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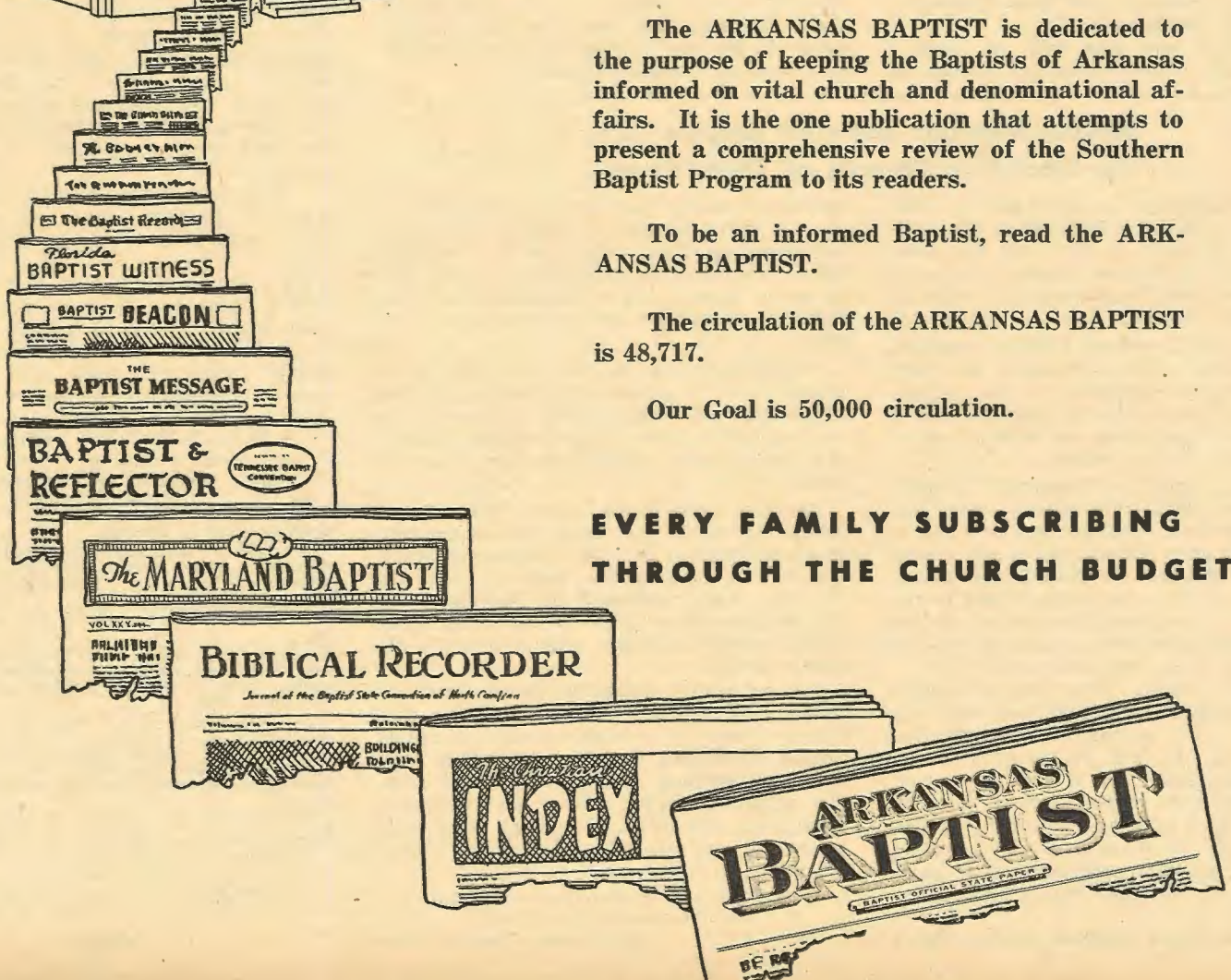
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Letters to an Ex-Priest

By EMMETT McLOUGHLIN

It is approximately eight years since I left the Roman Catholic Church and its priesthood. It is now two and one-half years since my story of the Catholic priesthood and my break from it ("People's Padre") has been published.

Throughout these years one of the most interesting reactions has been the volume of letters from around the world that I have received. After eight years I still receive several letters a day. Some are from staunch Catholics who are still condemning me. How they can reconcile this condemnation with their avowed support of the American principles of freedom of thought, speech, and worship, I cannot understand! Some have been from priests asking my help. Very many have been from ex-Catholics and thousands have been from Protestants who have approved my actions.

I have suggested to Editor W. Barry Garrett that we share the most interesting highlights of a few of these letters with the readers of the *Baptist Beacon* and other Baptist papers. Some readers of my former articles have complained to Mr. Garrett that I am embittered, intolerant and bigoted. These letters are not my statements but the rather intense feelings of others who have taken the trouble to put their thoughts on paper.

Let's start with a man who is still a priest: "Dear Emmett:

"I'm reading People's Padre, and though not quite finished, this has to be jotted down. There are so many things in the book that could be coming from my own pen. I'm a priest . . . Your sentence, 'Fear of hell, fear of family, fear of public, fear of destitution and insecurity,' hit me between the eyes. I have another to add to that litany — Fear of scandalizing the many kids I bullied into a peaceful (or fearful) belief that if they followed me, all would be O. K.

"Emmett, can you bear with me until I give my case? I need help and above all

someone who understands. You have to be it! I'm still under the influence of the 'brain-wash,' but at the same time, so much in love with a wonderful girl. I've pretty well tossed in the Breviary, and am saying mass in 'mortal sin,' but somehow have arrived at the conclusion that God understands my case. It just doesn't fit! My whole set-up is quite the chronological reverse of your leap. I'd toss it all in right now if I could feel and realize the security that you found. But at 40, I'm so immature! So unprepared for a life in the world! Oh, I can teach, but have no degree. Kids love me — the 'young' popular priest! In conclusion, I'm trained for nothing.

"Emmett, I'm taking you completely into my confidence. I can't see how it's possible for me to remain in the priesthood and retain my sanity. Something's gotta give. May I ask you to acknowledge this. Our mail isn't opened here. Help me, Emmett, please if you can. You've been through it. I'm in the middle of it. God bless you for your courage."

In a second letter he added:

"I'm a bit afraid about the steel plant idea. A little too close. Besides, my pastor tipped me off that the Archbishop has private detectives on my heels. God, what a way to live! I feel like an escaped convict every time I leave the house."

His P. S. has a touch:

"Still skimming through People's Padre. I was on for Confessions last night. Enjoyed a few chapters in between penitents."

Emmett McLoughlin, former priest at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Phoenix, Arizona, is now superintendent of Memorial Hospital, Phoenix. He is author of the book, "People's Padre," available through the Baptist Book Store. This series of articles are taken largely from letters received by Mr. McLoughlin. They give an insight into the thinking of many Catholics, and also they serve to illustrate the dangers faced by the growing power of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

Maine Baptists Survive Opposition To Establish Church of Their Own

BOSTON, January 11, 1932 (BP) — William Screven today was ordained by the First Baptist Church here as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kittery, Maine. The church at Kittery has been functioning as a mission of the Boston Church.

Boston Baptists received a letter from the group at Kittery earlier this month in which they declared their intention "to have a gospel church planted here in this place." At the same time they asked the church here to ordain Screven as their pastor.

The letter, signed by Humphrey Churchwood, deacon, added, "We think it meet that our beloved brother, William Screven, who is through free grace gifted and endowed with the spirit of veterans to preach the gospel, be called of us, who are visibly joined to the church. When our beloved brother is ordained . . . our humble petition is that he will be pleased to carry on this good work."

Screven preached a "trial" sermon before the Boston congregation and was duly approved today. His certificate of ordination reads, "Having had trial of his gifts among us, and finding him to be a man whom God hath qualified and furnished with the gifts of his Holy Spirit and grace, enabling him to open and apply the Word . . . we do therefore appoint, approve and encourage him to exercise his gift in the place where he lives, or elsewhere."

Screven has been a resident of Maine for a

decade or longer and is a respected citizen. He has held a number of public offices, having been appointed to the General Assembly from Kittery last year. In spite of his popularity as a citizen and officeholder, Screven's religious convictions are frowned upon, however.

Several years ago he was called before the grand jury to answer the charge of "not frequenting the public meeting according to law on Lord's Days." Court records indicate that he attended worship services in private homes.

Baptists have faced bitter opposition in Maine, as indeed they have throughout New England. Prior to 1677 the province of Maine was largely Episcopalian, but that year the territory was purchased by Massachusetts. The congregational order, which already had made inroads, promptly gained virtually absolute control.

Massachusetts authorities were bent on forcing uniformity of public worship upon Maine residents, and these measures, of course, proved distasteful to the independent Baptists. But because Massachusetts had troubles within her own borders and governors sometimes were tolerant, Baptists have managed to survive and now to establish a church of their own in Maine.

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—17th Century Baptist Press

Christian Boys and Girls

A Devotion By The Editor

"Suffer little children . . . to come unto me."

Jesus was once a boy and trusted God. One of the most revealing statements we have concerning the religious development of the boy Jesus is that He grew in grace with God. His life unfolded to God as the flower unfolds to the sun. All His moral and spiritual powers flourished in the atmosphere of this intimate and vital relationship with the Father of spirits.

You cannot read the story of Jesus in the gospels without the very definite impression that His consciousness of the presence of His Father was the dominant, all powerful, influence in His life.

Jesus never forgot His childhood, nor did He lose the viewpoint of the child. He calls all men back to the child attitude as the condition upon which they may enter the kingdom of God.

Mothers brought their children to Him, and how it gladdened His heart! He saw in this act the hope of the world and the promise of the kingdom of God on earth. This is the most glorious privilege of parenthood, to bring one's own children to Jesus.

Jesus loved boys and girls and welcomed them and blessed them. And blessed fact! the children came to Jesus unafraid, with glad expectant confidence. Don't you love to see a child run to its father or mother unafraid, with gladness and confidence.

