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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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## *Men, We Gotta Do It!*

At the Miami Convention Southern Baptists pledged \$3,500,000 for the relief of a hungry and broken world. That pledge sounded around the earth. Hungry people heard it—believed it—and took heart . . . food was on the way! MEN, WE GOTTA DO IT!

### **Southern Baptists Have Never Broken a Pledge**

And Besides . . . Jesus said "Give ye them to eat." **We Gotta Do It.**  
**BUT**—Less than a month remains in which to give this three and  
and a half million. SEPTEMBER 30 IS THE LAST DAY —  
AND WE ARE A MILLION SHORT!

## *Come On, Men—We Just Gotta!*

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# ONE Hungry WORLD

Could you work on a third of the food you get? Neither can the men of Europe and Asia.

A letter from Australia June 1 reads: "I had more food in Buchenwald than in 'liberated' Vienna. We are crazed by hunger. During my ordeal in the concentration camp I never cried but now I have lost my nerve. It is easier to support beating than this hunger."

The Relief Committee, hearing that food is available in Norway, and that Norwegian Baptists were eager to try to help fellow Baptists of Europe, sent \$5,000 for food packages for Hungary. This acknowledgement has been received: "The last parcel was by auto convoy under the protection of the Danish Red Cross from Brother Norgaard, the president of the Baptist Convention of Denmark, over 200 food packages. EVERY PACKAGE WAS A JOY AND BLESSING TO OUR PEOPLE. Please accept the warm thanks of our relief committee. Your care is touching and unforgettable."

Signed, Imre Somogyi, Budapest, Hungary, July 18, 1946.

Dr. Gabrietta Grimm, a Hungarian physician writes her friend, Mrs. Everett Gill of Wake Forest, for help. "God saved my life," she says, "I hid in 13 places. I could practice one year. Nothing remained for me but my doctor's diploma. I must begin all over again. God spared my life, I think, because his will is that I should begin my work again."

Famous sayings of World War II, rivaling the message 'Saw sub; sank same,' may include the reports of Missionary Doctor William L. Wallace of Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, who wrote the Foreign Mission Board, "The Japanese are coming. The staff is moving out," and a year later, "The Japanese have left; we are back." The amazing story of that year of medical ministry told during the Ridgecrest Foreign Missions Conference in August helped to bring an offering for relief and rehabilitation, which totaled \$4,103. Of this amount, 135 older Royal Ambassadors attending the Young Men's Mission Conference gave \$409.

One church group has set up a "soap factory" for relief. Wherever there is filth, there is disease. Soap, the main cleansing agent for kitchen and bath, is

extremely scarce in war-stricken countries. Remnants of soap, melted into a cake, help to save life.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, now visiting China with Dr. M. Theron Rankin, wrote August 14: "From every angle we hear of the great suffering which the people in Kwangsi Province have endured. Only 40 houses in Kweilin were left with roofs on. Disease and starvation prevailed in that area. In a meeting of the convention's Executive Committee, I saw evidence of hardships these Baptist workers had sustained. They are eager to restore the churches, schools and hospitals, but the most of them have not as yet arranged for their own living. We are glad relief funds will not only feed those who are actually hungry, but will also help those who are bearing loads for Christian service."

Any old shoe at your house, worthless for lack of a mate? Church World Service Centers have calls from relief workers for shoes for men who have returned from war with one leg.

## Dr. McCall Is Radio Speaker for September

Dr. Duke K. McCall of Nashville, Tenn., is the Baptist Hour speaker for September on the general theme, "Faith Meets Life's Test."

Dr. McCall, one of the younger ministers of the Baptist denomination, recently assumed his executive duties as Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Convention, having come to this position from the presidency of New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He is in wide demand as preacher, evangelist and assembly speaker.

"When the World Goes Wrong," was the subject of his first message last Sunday, and the subjects for the next three Sundays will be as follows: "When Human Love Deserts," "When Religion Fails," and "When God Commands the Difficult."

For the past several Sundays the Baptist Hour programs have come from Religious Radio Center, Atlanta, which is the new studio of the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Baptist Hour is heard in Arkansas over radio stations KTHS, Hot Springs, 4:30 p. m., Saturday, and over KUOA, Siloam Springs, 7:30, Sunday morning. Also over WREC, Memphis, 8:30 a. m.; WSM, Nashville, 7:30 a. m., and WFAA, Dallas, 7:30 a. m.

# GOD'S LAWS ARE GRACIOUS

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."

The laws of God are not arbitrary restrictions clamped upon life, they do not represent God's interference in human affairs; on the contrary God's laws constitute His divine guidance for human life.

Why do we build fences around our fields and gardens? Is it to limit and hinder the growth of the grain and vegetables planted in them? Obviously not. We fence in our crops in order to protect them and give them a chance to grow to maturity and produce their fruitage.

If the laws of God constitute a fence about us, it is for our protection. If they are restrictions, their purpose is to restrict the influences and forces and powers which would destroy us.

The laws of God actually constitute our freedom. Outside the realm of God's laws we lose our liberty, we become enslaved, we are held in bondage by the enemies of life.

Within the circle of God's commands we find ample space for the full expansion of life, we find ample opportunity for the full development of all life faculties and for the full exercise of all like powers.

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes . . . more to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold . . . moreover by them is thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward" Psalm 19:7-11.

Dr. William Walter Adams will be formally inaugurated as the president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kans., in an historic and colorful ceremony in the Wyandotte High School auditorium in Kansas City on September 17. Dr. Adams received the A. B. Degree from Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., the Th. M. Degree and the Th. D. Degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville. He has been given the D. D. Degree by William Jewell College and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He succeeds the late Dr. H. E. Dana.

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## Across the Editor's Desk

### Executive Board Charts Aggressive 1947 Program for Arkansas Baptists

It was not an ordinary meeting, the annual budget-planning session of the State Convention's Executive Board last week. Its spirit and actions were the strongest indications we have yet seen for a great coordinated aggressive program for Arkansas Baptists in the years ahead.

In the two-day meeting, the Board took the following strategic actions:

- Established a Department of Missions, re-vamping and correlating all state mission work in an effort to reach, through the churches, every nook and cranny of the state with a program of evangelism and church efficiency.
- Voted to recommend to the Convention the establishment of a Planning, Coordinating and Steering Commission, to study the institutions of the Convention and coordinate their development to represent the full and impartial needs of the full constituency.
- Voted to recommend to the Convention that Central College at Conway be made co-educational beginning with the second semester of the current school year.
- Voted to recommend to the Convention that Trustees of Baptist State Hospital be authorized to borrow up to \$750,000 for the enlargement of the institution at Little Rock. This was recognized as an emergency matter.
- Voted to recommend a 1947 budget of \$395,472, approximately a 10 per cent increase over that of current operations.
- Voted to discontinue promotion of the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan, and to ask the Relief and Annuity Board for a plan entirely divorced from the regular retirement plan.

#### Department of Missions

Action of the Board regarding its mission work does away, effective next January, with the posts of five state missionaries working under direction of the Board. It instead set up a new department, consisting of a superintendent, three field workers and as many pioneer missionaries as are needed to carry the Baptist ministry to the state's remote areas. Three pioneer missionaries will be used at the beginning, with the probability of more being added later.

Pastor Thurman K. Rucker of First Church, Malvern, was elected superintendent of the

new department, but he asked time to consider the matter before making a decision.

The mission program will be executed in cooperation with the churches and associations in the areas concerned. Financial assistance will be given needy congregations in helping pay pastors' salaries and in meeting necessary building costs. City missions as well as rural work is contemplated.

Acquisition of property near the University of Arkansas campus at Fayetteville for a Baptist Student Center (see page six) and the employment of a chaplain to work among patients at the State Sanatorium at Booneville were among definite mission obligations undertaken by the Board's vote.

#### Central Co-educational?

Recommendation that Central College be made co-educational was initiated by the College Board of Trustees in the face of increasing difficulties as a girls' school. The proposal, presented by Pastor E. C. Brown of Blytheville, president of the Board, and endorsed by Dr. R. L. Whipple, Central's new president, is aimed at fitting the plant at Conway more definitely into the state's educational needs.

The Central curriculum will remain that of a junior college, with the incorporation, as need may arise, of the 11th and 12th grades of secondary education. If approved by the Convention, it will mark a return of the denomination to basic education and possibly a tendency toward Baptist entry into the parochial school field.

#### Steering Commission

The Steering Commission resolution was introduced by President H. E. Williams of Southern Baptist College, Pochontas, in recognition of a "growing apparent need of better planning, better support, and coordination of the institutional life of our Arkansas Baptist State Convention."

The resolution provided that the Executive Board "pray the Arkansas Convention in session, to permit said Board to set up a Planning, Coordinating and Steering Commission, to be made up of two members appointed by each institution owned by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, or that may come to exist, and an equal number (total to equal the number of institutional members) to be selected by said Executive Board, whose duties shall be as follows:

- "1. To make plans for development of our Baptist institutions over a long period of time.
- "2. To coordinate plans for institutional

development in such a manner as to represent the full and impartial needs of our full constituency.

"3. To keep fully informed at all times as to the welfare, needs and plans of all of our institutions and to call such matters to the attention of the Board from time to time.

"4. To examine and evaluate all claims and plans of said institutions and to recommend or disapprove said plans for general presentation to the Board and Convention.

"5. To steer such plans and policies before the Board for presentation to the Convention.

"(It is expressly understood that said Commission shall have no power to legislate and that all matters of interest to it shall be presented for approval or disapproval before the Executive Board before being brought to the floor of the Convention.)"

#### Hospital Enlargement

Enlargement of Baptist State Hospital, as outlined by Pastor L. H. Roseman, representing the Hospital Board, would include the addition of new modern maternity and surgery departments and an increase in capacity from 300 to 500 beds. The present building would be extended some 72 feet to the front and a sixth floor added to the whole of the hospital.

Rev. J. F. Queen, hospital pastor, told the Board that 75 patients are being turned away from the hospital daily because of lack of beds (see page seven, last week's issue). Others speaking of the need for enlargement were Robert H. Green, chairman of the hospital's building committee, and John Gilbreath, assistant to Administrator John Dudley.

