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ARKANSAS  
*Baptist*

APRIL 17, 1958

### Concord News Notes

JACK MICK, formerly pastor of 3rd Avenue Church, Paragould, and moderator of Green County Association, has accepted the pastorate of 1st Church, Hackett. Mick spent five years in Southern College earning two degrees. He succeeds D. M. Kreis who resigned the Hackett church last September to move to Walnut Ridge.

O. M. STALLINGS, formerly pastor of the Lavaca Church, where he served as the association's moderator for two years, recently baptized his grandchildren, Bill West, 9, and Marsha West, 8, into the University Church, Springfield, Mo. The father of the children, Neal West, is a mathematics instructor in a Springfield High School and also director of the youth choirs of the University Church.

L. E. HATFIELD, a member of Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, has been called to the Concord Church, Clear Creek Association. Hatfield served 18 years as pastor in the ABA (Landmark) association of Baptists. His last pastorate with the ABA was in Taft, Calif. Here in 3 years he led the church from 17 in SS to 120.

AN OKLAHOMA MAN, Richard J. Beam, who has served 1st Church, Muldrow, Okla., for the past two years, is



MR. BEAM

the new pastor for the 600-member Temple Church, Ft. Smith. The 28-year-old pastor is a graduate of John Brown University, Siloam Springs, and Moody Bible College, Chicago. During his four years at Moody, Mr. Beam was appointed by the faculty and student body to supervise all of the services conducted by the students in the Cook County Jail, the various missions on skid row, and personal work in the homes on the Gold Coast. Mrs. Beam is the former Peggy Whitely of Muskogee, Okla. They have one son, two-year-old Stevie. Beam succeeds Elvie Adams, who has gone to 1st Church, Plainville, Kan.

THE WMS of the Barling Church was reorganized recently. Mrs. Maxie Moore led the women in the work. Mrs. Alfred was elected president. David Land is pastor.

HERMAN SANFORD, pastor of 1st Church, Greenwood, is a student in the University of Arkansas. Sanford, who has earned three degrees from Baylor University, will receive his Ph.D. in English early next year. Sanford is clerk of Concord Association.

MISSIONARY AND MRS. Jay W. C. Moore taught the book, Better Vacation Bible Schools, to all of the VBS workers of Immanuel Church, Dr. S. W. Eubanks, pastor, the first of April.



THE NEW \$50,000 annex of Trinity Church, top, Ft. Smith, was dedicated recently. The building includes departments for nursery, young people, and young adults. Fully air-conditioned, the fireproof building is the beginning of a long-range program which when complete will include another similar unit and a new auditorium making the total plant worth about \$250,000.

Bottom, the building committee, left to right: Pastor Mason Bondurant, Douglas Plummer, Eugene Hale, Coy Hurst, Harold Kelly, Frank Pigg, Tucker Moore, Arthur C. Carter, Jack Sprouse, Lawrence Bell and Clifton Teeter.

● 1ST CHURCH, Gravel Ridge is experiencing some high blessings. Easter Sunday saw 191 in Sunday School which was 5 above our enrolment. Four were baptized at the evening service and one received by letter. Pastor Herman Keppler has just returned from a very successful revival in New Mexico.

● CAPTAIN ROY Thomas, of the Air Base, has entered the ministry. He preached at the evening service Sunday, April 13, and will be licensed by the church. He would like to secure supply work or engage in starting a mission.— W. B. O'Neal

● JAMES E. Howard, a 1957 graduate of Ouachita, has been appointed by the U. S. Treasury Department as a career employee in the Bureau of Customs in Houston, Tex. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita where he was a business administration major.

● MALCOM SAMPLE, who served in a number of Arkansas churches including 1st Church, Helena, has moved to Wichita Falls, Tex., to assume the position of minister of education and music with Highland Heights Church. Previously he was with 1st Church, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

● MISS ERMA Simmons, associate professor of English at Ouachita Baptist College, has been named to serve on the Arkansas judging team for the newly adopted high school English achievement awards program, sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

#### CORRECTION

THE APRIL 3 issue of the Arkansas Baptist carried a list of officers of Pularski Baptist Pastors' Conference, but failed to note that this is a Special Pastors' Conference which meets once each month for those pastors who are unable to attend the regular Monday morning meetings.

## Arkansas' TEL Story



A MODERN version of the Timothy, Eunice, Lois spiritual instruction chain is behind the granting of a perfect attendance certificate to year-old Marlon Pruett.

Calvin Marshall, superintendent of 1st Church, Ward, Sunday School, is making the presentation as grandmother, Mrs. R. T. Armstrong, and mother, Mrs. Shirley Armstrong Pruett, beam approvingly.

The youngster started to Sunday School at the age of two weeks and rang up a perfect attendance record for his first year.

M. E. Wilfong is pastor of the Ward church.

● RIDGECREST CHURCH, Blytheville, has petitioned Mississippi County Association for watchcare until the annual meeting. (CB)

● REV. AND Mrs. Donald L. Orr, Southern Baptist missionaries to Colombia, announce the birth of a son, Roger King, on January 27 in Cali. They may be addressed at Apartado Aereo 1320, Cali Colombia. Mr. Orr is a native of Hot Springs.

## Mississippi Association Qualified for 2 Standards

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY Association has received southwide recognition for attaining the Standard both in Sunday School and Training Union.

Dr. E. Stanley Williamson, Sunday School Board, said to his knowledge there have been only two other associations in the Southern Baptist territory to reach the Standard for both departments in the same year. Thus, Mississippi County Association became the third in the history of SBC to reach both standards.

## Revival Reports

1ST CHURCH, Dumas, Minor E. Cole, pastor, reports a very successful revival with Ed F. Vallowe, Macon, Ga., doing the preaching. There were 14 professions of faith, nine additions by letter and many rededications.

EVANGELIST PAUL E. Wilhelm, Lamar, led State Line Church, Kansas City, in a revival Mar. 16-30. Twenty professions were recorded and two came by letter.

C. GORDON BAYLESS, Central Baptist, North Little Rock, led Memorial Church, Grapevine, Tex., in a revival closing Mar. 30. Pastor Gene Garrison reported 22 additions, 17 by baptism.

SEVENTEEN ADDITIONS, 14 by baptism, were recorded in the Mar. 16-23 revival in Barton Chapel Church, Tri-County Association. Evangelist was H. W. Ryan, Little Rock; Ben Balcom, Tyronza, led the music. Jack Parchman is pastor.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, Pine Bluff, has Bill Lewis, Eber Memorial, Detroit, Mich., as evangelist and Herbert "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, as gospel singer in a revival Mar. 16-30. There were 22 additions, 18 by baptism.

TWENTY ADDITIONS by baptism, seven other professions of faith and 20 rededications were recorded during the Mar. 24-30 meeting in 1st Church, Bay. Jim Birkhead, Mountain Home Church, was the evangelist, and Jackie Hancock, choir director, led the music.

CHICKASAW CHURCH, McGehee, received six new members by baptism during the Mar. 16-23 meeting when William West, a former pastor and now at 2nd Church, Conway, did the preaching. Music was under direction of Pastor Russell Hunt. A number of rededications also were recorded.

CALVARY CHURCH, North Little Rock, had 55 additions, 37 by baptism, during a recent revival with Evangelist Billy Walker doing the preaching and M. O. Kelley directing the music. Pastor William V. Philliber described it as "the greatest in the church's history." A new Sunday School attendance record of 554 was reached.

RUSSELL J. CLUBB, Millington, Tenn., was evangelist for the Mar. 23-Apr. 2 revival in Levy Church. There were 26 additions by baptism and 14 by letter.

