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—H. Armstrong Roberts

*"Suffer little children . . . to come unto me."
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As The Editor Sees It

Retaliation

A suit has been filed to oust four public school teachers from the Lindrith, New Mexico public school system on the grounds that they are teaching protestant religious doctrines. District Judge David W. Carmody of Santa Fe, New Mexico, has ordered the teachers to cease the practice of teaching protestant religious doctrines, pending final hearing on the suit filed by two members of the District School Board. If these teachers are actually teaching protestant religious doctrines, they should be at least restrained from such practice or barred from the schools.

Last year, more than a hundred Catholic nuns and other Catholic religious teachers were barred from teaching in the New Mexico schools. However, Editor Lewis A. Myers, of the Baptist New Mexican claims that this suit against protestant teachers is retaliation. He declares that the suit, on investigation, is proven to be "motivated by prejudice" and that the "allegations against the four teachers" are false. The teachers involved are: Louis J. Cooper, principal of the Lindrith school; Ethel Cooper, his wife; Theron Anderson and Lucille Weaver.

We quote Dr. Myers: "In their allegation they swore that attendance was compulsory upon weekly assemblies at the school at which sectarian prayers were said. This is to be categorically denied. The school has not had weekly assemblies, neither has the day been opened with prayers. In their allegations they named 18 texts and programs published by the Presbyterian and Baptist churches—used in teaching sectarianism at Lindrith. This is likewise to be categorically denied. The 18 pieces of literature named included a Beginner story book published by the Sunday School Board several years ago and was one booklet in a package of pamphlets recently pulled out of a corner of the school building. It seems that the Presbyterians used the school facilities to hold services several years ago when their own building was not available. The box of religious printed matter was inadvertently left in the building, its discovery being fastened upon by the repudiated board members. Here we have an 'anything to win' attitude as dishonorable as hades and as treacherous as satan."

Belief in Hell

David C. Lamb, 83 year old Salvation Army Commissioner, is reported as stating at the Salvation Army Citadel in New Castle on Tyne, England, that "People must be made to believe in hell and the devil before there will be any hope of world peace." We think the Commissioner has something. The widespread effort in our day to eliminate hell and the devil from the human consciousness is but an effort to salve a guilty conscience. People think that they can enjoy their sins more if they can rule out the possibility of hell and the devil. However, it requires only a casual observation of the many little devils we may see every day to confirm the existence of the big devil whose existence is taught in the Bible; and there is apparent in human life and society unrelieved torments which may well confirm our belief in hell even if there were no other evidence. It seems that a great many people are determined not to believe in hell until they get there.

Strike Settled After Prayer

A five-month-old strike by the workers at the Masonite pulpwood plant at Laurel, Mississippi, which paralyzed the economic life of the city, was brought to an end following a community prayer service to ask divine guidance in the situation. The striking workers voted 747 to 588 to return to work. The Lauderdale-Ellisville Ministerial Association sponsored the community prayer service which was attended by officials of the company and striking employees.

We believe that it would be to the best interest of all concerned if management and labor not only conferred together but prayed together over their problems and differences. We believe that in their conferences and in their prayers the general public should have a large place in their consideration. It is Johnny Q. Public who suffers most from these industrial tie-ups.

Every dispute between management and labor is a triangle affair. Management or business constitutes one angle, labor a second angle, and the public a third. Too often the disputes between management and labor are considered to be two parallel lines which can never meet. That is the cause for the great difficulties in settling these disputes.

Let us hope that there will be more praying in an effort to settle the labor-management problems of the country.

Evangelists for 1950 Crusade

Many of our pastors are already considering the problem of engaging acceptable evangelists for the simultaneous revival scheduled for 1950. The probability is that many pastors will find it necessary to conduct their own revivals. Director Alfred Carpenter, Chaplains Commission, under the Home Mission Board, offers a suggestion which may materially help to solve this problem. Dr. Carpenter says, "Our chaplains will make a worthy contribution to the 1950 Simultaneous Crusade. Some outstanding chaplains in evangelistic leadership are within your state or in your area, and are available. We will be wise to consider their services and utilize their potentialities. They have abilities and special aptitudes in reaching young men and the G. I.

"The Chaplains Commission is available to assist state forces and local churches in contacting evangelistic chaplains."

We commend this possibility to our pastors and churches.

Goal of 1,000,000

Texas Baptists have set their Sunday School enrolment goal at one million, to be reached by 1951 and whatever Texas Baptists set out to accomplish, they usually complete. Texas is a big state. It has big wealth. It has big men, with big ideas and big souls. It has big churches with big programs. Therefore, when Texas Baptists set a goal of one million Sunday School enrolment, it would not be the part of wisdom to question their ability to reach that goal. We rejoice in the success of our neighbors in Texas. Their great programs and their great achievements encourage all of us to undertake greater things.

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And "where is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24).

The Common People

A Devotion by the Editor

"And the common people heard Him gladly."

In the popular mind there are three classes of people more or less distinct from each other. The line of demarcation may not at all times be sharp, but the distinctive differences are quite pronounced in the extreme cases.

There is a group of people known as the upper class, those persons who by some possession, attainment, or achievement are lifted in the popular mind, above the average level of human life.

There is another group of people who are known as the lower class. These are those who lives fall below the average in some one or more particulars. Poverty may be the rule by which one is classified in this group or downright triflingness and lack of any ambition or incentive may positionize in the lower class. Low ideals and unworthy aims set one off as belonging to the lower class. Criminality is the extreme from which this class takes.

That great group of people between these two extremes is known as the middle class or the common people. They are sometimes called the masses. That, in fact, would be the more accurate translation of this scripture—the great crowd, the huge multitude, the masses heard Him gladly.

Generally speaking, the first group, the upper class, becomes famous. Their position, or their deeds, or their sayings keep them in the public eye and consciousness. Their names become household words, and often they become idols of the hero-worshiping youth.

The second or lower class generally become notorious. And we have the slums, the ne'er-do-wells, the prisons, and so on.

It is that great middle class, the common people, the masses, that you seldom hear about. Both the other classes make the headlines and are kept prominent in public thought. But the public itself, made up of the masses of people, is forgotten. It is this group that becomes the happy-hunting-ground of both the other classes, being exploited by the one and becoming a prey to the other.

However, all the artificial or human distinctions that separate people into different classes are obliterated in the presence of the cross. "The ground is level at Calvary."

And yet, "the common people" provide a more perfect norm of human experience, human struggle, and human longing for the words of Jesus to take hold of.

"And the common people heard Him gladly." Mark 12:37.

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From the Editor's Desk

Greatest Incentive to Tithing

Dr. David M. Gardner, editor of the "Baptist Standard" of Texas, quotes from a letter received from a layman, L. Flynn, of Tyler, Texas:

"The greatest incentive to tithing is a local church budget on at least a 50-50 basis. I believe the testimony of pastors of churches whose budgets provide for 50 per cent or more to the Cooperative Program, will bear out in this. They are the busiest and happiest pastors I know and never complain of sacrificial service and dying for a program like that."

World-Wide Program

We thoroughly agree with this layman. Appeals for a local church program, which would reduce mission and benevolent contributions to a minimum would soon reach the saturation point and the people would begin to resist further pressure for increasing their contributions. However, if the appeals are based upon a worldwide program of missions and evangelism, Baptists will respond in ever increasing contributions to the whole church and denominational program. Several years ago there was a pastor in West Kentucky who said that every time he made a strong appeal for missions the church raised his salary. He came to the point where he hesitated to make a missionary appeal lest the church would again increase his salary.

We doubt if there is a single case in the history of Christian missions where an increase in contributions to missions hurt the local church program. An outstanding example in our own state is the \$50,000 contribution of the First Baptist Church of Little Rock to foreign missions early this year. The local church program of the First Baptist church, Little Rock, was never supported more loyally and generously than it has been supported since that great missionary offering was made. If every Baptist church in Arkansas would prayerfully and determinedly plan to bring their church budget to a 50-50 division at the earliest possible moment, it would stimulate each church as nothing else could do and would enliven the local church program itself.

Don't Stop Where You Begin

Those whose horizons reach the farthest are most intensely interested in the immediate goals before them. If you find a person whose interest in the local church program is restricted, you will find that that same person has very little interest in the extensive denominational program. The broader the vision, the greater the interest in all phases of church and denominational work. Only those who are interested in carrying out the whole commission of Jesus are vitally interested in promoting the program of the local church.

Jesus gave his disciples instructions to witness to Him in Jerusalem where they were. At the same breath, He told them to go

into Judaea, the surrounding territory. The same sentence directs them to go into Samaria, the neighboring area, but He did not stop there. The sentence closes with the instruction to go "unto the uttermost part of the earth." Jesus did not mean to instruct His disciples to evangelize all of Jerusalem before they went into the surrounding area of Judaea, nor to wait until they had evangelized Judaea before they went into Samaria. Nor were they to linger in Samaria until they had preached the gospel to everyone before they went to the uttermost part of the earth. It is all one program.

Begin witnessing for Christ where you are, and do not stop until you reach the uttermost part of the earth. The program of Southern Baptists is laid out on just that plan that Jesus gave His disciples, and provides a method by which every individual Baptist may have a part in his local church program, in his associational state programs, in the program throughout the southland, and to the nations of the world through the Foreign Mission Board.

The churches that are so absorbed in their local church programs that they exhaust their resources before making a worthy contribution to the more extensive program of the denomination are not following the instructions of Jesus and are not serving their own best interests and are not providing their members with the opportunities for full participation in the program designed by Southern Baptists to carry out our Lord's commission.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

Reports from all over the State indicate that the meetings of the associations are all on a very high plane and that the representatives from the churches are entering into the denominational program with enthusiasm and zeal.

This spirit manifested in the meetings of the associations is most heartening. We believe that the spirit of co-operation will grow throughout the State and that our Baptist people will find in our Cooperative Program the supreme opportunity for expressing their own missionary and evangelist impulses.

The associations are the basic denominational co-operative organizations among Baptists. The association is the closest denominational organization to the churches themselves, and therefore provides for the fullest and freest expression of Baptist co-operative life.