Physicians, visiting an earlier meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee of the Executive Board, expressed belief that the proposed 200 additional beds could be filled within two weeks after their readiness because of acute hospitalization shortages in the area.

A vote by the Convention is necessary, in that no institution is allowed to go into debt without two-thirds of the Convention assembled recognizing an emergency and approving indebtedness.

#### The 1947 Budget

The proposed 1947 budget was drawn up with considerable caution, and several items were trimmed from the amounts originally requested by the institutions and departments. An item of \$25,000 proposed for a new Baptist headquarters building was deleted entirely, despite a critical situation facing the Convention's offices. As finally adopted for recommendation to the Convention, the proposed budget totalled \$395,472, with \$101,472 "preferred" for administrative and promotional costs, and \$147,000 each going to state and to Southwide causes (see itemization on Back Page).



# NOTES OF ADVANCE

"Teaching through moving pictures, a recent innovation started by both the Baptist and Methodist churches in Dumas, is proving popular with young and old, if capacity crowds are an indication of popularity," according to an article in the Dumas Clarion. Utilizing 16 mm film and projectors, such as proved exceptionally beneficial in the rapid training necessary by the armed forces during the recent war, the Dumas churches have shown several short films to their congregations.

Though it may be two years before the home for the chronically ill is ready for use at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, already 68 applications, coming from 10 states, have been received, says Superintendent Louis J. Bristow.

The editorial staff of the Bible Press of Brazil is preparing complete helps for a regular Teacher's Bible and is much in need of two books, now out of print, but invaluable in a work of this nature. The books are: "Geography of the Holy Land," by George Adam Smith and "Historical Atlas of the Holy Land," known as the Smith-Bartholomew Atlas. If any reader has an old copy of these books which he would be willing to sell or lend for a few months, he should communicate with T. B. Stover, Caixa 310, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Columbus Church, Little River Association, had a combination revival and Bible School August 25-30. There were two additions to the church. R. C. Creed is pastor.

Associate Pastor and Mrs. Rowland E. Crowder, First Church, Shreveport, La., recently bought a house, and the people of the church gave them an old-fashioned house warming, bringing in more than 200 gifts ranging from tooth-picks to a china service for 12.

A. B. Hill, of Jacksonville, Ala., is reported to have accepted a call to the pastorate of First Church, Luxora. He is a graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, and was a chaplain in World War II.

Seven additions, four for baptism, resulted from evangelistic services at First Church, Wilson, in which Pastor E. E. Griever, First Church, Harrison, did the preaching. A F. Muncy is pastor.

The Executive Board of the Caddo River Association has voted to change the date of the annual meeting from October 4-5 to October 7-8. The first session will begin at 7 p. m., October 7. The meeting will be held at First Church, Mount Ida, as originally planned. Rev. E. W. Lloyd, Arkadelphia, is the moderator.

First Church, Douglassville, began a revival September 8 to continue through September 22. The church's new pastor, Allen McCurry, is doing the preaching. Evening services begin with prayer meeting at 7:30, followed by preaching at 8. Pastor McCurry comes to the church from the pastorate of First Church, Perryville. He is a student in Ouachita College.

## The Last Million

With several states over the top and \$2,549,000 in hand for the World Relief Offering, we are now turning into the home-stretch for that last million. Southern Baptists will not allow this unprecedented need and opportunity to pass them by. With only three Sundays left may we not redouble our efforts and report a glorious victory when September ends.—Louie D. Newton.

Rev. O. R. Richey has moved from Batesville to Haskell, where he will work in the Harmony Grove Public Schools. He is in a position to do church work in the surrounding communities either as pastor or supply. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist College, Pocahontas, and has had 16 years' experience in active work including about all phases of minister's duties. He may be addressed at Route 3, Benton.

New Hope Church, Carey Association, had five additions and 19 people to adopt tithing as their method of giving to the church in evangelistic services led by Pastor Amos Greer, Wheatley. This brought the number of tithers in the church to 40. R. T. Strange is pastor.

Roy L. Thompson, whom President Truman recently appointed as chairman of the new OPA decontrol board, is an active member of the Board of Directors of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans.

Betty Grace Johnson is the baby daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Richard L. Johnson, Beaufort, S. C., born August 8. Both parents are natives of Arkansas. Betty Grace is the fourth child.

Pastor L. G. Miller, New Liberty Church, Blytheville, preached in evangelistic services at Holland, Mo., where George Bugg is pastor.

Forty-two members have been added to First Church, Greenwood, under the leadership of Pastor George H. Hink, who has been on the field five months. Thirty-three decisions were made in a recent revival: 16 professions of faith, 10 additions by letter, one addition by statement, and six rededications. Dr. Carl A. Clark, pastor-at-large of Liberty Association, was the evangelist, and the pastor directed the singing. The church has over-subscribed the Southern Baptist relief and rehabilitation suggested quota of \$342. An adequate building fund has been set up and an order for a Hammond Organ has been placed.

## PASTORAL CHANGES

Allen McCurry from First Church, Perryville, to First Church, Douglassville.

Clyde E. Parish to Trinity Church, Little Rock.

A. B. Hill from Jacksonville, Ala., to First Church, Luxora.

May's Chapel, Tri-County Association, had 32 additions, 25 for baptism, in evangelistic services led by Otey Rhodes, Memphis, Tenn., doing the preaching and Mrs. Rhodes directing the singing. Pastor J. R. Pruett writes: "Bro. and Mrs. Rhodes are the greatest personal workers I have ever had the privilege of working with."

River Side Church, Tri-County Association, had 22 professions of faith, 13 additions to the church for baptism, and two by letter in revival services led by Rev. Glen Giles, Forrest City. Charles Fleming, Forrest City, led the singing. The church was organized three years ago with four charter members. It now has 71 members and is very progressive under the leadership of Pastor W. M. Thompson, of Forrest City.

Beech Grove Church had 14 conversions and seven additions by baptism in evangelistic services in which C. C. Sled did the preaching. Pastor George N. Villines reports that the church was helped in a general way as men's hearts were lifted upward toward God. The church has recently decorated the inside of the building, including the polishing of floors and benches, placing runners in the isles and a new pulpit in the altar.

Pastor Allen McCurry, First Church, Douglassville, recently led Lone Oak Church, DeQueen, in a evangelistic services resulting in 12 additions. Until recently the church has always used the pastor of Lockesburg Church on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Now it is going full-time and will call its own pastor. W. T. Byrum is pastor at Lockesburg and has been serving the Lone Oak Church.

Dr O. W. Yates was evangelist in recent revival services at Lockesburg Church. Pastor Boyd Baker, First Church, DeQueen, directed the song services. Pastor W. T. Byrum says: "Lockesburg Church has recently witnessed a soul-stirring revival which resulted in several additions and conversions. No church has ever had a better team than Dr. Yates and Pastor Baker. We regret much the going of Dr. Yates from the state."

Roland Church, Pulaski County Association, had nine conversions, two rededications, and three additions by letter in revival services led by Rev. R. C. Otey, Little Rock. A Vacation Bible School was held at the same time. Tommy Hinson is pastor.

Holland Church, Faulkner County Association, had 18 professions of faith, 21 additions for baptism, one addition by letter, and several rededications in revival services. W. C. Rowe, pastor of Capitol Hill Mission of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, did the preaching. Floyd Ward is pastor.

## Associational Meetings The Next Two Weeks

Little Red River—September 12-13, Pleasant Ridge Church, near Shiloh; S. H. McGrew, Wolf Bayou, moderator; G. W. Norman, Heber Springs, clerk.

Boone-Carroll—September 17-18; C. R. McCullum, Harrison, moderator; W. A. Odell, Omaha, clerk.

Buckville—September 21, Rock Springs Church, Cedar Glades; Laborn Sharp, Mountain Pine, moderator, J. D. Bradley, Buckville, clerk.



## What I Saw and Heard in The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

By LOUIE D. NEWTON  
President Southern Baptist Convention

# The Background of Russian Baptists

IN THIS FIRST ARTICLE (and all of these articles must be brief in order to meet the acute demands upon the Editors for space at this time of paper shortage), I wish to sketch the historical background of our Baptist brethren in Russia.

During my 25-day visit to Russia, July-August, 1946, as a member of the Russian War Relief delegation of Americans, invited by the Soviet Government to inspect the uses to which gifts for relief from America had been put and to inspect medical, educational and cultural institutions and to confer with Soviet officials, we visited, among many other notable places, the Republic of Georgia.

### Baptist Beginnings

Standing Sunday morning, August 4, 1946, in the Baptist church in Tbilisi, the capital of the Republic of Georgia, I remembered that it was on that very spot the first Baptist church in the USSR was constituted, in 1868.

In Tbilisi (formerly known as Tiflis) there lived a merchant named Nikita Voronin, a leader of the Molokan community. The subject of baptism had come up for discussion among the Molokans, and Voronin gave himself to a study of New Testament teaching on this matter. The result of his study led to a profound spiritual experience—his religion hitherto had been merely a matter of his inheritance — which resulted in his decision to be immersed as a believer.

He was ignorant of the people called Baptists; and only after his convictions had taken form, as a result of his study of the New Testament, did he learn from a German artisan that such convictions were shared by millions of people in other lands.

Voronin was baptized on August 20, 1867, and the following year there were enough Baptists in Tbilisi to constitute the first Baptist church in what is today the USSR. In 1871 two young men, V. G. Pavloff and V. V. Ivanoff-Klishnikoff, joined the ranks of the Baptists in Tbilisi. They were eager evangelists, and they provided the leadership and influence which was to spread the Baptist movement across the southern half of the Russia of today. In 1884 a Union of the Baptists of the Transcaucasian communities and the Baptists of the Ukraine was effected.

Baptists were persecuted in Russia from their earliest beginnings, particularly during the period when Pobiedonostseff held office as Procurator of the Holy Synod. Typical forms of persecution were imprisonment and exile. But, in spite of persecution, the Baptists multiplied.

### A Second Movement

Meanwhile, another movement had begun in Russia, which eventually became Baptist in both doctrine and polity. An Englishman, Lord Radstock, a pietist of the Plymouth Brother type, had been invited by a Russian woman of high social standing to come to St. Petersburg, in 1874. His preaching in the houses of members of the aristocracy proved very effective. Count Bobrinsky, a minister of

State, became a convert, as did Count M. M. Korff and Colonel Pashkoff.