Jesus wants the children to be so instructed that they will come to him just as freely, confident, and hopeful. It is a grave mistake to threaten a child that Jesus won't love it if it is not good, or if it does not obey the parent. That will cast a shadow over the child's conception of Jesus. The child may be taught that its disobedience and waywardness will grieve Jesus, but these do not destroy His love for the child.

What can children do to become Christians? They can do what every child is able to do — trust Jesus. Older people must do the same, and they can do no more. When properly instructed, children reach a stage of understanding, which leads to trust, at an early age.

"Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray; and the disciples rebuked them.

"But Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

"And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence" Matthew 18:13-15.

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The Holy Spirit — Or Friends?

By BURTON A. MILEY, *Pastor*
First Church, Springdale

Belief in a divine call to the ministry is essential to spiritual effectiveness and stability. The call should be as definite with equal assurance as an individual experience of grace in salvation. The call will be as varied with individuals as individuals vary in temperament and emotion. The fact of the call is emphasized and not a standard pattern of reception.

Choosing the Place

Where is the God-called preacher to preach? This depends upon whether the call is for pastor, missionary or evangelist. Each must find the will of God for his location, if he is to be successful. The evangelist must decide whether each proffered invitation is from God or the community. Since the work of the evangelist normally embraces more places of work than that of pastor, he is thrown into the fray of decision more often. He can follow one of two plans. He may accept invitations in the order which they come as an indication of the will of God. He may test each invitation for God's leadership to that particular place. The latter appears the better in keeping with divine call. The missionary can't work all over the world. He must choose some location based on opportunity and conviction that the location is of God. The God-called pastor faces the problem of which local church he is to serve. Does God have any lot in placement, or is it in the hand of human decision in face of opportunity? If opportunity is the basis, can it be manipulated to the individual's desire?

The younger preacher usually is faced with more calls than the mature one. It is not un-

usual for two churches to be after the same man at the same time. Opportunity alone is insufficient basis for decision. Happy is the pastor who nestles in the assurance beyond doubt that God led him to the field of work. Problems, which are legion, will be easier handled when there is conviction that God placed the man. This does not apply to problems personally created by the pastor due to human ignorance, weakness and obstinacy. When a church invites a preacher for a "trial" sermon, it can get more than it anticipated. Sometimes it receives a "trying" ministry from a trial sermon. A humble heart and wise head will discern the differences in problems and contritely confess sin with complete submission to the Father's will.

The Holy Spirit leads! This statement is verified from history and personal experience. No record speaks of any dissatisfaction from the Spirit's leadership unless the heart was unwilling to follow. Jonah didn't die with his generation.

The Method

The question of pastoral change and the method of God's man getting before God's church is perennial and sometimes acute. Any pastor can increase his popularity and correspondence by one of two methods. First, resign his church after an acceptable ministry. Secondly, be a neighbor to a pastorless church. Should any man dare to recommend another on friendship, because of pastoral hardships on present field, or by request from the one desiring a move? Many do. They seem to excuse themselves by saying it is up to the church and man to determine

God's will for pastoral relationship. This is ultimately true. But what about throwing confusion into the scene? Can't God work through the introducing one?

Two guiding principles evolve out of the problem. First, do not frustrate the Spirit's leadership and the congregation which sees His leadership by promiscuous recommendations, introductions and suggestions. The Holy Spirit can lead the one who introduces and it is well for him to feel the leadership. Secondly, assume that silence is better and more profitable to the kingdom when there is no definite instruction to speak. To be instrumental in unwittingly creating one problem does not solve another. God has His problems. Men are part of them. God has not run away, neither has He offered to exchange "throne rooms." Few men are so well rounded that they are qualified to be leaders of one congregation indefinitely. God is wise in moving men for both the man and congregation's welfare and balance. Some congregations fall to challenge the best in any man over a long period. Some men would fall short of a challenge to the congregation.

The autonomy of the local church is valid doctrine. However, God's called men should stand ahead of the mass of the church in knowing, practicing and revealing God's will. Can you imagine yourself a layman with utmost confidence in God's men suddenly thrust to leadership of a pulpit committee? Thirty pastors, some known and others unknown, write suggestions and each one varies around a different personality for prospective pastor. Thirty other preachers write that God has "placed it upon their heart" to offer themselves for the office. Sixty men bidding for a job through friends or otherwise. It is remarkable that the Holy Spirit leads as He does in placement of pastors in His Church!

Income Tax Savings For Church Employees

By BRUCE H. PRICE
Newport News, Va.

Whether or not a minister of education, minister of music, and minister of youth, who give full time to a church, may accept use of a parsonage or a rental allowance without reporting it for income tax purposes, is a question which needs an answer.

Recently I talked with a minister of education who told me that the church gives him an amount for rent and an accountant told him to not report it as income. A minister of music related that he lived in one state and a local Internal Revenue office advised him to not report as income the amount designated by the church for his rent, but on moving to another state, a local Internal Revenue office advised him that he should report the rental allowance as income and pay the tax. There is a minister of music living in a home owned by the church who does not report the free rent as income because he has heard it is not taxable.

This led me to write the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., seeking an answer. From the reply signed by Lester W. Utter, Chief, Individual Income Tax Branch, Washington, I quote the closing paragraph: "The questions presented have been under consideration for some time. They involve the interpretation of section 107 of the 1954 Code, an entirely new provision of law, in respect of which there is no precedents. Further, regulations under the section have not yet been issued. The regulations, when issued, may answer your questions but if they do not, you may renew your inquiry."

According to an employee in the Internal

Revenue Service, this means that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has not given an interpretation and until he does issue regulations explaining the part of the 1954 Code dealing with clergymen, no one knows whether a minister of music or a minister of education is considered under the classification of clergyman or not. A parsonage or rental allowance is not reported by a clergyman for income tax purposes.

Because the status of these church employees has not been decided, churches should arrange for the employees to have a rental allowance by designating a part of his salary to provide him a home.

If a designated part of the above mentioned staff members' compensation is for rental allowance, and a favorable interpretation is later published, and he has paid taxes on the allowance, he can file an amended return and recover the taxes. If an unfavorable interpretation is received and he has not paid the taxes on the rental allowance or parsonage used, he will be responsible for back taxes for the previous three years, but no longer because of the statute of limitation.

The purpose of this little article is to encourage churches to designate a part of the salaries as rental allowance so that if a favorable opinion is given on the 1954 Code, the employees will be in a position to take advantage of the income tax saving.

And churches should bear this in mind: If the decision is favorable the employees will be eligible to receive a tax free allowance for utilities used in the home.

How to Get Along With People

Keep skid chains on your tongue; always say less than you think.

Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully no matter what it costs you.

Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging thing to or about somebody.

Be interested in others; interested in their pursuits, their welfare, their homes and families.

Be cheerful. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up. Hide your pains, worries and disappointments under a smile.

Preserve an open mind on all debatable questions. Discuss, but not argue. It is a mark of superior minds to disagree and yet be friendly.

Let your virtues, if you have any, speak for themselves, and refuse to talk of another's vices. Discourage gossip. Make it a rule to say nothing of another unless it is something good.

Be careful of another's feeling. Wit and humor at the other fellow's expense are rarely worth the effort, and may hurt where least expected.

Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Simply live so that nobody will believe them. Disordered nerves and a bad digestion are a common cause of backbiting.

Don't be too anxious about your dues. Do your work, be patient and keep your disposition sweet, forget self, and you will be rewarded.

—Biblical Recorder

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Public usefulness must not injure private piety. Church work must not push family worship into a corner.

—Spurgeon.

Kingdom Progress

Grandview Church Has Groundbreaking



Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Sunday, October 21, at Grandview Church, Carroll County, Asso., for the new educational building. The structure will be approximately 32x64 feet, and will have ten classrooms. It was estimated the cost of construction would be \$8,000. However, with the help of voluntary labor the cost is expected to be lowered to approximately \$6,000.

Pastor Homer Allred was in charge of the ceremonies held during the regular morning service at the church.

Approximately seven years ago the Grandview Church was meeting in a one-room building. This building was torn down and replaced with a larger structure, which con-

tains Sunday school classrooms, auditorium, full-size basement and nursery.

The church has a membership of 175 with an average attendance of 80.

Pastor Allred is beginning his fifth year as pastor. He is a graduate of Ouachita College.

In the photograph above are shown members of the building committee in the foreground. They are C. V. Summers, Ernest Summers, John T. Miller with shovel, Edwin Champlin, Basil Howerton, Ray Standlee, Luck Moody, Pastor Allred, and 85 members of the church are also included in the picture. Doyle Moody, who is not pictured, was also a member of the building committee. He has recently moved to Harrison.

Gaza Missionaries Safe

Since the sealing off of the Gaza strip by Israel, Dr. George W. Sadler, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, has received the following cable from Rev. Finlay M. Graham, missionary in Beirut, Lebanon: "All Gaza personnel safe. Jim Young, Cate, Dwyer still there. John Roper hoping return Gaza tomorrow (November 3)."

Dr. John A. Roper, Jr., took his wife (also an M. D.) and children to Beirut earlier this week; but his plan is to return to Gaza. Mrs. James M. Young and children also came out of Gaza; but Dr. Young has been with the Baptist hospital there all the time.

Miss Carolyn Cate and Miss Anne Dwyer, missionary nurses, have also stayed at their posts during the incident.

"So far as we know all the other representatives of our Board in the Middle East are continuing the work to which they have been addressing themselves," Dr. Sadler said.

Lyon to Mansfield

Clifford B. Lyon has resigned as mission pastor of First Church, Booneville, effective November 7 to accept the pastorate of First Church, Mansfield.

Mr. Lyon served the Southside Mission for two and one-half years. He has also held pastorates in Judsonia and Mineral Springs.

Elma Cobb and Nancy Cooper To Visit South America

Miss Elma Cobb, Stewardship Chairman of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union, and Miss Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer, will leave November 16 for a two month tour of Southern Baptist mission work in South America. Their visit will take them to ten different countries.

During Miss Cooper's absence her responsibilities will be shared by other members of the WMU staff with Mrs. Ed Nelson, office secretary, in charge of correspondence and other office routine.