In fact, all other denominational organizations are patterned after the district association. The State Conventions are essentially large district associations. The organization is the same, the functions are practically the same, only they cover a wider area; and the programs are practically the same.

Missionary Volunteers

Why are not more of our young people volunteering for foreign mission work? That is a question that is being asked throughout our Southern Baptist territory. The lack of foreign mission volunteers to meet the present day demands is giving our foreign mission board and other interested persons considerable concern.

Missionary Consciousness

We believe that a primary reason for the failure of large numbers of our young people surrendering their lives to foreign mission service is a lack of a powerful current of foreign mission consciousness in our churches. Foreign mission emphasis is given in special programs, special sermons, and at times in our religious life. This foreign mission emphasis, therefore, becomes a special interest which takes on the nature of an incidental interest instead of a primary and basic interest among our people. During the last appearance of Jesus after his resurrection and just before His ascension, He announced to His disciples that they should be "witnesses" unto Him. Witnessing was to become the mission of His followers. That mission was to cover the earth and no particular area was to take precedence over any other area. When the disciples remained in Jerusalem without making any effort to carry the gospel beyond Jerusalem and its environs, God allowed persecution to drive them forth from this restricted area and they went "everywhere" preaching the gospel.

It is well enough to say that the home base must be kept strong, but it becomes tragic when our resources, our energies, our thoughts, our planning, and our vision are exhausted on the home base. The missionary consciousness in the local church should become so dominant that it would find expression in the prayers in the pulpit, in the pew, in the Sunday School class, in the prayer meeting, and in all gatherings of the membership of the church.

Missionary Prayers

We are raising this question: How often have you heard foreign missions mentioned in the prayers even in the pulpit, or in the prayer meeting service, or in the Sunday School class and other gatherings that were not special missionary programs? So long as we confine our foreign mission emphasis to special foreign mission programs, the church life will not be impregnated with the foreign mission consciousness and impulse.

Since the foreign mission emphasis is not dominant in the whole program of the local church, we cannot expect the consciousness of our young people to be filled with the missionary commission of our Lord. The special missionary programs may be compared to the surface waves which are whipped up by the winds that may be blowing at the time but as soon as the wind ceases, the waves also cease. What we need is a powerful current that flows through our local church life and program whether any special program is on or not, whether any particular wind is blowing or not. If that current were strong enough in our churches there would be no lack of missionary volunteers.

Kingdom Progress

Letter From Missionary

Patrick D. Sullivan, recently returned to missionary service in South America, writes:

"We are on the west bank of the Amazon River just one mile north of the Equator. There are two Baptists here in the Capital and one teaching school in the interior. There is no church here, not even a place to begin holding services. We are the first Baptist Missionaries to set foot in this state. As far as we can learn there has never been a Baptist sermon preached here. The Government is very liberal and democratic. In a private audience with the Governor last Monday he told me that we would have complete liberty and freedom of action to preach the gospel and establish our Baptist work here. He concluded the interview by saying, 'If I can do anything for you, let me know.'

"Gold and manganese are being mined about one hundred miles west of here. New people are coming in here on every plane and boat. It is impossible for us to rent a house. We are living in one little room in the only hotel here. Whole families live in one or two rooms. We rejoice in the privilege that is ours to pioneer for Christ in this most Northern State in Brazil.

"Thank you so much for the **Arkansas Baptist.**"

Yours in His service,

Patrick D. Sullivan

The Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky, will observe its Centennial, October 9 to 12. The Walnut Street Church has made a great contribution to denominational life among Southern Baptists and has had a great ministry in the city of Louisville. The present pastor is Dr. W. R. Pettigrew. Thomas B. Chaney, assistant pastor, went from Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, to the Walnut Street Church more than a year ago.

Oaklawn Church, Texarkana, has employed Kay Mansell of Fort Smith as educational director. Mr. Mansell is a student in Ouachita and will spend each weekend in Texarkana.

Pastor A. L. McDaniel of First Church, Mena, assisted Board Camp Church and Pastor C. H. Moore in a recent revival meeting which resulted in twenty-two additions to the church, sixteen of which were for baptism.

A Vacation Bible School was conducted in connection with the revival, having an average attendance of sixty-one. The church is planning a full time church program.

Pastor H. O. Malone of First Church, Lake Village, reports a successful revival at the the mission across the lake. The revival continued for two weeks, closing on Friday, September 16. There were thirty-eight persons baptized into the fellowship of the church, and twenty-two were received by letter and statement. Nelson Tull, state brotherhood secretary, spent two and one-half days with Pastor Malone doing personal work.

Mr. Malone reports 102 baptisms since October 1, 1948.

The new auditorium of the Mount Ida church is now completed. This work includes new floors, woodwork in natural finish, textured walls, and carpet. New kitchen furniture has been provided and the dining room equipped to serve 135 people in family style.

On Wednesday evening September 14, the church gave Pastor D. B. Bledsoe and family a "pounding." Only a few months ago, the deacons and other men of the church and community made a down payment on a new Chevrolet car for the pastor. Pastor Bledsoe says, "The people are so fine and appreciative and willing to follow in the Lord's work."

Last July, Mrs. Martha Whittington Allen painted a baptismal scene for the baptistry and presented it to the Mount Ida church in memory of her grandparents, the late J. W. Hulsey and Mrs. Hulsey. Mr. Hulsey was pastor of the Mount Ida church for more than 30 years, and "laid a permanent foundation for the growth of the church."

Pastor Arlie McDaniel and the First Church, Mena, had the services of Evangelist Bob Randall of 2820 Oaklawn, Dallas, Texas, in a youth revival, August 28 to September 11. Assisting Evangelist Randall were Revis McGrew of Kentucky, who had charge of the music and Wayne Philpott of Baylor University, who directed the youth activities, the visitation program, and the fellowship meetings. There were thirty-one additions to the church by baptism and fifteen by letter. Among those who joined the church were twenty adults, eleven men and nine women. Two young persons surrendered to special Christian service and another surrendered to the ministry.

Pastor McDaniel says, "Evangelist Randall is an outstanding musician and one of the sanest and most fervent young preachers I have ever heard. I would recommend him unreservedly for any type of evangelistic meeting."

Evangelist Bob Randall is the son of C. L. Randall, who was once a state missionary in Arkansas and is now in the Memphis Baptist Hospital suffering from leukemia.

Pastoral Changes

Russell Clubb has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Osceola, to accept the pastorate of the First Church, West Memphis.

Lawrence Ferriell has resigned the pastorate of the Kelso Church.

J. W. Evans comes to Arkansas from New Mexico to assume the pastorate of the Parks Church, Buckner Association.

W. J. Nance has accepted the pastorates of Cauthron and Cedar Creek Churches in Buckner Association.

L. A. Thompson has resigned as pastor of the Magazine Church.

Missionary Ottis Denney, who recently resigned as associational missionary in Newton County, has been engaged as associational missionary by the Central Association, and is now residing in Malvern.

L. A. Perry of Grange, has been called to the pastorates of Yellville and New Hope in White River Association.

L. D. Watkins has been extended a call to become the pastor of the newly organized church at Gassville.

No More Annual Calls

All the churches in the White River Association have extended indefinite calls to the pastors instead of the annual calls, and Associational Missionary, Claude Crigler, beginning his sixth year, has been extended an indefinite call to the position by the association. Recent additions to the pastorate among the churches of the association are L. D. Watkins of Walnut Ridge has been called for full time by the Gassville Church and the church has provided a pastor's home. L. A. Perry of Grange has been called for half time each at Yellville and New Hope. These two brethren, together with Eldred Watkins of Barnesville, Ohio, are associated with Missionary Crigler in mission revivals at Blooming Grove and Crispen during the summer.

Pastor J. T. Elliff of First Church, Fordyce, has been busy during the summer and fall not only on his own field, but in revival meetings with other churches. Pastor Elliff was with the First Church, Heavener, Oklahoma, June 27 to July 3, which resulted in twenty-eight additions to the church. He was with Pastor Boyd Ellidridge at the First Church of Tyrone, July 30 through August 14. There were thirty additions to the church by baptism, and ten by letter.

Pastor Ernest Anderson reports a successful revival at the El Paso Church, August 2 to September 9. There were sixteen additions to the church by baptism and six by letter. Gerald Rowe of Golconda, Illinois, was the visiting evangelist. Pastor Anderson says, "This was a good meeting in many ways. It touched the hearts of the people of the whole town."

Pastor C. H. Moore has recently had successful revivals in the Board Camp Church, August 8 to 21, and the Gillham Church, August 22 to 31. These are half time churches of which Mr. Moore is pastor. In the Board Camp Church he had the services of Pastor A. L. McDaniel of the First Church, Mena. There were eighteen received into the church by baptism, and three by letter. Dean Newberry Jr., of Dallas Avenue Church, Mena, assisted Pastor Moore in the revival in the Gillham church. There were fifteen additions to the church by baptism, and sixteen by letter. Following the revival, the Board Camp Church voted unanimously to promote a full time program, and extended a call to C. H. Moore to become their pastor.

Pastor Bob Edwards, a Ouachita student and the Toltec Church of Caroline had the services of Norman Fresley of Texas in evangelistic services recently.

There were twenty-eight received into the church membership by baptism, and twelve by letter.

The First Baptist Church of Manila recently held a week's revival at Beauchamp Corner, and plans were made to establish a permanent mission at this point. Pastor Guy D. Magee reports that the Manila Church has just installed a \$2,700 Chrysler "Airtemp" heating plant. A group of the Summer Field Workers spent the week of August 13 to 19 in a training school at the Manila Church which resulted in 85 persons receiving awards.

First Church, Parkin, and Pastor Ray Y. Langeley dedicated the new parsonage and church organ on Sunday, September 11. Selbert H. Haley of Walnut Ridge, former pastor of the Parkin Church, delivered the dedicatory sermon.