These men of wealth and fame began to evangelize the working people and peasants on their estates, to print and distribute tracts, and to organize philanthropic efforts. This movement was loosely joined, most of the converts having come out of the Orthodox Church. In 1884 there was an effort to unite the Baptists of the south and the new movement in St. Petersburg, but the state church entered the picture sending Korff and Pashkoff into exile.

However, in 1888 Ivan S. Prokhanoff, one of the ablest Baptist leaders from the south, visited St. Petersburg, and after studying the movement that had started under Radstock, he was convinced that these believers were Baptists, without knowing it. He went away to England and Germany and France for further study as an engineer, and in 1908 he returned to St. Petersburg and organized the Union of Evangelical Christians, preferring to use that title rather than the name "Baptists" since Baptists were already being persecuted.

Prokhanoff always spoke of his organization as Baptists when he was dealing with Baptist leaders outside of Russia. Indeed, he served as a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance. The Baptist leaders in southern Russia regarded their brethren of the north as holding to the same polity and doctrines, but they understood why Prokhanoff preferred not to identify his organization as Baptists.

In 1917 the Revolutionists turned again all religious groups, as we well know, and the Bap-



Traveler Newton

tists, both north and south, underwent their share of persecution; but gradually it was discovered that the Baptists held radically differing views from the Orthodox Church, particularly with regard to the union of church and state.

### Conclusions

This brief glimpse into the earlier period of Baptist life in the USSR will serve to emphasize certain interesting and significant facts:

First, the Baptist movement in Russia, as in every instance of which I have any knowledge, was the result of the study of the Scriptures. I want the reader to remember that merchant in Tbilisi, Nikita Voronin, prayerfully searching the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit illumined the pages of the Living Book, and Voronin walked in the way of revealed truth, discovering himself to be a Baptist.

Second, the Baptist movement in Russia, as in every instance of which I have any knowledge, was the immediate subject of persecution on the part of the state church. The story of Baptist persecution in Russia will some day be fully told, and it will form another glowing chapter in the saga of suffering for the sake of religious liberty.

Third, the Baptist movement in Russia, in its earliest stages as well as in these later years, found itself out amongst the masses, albeit there were converts amongst the upper classes. This emphasizes anew the fact, which we must never forget, that the Baptist movement is always a people's movement. It thrives best when it is thrust into the life of the common people. "And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received Him, for they were all waiting for Him," Luke 8:40. Wisdom has fled us if we ever lose sight of the people—all the people.

Fourth, the Baptist movement in Russia, in the beginnings as well as today, has ever been and is now an evangelistic and an evangelical movement. "They went preaching" repentance, and calling all men to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Space restrains any detail of those early Baptist preachers in Russia, but this much must be said—they were evangelists and they were evangelicals. They called all men to repentance and personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and they made it plain that all men are competent to deal directly with God through the One High Priest forever.

(In next week's article, I shall deal with Baptists in the USSR in the earlier stages of the Revolution.)

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The Declaration of Independence may not have been prepared and signed by men who were altogether Christian, but it sets forth ideals of equality and human brotherhood that only the teachings of Jesus could have produced.—Max Stanfield in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.



# An Open Letter to Arkansas Baptists From University of Arkansas

By MARY JANE REDWINE

Baptist Student Secretary, University of Arkansas

For several months the Baptist Student Union at the University of Arkansas has been intensely interested in a Baptist Student Center for our campus. We believe that this is one of the most challenging needs to be presented to Arkansas Baptists. It has been the burden of our prayers and we feel that the Lord is leading us to a fulfillment of our need.

Last semester there were over 700 Baptist and Baptist preference students enrolled in the University of Arkansas. This does not include the nearly 100 non-preference students of no religious affiliation. These students represent a mighty challenge and responsibility to Arkansas Baptists.

### 180 Out of 700

During the semester we were able to enlist some 180 students in our various organizations at the church. However, the auditorium that we have as ours will hardly seat 100 students at one time. Most of our meetings during the week such as council meetings, morning watch, study courses, etc., were held in the Student Union building on the campus which is already crowded beyond capacity. It is exceedingly difficult to find room for our various meetings. For eight months now the Baptist Student Secretary has been chairman of a committee appointed by the Inter-Church Council on the campus trying to find a room to be used by all students as a prayer-room. Such a room is not available for lack of space.

Many such needs are concentrated to the extent that a Baptist Student Center near

## Action Authorized

The State Executive Board, at its meeting last week, recognized the need for a Baptist Student Center at the University of Arkansas and authorized the naming of a committee to negotiate for acquisition of such property.

the campus seems to be the only answer. We need to purchase a lot large enough to hold an adequate building with space enough left for out-door recreation. We need a building adequate to take care of our varied activities through the week. All Sunday activities will be held in the First Baptist Church, as the Baptist Student Union upholds a church-centered program.

### Possible Uses Are Listed

Our Southwide student department has made a survey of existing student centers and has compiled the suggested uses of such a building. The student center should be a "home away from home" to the Baptist student, attractive enough to win the admiration of the sorority and fraternity member. There should be an office for the student secretary, work-shop with typewriter, mimeograph machine, files, etc., a kitchen adequately furnish-

ed, a game-room and social hall, chapel, prayer rooms, lounge and library, council room, music room and a conference room for the pastor.

At present there is only one Baptist Student Center in Arkansas—the one at Ouachita. Some state conventions have voted and have plans underway to build student centers on every campus in their state. These are: Louisiana, Alabama, Oklahoma, Kentucky and Florida. There may be others.

### A State Wide Project

Most Baptist Student Centers on state-school campuses were financed as a state project and are controlled by the Baptist Executive Board of that state. The architects employed by our Sunday School Board in Nashville will furnish drawings free of charge for Baptist Student Centers and will work with each group to fit the plans to the local needs. The First Baptist Church of Fayetteville sees the need of the Baptist student group at the University and so do churches in towns surrounding Fayetteville. However, we sincerely believe that our Baptist Student Center should be a state-wide project and should be supported as our State Convention sees fit.

In time we will need student centers on all of our campuses in Arkansas. But it seems that the most urgent need right now is for a Baptist Student Center at the University of Arkansas. We are trying to maintain a Baptist Student Union program attractive enough to compel the interest of our varied student group including youngsters just out of high school, the mature veteran and the married student. The value of the individual student is priceless; the potential influence for Christ in our Baptist student group cannot be reckoned. We must do all in our power to build a challenging Christian program on our campus. This is most difficult to do without an office for the student secretary or an attractive place to center our program.

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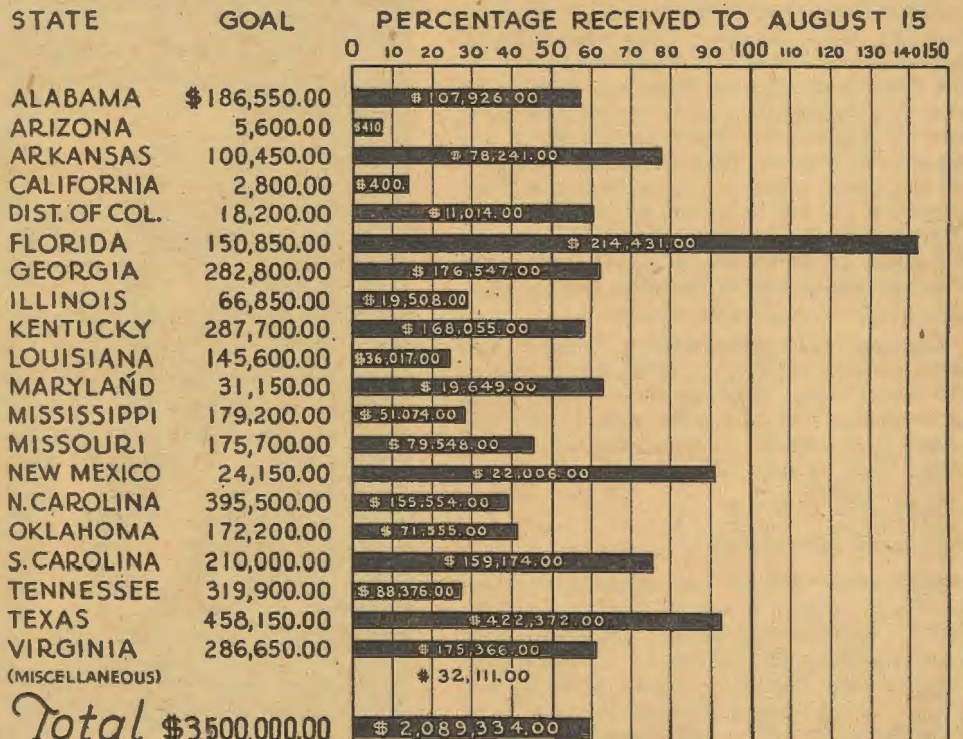
This is a graphic picture of the results achieved in each of our states in behalf of the Relief and Rehabilitation Campaign up to August 15.

Since that date we have received the following telegrams, which are self-explanatory: "Arizona Baptists are over their goal of \$5,600 for World Relief."—Willis J. Ray; "New Mexico Baptists reached quota today." (Aug. 26), Harry P. Stagg; "Texas Baptists have gone over Relief Offering goal with \$470,000 received. Expect to go well over \$500,000."—J. Howard Williams.

It will be seen that Florida was the first state to reach its goal before August 15 and it has gone far beyond already to 142 per cent of her goal. Several other states are approaching their goals. With extraordinary effort, all will be able to reach their goal by September 30, it is devoutly hoped.

—Walter M. Gilmore

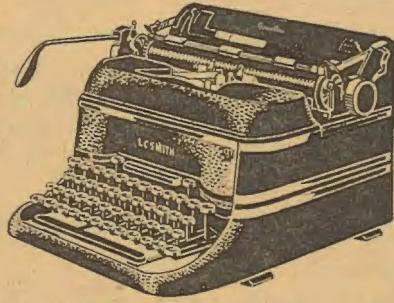
## WORLD RELIEF REPORT





# THE CHURCHES In THE NEWS

By WITHROW T. HOLLAND\*



Alfred Lord Tennyson once greeted General William Booth with the genial question, "General, what is the news?" The founder of the Salvation Army replied simply, "Christ died for our sins." And so it is. That IS the news. It follows, therefore, that if the churches are true to their message and mission, their work is news.

