley Jordan, Springdale
- 2:45—Nominating Committee Report
- 3:05—Advancing With Christ Through a
Christian Social Order
_____ Reese Howard, Jonesboro
- 3:30—Music
- 3:35—Advancing With Christ Through
Preaching the Gospel
Subject, "THE HOLY SPIRIT"
_____ Dr. B. V. Ferguson

Thursday Night, November 17

- 7:00—Music, Scripture, Prayer
_____ Russell Duffer
- 7:15—Announcements
- 7:20—Southern Baptist Relief and Displaced
Persons _____ Ralph Dodd, Little Rock
- 7:35—Resolutions _____ D. B. Bledsoe
- 7:45—Music
- 7:50—Advancing With Christ Through the
Work of State Missions
T. K. Rucker, Malvern, and Dr. C.
W. Caldwell
- 8:30—Advancing With Christ Through
Evangelism (A Report on past
achievements and Our Plans for
1950) _____ D. C. Bandy
- 8:40—Special Music
- 8:45—Advancing With Christ Through
Evangelism
_____ Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans, La.
- 9:30—Adjournment

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Make Your Own Reservations

We are grateful to Deacon A. B. Hill of Little Rock for his efficient and helpful service in clearing the way in Little Rock for our Convention. Often times two or three different Conventions meet at the same time, and accommodations are very scarce. Mr. Hill graciously worked with the Chamber of Commerce and the Hotel Association here, and it looks like it will be a very propitious time for the meeting. Write the hotels here and make your own reservation. We cannot make them for you.

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