First Church, Sylvan Hills, North Little Rock, and Pastor E. S. Ridgeway had the services of Evangelist Joe Shaver, recently of Fort Worth, Texas, in revival services from September 4 to 18. Miss Ruth Ryburn, music director of the church, and a student at Central College, was in charge of the music. There were fourteen additions to the church by baptism, five by letter, two by statement, and four persons dedicated their lives to special service in the local church. Pastor Ridgeway says, "Mr. Shaver went right into the hearts of the people; his personal contacts and preaching had one purpose, that of bringing people to Christ and into the church. He is wholly unselfish and I heartily recommend him to any church of any size who is in need of an evangelist."

A shouting revival was experienced by the Altheimer Church September 11 to 18. Pastor J. B. Glover had the assistance of Pastor Paul Fox of the Immanuel Church of Pine Bluff. There were thirty-two additions to the church by baptism, ten by letter, and one by statement. Pastor Glover came to the Altheimer Church in February of this year. The church has worshiped in an old building which was not well suited to the needs of a church. A building program was soon started, and has now been completed. The new building has a seating capacity of 225. There is a small debt of only \$3,000 on this new building. The entire church program has taken on new life and has been inspired in all phases of church activity.

Pastor Wesley A. Lindsey of Second Church, Monticello, writes that "at the direction of our executive board," he is reporting on an investigation of the claims of one George J. Barth that he was an ordained Baptist preacher. Those making the investigation were unable to find any official record of the ordination of Mr. Barth to the Baptist ministry and the sources of information given by Mr. Barth were either non-committal or progressed to have no knowledge of him.

Pine Grove Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association, reports progress since Pastor Harold Presley came to the church in February, 1948. There have been 105 additions to the church, 89 additions in this associational year. M. O. Kelly has been employed as choir director. A bus is run every Sunday morning to pick up members and bring them to church. The Sunday School and Training Union attendance has doubled during these nineteen months.

Visiting pastors and evangelists from New York to Texas and intermediate points will occupy Baptist pulpits in twenty-nine churches in the District of Columbia Convention simultaneous Revival, September 25 to October 9. The churches will have two full weeks of preaching.

Donald Valentine, of Bates Church, and a senior in Waldron High School, was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the Bates Church Sunday, September 4.

Ottis Denney conducted the examination, and Herman Highfill preached the ordination sermon.

Donald began preaching at the early age of thirteen, and for the past five years has attended the "Preacher's Short Course" of Oklahoma Baptist University during the summer months.

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Pay your poll tax—on or before October 1.

Good Example



PATSY AND JACK STARLING

Patsy and Jack Starling, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Starling, of the Fairview Church, Delight, Arkansas, have set a record in Sunday School attendance which should challenge other young people to emulate their example. Patsy has a perfect attendance record for two years, and Jack has a perfect attendance record for four years. Ted Mallory is pastor of the Fairview Church, Mrs. Exie Pressley is Patsy's teacher.

The Concord Associational Training Union Rally was held Thursday evening, September 8, in First Church, Paris, with an attendance of four hundred. North Side Church, Fort Smith, won the attendance banner, and South Side Church, Fort Smith, won the mileage banner. Don Hook was the host pastor.

First Church, Hope, is laying the foundation on the first unit of their proposed \$175,000 church plant, which is the auditorium. When that is completed, a chapel will be built where the present auditorium stands. The third unit planned is an educational building between the auditorium and chapel. S. A. Whitlow is the pastor.

Pastor Reese S. Howard of the Central Church, Jonesboro, was in revival services the week of September 11 with Pastor A. F. Muncy and the First Church of Wilson. There were twenty-five additions to the church by baptism, nine by letter. Pastor Howard reports that the Wilson church "expects soon to build a new church building."

First Church, Jonesboro, C. Z. Holland pastor, has begun construction of an educational building to be a two story brick structure, costing \$70,000, adjoining the auditorium.

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Modern Tower of Babel

By Carl McIntire

Published by Christian Beacon Press

This book deals with the attack of the World Council of Churches on the capitalistic system and the issues between the World Council and the International Council of Christian Churches.

Baptist Hour Choir

By DR. S. F. LOWE

John D. Hoffman, Atlanta voice teacher, will direct the Baptist Hour Choir, which will be heard on the Year-Round Baptist Hour, beginning October 2, over 132 ABC radio stations. Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Baptist Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention announced today.

The choir is composed of 18 voices, especially trained for the singing of sacred music and hymns. Every member of the choir is a qualified soloist, and solos will be a featured part of the religious music, in addition to group renditions.

Mr. Frank Willingham, well-known Atlanta musician, will be the organist for the network program, which will bring the Word of God to an estimated 60,000 people from coast to coast. Mr. Willingham is also the organist for the Baptist Tabernacle in Atlanta.

A voice instructor with studios in Atlanta, Mr. Hoffman has a wide background of musical knowledge and experience in choir direction. For twelve years he was connected with musical direction for the Evangelistic Department of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He taught voice at the University of Georgia for six years, and was on the music staff in charge of the Glee Club of The Atlanta Division of the University of Georgia for twelve years. Mr. Hoffman is director of the Atlanta Civic Opera Company, proceeds of which are devoted to charity.

"It is with prayer and joyous hearts that we enter this great undertaking which will bring the True Gospel to so many millions." Dr. Lowe said, in making the announcement, "We are delighted to have this fine choir and able director working with us in this glorious venture for our Lord."

Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, will be the preacher on the Baptist Hour during October, November and December. The subject of Dr. Lee's sermon on the opening program, October 2, will be "Sin and the Sinner's Saviour."

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Guest Christians

A guest Christian is one who waits until all the work has been done and then steps in to enjoy the blessings of that labor. He receives while others give. Others may serve the Lord with gladness; others may pay the bills to keep the church functioning; others may sacrifice to worship each week; but they congratulate themselves on getting by without exertion of any kind. They are guests enjoying the fruits and labors of others. People who depend on the church for the religious and moral instructions of their children should support the church both by their presence and means. Otherwise they become guests, enjoying what others provide, but failing to help in any way. Guest Christians only attend church on special occasions and contribute only when special services are rendered. The rest of the time they receive the benefits of the church without giving to its support in any way. "Follow me" calls for active discipleship, but, alas, many want the blessings without paying the price. Our Lord Jesus Christ calls for workers, not guests.

—The Watchman-Examiner

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"A friend is a jewel," said a girl, "that shines brightest in the darkness of misfortune."

*** Christian Horizons ***

"Grass Root" Areas Are Invaded: Texas Baptists, in launching their program for 1950, are seeking to reach the masses of the people in eighty-one regional conferences. It is reported that 16,000 people attended these various meetings.

"This," says Dr. J. Howard Williams, Executive Secretary, "is a remarkable tribute to the loyalty of our people since many of them were on vacation and scores of pastors were away in revival meetings. More than 1,500 churches were represented. In addition to the information and inspiration coming to those in attendance, it was suggested that a committee on budget promotion function in each association to reproduce the meetings in many churches and in any and all other ways possible, aid the churches of the association in putting on a stewardship campaign to develop the individual Christian, strengthen the churches, and release added resources for world evangelization."

Missouri Synod Adopts Record Budget: A record-breaking \$4,250,000 budget has been adopted for the coming year by the Fiscal Conference of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod here. The figure, \$250,000 over the current budget, will require a synod-wide stewardship campaign.

Foreign missions will receive \$650,000 of the total budget, part of which will go toward purchasing land and buildings in Japan, India, and the Philippines.

Adoption of the unprecedented budget came after some delegates voiced fear of a coming depression. Others insisted that the American economy is sound and that retrenchment is out of place in view of the missionary opportunities available to the denomination at home and abroad.

Oldest Illinois Protestant Church to Mark 140 Years—Bethel Baptist Church, located two miles from this Southwestern Illinois community, the oldest Protestant church still being used in Illinois, will celebrate its 140th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 25.

The church is an off-shoot of another Baptist congregation formed in 1806 during the trek westward along the Oregon trail. The deed to the church property was given in a land patent by President John Quincy Adams.

James Lemon Sr. and Baptist followers came to this area in 1787 and held their first religious service in a grove which is now the site of the city of Belleville, Ill. In 1796 they organized the New Design Baptist church, first Protestant congregation in Illinois.

The group split on July 8, 1809 when Lemon arose in church and denounced slavery. The difference of opinion of church members was sharp on the issue and within two months Lemon and his friends withdrew and formed the Bethel church under the title of "Baptized Church of Christ Friends to Humanity."

Lemon's group adopted a constitution which stated: "We deny communion and union with all persons holding the doctrine of perpetual involuntary hereditary slavery."

2,000 Protestant Missionaries to Stay in China: Some fifty Protestant missionaries are expected to leave Shanghai on the steamer Gordon which has been commissioned to

evacuate foreign residents from Communist-occupied Shanghai. Remaining behind are some 2,000 Protestant missionaries. Roughly half of these are Americans, and the others are of British or other European nationality. The Gordon is expected to sail late this month or early in October.

According to missionary officials here, most of those leaving are doing so for "normal reasons." Some are retiring or going home on furlough or sick leave, while others are departing because of family responsibilities.

"Only a few are leaving because they feel it is impossible to do effective work in China under present conditions," the officials said, adding that "this is contrary to the prevalent belief among the missionaries."

The officials said the general opinion among the missionaries is that, despite difficulties experienced here and there, their work can continue.

Denominations Provide 26,279 DP Assurances: Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations in this country have provided a grand total of 26,279 assurances, enabling about 60,000 displaced persons to enter the U. S., according to an announcement here by Church World Service, interdenominational relief agency.

The assurances given by the denominations bind them to resettle a specific number of DP families. The denominations also pledge to provide job and home assurances for the refugees by next June 1.

—Religious News Service

In the World of Religion: The United Nations World reports that Yugoslavia will release Roman Catholic Cardinal Stepinac from prison if Communist Dictator Tito first receives a much-needed American loan.

The United Nations has prepared a free twelve-minute film strip dramatizing the universal declaration on human rights for use in churches.

The 1,694,024 members of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, gave \$51,399,482 for all causes during 1948, \$44.87 for each adult church member. The Lutherans also report 92,487 students attended the 1,231 parochial schools maintained by the group.