We often complain, however, that the churches command relatively little space. Before we decide that the newspapers, and other mediums of publicity, desire it so, or that they are unfair, honesty demands that we face two questions: (1) Are the activities of my church news? (2) If so, are the doings of my church being promptly and properly reported? What principles should guide us if we are concerned to have the churches in the news? For one thing,

## We Must Have News, Not Views, to Report.

Unless we have "News to tell," an unsaved world will have little time for our views. Before Aldersgate, John Welsey, though rigid in morals and devout in religious observance, went about parroting a set of conventional views. But after Aldersgate, when he felt his heart strangely warmed and his sins forgiven, Wesley had news to tell—and how he told it! People want news, not views. News always attracts. In spending time "Either to tell or to hear some new thing" (Acts 17:21), we are all somewhat akin to the Athenians of Paul's day. Accordingly, we have the same advantage in giving the "Good news" of the gospel.

Christianity itself is the greatest news story ever released. As Dr. Halford E. Luccock has put it, "Christianity did not come into the world through the editorial page; it came through the news story." Something has happened! Something that needs NOT editorializing, but telling. Let the churches do what they are supposed to be doing and they are "Good news copy."

Copy that is news is wanted. Editors of religious journals, popular magazines and newspapers report that they cannot obtain enough NEWS of people and organizations doing Christian work. But, they add, their files and wastebaskets are glutted with statement and opinion articles. If we picture our actual work, our reporting will be news copy. In the second place,

## We Must Use Correct Methods Of Reporting News.

The preacher may ruin the effect of his message by violating the basic laws of homiletics and public speaking. Just so, we can defeat ourselves in the matter of getting our churches in the news by ignoring the basic principles of journalism. Follow these rules:

**RULE ONE:** Be careful of mechanical details. Use regular typing paper, 8½ by 11 inches. Write on one side only. Clip sheets together (never staple them). Begin one-third the way down the first page. Leave one-inch margins. Double space your copy. Use a

typewriter ALWAYS. If erasures smear your copy, write it over.

**RULE TWO:** Write after the style of the journalist, not that of the sermonizer. Don't save the best for the last, but "Spill the beans" in the first sentence or paragraph. The news story is built like an inverted pyramid with the who, what, when, where, why or how in the lead paragraph and the most important of these in the first sentence. Remember. Be clear. Use adjectives sparingly. Avoid stilted words. Avoid wordy phrases. Be accurate. Verify names, initials, dates, and places. Be brief. It is the best news story that gives the important facts in the smallest space. Write short sentences and paragraphs.

**RULE THREE:** Consider the editor. In the upper left-hand corner of the first page put your name, the name of your church, your address, and telephone number. In the upper right-hand corner put the release date for your story. Number your pages. Put the word "more" at the bottom of each page when additional copy follows, and make an "end mark" at the conclusion of the story. Do not write a headline. Don't pester the editor. Let him decide whether he'll print your story or not. But again,

## We Must Be Right In Our Motives For Reporting News.

We want our churches in the news columns. We want to publicize what will happen. Why?

The only worthy motive is that lost men may be attracted to the gospel, and the unconcerned may be challenged. We need to remember that our church news story is not for the saint but the non-church-goer. If you run a block ad for a revival, don't put it on the church page. Ask for space on the page with the movie ads. Go after the lost sheep.

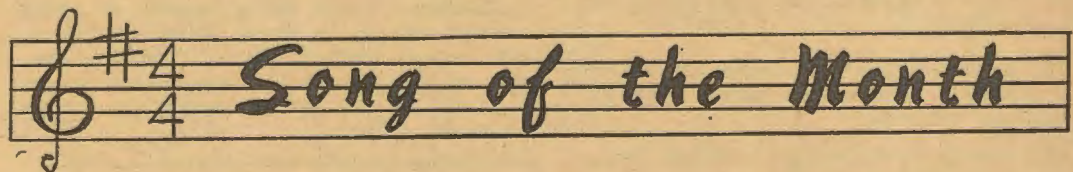
To speak of motives is a delicate matter. Who is there who would say for himself in anything, "My motives are pure?" Who is there to cast the first stone? Yet may we not ask, "Is the building of the reputation of being a 'Go getter' a worthy reason for wanting our churches in the news? Is the unconfessed desire 'to move' a worthy motive for publicity? Is the practice of widely publicizing successful revivals (and 'forgetting the things that are behind' on the others) entirely free from the taint of the desire to be branded as 'effective'?" Publicity, based upon false motives, will backfire eventually and injure the cause of Christ. Finally,

## We Must Have Our Own News Medium.

Our problem is not only to get the churches in the news, but also to get the news into the churches. Our people are uninformed about our program. At best, the amount and type of news the secular papers will print is limited. We need a medium of news that is devoted solely to the promotion of our own program and the informing and enlisting of our own people.

We have publications of a technical nature. We have mission publications. We have teaching and training quarterlies. But we need a news medium that is wider in coverage and closer to all phases of our work. There is only one such. That is our Baptist state paper.

The Baptist state paper is OUR newspaper. We should use it to give the news to OUR people. We should be considerate of OUR editor. We should place OUR paper in every home in every church.



By RUTH NININGER

Following the custom of alternating between the hymn and the gospel song, the Song of the Month for September is "Hiding in Thee," by Rev. William O Cushing and Ira D. Sankey.

*O safe to the Rock that is higher than I,  
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly;  
So sinful, so weary, Thine, Thine would I be;  
Thou blest "Rock of Ages," I'm hiding in Thee.*

*In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow's lone hour,  
In times when temptation casts o'er me it's power;  
In the tempests of life, on its wide, heaving sea,  
Thou blest "Rock of Ages," I'm hiding in Thee.*

*How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe,  
I have fled to my Refuge, and breathed out my woe;  
How often when trials like sea-billows roll,  
Have hidden in Thee, O Thou Rock of my soul.*

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Thou blest "Rock of Ages,"  
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\*This article is a condensation of an address delivered before the Liberty Baptist Association, meeting with Immanuel Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark., October 12, 1944.



## Mississippi County Churches Engage In Fruitful Evangelistic Endeavors

From the Missionary Messenger, monthly publication of Mississippi County Association, we have gleaned the following reports of and plans for revivals in various churches of the association:

**Clear Lake**—Fourteen additions by baptism and a great host of rededications. Pastor Homer Robertson, Whitten, evangelist and Clyde Ellis, West Mississippi, singer. Henry Wooten is pastor.

**Keiser**—Report was incomplete, but many lost people were attending. Evangelist Brooks Ramsey, Memphis, did the preaching. Shirley Debell is pastor.

**Cole Ridge**—Forty-one conversions and seven additions by letter were counted. One week before the revival cottage prayer meetings were held in the homes and personal witnessing was done through visitation. Pastor Hal Gallop, Dyess, did the preaching. W. C. Stewart is pastor.

**Well's Chapel**—Rev. Ellis Barnett, Blytheville, did the preaching and Pastor Emmitt Cross, Brinkley's Chapel, led the singing. There were six conversions.

**Blackwater**—Rev. George Bugg, Holland, Mo., was the evangelist. Report of results was incomplete.

**Etowah**—Pastor Robertson, Dyess, was the evangelist. There were two conversions and four rededications.

**Brown's Chapel**—Rev. Roy Johnson was the evangelist. There were three conversions and many rededications.

**Lilly Street Mission**—Associate Pastor D. B. Bledsoe, First Church, Blytheville, did the preaching. There were seven additions by baptism and three by letter. Cottage prayer meetings were held in the homes a week before the meeting.

**Cross Roads**—Pastor L. G. Scott, Dell, did the preaching. Reports were incomplete.

**Immanuel**—There were 16 additions to the church, 13 for baptism. Rev. Rex Brown did the preaching.

**Cottonwood Point**—Twenty-two conversions were counted, 21 of which united with the church for baptism.

**New Liberty**—Twenty-eight additions, 19 for baptism, resulted from the services led by Pastor Harold Tillman, First Church, Conway.

**Number Nine**—Associate Pastor Bledsoe, First Church, Blytheville, did the preaching. Report of results was incomplete.

**Calvary**—This was an outstanding revival held in the spring with Pastor Hoyt Jernigan doing the preaching, and Pastor Robertson, Whitten, leading the singing. There were 68 additions, 62 for baptism. Fourteen war veterans were saved. A fall revival will be held in October or November.

**First Church, Blytheville**—A spring revival was led by Rev. R. O. Barker. The outstanding service of the day was the morning service at 7:25. The attendance at these early morning services averaged 113.

**Nodena**—Pastor Robertson, Whitten, did the preaching. A bus was used to transport peo-

ple to and from the services. M. D. Davis is Pastor.

**Joiner**—Pastor A. F. Muncy, Wilson, did the preaching. A Vacation Bible School was held in connection with the services. M. E. Wiles is pastor. There were 17 additions.

**Wilson**—Pastor E. E. Griever, First Church, Harrison, did the preaching. A. F. Muncy is the pastor.

**Whitten**—Pastor Miller, New Liberty Church, did the preaching.

**New Bethel**—Rev. O. T. Bolton, of Louisiana, was the evangelist.

**Manila**—Cottage prayer meetings were held in preparation for the revival, C. J. Rushing is the pastor.

**Dyess**—Rev. T. T. Crabtree, of Kentucky, did the preaching. Hal Gallop is pastor.

**Brinkley's Chapel**—Rev. J. F. Richardson was the evangelist. A Vacation Bible School was held in connection with the revival and the Book of John was taught.

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## NOTES OF ADVANCE

A resolution expressing appreciation of Dr. O. W. Yates, who left the Bible Department of Ouachita College to accept the position of promotional director at Georgetown College in Kentucky, was adopted by the membership of Second Church, Little Rock, August 21. Dr. Yates served as interim pastor of the church for six months in 1944.