MURPHY'S CORNER Church, Newport, received nine by profession of faith during a Mar. 9-16 revival when Ralph O. Dodd, Little Rock, was evangelist. Pastor Johnny Green reports that the church has received 15 by profession since Jan. 1.

## March Convention Receipts \$2,332,970

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Total March receipts at the office of the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer were \$2,-\$2,332,970 of which Arkansas contributed \$66,719.

The state's total included \$43,750 through the Cooperative Program and \$22,969 through designations, according to Treasurer Porter Routh, of Nashville.

Total Cooperative Program receipts from all states in March were \$1,193,958 and total receipts through designations were \$1,139,012. The high amount in designations reflects money still being received from states through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

March, 1958, receipts were about \$408,000 greater than for the same month in 1957. Cooperative Program receipts were up for the corresponding month by \$53,000 and designations up by \$355,000.

Total receipts for the year to date—three months—are \$10,063,767 compared with \$8,974,947 for a year ago, an increase of 12.13 per cent. Designations are up 14.83 per cent to \$6,129,028 while Cooperative Program funds are up 8.17 per cent to \$3,934,739 for January-March.

LOYD HUNNICUTT, Central Church, Magnolia, was evangelist at a recent revival in 1st Church, Augusta. Among visible results were 10 coming by profession of faith.

TWENTY-SEVEN additions, 14 by baptism, were recorded in a March revival in Van Horn, Tex., when W. P. Mears, moderator of Hope Association and pastor of Calvary Church, Texarkana, did the preaching.

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## Can We Outlaw Liquor Ads?

THE FACT that Arkansas through the seniority of its Congressional Representatives holds a major share of chairmanships of key committees in Congress has come in for national publicity recently. It is significant that of the four representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention who have been invited to appear in Washington for public hearings, April 22-24, on a bill to ban inter-state advertising of beverage alcohol through press, radio, and television, two are from Arkansas. They are Congressman Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dale Jones, a student at the University of Arkansas, who has been chosen as a representative of youth and student groups of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A news story giving more details about the Washington hearing will be found elsewhere in this issue of the paper.

We should like to emphasize the suggestion of Secretary A. C. Miller of the Christian Life Commission, that Christians write to members of the Senate committee conducting the hearing to express their approval of the bill. Names of the committee members and their addresses will be found in the news story.

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## A Church Looks in the Mirror

ONE OF THE real values of the Forward Program of Church Finance is that it finds out just what the facts are about the tithes and offerings of the church members and makes this information known, without calling the names of individuals, of course, to the whole church. The success of this approach wherever it is tried bears eloquent testimony supporting the statement often heard: "An informed people are an enlisted people."

Here are the startling figures uncovered by a church with 982 resident members as to the support of the church program by the people for the first nine months of the current year:

A total of 267 members gave less than a penny a week. Four hundred and eleven members averaged about 50 cents per week; 78, \$1 per week; 45, \$1.50 per week; 25, \$2; 24, \$2.50; 18, \$3; 19, \$3.50; 13, \$4; 14, \$4.50; 11, \$5; 8, \$5.50; 6, \$6; 8, \$6.50; 4, \$7; 9, \$7.50; 1, \$8; 2, \$8.50; 1, \$9; 2, \$9.50; 2, \$10; 2, \$10.50; 2, \$11; 2, \$11.50; 1, \$12; 1, \$12.50; 1, \$13; 1, \$13.50; 1, \$14.50; 2, \$15; and 1 gave more than \$17.50 per week.

The total budget for the church for the previous year was \$36,861.29. But, according to the estimate of the city's chamber of commerce, the average family of the community had an income of \$5,879. The estimated tithes from the income of the families of this particular church is \$194,007 per year.

Objections to the Forward Program of Church Finance sometimes heard: "We don't think it is scriptural"; "We never take pledges"; "We don't believe in talking money." Surely any plan that seeks to lead church members to give to their churches the tithe as the minimum would be scriptural in its goal. And we believe anyone who makes a serious and honest study of the Forward Program of Church Finance will conclude that it is sound scripturally as to its methodology. There certainly is no conflict with the scripture, "The Lord loves a cheerful giver." This plan just helps people to come into the blessing of wanting to do, and doing what the scriptures make clear they should do as Christians and church members to finance the Lord's work across the earth. If your church has not used this plan, why not give it a try this year? —ELM

## Personally Speaking . . .

### Captive Audiences

MANY YEARS ago a visiting evangelist who was holding a revival meeting at our church came up with a bold plan for guaranteeing a good sized congregation for the closing Sunday morning service. Although he had not taken literally the scripture, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in," he decided he would compel those



who had come in for Sunday School to stay for church.

The deacons did not like the idea of locking the doors just before Sunday School was over, but the evangelist insisted. Calling the church janitor he gave him the order: "Go quickly and lock every door, and bring me the keys."

It was done. In every Sunday School class the announcement was made that every one was to go at once to the auditorium. But a goodly (or badly) percent of the people had other plans — until they discovered they were actually locked in, that is!

Triumphantly the evangelist held up the keys to the building and announced, "The doors will be unlocked at the close of the service!"

That is what you would call "a captive audience," but not necessarily a captivated audience.

There is a sense in which every church congregation is a captive audience. Many of those in an average Sunday morning crowd staying for preaching would much prefer to be at least "a mile hence." (And about two thirds of those who are present Sunday morning will be somewhere else besides church on Sunday night!)

Some of these are "respectable" businessmen or businesswomen who much rather be out "making an honest dollar." Some are children and young people who are there because it is expected and required of them. Some are "saints" who are there almost exclusively through force of habit.

If we could know what a small percent of the people are in the church service earnestly seeking an experience that hour with God we would doubtless be amazed that God is able to break through so frequently the clutter that bars the doors to so many of our hearts.

How blind we are when we cannot find God in the worship services of our churches. And how depraved when we have no desire to find Him or to be found of Him.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

"ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS" II TIM. 3:16



Letters to the Editor

**THE PEOPLE SPEAK**

**Furlough Plans**

Dear Editor:

We do enjoy so much the Arkansas Baptist. Accept our belated congratulations upon being chosen editor of such a great paper and upon the fine work that you are doing.

We will be leaving Brazil by boat on June 5 and should arrive in New Orleans about June 18. We will make Arkansas our home during our furlough year. We are making our plans to live in El Dorado. We are open for speaking engagements during the year. Already I have accepted a Young Men's Mission Conference, Ark. Baptist Camp, June 30-July 4 and Royal Ambassador Camps, Arkansas, July 14-25 as well as Royal Ambassador Camps in Texas July 28-August 8, Schools of Mission in Kansas Oct. 5-17 and in White River Association, Arkansas, Nov. 9-14. Frances has accepted an Association W.M.U. Rally, Centennial Association, Ark., July 15. So you can see that we are already beginning to be busy during our furlough year.

We are looking forward to fellowship with you and others during our stay in the states. Give our regards to all. — Claud R. Bumpus, Caixa Postal 121, Campina Grande, Paraiba, Brazil

**Your Help Asked**

Dear Friend,

There is a bill now in the U. S. Senate that will do away with all advertising of strong drink if it is passed. This bill is known as the Langer Bill (S-582).

Just try to imagine what it would mean if we can do away with all advertising of all strong drinks. And after checking with temperance leaders and with Senator Langer's office in Washington and with Clyde W. Taylor in Washington, I find there is a possibility this bill may become a law.

There will be a public hearing of this bill on April 22. The Senate Interstate & Foreign Commerce Commission is conducting this hearing.

