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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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## The Most Potential Group in America

It is only natural that I should think the most potential group in America is our students in our institutions of higher learning. You question this? Well you are not the first to do so, but before we get into an argument let's view some facts furnished by Chester Durham, student secretary in Kentucky.

### Denominational Leadership

"In the future every Executive Secretary of every state in the Southern Baptist Convention will come from this group. The same is true of every Sunday School, Training Union, Baptist Student Union, Brotherhood, and WMU Secretary of the future. The editors of our Baptists papers will come from this group.

"Most of our field workers will come from this group. From this group will come more and more of our preachers, evangelists, educational secretaries and ministers of music. Every single missionary sent out by our Foreign Mission Board will come from the group of college students. An ever increasing number of our home missionaries are coming from this group.

"Then there are the presidents of our seminaries and colleges and the directors of our hospitals and orphanages, as well as the other teachers and leaders in these institutions who will be coming from the college group of students. Take our denominational set up from one end to the other and you will see just how many of our denominational servants are coming out of colleges.

### Professional Fields

"When we turn to other fields we find a very similar picture. The doctors of the future, the dentists of the future and the nurses of the future will come out of our institutions of higher learning. The lawyers, lawmakers,

By T. D. McCULLOCH  
*State Student Union Secretary*

politicians, including the Presidents of the United States, senators, representatives and governors are coming from this group in ever increasing numbers. Engineers of all kinds as well as architects and industrialists are college men and women. Farm security agents and home demonstration agents must come out of the colleges and universities of our country. Bankers and financiers, actors and actresses—in fact the most influential group in every community is coming out of institutions of higher learning.

### Public Schools

"So far the public school teacher has not been mentioned. But at this time we want to examine the importance of this one profession. The American ideal is placing more and more emphasis on education. We are the best educated nation in the world. In the last school year period prior to the Pearl Harbor attack, 70 per cent of the adolescent youth of secondary school age was enrolled in our schools for this group. In contrast to this achievement in the United States, the records reveal that England never enrolled more than 15 per cent of her youth in secondary schools. Germany with her boasted culture has never enrolled more than 14 per cent of her adolescents. France has never exceeded an attendance of more than 12 per cent of this group."

### The Point

All of this has been said to point out the tremendous possibilities of our Baptist students. I venture to say that the future of Arkansas Baptists lies in our Baptist students

that attend institutions of higher learning. Can we fail to capture this potential leadership? We must see to it that they have every opportunity to grow as Christians while they are growing intellectually. In so doing they will be better prepared for church and denominational leadership.

### What We Are Doing

Some 25 years ago Southern Baptists awoke to the needs and potentialities of this group and organized the Baptist Student Union. Its plan is to have on each campus a council of from 12 to 25 consecrated well-trained students whose responsibility it is to cooperate with the Student Secretary, faculty, and local Baptist church in providing an attractive worthwhile program of religious activities on the campus and in the local Baptist churches. At the present time we have BSU organizations in many of the institutions or higher learning in Arkansas.

### Your Part

A program as worthy as this commands and must have the support of every Baptist in Arkansas. Every pastor, educational director, young people's leader, and parent can wield a wonderful influence by getting our Baptist students off to school with their church letters and well informed about the BSU.

College center Baptist church leaders and Baptist faculty members have a tremendous responsibility to our Baptist students and to our denomination. The BSU program will fail or succeed in proportion to your willingness to pay the price of providing a friendly wholesome Christian atmosphere, and a place of service for the Baptist students that come your way. The challenge is yours. Will you give them your best?

## Almost—But Not Quite

Arkansas Baptists were within \$1,000 of their quota for the Southern Baptist Relief and Rehabilitation Campaign Monday, as the campaign's close appeared only a week away.

With gifts standing at more than 99 per cent of the state's quota of \$100,450, it seemed that Arkansas would be the sixth state to top its goal in the three-month long Southwide campaign. State leaders hoped that final receipts may boost the state several per cent over its quota.

An urgent appeal is issued herewith for all church treasurers to send all amounts on hand to reach the office of State Secretary B. L. Bridges not later than next Tuesday, October 1, so that a telegraphed report of total receipts may be compiled at campaign headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. If your church takes a special collection on this, the last Sunday of the campaign, you may want to wire or telephone Dr. Bridges of the amount given so as to swell final totals.

# ONE Hungry WORLD

The success of the 90-day campaign, launched by the Southern Baptist Convention last May, to raise \$3,500,000 for relief and rehabilitation in Asia and Europe, depends on what happens in the churches next Sunday. It is your last chance to give money toward that goal, for fellow Baptists in the hungry areas of the world.

"Without the funds from the special campaign, Baptist work in China would collapse before the end of this year," is Dr. M. Theron Rankin's opinion of the significance of the effort which ends September 30. He is personally supervising the allocation of relief funds among the Baptist Missions of the Orient.

The most tragic group in Europe today, according to a representative of the International Red Cross, is the 15 to 20-year-olds. These young people are "considered as adults and not given the benefit of supplementary food rations reserved for children. Yet their normal development requires 3400 calories daily instead of the 2500 sufficient for adults." Church World Service, one of the agencies used by the Foreign Mission Board's Relief Committee to get funds to the needy in Europe, has provided money for special aid to students of this age group whose education has been interrupted by the war and who are anxious to train as youth workers within the churches.

Losses and thefts of goods sent to China have amounted to less than two per cent of the total sent by Church World Service to that country.

The Relief Committee of the Board met September 9 to consider requests from Dr. M. Theron Rankin, now on tour of the Orient to survey relief and rehabilitation needs. Dr. Rankin urged the committee to provide "now for the continuation of relief for at least one year. If we are to let Baptist workers and others die six months from now, there is little use in doing anything. In the end all will be lost. We must see the people we can help through at least a year. This is imperative." The entire amount raised by Southern Baptists during the campaign could well be used in China alone, Dr. Rankin asserts.

Needs are decreasing in western Europe, according to John D. Metzler of Church



*Those who give to save others are revealing their inner kinship to that ageless fraternity of brotherly love and sacrificial sharing that burst upon the earth 2,000 years ago in the glory of the cross. Since the days of the catacombs of Rome and through each succeeding century, this noble kinship of Christian sharing has been perpetuated. It stands as a symbol of hope in a world where so many do not care about anything. The sign of the cross marks the lives of those who live in the pattern of God, for they love their fellow men and care enough to give of themselves that others might live.*

—CHARLES A. WELLS

World Service Center, but in east central Europe and Eastern Asia food and clothing shortages are extremely critical. "Starvation and its effects will prevail in many countries for a long time. With the passing of UNRRA at the beginning of the winter private relief agencies will have to redouble their efforts to meet the gap between needs and supplies."

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Teaching to win worthy followers for Jesus Christ should be the burning passion in the heart of every Sunday School teacher . . . If our teaching is to have real power, it must breathe the atmosphere of spiritual persuasion . . . The secret of teaching with power and teaching to win is the ability to feel the need of living souls and to share the compassion of the loving Christ.—Clifton J. Allen in *The Teacher*.

## EXPERIENCES WHICH

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs.

"Knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope."

There are two sets of experiences which build life. One may be classified under the general term of HOPE, including desires, aspirations, love, faith, and the like. The other may be classified under the general term of SUFFERING, including sorrow, grief, burdens, disappointments and the like.

Hope and all related experiences polish the life, they add luster and grace, they make life attractive and winsome; suffering is the fire that refines, burning out the dross so that the life may be polished by hope. Hope feeds the engine of life, stokes the fires of enthusiasm, prods the energies to action; suffering removes the clinkers which would smother the fire. Hope is the compass by which life is steered; suffering often impedes progress lest one should go astray. Hope is the leash by which one is led to the objects of the divine choosing; suffering is the bit and bridle by which one's wild and errant tendencies are held in check. Hope is the motor power by which life is driven to strive and struggle and achieve; suffering is the brakes which prevent one from being carried beyond his own control by the momentum of life.

Search for God's meaning in all life experiences. Only don't whimper and fret and grow peevish and querulous. Seek the revelation of God and you won't be long finding it.

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

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Man has always had more knowledge and power than he had the wisdom and conscience to use rightly. Our sin has perverted our knowledge and misused our power. Our discoveries and inventions, our commercial and political adventures have made the world a great physical neighborhood; but our education and our religion have failed to make us a spiritual neighborhood or a social unity.—W. O. Carver in *The Teacher*.

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# Across the Editor's Desk

## Proposed Constitution

Last week's issue carried a copy of the proposed new constitution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention as drawn up by a committee appointed two years ago and headed by Pastor T. L. Harris of Camden. This was published in unusual type measure to make it attract the attention of every reader—because every Baptist in Arkansas should study the proposals carefully ahead of the November 19-21 meeting of the Convention in Texarkana.

Dr. Harris and his committeemen have worked hard and prayerfully on this assignment. It was a job that needed doing because of inconsistencies and obsolete sections in the present constitution. It was a job that has been no easy matter, and a job of utmost importance.

There are not too many changes in the proposed new constitution to make it a radical departure from that under which the Convention is now working. We call particular attention to two changes, however:

1. Members of Boards of Trustees and the Executive Board having served a full term of three years (Through an error in copy submitted the paper, this provision as published last week read "two full terms." The committee's recommendation will be for "one term.") shall not be eligible for re-election until as much as one year has elapsed; exception may be made by special vote of the Convention in the case of any member whose technical service seems to make it advisable that such an one be continued as a member of said board.

We think this is a wise measure, intended of course to prevent perpetuation of an individual in the same office and to avoid tendencies to ecclesiasticism with which our Boards sometimes are charged.

2. Amendments to the Constitution are possible only "provided adequate publicity has been given in previous announcement." We are for the motive of this provision a hundred per cent because we believe democracy functions best only when our people are thoroughly informed. We look doubtfully, however, upon the lack of any definition of "adequate publicity," and would suggest that it be made to read that any proposed amendments must be published in the state Baptist paper at least four weeks ahead of the Convention meeting.

There are other changes, and the reader will find them as he compares the proposal with the present constitution as published in the Convention annual. Certainly the revision committee should be congratulated on the thoroughness with which it has done its job. Publication of the proposal in the state

paper two months ahead of Convention meeting time will help all members of the Convention to study it and be prepared to act wisely on it.

## Vitamin

Christianity stands in danger of becoming a mere "tribal cult" unless it continues to expand through missionary work, according to Dr. Eddy Asirvatham, professor of theology at Boston University. The India-born educator warned of a "de-hydrated" religion, lacking in power and vitality, should the work of foreign missions be ignored or slackened.

"The vitality of a religion may be measured by the energy and extent of its missionary activities," Dr. Asirvatham said. "Unfortunately, a large number of American Christians would discontinue the work abroad on the grounds that so much remains to be done in the home field, or that a native religion is satisfactory to Africans and Asiatics.