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R. Wilbur Herring, newly elected president of San Marcos Baptist Academy, San Marcos, Tex., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Herring, Little Rock, members of the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church. Mr. Herring goes to San Marcos from St. Charles Avenue Church, New Orleans, where he served as assistant pastor.

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Manning Church led a number of young married couples to accept Christ during recent revival services. Pastor Lawrence Ferriell did the preaching, Loyce Nelson, pastor at Troy, led the singing, and Clyde Parish played the piano.

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## Missionary Fund Begun For Miss Ann Wollerman

By CLAUDE STEWARD, JR.  
Sophomore, Ouachita College

During the last summer semester at Ouachita College, announcement was made that Miss Ann Wollerman would resign her position as a member of the college faculty in January, in preparation to leave as a missionary to Brazil, South America.

Several students have led in launching a campaign to found an Ann Wollerman Missionary Fund. This fund is to be acquired by voluntary contributions from Miss Wollerman's many friends at Ouachita and from the entire state and even out of the state, who know her, and deem it a blessing and an opportunity to pay tribute and honor to her and the great cause she is beginning to undertake for our Lord and Saviour.

Each month, each member of this volunteer group will give one dollar or more to the fund and the money will be sent to Miss Wollerman in token of our love for her and to help her in the campaign victory for God.

Marvin Tate, ministerial student, has been elected president of our group. He will handle the business details of the fund and will be responsible for making public a monthly report so that all will know how the fund is progressing. Contributions should be addressed to him at Ouachita College.

Miss Wollerman's many friends throughout the South will rejoice to know that her earnest and unceasing prayers have been answered and she will soon be on the foreign field for her Master. We who love her and want to help her in every possible way are elated that here is an opportunity to share humbly in her service and success for our Lord.

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A pipe organ recently donated to the Southern Seminary has been installed in the assembly room of Norton Hall and will be ready for use with the opening of the 1946-47 session of the seminary, September 11. A platform large enough to accommodate a choir of 44 members has been built for the assembly room and the hall is being redecorated and drapes secured for the windows.

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Pastor J. A. O. Russell, First Church, Dardanelle, recently preached in evangelistic services at New Hope Church. There were 10 additions by baptism.



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# An Unending War

By ERWIN L. McDONALD

The war with the Axis powers has been over these many months, but the war against evil continues. The manufacture and consumption of alcoholic drinks continue to be two of the darkest clouds on America's horizon. Significant of the trend of the times was the official announcement by a high government official, immediately after the end of hostilities in Europe, of a "liquor holiday" during which period whiskey and other intoxicants might be manufactured.

The prominence of beer, whiskey, and wine in multiplied thousands of "celebrating" crowds over the land as our nation observed the end of war served to magnify the seriousness of the situation on the home front. Despite laws to the contrary, drinking is a common occurrence on buses, trains, and along public thoroughfares.

The use of grains, potatoes, and other food materials for the man-

ufacture of intoxicants in times like these, when millions of people are starving, is a most hideous sin itself.

The liquor industry, now one of the richest, best organized, and most powerful combinations to be found, continues to spend millions of dollars in a systematic campaign to increase the number of drinkers. Attractive liquor advertisements appear regularly in the secular press, and the radio brings the glare of the beer promoter to the most pious firesides.

But all is not dark. The forces of righteousness, through the exercise of their rights at the polls,

are slowly but surely removing liquor from its place as a legal, respectable business. Arguments for liquor on the grounds that "people are going to drink anyhow" and that taxes from liquor bring a great revenue for schools, hospitals, and other worthwhile enterprises, are not convincing to straight-thinking Christians.

It is true in the battle against booze that the price of real and lasting victory is eternal vigilance. The liquor forces are leaving no stones unturned to keep their grip on the nation. But through the power of Christ to change the hearts and desires of individuals we can have victory. Let Baptists, born from above, have no part in the making, selling, or drinking of liquor. The statement of a nation-

ally known news magazine notwithstanding, one cannot be "a devout Baptist" and "drink bourbon."

But let us do more than leave liquor alone. Let us fight it as we would any other curse that threatens to wreck and ruin our homes and our nation.

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The religious world has not begun to use the tremendous power that is used in commercial advertising. The lives of every one of us are influenced day by day by the advertisements we see. The stumbling block is the cost, but if commercial firms find it profitable, why cannot the cause of Christ find it equally so?—Roy S. Holoman in Baptist Training Union Magazine.

## Church Organized

A new Baptist church, with more than 200 charter members, was organized August 30 in the lecture room of the YWCA, Little Rock. Because three lots at 16th and Gaines Streets, Little Rock, have been purchased for a new modern church plant, the young church was named the Gaines Street Baptist Church.

Pastor O. A. Greenleaf, Levy, presided at the organizational meeting at the request of the body. The church voted unanimously to become a member of the Pulaski County Association, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. The charter will be held open for 30 days after date of organization to permit others to become charter members.

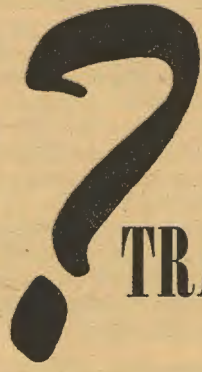
Dan Webster, Sr., was elected church treasurer; Mrs. Royston Drake, church clerk; O. A. Cates, Sunday School superintendent; Pat Moseley, Training Union director; and Ben C. Meeks, H. A. Kennedy, Newt Grammer, and O. A. Cates, church trustees.

Services are being held temporarily in the Robinson Memorial Auditorium on Sundays and the Woman's City Club on Wednesday evenings. A Sunday School was organized September 1 with 200 in attendance, and a Training Union was organized in the evening with 176 present. It is reported that close to 1,000 people attended the first morning worship service of the church. There were 92 additions at the two Sunday services.

At the mid-week prayer service September 4 the church voted unanimously to extend a call to Rev. Charles E. Lawrence to become pastor.

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## Nine Arkansans Attend Young Men's Missionary Conference at Ridgecrest

The second annual Young Men's Missionary Conference was held at Ridgecrest August 15-21 and was attended by 130 older Intermediate boys from over the Southland, nine of whom were from Arkansas. The conference was held at Boy's Camp across the road from the Ridgecrest Assembly. The conference had its own program of activities directed by J. I. Bishop, Southwide Royal Ambassador Secretary. He was assisted by State Royal Ambassador Secretaries and summer Royal Ambassador Field Workers. Camp activities included projects on which the boys worked with home and foreign missionaries, conferences on Royal Ambassador work, and discussions led by leaders in the fields of missions, race relations, and government.

One of the most popular speakers to address the Young Men's Missionary Conference was Congressman Brooks Hays from Arkansas. The nine boys from Arkansas were delighted to have their picture taken with their Congressman following his address to the conference.

It was Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest and the boys had the privilege of attending all the evening sessions and some other special meetings. They heard Dr. Sadler and many other missionaries speak. They heard Gov. Harold Stassen, Dr. Duke McCall, and Dr. Louie Newton.

One night the Royal Ambassadors had part on the program. In presenting them Dr. Bill Marshall told of the importance of this work by relating some of his experiences in different student meetings in which many young people have volunteered for foreign mission service. In all of these meetings he said something was lacking. That something was the response of young men to the mission call. Not that too many young women have answered the call, Dr. Marshall said, but far too few young men have answered the call. That is why an organization which is distinctively a missionary organization for boys is so important. Dr. Marshall concluded, "All of our young men need to be informed about missions around the world whether God wants them to go or not."

The Arkansas boys who made the trip with Alvin Hatton in his Royal Ambassador Carry-all are: Benny Johnson, Blytheville; Tommy Tedford, Corning; Mac McKeehan, Fayetteville; John Holbrook, Russellville; Bobby Ready, Eudora; Charles Meltabarger, Paul Reagan, and Marvin Stiles, Little Rock.

### Young People's Rallies

Centennial Association — "My heart is overflowing with gratitude to God for the wonderful young



people's rally we had at DeWitt recently. Since it was our first rally for young people, we had no idea how many would come. You will be interested to know that 5 out of 6 churches were represented with 95 young people present. After lunch they had an hour's supervised recreation, the 45 W. M. S. members present had our quarterly business session at that time. Every girl and boy on the young people's program did it nicely. It was a high hour when Mr. Walter Jacobi spoke just before adjournment. All were greatly blessed by his testimony. An offering was taken and it was the wish of the young people that the offering be given to him for educational needs. It amounted to \$50.00 besides the \$5.00 for his expenses handled through the W. M. U. office."—Mrs. Harry S. Baker, Superintendent.

Delta Association—"We had 275 registered and more than 300 present at the young people's rally held at Monticello. Our subject for the day was "Bridge Builders." A very interesting report was given by Frances Elizabeth Taylor concerning her trip to Ridgecrest, and Paul Sullivan reported on the Assembly at Siloam. The devotional was given by Marie Parker, a Y. W. A., and a trio composed of G. A.'s and accompanied by another G. A. sang "In Christ There is no East or West." Dr. Paul Geren of El Dorado, spoke on "The People at Each End of the Bridge." Our Offering for Relief amounted to \$15.91."—Mrs. Douglas Pittard, Associational Young People's Counselor.

### White River Asks For Hospital and Assembly

The first annual associational meeting of the state was that of White River Association held August 29-30 with Rehobeth Church, Flippin. Two resolutions were adopted: one that the State Convention be asked to investigate the feasibility of purchasing the Rollins Hospital at Gassville, which is for sale, and operate it as a Baptist institution; the other that North Central District undertake to establish an assembly camp

ground for its young people. Next year the meeting will be held with Gassville Church, Pastor Dennison Yates to preach the sermon.

### Joiner Revival Wins Volunteers

Joiner Church has just had a great meeting with Pastor A. F. Muncy, First Church, Wilson, preaching and Pastor M. E. Wiles leading the singing. A Vacation Bible School was held in connection with the revival. Pastor Wiles writes:

"The interest increased continually throughout the entire time. We had 17 additions in all. One of them was a fine young lady who had been a Catholic for several years. Then a young man and his wife, who had been in Hendrix College where he was preparing for the Methodist ministry, decided

that they were in the wrong church. They united with the church on the last night of the meeting, and the church voted to license him to preach. The young couple left for Arkadelphia where they will see about entering Ouachita College. I have just received a telegram from him stating that they have a nice apartment rented and everything is shaping up fine. They are Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Willett, of Joiner.

