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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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## RELIEF GOAL EXCEEDED

By DUKE K. McCALL, Executive Secretary  
Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee

A total of \$3,636,157 was reported in hand October 7 on the Southern Baptist World Relief and Rehabilitation Appeal for \$3,500,000. This figure reflects the final report as of the date of the closing of the books of the state convention offices for the month of September. Other funds may come in but this report closes the official period of this campaign.

This over and above offering of more than a million dollars a month from July through September sets a glorious record for Southern Baptists. The ambitious goal of \$3,500,000 set in the Miami Convention in May has been reached in spite of the fact that almost no time was permitted for preparation of organization, literature, or publicity. The generous response measures the greatness of the hearts of Christian people.

It is significant that Southwide Cooperative Program receipts have increased over last year during the period set aside for this special appeal.

Dr. B. L. Bridges, state secretary, and Mr. C. E. Bryant, editor of The Arkansas Baptist, should receive the credit for the fine record of Arkansas. Through their cooperation and leadership a total of \$111,407.00 has been sent in from the Baptist churches of the state. With a goal of \$100,450.00, this means that 110.9 per cent of the amount asked of the state by the Southwide committee was secured.

More than a million dollars has already been disbursed for relief as follows: China, \$810,000; Europe (General), \$20,000; Germany, \$25,000; Greece, \$500; Hungary, \$26,000; Italy, \$15,000; Jamaica, \$5,000; Japan, \$3,112; Norway, \$3,550; Church World Service, \$175,000. Supplies shipped through the channels of Church World Service have been distributed to Baptists and by Baptists in many lands. Other funds or the materials bought by them are now on their way.

Southern Baptists are greatly indebted to the state secretaries and the editors of the state papers for their magnificent cooperation in this appeal. The special world relief committee which directed this campaign was composed of Dr. Frank Tripp, Chairman, Dr. Paul Caudill and Dr. Merrill D. Moore from the Executive Committee and Dr. George W. Sadler, Dr. Dewey Moore and Miss Marjorie Moore (director of publicity) from the Foreign Mission Board.

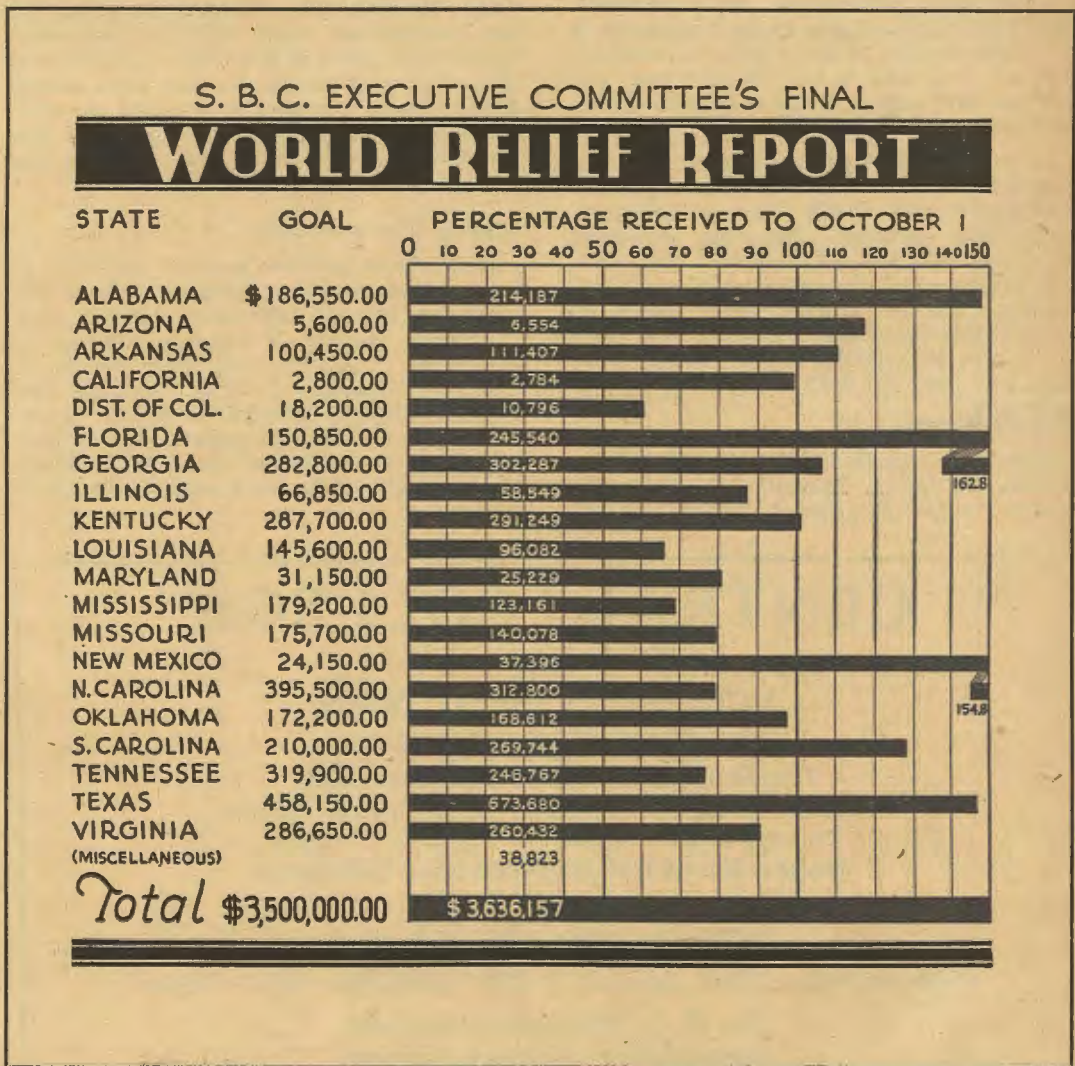
### Cooperative Program Gifts Set Record