"The teachings of the Master are no one's prerogative. Christianity's duty is to spread this highest realization of God's will for man to all men. In India, this teaching created equality for women, self-respect, brotherhood and cleanliness. American missionaries handled a quarter of the entire education program for 400,000,000 people, pioneered in sanitation and medical service, and helped millions to create decent living standards.

"There is, and for generations will be, a further need for missionaries from America to teach the Holy Writ abroad. Only in that way can we attain our ideals—one world and the realization of God's kingdom on earth."

## "It Pays to Advertise"

E. N. Pope, advertising manager of the Carolina Power & Light Company, in a recent speech before the Raleigh Rotary Club, gave some interesting facts about the intelligence and income of the American people. Men examined in the Selective Service showed the average intelligence of a sixth grade pupil, age 12. In advertising, he declared, we must weigh carefully the interests and intelligence of our readers. Religious teachers, preachers and writers must consider these facts also, it seems to us.

Another fact brought out was that nine per cent of our people have an annual income of \$5,000 or more; 18 per cent, \$3,000 to \$5,000; 73 per cent, \$3,000 or less. Not many of the people are rich, after all, and most of them will suffer dreadfully if severe inflation comes.

Another striking statement made by Mr. Pope was that good advertising doesn't cost

either the manufacturer or the consuming public anything! The advertising will much more than pay for itself in the increased volume of goods sold; and this in turn will make possible a lower price for the consumer on each article sold.

Would that people in religious work were as wise as commercial concerns! "It pays to advertise." For instance, the Biblical Recorder in every home will more than pay for itself. It is the best possible religious advertising. How can the people possibly be interested in that which they do not know about?

That which gets the attention of the people, gets them.

—Biblical Recorder.

## Drunken Mothers

"All over the United States more and more women are becoming alcoholics," writes Dr. Robert V. Seliger, a member of the psychiatric staff of Johns Hopkins University for 16 years, in an article, "Are Women Drinking Too Much?," in the September Woman's Home Companion.

Dr. Seliger backs up his statement by saying that in the early days of his practice not more than one out of 10 alcoholics who came to him for treatment were women. Now the women are four in 10. Once when a home was broken by alcoholism a drunken husband was responsible. Now the tale is reversed.

"The best place to start is in the home," says Dr. Seliger. "The mothers of America could greatly reduce tomorrow's crop of problem drinkers right now by providing their children with a more secure environment and sounder spiritual armor with which to ward off the blows of later life.

"In our homes, schools and churches, the youth of the nation must be given a sounder view of life. The knowledge must be impressed upon them that they live in a universe which is larger than they are, and that family ties, love, duty and faith are more worth while than selfish personal satisfactions or what the fashion of the moment calls success.

"We must develop a new set of values which will place less stress on material things and more and more on those of the spirit."

Every Christian should memorize and meditate frequently on Paul's statement found in Ephesians 2:1-10 concerning sin, salvation, and service. "And you hath he quickened, who are dead in trespasses and sins . . . For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2:1, 8-10).—Austin Crouch in The Sunday School Builder.

# NOTES OF ADVANCE

Ernest Baker resigned as pastor of First Church, Salem, and has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Des Arc. On his first Sunday on the new field, September 8, there were four additions to the church, three by letter and one for baptism.

Palestine Church, Pearson, had 20 additions, 16 for baptism, in evangelistic services in which Irvin Bursleson, Longview, Tex., assisted Pastor W. J. Smith. One of the high points of the meeting was the dedication of the new nine-room educational department which has recently been added to the church. Pastor Smith reports: "Large crowds attended each service demonstrating the spiritual revival in the hearts of the people. We feel that much good has come from these services. Our Sunday School is growing by leaps and bounds."

First Church, McGehee, has been maintaining a mission preaching point in the nearby Chickasaw community. Revival services were conducted there recently which resulted in 12 additions to the McGehee Church, seven for baptism. Pastor R. L. Blackwell, Jennie Church, assisted Pastor Theo T. James, of McGehee. Song services were led by members of the McGehee Church. Pastor James has recently preached in revival services at Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, where Charles W. Finch is pastor.

Westside Church, Pine Bluff, ordained J. F. Brown to the ministry and C. C. Nix and B. A. Stroble as deacons at a service held recently. The council was composed of Pastor E. O. Martindale, Greenlee Memorial Church, who served as moderator and also delivered the ordination sermon; T. L. Graves, clerk who presented the Bible; Pastor A. B. Pierce, First Church, who examined the candidates; and Pastor L. G. Whitehorn, Matthews Memorial Church, who gave the charge. Deacons G. H. Lee and Wesley Wooley, Matthews Memorial Church; E. W. Hankins, Greenlee Memorial Church, and Arch Jackson, Westside Church, also assisted.

C. L. Niceley has resigned the pastorate at Sturgis, Ky., and is now giving full time to evangelism. He may be contacted at Box 175, Elizabethtown, Ky.

Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia, a Baptist, is 38 years of age and the youngest governor in the United States. He has been a Sunday School teacher for 15 years.

Fifteen conversions, 18 rededications, and two additions by statement, resulted from revival services at Rye Hill Church, Fort Smith. Rev. Merle Walker, of Poteau, Okla., was evangelist. L. P. Thomas is pastor.

Frank F. Norfleet, graduate student in Southern Seminary reports a meeting with Lunsford Church, Jack Laffler, pastor, in which there were some 60 additions and professions with 55 making definite profession of faith. Mr. Norfleet says: "I would like to speak a good word regarding Pastor Laffler's

ministry. He is one of the hardest working pastors I know, and one of the most successful soul-winners with whom it has ever been my pleasure to work. He has done the unusual in having completed very successful building programs in each of his last two pastorates before going to Lunsford. He is to be highly commended and the church there is to be congratulated on having such a man as an undershepherd."

First Church, Brinkley, had 17 additions, 10 for baptism, in revival services in which Dr. Alfred Carpenter, of the Home Mission Board, was the evangelist and John H. Cargill of

## Proposed Constitution . . .

### CORRECTION

Pastor James A. Overton, of Mena, secretary of the Committee on Revision of Constitution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, calls attention to three errors which occurred in the copy of the proposed new constitution as given to the Arkansas Baptist for publication last week. The following corrections are noted:

Article III, Section 2, the phrase "Provided no church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers" should be stricken out.

By Laws, No. 3, The Executive Board, paragraph five, should read, "Members of the Executive Board, having served one full term of three years shall not be eligible for re-election until as much as one year has elapsed," etc.

By-Laws, No. 4, paragraph two, should read, "Members of Boards of Trustees having served one full term of three years shall not be eligible for re-election until as much as one year has elapsed," etc.

Fort Worth, Tex., was singer. Pastor Reese S. Howard reports: "There must have been 50 rededications among our people in the old-fashioned way. We had some great preaching and much lasting good has come to our church as a result. We commend these brethren as a fine team for any church."

Rev. C. C. Pearson, former pastor of South Highland Church, Little Rock, and missionary of Caroline Association 1919-20, recently visited relatives in Arkansas and paid a visit to the paper office. He would be glad to hear from any Arkansas friends, and may be addressed at Route 2, Box 426, El Paso, Tex.

## PASTORAL CHANGES

D. W. Bolton from Wilton Church to do evangelistic and supply work.

Melvin Coffelt from Gravette to Centerton Church.

O. O. Davis from Mississippi to Trinity Church, Texarkana.

## Librarian Joins Book Store Staff



Miss Russeleen Baldrige has recently joined the staff of the Baptist Book Store as church librarian. Miss Baldrige is a Tennessean. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, Mississippi, and a former school teacher.

She has been with the Baptist Sunday School Board for some time working in the Sales and Advertising Department and in the Nashville, Tenn., Book Store. She spent some time this summer at Ridgecrest, N. C., in connection with the book store and church library work.

Miss Baldrige is available to all churches in the state at no expense to the church except entertainment while she is on the field. This service to the churches of the state is made possible through the cooperation of the Sunday School Board and the Arkansas Book Store.

Miss Baldrige has already been called upon to help in various libraries. It is suggested that if you are interested in having her in your church, that you request her services at an early date. Arkansas Baptists will give Miss Baldrige a great reception.

Clover Bend Church, Black River Association, had six conversions and six additions in revival services in which Pastor G. W. Boyd, Hoxie, assisted Pastor F. F. Weaver. Oscar Woodward was ordained to the deaconship of the church at the last service of the revival.

Missionary L. Y. Lewis, Caroline Association, conducted revival services at Toltec Church which resulted in 44 rededications, four additions by letter, and seven professions of faith. Mrs. Lewis conducted the young people's meeting which had an average attendance of more than 25. During the services the church made an offering of \$50.50 for world relief and rehabilitation, \$25 to associational missions, and \$38.75 to Pastor Van Griffin. Missionary Lewis says: "The results of the pastor living on the field of a rural church are very evident at Toltec. The Sunday School enrolment is 100 with an average attendance of 75 or more. Surely this is a challenge for many more of our rural churches to make it possible for their pastor to live on the field. Pastor Griffin is loved by his people. The church is greatly in need of a new auditorium and is planning on adopting God's storehouse plan to finance its erection."

# New Missions Program Outlined

WE, your committee on State Missions wish to make the following recommendations:

**THAT WE DISCONTINUE** our district mission program as we are now doing at the close of this Convention year and in lieu thereof we present the following policy and program:

**THAT IT BE THE POLICY** of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to promote the work of Rural Missions through a department. The head of this department shall be known as the Superintendent of Rural Missions. There shall be associated with him as many workers as the Convention, from time to time, may designate to meet the need in this field of work. Also that the Superintendent and workers in this department shall work in closest cooperation with the pastors of the churches and the associational missionaries. The workers in this department will not go into any church or association to promote the work committed to this department until they are invited by the pastor or church. Likewise, they will not go into any association until they have been invited by the missionary of the association.

**THAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT** be limited to:

1. Fields must be surveyed and approved.
2. With definite evangelistic and missionary program.
3. The objective of pastoral support is a resident pastor living on or near the field giving full time to the ministry.
4. Definite financial program including every member enlistment and Cooperative Program.
5. Definite plan for attaining self-support.

**THAT ALL PHASES OF EDUCATION**, including rural ministerial training, etc., be referred to the Convention and that the Convention be requested to appoint or set up a planning, coordinating and steering commission and that this commission be charged among other responsibilities to bring back to the Convention proposals that will coordinate the training in our denominational schools with the educational needs of our mission program.

## Detail Program For Rural Missions

We recommend a combination evangelistic and efficiency ministry through the churches.