"The church gave a love offering of \$279.04 for the revival. We are now finishing our new building of worship and will soon start on a new pastor's home."

Paul Elledge, pastor, First Church, Lake Providence, La., recently conducted a meeting at Good Will Church, Oak Grove, La., in which there were 36 additions, 22 on profession of faith.



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# 100 Workers Will Be Enrolled In State Training Union Clinic

October 20-26 is the date for the State Training Union Clinic which will be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Mr. J. E. Lambdin, secretary of the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, with all of his department workers will conduct an enlargement campaign in Immanuel Church. One hundred clinic workers from over the state will be invited to attend the clinic.

During the night conferences they will observe the Southwide Training Union workers in action. During the day there will be classes and conferences for the clinic workers. They will also participate in the campaign. There will be practical laboratory work for the clinicians. The purpose of this clinic is to train 100 people in the fundamentals of Training Union work and in the techniques of the Training Union enlargement campaign.

For any clinic worker the only expense will be transportation to and from Little Rock. However, three cents per mile will be paid for one car from each association, which brings as many as four associational Training Union officers, or representatives, to the clinic. On Friday morning and afternoon, October 25, in connection with the clinic there will be held the annual state meeting for all associational officers.

Those interested in enrolling and attending the clinic should fill out the application form which is found below and mail to Ralph W. Davis, 203 Radio Center, as soon as possible. From the list of applications, 100 people will be selected to attend the clinic.

### Calling All Vacation Bible Schools

There are 80 churches in Arkansas that reported Vacation Bible Schools in 1945 but have not reported schools in 1946. No doubt many of these churches held schools but for some reason failed to report them. These reports are

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very important to all of those who are interested in Vacation Bible School work.

We suggest that even if you are sure your school has been reported that you make another check to be absolutely positive of it. If your church or Woman's Missionary Union or any other organization has conducted a Negro or mission school, see that it is reported at once.

Time is growing short. We are anxious to have all reports immediately so that they may be tabulated for the Southwide report. If no report blanks are available, use a postal card giving the following information: The name of the church, association, pastor, principal, the number enrolled, the average attendance, the number of days, the number of hours, the number of conversions, and the amount of the mission offering.

Send all such information to Mrs. A. C. Kolb, State Vacation

## Help! Help!

T. D. McCullouch, State Baptist Student Union Secretary, is in need of an unfurnished home or apartment in Greater Little Rock. It will be appreciated, if the readers of the Arkansas Baptist know of any available apartment or unfurnished home, if they will telephone 4-2389 or 2-4715. Let us all help to find Mr. McCullouch and his family a home.

Bible School Worker, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, Ark.

### Junior Breakfast Held

Pastor Carl Bunch, Nettleton, reports that a breakfast for the Junior Department was held on Sunday, July 28, as suggested. It was well attended with 22 juniors present and six officers and teachers. Bro. Donald Seifers is the Sunday School superintendent and had charge of this meeting. There were two professions of faith and other additions to the church. We congratulate this good church for this fine meeting.

### An Unusual Training School

We have just received a report from Miss Irene Jones of First Church, Fort Smith, of an unusually fine training school put on with local leaders. One hundred and twelve workers were enrolled in six classes taught by local teachers. This, during the hottest week in August. One hundred received awards after examination.

An unusual feature of this school was that one class was taught in the morning, one in the afternoon, and four at night. Miss Jones states that it was one of the best schools they have ever had, taught by local teachers. This is a fine record in the light of an extremely hot week in the month of August. Congratulations to the First Church, Fort Smith!

### Young People's Programs

Two splendid programs have been prepared by Philip B. Harris, superintendent of Young People's work for the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board. One is entitled, "The Bon Voyage Program for 1946." This excellent program has a double purpose. A bon voyage for those going away to college and to honor those who have made a good voyage home from military service. The theme of the program is, "Take the Cross."

A copy of the program appears in the September issue of the Sunday School Builder.

The other program is that for an installation service for Young People's departments classes. This program entitled, "Builders in a Common Task," was prepared by Mrs. R. W. Wallis of Portsmouth, Va.

This interesting installation program appears in the October issue of the Sunday School Builder and centers around the scripture message found in I Corinthians 3:10.

## AN APPRECIATION

Arkansas Baptists are grateful to Mr. C. Hamilton Moses and the Arkansas Power and Light Company, of which he is president, for helping with the revamping and the rewiring of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly. Without the help of Mr. Moses and the Power and Light Company these improvements could not have been made at this time or as efficiently and inexpensively.

During this year's Assembly session Mr. Carl Ledbetter, an employee of the Arkansas Power and Light Company, helped to study the layout of the buildings on the Assembly grounds and to plot the rewiring. When the problem and need were presented to President Moses he graciously consented to let the Assembly have the services of Mr. Ledbetter for two weeks without any charge to the Assembly.

Arrangements were made and Mr. Ledbetter and a helper spent two weeks on the Assembly grounds, rewiring the entire Assembly grounds so that the power and efficiency will be much greater from this time on. It will take another week to finish this work and Mr. Moses and the Arkansas Power and Light Company have already agreed to let us have Mr. Ledbetter for this additional week.

Certainly Arkansas Baptists appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness of Mr. Moses who is a teacher of a large men's class in Immanuel Church, Little Rock, president of the Ouachita Board of Trustees, and interested in every phase of the work of Arkansas Baptists. With all our hearts we say, "Thank you," to Mr. Moses and the Arkansas Power and Light Company.

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### State Training Union Clinic

Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock  
October 20-26, 1946

Realizing the benefit to be derived from enrolling and participating in the State Training Union Clinic to be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, beginning October 20, under the auspices of the Religious Education Department of Arkansas, and the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, I herewith make application to be one of the 100 enrolled as a member of the clinic for the full time.

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# HERE AND THERE IN ARKANSAS

In answer to the urgent request of Missionary J. J. Franklin of the Arkansas Valley Association, your Brotherhood Secretary went recently for a few days to the plantation section of Eastern Arkansas lying between Hughes and West Memphis, to assist in a revival. Brother Franklin did the preaching.

The revival was held in the community about Horseshoe Lake. About 1,000 white people live in the area, most of them on the Belle Meade, the Brinkley, the Snowden, the Anderson, and other nearby plantations. The only white Baptist church in all the area is the little Beck's Chapel Church, which sponsored the revival. Many of the people in the area live so far back in the country that they are almost completely isolated and have no way to go to church.

Practically everybody was visited, many people accepting Christ in their homes. When the revival closed there had been 66 professions of faith in Christ and 36 additions to the Beck's Chapel Church. The great need now is for an adequate church building and a full-time pastor.

Before the revival had been under way more than a few days Brother Franklin and your Brotherhood Secretary learned a new four blessed truths:

1. God still blesses the going and the witnessing of His people;
2. The Gospel is still the power of God unto Salvation;
3. The Holy Spirit still leads in marvelous ways;
4. Missionary opportunities in Arkansas still challenge the best that is ours to give!


A fast growing rural church is the Richland Church of Delta Association. Bro. J. G. Higginbotham is the pastor. Richland Church is located between Highways 1 and 65, about 11 miles east of Winchester. During the current associational year, 39 people have been baptized into the fellowship of the church, and a beautiful new church building has been erected on a choice site. Such churches as Richland are the answer to the problem of promoting the work of the kingdom in rural areas. And the men there are interested in a Brotherhood!

Your Brotherhood Secretary has recently visited the following churches:

**First Church, Norman:** Met with interested group of men of the church and talked with them about problems and methods of Brotherhood organization. Bro. Lenox Medford is pastor.

**First Church, Harrisburg:** Bro. O. C. Hicks is pastor. Met with a goodly group of men and their

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wives. Had fine response. Interest in Brotherhood organization is developing.

**First Church, Wynne:** Spoke to the Brotherhood at their regular meeting. The men of this church are truly discovering their place of service and their responsibilities as Christian men. Bro. W. R. Woodell is pastor.

**First Church, Paragould:** Talked with a fine group of men of this great church. Set before them the aims, the objectives and the activity program of a church Brotherhood. Response was good. Bro. Irving M. Prince is pastor.

**First Church, Judsonia:** Supplied for the pastor, Bro. L. M. Keeling, who was away. Had the privilege of visiting during the afternoon in company with a consecrated layman of the church. During the evening service two men joined the church, one for baptism and one by letter. "When you go, they come!"

**First Church, Siloam Springs:** The occasion was the meeting of the Benton County Associational Brotherhood of which C. A. Woody is the very active and efficient president. We had a good meeting! Bro. A. A. Brady, Missionary of Benton County Association, was present. He is a great believer in Brotherhood work.

**First Church, Rison:** Supplied at the morning service for Brother T. T. Newton, pastor, who was in Houston, Tex., assisting in a revival.

**First Church, Marianna:** Supplied for Bro. W. F. Couch, who was in a revival at Elaine.

**State Women's Reformatory:** A wonderful Sunday afternoon service during which a lost woman was gloriously saved!

**Richland Baptist Church, Delta Association:** (Mentioned above).

**First Church, Eudora and First Church, Portland:** Visited during a tour of Delta Association in behalf of Brotherhood work. Bro. J. V. Chandler, Associational Missionary, arranged the tour.

There is a growing consciousness throughout our whole state

that Brotherhood work is the answer to one of the most acute needs that our denomination faces today: the need of getting our men into the work of our churches!

## Kirkpatrick's Lead Powerful Services

We have just closed a 15 day revival in First Church, Stamps, with Evangelist and Mrs. H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, leading.

I want to say in personal testimony that I have never had a man to work with me in a revival who was more agreeable and who concerned himself with a deeper interest for everything that was for the good of the church. He preached the pure gospel with simplicity, but with a freshness most powerful. He not only preached, but both he and Mrs. Kirkpatrick gave themselves in visitation that testified to a passion for lost souls.

Members of the church say it was the best revival in the church the large crowds who attended and for many years both in terms of the number of professions and additions which amounted to a total of 45. There was a spiritual challenge and uplift because of the constant visitation by the membership of the church, who were burdened for lost souls.