Please help us get thousands of telegrams and letters to the chairman of this committee urging the committee to report the bill favorably back to the Senate. Your communications will have weight when the committee makes its decision. Send your communications directly to:

Senator Warren Magnuson  
Senate Interstate & Foreign Commerce Commission  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

In your communication urge the committee to "Recommend that the Langer Bill (S-582) be passed and that they give it a favorable report back to the Senate."

Please act immediately.

—William A. Powell

**Missionary Appeal**

Dear Editor:

I am encouraged to know that progress is being made toward better race relations in America. But still the bitterest anti-American criticism is hurled at this level. Incidents are exaggerated and statements are distorted, to be sure, but the general impression which America is making on other countries in regard to race relations is far below what it ought to be.

I think that court decisions and organized activities have their place in this trend of progress. But the most effective method is the demonstration of the Christian spirit of love and kindness in personal relationships. When we improve the quality of our Christian lives in the homeland, we can increase the effectiveness of our Christian witness in the 38 countries where Southern Baptist missionaries are at work. To be free from race prejudice is to exhibit the spirit of Christ. This is an appeal — from an island kingdom on the opposite part of the earth — for more Christlikeness in race relations. —B. L. Nichols

**Catholic Candidates**

My Dear Sir:

In the issue of the Ark. Baptist of Jan. 23, 1958, an article on page 5 — Definite stand asked from Catholic candidates.

I have prayed and asked our Heavenly Father repeatedly for guidance on this subject for this reason. I am not biased as to what church people may choose to belong to but, a Catholic belongs to all intents to a foreign state, and as such are subject to and obey all orders and commands from the pope.

The question is, What are we to do? My suggestion would be to make sure that no Catholic candidate of any elective office was elected as by their actions they have forfeited that.

If we had a Catholic for president all supreme court appointments would be of that faith or someone who would go along with them. Also all U. S. judges.

—Alva C. Krider, Piggott

**Good Work**

Dear Brother McDonald:

We are enjoying the Arkansas Baptist. We shall send a list of new families to be added to our subscription group in the next few days. Keep up the good work.

W. Harry Hunt, Levy Church

● IMMANUEL CHURCH, Texarkana, dedicated a new auditorium and education building Mar. 30. Dr. Cecil Sutley, Ouachita, brought the message. J. M. Stagner is pastor. (CB)

## Out of Great Sorrow

# A Closer Walk With God

By MRS. HARRY SWARTZ

**M**Y HUSBAND learned in June 1956 that he had lung cancer. The surgeon had expected to be able to complete a successful operation. But following the surgery he told me he had been unable to help him and that he would never be cured. After the shock, I determined to go on and with God's help make the remaining days or years completely happy for him and trust in God for strength and spiritual guidance. He recuperated nicely, gained 30 pounds of weight and was back at work in a few weeks as manager of the A. P. & L. Co. here (for whom he had worked 22 years).

All our friends thought he was recovering. I did not want anyone to tell him but to go on as if he were well, which for a time it appeared he was. But he and I knew the chances were one in a million as his doctor had told him.

We prayed for a miracle, knowing that with God all things are possible. I wrote to Dr. Peale and asked his prayers and to many other groups for his name to be added to their prayer lists. I also wrote to the National Cancer Research Institute for help, even to experimenting on him.

Meanwhile, he appeared well. He was working and fishing (his hobby) as usual.

I prayed daily for his recovery and for a cure to cancer and for the doctors to be used as a channel of God's blessing.

He and I were drawn so much closer spiritually than all the 18 years we had lived together.

Early last spring, he began to lose weight again — he was a husky athletic type, 185 pounds, five feet, eight inches, a typical outdoorsman and expert fisherman.

From June, 1957, he began to go down physically. We went back for more deep X-ray. When he returned home



**HARRY SWARTZ** had known for several months that he had lung cancer with no hope of recovery when he posed with this string of bass he caught one day in the fall of 1956. Still ahead of him was more than half a year of heroic living before his death in the spring of 1957.

the first of August he was so weakened he never regained his strength but he was always up and about the house though he didn't return to work the last two months. The last week in September he developed a plural condition in his lungs and he had to be taken

to the hospital for oxygen late Friday night. He died peacefully on Sunday morning, his 46th birthday.

He and I had prayed for courage to face the separation and strength to go on no matter what we would face in the last days of his illness but God

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## Helping Others

The accompanying triumphant spiritual experience of Mrs. Harry D. Swartz was not written for publication, but as a personal letter to the editor of the **Arkansas Baptist** at his request after meeting her a few weeks ago while he was supplying the pulpit of 1st Church, Heber Springs.

Feeling that Mrs. Swartz might help many others with great sorrows, we wrote to ask permission to publish her account of the valiant conquest of death itself which she and her husband waged through the power of Christ in their hearts.

At first Mrs. Swartz hesitated to give her permission — the experience was so intimate and personal. But through prayer she came to feel that this was another opportunity to use her Christian experience to help others.

"I have tried to look for the good in this experience," she writes, "and I have decided people are about as happy as they want to be. I have

looked to the brighter side and have found that God reveals the way to a happier life when we ask his help." — The Editor



MRS. SWARTZ

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spared him a lingering illness for he was up and about to the very last. He drove 20 miles to see the river just three days before he died.

Though our prayers for his recovery were not answered, the prayers that he be spared a pain-racked, lingering death (so often a part of cancer) were answered. My prayer for strength to go on and bear this loss was beyond anything I had imagined. I had thought I could not possibly face life alone but somehow I realized that God had done so much for us through this illness that would never have been experienced had he lived a normal life to an old age. I believed that surely in the brief 46 years he lived he had accomplished the purpose God had intended he accomplish. I feel there was a blessing sent from God in my burden of sorrow and that to live without trying to help others find this peace and serenity and joy I have found, would be shutting the door to a glorious opportunity.

At the time one cannot always see the blessing for it is hidden away and can be gotten only by lifting the burden. Self must die if the good in us is to live and shine in radiance.

We do not begin to know the secret burdens of those we meet who wear smiles before men and go on as if all were gladness. I had heartaches and life was so bittersweet for I knew each day was so short and all too soon he would be gone; yet I had to smile for him and my two daughters, Karen Sue and Gretchen. (Karen Sue is 15 and Gretchen is 11).

When it was all over and I watched my husband breathe his last breath. I seemed to be able to realize strength I did not know I had. It was not my own, but from God. I know that his soul left his body there in the hospital room and it was that spirit in man that God's Word says will never die. The earthly, material things are perishable but things of the spirit — love, kindness, joy, peace — these are eternal. They cannot be taken away. They are the lasting things.

His earthly body we buried was to me as an overcoat which he laid aside and I feel he lives in spirit with Him and we will meet again. People act sometimes as though they believed in death, not life. I feel that the other life must be far greater and surely all is peace and no tears or sadness, no pain, just gladness.

One important lesson we learned is that the past cannot be changed and that we have only the present. Jesus does not tell us to ask for bread for tomorrow. We could not change the fact that there was cancer in his body. There was nothing to do but live a day at a time — just pray and trust in God and make each moment a memory of as much happiness as could be crowded into a moment.

If people could learn to live like this when there is no illness and all is well, wouldn't it be wonderful? They can. I would like to tell everyone: Be happy, be glad, love each other you have a bit of Christ within that no storm in life can hurt. Nothing from without can hurt us. We are only whipped from within. It is not the circumstances in life but what we think about them that really affect us. If we put our whole trust in Him, nothing can hurt us.

As for the help I received, I know now that the iron-shoes strength is supplied only when we need it. We need never fear. God is our help in every need.