The entire Bible is being written by hand at the Chicago Railroad Fair. Each person visiting is asked to write one verse. The old Testament has already been completed.

The fourth annual meeting of the National Sunday School Association will be held at Oakland, California, October 10-13.

The tenth annual conference on Science, Religion, and Philosophy came to a close in New York with the scholars confessing that they had "been overwhelmed by the erudition of their colleagues, and staggered by the length and language of the prepared papers."

Dr. Brock Chisholm, director general of the World Health Organization, told a peace gathering near Geneva that "mankind can be wiped out by seven ounces of a known biologic, spread widely enough. He estimated that the next war would kill as many as 90 per cent of the world's people.

Many religious groups will observe October 2 as World Communion Sunday.

—The Survey Bulletin

A Smile or Two

"Where have you been the last three hours?" demanded the minister's wife.

"I met Mrs. Black on the street and asked how her married daughter was getting along. She sighed the weary pastor, "so she told me."

—Biblical Recorder

Little Patty's doll needed a new dress so she went to a nearby store, where she purchased some red calico. Upon receiving her merchandise she inquired the cost. The sales man, chuckling, replied, "Just a kiss."

Patty picked up her package in a business like way and said, "Granny will pay you next time she comes to town."

I hear they're starting a new campaign against malaria."

"Goodness! What have the Malarians done now?"

—Copied

Professor: "Give me an example of wasted energy, John."

John: "Yes, sir. It's telling a hair-raising story to a bald-headed man."

—Baptist Student

Mrs. Jones was spending a day in bed with a severe cough, and her husband was working in the back yard hammering nails into some boards. Presently a neighbor came over to the yard. "How's your wife?" he asked.

"Not very well," said Jones.

"Is that her coughin'?"

"No," replied Jones. "It's a chicken house."

—Watchman Examiner

Farmer: "And this is the cider press Ma'am."

City Visitor: "How interesting. And when do you run off the next edition?"

—Watchman Examiner

Whifflebotham: "A month ago my wife left without any reason."

Tyndale: "I felt sure someone had left you without it."

—Exchange

Mary Ellen's little friends, in planning a picnic, left her out. At the last minute they relented and invited her, after all.

"Hurry dear," urged her mother. "Wash your face and slip on a clean dress while I fix your picnic lunch."

Mary Ellen shook her head. "It's no use Mother," she explained. "I've already prayed for rain."

—Baptist Observer

A four-year-old son was being scolded for allowing a two-year-old girl to bite him on the cheek. "It's your fault, son," reprimanded his mother. "After all, she's little and you have to bend over for her to bite you. Why didn't you take your face away?"

Jimmy's lips quivered and his eyes filled up, "But mommy," he whimpered, "I thought she was going to kiss me."

—Quote

Six-year old Jane was trying to monopolize the conversation while there were guests present. Finally, her mother turned to her and inquired, "Dear, why do you talk so much?"

Replied Jane, "Because I don't know any big words and I have to use lots and lots of little ones to make up for it!"

—Exchange

Foreign Mission Advance



Are you God's good Steward?

God's Hurry, by Duke K. McCall, will help you know the meaning of stewardship and your responsibility as a steward of God in today's world. Be sure to get it from your book store and study it during your stewardship week preceding the budget-making season in your church.

The advance of God's Kingdom depends on the stewardship of the people.

European Seminary

The Baptist Theological Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland, opened its first session with an inauguration and dedication program September 4 and 5.

Presented on the program were Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn and Dr. W. O. Lewis of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. Johannes Norgaard of the Baptist Seminary in Denmark; Reverend E. Pfister of the Salem Baptist Church in Zurich, president of the Baptist Convention of German-speaking Switzerland; Dr. Jesse D. Franks of the Southern Baptist Relief Committee; Dr. Edwin A. Bell of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and Dr. George W. Sadler of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The first session began with a capacity enrollment of twenty-five students, who came from ten countries: Germany, France, United States, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Italy. The five seminary teachers are of four different nationalities: English, American, Swiss and Hungarian. All instruction is given in English.

The four-year course of study includes subjects designed to prepare students for the Christian ministry. In addition, a preparatory department is provided in the seminary for those students who have not completed their general education.

Members of the seminary faculty are: Dr. Arthur B. Crabtree, Dr. John Allen Moore, Dr. John D. W. Watts, Dr. Claus Meister, and Dr. Alexander Haraszti. Members of the staff are: Dr. Sadler, president; Dr. Franks, administration secretary and chairman of public relations; Miss Hedy Scherrer, dietitian and house mother; and Miss Eunice Parker, president's secretary.

New Missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Garrett of Georgia were appointed missionaries to Latin America,

and Mr. and Mrs. James Avery Clarke of Mississippi were approved as contract workers for Nigeria at the September meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

Through oversight, our list of April appointees failed to include Reverend and Mrs. Marion D. Oates, who are now in language school at Medellin, Colombia, preparing for work in Chile.

Hawaii

Missionary Victor Koon, pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu, was elected field secretary of the Hawaiian Baptist Mission at the September 8 meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

Secretary M. Theron Rankin, who returned from the Hawaiian Islands on September 5, recommended the election of a field secretary after a two weeks' survey of the mission work there. Although the Hawaiian work has been, for convenience, classified as a part of the Orient area, its administration has been handled by the executive secretary of the Board during the residence of Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Secretary for the Orient, in China.

Unusually rapid expansion of Baptist work in the Islands makes necessary a representative there to act for the Board. Mr. Koon's missionary status will remain unchanged, although his new duties will make it necessary for him to resign his pastoral work.

Southern Baptists have 37 missionaries in Hawaii, most of them under appointment only a few years. There are seven regularly organized churches with 1,242 members, 24 Sunday schools with 2,500 pupils; 16 outstations; 38 young people's organizations with about 900 members. Work was begun there in 1940.

A new Hawaiian Baptist academy is opening this fall. The building for the academy and many of the new church buildings on the Islands have been made possible by funds given by Woman's Missionary Union of the South.

Missionary John Lake

Dr. John Lake, founder of the leper colony on Tai Kam Island, off the coast of South China, died August 28 at Kansas City, Missouri. Born in South Carolina in 1870, he was appointed missionary for South China in 1903 and served there until his retirement in 1939. He had preached in every state in the United States and in about thirty other countries.

The leper colony was established in the early 1920's. Work was disrupted by the late war, but has been re-established under the direction of Missionary Rex Ray. John Lake, Incorporated, an American organization, raised for the colony an endowment fund of \$81,356.56, which is being held in trust by the Foreign Mission Board. The property includes twelve dormitories, the hospital, administration building, church and chapel.

Dr. and Mrs. Joshua Yeung, a young Chinese couple, were recently secured for the colony. It will be under their care when Dr. and Mrs. Ray leave for furlough within the next few months.

Missionary Rebecca Logan

Mrs. R. M. Logan, emeritus missionary who served in Argentina from 1897 until her retirement in 1936, died August 22 at Bristol, Virginia, where she made her home.

Natives of Ireland, she and her husband had served with the Christian Missionary

Alliance until, preferring to work on a denominational rather than an inter-denominational basis, they were appointed by the Southern Baptist Board in 1909. They were converted, and at the same time surrendered their lives for foreign mission service, under the preaching of a missionary-hearted evangelist who held a revival meeting in Londonderry, Ireland, during their youth. Mr. Logan died in 1935.

Mission Conference

Total registration for the Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest this summer was 944, one of the largest in its history. This number includes the young men's and writers' groups which met at the same time and whose programs were arranged to include the principal addresses on the Foreign Mission program.

Centered on the Advance Program, the conference presented each regional area through addresses, conferences, visual features, and personal contacts with missionaries and nationals. Missionary education methods were studied in workshop groups. The Sermon on the Mount was studied in the daily Bible study period.

Serving as a picture window through which the whole world comes to view, the Foreign Missions Conference is increasingly interesting today when the world is becoming one big neighborhood.

The Volksdeutsche

The Relief Committee appropriated \$25,000 to be spent among the Volksdeutsche in Germany. Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Europe, reports: "There are about 1,500,000 of these in Germany. They are persons of teutonic extraction who were exelled from such adopted countries as Poland, Romania, Hungary and Yugoslavia. Their plight is pathetic. About 15,000 of them are Baptists or Baptist-related."

Chapel in Salzburg

A Baptist Chapel has been erected at Salzburg, Austria, through funds provided by Southern Baptists through their relief representative in Europe, Dr. Jesse D. Franks.

The Baptist church in Salzburg started four years ago with five members. Today there are about two-hundred members. Before the new chapel, they worshiped in a borrowed hall.

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You Are Important

In the midst of your darkest day stop long enough to remind yourself that you are important. Any man who has been created in the image of God is never useless. You may not have found the work for which you are best fitted. You may not see how your life is contributing much to the world's welfare. But one eternal fact remains—you are important. You have been granted a gift from heaven which no human power can duplicate—a personality. You have been endowed for two worlds—this one and the one to come.

Not Responsible

In view of an appeal for special gifts recently made by Harley Smith of Porto Alegre, Brazil, we think it advisable to state that Mr. Smith is not connected with the Foreign Mission Board and that we have no responsibility for the appeal that he is making.

M. T. RANKIN.

Dr. Campbell Resigns Pastorate of First Baptist Church, Little Rock

By The Editor

It was a time of deep spiritual emotion at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, Sunday, September 18, when Dr. R. C. Campbell's resignation as pastor of the church was read. The word "regret" received major emphasis both in the resignation and in the acceptance by the church.

Perhaps no church has accepted the resignation of its pastor with a greater degree of regret, or with a greater degree of love and appreciation for their pastor. An indication of the appreciation of the church for Dr. and Mrs. Campbell and his ministry with the church is their action in releasing Dr. Campbell from all responsibilities and duties immediately, so that he might have complete rest. The church also voted to pay his moving expenses to Shelby, North Carolina, and elected him Pastor Emeritus.