I've never had more beautiful cooperation as a pastor in a revival from both the deaconship, membership, and the other churches of the town. Everyone was made to thank God for the outpouring of His spiritual blessings and for sending the Kirkpatrick's our way.

## Figures to Inspire

September 1, 1946

Church	Addns.	S.S.	T.U.
Arkadelphia, First	9	296	100
Barton's Chapel	4	206	210
Benton, First	1	453	91
Conway, First	3	332	86
Cullendale, First	—	260	97
El Dorado, First	4	666	183
Fordyce Church	—	283	87
Gentry	11	235	108
Greenwood, First	—	247	125
Hamburg, First	1	251	114
Harrison, First	—	322	158
Hot Springs Churches:			
Park Place	—	387	137
Second	—	445	96
Including Mission	—	494	—
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	—	369	78
Gaines Street	92	207	176
South Highland	—	188	74
Magnolia, Central	—	358	99
Mt. Ida, First	—	130	73
Paris, First	—	280	144
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	11	573	167
Including Mission	—	619	—
Matthews Memorial	1	114	116
Oak Grove	—	109	108
Rogers, First	2	295	96
Springdale, First	—	335	105
Including Mission	—	411	—
Warren, First	—	386	57



Victor H. Coffman, Jr., son of Pastor and Mrs. V. H. Coffman, Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, was ordained to the ministry in services of the church Wednesday evening, August 28. The ordination council meeting was held prior to the main service held at the prayer meeting hour. Pastor T. H. Jordan, First Church, Van Buren, preached the ordination sermon; Pastor Al G. Escott, Bailey Hill Church, presented the Bible and the recommendation of the ordination council; and Pastor H. E. Marsh, Mill Creek Church, led in the prayer of blessing and guidance. Members of the Board of Deacons of the church joined with the ministers of the ordination council in giving their blessings to Victor, Jr. The young minister is the pastor of Antioch Church, near Hermitage. He is a senior in Ouachita College and is making plans to enter the seminary next fall.

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# Elaine Church Has 72 Additions During Four Month Period

By R. D. HARRIS  
Pastor, First Church, Elaine

The Lord has marvelously blessed us at First Church, Elaine. A recent revival with Pastor W. F. Couch, First Church, Marianna, doing the preaching, resulted in 30 additions and 10 joining the church by letter. This brings the total additions since the first of June to 53 baptisms, one by statement and 18 by letter, or a total of 72.

There were three who made public professions of faith in the Lord during the revival but did not unite with the church. Two of them were Mexican girls who are members of the Catholic church. We hope to win them to the Baptist faith.

Pastor Couch is in every way a fine man to help in a revival. He is a fine, plain preaching minister. He loves the lost. He does not try to get the church to do a lot of things that might later cause the pastor trouble. Our people loved him from the start.

This is by far the most challenging field I have ever seen. Even with 30 accepting Christ in the revival there were more unsaved in our services than were converted. The field is large. It is 13 miles north to the first church. There is no church south between us and the junction of the rivers except a mission at Snowlake which is carried on by our church and is being supervised by Mrs. Jim Britt, one of our members. There is no church east of us to the Mississippi River and none west to the White River. In this area there are at least 3,000 white people and 6,000 Negroes. Truly the harvest is great but the "laborers are few."

We are trying the best we know how to meet the needs of the people. At the mission at Snowlake, 25 miles south of us, Sunday School and Training Union are carried on under the direction of Mrs. Britt. I go out and preach there every Friday night. In a meeting there recently, 11 came for baptism and one by letter. We are running three buses into the other sections, bringing the people into the home church. Last Sunday we had 242 in Sunday School in the home church which is the largest attendance in the history of the church.

When we look at the accomplishments of the church it seems so wonderful, but when we look at the needs we are brought to realize that we have barely begun.

The encouraging fact is that the lost are coming to the services of the church in large numbers.

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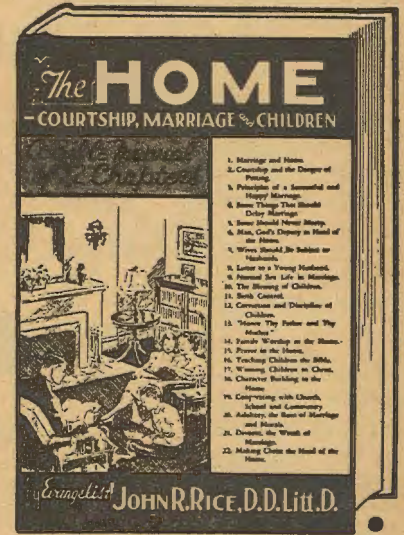
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## Rocky Bayou in Revival Season

By H. F. VERMILLION  
Pastor, Melbourne

In Rocky Bayou Association several churches have had good revivals in the past month. Bro. Hugh Cooper preached his first sermon as associational missionary at Sage Church and there were six conversions. Then Pastor Gus Poole, Mountain View, preached at Sage in a revival where there were several conversions and additions. At the close of this revival Bro. Cooper and I baptized twelve—two of them were for Melbourne Church.

Missionary Cooper and I held a week's meeting at Findley Creek Church. A number were converted and I baptized nine. Then we held a week's meeting at Melbourne and I baptized six. We held a week's meeting at Oxford in which there were six professions of faith and a number of rededications.

Bro. Troy Melton has just begun a meeting at Lone Star. Two members have been received for baptism and there is good interest. Bro. Cooper did most of the preaching and I led most of the song services in the meetings which we conducted.

We are making some progress toward locating pastors for some of our pastorless churches. We have sent generous offerings from the churches where I preach to World Relief. Melbourne Church has sent \$131 to the Ouachita Campaign and will send considerably more. The other churches will send offerings in October.

Melbourne Church is making progress in the erection of a good modern home for their future pastors.

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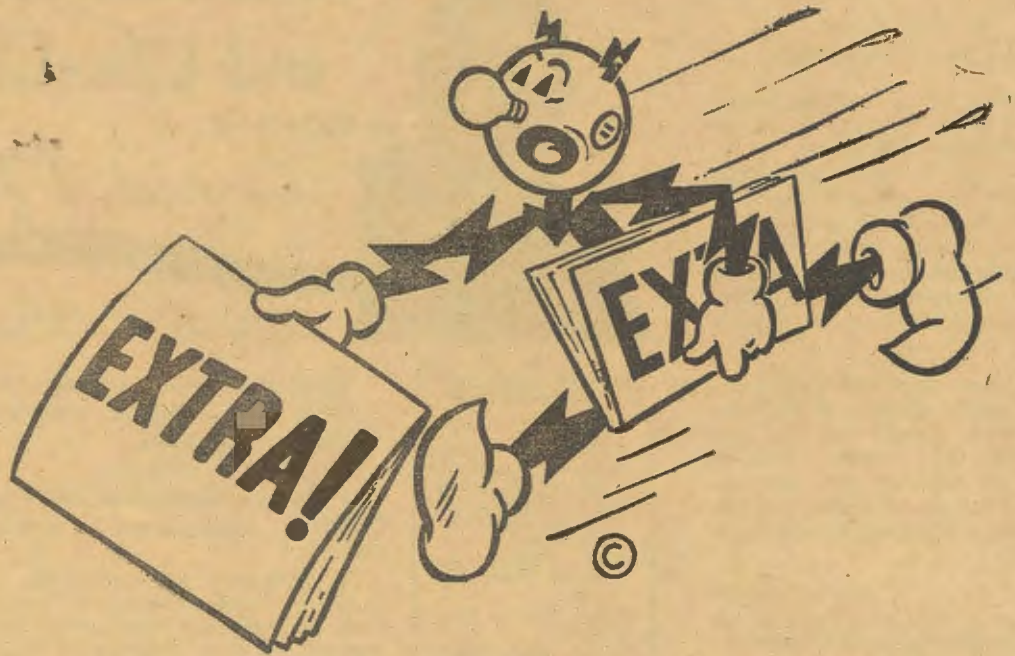
By NALL BRANTLEY  
Superintendent of Missions,  
First Church, Forrest City

First Church, Forrest City, has just closed a highly successful Summer Mission Program. Three neighborhood revivals held in sections of Forrest City resulted in 25 conversions. Two revivals held in rural churches resulted in 34 conversions.

Chester Parker, student in Southwestern Seminary, was employed as church evangelist for the entire summer. Mrs. Parker assisted at the piano and conducted flannel graph stories for the children.

We heartily recommend Bro. and Mrs. Parker to the brotherhood of Arkansas as two of the finest young servants of the Lord. Bro. Parker is a powerful evangelist and an ardent soul-winner. Their work with us will close at the end of our city-wide "Martinez-Leath" meeting on September 8.

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# Business Ruins Character And Leads to Heinous Crimes

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

One of the most insidious sins in the catalogue of man's wrongdoing is that of covetousness. It is all the more dangerous because it is not one of the violent sins of men. It works in the recesses of the soul, and if allowed to go uncurbed undermines character, and will eventually lead to some overt action.

Jesus warned His disciples against the sin of covetousness in no uncertain terms. In doing so, however, He was instituting no new code of morality but merely emphasizing and bringing to fullness one of the ten words of law given to Moses on Mount Sinai.

## The Tenth Commandment

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's" (Ex. 20:17).

The word "covetousness" is variously used as to shade of meaning in the Bible. In some instances it signifies "gained dishonestly" as in Ezekiel 33:31. Again it stands for the inordinate wish to have more than one possesses (see Luke 16:14; 1 Thess. 2:5). Once again, it is used to indicate an inordinate love of money (see Luke 16:14; 2 Tim. 3:2).

A grave sin indeed is covetousness, so grievous that the Scriptures list it among the most heinous crimes: "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becometh saints" (Ephes. 5:3). In Colossians 3:5 it is termed "idolatry," while in 1 Corinthians 6:10, it is listed as one of the sins that exclude men from the kingdom of God: "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revellers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

According to the Bible the sin of covetousness is in a very real sense the root of many other forms of sin such as departure from the faith (1 Tim. 6:9-10, lying (2 Kings 5:22-25), theft (Josh. 7:21), domestic trouble (Prov. 15:27), murder (Ezek. 22:12), and "many foolish and hurtful lusts" (1 Tim. 6:9). The sin of covetousness has a woeful history in the life of the children of God. It was one of the first sins that broke out after Israel had entered into the Promised Land (Achan, Josh. 7); and also in the early Christian church immediately after its founding (Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5).