I have discovered that when one asks God for guidance, He answers us by ideas in our mind. So when I feel an impulse for good I believe it is God speaking this to help me help Him answer my prayer. I believe in doing immediately anything one has an impulse to do for good. We have only the moment and it may never return. A kind word, a bit of praise, a written note of encouragement — these are the help I feel that I can give. God uses the human element and I may be the hand stretched forth in love He sends to help a friend or stranger in need.

My prayer is that He will direct my path and use me, dedicated to His will, not mine. I am trying each day to use every opportunity to spread Christian love to every one I have contact with. I have had several experiences that have warmed my heart. It is a thrill to help another and I am getting a real joy from each experience.

### New Orleans Choir To Sing for Alumni

The 40-VOICE NEW ORLEANS Seminary Touring Choir will be featured at the seminary alumni breakfast at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, according to the president of the Arkansas chapter of the alumni, Harold Elmore, Rison.

Scheduled for the San Jacinto room of the Rice Hotel Wednesday, May 21 at 7:15 a.m., the breakfast will also feature a brief address by Dr. J. Wash Watts, dean of students.

"We want a fine representation from Arkansas at the breakfast," Elmore said, "and alumni and former students are urged to get tickets by sending check or money order in the amount of \$2.30 for each ticket to William C. Bolton, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New-Orleans, La."

● A MISSION for the Spanish speaking has been started by Diaz Church, Black River Association. Robert Stanley is missions committee chairman. The church recently received recognition for having a Standard Sunday School. G. L. Balch is superintendent; James Whitlock, pastor. (CB)

DODDRIDGE CHURCH, Hope Association, has called Larry Baker, student in East Texas College, as pastor. He is already on the field. (CB)

G. C. IVINS, who retired from the active pastorate last year after 21 years with Rose Hill Church, Texarkana, has been called as interim pastor by Arabella Heights Church, Texarkana. Sunday School attendance has almost doubled since he began his ministry there. (CB)

HARVEY FOWLER has accepted the call of Crossroads Church, Mississippi County Association. (CB)

PAUL G. STOCKEMER, recent Southwestern Seminary graduate, has been called as pastor of Philadelphia Church in Jonesboro succeeding Glen Giles. He is a native of Warren and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stockemer, Shreveport. (DP)

ALVIS J. MOORE has accepted the call of 1st Church Norphlet. He is a graduate of Ouachita and will graduate from Southwestern in May. His first sermon in the new pastorate was Mar. 9.



MR. MOORE The Moores have one daughter, Sherrye.

Mr. Moore came to Norphlet from Washington, Ark., where he was pastor for 3 years.

Mrs. Moore is the former Erna Dillport, Walnut Ridge.

### Cancer Fatal to Wall, Southwide Evangelist

REGINALD WALL, Baptist evangelist, died of cancer March 22 in Atlanta, Georgia. He had conducted several meetings in Arkansas.

He remained in the pulpit up to the very end, after being told four months ago he had incurable cancer. His last speaking engagement was March 16 in Chattanooga, from where he was returned in an ambulance.

"He went on faith alone," his widow, Mrs. Ruth Davis Wall, said. "When he entered the hospital, his lungs were 90 per cent covered with cancer. How he kept it up, I will never know. God sustained him to the very end."

Mr. Wall first learned of his condition last November. Yet, he accepted the assignment as interim pastor of the Moreland Avenue Church, Atlanta. He said he wanted to fall in battle "like a Christian Soldier until the stretcher bearers from Heaven bear me Home to Jesus."

Blinded in childhood by two accidents, Mr. Wall regained about 10 per cent vision in one eye. He relied on an amazing memory to preach his sermons and could quote at length from the Bible.



## Missions Our Mission

AS SOUTHERN Baptists, we take great pride in the fact that we are a missionary-minded people. The very heartbeat of our message is missions. We believe our first duty, under God, is the carrying out of the Great Commission.

In our missionary zeal to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world, we have emphasized a two-dimensional program. We have assumed that, from the human side of this world task, we must have two things in order to succeed—namely, missionaries and money. To this end we have preached, prayed and worked; first, that thousands of our very best young men and women would place their lives on the altar, willing to go anywhere to live and witness for Christ; second, that God would move the hearts of Southern Baptists to put their resources and their money on the altar so that our missionaries could go and at the same time have the equipment and financial resources necessary to the successful carrying out of their task.

Thank God, thousands of our consecrated young people have responded, and millions of dollars have been placed on the altar; and yet, our Southern Baptist World Mission Program stands in jeopardy today, because we have neglected, or treated with a lukewarm attitude, the third dimension in world missions. This third dimension is our individual love for and interest in the racial and national groups that reside in our nation. Our foreign missionaries work with these races and nationalities and our attitude toward their kind and kindred here in America speaks far more effectively than anything our missionaries can do or say. For though they speak with the tongues of men and of angels, *and we have no love in our hearts*, they have become a clanging brass, or a clashing symbol. Though they have the gift of prophesy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and have all faith, so that they could remove mountains, *but we have not love*, they are nothing. And though they sell all their goods to feed the poor, and give their bodies to be burned, *but we have not love*, it avails them nothing. (Read I Cor. 13.)

We are living in a very small world—just 96 minutes around. What we do or say is known by the best of the world immediately. We are also living in a time of universal racial tension. Any unchristian word or deed will become a hindrance and a stumbling block to our missionaries all over the world. On the other hand, every Christian act, each forward step in showing a real Christian spirit toward those of other races and nationalities, here at home, will be the greatest source of strength to those who labor for the Lord in foreign lands and here at home. We must give more than our sons and daughters and money—we must give ourselves to live and love and think and speak like Christ.—*Clyde Hart*

## As It Should Be

Dr. D. M. Nelson, Jr., 1st Church, Greenville, S. C., in his message recently, called attention to the fact that this church increased its contributions to the Cooperative Program while carrying on the large building program which has just been completed. This is, we believe, the way it should be. Building is good, even necessary in most cases; but it should help, not hinder, giving to missions. We realize, of course, that churches vary in ability and that no church ever gives too much. This case is mentioned to suggest a thought.—*Baptist Courier*

## WHAT THEY SAY

A LITTLE NIP HELPS ME TO DRIVE!



## WHAT THEY DO



## "Acres of Diamonds"

APRIL 20 IS National Christian College Day. In observance of the day, the National Broadcasting Company will present on Frontiers of Faith, the tri-faith program aired each Sunday at 12:30 p.m., a television drama based on the beginning of Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa. Titled "Acres of Diamonds," the drama tells the story of Russell Conwell, the Baptist minister from whose inspired concern and hard work the great institution now known as Temple University grew.

## 'If Canada Can, We Can!'

A recent report on the missionary activity of Canadian Baptists reveals that one missionary is on the foreign field for each 900 church members.

The Baptist Federation of Canada has 1,172 churches with a total membership of 136,762 and approximately 750 ordained ministers; yet the total number of missionaries now on foreign fields of service is 138.

The Canadian effort in behalf of missions, when viewed in the light of our own endeavor, gives one pause. As of now, Southern Baptists have approximately one foreign missionary for each 8,000 church members, whereas, Canadian Baptists have one for each 900!

We have wealth. We have splendid buildings. We have almost 9 million church members. Can it be that the love for the cause of evangelism and world missions on the part of our brethren of Canada is greater than that of Southern Baptists?

Surely, if Canada can, we can!

—R. Paul Caudill

## Ordinations

FIRST CHURCH, Arkadelphia, ordained Ted Gentile to the full gospel ministry Mar. 26. Mr. Gentile, a Ouachita student, has been called as pastor of Boughton Church, Red River Association. Officers of the council included: George T. Blackmon, moderator; D. W. Seward, clerk; R. A. Coppenger, charge to candidate; Joe T. McClain, questioning.