Dr. Campbell, on his part, expresses himself in these words: "While we are filled with regrets that we must resign and leave you and this work, and Little Rock, and Arkansas, the future is bright and radiant with hope and the promises of God. If health permits, we will go on in service for Him until the parting of the ways.

"As a church, you are in good condition. The Lord has a good man for you somewhere. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit you will find him. You will unite prayers, hearts, hands, and efforts with Him in making this a greater and greater church."

It was upon the advice of his physicians that he should get from under the heavy load of pastoral responsibilities that Dr. Campbell resigned. While at the same time "they (his physicians) assure me that I can be active in writing, in evangelistic, denominational, and supply work—work in which I will be free to do or not do, as my physical condition may indicate, and as opportunities open."

Being freed from the heavy responsibilities of a large pastorate, Dr. Campbell will be able to render an even wider service in denominational work, in evangelistic meetings, and by writing. Being widely known among Southern Baptists, it is expected that he will be called upon for these services both to the denomination and to the churches in the years ahead.

Dr. Campbell has published a dozen books which have reached a total of more than 50,000 copies. These books are widely read, some of them having been translated into more than one foreign language. He has also published a booklet, "God's Financial Plan," which has had the phenomenal circulation of 290,000. Other books will be coming from the pen of Dr. Campbell in the future.

Dr. Campbell came to the pastorate of the First Church here from the pastorate of the First Church of Columbia, South Carolina, in February, 1947. During his pastorate of almost three years, there has been a total of 856 additions to the church membership, 413 of these coming on profession of faith.

Total receipts of the church during the pastorate of Dr. Campbell is \$351,382.92. Gifts to the Cooperative program have increased from \$15,000 in 1947 to \$30,000 in 1949. The *Arkansas Baptist* is sent into every home of the church membership.

In February of this year the unprecedented offering of \$50,000 was given to foreign missions by the Little Rock Church.

The First Church of Little Rock stands second in the number of baptisms in the state in 1948. It is first in its gifts to the Cooperative Program.

The pastorate of Dr. Campbell at First

Church here has been fruitful, not only in the visible results of increased contributions to the denominational program, and the more than 800 additions to the church membership, and the expanded church program; but his pastorate has been rich in the intangible and often unobserved values of spiritual experiences, enriched Christian fellowship, and broadened spiritual visions of those to whom he has ministered.

The pastoral relationship provides the opportunity for the richest value both in personal and group fellowship. The pastorate of Dr. Campbell in the First Church brought these spiritual values to their maximum.

Dr. Campbell has had a fruitful ministry in the pastorate, having served as pastor of three churches in North Carolina—Canton, Hickory, and Scott Land Neck; two pastorates in Texas—Belton and Lubbock; one in South Carolina—First Church, Columbia; and one in Arkansas, First Church, Little Rock. Between Dr. Campbell's pastorates in Texas and his pastorate in Columbia, South Carolina, he served for several years as Executive Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Texas.

Dr. Campbell is a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and the chairman of the Board of Directors of Central College, and is chairman of the committee on boards of the State Convention. He is also a member of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, a member of the special committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to make recommendations concerning establishment of two new seminaries in the south. At the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City, Dr. Campbell was chosen to preach the annual convention sermon in 1950, when the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Chicago in May.

Dr. and Mrs. Campbell will make their home in Shelby, North Carolina. Their address will be 541 Sumter Street.

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Who Am I?

I am more deadly than the screaming shell from the howitzer. I run without killing. I tear down homes, break hearts and wreck lives. I travel on the wings of the wind. No innocence is strong enough to intimidate me, purity pure enough to daunt me.

I have no regard for truth, no respect for justice, no mercy for the defenseless. You will find me in various places, on the tongues of the thoughtless, in the bosoms of the heartless, in the society of the beautiful women, in the pews of the pious and the haunts of the unholy.

I am something born of hatred, sometimes of idleness, and often even of a thing called friendship. I am wily, cunning, and malicious. I am never without patrons and I gather strength with age. I make my way where greed, distrust and dishonor are known. I feed on the good and bad alike.

I am no respecter of persons. Wherever I go I leave a trail of broken hearts. My victims are as numerous as the sands of the sea and often as innocent. I never forget and seldom forgive. My name is GOSSIP.

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"A friend," said a sad looking woman, "is the first person who comes in when the whole world has gone out."

You Tithe—To Whom?

Lots of people believe in tithing all right, but they have changed Malachi 3:10 to read something like this: "Scatter ye therefore all your tithe to the four corners of the earth; to your old grandmother, to some religious radio program, to your favorite evangelist, to your step-nephew who is in college, to the poor and needy in your neighborhood, that YOUR name may be glorified and spoken of with praise among the people." Now all of these are worthy objects and should receive some support from us; but out of funds over and above our tithe. I believe that the commandment in God's Word to "bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" is to be taken literally. As we turn our tithe into the treasury of the church where we hold membership, it will lose its identity, belong to Christ, and glorify HIS name as it is disbursed through various channels that are authorized by HIS Church.

—The Forecast, Hilton, Virginia.

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Answered Prayer

Much that perplexes us in our Christian life is but the answer to our prayers:

We pray for patience and God sends tribulation. But tribulation worketh patience. "We glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Romans 5:3-5.

We pray for submission and God sends peculiar suffering, for we learn obedience by the things we suffer. "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered," Hebrews 5:8.

We pray for unselfishness and God gives us opportunities to sacrifice ourselves by laying down our lives for the brethren. "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren," I John 3:12.

We pray for victory and the things of the world swoop down upon us in a storm of temptation. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith," I John 5:4.

We pray for strength in humility and some messengers of Satan torment us until we lie in the dust crying for its removal. "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure," II Corinthians 12:7.

We pray for likeness to Jesus and the answer is, "Can thine heart endure or can't thine hands be strong, in the days that I should deal with thee?" Ezekiel 22:14. "I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction," Isaiah 48:10. "Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" Matthew 20:22.

We pray for love and God sends peculiar suffering and puts us with apparently unlovely people and lets them say things that rasp the nerves and lacerate our hearts, helping us to make real in our lives the truth that "love suffereth long and is kind."

—Western Recorder

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"A wise man reflects before he speaks; a fool speaks and then reflects on what he has uttered."

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Pay your poll tax—on or before October 1.

Abstract of Principles

Note—Following is the abstract of principles which the professors of the Southern Seminary are required to sign.—Editor.

Every Professor of the Institution shall be a member of a regular Baptist Church; and all persons accepting Professorships in this Seminary, shall be considered, by such acceptance, as engaging to teach in accordance with, and not contrary to, the Abstract of Principles hereinafter laid down, a departure from which principles, on his part, shall be considered ground for his resignation or removal by the Trustees—to-wit:

I. The Scriptures.

"The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are the only sufficient, certain and authoritative rule of all saving knowledge, faith and obedience.

II. God.

"There is but one God, the Maker, Preserver and Ruler of all things, having in and of himself, all perfections, and being infinite in them all; and to Him all creatures owe the highest love, reverence and obedience.

III. The Trinity.

"God is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit each with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence or being.

IV. Providence.

"God from eternity, decrees or permits all things that come to pass, and perpetually upholds, directs and governs all creatures and all events; yet so as not in any wise to be the author or approver of sin, nor to destroy the free will and responsibility of intelligent creatures.

V. Election.

"Election is God's eternal choice of some persons unto everlasting life—not because of foreseen merit in them, but of His mere mercy in Christ—in consequence of which choice they are called, justified, and glorified.

VI. The Fall of Man.

"God originally created man in His own image, and free from sin; but, through the temptation of Satan, he transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original holiness and righteousness; whereby his posterity inherit a nature corrupt and wholly opposed to God and His law, are under condemnation, and as soon as they are capable of moral action, become actual transgressors.

VII. The Mediator.

"Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, is the divinely appointed mediator between God and man. Having taken upon Himself human nature, yet without sin, He perfectly fulfilled the law, suffered and died upon the cross for the salvation of sinners. He was buried, and rose again the third day, and ascended to His Father, at whose right hand He ever liveth to make intercession for His people. He is the only Mediator, the Prophet, Priest and King of the Church, and Sovereign of the Universe.

VIII. Regeneration.

"Regeneration is a change of heart, wrought by the Holy Spirit, who quickeneth the dead in trespasses and sins, enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the Word of God, and renewing their whole nature, so that they love and practice holiness. It is a work of God's free and special grace alone.

IX. Repentance.

"Repentance is an evangelical grace, wherein a person being, by the Holy Spirit, made sensible of the manifold evil of his sin, humb-

leth himself for it, with godly sorrow, detestation of it, and self-aborrence, with a purpose and endeavor to walk before God so as to please Him in all things.

X. Faith.

"Saving faith is the belief, on God's authority, of whatsoever is revealed in his Word concerning Christ; accepting and resting upon Him alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life. It is wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit, and is accompanied by all other saving graces, and leads to a life of holiness.

XI. Justification.

"Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal of sinners, who believe in Christ, from all sin, through the satisfaction that Christ has made; not for anything wrought in them or done by them; but on account of the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness by faith.

XII. Sanctification.

"Those who have been regenerated are also sanctified, by God's word and Spirit dwelling in them. This sanctification is progressive through the supply of Divine strength, which all saints seek to obtain, pressing after a heavenly life in cordial obedience to all Christ's commands.

XIII. Perseverance of the Saints.

"Those whom God hath accepted in the Beloved, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere to the end; and though they may fall, through neglect and temptation, into sin, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the church, and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be renewed again unto repentance, and be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XIV. The Church.

"The Lord Jesus is the Head of the Church, which is composed of all his true disciples, and in Him is invested supremely all power for its government. According to his commandment, Christians are to associate themselves unto particular societies or churches; and to each of these churches he hath given needful authority for administering that order, discipline and worship which he hath appointed. The regular officers of a Church are Bishops or Elders, and Deacons.

XV. Baptism.

"Baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus, obligatory upon every believer, wherein he is immersed in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, as a sign of his fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, of remission of sins, and of his giving himself up to God, to live and walk in newness of life. It is prerequisite to church fellowship, and to participation in the Lord's Supper.