Arkadelphia, Second, Gets Minister of Music

Dr. Ralph Kirkman, Dean of Students at Ouachita College, has accepted the position of Minister of Music and Education at the Second Church, Arkadelphia. Thomas W. Dove is pastor of this church.

Dr. Kirkman, a native of Illinois, comes to Arkansas from the pastorate at Justin, Texas. He holds the B. A. and M. A. Degrees from Baylor University and has completed residence on his doctorate from North Texas State College, Denton, Texas. He has also studied at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. Kirkman is married, and has two children.

Fairview, Leachville, Enters New Building



Fairview Church, Leachville, entered their new auditorium this year. The building was erected at a cost of \$18,000, and is half paid for. Pastor Guy Whitney reports that the church will increase their Cooperative Program gifts to 9 per cent of their income, and associational missions gifts to 4 per cent. The church raised \$14,446 for all purposes in 1956.

California Convention Elects Fourth Arkansan

Archie L. McDaniel, a former pastor of First Church, Mt. Ida, and later pastor of First Church, Mena, was elected president of The Southern Baptist General Convention of California, at the annual meeting of the organization held in Eureka, California.

A former student of Hardin-Simmons University and Baylor University in Texas, McDaniel went to California from First Church, Mena, in 1951 to become pastor of Harvard-Terrace Baptist Church in Fresno. Since going to the Golden State he has served as a member of the Convention's board of directors and as a member of the board of trustees of Sunny Crest Baptist Children's Home. He has also taken time out to study at Golden Gate Seminary.

McDaniel is the fourth Arkansan to serve as president of the California convention since it was organized by representatives of 13 small churches 16 years ago. The first president was Sam Wilcoxon, long-time pastor of Eastside Church, Paragould. The second president was Isam B. Hodges of Viola, who went to California following his graduation from Southwestern Seminary a quarter of a century ago. The other Arkansan who served as president of the California convention was Robert D. Hughes of Glenwood, a Ouachita College graduate who has for eight years been pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Ventura, Calif.

Floyd Looney, another Arkansan who hails from Mena, has been editor of *The California Southern Baptist* for 12 years.

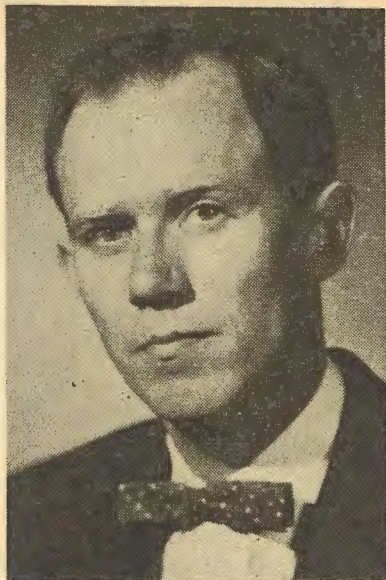
There are 568 churches with a membership of 110,000 in the California Convention.

First Anniversary

Richard S. Brannon celebrated his first anniversary as pastor of First Church, Batesville, Sunday, November 4.

During the past year there have been 80 additions to the church, 24 by baptism. Total church receipts amounted to \$44,591, with \$13,375 going to mission causes.

Minister Ordained



CHARLES BERRY

An ordination service was held at Central Church, Jonesboro, Sunday, October 28. Charles Berry, a former member of Central Church and now pastor of Strawfloor Church, Jonesboro was ordained to the gospel ministry.

C. Z. Holland, pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, delivered the ordination sermon. R. D. Harrington, pastor of the First Church, Nettleton, gave the ordination prayer. R. Wilbur Herring, pastor of Central Church, Jonesboro, presented the ordination certificate and Bible. The charge to the new minister was made by Abba Watkins, pastor of Mount Pisgah Church, and the charge to the church was given by Carl Bunch, missionary for the Mt. Zion Association. Glenn Giles, pastor of the Philadelphia Church, Jonesboro, gave the invocation. Siebert Haley, pastor of Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, gave the recommendation of the examining committee, and R. L. Williams, pastor of the Friendly Hope Church, had the scripture reading and prayer preceding the sermon.

The song service was led by Richard Essman, minister of music, Central Church, Jonesboro. R. Wilbur Herring served as moderator of the presbytery.

Mr. Berry was born and reared near Lake City. He attended the public schools at Lunsford and Lake City. He served two years in military service during World War II, and married Miss Mary Helen Cossey of Lake City. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have two sons, Charles and Jimmy.

Mr. Berry has been actively engaged in the automotive parts business in Jonesboro for several years. At the present time he is enrolled as a student at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, continuing his business in Jonesboro and serving as pastor of the Strawfloor Church.

Connelly to Mississippi

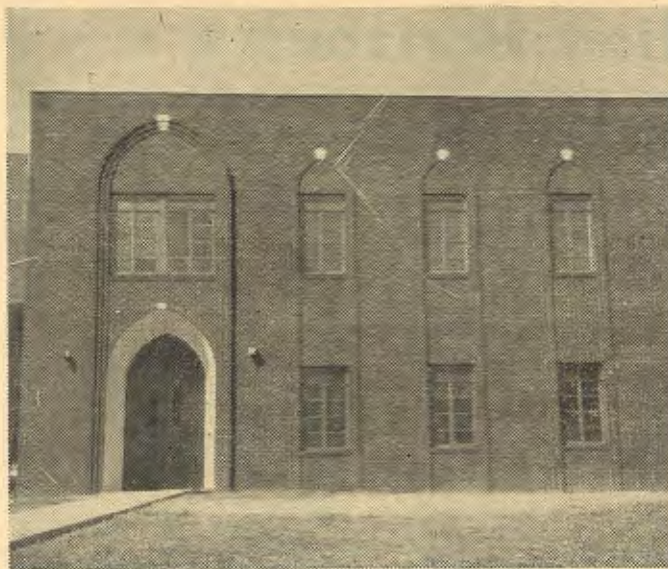
Ed Connelly resigned Hulbert Church, West Memphis, to accept the pastorate of New Prospect Church, Lewisburg, Mississippi.

Mr. Connelly was with the West Memphis church three years. During this time there were 44 additions by baptism; the church was organized from a mission into a church; the Sunday school plant was renovated; and gas heat was installed.

Revival at Rosedale

Rosedale Church received 10 by baptism and 20 by letter into the membership during the revival meeting October 21-28. Jesse Reed,

Lewisville Dedicates New Building



Educational Building

On Sunday, October 7, First Church, Lewisville, dedicated its new educational building, an event which marked the climax of a year of work and growth under the leadership of Pastor Emil Williams.

The new building, measuring 68 by 42 feet, is a two-story structure, and will house the beginner, intermediate, adult departments. This expansion will allow for two additional groups in the nursery, three new intermediate classes, two new adult classes, two junior classes, and one new primary class. Cost of the building is approximately \$47,000, includ-

ing furnishings and central air conditioning and heating.

During September the church started a mission north of Lewisville. The services began with a week's revival led by the pastor, and there are now two services each Sunday with an average attendance of 25.

In the church year just ended, the Lewisville church had a total of 52 additions; Sunday school attendance average increased from 147 to 167, Training Union from 45 to 66; total receipts amounted to \$41,000.

During the past six weeks the Sunday school attendance has averaged over 200.



EMIL WILLIAMS, Pastor

Billy Graham Film Shown In Little Rock November 15-17

The new Billy Graham film, "Fire on the Heather," will be shown at the Robinson Memorial Auditorium, Markham and Broadway, Little Rock, Arkansas, from Thursday November 15 through Saturday, November 17, at 7:45 p. m.

"Fire on the Heather" is the story in beautiful color of Scotland's heroic struggle against tyranny from without and within and will be shown on the Panaramic screen. It climaxes with a demonstration of Scotland's efforts to return to the faith of her fathers as the Billy Graham Crusade in the City of Glasgow is visited for a glimpse of the great crowds in Kelvin Hall, and a sequence featuring Evangelist Billy Graham himself in action.

We would like for you to see this film and to announce the showings to your people, urging them to invite their unchurched friends and neighbors to attend. Publicity material for distribution at your church will be available at the Woodlawn Baptist Church, 600 North Polk, and Winfield Methodist Church, 1601 Louisiana, or by calling MO 6-1413 or FR 5-1266.

Please accept our thanks for your cooperation in this endeavor. Pray that all who see it will be inspired to new Christian living and that many will come to know Christ as the film is shown.

Greater Little Rock

Billy Graham Film Committee

Fred R. Harrison, Chairman

state missionary, was the evangelist and M. A. Turman was in charge of the music. J. C. Myers is pastor.

Ouachita Faculty Members Honored By AEA

Miss Erma Simmons, associate professor of English at Ouachita College, and Miss Fay Holiman, associate professor of humanities, were honored by the Arkansas Education Association for devoting 25 years or more to Arkansas higher education.

Miss Simmons began teaching in Arkansas at Southern State College in 1930 where she taught until 1946. She accepted a position in Ouachita in 1946 and has remained for 10 years.

She holds the master of arts degree from the University of Texas and has worked on advanced degrees at Oxford University in England; a summer at the University of Mexico and two summers at the University of Southern California.

Miss Holiman began teaching at Central College in 1934 and came to the faculty of Ouachita in 1943 where she has remained. She graduated with the bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita in 1925 and received the bachelor of music degree from the Chicago Musical College. She holds the master of arts degree from the University of Texas. In addition, Miss Holiman has studied at Columbia University in 1939 and 1948.

Deacons Ordained

Clifford Herron, Leland Landers, and Gerald Thompson were ordained as deacons by First Church, Little Rock, Wednesday evening, October 31.

Pastor Nolan P. Howington conducted the examination. Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of the State Mission Department, delivered the charge. Dr. B. L. Bridges, executive secretary of the State Convention, offered the ordination prayer.

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By Religious News Service

Miami School Superintendent Asks Recognition of Religion

The superintendent of Dade County public schools said in an interview he will ask the county school board to take action demonstrating that it recognizes the importance of religious training.

The statement by Supt. W. R. Thomas was not connected with a guidebook on the teaching of spiritual and moral principles in schools released by the State Education Dept.