### I. Discover, and Give Publicity to Conditions, Needs, and Accomplishments.

1. Use "Materials on Conditions" made available by Home Mission Board.
2. Make thorough "Sample Surveys" of few associations.
3. Give much publicity to typical rural churches and associations that are doing an outstanding work.
4. Give much publicity to minimum goals for rural churches.
5. Mediums of publicity.
  - (1) Moving Pictures: Showing rural needs and conditions and methods actually used by churches in solving problems; Denominational programs.
  - (2) Slides: Showing conditions, improvements, proposed program, budgets, building plans, etc.
  - (3) Tracts: Southwide — Home Mission Board, Sunday School; State.
  - (4) Denominational Press—Regular news

*Recent action of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in revamping the state mission program of the denomination has aroused much interest on the part of all our people. We publish here highlights of the recommendations and the detailed program as adopted by the Executive Board.*

*The report was drawn up and presented by Pastor T. K. Rucker of First Church, Malvern, for the Missions Committee, of which he is a member. The study that went into the report was one of the most comprehensive, all-inclusive jobs we have seen in all our denominational experience. Much credit goes to the Missions Committee, and to Bro. Rucker in particular, for their work in planning a comprehensive program.*

*It is regretted exceedingly that Pastor Rucker has not seen fit to accept the superintendency of the mission work. His election by the Executive Board was spontaneous and whole-hearted, though Rucker definitely had not thought of himself in the job and was much embarrassed by his nomination. His familiarity with the program—more so than any other individual in the state—makes him especially qualified for the post.*



Pastor Rucker . . . he presented the program.

items, promotional plans, and programs.

- (5) Charts and Posters: "A Good Church"; Local posters—My Church Budget, My Church's Record.
- (6) Meetings: Southwide — Ridgecrest, Southern Baptist Convention; State—Convention, Conference Associational Officers and Missionaries; Associational—Mid-year promotional and inspirational meeting and regular meeting of association officers of Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, etc.

### II. Cooperate with Associational Workers.

1. Simultaneous revivals.
  - (1) Enlist unenlisted churches.
  - (2) Enlist preachers.
  - (3) Pool finances.
  - (4) Make revival efforts contribute to: Salvation of lost; Enlistment of "Unattached Baptists"; Revival of indifferent; Improvement of church's educational program; Definite and practical financial program; Improvement building and grounds; Some definite goals of achievement.
2. Associational Surveys.
  - (1) Simultaneous canvass where possible.
  - (2) Mapping of church fields.
  - (3) Comparative study of church records.
3. Suggest and adopt definite goals.
  - (1) For association as a whole as to soul-winning, Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, Brotherhood, finances, mission fields, denominational cooperation.
  - (2) For each church.
4. Workable Financial Plan.
  - (1) The Superintendent and General Field Workers accept invitations to hold revivals with the understanding, at least with the pastor, that a challenging program be presented to the church either during or at the close of the meeting.
  - (2) At the close of the revival call pastor and deacons (perhaps other leaders as well) together to work out with them a plan of work for the church to include the following: Draft a suggested budget for the church. Include in the budget all local and missionary causes. We suggest as a minimum 10% of gross income to Cooperative Missions and 5% of next gross to Associational Missions. Also some special items that will interest the church such as painting the house, Sunday School rooms, lights, song books, etc. Perhaps the pastor's salary can be increased for full time preaching. Explain how all this can be done by the church following a tithing program. The tithe may be gathered in two ways: The Storehouse where a tithe of all produce may be placed. Through money given in weekly envelopes in Sunday School.
  - (3) The program outlined by the group may be presented to the church by the evangelist. The church adopts same—then the members are asked in a form of consecration service to sign a tither's covenant card.
  - (4) Every member enlistment.
  - (5) Assist in working out needed details—envelopes to be ordered, financial secretary to keep all records, committee to build storehouse, committee to sell produce, etc.
  - (6) Return engagements may be made to give assistance, advice or instruction in carrying out the program and in encouraging the church. The first engagement should always be for a revival—never challenge the church until there is first a revival.

### III. Establishment of Strong Church Centers In Weak or Pioneer Fields.

1. Support missionary pastor in that field.
2. Help local forces in building church house and pastor's home.
3. Develop field with idea of making strong base for local mission endeavor.

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Our Undeveloped Resources . . .

## Challenge to Every Citizen

Following World War II, the churches and related welfare agencies of America are facing the greatest opportunity and responsibility for world service that any generation has faced since the days of the first century of the Christian era.

Dr. John R. Mott, speaking before the initial conference when the Survey of the National Stewardship Institute, revealed a decrease of more than a billion dollars in church giving, said:

"This conference today may prove one of the most dangerous meetings that we have ever attended. Dangerous, because of what these startling facts and charts portend if we ignore them. But they are equally challenging and inspiring because of what they promise in the way of a new era for our churches and for civilization if we heed them and pay the price.

"What does the increasing thoughtfulness and turning to religion mean? It means the hour is here. We are summoned to something that will far transcend anything in the long history of mankind."

The possibilities of the church and its associate character - building agencies would be unlimited if given adequate financial assistance, but lack of funds does not make the issue an economic one. The factor involved is moral, the public's obligation to the church so that the church's obligation to the public may be met in turn.

The present support of the church amounts to a mere 1.35% on a per capita income of \$1,194, presenting a distinct contrast to the

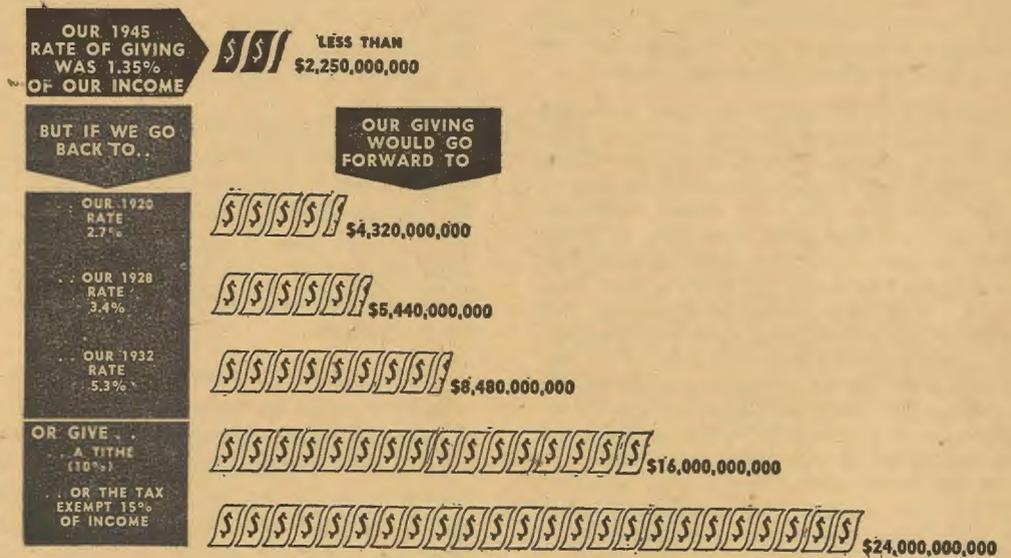


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depression year of 1932 when 5.25% was donated on a per capita income of \$320.41. This is a difference of \$6,230,000,000 in the national rate. It is the objective of the Institute to recapture depression heights of giving. The realization of this goal would add \$6,100,000,000 and practically quadruple the present current resources of every religious and philanthropic agency.

If man had kept Jacob's vow to God to give a tithe of his income, he would be

contributing at the rate of \$16,000,000,000 a year to beneficial agencies. If he contributed the full 15% of his tax exempt income it would amount to \$24,000,000,000.

Although some of these amounts may seem large in the light of present day standards the fantastic sums spent for items that contribute nothing to the spiritual well-being of mankind make even more exorbitant figures.

## He Paid His Debt of Gratitude

By R. S. JONES, Associate Secretary  
Baptist Relief and Annuity Board

He was a retired minister 76 years of age, living in a small village in a small house on a two-acre tract of ground. He was cultivating a small garden and renting the remainder of the two acres to his neighbors as pasture for their cows. For this they paid him \$1 per month per cow during the grazing season.

A neighboring pastor, informed that the old preacher was ill, went to make him a visit and took the writer with him. We found him sick in body and in much distress of mind and heart.

### Mortgage Foreclosed

Some years before, he had found it necessary to give a mortgage on his home for \$600 because of a long hospital experience. For four years he had been unable to pay the interest or make any payment on the principle of the loan.

A few days before our visit he had received a notice from the bank that held the mortgage saying that the bank had foreclosed on the mortgage and that the home would be sold for the debt. As he told

of his misfortune, in great anguish he said over and over, "What will we do? Where will we go?" His wife, trying to console him, said, "Dear, the Lord has never failed us and He will not fail us now."

### A Benefactor Found

The neighboring pastor asked him what bank held the mortgage. When the bank was named, he said, "I know Mr. — who is president of that bank. He is a deacon in my church." The old preacher said, "I know him too; I baptized him and married him."

On our return to the city, we went to the bank and talked with the banker about his old friend. On being asked if he knew the old preacher he said, "I surely do. I was converted under his preaching; he baptized me and married me."

He was then asked if he knew that his bank was selling the old man's home to pay off a mortgage held by his bank. He said, "Surely you must be mistaken about that." He called the loan department and found it to be true. He gave orders to that department to call off the suit. The house was not sold. Out of a heart of gratitude, the banker paid off the mortgage and saw that

the future needs of the man, who had meant so much in his life, were met.

The Relief and Annuity Board has been able to avert tragedies in every community of our Southland by coming to the relief of those who have grown old in the service of our Lord and Saviour.

Many men and women of wealth among Southern Baptists were converted under the preaching of those who are on the relief roll of the Relief and Annuity Board. They receive checks regularly, but often in amounts to provide only the bare necessities of life. We need to do more for these heroes of the cross, and will do more when those who have been blessed by their ministry pay their debt of gratitude for service rendered.

You can make it possible for this Board to enlarge its ministry to that group to whom Southern Baptists owe so much by making a cash gift to the work of the Relief and Annuity Board or by making a bequest to this Board in your will. A gift or bequest may be set up as a memorial for any person named by the donor.

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*What I Saw and Heard in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics*

By LOUIE D. NEWTON  
President of Southern Baptist Convention

## RUSSIAN BAPTISTS TODAY

Arriving in Moscow, after the delightful visits with our Baptist people in Holland and Czechoslovakia, about which I shall sometime write, we had scarcely got our feet on the ground before a delegation of Russian Baptist leaders had literally taken me into their arms.

Who were these leaders? Let me pause right here and name them. I want our people to become familiar with these names. Indeed, I hoped that a certain batch of pictures, held for development until we got back to New York, would reach me in time to be used with this article. Then you could see the faces as well as the names.