J. D. PASSMORE, pastor of Snowball, Red Hill and St. Joe churches, all in Searcy County, was ordained by 1st Church, St. Joe, Thursday, Mar. 20. J. A. Hogan, pastor of Marshall church, served as moderator, and Homer Shirley, Jr., served as clerk.

Mr. Hogan was elected to examine the candidate, and the ordination sermon was brought by J. D. Seymour, associational missionary of Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association. Chester Rotten, pastor of New Hopewell Church, offered the ordination prayer, and Ben L. Graham, deacon in the St. Joe church, presented the Bible. Eddie Griffith gave the benediction.

● OWENSVILLE CHURCH, Central Association, has made plans to organize a brotherhood. (CB)

● TWO HUNDRED and eighteen lost people were reported in a recent church survey taken by Ridgecrest Church, Central Association. (CB)

## Early Registration Booms For World Youth Meet

TORONTO, Canada —(BWA)— Thirty-six American states, seven Canadian provinces, and eleven other countries are represented in the first 1235 registrations for this summer's Baptist Youth World Conference.

Miss Thelma Jarrett, registrar of the conference which will meet here June 27-July 2, said that, judging from the early flood of advance registrations, the total conference attendance may exceed the 5,000 originally expected.

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# Four Southern Baptists to Appear At Liquor Advertising Hearing

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Southern Baptists will have four representatives here Apr. 22-24 for public hearings on a bill to ban interstate advertising of beverage alcohol through press, radio, and television.

The Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, of which Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.) is chairman, will conduct the hearings.

Southern Baptist representatives will include Congressman Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Rep. Hays will introduce the three other representatives to the committee.

The others are A. J. Moncrief, Jr., St. Joseph, Mo., minister and chairman of the Convention's Christian Life Commission; A. C. Miller, executive secretary, director at University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Part of the responsibility of the Christian Life Commission is informing Baptists about matters related to beverage alcohol traffic.

Miller said that the Christian Life Commission, in being represented at the committee hearing, was "acting on instructions given this Commission by action of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1954 and 1955."

"In conference with Dr. Kearnie Keegan and C. Aubrey Hearn, we have invited Dale Jones . . . to represent youth and student groups of our Convention in presenting their views on this question," Miller added.

Hearings begin at 10:30 a.m. Apr. 22. "We appeal to Southern Baptist pastors to announce this event, date, and hour to their people and urge them to be in prayer for their representatives and for all other representatives of the

forces of righteousness as well as for each member of the Senate committee," Miller said.

"We further urge every qualified voter within our churches to write a letter to both of the senators from his state and to each member of the Senate committee conducting the hearing, urging restrictive legislation," Miller added.

"Such legislation will take out of our homes drinking scenes and the false statements about beverage alcohol that are being drummed into the ears of young and old alike."

Commenting further, Miller said, "Do not be misled by propoganda that a business that has been legalized cannot be restrained from advertising. Any kind of advertising that is false can be stopped.

"What is more, the business that does it can be stopped. This is our chance to help stop this invasion of our homes by the liquor barons of America. Write and let the lawmakers know how you stand on this question.

"Apr. 22 is not a deadline for writing. Keep the letters going until the Senate acts on this bill. Address: Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C."

Committee members include Sens. Magnuson, chairman; John O. Pastore (D., R. I.), A. S. Mike Monroney (D., Okla.), George A. Smathers (D., Fla.), Alan Bible (D., Nev.), Strom Thurmond (D., S. C.), John W. Bricker (R., Ohio), Frank J. Lausche (D., Ohio), Andrew F. Schoepfel (R., Kans.), John Marshall Butler (R., Md.), Charles E. Potter (R., Mich.), William A. Purtell (R., Conn.), Frederick G. Payne (R., Me.), Norris Cotton (R., N. H.), and Ralph Yarborough (D., Tex.).

Mr. Jones, a member of Fayetteville's 1st Church, is president of the BSU at the University. He has an outstanding



record of religious and scholastic accomplishments during his UA career. In 1957 he was the winner of Arkansas' better speakers tournament. Mr. Jones was voted the outstanding Baptist student at the University for 1956-57 and

DALE JONES received the distinguished military student award. He served as music and youth director at 1st Church, Decatur, 1956-57. He became a Christian in 1951 in 1st Church, Mena, and in 1952 at the Siloam assembly dedicated his life to full time Christian work, no matter what vocation God should call him into. He has accepted a job as junior accountant with a St. Louis CPA firm which he will begin shortly after a tour of duty with the Air Force.

## 'Thank You, I Don't Smoke'

KASSEL, GERMANY (BWA) — The German Baptist weekly "Die Gemeinde" recently called attention to the fact that Russian Baptists do not smoke. This occasioned a correspondent to write as follows:

"I spent six years in Russia, as a prisoner. Often I was offered a cigarette by some well-meaning Russian. Whenever I declined the offer and said: 'Spaziba, ja ne kur yu' (thank you, I don't smoke), in most cases I was directly asked: 'Are you a Baptist?'

"By this means I came to know several Russian Baptists. Afterwards I put the same question to Russians who did not smoke or swear, and in most cases they turned out to be Baptists. Thus, I discovered five Baptists while I was working in a factory for kitchen utensils."

## Miss Lucy Boyce Wills \$240,000 to Seminary

LOUISVILLE —(BP)— The daughter of the founder and first president of Southern Seminary here has left the seminary \$240,000, according to a will probated recently. Miss Lucy G. Boyce, daughter of Seminary President James P. Boyce, died in Washington, Dec. 23. She left an estate valued at approximately \$500,000.

She stipulated that the money left the seminary be used to establish a James P. Boyce Fund. Boyce, who also

## Brass Choir, Cowboy Band to Furnish Music

HOUSTON —(BP)— The brass choir from North Texas State College, Denton, and the Cowboy Band from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., will be among featured musical groups at the 1958 session of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Other feature music groups include a massed choir from Houston Baptist churches, a massed choir from several

was a president of the Southern Baptist Convention, died in 1888.

cities in southeast Texas, New Orleans Seminary Choir, Southwestern Seminary Choir, Southwestern Seminary Oratorio Chorus, and Baptist Hour Choir.

## In Spring

By Grayce Krogh Boller

*The hill behind our little house  
Is like a birthday cake,  
All frosted with the blossoms  
Of fruit trees which awake.  
So lovely is their beauty  
That even birds all sing  
As if to praise our Father God  
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# Seven Principles Guided Committee in Survey Work

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the sixth and concluding article in a series based on the report of the Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Convention Program.*

By the Baptist Press

IN MAKING its two-year survey of the Convention, the Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Convention Program says it was guided by seven principles.

It says further that it set out to make a thorough and objective study, out of which would be revealed the possibilities of effecting changes which would enable Southern Baptists to do more effectively the work they are now doing well."

It reports that from the start of its survey in 1956, it took into account the tremendous success which has accompanied the activities of the Southern Baptist Convention (as) proof of the workability of the methods employed by Southern Baptists generally . . .

"Such success is an evidence of the blessing of God upon our efforts" as a convention, it continues.

The Total Program Study Committee, more often called the Survey Committee, presents its report to the SBC in Houston in May.

The Survey Committee lists the seven principles which guided its study as:

1. "Local Baptist churches are autonomous organizations and each general Baptist body is independent and self-governing. Cooperation is always on a voluntary basis.

2. "The Southern Baptist Convention has responsibility for providing broad protection to all its agencies. The purpose of the Southern Baptist Convention is to carry on programs which are essential to attainment of the denomination's objective, but which can not be carried on by individual churches working alone, and which can not be more effectively carried on by local associations and state conventions.

3. "Convention agencies should have full responsibility and authority for the conduct of their affairs within the limits established by the Convention.