XVI. The Lord's Supper.

"The Lord's Supper is an ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be administered with the elements of bread and wine, and to be observed by His churches till the end of the world. It is in no sense a sacrifice, but is designed to commemorate His death, to confirm the faith and other graces of Christians, and to be a bond, pledge and renewal of their communion with Him, and of their church fellowship.

XVII. The Lord's Day.

"The Lord's Day is a Christian institution for regular observance, and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, resting

from worldly employments and amusements, works of necessity and mercy only excepted.

XVIII. Liberty of Conscience.

"God alone is Lord of the conscience; and He hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are in anything contrary to His word, or not contained in it. Civil magistrates being ordained of God, subjection in all lawful things commanded by them ought to be yielded by us in the Lord, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

XIX. The Resurrection.

"The bodies of men after death return to dust, but their spirits return immediately to God—the righteous to rest with Him; the wicked to be reserved under the darkness to the judgment. At the last day, the bodies of all the dead, both just and unjust, will be raised.

XX. The Judgment.

"God hath appointed a day, wherein he will judge the world by Jesus Christ, when every one shall receive according to his deeds: the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment; the righteous, into everlasting life."

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The Control of Government

One of the best and clearest explanations of what the proposed Columbia Valley Administration involves, and of the kind of precedent it would establish, was written by Raymond Moley, and appeared in his Newsweek column.

In part, he said: "The CVA would determine the size of farm units that should be benefited by vital irrigation or floor projects. It would give or sell newly reclaimed land in such units as it might determine as 'economic'! We would have to go back some hundreds of years to find a parallel to such serfdom.

"The CVA could operate with unlimited funds a wide variety of businesses exempt from the restraints that states have set up for the control of competition . . . It could make its profitable power and irrigation business pay for almost any activity that might occur to the directors . . .

"The opponents of this plan will be smeared as tools of the power interests. The erstwhile important power interests have been left far behind in this drive for statism. It is not only private enterprise that is proscribed in the Columbia Valley Administration. It is the public's control of its own government."

Anyone who still believes that CVA and kindred schemes have to do only with who is to provide electric power, and that they are confined in importance only to certain states, suffers from a suicidal illusion. CVA is a national issue because it is designed to set a national precedent. So high an official as the Secretary of the Navy has enthusiastically declared that the whole country needs a CVA, not just the Pacific Northwest. All the power and prestige of the Executive Branch of the government are being marshalled to sell it to the nation.

The Portland, Oregon, Journal, recently said in a long editorial, "If we are the kind of people we say we are—the independent, self-respecting kind . . . we will not dumbly wait until political thimbliggers have forged CVA fetters for every one of us." There never has been a bigger issue for the people to decide. As Mr. Moley said, it is the people's control of their government that is at stake. In the light of that tremendous fact, such aspects of CVA as electricity and irrigation and land reclamation fade into insignificance.

—Industrial News Service

Woman's Missionary Union

"Because The Love of Christ Compels..."

The New Orleans Relief Center will close December 15 because of the decline in receipts for relief purposes. Shipments should reach them by Thanksgiving for processing, and shipment. We must match their gratitude! The following was taken from a letter from Karl Reichardt, representative of the Baptist Relief Organization in Germany:

"During the week between November 8 and 12, I received once more to my great joy a large shipment of clothing given by you. This shipment was to be distributed among 74 churches. Seventeen sisters and five young brethren volunteered to help with the unpacking, sorting, and distribution. As soon as we told them about the work before us, they were excited because of the greatness of the shipment. We knew what joy it would bring for the churches to receive these large and valuable love gifts.

"Everyone was deeply moved by the love which was shown to us through these shipments from our fellow-believers in America. A word of thanks arose to our Lord Jesus Christ, who had awakened love and helpfulness in the hearts of our American fellow-believers, and who had brought the gifts to us undamaged under his protection.

"Some of our people ask, 'Why do the Americans send us these good things which we need so terribly here in Germany?' The answer has always been this, 'Because the love of Christ compels them.' The visible inscription on the bales, 'In the name of Christ,' is a strong testimony that more and more takes hold of our hearts.

"After the clothing had been distributed the echo came back in the form of letters of thanks from the churches. A large number of these give us a deep impression of distress. A man who returned from Russia where he had been a prisoner of war, who had become a soldier at the age of eighteen, and now returned home after six years, found nothing that he could wear. He was dressed entirely from your gifts, and a long time he stood speech-

less, and it was easy to see that he felt everything was a dream. An elderly sister who had no belongings anymore, stood a long time overwhelmed by weeping before pieces of clothing that she was to receive, and said that each single piece was a special answer to prayer. It is impossible to describe the details. When we were able to put a layette in the hands of a young expectant mother, right often we saw tears of gratitude flowing.

"May our Lord Jesus bless you for this service; may He richly repay for all that you have done for us."

District Conferences Cancelled

Attention is called to the fact that there will be NO District W. M. U. Conferences this fall. Plans are being perfected for associational methods conferences with goals set for reaching every society and organization in the State. These will be held during the early months of 1950, schedules for which will be announced later.

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Prize Winner

The Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, has announced that Mr. Guy Howard, widely known as "The Walkin' Preacher of the Ozarks" and author of the best seller of the same name, has been awarded the first prize in the amount of \$7,500 in Zondervan's \$10,000 International Christian Fiction Contest. The title of the prize-winning novel is "Give Me Thy Vineyard." A Novel of the Ozarks. The publication date has been announced for September twentieth.

Mr. Howard has gained an outstanding reputation as a distinguished Christian author, lecturer, preacher, and teacher. His home is in Branson, Missouri.

Editors at the Zondervan Publishing House have proclaimed the new prize winning novel to be the outstanding novel publication to come off the Zondervan presses. The book is the ruggedly human, yet sensitively spiritual, story of Hiram, a hunted outlaw, and Rosie, his sweetheart, who lived and loved among the mountains, where life is swift and love costly. This is a Christian story charged with power—and one which will be read, re-read and remembered.

The book is issued in an attractive four-color jacket and is illustrated throughout. The price is \$3.00; it is available at all religious book stores.

Pass not today in vain; it will never come again.

—Omar Khayyan

Going to Chicago?

Four thousand reservations for hotel rooms already have been received for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention May 9-12, 1950, in Chicago, according to a statement under date of September 15 by Dr. Noel M. Taylor, Chairman of the Illinois Baptist State Association's General Committee on arrangements for entertaining the Convention.

The following hotels will not be able to receive any further reservations: The Harrison, the Dalton, the Roosevelt and the Stevens, which is the largest hotel in the world. If you had planned to write any of these hotels for reservation, it is suggested instead that you write one of the following hotels: The Morrison, 79 W. Madison, the Palmer House, 15 E. Monroe, or the Sherman, 106 W. Randolph. These hotels are within a five-minute street car ride from the meeting place of the Convention.

As space in other hotels becomes exhausted the committee will release this information to the Baptist State papers so that those desiring to attend the Convention may know to which hotels to write for reservations.

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Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian turn away from it.

—J. Wilbur Chapman

Figures to Inspire

Sunday, September 18, 1949

	S.S.	T.U.	Ads.
Little Rock Immanuel	1220	418	6
Including Missions	1487	575	8
Fort Smith, First	1131	338	2
El Dorado, First	845	208	14
Little Rock, Second	797	135	11
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	772	374	4
Including Missions	899	421	
Pine Bluff, First	685	183	
Hot Springs, Second	667	170	
Crossett, First	628	255	3
El Dorado, Second	579	197	5
Pine Bluff, South Side	565	229	7
Including Missions	626	276	
Camden, First	494	141	8
Including Missions	765	250	
Arkadelphia, First	492	202	15
El Dorado, Immanuel	487	256	5
Including Missions	536	308	
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	478	164	1
Magnolia, Central	467	158	6
Including Missions	585		
Forrest City, First	453	140	3
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	442	176	
Hope, First	439	81	
Little Rock, Gaines St.	421	263	5
Including Missions	497	315	
Hot Springs, Park Place	413	164	5
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	410	92	2
Conway, First	408	94	44
Fordyce, First	403	172	1
Cullendale, First	396	195	2
No. Little Rock, First	394	126	4
Including Missions	417		
Russellville, First	392	142	6
Including Missions	446	148	
Malvern, First	389	118	
Hot Springs, Central	388	111	
Paris, First	387	151	
Including Missions	440		
West Helena, First	385	119	4
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	364	96	5
Stuttgart, First	355	177	
Including Missions	398		
Fort Smith, Calvary	355	68	2
Little Rock, So. Highland	347	149	
Smackover, First	306	143	
Hot Springs, First	296	78	
Including Missions	319		
Monticello, First	278	132	8
Mena, First	274	122	1
Pine Bluff, Second	276	123	
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	272	86	
No. Little Rock, Central	269	107	
Little Rock, Calvary	268	137	6
Little Rock, Reynolds Memorial	265	78	
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	264	84	7
Dumas, First	257	68	
Including Missions	352	106	
El Dorado, West Side	252	106	
Jacksonville, First	247	132	1
Greenwood, First	246	61	
DeWitt, First	215	106	
Including Missions	243		
Fort Smith Trinity	213	98	5
Harrison, First	201	110	
Rogers, First	187	65	
Judsonia, First	185	127	2
Star City, First	178	66	1
Springdale, First	172	114	
Including Missions	305		
Little Rock, Bethany	171	110	3
Little Rock, Hebron	162	102	
North Little Rock, Sylvan Hills, First	155	84	5
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	127	110	4
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial	121	107	
Grannis, First	115	90	
Douglasville, First	112	61	
No. Little Rock, Highway	110	53	1
Little Rock, Tyler St.	106	56	
Fort Smith, Northside	106	40	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	98	57	
Kensett, Second	88	78	
Douglasville, Second	83	50	
No. Little Rock, Graves Memorial	75	60	1
Little Rock, West Side	66	29	1
Little Rock, Bellvue	53	29	
Monte Ne, First	48	54	
Rogers, Pleasant Hill	45	39	
Little Rock, Mt. View No. 1	41	29	
Little Rock, Mt. View No. 2	29	45	