Here are the names: Brethren Jacob I. Zhidkoff, President of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians—Baptists (remember that in my first article I explained that Evangelical Christians and Baptists are one and the same); A. F. Kareff, general secretary; M. A. Orloff, vice-president, and pastor of the Moscow Church; M. T. Golajeff, vice-president; and P. T. Malin, treasurer.

### Bible Verses and Prayer

These brethren insisted that I come to Pastor Orloff's study at the earliest possible hour for a conference. I went the following afternoon. As the car stopped in front of the meeting house, I was first impressed with the fact that there was construction work in progress on the building—scaffolds on the outside, and workmen going in and out of the building. More about that later on.

I was warmly received, and ushered into Pastor Orloff's study—a comfortable room, with three desks, many chairs, many books, and impressive hand-lettered passages of Scripture on the walls. Also a row of individual portraits, but not of any of the men in the room.

Before we were seated, Pastor Orloff said something in Russian, the group bowed their heads, and President Zhidkoff was leading in prayer. My interpreter, Mrs. Mary Naimark, whispered to me that it was a season of prayer, thanking God that the beloved visitor had been granted journeying grace—asking His continuing blessings upon the Baptists of all lands—asking His continuing blessings upon all mankind—asking that "peace may come to the troubled heart of humanity."

### Review of Their History

For the first hour, I listened to a review of Russian Baptist history—something of the story rehearsed in my first article.

"We shall now be glad to answer questions from Brother Newton," said Brother Zhidkoff.

I began by expressing my gratitude of the cordial welcome. I next expressed greetings on behalf of the Baptists of America, presenting messages from Baptist leaders in our own country and from President Rushbrooke.

That set off a lively season of felicitous exchange of Baptist fellowship, leading me on to ask about certain of their former leaders. And that was the occasion for identifying the portraits—Pavloff, Ivanoff, Pachkoff, Kargell, Prokhanoff and Golajeff, the last named being the father of the present Brother M. T. Golajeff.

They love their former leaders. The cur-

rent of Baptist history flows deep and strong in the hearts of the Baptist leaders in Russia today.

### The Present Situation

The next hour was devoted to a report on the present Baptist situation in Russia. I repeat some of the statements in my first article for the sake of emphasis:

1. There are today approximately 3,000 Baptist churches in the USSR. They are scattered widely throughout the vast country—many of them having been located in the path of the enemy's indescribable destruction. Many meeting houses have been destroyed, including, of course, all records. Many Baptists have been killed, both in the military service and among civilians. Many others have been displaced—unaccounted for. Exact figures, as to membership, are therefore impossible at this time.

2. It is conservatively estimated that there are 2,500 ordained Baptist ministers in the USSR at this time, though some of them have not yet been heard from since the close of the war. Frustrated transport and communication account for difficulty in getting reports.

3. All contacts thus far established indicate unprecedented spiritual prosperity amongst the churches, rural and urban. More baptisms than ever reported in any previous year, despite lack of complete contact with pastors.

### Relaxed Governmental Restrictions

At this point, the conversation led up to the reartening report that previous restrictions on the churches, especially our Baptist churches, had definitely relaxed, beginning somewhere about 1943. Of this I have already written, and shall likely discuss in some detail in a later article. Suffice it to say, at this point, that I was assured, in that first conference, that the Baptists were enjoying an amazing measure of freedom.

"We do not undertake," they explained, "to say what our Government intends, but we do most gratefully report to you that we are now enjoying a measure of freedom unknown by the Baptists in all the years of our witness in Russia. You will see for yourself, not only here in Moscow, but as you travel about the country. We are free to preach what we believe, and other religious groups appear to enjoy the same freedom. It is our fervent hope and belief that this freedom will continue, and expand. . . ."

### My First Public Service

My first Sunday in Russia is a notable and blessed day in my experience. At 9:30 in the morning, the car called at the National Hotel, and Mrs. Naimark and Mr. Fred Myers, of New York, joined me for the drive to the Baptist church in Moscow. It was a beautiful morning. The sunshine on the towers within the high walls of the Kremlin emphasized the grandeur of a day that has passed into antiquity. Great throngs of people stood in front of Lenin's tomb as the car circled the Red Square, emphasizing the devotion—the almost idolizing of the leaders of the New Russia. Great posters bearing the picture of Stalin were everywhere in bold evidence, and at al-

most every corner is to be seen life-size statues of Stalin and Lenin.

And now we were turning up at the curb in front of the Baptist Church, but very slowly—the driver trying to edge the car through the crowd that filled the sidewalk and much of the street.

What does this mean?" inquired Mr. Myers. And by that time Pastor Orloff was greeting us as we stepped from the car on to the crowded sidewalk. He pushed us through the crowd, slowed down by many trying to shake our hands, and finally we had managed to get through the jammed vestibule into the study.

After a few explanations of the order of service, and agreement between Pastor Orloff and Mrs. Naimark as to interpreting my message, we then stood for prayer, and lined up for the procession through the crowded aisle to the pulpit. Never have I seen such a jammed church auditorium. When I tell you that it must have required five minutes for us to get from the study to the pulpit, you may gain some idea of the congestion. I couldn't help wondering what would have happened if there had been a fire alarm in that building.

### Glorious Singing

There is no way for me to describe my first impression of a Russian church service. I have always heard about the way the Russians sing, but all I knew of it was to have heard one or two Russian choirs on tour in the United States. You have to go to a Russian church to hear the real thing.

Some of the hymns I knew—"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past," "There Is a Fountain, Filled with Blood," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," etc. Others I had not heard. When they came to sing, "God the Almighty One," I felt as if I had been transported to another realm.

There were anthems and solos—all superbly executed. A young woman sang a solo, and Mrs. Naimark whispered these lines in English:

"As the lake mirrors the sky,  
May my heart reveal Thy love."

Then followed the reading of the Scriptures. Then the prayers. Then the offering. And now there were the messages of welcome to the visitors—gracious and reassuring words by President Zhidkoff, Secretary Kareff and Pastor Orloff. And then my first message to a Russian Baptist congregation—"And there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd."

### A Fervent Response

Despite the limitation of language, involving the tedious business of translation, sentence by sentence, there was a response from the congregation that I dare not attempt to describe. The Russians are emotional people. When you preach about the Good Shepherd, they answer back with tear-dimmed eyes and faces aglow with understanding. Often you will hear them say, "Da, da—yes, yes."

With this brief description of that first service, I close this article. Next week I shall write about meetings in other cities.

## Ouachita College Ministers Set Up Preacher Placement Organization

A Preacher Placement Committee has been set up under the direction of the Ministerial Association of Ouachita College. It is a permanent committee for the purpose of maintaining definite contact between God-called ministerial students in Ouachita and the field of service which may use them as pulpit supplies or pastors.

It has been assumed hitherto that, because of long established precedent, the presence of such men will be known over the state. Yet the fact remains that many churches are pastorless while splendid and earnest young ministers are available at the college. Many pastorless churches could be served by these ministers.

Any pastor needing a Sunday supply, any missionary seeking to bring a church and prospective pastor together, or any interested and properly authorized member of a church may address a request or inquiry to the

Preacher Placement Committee, Box 182, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia. Your request will be promptly cared for. After prayer for God's guidance the Committee will send a preacher.

If the urgency of time is such as to require haste, a wire may be addressed to the Committee chairman, Rev. Jack Cutbirth, Boy's Dormitory, Ouachita College. He may be reached by telephone, No. 175, Arkadelphia.

It is hoped that the brethren individually and the churches over the state will feel led to call on and use this Committee. Student preachers, called of God, need the service, experience, and the support of churches. The church and student can mutually profit in the Lord's work together. Send for these preachers. Put them to work. Pay them for their work plus their travel expense. Encourage them. You can make a greater generation of preachers.

## Foreign Mission Secretaries Touring China Encourage, Strengthen Christians

By ROBERT E. BEDDOE  
*Wuchow, China*

Drs. M. T. Rankin and Baker J. Cauthen, Executive Secretary and Oriental Secretary respectively of the Foreign Mission Board, have just left Wuchow after a brief visit of three days. Doubtless they will give you some of their impressions of what they found. But you will also be interested in some of the reactions on the part of missionaries and Chinese Baptists to their visit.

They brought with them no secretarial aura. This may be explained partly by the fact that we knew them long and well as missionaries of the ranks. But the atmosphere they brought was one of Christian brotherhood and a deep desire to help the situation in every way in their power.

We were thrilled by their two sermons. People thronged to hear the Gospel, a vacant ward of the Stout Memorial Hospital being packed to capacity. There were over 75 to take the Lord's Supper on Sunday, which was a surprise to all. Since we have no ordained man here—missionary or Chinese—there was a real hunger for this sacred ordinance.

Again one was impressed by the clear, analytical thinking and sound judgement of Dr. Rankin. He is one of the easiest men to talk with that I have ever known. There is every evidence that he is all out for a distinctive Baptist world program—which is all to the good.

Since I am, proudly, a Texan, and since all who read this know Baker Cauthen, there would not be much point in trying to tell you about him. What you do not know, perhaps, is that he can preach in Mandarin as effectively and easily as in English.

China and Southern Baptists are indeed fortunate in having these leaders, and Wuchow is particularly fortunate that they came our way. The meeting house of the Wuchow Baptist Church is in ruins. There is no pastor and little prospect for one. Yet the little flock has held together, helping each other during the stress and distress of war.

There are three missionaries here—Miss Lucy Wright (nurse), Miss Jessie Green (just

arrived), and the writer of these words. The seemingly hopeless task of rebuilding and rehabilitation has been a heavy burden on our hearts. The Chinese Christians, also, have felt and been affected by this situation. These two men of God have encouraged and strengthened all of us. We thank God for them and for Southern Baptists who produced them and who sustain us by prayer and by gifts to the cause of Christ.

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Central Church, Mineral Springs, held evangelistic services with Pastor R. E. Jones doing the preaching and Dale Cowling, student of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, leading the singing. Mrs. Cowling was pianist. There were five additions by baptism, several conversions, a number of rededications, and a record breaking attendance.

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L. H. Fox, of West Helena, is the new educational director at Second Church, Pine Bluff. Mr. Fox is a native of Virginia. He was graduated from Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. He began his duties with the Pine Bluff church September 1.

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First Church, Mena, had 44 additions, 14 for baptism, in open-air revival services with Dr. Otto Whittington, Little Rock, doing the preaching and Carl K. Potter, Fort Worth, Tex., leading the singing. James A. Overton is pastor.

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First Church, Glenwood, C. C. Ussery, pastor, has had 33 additions since the first of the year. There were eight additions September 15.