At the close of September Southern Baptists had given through the Cooperative Program to Southwide objects a total of \$3,410,126. This was \$600,000 more than for the same period of 1945.

The conviction of Southern Baptists that the Cooperative Program is the life-line of our agencies was demonstrated during the Relief and Rehabilitation Offering. From

July through September while giving more than a million dollars a month to the special Relief appeal, Southern Baptists increased their gifts through the Cooperative Program. They made the relief offering an over and above gift. This is the way it should be always, for regardless of the attractiveness or emergency involved in any special appeal the stability of our agencies depends upon the Cooperative Program.

The total of funds for Southwide agencies handled by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, through September, amounted to \$7,485,569.10.



# MEN—Dedicated to Soul Winning

By C. E. BRYANT

A group of laymen came together at Memphis, Tenn., October 3 and 4, and extemporaneously poured out their hearts for evangelism as passionately as any pastor we ever heard. The meeting was the first of its kind, and the men in attendance were members of the Southern Baptist Convention's standing committee on the Baptist Brotherhood.

There was no cut and dried program: Just an opportunity for men from all areas of the Convention territory to exchange ideas and express themselves on the purposes of Brotherhood work.

## Evangelism Is Paramount

That round-table was amazing in its unrehearsed and spirit-led unity of thought and conviction. Without exception, the men visualized the task of the church's laymen as evangelism in its most definite sense—soul winning.

"The error we've made is that we teach our laymen that when they get up money for the church budget or build up numbers and standards, they've done their duty," declared Judge H. L. Anderton of Alabama. "The greatest thing any man can do is to find a man and stick with him until he's won to Christ. Let us not say simply evangelism, let us each set a definite goal of a man a month for Christ."

And Bryce Twitty, an Oklahoma hospital administrator, volunteered his conviction: "The most inconceivable thing imaginable is for a man to rest at night with his neighbor unsaved. Our task is not complete until the last man and woman, white or colored, is won for Christ."

On and on the testimonies went . . . first from a Florida rancher, then from a Washington lawyer, and finally from a California mechanical engineer. Everyone expressed conviction that the Brotherhood's chief task is to help men to help their unsaved acquaintances to a full knowledge of Christ. Again, let us remember that these convictions had come to the men individually in their widely scattered businesses the country over.

## 1947 Program

After every man had spoken it was easy for Lawson H. Cooke, Executive Secretary, to present the 1947 program of the Brotherhood.

That program, getting down to the essentials of Christian testimony, proposed major emphasis on:

1. Soul winning, with men working to win men to Christ.
2. Proper observance of the Lord's Day.
3. Support of the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists.
4. Laymen's Revivals in the churches, designed to fully enlist men in the whole church program.

When it was all over, the big husky men stood around a table, their hands grasped in fellowship and dedication, for a period of silent devotion.

## Guest Speakers

Judge John W. McCall, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Brotherhood, presided over the sessions, assisted by Secretary Cooke and Associate Hugh F. Latimer. Dr. Duke K. McCall and Dr. J. E. Dillard of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee spoke in emphasis of the general denominational program, and Dr. Louie D. Newton, Convention president, brought the closing address of the session.

Statistics gleaned from the reports: The number of states with organized Brotherhood departments has increased from one to 12 the past ten years, and three others have authorized such work, a total of 15 of the 20 states. Thirty-five hundred churches are organized for Brotherhood work, with an estimated 150,000 men active in these units. A 1947 goal of 1200 new Brotherhoods has been broken down to state quotas and accepted in every instance. Said Secretary Cooke: "We are just now in a position to really promote the work of Southern Baptists."

## Among Those Present

State representatives present included: H. L. Anderton, Alabama; Cecil Apperson, Arizona; C. L. Durrett, Arkansas; George L. Seay, California; Herbert W. Ludwig, District of Columbia; L. K. Edwards, Jr., Florida; C. Steadman Burgess, Georgia; Graydon Kit-chens, Louisiana; Howard P. Wright, Maryland; Bryce Twitty, Oklahoma; A. Roy Greene, Tennessee; F. Ivy Boggs, Texas; R. F. Hough, Virginia; and W. B. Southerlin, South Carolina.