Mr. Thomas said he didn't think public schools should offer religion or Bible courses because they could not be free of some sectarianism.

But, he urged, "the school system could encourage young people to take such courses in their own churches or synagogues. I think the schools could give the young people factual examinations — not sectarian ones — and then grant school credit for the courses."

Graham Addressed Nearly 500,000 In Louisville Crusade

Evangelist Billy Graham concluded a month-long crusade in Louisville with a final service attended by some 38,600 persons.

The huge gathering in the new state fairgrounds stadium brought to nearly half a million the number of people attending the 26 crusade services.

At the conclusion of the last rally, 1,150 persons came forward to make "decisions for Christ," for a grand total of 8,162 such commitments during the campaign.

A spokesman for the Graham team said the Louisville crusade was one of the three most successful four-week drives ever conducted by the evangelist in America.

Businessman to Devote Full Time to Religious Work

A successful business man who didn't have enough time for his Church has sold his business in order to give full time to religious work. He is Charles A. Stuck, partner in the Stuck Brothers Lumber Co., Jonesboro, and lay leader of the North Arkansas Methodist Conference.

The 56-year-old layman will not enter the ministry but will follow his "first love" by strengthening small rural churches. He will especially seek to develop lay speakers and manpower.

As Conference lay leader Mr. Stuck has travelled nearly 50,000 miles and addressed more than 350 meetings during the past three years.

Nuns Get Federal Grant To Aid Bright Students

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare announced a federal grant to Roman Catholic nuns to develop improved counselling procedures to promote learning among bright students who are doing poorly in school subjects.

Sister Mary Viterbo McCarthy, director and chief psychologist of the Regis Child Clinic at Regis College, Weston, Mass., will be in charge of the one-year study for which an allocation of \$1,250 in federal research funds was made. Regis college will contribute an additional \$1,000 to the study.

It is one of seven educational research projects which the federal government will assist in American colleges during 1957.

Reports Clergymen Not Safe Drivers

Clergymen as a group are "not good, safe drivers," M. L. Allison of the accident prevention department of Employers Mutual Casualty Company, Charlotte, N. C., said recently.

"Most clergymen drive like they are going to a fire," he told the North Carolina Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

His topic was "We Forget Our Religion When We Drive."

Predicts Conflicts Between Science, Religion

A young nuclear scientist predicted bitter conflicts "between the scientific interpretation of experimental data and the ethical foundations of religion."

Dr. Robert A. Charpie, assistant director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, said the conflicts will be provoked by science's continual effort to bring greater understanding of the physical mechanism of life and the origin of the universe.

He was the keynote speaker at the seventh annual conference of the Gulf States Region, American Institute of Architects.

"An even more dramatic and perplexing problem involving our religious beliefs will arise from an increased understanding of the chemistry of life's origin," Dr. Charpie declared.

The scientist said he anticipated the creation "in our lifetime" of several forms of life in the test tube.

Probing by scientists, he said, will bring a profound reappraisal of the abstract values of society. He urged the architects to mold for the earth a countenance befitting scientific advances of the nuclear age.

Churches Urged To Sponsor Religiously-Motivated Recreation Programs

Churches should sponsor recreation programs with a religious motivation, a Protestant official told the International Recreation Congress in Philadelphia.

Dr. Marion J. Creeger, executive secretary of the General Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C., addressed a session devoted to church recreation.

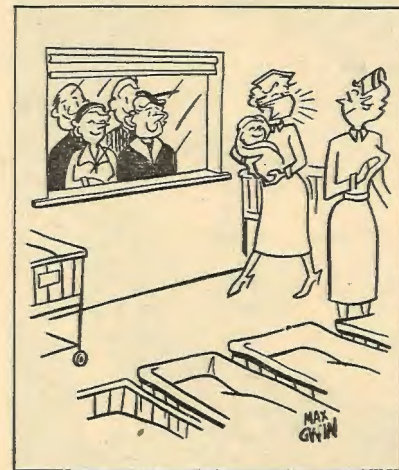
"Churches are inescapably and increasingly concerned about the leisure time opportunities and activities of their people," he said. "They dare not neglect so central and formative a segment of life.

"Recreation can build bridges over the chasms that separate us, and open avenues for new friends and fellowship. There should be no doubt about the propriety of church-sponsored recreation. Through this the church has just that more impact on society. But recreation must needs have religious motivation and not be considered an end in itself."

Church Press Grows In West Germany

There are 492 church publications with a total circulation of 16,906,402 in West Germany, according to the latest press directory published in Berlin. Religious periodicals constitute the second largest group of publications in West Germany. They are surpassed in number only by industrial and trade papers.

A Smile or Two



"I like to hear them rave about its looks changing—show them a different baby every time."

"Madam," remarked the sheriff, "I'm amazed that you had the courage to attack a burglar — and in the dark at that!"

"Oh," replied the woman, a little embarrassed, "I didn't know it was a burglar. I thought it was my husband."

—Capper's Weekly

A well-dressed lady stepped on a elevator in an office building and told the operator she wished to be taken to the 9th floor.

"Whom did you wish to see on that floor?" asked the operator courteously.

Drawing herself up, the woman stared at him and asked, "What business is that of yours?"

"None, Madam," he replied, "but there are only 8 floors in this building."

—Quote

A minister and his wife were discussing two men who were in the news.

"Yes," said the minister, "I knew them both as boys. One was a clever, handsome fellow; the other a steady, hard worker. The clever lad was left behind in the race, but the hard worker, — well, he died and left \$300,000 to his widow. It's a great moral!"

"Yes," replied his wife, with a smile, "it is. I heard this morning that the clever one is going to marry his widow."

Old-fashioned girls learned to cook, to find a way into a man's heart, but modern girls thaw an easier way.

—Vesta M. Kelly

WOMEN—

She looks like a million dollars! How sweet this flattering tribute to woman sounds! But clothed in British parlance, cruel epithet — when she looks like a million pounds.

—Sunshine Magazine

A spry gentleman of ninety-two travelled by air when he went to visit his widely scattered children. On one trip his son met him at the airport and, surprised to see the old man carrying a cane, exclaimed: "Dad, I didn't know you needed a cane now."

"I don't," he said with a sly wink, "but I get more attention from the hostesses this way!"

—Tit Bits, London

Money isn't everything, but enough of it would surely be something.

—D. O. Flynn

News From Baptist Press

Mobile Association Votes For College

Mobile Baptist Association has voted to establish and support a four-year college in the city of Mobile.

Since an appeal to the state to erect a four-year college in Mobile did not get any results, local Baptists have decided to proceed with such a project.

100 acres of choice land has been donated by Jay P. Altmayer, Mobile businessman, upon which the college will be located. This land is in the northwestern section of the city.

The committee on colleges, which was appointed last year, was also appointed trustees of the new school. This committee will eventually become a 17-member board.

There are about 40,000 Baptists in Mobile Association's 70 churches.

A. E. Carpenter, pastor of Central Baptist Church, who was chairman of the special committee, was also elected chairman of the new board. A Jesuit college is the only institution of higher learning in this growing city at present.

Baptists of Alabama have two other colleges, Judson College at Marion, a girls' school, and Howard College at Birmingham, which is coeducational.

WMU Alters Views On Two Offerings

Two annual Southern Baptist Convention mission offerings are now being considered church-wide offerings rather than offerings of the women's organization, the Woman's Missionary Union.

The offerings are the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions.

In practice, many Southern Baptist churches have been observing the offerings for some time as church-wide offerings. Now the Woman's Missionary Union has taken this viewpoint officially.

Previously, according to an editorial in the November issue of Baptist Program, WMU leaders considered these missionary offerings to be primarily promoted by the church-women and given by them.

"From here on it will be promoted by the women and given by everyone," the article reports. The editorial was written by Albert McClellan, Nashville, editor of the magazine.

Several million dollars are collected each year in the two offerings.

A. F. Keirsey Receives Texas Press Recognition

A. F. (Tex) Keirsey, church editor of the Amarillo News-Globe for more than 20 years, will receive the 1956 press award of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Presentation was made Nov. 8 at the annual session of the convention in Corpus Christi. The award is for outstanding service in Christian journalism.

Keirsey, deacon and Sunday school teacher at Trinity Baptist Church, has been with the News-Globe since 1930. He also covers police news and other assignments.

Final enrolment figure for the first semester at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, is 1,547. The figure represents an increase of 31 over last year's first semester enrolment.

Charles Franklin Stapp, 75, a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil for 43 years, died Oct. 26 in Atlanta, Ga., where he had gone on a preaching tour.

Advance Funds Provide \$888,632 to Missions

Through Oct. 31, the advance portion of the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program has provided foreign and home missions with \$888,632.

This compares with advance funds of \$554,373 distributed by the same date a year ago, according to Treasurer Porter Routh.

The \$10 million, 1956 budget for the Convention was reached Oct. 8, which put the denomination's advance program into operation. All Cooperative Program receipts through Dec. 31 go three-fourths to foreign missions, a fourth to home missions.

In October alone, the Foreign Mission Board's share of the advance distribution was \$666,474 and the Home Mission Board's share was \$222,158.

Cooperative Program receipts through Oct. 31 total \$10,888,632, compared with \$9,754,373 the year before — an 11.63 per cent gain.

Designated funds for October were \$131,670 which raised the total so far this year to \$7,478,861, up 17.36 per cent over the previous year.

Cooperative Program receipts for October, 1956, topped the million-dollar mark once more. Receipts were just shy of a million dollars in October, 1955.

Total of both type receipts so far this year was \$18,367,493, up 13.89 per cent. Arkansas provided funds totalling \$37,343 during October. Of this, \$37,234 was through the Cooperative Program and \$109 through designated offerings.

Oregon-Washington Votes \$94,828 Budget For 1957

Members of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington recently approved a Cooperative Program budget of \$94,828 for 1957 at their annual convention session at Klamath Falls.

The 300 persons attending the session re-elected as convention president John R. Canning, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Springfield, Ore.