### WHEN IN DALLAS

Worship with Ross Avenue Baptist Church  
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HOMER B. REYNOLDS, Pastor

## State Missions

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE FIVE)

- (1) Missions in school houses, homes, community buildings.
- (2) Mission revivals—tent, brush arbor, street preaching.
- (3) Home fellowship—planned visitation, home prayer meetings.
- (4) Bus routes, systematic use private cars.
4. Make program self supporting as soon as possible.
5. Gradually develop missions into churches.
6. For church fields with resident pastors.

### IV. Helping Rural Pastors.

1. Home Board cooperation with Baptist colleges.
2. Rural institutes.
3. Cooperation in securing adequate income.
  - (1) Building pastor's home.
  - (2) Forming church fields.
  - (3) Adequate financial plan.
4. Make literature and helps available.
5. Fellowship in denominational meetings.
6. Proper appreciation of rural pastor and his task.

### V. Better Church Buildings.

1. Proper locations.
2. Good plans—Tract by Sunday School Board and Home Mission Board.
3. Plan for financing.
  - (1) Raising funds.
  - (2) Borrowing money.
4. Encouragement in remodeling and improving properties.

### VI. Better Understand Denominational Program.

1. Use of pictures—moving pictures and slides.
2. Schools of missions—simultaneous.
3. Denominational meetings in rural churches.
4. Emphasis on rural contribution to denominational leadership.

### VII. Cooperate With Other Agencies.

1. Cooperation with schools.
2. Cooperation with agricultural agencies.
3. Providing a wholesome social and recreational program.
4. Encouraging better farming conditions.
  - (1) Farm ownership.
  - (2) Scientific farming.
  - (3) Modern conveniences.
  - (4) Cooperative marketing and buying.

### Personnel

The following workers will be employed to staff this department:

1. Superintendent of Rural Missions—IV, V, VI, VII.
2. Three General Field Workers—I, II, IV, V.
3. Three Pioneer Missionaries—II, V, VI.
4. Secretary for the Superintendent.

The Roman numerals following the titles of the different workers have reference to the duties of these workers as outlined in the detailed program of work listed above.

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# GOD in Creation

By F. E. CALVERT  
Fort Smith

The word, creation, is used advisedly and in its strictest sense. It is defined as "The act of creating; producing without the use of pre-existent material. The original act of God in bringing the world or universe into existence." It may be defined as making new, yet not in the sense of remaking or renewing; but in originating, initiating.

## The Fact of Creation

However much we falter and are amazed nonplussed in our efforts to place a date at which creation was begun and completed, reason and logic bear out the theory that things have not always been as they are now. Necessarily there must have been a beginning—a starting-point. Science affirms the formation of the earth's crust was a progressive work. The formation of the rocks was progressive. These all indicate the fact that there was a beginning. Progress is predicated on a beginning. It is inconceivable that there should be a unit without that unit having a beginning. If it had a beginning there was a time or age or period prior to that beginning. We may not understand the fact or creation; neither may we have the temerity to attempt to explain the phenomena thereof; but it would not be difficult to prove the fact while ignorant of the minutia.

It may be more or less difficult to explain how the various constituents of the human body were extracted from the earth and assembled so the body breathes and moves and has a being, and is the habitat of the soul and spirit, fashioned after the similitude of its Maker; but not one has been found to dispute the fact of man.

## The Fact of the Creator

The effort to wrest the authorship of creation away from God in order to put Him out of commission is unfair and belittling. One would as well attempt to make a fig tree barren by charging that it does not bear fruit on its branches. Such an attempt is out of harmony with the simplest laws of nature as well as reason and revelation. And here let it be remembered that Moses outraged none of these in his clear and succinct report of creation.

It is impossible to think about creation without thinking about the Creator. Everything we see and touch; even the air we breathe; the smallest atom of dust to the greatest mountain ranges; from the modest daisy to the mightiest constellation in the heavens; all are instinct with Him. The psalmist was right when he declared "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork."

## A Divine Workmanship

The question of creation having been settled, the fact of the Creator is established. Whatever we may think about the Creator, or by whatever name, we call Him, it cannot be denied He is a wonderful genius, a super-intelligence, a marvelous workman. The measure of our wonder and admiration is the measure of our consideration of the Author. It pleases men to call this great Being, God, Elohim, Jehovah, Omnipotence, and ascribe to Him majesty and might, glory and honor, world without end.

Again let it be understood that the attempt to rule God out by ascribing the myriad phe-

nomena of nature to chance, is the cheapest kind of argument. This world is not an orphan; neither is it the illegitimate offspring of chance; but it is a well-thought-out, well-worked-out program so stupendous as to be unreportable in human speech.

Chance, indeed! One would as well state that the gold and platinum, glass and steel and other material composing a watch got together by chance, yet in minutest detail of mechanism. Such a proposition is unthinkable. Who but Infinite Intelligence could fit the eye to the light, food to the hunger, and beauty and loveliness to the soul? Who but He could plant within the structure of a man a living soul, an intelligence, a spirit, and give him capacity to reach out an anchor himself in the bosom of Infinity?

## He Still Remembers Man!

Back to the word which heads this article: Create. A verb transitive. The act of creating; producing without the use of pre-existent material. How marvelous! How amazing! With God all things are possible. Let us remember He who dwelt in the midst of solitude and was Lord of nothingness, is now Lord of all. The creative fiat has gone forth. Suns have been fixed; constellations of planets established; stars have studded the sky and the great milky-way stretched across the heavens. It is as though some mighty wizard had waved his magic wand and all the hosts of heaven and wonders of the earth revealed to our astonished and bewildered gaze.

Let us try to get the meaning of it or so much thereof as will cause us to lift up our hearts and exclaim, "When we consider the heavens, the works of thy fingers, the moon and stars which thou has ordained, what is man that thou art mindful of him?"

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Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, had 10 additions, nine for baptism, in recent revival services with Paul Turner, a student in Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., as evangelist. Edgar Booker of Jonesboro directed the singing. Pastor Frank Waite reports: "Good crowds were in attendance upon all the services. The revival spirit continues and we have had several additions since the meeting closed. Bro. Turner is a fine young preacher and brought some wonderful messages during the meeting."

## Associational Meetings The Next Two Weeks

**Concord**—Sept. 26, Branch; Arthur L. Hart, Charleston, moderator; B. V. Ferguson, Ft. Smith, vice-moderator; W. A. Crow, 3313 Neis St., Ft. Smith, clerk.

**Ouachita**—Sept. 26-28, Salem Church, Rt. 1, Mena; J. M. Holman, Gillham, moderator; H. V. Wilson, Gillham, vice-moderator; M. L. Wallis, Grannis, clerk.

**Perry County**—Sept. 27, Perryville, Curtis Hall, Perryville, moderator; Mrs. R. E. Dismukes, Bigelow, clerk.

**Big Creek**—Oct. 2-3, Salem; A. J. Scott, moderator; Ernest Baker, Salem, vice-moderator; Roy Roby, Viola, clerk.

**Buckner**—Oct. 3-4, Parks; Karl McClendon, Mansfield, moderator; C. G. Davis, Waldron, vice-moderator; W. A. Bishop, Rt. 3, Waldron, clerk.

**Dardanelle-Russellville**—Oct. 3-4, Danville; James Brewer, Morriton, moderator; L. L. Jordan, Plummerville, vice-moderator; Fritz E. Goodbar, Russellville, clerk.

**Caddo River**—Oct. 7-8, Mt. Ida; E. W. Lloyd, Arkadelphia, moderator; Roy Wright, Mt. Ida, clerk.

**Benton County**—Oct. 8-9, Decatur; Carl Nelson, Gentry, moderator; Rel Gray, Rogers, vice-moderator; John B. Stephen, Gravette, clerk.

**Little River**—Oct. 8, DeQueen; W. E. Perry, Nashville, moderator; Lenox Medford, Wilton, clerk.

**Carey**—Oct. 9, Shady Grove Church, Manning; C. W. Caldwell, Fordyce, moderator; Charles B. Luck, Tinsman, vice-moderator; H. S. Coleman, Bearden, clerk.

**Centennial**—Oct. 10, Stuttgart; B. E. Eldridge, Almyra, moderator; Arthur Danner, DeWitt, vice-moderator; P. C. Greer, Stuttgart, clerk.

**Central**—Oct. 10, Central Church, Hot Springs; B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs, moderator; T. K. Rucker, Malvern, vice-moderator; H. A. Kelly, Benton, clerk.

**Current River**—Oct. 10-11, Biggers; W. Harry Hunt, Pocahontas, moderator; C. F. Gwinup, Pocahontas vice-moderator; E. Clark Seccoy, Biggers, clerk.

**Mississippi County**—Oct. 10-11, First Church, Blytheville; C. J. Rushing, Manila, moderator; P. H. Jernigan, Blytheville, vice-moderator; L. G. Scott, Rt. 2, Blytheville, clerk.

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### October Designated As Enlistment Month

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I have a rather large number of the following Eagle Books;

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- No. 23 Get Through or Die!—David Livingstone
- No. 26 The Book in the Pillow—Adoniram Judson
- No. 28 They Thought He was Mad—Albert Schweitzer

### Dardanelle-Russellville YWA Houseparty

Mrs. Hugo Culpepper, missionary to China, was the inspirational speaker for the YWA Houseparty for Dardanelle-Russellville Association. Mrs. R. B. Loveless, asso-

ciational counselor, reports a wonderful meeting and that they are so happy that they went ahead and promoted it, even under difficulties. "We did not call for volunteers for special service because of the nature of the program," said Mrs. Loveless, "but Mrs. Culpepper closed the meeting with a deeply moving call for increased consecration of all present. Our World Relief Offering amounted to \$11. Twenty young women registered."

### Booneville WMU And World Relief

Booneville WMU accepted one-third of the church's quota for world relief and reports they went over their goal by a good margin. Many WMU organizations have reported splendid offerings for this cause. We urge all organizations to complete their goals for world relief by the close of September.

### Dixie Jackson Offering For State Missions

The next great financial objective before all WMU organizations is the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions, this being the week set aside for the observance of the State Mission Season of Prayer. The State WMU goal is \$12,500 and this offering is to go to supplement the funds for the State Mission program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The offering is already coming in and we anticipate going far beyond the goal. Glean and re-glean and remit your offering to the State WMU treasurer at your earliest convenience.

### Reports For Third Quarter

Report blanks for the gathering of reports for the third quarter, ending September 30, have gone out to the associational superintendents and counselors. They will send these report blanks to each local organization before the close of the month. We urge every organization to be prompt in tabulating all statistics and in returning these reports to their associational officers (or to the WMU office if you have no associational officer) not later than October 5. They are expected to tabulate all these and send to the WMU office by October 10. Prompt reporting for this quarter will be greatly appreciated since these reports complete the year's record for our re-

## Dr. Rankin Reports on Rehabilitation Achieved by Baptist Money in China

"The resources of at least 90 per cent of the Baptists of China were exhausted during the war years," writes Dr. M. Theron Rankin from Shanghai, August 26, during his tour of the Baptist Missions of the Orient. "In my opinion the Foreign Mission Board must project its program of aid to Baptists in China through 1947. The lasting value of what we do within the next few months will depend on what we are able to do in 1947."