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Scripture: Romans 12:1



PROGRAM

MONDAY MORNING

- 10:00 Worship O. L. Bayless, Ray McClung
- 10:20 Welcome M. Ray McKay
- 10:25 "Our Victorious Past" B. V. Ferguson
- 10:40 "Our Challenging Future" Harvey Elledge
- 10:55 Song
- 11:00 "Programs That Work" Herman L. King
- 11:20 Acceptable Books for Acceptable Work Miss Blanche Mays
- 11:25 Announcements
- 11:30 Solo—"The Earth is the Lord's"—Lynnes Mrs. Perry Parsons
Mrs. W. H. Beck, Accompanist
- 11:35 "Expecting and Attempting Great Things for
God" J. N. Barnette

MONDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 Worship J. G. Cothran, Clyde Freed Jr.
 - 1:50 "Our Youngest Constituency" Mrs. W. L. Blankenship
 - 2:10 "Our Neglected Constituency" Mrs. Will S. McCraw
 - 2:30 Song
 - 2:35 "Building for the Future" W. L. Howse
 - 3:00 Department Conferences
- | Conference | Leader |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Administration | J. N. Barnette |
| Extension | Mrs. Will S. McCraw |
| Music | Mrs. B. W. Ninger |
| Young People | W. L. Howse |
| Adult | Herman L. King |
| Intermediate | Miss Mary Virginia Lee |
| Junior | Mrs. Lillian Moore Rice |
| Beginner | Mrs. Edgar Williamson |
| Nursery | Mrs. H. R. Jones |
| Primary | Mrs. J. E. Humphrey |
| Cradle Roll | Mrs. W. L. Blankenship |

MONDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 Worship B. B. Sawyer, W. J. Perkinson
- 7:15 "It Can Be Done—We Can Do It" J. N. Barnette
- 7:45 Song
- Announcements



Dr. Perry Webb, Pastor
First Baptist Church
San Antonio, Texas

- 7:50 "What of the Future" W. L. Howse
- 8:20 Song
- Special Music Second Baptist Choir
- "Almighty God of Our Fathers"—James.
- "Angels Glory Song"—Shelley
- R. P. James, Director
- Mrs. Henry Harris, Organist
- 8:30 "More Acceptable Workers" Perry F. Webb

TUESDAY MORNING

- 9:00 Worship Walter L. Johnson, Herbert McGlamery
- 9:20 "Our Largest Constituency" Herman L. King
- 9:45 Department Conferences (Same as Monday afternoon)
- 10:45 Convention Business
- Report of Nominating Committee
- Announcements
- 11:00 "Working Together with Christ" W. L. Howse
- 11:25 Song
- Male Quartet Baptist Tabernacle
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- "Shall I Crucify Him?"—Tuller
- "That Beautiful Land"—Jones
- D. Herbert Valentine, Director
- 11:35 "More Acceptable Work" Perry F. Webb

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 Worship Lloyd Sparkman, W. E. Ward
- 1:45 "What of 1950?"
- "Planning Great Things" J. N. Barnette
- "Attempting Great Things" B. L. Bridges
- "Accomplishing Great Things" Edgar Williamson
- 2:30 Open Conference Edgar Williamson
- 2:55 Song
- Special Music Central College Choir
- "Lo, God Is Here"—Mueller
- "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"—Mueller
- "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"—Croft
- Miss Marcella Johnson, Director
- 3:00 "The Divine Challenge" Perry F. Webb
- Adjourn



Department of MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Sheridan Revival Successful

The Sheridan Revival, sponsored by the Department of Missions, closed Sunday, September 18. Fred McLelland, Superintendent of Rural Evangelism in Louisiana, was the evangelist. His preaching was outstanding and the people of Sheridan stated that his messages were as fine as any they had ever heard. Dr. David Moore was unable to be present to direct the music as was announced due to his teaching responsibilities in Ouachita College. We were fortunate to be able to secure the services of Mr. Edwin Guerin of Hot Springs. He is giving his entire time to evangelism. He is both an excellent director of congregational singing and soloist. Johnny Farris, a young layman in the First Church of Little Rock, was pianist.

Most of the people in Sheridan were very cordial and expressed their appreciation for the revival. Mayor Guinn offered his assistance and had shavings from a sawmill hauled in to place under the tent. Mr. Vanlandingham provided a piano and hauled it to and from the tent. Several leading laymen gave assistance in securing a lot, clearing it, and in erecting and dismantling the tent. The Superintendent of Schools invited the evangelist and singer to speak in the general assembly. Several services were conducted at the mill during the noon hour. A local newspaper gave a splendid write-up of the meeting.

During the revival, two mission films were shown and our type of mission work explained. The people marvelled at the accomplishments and commended in the highest of terms the mission progress we are promoting. The last Sunday of the revival, the local Baptist Church, which is associated with what is sometimes called the Landmark group, took an offering for missions and got nearly \$100. The revival seemed to have helped their mission spirit. The Methodist pastor said that the meeting had been a blessing to his church and he had several to join who had been converted in the revival services. The Baptist Church there will have a few people to join as a result of the revival, also.

In the last services of the revival, the people were unanimous in a vote, asking us back for another revival.

It is our intention to return for another engagement in 1950.

Guy Hopper of Harrison began serving the pastoral fields of Bellefonte, Valley Springs, and Grubb Springs two years ago. The churches under his leadership have made great progress. The Bellefonte Church had been without a pastor for sometime and the general work of the church at a rather low ebb. Today, however, there are eighty-six members on roll with a splendid Sunday School and a live Training Union. Many of the members are tithing and the church in every way, has made progress. Recently Mr. Hopper resigned and went to Valley Springs for half-time and the church has called another pastor and gone from fourth-time to half-time.

The Valley Springs Church had only eight members when Mr. Hopper became the pastor. They now have twenty-one members with a Sunday School averaging about twenty-five. The church house has been remodeled with new floors, walls, and ceiling. The auditorium is now a very pretty building with venetian blinds and other improvements which add to its attractiveness.

The Grubb Springs Church has Mr. Hopper for half-time. This church is composed mostly of farmers. It, too, has made splendid progress during the two years of his pastorate. New pews have been built, the basement ceiled, and plans under way to build Sunday School rooms.

The Mission Department has been supplementing these three churches for two years. We rejoice in the progress that is being made. We predict that the Grubb Springs Church will be able to finance their own program within a few months. Valley Springs, with only four men in the church, will likely need help much longer.

“True happiness is to no place confined, but still is found with a contented mind.”

I simply dress the wound. God heals it.

—French Physician

Pay your poll tax—on or before October 1.

Layman's Day Broadcast

Sunday, October 9 will be Layman's Day among Southern Baptists. More than a million Baptist men in twenty-one states will be listening across the country on that day to hear the Baptist Hour. Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood, S. B. C., with headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee, has announced that local Brotherhoods throughout the Convention will support that goal of listeners.

The laymen will hear Dr. R. G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, preach on the subject "Needed, Magnificent Men In A Muddled World." The message is the second of thirteen Dr. Lee

will deliver during the first series of the new Baptist Hour broadcasts being heard every Sunday the year-round on some 130 ABC network stations.

Baptist Hour observance of Layman's Day has been characterized by S. F. Lowe, director of the Southern Baptist Radio Commission, as "the greatest thing I've ever heard of for binding together at the throne of God the hearts of Christian men across the country."

The program may be heard over the following radio stations in Arkansas: KELD, El Dorado; KFSA, Fort Smith; KTHS, Hot Springs; KGHI, Little Rock; KCLA Pine Bluff; KBRS, Paragould.

A family once said: "Yes, we think the church is necessary, but we have not attended for weeks." They are bystanders.

Another family said, "Yes, we believe in the church. We never miss a meeting except for sickness." They are standbys. Which are you?

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For a number of years the State Convention has authorized the Orphanage to appeal to the churches for a Thanksgiving offering to supplement the support provided through the Cooperative Program.

While many churches and individuals remember the Home

throughout the year with gifts of money, food, clothing, feed, and equipment, it is necessary that we appeal to all the churches of the State to make a worthy Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage this fall.

This special Thanksgiving offering is, therefore, a provision within our State Convention program for the support of our Orphanage.

You did well by the Home last year in this special offering, we believe you will do better this year.

Some of the disciples said: "Send them away."

Jesus said: "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me."

What will you say?

WON'T YOU KEEP THEM IN YOUR HEART?

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Degrees Awarded At Southern Seminary

Degrees were awarded to six men at convocation opening the fall session of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. They were: Harold J. Fuggian, New York City, bachelor of divinity; Henry Marion Gregory Jr., Elk City, Oklahoma, and Elmo McCarty, Loughman, Florida, master in theology degrees; and Heber Fletcher Peacock Jr., Berkeley, California, Aaron Leslie Rutledge, Groveland, Florida, and Willis Allen Shotwell, Huntington, West Virginia, doctor in theology degrees.

Among those enrolled in the School of Theology is the first and only woman thus far to be admitted to the seminary, Miss Helen Armstrong, of Georgetown, Mississippi. Entering under a new regulation of the seminary which provides that women may be admitted for training for a teaching ministry, Miss Armstrong will take the course leading to the bachelor of divinity degree. She hopes to be a missionary teacher in Europe, upon completion of her studies.



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The Call of Isaiah

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

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With this lesson we enter the last quarter of the year. Our lessons are on the general theme, **The Prophets Speak**. Two major prophets, both of whom prophesied to the Kingdom of Judah, will occupy our attention: Isaiah and Jeremiah. Their ministries were about seventy years apart.

Isaiah, whose name means "Jehovah is helper," was perhaps the greatest of the four major prophets. He was the son of Amoz. He began his ministry during the last year of the reign of King Uzziah and continued it under Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. His wife is called a "prophetess" in Isaiah 8:3 but many believe the name was given simply because she was the wife of a prophet. They had two sons, who bore prophetic names.