They also voted to hold their 1957 meeting in Springfield, with Trinity Church as host. Dates set are Oct. 23-24.

R. E. Milam was elected to another term as convention executive secretary with offices in Portland, Ore.

In his address to the convention, Canning described the foundation pattern for a New Testament church. He said such a church must be a teaching church, a training church, a praying church, an evangelistic church, a worshipping church, and a benevolent church.

J. Henry Burnett Funeral, Nov. 5

J. Henry Burnett, 84, former recording secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, died at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 3, in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5 in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Burnett was the Convention's recording secretary for 28 years until he retired in 1946. He was vice-president of the old Tennessee Baptist College in Murfreesboro from 1923 until 1928.

A native of Auburn, Ky., he had been at various times business manager of Glasgow College, Glasgow, Ky., Mercer College, Macon, Ga., and Richmond College, Richmond, Va.

Burnett was for many years a deacon in the Baptist church.

He is survived by Mrs. Burnett, the former Marietta Abbott, and three sons, Oscar W. Burnett, J. Henry Burnett Jr., and Roberts S. Burnett.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

BEATING SCHOOL CHILDREN

Question: Some boys in our school were whipped with a leather strap until the blood was cut out of their backs. They were whipped like animals.

My boy was one of them. The accusation was "playing hookey" although our boy left school to drive another boy to a neighboring town to take a driver's test.

Should we talk to the superintendent about this?

Answer: States ought to have laws against beating children. Where I live it is against the law for a teacher to strike a child, and it works. There are other ways of handling children besides corporal punishment.

However, your son was wrong in leaving school without permission. I would make it plain to him that groups have to operate by laws. Every game, including the game of life, must be played by the rules. And so far as possible I would stand by the school authorities. Children have to learn discipline.

Sure, talk to the superintendent, and the principal. Keep the lines of communication open. Be reasonable and assume that others are. Most of them are.

Teach your son to bear his mistreatment as best he can. Christ was mistreated but he did not get revenge (1 Pet. 2:23).

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Furman Receives Loan For Building Expansion

Furman University has received a loan for \$2,680,000 from the Housing and Home Finance Agency's Community Facilities Administration for use in building three dormitories and a dining hall on the University's new campus near Greenville.

Construction will begin as soon as final plans can be completed and contracts can be let on the project, according to John L. Plyler, Furman president. This should be early in 1957, he said.

The University expects to be able to move all its men students to the new 1,200-acre campus five miles north of Greenville by the fall of 1958. When the new campus is completed, it will have more than 20 major buildings and will offer facilities for considerably more than the University's present enrolment of 1,380 men and women.

American Baptists Approve Fund To Strengthen Education

An \$8½ million campaign to strengthen the higher education program of the American Baptist Convention was tentatively approved by the denomination's newly-organized 56-member National Survey Commission.

Final approval will be sought at the Convention's annual meeting next May in Philadelphia.

The bulk of the proceeds from the campaign — \$5½ million — will be used to expand the work of 56 colleges and seminaries related to the Board of Education and Publication. Overseas schools, colleges and seminaries will receive \$1½ million while missionary training schools in this country will be allocated \$1¼ million.

Atlanta Association Offered Land For College

A 120-acre tract of land has been offered to the Atlanta Association as a site for a proposed Baptist college, announced Monroe Swilley at the 48th annual meeting.

The committee would not disclose the donor nor the location of the land, valued at \$180,000.

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"It is not too much for the preacher to assume that his people are asking of him what King Zedekiah of old asked the prophet Jeremiah, 'Is there any word from the Lord?'"

Those were the words of Dr. James C. Taylor as he delivered the annual Faculty Address November 1, to over 80 students and faculty members at New Orleans Seminary.

A member of the seminary faculty since 1952, Dr. Taylor, professor of homiletics, spoke on "Quality Preaching for Today."

"In order to have quality preaching there must be quality in the preacher," he said, "and the first essential factor for the preacher is a genuine experience of salvation."

Dr. Taylor pointed out that the Bible should not be thought of merely as a book from which the preacher draws texts for sermons Sunday after Sunday, but that it is a guidebook for the preacher's personal life, "a book which he reads and rereads until the sweep and range of its outlook and the genuine power of its insights become ingrained in his very being."

On prayer, he said, "Prayer changes things and if the servant is ever changed from the limited

capacities common to all human beings into a mighty force for God, it will come to pass in a large measure as a result of his prayer life."



I read my Bible daily because . . .

Dr. Taylor went on to say, "Not until the preacher knows his people individually in their sins and regrets, their frustrations and their achievements, their hates and loves, their sorrows and joys, their fears and hopes, can he truly say to them, what Paul said to the Thessalonians, that is, 'Our only object was to help you live lives worthy of the God, who has called you to share in the splendor of his glory.'"

Baptist Radio Ministry Extended Into Far East

Plans to extend the radio ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention into wide areas of the South Pacific and the Far East were projected recently at the biennial meeting of the denomination's 29-member Radio-Television Commission in Fort Worth.

Dr. Gerald Trussell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Warren, Ark., and a member of the Commission was on hand for the two-day session.

Commission Director Paul M. Stevens was authorized to make personal contact with radio stations and government officials as part of a cooperative effort between Southern Baptists' Foreign Mission Board and the Radio-Television Commission. Initial moves will be made early in 1957.

Authorization to purchase and expand the present headquarters building of the Radio-Television Commission was given. The property, located at 6248 Camp Bowie Boulevard, is currently leased.

The second 13-film series for Southern Baptists' television program, "This Is The Answer," is now being produced by Family Films, Inc., in Hollywood. Total cost of the nine 30-minute dramas now in production will be \$225,000. Plans are for the denomination eventually to produce through its radio-television agency 26 films a year. A report by Dr. Vernon Richardson of Baltimore, Md., chairman of the television committee, indicated great demand by television stations for religious films of this type.

Dr. Trussell reports that other

actions and projected plans for the Commission include:

1. an expanded program of workshops to provide radio-television information for more pastors.
2. preparation and distribution of a series of 15-minute devotional messages on film to television stations.
3. investigation of the demand by churches for the International Sunday School lesson on tape for teaching purposes.

PLANS PROGRESS FOR MISSIONS CONGRESS

Baptist Sunday School Board's Student Department staff members Estelle Slater, Doyle Baird, William Hall Preston, Howard Bramlette, David K. Alexander, Jane Ray Bean, and G. Kearnie Keegan, are shown completing plans for the Southern Baptist Student World Missions Congress, Dec. 27-30, 1956, Nashville.

Among featured speakers will be Billy Graham, Theodore F. Adams, Baker James Cauthen, and James L. Sullivan.

You don't have to climb the highest mountain to succeed. Still around are several molehills which haven't yet been scaled. —*Tit-Bits*

I don't think the Lord wants any pompous proclamation of thanks on one Thursday in November as much as He wants a little humble service from us every day in the year.

—*Burton Hillis*
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114 Attend Baptist Camp in Thailand

Ninety-four nationals and 20 Southern Baptist missionaries of Thailand attended a four-day Baptist encampment on the Gulf of Siam. Five languages, Swatow, Mandarin, Cantonese (Chinese dialects), Thai, and English, were spoken; but understanding came through Christian fellowship, a language above the spoken one.

Though it was technically a youth camp, many of the young people brought other members of their families so that there was an age range of from four months to 64 years.

Dr. James D. Belote, missionary to Hong Kong, was camp pastor. Each day's activities included morning watch, Bible study, discussion groups, classes on Baptist doctrine, rest and recreation, vespers, evening worship, and good night prayers.

In the decision services on Wednesday night (Thai and Chinese services were held separately) nine young people surrendered their lives for special work. Many others stood, saying, "I want to

dedicate my life fully to Jesus in whatever vocation I enter."

"These decisions were not lightly made," Jean (Mrs. Bobby L.) Spear, missionary to Thailand, said. "Many knew that when they returned home they would face ridicule and indifference from Buddhist parents and friends."

Training means learning the rules. Experience means learning the exceptions.

—*Indianapolis Times*

FAMILY LIFE

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—*Burton Hillis*
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Student Department Host to International Students During Thanksgiving Holidays

Dr. Paul Geren of Baylor University, and Dr. John Newport of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will be discussion leaders at a retreat for international students sponsored by the Student Department of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, cooperating with the Student Department in Nashville. This will be the first International Student Retreat on a tri-state basis and will be held on the Drury College campus in Springfield, Missouri. The meeting will begin with a Thanksgiving dinner, Thursday evening at six o'clock, and will conclude Saturday noon, November 24.

Dr. Geren was formerly in diplomatic service and is now executive vice president of Baylor University. Dr. Newport is professor of philosophy of religion at Southwestern Seminary. Miss Eunice Parker, who is in charge of international student work in Texas, will be the coordinator of the group and will preside at the retreat.

The retreat is an effort, sponsored by Baptist students, to give international students an experience in Christian fellowship over the Thanksgiving holidays. They will have an opportunity to meet students from many other countries along with a number of American students. The program is designed to give them an opportunity to examine the Christian faith, and an opportunity will be given them to participate in discussion periods.

Dr. Newport's messages will be "Answers to Life's Ultimate Questions: Comparison and Contrast" and "The Significance of Jesus." Dr. Geren will speak on "The Basis of World Brotherhood" and "Justice, Power, and Love."

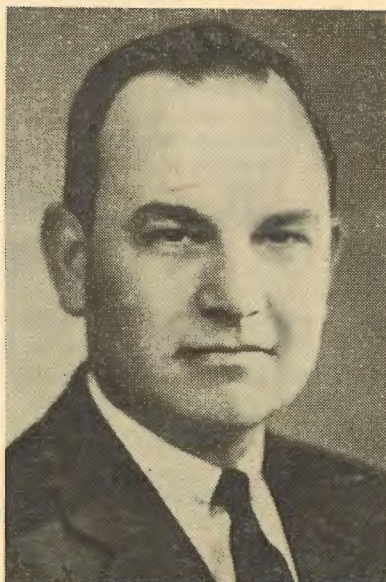
International and American students desiring to go to the retreat are urged to contact their local B.S.U. director or to write the state office. The Women's Missionary Union in some of the campus churches are seeking to help the overseas students attend the retreat.