4. "The Executive Committee should assist the Convention in its work without infringing upon the authority and responsibility of the agencies.

"The Convention meeting once a year does not have ample time or information necessary to carry out detailed operation of its many ministries. The Executive Committee is established to assist the Convention in carrying out its programs without assuming either the Convention's responsibilities or those of the agencies.

5. "The Convention's programs should be promoted through other general Baptist bodies wherever feasible. Under this concept, the Southern Baptist Convention should provide promotional meth-

ods and materials to assist the state conventions in their work.

6. "The Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies should carry on only those programs which can not be carried on more effectively by the local churches, the associations, or the state conventions.

7. "Sound organization concepts should be observed in all activities of the Southern Baptist Convention."

## One Out of Six Churches Report No Baptisms

APPROXIMATELY ONE out of six or 5,320 Southern Baptist churches reported no baptisms for 1957.

Although the 389,716 baptisms reported was an increase of 5,089 over 1956, the ratio per membership reached a new ten-year low.

In 1948, the ratio of baptisms was one to 20.9 Southern Baptist church members. The highest ratio during the ten year period was one to 18.9 members in 1950.

Significantly during the past decade the largest number of baptisms and the highest ratio per membership was during national-sectional or convention-wide crusades. "Other statistics," said Dr. Leonard Sanderson, Secretary of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board, "indicate more witnessing and an increased number of baptisms in states or smaller geographic areas during years of local simultaneous crusades."

A 1959 North American Simultaneous Baptist Evangelistic Crusade goal of one baptism for 18 members has been set for Southern Baptists. Last year's ratio was one to 23. The total 1959 Southern Baptist baptismal goal is 525,000.

## Mission Guide Up to Date

THE HOME Mission Travel Guide has been brought-up-to-date, and is now available upon request from: Office of Promotion, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga. This colorful travel guide can be used in locating home mission fields en route to the Southern Baptist Convention, assemblies, Royal Ambassador Congress, and on vacation trips. The guide indicates all convention-wide boards, agencies and state offices and contains pictures of the convention-wide executive secretaries.

● BOB WOOLEY, 1st Church, Duncan, Okla., will conduct a church music school in Central Church, Magnolia, Apr. 14-18. (CB)

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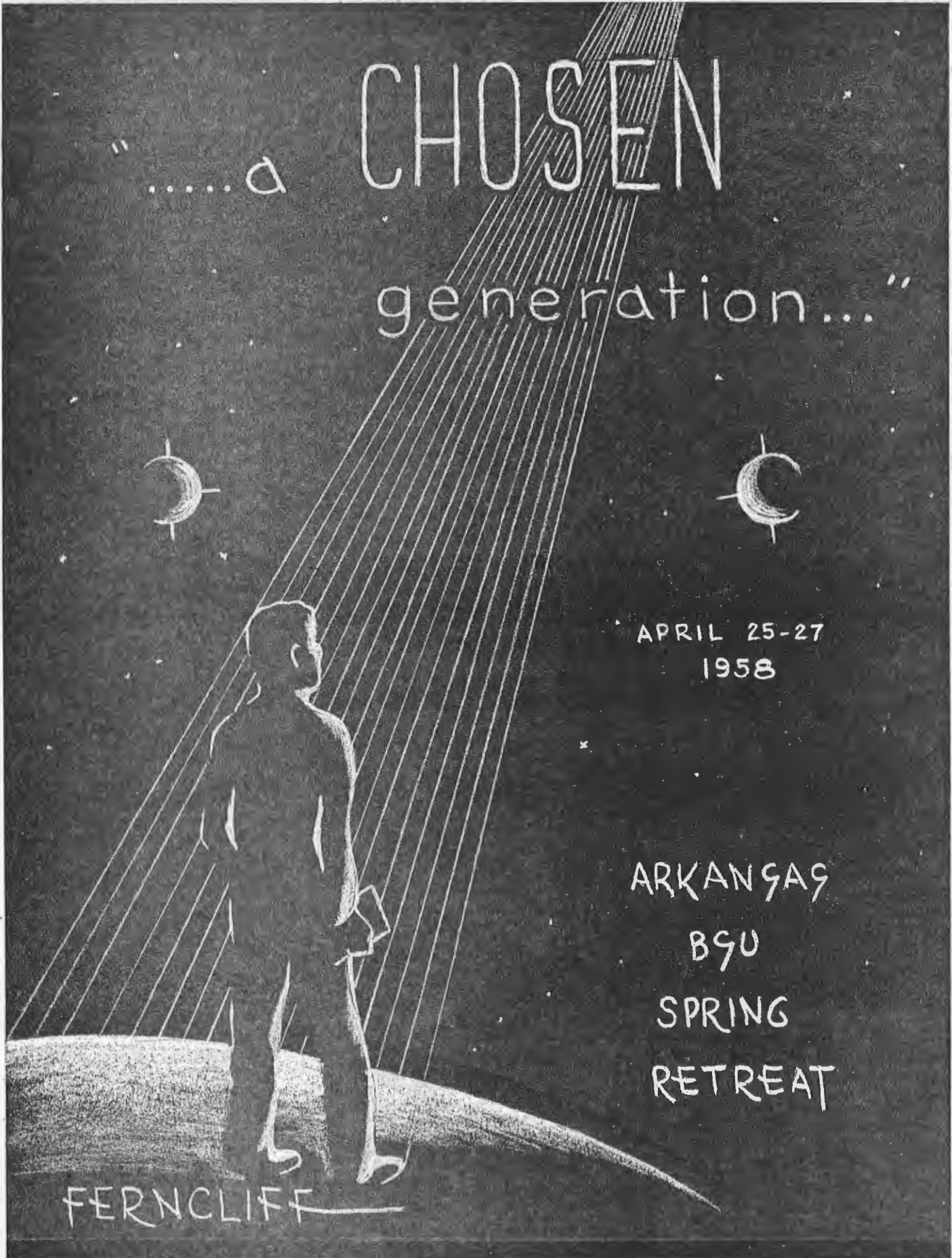
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## BROTHERHOOD

Nelson Tull, Secretary

THE FIRST THREE months of 1958 have been busy months for the Brotherhood Department. Fifteen regional Brotherhood Conventions have been held; so has the state Brotherhood Convention; also the five area Royal Ambassador Congresses have had their annual meetings. (The state Royal Ambassador congress is scheduled for May 2 and 3 at Baptist Tabernacle Church, Little Rock.) And in addition, the department has carried on its regular promotional program with the churches and associations of our state.

The Regional Brotherhood Executive Committees are meeting to plan out their work for the year. The first such meeting was held at Corning, when the officers of the Northeast Region got together for a clinical study of Brotherhood work, and for the purpose of planning the whole Regional program for 1958. The executive committee of Harmony Region met at Pine Bluff on April 7. The Oil Land Executive Committee will meet at Magnolia on May 16. Other Regional Executive Committees should have their meetings not later than June 1.

Work at the Arkansas Baptist Camp is getting under way for the greatest series of Royal Ambassador Camps ever planned in our state. Much more news about the camps will appear in this column within the next few weeks.

**This is Revival Season!**

Your Brotherhood secretary has had the privilege of working in two Brotherhood revivals during the first quarter of 1958. One was at Welch Street Church, Little Rock, where Brother Morris Young is pastor. The Lord gave 12 additions, seven coming by baptism. The other revival was with Southmoor Church, Memphis, with Brother Nelson Greenleaf. The Lord blessed in this revival, also, giving 54 additions, 45 coming by baptism.

God's blessings are always upon the preaching-praying-going efforts of His people!