In the light of the history of the sin there is little wonder that the Bible contains so many warnings against it. A careful reading of the Old Testament will reveal the fact that a very great part of the Jewish law—such as its en-

## Sunday School Lesson For Sept. 15, 1946

Exodus 20:17; Proverbs 11:23-24;  
Luke 12:13-21

actments and regulations regarding duties toward the poor, towards servants, concerning gleanings, usury, pledges, gold and silver taken during war—was introduced and intended to counteract the spirit of covetousness (The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia).

Some of the outstanding examples of covetousness include: Saul (1 Sam. 15:9-19); Achan (Josh. 7); Judas (Matt. 26:14-15); Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11); Balaam (2 Pet. 2:15, Jude 11).

## Less But More

In the passage from Proverbs (11:23-24) we have a striking paradox: "There is that scattereth, and increaseth yet more; and there is that withholdeth more than it meet, but it tendeth only to want."

"A man may grow rich by prudently spending what he has; may scatter in works of piety, charity, and generosity, and yet may increase, as the corn is increased, by being sown. By cheerfully using what we have, our spirits are exhilarated, and so fitted for the business we have to do; by minding which closely, what we have is increased, it gains a reputation which contributes to the increase" (Matthew Henry).

On the other hand, says Matthew Henry, "A man may grow poor by meanly sparing what he has, withholding more than is meet, nor paying just debts, nor relieving the poor, nor providing

what is convenient for the family, nor allowing necessary expenses for the preservation of the goods; this tends to poverty; it cramps men's ingenuity and industry, weakens their interest, destroys their credit, and forfeits the blessings of God: and let men be ever so saving of what they have, if God blast it, and blow upon it, it comes to nothing; a fire not blown shall consume it (Hag. 1:6-9)."

All of which reminds us of the words of Jesus, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone, but if it die, it beareth much fruit" (John 12:24). Certainly, in whatever measure one's seed is multiplied by the sowing and to whatever extent there is an increase of the fruits of one's righteousness, it all comes from Him who is the source of supply (2 Cor. 9:10).

## The Rich Fool

In the closing passage of our lesson (Luke 12:13-21) we have a picture of what is commonly called "the rich fool." In the parable spoken by Jesus we see "a certain rich man" who because of his bounty decides to pull down his barns and build greater barns in which to deposit his gain in grain and goods so that he may eventually say to his soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry."

The scene changes, however, when God looks upon the covetous soul of the one who has been blessed by material fortune. God says to him, "Thou foolish one, this night is thy soul required of thee; and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Jesus expressly declares that a man's life "consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he

possesseth." Material bounty does not in itself assure one of happiness. Things alone do not make for joy. In fact things tend to pull one to a lower level in life. When Satan, following Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, was seeking to frustrate the holy mission of our Lord, he came to Him with the pull of things. "All these things will I give you," he said.

Perhaps one of the gravest perils, if not the most serious, that America faces today, is the peril of covetousness. In all walks of life we face the danger of giving way to the pull of greed, of covetousness, of self. The only safeguard against covetousness is love expressed in generosity, brotherhood, and sacrifice.

These are the qualities of character that we find inherent in the life of our Lord at every turn of His journey among men. These qualities can come to sinful man only in proportion as he comes to know Jesus as Saviour, Redeemer, and Cleanser from sin.

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A memorial service for Dr. John R. Sampey, president emeritus of Southern Seminary, who died August 18, will be held by the Seminary on Thursday, September 12, at 10:30 a. m., at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville. Seven of his friends and associates will appear on the program, discussing the different aspects of his long career. The program will be: "Scholar and Teacher—Building up the Old Testament," Professor William H. Davis; "A Shepherd of Souls," Professor J. B. Weatherspoon; "Lecturing Widely on Old Testament," Dr. J. T. Watts; "Selecting Lessons for Millions," Dr. Hight C. Moore; "An Evangelist," President Ellis A. Fuller; "Missionary Tours," Professor W. O. Carver; and "Administrator and President," Professor G. S. Dobbins.

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Wanted: 40,000 Tithers . . .

## TITHING WILL DO IT!

Great things lie ahead in the pathway of the Baptist people. The Father has placed within our reach glorious opportunities of every description. There are immense possessions just ahead if we are able to possess them. He has shown to us the wide world and seems to be filling us with a desire to reach it for Christ. He has opened mission doors which heretofore have been tightly closed. Field after field seem to resound with the Macedonian call.

### Mission Needs

The Foreign Mission fields are presenting opportunities and challenges which we have never before faced. The millions of people in other lands are not only suffering physically but also mentally and spiritually. They are groping in spiritual darkness. They are stumbling into a burning hell and we believe there is such a place. They are lost without God and without hope in the world. We are more and more realizing what the Saviour felt when He saw the multitudes as sheep having no shepherd and was moved with compassion. There are Chinese, Africans, the people of India, and of Japan, to say nothing about the Europeans and other Asiatics who need Christ.

We are also beginning to see more and more the need of an intensive Christian effort in the home land. Our people are not enjoying a "Christian Civilization." This civilization is in need of the leaven of heaven. It is a Godless civilization for the most part. Increasingly, respectable people have little regard for the Lord's day. Increasingly, respect for law and order is failing. Increasingly, the obscene and vulgar things of life are being glorified. Increasingly, honor and sobriety are discounted. The people of this land need Christ. Our Baptist people must carry His gospel to them.

### In Our Own State

In our own state there is field after field calling for Ambassadors of Christ. Ism after ism is offering substitutes to the people. Community after community does not have Baptist worship and services regularly.

There are two outstanding needs. First, there is a great cry for additional workers. Field after field is open. Most of them are small fields. When a man begins to look for a well organized full time church not so many of them are pastorless. The fields that are open are the smaller fields and humble places. Many, many of them are crying for acceptable leaders and workers. We should be much in prayer to the Lord of the harvest asking Him to send forth laborers for His vineyard.

Then we need to provide support for these workers. A preacher cannot get his training and enter a field of service and properly support his family and pay his school debts upon a few dollars remuneration per month. We must all recognize this fact and quit expecting

Christ's workers to live like beggars in their communities. Mission boards may have to help small churches do this as it should be done. If so, then we should make provisions for it.

### Doctrine of Stewardship

What will make it possible to satisfy the needs of the cause and give sufficient support to workers? A true observance of our stewardship responsibilities will do it. Dr. Dillard says that stewardship is a glorious doctrine and a glorious life. Its practice would prove a blessing to individuals and churches and would undergird all our work. We fear that we are beginning to neglect this great doctrine. The leaders in Christ's kingdom must do their best to inform and enlist our constituency in observing Christian stewardship. When we accept this doctrine in principle and practice, the problem under discussion will be largely solved.

Yes, tithing will do it. With the tithe as the minimum expression of our stewardship and the minimum standard of giving, our churches and mission boards can adequately support the workers whom the Lord calls into His vineyard. Arkansas Baptists should register 40,000 tithers by January 1, 1947. The women of the state organization are striving for 12 or 13 thousand tithers.

We do not mean new tithers. We mean that we ought to have as many as 40,000 Baptist tithers, a Baptist who gives a tenth of his income through the church of which he is a member. We do not mean the fellow who thinks he tithes by scattering one tenth of his income out among all causes that make an appeal to him. We believe that a true Baptist tither will lay one tenth of his income on the altar for the Lord in his own church. Forty thousand tithers together with others who give, but maybe not as much as one-tenth

### Russell Duffer Leaves Malvern

Russell Duffer is making plans to attend the Southwestern Baptist Seminary. He has finished his course at Ouachita College. Three years ago Brother Duffer became pastor of the Third Church in Malvern. During this time there have been 35 additions by letter and 46 by baptism, and the church library has been installed and the parsonage improved. Sunday School rooms have been redecorated and there has been much increase in the finances. Mission gifts have been increased from \$5 per month to 14 percent of the income of the church. The church reached its goal in World Relief Offering. James B. Johnson and T. V. Wilson have been licensed to preach.

Pastor Duffer has made a good record. He is a good preacher. We hope he comes back to Arkansas when he is through the Seminary. Some good church might even use him while he is attending the seminary.

## First Church, Fort Smith, Sets Pace For Relief Offering

First Church, Fort Smith, Dr. B. V. Ferguson, pastor, has done a marvelous thing in helping to feed the hungry world. In answer to the appeal for World Relief and Rehabilitation the church has given \$4,505.22. People are responding nobly to this world appeal.

Arkansas Baptists have so far contributed about 92 percent of our state quota. We need more offerings now, and fast, to put us over the top!

of their incomes, will adequately support the work in 1947.

### The 1947 Program

We must emphasize these matters if we do what we ought to do in 1947. The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention last week ventured a forward step in adopting a larger budget for 1947 than we have ever had before. The increase is approximately 10 percent. The Board members believed that the churches really want to make advancement in their work. This budget and new goal is a challenge to the faith and determination of our Baptist people and a challenge to their loyalty to the call of Christ. We are setting for the tentative budget which the Executive Board of the State Convention hopes the Convention will adopt, and which it hopes the churches will finance. Here it is:

### ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

#### Proposed Budget—1947

#### I. Administrative and Promotional (Preferred)

Administration	\$18,000
Arkansas Baptist	4,000
Brotherhood Work	6,000
Religious Education Department	16,972
Woman's Missionary Union	16,000
Promotion and Convention	4,000
Retirement Plan	11,500
Old Debts	25,000

TOTAL \$101,472

#### II. State Causes

State Missions	\$47,500
Ouachita College	36,000
Central College	36,000
Orphanage	15,000
Ministerial Education	1,500
Negro Work	1,000
Emergency Reserve	2,000
Arkansas Baptist History	2,000
Radio	6,000

TOTAL \$147,000

#### III. Southwide Causes

Southwide and Worldwide \$147,000

GRAND TOTAL \$395,472