ANDY HESKETT REPRESENTS CLEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION

Andy Heskett of Ozark represents the Clear Creek Association in the Northwest Arkansas Area Committee drive to secure the remaining \$15,000 for the erection of the Baptist Student Center at the University of Arkansas. Brother Heskett's name was accidentally omitted from a recent account in the *Arkansas Baptist*.

MISS NAOMIA CLIFTON MARRIES

Miss Naomia Clifton, formerly Baptist Student Director at Arkansas A. and M. became the bride of Charles Ripley of Magnolia on October 20. The mar-



DR. PAUL GEREN

riage took place in Mobile, Alabama.

Miss Clifton, a graduate of William Carey College and Carver School of Missions, was for two years director of the Baptist Student Union at Arkansas A. and M. While in college she was selected as a summer missionary to Hawaii.

Mr. Ripley is assistant to the president at First National Bank in Magnolia. A graduate of Arkansas State College, he served as local B.S.U. President on his campus, as well as State President.

Tom J. Logue

Baptist Student Director

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RAs at New Orleans

New Orleans Seminary was host to about 75 boys on November 8, when the annual Royal Ambassador Congress for the New Orleans area was held on the Seminary campus.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Seminary president, was the featured speaker for the Congress and the boys were welcomed by Dr. B. Gray Allison, director of field mission work at the Seminary.

The meeting was the fourth of five such gatherings scheduled prior to the annual Statewide Congress Nov. 17 at Louisiana College, Pineville.

The boys reported on various mission activities and state and dor camps attended during the past year.

Plans for the coming year were outlined by Angus D. Nel, Alexandria, Royal Ambassador secretary for Louisiana; and Fred Forrester, state Brotherhood secretary, presented plans for the work when the Brotherhoods assume responsibility for the Royal Ambassadors in January of 1957.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

By BAKER J. CAUTHEN

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is of major importance in the task of world missions. It focuses attention upon world need through mission study. It harnesses spiritual power through intercessory prayer. It brings gifts to the feet of our Lord which enable the gospel to be shared among millions in spiritual need. It leads to life dedication on the part of many who are able to go personally as missionaries.

It is my hope that the greatest possible emphasis may be placed upon this week and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in every church in the Southern Baptist Convention.

This week of prayer with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering brings to the churches such mis-

sionary vision and compassion that new spirituality is developed and giving is stimulated, resulting in greater support to the Cooperative Program and to all the work of the churches. The Lottie Moon Offering does for the stewardship life of the church exactly what a revival meeting does for its evangelistic spirit. Every phase of the church life is greatly blessed as the Lottie Moon Offering is emphasized.

We are praying the offering this year may carry Southern Baptists to new heights through mission study, prayer, giving and life dedication.

(Note: Arkansas' goal for the Lottie Moon Offering is \$135,000. Remittances covering the offering should be sent to Miss Nancy Cooper, Treasurer, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.)

Woman's Missionary Union Observes the 1956 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions With the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Each of us may well ask, "Am I willing to pay the necessary price of sharing with others everywhere the love of Christ which I myself enjoy?" Most of us would have to bow our heads shamefacedly and admit, "No, Lord, I am not willing."

For our foreign missionaries being willing means leaving homes, loved ones, friends, all of the familiar for the unfamiliar. It means carrying on the Lord's work often without means and materials, often without encouragement. Would that we could match the humility, the consecration, the dedication of our missionaries! Already we have been told that the requests from our foreign mission fields will have to be cut down, perhaps even cut in half. We would not need to be concerned for the outcome of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering if we could be sure that our women observe all of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 3-7.

"Bring to your door the world," is a startling statement, you might say, and yet it can be a true statement for women and young people as they observe this Week of Prayer. How many times have you dreamed of a visit to the mission fields of the Southern Baptist Convention? Perhaps you have dreamed of it often and put away the dream because it seemed so impossible. Well, you can change your dream in a degree only and accept a gift that will be almost as good as your being there. As day follows day during the Week of Prayer, with heart and mind and hands outstretched, you can reach across the seas to the islands of the Pacific, Japan, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, the Holy Land, Africa, Latin America, and bring to your door — the world.

As women meet to study and pray they will find it in their hearts to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Oh, that we might truly show our love and concern for lost people during this 1956 Christmas season! Oh, that we might live up to our high purpose and become missionaries through our greatest Christmas offering! Let us pray that every Woman's Missionary Union will set high goals. Let us join each other daily in prayer.

I am wondering what would really happen if the women of the Southern Baptist Convention would take seriously this coming Week of Prayer and in the meetings pray for peace, pray for our missionaries by name, pray for souls to be saved, pray for our own hearts to be opened to the needs of the world. If we are serious about this matter, we can answer the question uppermost in the hearts and minds of our missionaries about this Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, "Will it be enough?" And the answer can well be, "It will be enough." To build new churches, to enlarge our seminaries, to send new missionaries, and on and on to meet the needs — "it will be enough."

"We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine alone A trust, O Lord, from Thee."

The spirit expressed in the above lines can be reflected in every gift to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this Christmastime.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, President
Woman's Missionary Union

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HAPPINESS—Unhappiness
Unhappiness lies in not knowing what we want and killing ourselves to get it.

—Alabama Baptist

Bible Study For Every Church In The Association

"January Bible Study Week has done more to deepen love for God's Word, increase training in reaching the Advanced Standard, and to unite pastor and people in a common program and principles, than any other activity ever tried at the Cherokee Baptist Church.

"We provide for the Primary, Beginner, and Nursery children in separate activities. We bring the Juniors, Intermediates, Young People and Adults to the auditorium together where the pastor teaches the January Bible Study book. Not only does it lead our people to fall in love more and more with God's blessed Word, but it is the one week in all the year when the pastor has all of his people together to teach them.

"We find that the whole program and all the principles of our church and her plans are in God's Word and can be focused toward the whole congregation at this one week better than at any other time."

This statement was made by Mack R. Douglas, pastor of the Cherokee Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, when asked what contribution the January Bible Study Week had made to his church. January Bible Study Week will make a similar contribution to any church that goes all out to promote it.

Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, has prepared the guidebook which will be used January 7-11, 1957. The title of this book is **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL**. Its sub-title is "A Study of the Letter of the Romans." Here are some suggestions for associational leaders:

1. Find out how many churches in the association are already planning to observe January Bible Study. This may be done by writing a letter and enclosing a post card for the pastor or superintendent of the church to check if the church is or is not planning to observe January Bible Study.

Efforts should be concentrated on those churches that are not so far committed to observing January Bible Study Week.

2. As soon as possible, obtain copies of the guidebook which is being prepared by Dr. Clifton J. Allen and distribute these to each pastor in the association. If there are some pastors who do not want to pay for the book, give them a copy and get the association to pay for their book. This will be some of the finest missionary work in which an association could engage.

3. At the associational meetings for several months prior to January, have testimonies given by the pastors who have observed January Bible Study Week in the past.

4. Contact pastors personally who do not plan to observe Jan-

uary Bible Study Week and seek to lead them to see the many benefits that will come from participation in this Convention-wide activity.

"The January Bible Study in my church has come to be cherished as one of the most significant weeks of the entire calendar year. It brings to the people a sense of spiritual unity as they meet together around the Word of God. This concentrated study provides for the people a spiritual tonic such as they do not receive from any other phase of our program. My people look forward to this glorious week from year to year."

*Paul Aiken, Pastor,
Kirkwood Baptist Church*

"One event on our annual calendar is always anticipated with joy — January Bible Study Week.

"Results are felt throughout the year. Inquiries come about studies in other portions of God's Word. Interest is stimulated toward continuous Bible study. Not the least of the values is that the pastor again is brought face to face with the need of Bible preaching. All in all, one of the most profitable of all weeks at Park Hill Baptist Church is January Bible Study Week."

*R. L. South, Pastor,
Park Hill Church,
North Little Rock*

Let us endeavor to lead every church in every association to observe January Bible Study Week.

E. Stanley Williamson

*Sunday School Department
Edgar Williamson, Secretary*

AWARDS GOAL IN SIGHT

The Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, is optimistic that the goal for awards for this year, 900,000, will be reached by the end of December, according to C. Aubrey Hearn, director of the study course.

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Associational Music Organizations Moving Forward

Fourteen associations were represented in Planning Meetings conducted October 30 through November 2. 100 Music Committee Members and Musicians attended the meetings. Clifford Holcomb of Nashville spoke at the meetings and showed the new music film, "The Heart That Sings."

Now is the time for each association to elect Music Education Members. Twenty-nine associations have sent in the name and address of their Associational Music Director. Only six associations have sent the names and addresses of complete committees. Several more have completed organizations but have not notified the Church Music Department. The six complete organizations are as follows: Ashley — Bartholomew — Buckner — Caddo River — Central and Pulaski County.

SUGGESTIONS:

1. **Complete Organization** and send names, address, positions of committee members to Church Music Department, 312 Baptist Building, Little Rock. By return mail you will receive a copy of the Associational Music Officers Plan Book, and also your committee will be placed on the mailing list of the Associational Music Bulletin, which is full of helps and ideas on how to project the music work in your association.

2. **Call a Meeting of the Music Committee** and outline the Music Education Program for 1957. The State Director will be happy to meet with you to give instructions and make suggestions on an adequate program for your association.

3. **Set the date and place for an Associational School of Music.** Twelve associations have already made plans for eighteen associational or zone music school in 1957. We have some wonderful news concerning teachers for these schools. — Please contact us!

4. **Set the date and place for four Hymn Sings.**

5. **Set the date and place for two Music Education Conferences.** One conference on the theme of Worship and one on Methods and Materials for Graded Choirs. Our Department will be happy to direct Workshops and suggest programs for these conferences.

These are only a few of the possible activities of a Music Education Program in an association. However, if these suggestions are followed an association will be on its way to reaching every church with a music program that will Magnify the Master.

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Children's Page

God's Wondrous World

By RALPH C. COLE

If you could write down everything that trees do for the good of man, you would write for a long, long time.