The Relief Committee of the Board is adjusting its plans for the disbursement of the \$3,500,000 now being raised by Southern Baptists with Dr. Rankin's statement in mind.

### Money to Plant Potatoes

Two examples were given in the letter, which reached Richmond September 5. Dr. Rankin described a village near Canton, where the homes and farms had been looted periodically by troops passing through the country. Farm implements and stock are gone. Only the land which the village owns is left.

"The Chinese pastor of the little church in the village talked with me about helping the people of the village plant their fields," Dr. Rankin wrote. "He had thought of sweet potatoes. They can be planted without the use of many implements and stock, and little cultivation is required. The yield would be large enough to enable the villagers to sell a considerable portion of the potatoes to buy tools and stock for the next planting. An entire village of several hun-

port to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention which meets in Texarkana, Beech Street Church, November 19.

### Harmony Association Holds Four Rally

I am proud of Harmony Association's work this year. Of course, we have failed in some places, but we are standard and last year we were not. We are having four associational rallies over three held last year. We had a very interesting Young People's Rally last Friday with 105 young people registered. This is the first Young People's associational rally we have had in two years, and our Mission Study Institute is to be held September 20.—Mrs. G. G. Hunter, 805 Ohio St., Pine Bluff.

dred people would be started on the way to complete rehabilitation. All they need is \$100 U. S. for seed potatoes for the first planting."

Dr. Rankin assured the Cantonese pastor of help if the campaign which closes September 30 is successful.

### Money to Buy Cows

The case of a widow who supports herself and her children by the sale of milk from three cows was also given. During the Japanese occupation of her city, two of the cows were killed. She had a choice of selling the third cow to obtain funds with which to buy rice, or mortgage her small house for money to purchase two more cows.

"She mortgaged the house," Dr. Rankin said, and she is paying 12 per cent per month for the money. This takes most of the profit from the sale of milk. The distracted mother is in danger of losing both cows and home. If she can borrow \$350 U. S. without interest for one year, she can redeem the mortgage on her home and support her family."

### Said to be Typical

These two cases are typical of hundreds of Chinese Baptist families, Dr. Rankin asserted. Homes have been damaged so that they cannot be occupied, but some of them can be repaired for a few hundred dollars; The owners are living in other quarters for which they pay exorbitant rental. If they could return to their homes, the rent they are now paying could be used to repay the money borrowed to repair the homes."

The Leung Kwong Convention has 147 churches and chapels scattered over two provinces. The preachers and church workers in each of these churches constitute a committee to investigate personally every case of need. These cases are reported each month to the executive Committee of the convention, and allocation or relief funds is made on the basis of the cases reported. At present \$5,000 a month is furnished to the Leung Kwong Convention for this purpose.

The same set-up is maintained in Central China. The cases dealt with are not touched by UNRRA.

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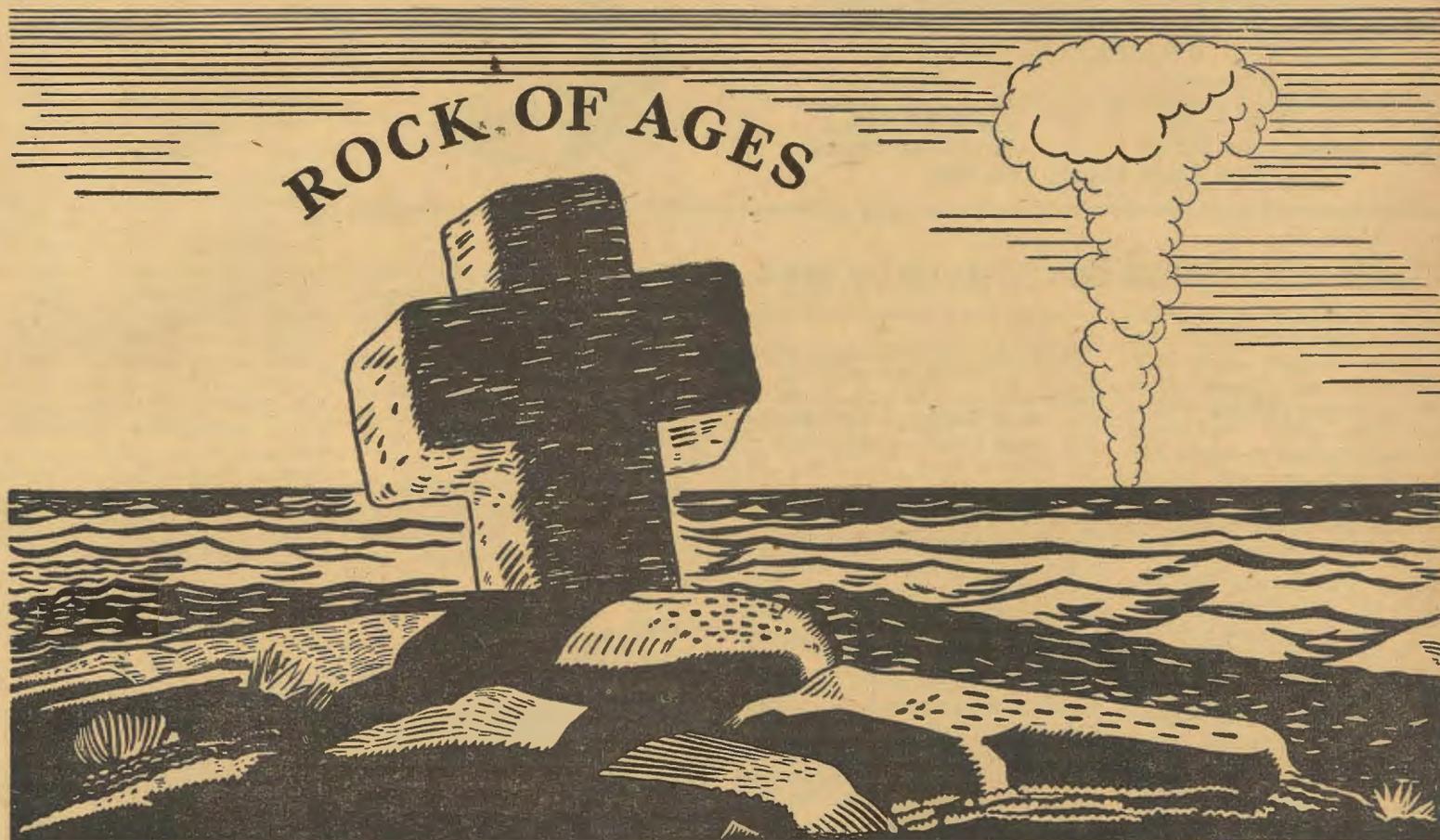
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## ARKANSAS SPONSORS STATE MUSIC SCHOOL

Church musicians from every part of Arkansas will assemble for the Third Annual State-Wide Leadership School October 20 to 25, 1946, in the auditorium of First Church, Little Rock. This school is sponsored by the Religious Education Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Mrs. B. N. Nininger, state director of church music, will act as dean.

Heading the faculty for the school is Mr. Ellis Carnett, director of the school of Sacred music at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Mr. Ellis Carnett has long been identified with music progress in the Baptist churches of the South and is recognized for his ability as a conductor. He possesses an outstanding tenor voice and has sung the tenor roles in the oratorio, "The Messiah," (Handel) 39 times, latest of which was at the Southwide Church Music Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C. In addition to conducting the Choral Laboratory each evening, Mr. Carnett will teach a class in conducting, and will also lead a conference for pastors each morning at 10 o'clock for pastors.

Other members of the faculty include Mr. Roland Leath, educational and music director of First Church, who will teach a class in "Songs we Sing," emphasizing leadership of congregational singing; Mrs. Wilbur Beck, organist at First Church who will teach, "Playing the Hammond," a course for church organists; and Mrs. Nininger who will teach a class for church pianists in hymn-accompanying. She will also lead the daily conference for state and associational music workers, which group will meet at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

An added feature of the school is the Youth Choir, rehearsals for which will be held each afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock in First Church choir loft. Choral music and hymns comprise the literature for study at this session. The group will assist in the Choral Festival to be given as the climax to the school on Friday night, October 25, in the auditorium of the church. Young singers from all the Baptist churches throughout Pulaski County are expected to enroll for this course.

Applications for enrollment in

this school, which is expected to be large, should be made at an early date with Mrs. B. N. Nininger, state church music director, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

### Annual State Associational Sunday School Officers Meet

Attention is called to the Annual State Associational Sunday School Officers' Planning Meeting which will be held in the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Thursday, November 14. J. P. Edmunds, Associational Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, with other workers from the Board will be present to direct and have part on the program.

This will be a one-day, two-session meeting. The morning session beginning at 10 and the afternoon session adjourning at about 4 or a little bit later. It is at this meeting that plans will be formulated for the Sunday School year, 1946-47. This will be followed by the annual associational rallies on January 22, 1947, and the visitation of all churches in the associations during the month of February. Suggestions and plans for the January associational rallies and the all-church visitation in February will be made and worked out at the State Planning Meeting, November 14.

This department will pay the expenses of one car from each association filled with associational workers at the rate of three cents per mile to Little Rock and return. Further details of the program will be given later. Every associational Sunday School superintendent should plan to attend this meeting with as many of his associational officers as possible. Remember the date — Thursday, November 14, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock.

### Vacation Bible Schools

Time for reporting Vacation Bible Schools is growing very short. This is an SOS call. If schools are to be recognized in the Southwide Vacation Bible School report, it is very important that a report be made immediately. Arkansas has had a number of schools that have not as yet been reported.

Pastors and principals are urged to check on this now and to see personally that a report was made if schools were held.

Send the report to Mrs. A. C. Kolb, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock. If a report blank is not at hand, send the information on a postal card.

Next week the names of the associations that have reached the goals set for them in the number of schools for 1946 will be published.

### Attention, Training Union Members!

State Junior Memory Drill will cover only **nine months' material** — July 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947.

State Intermediate Sword Drill will cover only **six months' material** — July 1, 1946, through December 31, 1946.

Better Speakers' Tournament subjects are now available. All **three of these State contests will be held during the meeting of the State Training Union Convention, First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, January 30-31, 1947.**

For materials and rules, write to your State Training Union Secretary.

### Attention, All Training Union Directors and Pastors!

State Better Speakers' Tournament, Intermediate Sword Drill and Junior Memory Drill will be conducted during the meeting of the State Training Union Convention which meets at First Church, Pine Bluff, January 30-31, 1947. Heretofore, these state contests have been held in connection with the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs. Only about four months remain for preparation for these contests, and for that reason, juniors, intermediates, and young

people, should begin work immediately. Write your State Training Union Secretary for materials and rules for these tournaments or drills.