● JOE FRED LUCK, son of the late J. B. Luck, former pastor of Central Church, Magnolia, has been elected vice president of the American Protestant Hospital Chaplains' Association. He is chaplain of Memorial (Baptist) Hospital, Houston.

● OUACHITA COLLEGE recently purchased a building site for a proposed new women's dormitory, it was announced by Dr. Ralph Phelps, O. B. C. president. The property, west of Terrell-Moore and Johnson halls, was sold to the college by Mrs. John McMillan.

April 17, 1958



## Who gave the party for Mary?

Her parents, of course. And they had the help of hundreds of other people—men and women that Mary's parents don't even know.

These people helped Mother bake the cake and cook the party food. They helped freeze the ice cream, sew Mary's dress, and wash and iron it. They helped heat, light and clean the house for the party.

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## Nature's Fire-Engine Red

DO YOU remember the first time you saw a fire engine? What was the color? Most of them are red — fire-engine red! You'll never forget it, will you?

Vivid colors such as red and crimson impress us and sharpen our minds. They stir us and give us pleasure. Imagine what our world would be like without color — especially red. It is almost impossible to look about us without seeing a tint or hue of red. Red stop and danger signals warn us. Red is a favorite color for houses, barns, and machinery, and for toys.

In the natural world, we see red maple leaves, sweet gum and holly berries. Varied hues containing red, such as orange, purple, and pink, are found in flowers, fruits, and vegetables. Red tulips, roses, and poppies add beauty to our world. Red strawberries, cherries, watermelons, and apples delight us.

If we look closely at small pebbles, we can see tiny specks of glistening red minerals. A great portion of our soil is a combination of red clay and other colorful minerals. Red soil, or silt, lies at the bottom of oceans. Many fish, birds, insects, butterflies, and squirrels are red or of a reddish purple, orange, or pink.

The color of red in skies is one of nature's danger signals. People who are familiar with hurricane skies describe them as intensely orange and red. A rainbow is a colorful blending of red, blue, and yellow.

Red is one of the three primary colors (red, blue, and yellow), which make our world so colorful. Only a divine Creator could have designed such beautiful colors: "There is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works" (Psalm 86:8).

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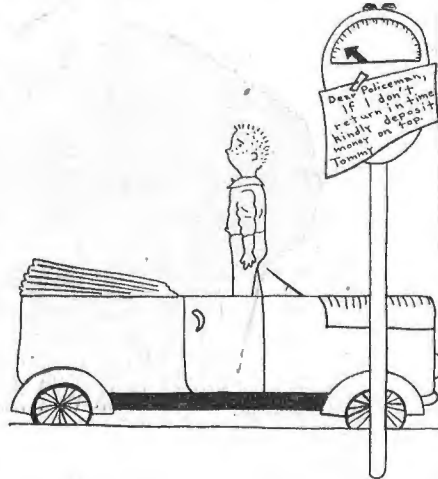
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## THE TEEN AGE by Judy McDonald



## Trees of the Bible

By Charlotte Radford

THE MISSING words in the sentences are names of trees mentioned in the Bible. Can you find them all?

1. Haran and Canneh were merchants, who sold chests of \_\_\_\_\_, (Ezekiel 27:23-24)
2. Solomon built a house for the Lord and covered the floor with planks of \_\_\_\_\_, (1 Kings 6:15)
3. Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, was buried under an \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 35:8)
4. He planted an \_\_\_\_\_ and the rain nourished it. (Isaiah 44:14)
5. Saul tarried in Gibeah under a \_\_\_\_\_ tree. (1 Samuel 14:2)
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ will be changed into cedars (Isaiah 9:10)
7. I am like a green \_\_\_\_\_ tree in the house of God. (Psalm 52:8)
8. The righteous shall flourish like the \_\_\_\_\_ tree. (Psalm 92:12)

### ANSWERS

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1. cedar
2. fir
3. oak
4. ash
5. pomegranate
6. sycamores
7. olive
8. palm

## A Smile or Two

AN OLD-TIMER is one who can remember when saying a friend had gone to his ever-lasting rest didn't mean he had landed a job with the government — Al Spong.

### PLAYING IT SAFE

TOURIST (to man sitting on the steps of a shack beside a country road): "How's your cotton crop?"

NATIVE: "Didn't plant any. 'Fraid the boll weevil."

TOURIST: "How's your corn?"

NATIVE: "Didn't plant any. 'Fraid of the dry spell."

TOURIST: "How's your potato crop?"

NATIVE: "Didn't plant none. 'Fraid of the potato bug."

TOURIST: "What did you plant this year?"

NATIVE: "Didn't plant nuthin'. Just played it safe."

MY FATHER tells this story about political meeting for county candidate some sixty years ago. The first seven candidates for assessor to make an announcement were all very unimpressive in appearance. The eighth was in sharp contrast. Six and a half feet tall weighing three hundred pounds, he had a fiery red beard that resembled Frederick Barbarossa's. This was his speech:

"Mah friends, I reckon you all is wonderin why I am announcin mah candidacy for assessor." Waving toward his opponents, he said, "I just looked over the field and seen as how it was gwine be a scrub race anyhow, I thought I was just as liable to be elected as any one of them other fellers." — Brook Hays

DEFENDANT'S TELEGRAM: WIRE ME HOW CASE CAME OUT.

ATTORNEY'S TELEGRAM: RIGHT TRIUMPHED.

DEFENDANT'S TELEGRAM: APPEAL IMMEDIATELY. — Refrigerator Topics.

PSYCHIATRIST: "Do you have trouble making up your mind?"

PATIENT: "Well, yes and no."

FOR YEARS a certain man had been absent from his old home town. When he returned for a visit, the first four people he met didn't know him, and the next three didn't know he had been away.

ANYBODY WHO is mistaken for a moose and is shot is better off dead anyway.

YOU CAN'T fool all the people all the time — some of them are fooling you.

CONFUSION IS one woman plus one left turn. Excitement is two women plus one secret. Bedlam is three women plus one bargain. Chaos is four women plus one luncheon check.

# God Prepares A Leader

By W. B. O'NEAL  
(Retired Pastor and Missionary)  
Ex. 3:1-7, 10-15  
April 20

If Paul were writing on the theme of our lesson today, he would likely use an expression similar to that he used in Gal. 4:4. If so, it would read, "When the fulness of time had come, God sent forth Moses."



The fulness of time has come in several instances in the history of God's dealings with men. That time had come in the state and attitude of the Israelites and in the fullness of Egypt's oppression. Also, that time had come in the fullness of the iniquity of the Amorites — see Gen. 15:16.

As this time arrived, God was preparing a leader, using the very enemies of his people to give Moses the highest schooling and to train him in the science of leadership in which they supposed that he would serve them. But God was not wholly dependent on the Egyptians to prepare Moses for his coming task. God had seen to it that the earliest impressions placed upon the child's mind was of God's dealings with, His blessings upon, and His promises to His people. Not only so, but as God planned it, Moses was to know real hardship, honest labor, enduring patience and hours of meditation.

These three periods, early childhood, development in knowledge and training, and hours alone with nature's God, were fitting Moses for his work. Thus, two thirds of his life was given to getting ready.

Was it a coincidence that Moses happened to lead the flocks to Mt. Horeb? Had not he made this a place of worship ere this? Else why should it mean anything to him that God should promise that after he had led Israel out of Egypt he should (again) serve God in this mountain? Surely Moses was in a meditative mood, even a worshipful mood, when he noticed the fire in the bush that was not consumed. Curious, of course, but did he not suspect that this unnatural appearance might be of God? When he heard his name out of the midst of the bush, did he not know that God was speaking to him? "Here am I," was his ready answer.