God has provided trees to help man. The trees are good if they are standing in forests or orchards; they are also used for the good of man after being cut down.

Trees are cut and sent to factories. There they are made into useful things, even our homes. Sometimes they leave the factories in some very different form. Did you know trees are used to make paper, in fact the very paper you are looking at now? The ships which brought Columbus and his sailors to their discovery of America were made of wood. So were the ships that brought the Pilgrims.

We do not think of trees for just what we can make of them after they have been cut. When haven't you reached for an appetizing apple or peach, which of course come from trees?

Have you ever taken a walk through the woods in spring when new green leaves are seen, or in the autumn when they are turning to all shades of yellow, brown, and red and are falling to the ground? You could not escape their beauty.

Many years ago in California, lumbermen were planning to cut down the giant redwood trees which are hundreds of years old



and look like skyscrapers. They spared the trees then because of their beauty. Today you may drive your car through redwood forests. At one place, a hole has been cut in the huge trunk of a tree and you can drive your car through the hole.

Trees are remembered from our Bibles, too. The cedars of Lebanon were used to build the magnificent temple to God in the reign of King Solomon. And the prophet Hosea spoke of the beauty of the olive tree.

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

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Why Jane Liked Her Yellow Dress

By VERA MAY BALDWIN

"I'll still wear my old pink one," Jane told her mother. She put the yellow nylon dress on a chair.

"Well, all right," Mother said. "But Mrs. Day was sure you'd want it. Molly has outgrown it and you can see it's as good as new. Molly thought you'd like it for your Aunt Helen's wedding."

Jane shook her head. "I like my pink one better." She really wanted a brand new dress of her own, but she didn't tell her mother that. The yellow dress was lovely. "But I'm not going to wear Molly's hand-me-down to Aunt Helen's wedding," she told herself.

"Put Molly's dress upstairs in your closet for now then so it won't get soiled. You can take it back to her the first thing in the morning," said Mother.

When Jane came back downstairs her father was home. Her older sister Ruth was there, too. Ruth had her suitcase in her

hand because she had just arrived home from college for the weekend.

"How about coming upstairs with me while I unpack?" Ruth said to Jane.

Jane followed her sister upstairs. It was always fun to have Ruth home.

"Wait until I show you what I'm going to wear to Aunt Helen's wedding," Ruth said when they

were in her bedroom. She opened her suitcase and took out a pale yellow dress.

"How do you like it?" "It's a beautiful dress," Jane told her.

"My roommate let me borrow it."

"You mean it isn't yours?" Jane said.

"No. We sometimes borrow each other's clothes. I let Marie have one of my dresses this weekend so I could wear this. It's just like having a new dress for the wedding."

Jane thought of the pretty yellow dress hanging in her own closet. Maybe it was silly to feel the way she did about wearing Molly's dress. Ruth didn't mind wearing her college friend's dress. And that was only borrowed. Molly was giving Jane the yellow nylon. She could keep it and wear it whenever she liked.

"What are you going to wear?" Ruth asked.

Jane hesitated a minute. Then she said, "I'll show you."

She ran into her room and took the yellow nylon dress off its hangar. When she came back with it, Ruth said, "Oh, aren't you lucky!"

"It is pretty, isn't it?"

"And I'll bet it's new," Ruth said.

"Not really," Jane told her. "My friend Molly gave it to me. It's too small for her. But it's almost new."

"Why, we'll look like twins," Ruth held up her borrowed yellow dress. The two dresses were almost the same shade of yellow.

"Let's go down and show Mother," Jane said.

They walked down the stairs together carrying the dresses.

"Look, Mother," Jane said, holding the yellow nylon in front of her. "And Ruth has a yellow one, too. See, we'll be twins."

Mother smiled. "I'm glad you're going to wear it. You'll both look so nice. And Molly will be happy to know that you're pleased with the dress."

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ALCOHOL EDUCATION WEEK DATE SET

Alcohol Education Week, a project, promoted jointly by the Baptist State Training Union Departments and the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be observed in March next year.

A goal-attendance poster is available from the State Training Union Departments or the Sunday School Board.

Four training course study books for that week have been prepared and will be available in January, 1957. They are: **It's Up to You**, by Dorothy Severance (for Intermediates); **Highway to Health**, by Mary Jane Haley, (for Juniors); **Alcohol and Christian Influence**, by C. Aubrey Hearn, (for Young People); and **Shadow Over America**, by John D. Freeman, (for Adults).



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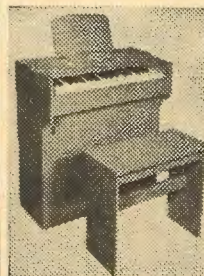
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Evangelism — Not Optional, But Obligatory

EVANGELISM! Evangelism means proclaiming the GOOD NEWS of free, full, and complete salvation for all lost men. God's provision, through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, for saving lost men, is the best news since the creation of man.

Doubtless, every pastor and every church in Arkansas would profess to believe, wholeheartedly, in evangelism with no reservation. All would agree that evangelism is God's great "First" for His Churches.

Believing as we do in the final, absolute authority of the New Testament, we must accept the fact that evangelism is not optional but obligatory.

Individual Christians, and churches collectively, cannot fail to win souls to Christ continuously without being disobedient to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. Such disobedience is wicked in God's sight and courts the disfavor of God upon those who are guilty.

Our churches have closed another year in evangelism endeavor. The reports of baptisms by churches, indicate the results in soul-winning for the year. While we are grateful for every soul that has been won to Christ and baptized the past year, we deeply regret that there has been a decrease in the number won and baptized in '56 compared with the '55 record. As these lines are being written, there are five associations from which we have no final report, but it is doubtful if these will bring the totals in baptisms anything near to equal the number reported in '55.

Must we fear that our belief in the primacy of evangelism is just a mental acceptance of truth? When deep, pungent convictions grip the heart and conscience of individuals, they will translate into actions and deeds those convictions. Must we admit that our love for Christ and our compassion for souls have grown cold? A fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit, which is available, will warm our cold hearts. We have more churches and more members than we did a year ago. We have the same divine resources that have always been available, and yet there is a decrease in baptisms.

Hezekiah laments, "This is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children are come to birth, and there is not strength to bring forth." Isaiah 37.3.

Arkansas Baptists are faced with an unprecedented challenge to evangelize the lost of this state. Must we only fold our hands and

woefully admit our lack of spiritual strength to bring to birth? "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." Isaiah 65:8. If, in this hour of crisis, we prove impotent, must we not ascribe it to deadly sins which sap our strength, namely:

1. **Prayerlessness and lack of travail.** This is a sin which saps our strength and makes us impotent to "bring to birth".

2. **We have left our "First love".** In the letter to the church at Ephesus, Christ made the complaint that, "Thou hast left thy first love." This condition prevails almost universally in our churches today. That church was admonished, "Repent and do the first works." The sin of leaving our first love has sapped the spiritual strength and vitality of our people to bring sinners to spiritual birth.

3. **Carnality.** Here is another wicked sin that saps spiritual strength. This was the charge which Paul, the Apostle, makes of the Corinthian church. He says, "For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among you in envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" This is evidence of carnality, and it is all too prevalent in our churches today. Wherever it prevails, spirituality and evangelism are weak. Carnality always saps the strength needed to bring children to birth. Complete consecration and dedication of life to God, is the remedy for this.

4. **Abounding iniquity and waning love.** Jesus said, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matt. 24. 12. Here again is another thing that saps our spiritual strength. We are convinced that abounding iniquity, both within our churches and without, accounts for coldness that has chilled spiritual fervor and prevented our having larger victories in soul-winning evangelism.

We have a God-given and God-approved program of Evangelism. It is a program which gets results. We must pursue it with all diligence.

Nineteen hundred and fifty-seven is another year! May we embrace it as a God-given opportunity to improve our record the past year.

Let every association make COMMITMENT NOW to conduct a Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade next year with every church participating.

We must all PRAY, PREACH, WORK, and WITNESS to win more souls to Christ than we have ever won in a single year.

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The Beatitudes

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

November 18, 1956

Matthew 5:1-12

Six great passages from the Old Testament have been studied. They rightly ended with Micah's statement of what God would like for man to be and do. The transition is made with this lesson and seven great passages from the New Testament are up for study. Three of these are direct teachings from Jesus. The others lift the Christian life in assurance and victory.

The Beatitudes begin the series. They are dual in that they suggest responsibility and speak a promise. Both the responsibility and promise have to do with Kingdom matters. They are the opening verses of what is commonly known as the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes reveal that righteousness as demanded by Jesus is more than the mere sum of his commandments. Righteousness is beautiful in that it is a total attitude of mind, a particular kind of character and produces an attractive spirit. Men and women who are to reach the intent of the Beatitudes are yet imperfect, but they are converted. Their interests and desires are definitely in the light of the Kingdom of God. The Beatitudes group themselves into four divisions.

The first three deal with the spirit of man. The next has to do with his hungers. Five, six and seven show the state of man, while the last two deal with his position in the world. These Beatitudes are really family affairs. They are the Father's teachings to His children for family propriety.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

The "blessed" with which each Beatitude begins means happiness in its highest form. It is happiness identified with true character. This is God's type of happiness. Man can only attain this through identification with God. The Beatitudes set forth the how of this relation. It comes by a particular spirit which possesses man and is shown in his expressive acts.

"Poor in spirit" is in direct contrast to the "proud of heart." There is only one step from riches to pride. This pride is false because it takes away the spirit of dependency which is faith's foundation. A rich man is likely to ignore God and man. Consider the prosperous farmer who conversed with his soul in pride saying, "Soul, take thy ease. Thou hast much goods." The poor in spirit are those that are truthfully humble to the point that they bring God into every phase of life. Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Poverty as such bears no blessing. Dependency upon God because of a recognized need does give blessing. "Mourning" definitely has to do with the spirit. One in mourning is sensitive at

the point of his grief or disturbance. A Christian is sensitive to the sins within his life, to the sins within his neighbors' life and to whatever is against God. Therefore, the one who is so sensitive to pull everything into sharp focus of God is the one that will be truly comforted in life. Is most of one's mourning after hurtful and grief-provoking incidents in personal life or because God's work is in the fray and fares not well?