### Training Union Quarterly Reports

Third quarter Training Union reports will soon be due.

Unions of each Training Union should fill out the quarterly report blank that is found in the back of the union quarterly. A general report blank will be sent to all Training Union directors, which should also be filled out. If the Training Union is departmentized, department blanks should be filled out. These blanks will be sent out from the office of the Department of Religious Education. Please fill out and mail all of these reports immediately after the last Sunday in September to the State Training Union Secretary, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

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## Figures to Inspire

September 15, 1946

Church	Addns.	S.S.	T.U.
Alma, First	106	106	62
Arkadelphia, First	86	569	254
Benton, First	3	501	108
Clarendon	150	55	
Conway, First	59	459	126
Cullendale, First	2	286	115
El Dorado Churches:			
First	1	794	202
Second		438	114
Fordyce		297	97
Fort Smith Churches:			
First	13	960	408
Immanuel		530	148
Hamburg, First	1	264	129
Hot Springs Churches:			
Park Place	3	484	127
Second		503	101
Including Mission		539	---
Jacksonville, First	1	202	86
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	2	545	85
Gaines Street	26	281	186
Immanuel		912	218
Including Mission		1309	390
Plainview		128	86
South Highland		213	87
Magnolia, Central		389	106
Malvern, First	2	327	61
Mena, First		260	70
Monticello Churches:			
First		218	60
Second		100	48
Mt. Ida, First		133	80
Ozark		168	63
Including Mission		237	---
Paris, First		350	141
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	2	700	195
Including Mission		737	---
Matthews Memorial		116	103
Oak Grove	2	88	81
South Side		471	---
Including Mission		471	---
Rogers, First	1	323	96
Springdale, First		345	141
Including Mission		417	---
Warren, First		378	61

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# "YE ARE WITNESSES"

"And He said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And YE ARE WITNESSES of these things" (Luke 24:46-48).

A WITNESS is one who tells what he has seen and heard and experienced. A true witness tells the truth. A faithful witness is one who, regardless of conditions or oppositions, tells the truths that need to be told. Jesus says to all who have experienced His saving grace, "Ye are witnesses!"

THE RESURRECTED LORD spoke these words to men who had been with Him through His earthly ministry. They had seen His death on the cross; they were witnesses of His resurrection. Now they were commanded to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins among all nations, beginning in their own city.

IT IS BECAUSE these men were faithful to the charge of the Lord that you and I are God's children today! And does it not follow that if we, too, are faithful witnesses for Christ during our generation, people as yet unborn shall some day come to know Him whom to know is life eternal?

If we are obedient to the command of the Lord we will begin our witnessing at home. Witnessing in "Jerusalem" involves our telling of the Gospel story on the level of our own personal experience with the Lord,—where we live, in our own home town and community. Witnessing in "Jerusalem" is the witness of the local church in the local field; not alone within the walls of the church building, but within the outer bounds of the community itself; extending as far in every direction as the local church can reach with a personal ministry.

FAITHFUL WITNESSING by the local church in the local field means the deliberate, prayerful, purposeful and continuous work of the church to reach every individual in the community with the Gospel. Frankly, that means our witnessing to people on every level of society, in every range of employment; to those down and out, and to those up and out; to substantial citizens, and to those whose lives are not stabilized; to the unclean, as well as to the clean; to the illiterate as well as the educated; to rich and poor alike; to EVERY CREATURE!

Baptists of our generation are becoming somewhat class conscious, and have a tendency to aim up instead of out. We are making the tragic error of leaving some classes of people to certain

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NELSON F. TULL  
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sects whose zeal runs far ahead of the content of truth in their message; and we are leaving certain other classes to become prey to some very fine-spun delusions. Also, we are developing a tendency to leave alone those who sin openly; perhaps regarding them as beyond the pale of redemption. We seem to forget that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." THE ONLY SAFE WAY FOR BAPTISTS TO CLIMB SOCIALLY IS TO TAKE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY UP WITH THEM. If we are faithful witnesses unto Christ we must witness to everybody!

Faithful witnessing "in Jerusalem" is the dynamic which supplies the means, the energies and the people to witness everywhere else! We may expect God to call out from churches who are faithfully witnessing in their own local field those who shall witness for Christ even unto the ends of the earth!

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Baptists believe that with this majestic statement and command, Jesus outlined His plan for our witnessing to everybody on earth; a plan that requires a pro-

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gram of local witnessing, a state mission program, a program which extends on out through neighboring states, and a program which endeavors to reach to the ends of the earth. And so Baptists have set up and are operating these various phases of missionary endeavor. But how far we are falling in "preaching the gospel to every creature!"

For instance, of the 60 odd countries which make up our world, Southern Baptists are witnessing in only about 20 of them. Why is this true? Perhaps the answer is that what we are doing in the matter of world missions is a true index of what we are doing at home in the local field. We shall fail everywhere if we fail at home!

Perhaps we Baptists need to open our spiritual eyes to the truth that the dynamic of world-wide missions is home-town witnessing for Christ. "YE ARE WITNESSES!"

## Chaplain Spraggins In Evangelistic Work

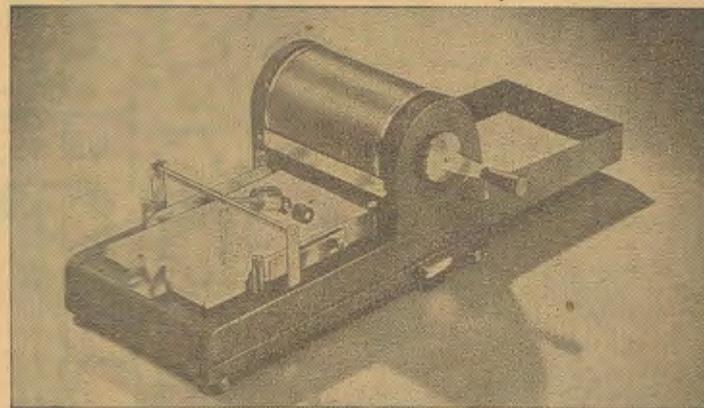
By PAUL AIKEN  
Pastor, First Church, Warren

Henry G. Spraggins, 3705 Lake Worth Drive, Fort Worth, Tex., is now engaged in the field of evangelism exclusively. During the war Mr. Spraggins served as a chaplain in the United States Army. Through the European campaign he was chaplain with General Patton's Army. He witnessed the conversion of some 5,000 men during the war. Because of battle wounds he received the Purple Heart.

I have worked with Evangelist Spraggins and know him to be God's man. I commend him to the pastors of this state. He has some open dates in October.

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## Small Church Wins Sixty-Six to Christ In Revival Services

By J. J. FRANKLIN  
Missionary, Arkansas Valley Assn.

As missionary of the Arkansas Valley Association, I am giving you a little statement of the progress of the work at Becks Chapel, the smallest church of the association two years ago.

This church was organized by Missionary J. W. Porter, 25 or more years ago, and it did a good work until Bro. Porter passed away about 10 years ago. Since then it has not had a regular pastor, and it was almost dead when I came here.

I held my first service at Beck's Chapel on the afternoon of June 17, 1945, in a building used for a colored school house and a storage house. Only a few people attended though it is the only white church from Hughes to West Memphis.

We soon began holding services in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Purdy near the store on the lake plantation, and sometimes there would be 75 in attendance; other times not many would be present.

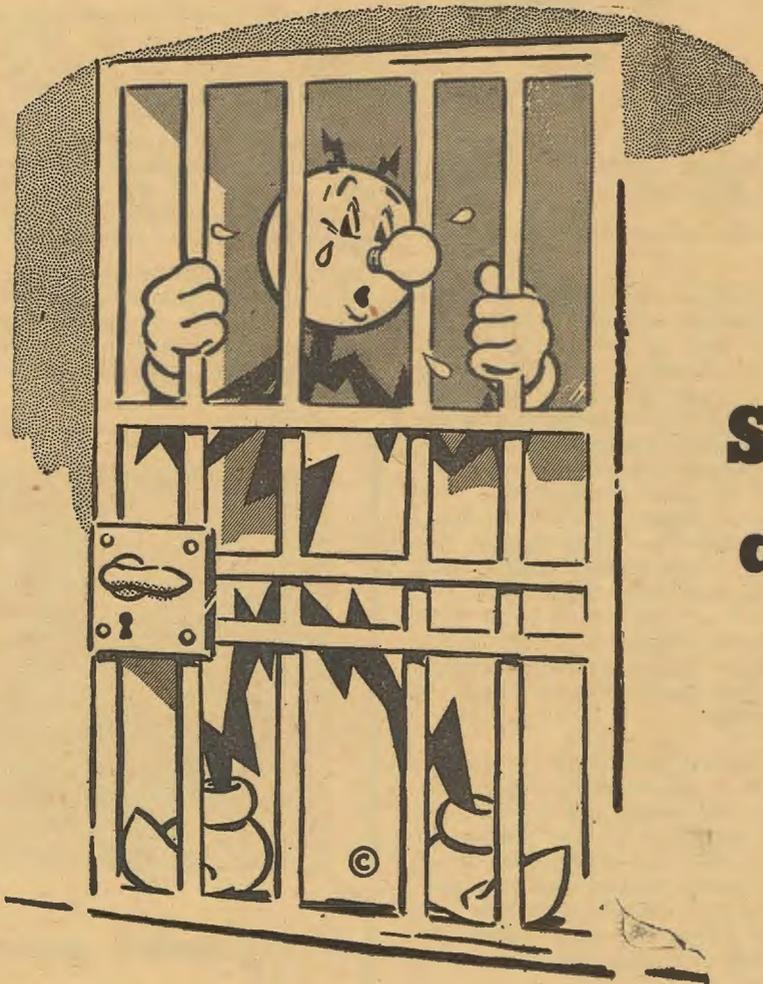
We began a revival the afternoon of August 18. We borrowed a tent from Bro. Bud Corder of Helena and a portable organ from a Baptist church in Little Rock. There were 66 conversions, 27 received for baptism, eight by letter and three by statement.

Bro. Nelson Tull, secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the state, assisted us in this revival as a personal worker and song leader. He is the most untiring, thorough and successful personal worker I have ever been associated with, and he aided greatly in the success of this revival.