God's revelation to Moses, "I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob," brought fear to Moses and he hid his face. Then God, in detail, told Moses of His concern for Israel, His knowledge

of their suffering, and His purpose to deliver them. He concluded by calling on Moses to go down and bring them out.

"Who am I, that I should go?" was the reply of Moses. "I will be with thee." That should have been sufficient, but Moses was thinking of his reception as a deliverer. He felt that he needed fully to be able to say who had sent him. In this Moses was right. To know that God is with us and to be able to set forth the name and character of Him who sends us are the two needs of leadership today.

Perhaps Moses was fully justified in his humility, but he was hardly justified in his hesitancy.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dr. Edgar Williamson, Secretary

### Assembly Help Needed

**Lifeguards.** A lifeguard for men and another for women will be needed for each of the two sessions. Those interested in this type of service and who are qualified to serve should write to Mr. Neil Jackson, Recreational Director, c/o First Baptist Church, Helena, Arkansas.



**Waiters and Waitresses.** A limited number of waiters and waitresses will be needed to serve in the dining hall. Those desiring to serve in this capacity will need to be at least sixteen years of age and should apply, giving age, to Edgar Williamson, 314 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Dormitory Supervisors.** Dormitory supervisors will be needed for the girls' dormitories. Those desiring to serve in this capacity will write to Dr. Williamson.

In return for these services, the Assembly will provide bed and meals during the Assembly sessions.

The positions are limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

**New Dining Hall Service.** The Assembly is in the process of changing over from the type of dining room service that has been used ever since the beginning of the Assemblies in Siloam Springs in 1923 to a cafeteria type of service.

This new type cafeteria service will be similar to that used in most of our schools. There have been many demands for this change and it has been necessary to wait for sufficient funds before it could be made.

Plan now to attend this year's sessions of the Assembly. Reservations should be made now. Send name, age if under seventeen, sex, and a reservation and hospitalization fee for each person staying in a dormitory, cabin, or deluxe buildings.

## CHURCH MUSIC

LeRoy McClard, Director

### North & South Conferences

FOR THE second year two Arkansas music conferences will be conducted by the Church Music Department. The South Arkansas Music Conference will be held on Ouachita College Campus, Arkadelphia, June 16-20, and North Arkansas Music Conference on Siloam Springs Assembly Grounds, Aug. 19-26.



An identical schedule of classes and activities will be conducted in each conference. The only difference is that the South Conference is five days in length and the North Conference is eight days in length.

In the weeks that follow we will list the schedule of classes and activities for each age division.

Even though we have spared no expense to secure an outstanding faculty and provide excellent facilities we have kept the cost to a minimum. In fact, the cost is less than any other year.

**South Conference: Ouachita** — Registration, \$1; food & lodging, \$13.50; insurance, \$.50; Total, \$15. Note: Textbooks, music packet, & handicraft materials approximately \$3.00 to \$4 varying with the individual.

**North Conference: Siloam Springs** — Registration, \$1; food & lodging in church owned dormitory \$13; food & lodging in assembly owned dormitory, \$13.50; food & lodging in deluxe building, \$16; insurance, \$.50; total \$15.00 and up.

Note: Textbooks, music packet and handicraft materials approximately \$3 to \$4 varying with the individual.

Please send registration fee of \$1 with name, age, instrument you play with endorsement by pastor to Church Music Department, 312 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

(Next Week: The Elementary Division of Music Conference.)

### Suggests Conventioneers Might Like Galveston

HOUSTON —(BP)— The chairman of the general arrangements committee for the 1958 Southern Baptist Convention here suggests that messengers might consider commuting from Galveston, 50 miles away. Galveston is one hour's driving time via the Gulf Freeway.

"This might enable some of the messengers to combine a brief vacation period with their trip to the Convention," E. H. Westmoreland reports. Galveston is a port and resort city located on the Gulf of Mexico.



Our Baptist Program

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The Sunday School is the oldest and most effective agency of our churches for the teaching of the Bible. During



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the organized life of Southern Baptists there has been developed a program of work which is embodied in the Standard of Excellence for our Sunday Schools which has made of the schools an effective instrument in teaching the Word and winning the lost

to Christ. Churches whose Sunday Schools have used this plan provide a better quality of teaching and achieve a higher degree of success in kingdom service.

The Sunday School Department of our Convention is under the capable direction of Dr. Edgar Williamson. Assisting him is Ernest Adams, Associate Secretary, and two office secretaries, Mrs. Grace Hamilton and Mrs. Ovanda Maple.

The 1957 Annual indicates there are 204,840 members enrolled in the Sunday Schools of our 1,143 churches. In 1937 there were 91,542 members in 683 schools.

For the past few years the promotional emphasis has been centered largely in the associations. The associational enlargement campaigns are now proving to be an excellent medium of promotion. The 44 associations of our state are divided into eight districts. There is a superintendent over each district, working with the associational organizations in the promotion of a five-point program:

1. Every association fully organized for Sunday School work.
2. Every associational Sunday School officer trained for his task.
3. Every association using the Associational Standard of Excellence as a program of work.
4. Every association each year conducting group or simultaneous training schools.

5. Every association working toward the time when group or simultaneous enlargement campaigns will be conducted.

The results of this plan are clearly indicated in the following figures:

	1954	1957
Associations organized _____	39%	94%
Training Awards _____	20,832	33,218
Churches in training _____	323	643
Standard Associations _____	0	2
Standard Sunday Schools _____	29	67
Standard Units _____	384	725

The district Sunday School superintendents are to be commended for their work in this field because this is over and above that which they do in their other fields of labor. They are: Rev. B. A. Hickem, Bentonville; Rev. Leslie Riherd, Batesville; Rev. Richard D. Vestal, Manila; Rev. Hugh Cantrell, Stephens; Rev. Lawson Hatfield, Fordyce; Neil Jackson, Helena; Frank Shamburg-er, Little Rock; and Rev. James Pleitz, Fort Smith.

Likewise there has been an increase in Vacation Bible Schools in the past twenty years from 82 in 1937 to 865 in 1957. —SAW

## Evangelism Seen as Keystone To American Way of Life

This is the spring revival season among our Arkansas Baptist Convention churches. Many churches have already conducted their spring campaigns; others are in their revivals now, and still others have revivals planned for the last week in April.



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A great majority of our churches are finding it difficult to really have an old-time, soul-searching, sin-chasing, Devil-fighting; heart-warming, Holy Ghost-filled revival. This is due largely to political and economic disturbances.

We realize that these factors have brought anxiety and fear to some of our people but the lack of revival spirit can be traced to sin in the lives of our church members. The problems of politics, economics, and cultures find their real solution in New Testament evangelism. The real foundation of our country rests on the evangelistic beliefs and practices of our forefathers. They looked for opportunities and channels through which they could propagate the

Gospel of Jesus Christ. All of the blessings enjoyed by the average person in the United States come by the way of New Testament evangelism.

History tells us that where a church loses its interest in the evangelization of their communities and no longer cares for the world at large that church is doomed. You can always write "ichabod" over the door of a church that becomes too busy to pray down the fires of Heaven and set up a program of evangelism.

The nation whose churches have let the fires of evangelism smoulder and go out is a doomed nation.

### Real Evangelism

It is not a private, intricate, high-powered, whoop-em-up affair, but a well-planned way of proclaiming the good news to all people of all nations. It is an organized program of witnessing for Christ but it takes more than organization. It takes unified effort, dynamic witnessing, with growing, living, praying, preaching and paying for Christ.

Yes, evangelism calls for sacrifice but Christ suffered death to give us eternal life. Surely we are willing to sacrifice, if need be, to take his message of redeeming love. —RD

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