"Meek" implies that which is small and retiring. Actually it is the work which represents strength, vitality, vigorousness as opposed to aggressiveness and blustering insolence. Moses was a meek man. It does not stand that he was retiring or fearful to place his face in the light of criticism or leadership. Rather it meant that he had full dependence upon God. His heart was removed from rebellion. He found satisfaction of spirit in a higher way and order. His will given to the will of God caused him to be meek in front of a greater force. The meek have the blessing to inherit the earth.

Notice that each promise is substantiated from the spirit possessed; the poor in spirit because of dependence. Those who have sensitiveness to the affairs of God shall truly be comforted and the meek shall inherit the earth. This can mean the earth as it is now or the restored earth as it will be in Messianic fulfilment.

THE DESIRE

The terms "hunger" and "Thirst" are two of the strongest expressions used to describe physical appetite. Possibly the man of the desert is in better position to understand the force of these two words than any other. Neither hunger nor thirst in the Beatitudes apply to physical appetites or material needs. They apply to righteousness desired and sought by the individual. These hungers and thirsts bespeak a fulfilment. Not every hunger is satisfied by the attainment of its desire. Some hungers are no more than satiation instead of satisfaction. In other words the hunger when fed breeds a fiercer hunger than before. Consider the dope fiend or the alcoholic. A man who hungers and thirsts after true righteousness will have satisfaction from his filling. The contribution righteousness makes is uplifting and permanent.

THE STATE OF THE CHRISTIAN

Most Christians have moods of mercy, purity and peace. The true

Christian lives in the state of these blessings. The Christian is made happy because of mercy that lives within his heart, the purity which he has, and the peace that he obtains and can pass to others. "Merciful" is "to lay hands on" when suffering abounds. It is the tempering of all suffering to the point that one recognizes love as a part of the native expression of life. To be merciful is not to be in a particular mood but to adopt a way of life. Pure in heart is just what the Hebrews meant it. Heart is used for all life. The mind is included and is focused upon God with singleness of purpose. The heart "holds" God. He is regularly there. It is his residence. Life makes its decisions with God's presence. Purity is righteousness with God that a man can have when he is bound to do God's will.

Peace makers are the ones rewarded by being called the children of God. Only God can make peace. This peace is the result of God's entrance into life whereby reconciliation is established between the individual and God. This individual becomes an ambassador for a like peace to others. It is the manifestations of the love of God. It abstains from any provocation. It moves with gentleness. It pleads love. Peacemaking is a preventive task. It cures disease and does not salve symptoms alone. The fundamental work of man is to speak God's reconciliation to other men. Blessed is the man that is so busied.

THE POSITION

A Christian is made and left on the battlefield for a season. Any battlefield is one of hardships. The ordinary hardships are not to be counted as persecutions. Persecution is that railing against one because he is aligned with Good. Others do not like him. The group who thinks drinking is smart has little use for those who do not drink. The gambling set does not look with favor upon those who do not gamble. Certain persecution is for righteousness' sake. It comes to anyone who aligns himself with God. Happy is the man who endures.



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Kingdom Progress

The work of Baptists is a challenge to a Christian's life.

In a day of dilution, denaturing and flare for the "short-cut," Baptists have learned that there is no "zip-along" easy-going way of getting the job done for the Lord. Therefore, long-range planning, and hard work, with much prayer, go into every phase of our Baptist life.

Church Finance Program

For two years some of us (about 150 from throughout Southern Baptist territory) have been going to Nashville, Tennessee to plan a program of finance for Kingdom work. After much discussion, pro and con, after many additions and after just about as many delegates, a final draft of the plan "The Church Finance Program of Southern Baptists" was made. This plan was recommended adopted at the Southern Baptist Convention, in Kansas City, this year. Then, in June, at a meeting of the Promotion Committee, it was agreed that two test campaigns would be conducted this fall. These campaigns have been held in Phoenix, Arizona and Jackson, Mississippi.

Historic Campaign

We, left Little Rock, Monday, October 22, to attend the test, or pivotal, campaign on the new Finance Plan, in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Porter Routh, Dr. Merrill Moore, Dr. Albert McClellan and Dr. Robert Hastings, from Nashville, conducted the campaign. Ten churches in the Jackson area participated in the program, and the results were most gratifying.

The ten churches taking part, pretty well, covered the type churches which make up our Convention. First Church, Jackson, with a membership of 5,000 and with a proposed budget of approximately \$400,000 provided a good opportunity for us to see how the plan would work in a large church. A rural church, Salem, with a small membership and a small budget, gave us an opportunity to observe the Church Finance Plan at work among our rural people.

All of the results of the campaign have not been tabulated. But we are sure that, at long last, Southern Baptists have a plan which will become a uniform system of fund raising and church budget promotion. Because of that certainty, we believe that the Jackson campaign was a history making affair.

We are planning 16 regional clinics on this program in our state during the week of January 28-February 1. Watch for the dates and attend the meeting nearest you.

Another Historic Meeting

The Southern Baptists of Michigan are looking forward, with eager anticipation, to the time when they will become a State Convention. It was our privilege to attend one of their fellowship, and planning, meetings in Pontiac, Michigan, November 2-3. The meeting was held in the Columbia Avenue Church with a good representation from the Southern Baptist Churches of Michigan.

The presiding officer for the historic affair was Rev. A. H. Mullins. The program was designed for fellowship and information.

Dr. S. F. Dowis, Secretary of Cooperative Missions of the Home Mission Board, discussed the problems of new State Conventions.

Dr. J. P. Edmunds, Secretary of the Survey, Statistics and Information Department of the Sunday School Board, spoke on keeping good records, etc.

Dr. Lee Gallman, Director of Seminary Extension, spoke on Christian Education.

Dr. A. B. Cash, Secretary of Pioneer Missions of the Home Mission Board, discussed the importance of fellowship and working together.

Dr. Stanley Williamson, Secretary of Cooperative Field Promotion of the Sunday School Board, spoke on Associational Sunday School Work.

On Friday we led a discussion on the Aims and Purposes of a New Convention. We also brought the closing message on Saturday, as we spoke on "Baptist Working Through the Cooperative Program."

Another Campaign

We had the privilege of working in a "week-end" stewardship campaign October 26-28, with the Mt. Zion Association. Rev. Carl Bunch, the splendid associational missionary for Mt. Zion Association, enlisted 25 churches for the campaign, with 24 of them participating in the whole program. Each church had four services, Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night, with a stewardship emphasis, which means, that the churches in the association promoted 100 stewardship services and the people heard 100 sermons on Bible stewardship.

It was our privilege to speak Friday night and Saturday night in the First Baptist Church, Nettleton, where Rev. R. D. Harrington is pastor. The Baptists in Nettleton, under the fine leadership of Brother Harrington, have erected a new church auditorium. They have expanded their organizations and have a fine cooperative spirit.

On Sunday morning and Sunday night, we preached in the Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro. The Fisher Street Congregation, under the fine leadership of Brother Seibert Haley, has completely renovated the church building. They are now ready to enlarge their organizations and go after the people for Christ.

We are anxious to know the results of the week-end stewardship campaign, because this type of promotion could be the right step in helping our churches reach their maximum in stewardship. At least we are grateful to Brother Bunch, the missionary, and the pastors for giving us the opportunity to participate in such a campaign. — R. D.

Walcott Increases Its Mission Gifts

Many of the smaller churches start their fiscal year October 1. The church at Walcott has voted to give 21 per cent of its receipts for the Cooperative Program for the coming year. This is noteworthy for a small church. Churches giving 10 per cent or less can get a blessing out of studying this larger per cent that the Walcott Church is giving for missions. Clinton Moses is the progressive pastor of this historic church. — B. L. B.

Atomic Power or Civil Use

During the recent presidential campaign, both Mr. Stevenson and President Eisenhower had much to say about atomic bomb tests. Mr. Stevenson argued that it was wrong to explode test bombs. Mr. Eisenhower said that it is essential to explode test bombs if we are to maintain our present position in the atomic race for international superiority. The pro and cons on the subject were aired out on radio and depicted in television programs. But instead of arguing about whether or not we should explode atom bombs, or not explode atom bombs, they should have been discussing their views and their plans to harness the atom for civilization's welfare. Atomic energy is the greatest scientific discovery, yet, made by man. Therefore, we cannot believe that its greatest use is that of destroying lives.

Our modern, complex, civilization requires an enormous amount of power to keep the cogs of industry turning; the wheels of transportation whirling; the stock-piles of produce rolling and the airplanes of commerce flying. In the future these requirements will best be met with atomic power. For instance, a piece of uranium about the size of a golf ball when sent through the fission reaction can deliver (10,000,000) ten million kilowatt-hours of electricity or (13,000,000) thirteen million horsepower-hours. The same piece of uranium would operate a 150 horsepower automobile for approximately 4,000 days or about 10 years of continuous running. To put it another way, one pound of uranium, the size of a golf ball, is the equivalent of two and one-half million pounds of coal or one-third of a million gallons of gasoline.

An average sized atomic bomb could provide enough electricity to supply the needs of a city, like Chicago, for about eight or nine days. One average bomb has enough uranium to provide the entire state of Arkansas with (200,000,000) two-hundred million kilowatt-hours, which, we imagine, would supply our electric needs for about one month.

We do not know how many bombs have been made and we do not know how many have been exploded. We are more concerned with harnessing all of this power for the betterment of humanity and not for the destruction of all civilization.

Now that another election is over, and we have selected our leaders, to guide the ship of state, let us pray that they will start thinking in terms of building a better world instead of arguing about better plans and methods of blowing the world to bits.—R. D.

West Helena, Second, Increases 100%

Pastor Paul Pearson of the Second Baptist Church, West Helena, writes that they have increased their Cooperative Program gifts from \$15 to \$30 per month. This is a 100 per cent increase. We are happy to have this information, but we expected nothing less under the fine leadership of Paul Pearson. — B. L. B.