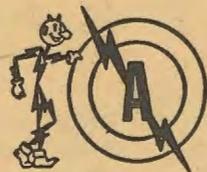
Bro. Tull believes the Baptist layman of this or any state must be organized on a basis of a brotherhood of service embracing all the commission our Lord gave His church, its primary work being to lead lost souls to accept Jesus as Saviour. If Bro. Tull is given an opportunity to demonstrate to the layman of our state that the important and major work for them is soul-winning the Baptist Brotherhoods of the state will lead thousands of souls each month to turn from sin and believe on Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

There are a few facts confronting this world as they have not for many generations. First, the world is in the most deplorable situation, the greatest spiritual dearth, wickedness covering the earth as the waters cover the seas, and sin more flagrant than it has likely been since just before the flood. Second, Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord is the only hope, the only remedy and all sufficient healer of the world's ills. Third, laymen must assume their part of the responsibility of reconciling the world unto God.

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# to Falls Short of Divine Standard of Loving Even One's Enemy Gives No Evidence That He Is a Christian

By R. PAUL CAUDDILL

## Sunday School Lesson For September 29

Psalm 119:33-38; Matthew 5:43-48

Hence the words of Jesus, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you" (Matt. 5:43-44).

The doctrine of kindness toward one's enemies, however, is not foreign to Old Testament ideology. In Exodus 23:4ff we read, "If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again. . . ." Again in Leviticus 19:18 we have, "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the Lord." Likewise in Proverbs 24:17, "Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth."

### Our Divine Example

Jesus goes on to point out that we have in our Heavenly Father a divine example which we are to follow in relation to our enemies: "That ye may be the children of your father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45).

Both sunshine and rain are considered to be providential blessings. Without them man would soon perish upon the earth. These bless-

sings come upon "the just and on the unjust."

By manifesting love and kindly attitudes toward our enemies, therefore, we act like our Heavenly Father who "loves his enemies, and sends natural blessings upon them as well as upon his friends" (Broadus).

"But the love of God to his enemies is not the same as to his friends, the one being a love of compassion and benevolence, the other a love of complacency; he bestows benefits upon the wicked, he delights in the good. And in like manner we are not bidden to take admiring delight in our enemies, but to cherish no revengeful and malignant feeling towards them, and to do anything we can for their welfare — that is, of course, when it would not aid in the accomplishment of their evil designs against us" (Broadus).

The words, "his sun," remind us that the sun is possessed and controlled by God. Even nature is subservient to His righteous will.

Our problem as Christians lies in the fact that we are not always fully aware of the divine example which God has set for us and of the fact that He is the owner of us all as well as of all nature. If we could but reflect on Him and His example we would be more disposed to generosity in dealing with those who are not our friends. All of us who know His redeeming love were one time "strangers and foreigners" because we were without Christ. It is in Christ Jesus that all who "sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephes. 2:13).

### Expanded Selfishness

"In loving his friends," says Dr. Broadus, "a man may in a certain sense be loving only himself—a kind of expanded selfishness." That is why Jesus says in Matt. 5:46, "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have you? Do not even the publicans do the same? And if you salute your brethren only, what do you more than others? Do not even the publicans so?"

As a class of people the publicans were looked upon by the Jews with great odium. They were the favored group to whom the Romans farmed out the privilege of collect-

ing taxes. Sometimes they deputized subordinates, either those who were citizens of the Roman empire or natives of the province, to work for them. However, these taxgatherers were in universal disfavor among the Jews as they constantly reminded the Jews of their state of subjugation to the Romans.

Matthew was a publican, but this did not keep Jesus from immediately accepting him into His fellowship. The gospel of Christ draws no lines, makes no distinctions. There is but one message of redemption and that message is free to all.

Unless we who are Christian do more than merely love those who love us, then our grade of morality is no higher than that of the despised publicans and heathen.

### The Perfect Standard

In the closing verse (48) of our lesson Jesus gives us the perfect standard: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect."

The term rendered "perfect" is used to convey various ideas in the New Testament. Sometimes the idea is merely "completeness" without any moral element. Again, it means to be complete with reference to the growth of the body or of mind, that is, "full grown." In other instances it signifies completeness in knowledge and moral excellence.

In the words of Dr. Broadus, "In all things, love included, we ought to be perfect, even as our Heavenly Father is—to be like Him, and to prove ourselves to be His children. Our own minds demand a perfect standard, such as the divine nature presents; and however far we may actually fall short of attaining it, yet he who is content with coming short gives no evidence that he is a child of God."

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

(From Official Reports Sent Religious Education Department)

Association—Church	Average Attend.	Mission Conv's.	Mission Offering
Boone-Carroll—Green Forest	60		
Boone-Carroll—Harrison, Eagle Heights	61		\$ 7.09
Central—Jessieville	60	8	10.00
Concord—Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	126	2	62.46
Harmony—Dumas, First	109		22.17
Harmony—Dumas, Anderson Chapel	65	25	9.22
Hope—Hope, Guernsey Mission	38		
Independence—Batesville, Cushman	34	5	10.00
Independence—Batesville, Rosie	48		10.00
Independence—Batesville, Cord	24	8	6.00
Independence—Desha	40		
Liberty—Junction City	64		15.08
Little River—Columbus			15.00
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Pulaski County—Roland	25		
Pulaski County—Plainview	103	6	43.66
Red River—Gurdon, First	81		
Trinity—Tyronza, Cherry Beam (Negro)	46		2.00
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## Missionaries at Work

With all the many phases of our work to be promoted we have not said as much about missionaries as we want to say. Sometime ago, however, we asked our State Missionaries to give us a little article on their work. We wanted to pass the information on to the brethren. Two of these were published last week. Here are others:

### Northwest Arkansas

By C. C. ROBERTS

Perhaps the Baptists over the state would like to know something of the work of their missionaries. The districts in which they work, something of their need and nature of work they are doing.

My District is Northwest Arkansas. This field is approximately 200 miles square. In this field we have had from 35 to 50 pastorless churches throughout the year. The most of these churches are strictly rural churches, and there are equally that many if not more communities that ought to have Baptist preaching. These churches and communities are having to go without much preaching because of a shortage of preachers.

The most of these churches are visited perhaps once a month by some associational or state missionary. But there are many things which the missionaries cannot do for the churches that a pastor could do. However, we missionaries are doing the best we can with a hard task.

Since last October I have been in six Schools of Missions, some of them out of the state. In these Schools I have spoken to 48 churches on rural church work, trying to strengthen the churches and pastors. Placing much emphasis on the value of the country church. These Schools have proven very helpful to these churches.

I have visited all the pastorless churches possible for me to visit, assisted several of them in calling pastors. Have formed one church field, but have been unable to find a pastor for the field. The shortage of preachers is one of the things that block much of the work of the missionary.

I have attended from one to three worker's conferences each month. Helped to organize one church, and assisted in ordaining several deacons. Supplied for some of the larger churches in the absence of pastors. Have visited all of our associational missionaries and tried to encourage them.

I have conducted three revivals this summer majoring on two things in these meetings, deepening the religious life of the church and winning the lost to Christ. Just closed a great meeting with Mt. Vernon Church, with 17 conversions and 19 additions, and a deep current of spiritual life flowing through the church. Collected all their back pay on Co-

operative Program, and had a nice sum in addition for State Missions.

I have witnessed some remarkable conversions this summer where there was much evidence of mighty powers of God. There are many things that we missionaries do to advance the cause that the people never know about, and there is no way of reporting it.

Some of the hardest work we do sometimes shows the least returns at the time it is done. This is not an apology, but just a fact the people ought to know. Many times your state missionaries conduct meetings where there is no hopes for much of a report.

Your missionaries feel many times just about like the pastor feels sometimes, that we are not getting anywhere, but perhaps across the months and years it all totals up to a fair average.

### Southeast District

By E. D. ESTES

State missions was one of the main objects in the life and public ministry of Jesus and He wanted us to so thoroughly understand it and do it, that He put it into the very heart of His command—"And in all Judea" Acts 1:8.

State Missions is having a severe struggle from within and from without, because of the lack of vision on the part of some, because of many isms and because our country is in such an awful throes of wickedness and unrest, and because so many of our church members have no regard for God, law, order nor for the observance of Sunday—the day that Jesus memorialized and sanctified by His glorious resurrection from the dead.

Even with all this, and more, the good Lord has blessed our work in many ways. It is very gratifying that we have had more calls than we could fill, especially during July and August. One of the high-lights in our work this year was during our combined Bible School and Better Music School with Mt. Olive Church No. 2, in June, near Crossett. There were 17 additions to the church, 11 being baptized and the church greatly revived. It was so out-standing in nature and scope that several even said, "I fear that it will almost kill our revival meeting to be conducted in just three weeks!" I told them that it would help the revival in July and that there were yet plenty of lost people to be reached for Christ around there.

There were and state missions helped to prove it, in that when the July revival meeting came to a close, there were 24 more additions to same church, 14 of whom were baptized; making a total of 41 additions to a country church. What a challenge to other churches and pastors! Come on brethren, and help us do more in state missions! This could be repeated in many, many churches in city, town, and country with the opportun-

ity and the cooperation by pastors like Rev. S. E. Powell in this case.

Another high-light in our state missions is that many, many of the members of the churches have rededicated their lives anew to Christ and to His service. Still others are learning to tithe of their income into the local church which is right.

Two of our greatest needs are sound doctrinal preaching and teaching on the part of all preachers and other leaders and the right kind of daily living on part of preachers and church members.

### North Central District

By V. E. DEFREECE

From the skyways of Newton County to the fertile plains of Oil Trough Bottom; from the Sugar Loaf Mountain of Clebourne County to the world's largest spring at Mammoth; from the mighty "Eureka" to Hardy, we have the great North Central District of Arkansas. It was into this district that I came as state missionary January 1, 1946.

The first month I spent in North Arkansas was about equally divided between searching for a place to live in Batesville and in Harrison, with two or three trips to Cotter thrown in for good measure. After spending one month in a Batesville Hotel with my family at a cost of about \$450 I finally found the object of my search, a little five-room house on Sidney Street in Batesville where my wife and children live at present.

As of this date I have been on the field only eight months. Needless to say, I haven't had the time to visit all the churches, and make personal contact with all our fine pastors. However, I earnestly hope that God will enable me to have a personal conference with every pastor, and speak in every church within the District before the close of 1947.

There are three associations within North Central District where I have had the privilege of speaking in every church. They are Newton, Big Creek, and Little Red River Associations. I have also had the privilege of speaking in almost every church in Independence, and Boone-Carroll Associations.

I have never been quite so busy in my life as I am here in North Arkansas. I have never looked upon a field where so many harvest hands were needed as here in these beautiful Arkadian hills. Please pray that God will give me the wisdom and strength to carry on at the task to which I have been committed, and give us more laborers to work in the harvest.

The prayerful interest and splendid cooperation of the pastors, missionaries, and churches have made my work here in the district very pleasant. May the blessings of God be upon them is my humble prayer!

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There are now more people in the South who are not enrolled in any Sunday School than the total population of this area fifty years ago.—Courts Redford in the Sunday School Builder.