That is about all the Bible reveals of the personal history of Isaiah. "According to a Jewish tradition preserved in the Talmud, Isaiah, at 90 years of age, was sawn asunder in a hollow carob-tree, in the reign of Manasseh; and the "mulberry tree of Isaiah" in the valley of the Kedron, near Jerusalem, is the traditional place of his martyrdom."—System Bible Study.

This lesson is the call of Isaiah to be God's Spokesman. It is a searching account of the manner in which God called out a man for a particular task. It is vibrant with the actuality of God's relationship to man. It should and can be adopted to all ages and groups in such a way as to make us conscious of God, self, and service.

God

Isaiah had an unusual experience with God which left him a new creature. God is not an unreal, mystical unknown; He is not aloof and out of the reach of man. Our God is a personality—real, close, loving, caring, understanding. We will see in this passage from Isaiah that, even though God has celestial beings to wait upon Him and praise His Holy Name, He uses man, after our lips and lives have been cleansed and purified. He gives us the privilege of serving and sharing with Him.

Isaiah definitely dates his experience with God. It was "in the year Uzziah died." For fifty-two years Uzziah had been King of Judah, enjoying the blessings of God, for his reign was prosperous and he personally had great influence and glory, but luxury in

Sunday School Lesson for
October 2, 1949

Isaiah 6:1-10

Judah brought all the evils and sins which usually accompany it. The people were not brought close to God by their blessings; they got farther away from Him. Uzziah, in irreverence, presumed to intrude into the priests' service and was smitten with leprosy, dying shut away in a house alone.

God was preparing to bring forth a Voice, a young prophet, to preach to the people and call them back to God. He calls today as He did then. The call may come in various ways. In Isaiah's time there was no Bible for guidance and often God spoke in a vision or dream. Remember that Moses was called through a burning bush.

Isaiah was in the place of worship when his call came from God. Often an impression is given in a class, in regular worship service, in prayer meeting, in an encampment. Here Isaiah saw the Lord, high and lifted up. It is believed that Isaiah saw the Lord, the Messiah-King Himself. He was a vision of grandeur, of majesty and glory. His "train" or vesture filled the Temple. The throne was, no doubt, dazzling in Isaiah's sight.

Above it stood supernatural, angelic, celestial beings—the "seraphims". Each had six wings, two covering their faces, as if even they could not look upon such glory; two covering their feet, as a token of reverence and respect; two covering space about them, as if ready for instant flight in order to do His divine bidding!

These beings cried together thrice, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." Isaiah was shaken, moved to the depths of his soul, at the unforgettable picture of the glory of God, accompanied by the praise of the seraphim and the smoke which filled the house, as its very foundations were shaken.

Self

What was the reaction of Isaiah? How does a real, vital experience with God affect a person? Is anyone ever the same again after such an experience? No wonder God can choose and call weak, poorly equipped people, give to them an experience with Him and lead them out under His power to accomplish the impossible.

There followed in Isaiah's life some most important steps as a result of his vision. He was convicted, he confessed, he was cleansed, he surrendered, and received definite instructions from God.

Isaiah's reaction was voiced in

his cry, "Woe is me! for I am undone—a man of unclean lips—". He was greatly humbled. What man can get a glimpse of God and not fail to realize his own unworthiness? Isaiah felt that at once he was unclean, unworthy, and impure before such holiness. He cried out that he had unclean lips and dwelt among unclean people. He who would serve the Almighty God must have clean, pure lips and lives. There is too much arrogance, loose living, impure speech and thought among the servants of God!

After being convicted of his sinfulness and confessing his impurity, Isaiah received cleansing from the altar by God's on messenger. A "hot stone" was placed against his mouth by one of the seraphims and a message was given from God: "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

Isaiah was now ready to hear the voice of God. We cannot hear that voice calling to us through the haze of sin, impurity, indifference, selfishness. God asked a

question: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Who is willing to serve the triumphant, triune God, was the question asked, and Isaiah readily responded: "Here am I, send me."

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B. L. Bridges, General Secretary, 200 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark.

Dr. R. C. Campbell Leaves Little Rock

Dr. R. C. Campbell has offered his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Little Rock. His action was made necessary by a physical infirmity. The doctors with one accord have told him that he must be relieved of the heavy pastoral responsibilities. With great reluctance and sadness he told the church about it, and offered his resignation. The church reluctantly and brokenheartedly accepted his resignation and elected him "Pastor Emeritus." The church relieved Dr. Campbell of all responsibility although his tenure of office will not end until October 31.

Dr. Campbell is loved by the church. There has not been one ripple of disturbance during his tenure of office. His matchless leadership and his powerful preaching have been a blessing to the great First Baptist Church. His ministry has likewise been a blessing and a challenge to all our Baptist forces.

Dr. Campbell, after a rest, is expected to be able to preach, conduct revival meetings, and continue his writing. He is the author of about fourteen books, two of which are yet to be published. He is a prolific writer as well as a pungent preacher.

The First Baptist Church is brokenhearted over its loss, but there is some degree of comfort in the fact that Dr. Campbell will still be making a contribution to the Kingdom work. He and Mrs. Campbell will retire to their old home in Shelby, North Carolina, after October 31. The prayers of the Brotherhood will ascend to Heaven in his behalf.

Progress at Armorel

When Pastor Auten went to Armorel last year he was greeted by thirty-eight in the Sunday School and twenty-eight in the Training Union. Recently they have averaged one hundred and seventy in Sunday School, and one hundred and sixty-three in Training Union. Sixty-one have been baptized and twenty-three have been received by letter. The pastor does not claim all the credit. He says that one of his deacons was working some men and at the noon hour he would invite them into an old house for a preaching service. The deacon took his New Testament and preached to them. A church will grow when its men have an interest like that, and a pastor finds it easier to build the kingdom work.

Cooperative Program Victory In 1950

We can win the victory in Arkansas next year if a majority of our churches take the forward step which is being taken by the Second Church in El Dorado. This splendid church under the consecrated life of Pastor Reed will give \$7,200 for the Cooperative Program. This church likewise supports other causes. It is under the load of Associational Missions to the tune of \$500. Reed is not only a pungent preacher, but a mighty leader.

The Christian College

I am the oldest institution of higher learning in America. Before there had been state universities or other institutions of college rank, I had been founded. Three centuries of achievement vindicate my right to be.

I stand for life's highest ideals. I search for truth, believing God's universe is fireproof, and that I may light the torch of truth anywhere. I lay emphasis upon genuine scholarship. My graduates are among the nation's greatest scholars.

I believe in God. In the student's expanding circle of adjustment I open wide the portal of the unseen world of spirit. My sons and daughters are men and women of vision and spiritual power.

I train for service. Through me, culture dominates the work of the world. I give leadership to the nation. From me have come presidents, governors, legislators, judges, educators, editors, in greater proportion than from any other source. Upon me the church depends for its preachers, its missionaries—all its leaders. Without me the work of the church could not go on.

I deserve your support. I receive from each student less than half the cost of what I give. From me the poor are not turned away. I still look to you, the members of the church, to make this possible. I cannot continue the splendid record of the past unless I have help.

I am the church college. I need your prayers and your gifts.

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Great Revival at Quitman

Pastor Cloud and the saints in Quitman are rejoicing over a great revival which the Lord gave to the Baptist people and to the little town of Quitman. Twenty-one were baptized and there were a number of other professions of faith. W. A. Lindsey of the Second Church in Monticello did the preaching. Lindsey's preaching is to the point, and is fraught with power. He is a brave and earnest young man and he preaches the truth without fear or favor. The Holy Spirit blesses his message. It was a victorious effort. The church is happy under the leadership of its young pastor, Brother Cloud. The Bryants and others have consistently laid their lives on the altar for the revival of the work in Quitman, and the Lord is marvelously blessing the church and its efforts.

Warren and the Cooperative Program

The First Baptist Church in Warren will greatly increase its gift for the Cooperative Missionary Program for 1950. The leaders and pastor are hoping and praying that the church will give \$5,000 next year through the Cooperative Program. This is a challenge to other churches. Something like this will be the only way that we can hope to win the victory in 1950. Pastor Westmoreland will be happy with such a forward step in the ministry of his church.

Baptist Relief Center To Close December 15

The Southern Baptist Relief Center at 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, will be permanently closed on December 15, according to an announcement issued by Dr. Frank K. Means, Director of the Southern Baptist Relief Committee, which operates the New Orleans office and warehouse.

This action is being taken because of the decreased need for gifts of clothing, bedding, shoes, and food in the war-torn areas of Europe. Southern Baptists who desire to send individual gift packages to persons they know overseas are invited to continue doing so.

No supplies will be shipped from New Orleans after December 15. Southern Baptists who have already collected clothing and bedding for shipment to New Orleans should see that it reaches the warehouse before December 1. If it comes in later than that date, it may not be processed before the December 15 deadline.

"We are deeply grateful to the many thousands of Southern Baptists who responded so generously during the past few years," Mr. Clovis A. Brantley, Director of the Relief Center, said, "A full report on the total number of tons of clothing, bedding, and shoes processed through this office will be made available when the warehouse closes. I feel all Southern Baptists can be proud of the record established by them in assisting the many persons overseas who so greatly needed help in the years immediately following the war."

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Arkansans in Virginia

According to a recent issue of the Religious Herald, Richmond, Virginia, three former Arkansas pastors are serving churches in that state which rank among the top five Virginia churches in gifts to the Cooperative Program during the first six months of this year. First church, Newport News, Bruce H. Price, pastor, gave \$10,130 and was next to First Church, Richmond, which led. In third place was Orcutt Avenue Church, Newport News, Harold B. Tillman, pastor, with gifts of \$7,295; and in fifth place was Barton Heights Church, Richmond, Dr. Clyde V. Hickerson, pastor, which gave \$6,685. These offerings do not include designated gifts.

Victory In Sight for 1949

We are less than \$9,000 below the budget requirements thus far.

This is about one and one-half per cent deficit.

Let's catch up this month!

Send your September Cooperative contribution at once—to

B.L. Bridges, Secretary,
403 West Capitol Avenue,
Little Rock, Arkansas.