## EXPECTANT WORSHIPPERS

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"When Jesus saw their faith."

This scene in Capernaum is in striking contrast to the scene in Nazareth where the people "were offended at Him."

On each occasion advance information had been received concerning Christ's teaching and work. On each occasion the multitudes assembled to see and hear the Master. But here the parallelism ends and the differences become fundamental.

In the one case He returned to Nazareth where He had been brought up. The community fathers and those with whom he had been associated in childhood and youth could not believe that one who had been reared among them and whom they had known all his life could be so wise and powerful. So they came to hear Him with doubting minds, with predetermined reservations, and with a critical attitude, all of which was easily turned into open hostility.

In the other case, Jesus returned to Capernaum and the people assembled with open, eager minds, with a predetermined plea for help and with an expectant attitude. Judging from what they had heard, anything might happen; and it did happen in striking contrast to the almost complete failure at Nazareth.

At Capernaum was a group of people who believed something great was going to happen; they were prepared to witness and to experience great things. And Jesus, "seeing their faith," spoke the words of forgiveness and healing.

What if we should come to the house of God and to our Christian service with large hopes and eager expectations, with unhesitating confidence that the wonders of Christ's grace would work miracles in the hearts of those present! Well it would happen, it would come out just as we expected.

Will you give Jesus a real chance by entering His service an expectant worshipper?

"When Jesus saw THEIR FAITH, He said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." Mark 2:5.

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Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenging one makes you but even with him; forgiving it sets you above him.—Benjamin Franklin.

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# Across the Editor's Desk

## It's Not So Bad!

By J. E. DILLARD

The Golden Rule Foundation says: "The statistics of 25 national religious bodies from 1920 to 1945 revealed that during the 13-year period from 1920 to 1932 inclusive, the total gifts was more than a billion dollars greater than the amount contributed during the more recent 13-year period from 1933 to 1945 inclusive."

This is a very disturbing statement. It must be correct, since it is based upon a statistical survey by the National Stewardship Institute. But what about Southern Baptists?

The Southern Baptist contributions for the two 13-year periods, as reported in the Convention Annuals and Handbooks, were as follows:

Total Contributions 1920-1932—\$467,665,628.  
Total Contributions 1933-1945—\$584,265,841.  
Increase second period over first—\$116,600,213.

It is true our per capita contributions for the first period was larger than for the second, but it must be remembered that the flush years following World War I are included in the first, while the years of the depression are included in the second. The year 1920 was the high water mark, whereas 1933 was the low.

A fair comparison therefore would be to take 1919, the first year after War I, and compare it with 1945, the year following War II. The contributions were as follows:

Total Per Member Contribution—1919—\$7.20.  
Total Per Member Contribution—1945—\$16.77.  
Per Member Gain—\$9.57.  
Per Member Contribution for Missions, etc.—1919—\$2.47.  
Per Member Contribution for Missions, etc.—1945—\$3.83.  
Per Member Gain—\$1.36.

No, that is not so bad. We have made some headway. But we are still a long way from doing our duty. We must do better next year. Our people will do better if they are properly instructed and if the Every-Member Canvass is put on prayerfully and persistently in November. And we ought to have and can have a million Southern Baptist tithers for Christ in 1947.

Men have gotten "too smart" to go to church. They send their wives, their daughters, and sweethearts, and thus enjoy religion by proxy. Used to, men did what they should and sinners came with the saints to church. Now too often the saints go with the sinners to the golf course on Sunday morning.—Ivy Boggs.

## Basis of Tithing

By LAWSON H. COOKE

Not infrequently, in discussions of the practice of tithing, we hear it argued that we "owe God the tithe" and that our offerings are "over and above."

Again we are told that through the practice of tithing we are paying God in settlement of an account. It has been likened to one paying rent on the house in which one lives. This is to say that by God's permission we occupy certain space upon the earth, and that through tithing we are paying rent for this space.

It seems crude, even coarse, to use such expressions in connection with our financial support of the causes of the kingdom of God. We would caution against these expressions that seem to commercialize God's grace.

Actually our possessions are God's to begin with—not one-tenth but ten-tenths. We do not "pay" God anything. Out of grateful hearts and devotion to our Lord, we happily contribute to the support of every enterprise of His kingdom.

We should place our giving upon this high plane of gratitude and devotion, and not to the slightest degree suggest that we are fulfilling some contractual agreement with our Lord.

The most Christ-like thing any man can do is to help the sick. Christ gave more time to the sick than to any other group of persons or to all other groups combined. Seven-eighths of his miracles were with the sick.—Bryce Twitty.

If our businesses moved as slowly as our churches, we would starve to death.—L. K. Edwards.

## Man and Boy

Because Ivy Boggs, a Dallas layman, stopped to talk football to a home-ward bound school boy last winter, the Southern Baptist Brotherhood has added a new plank to its program.

Boggs won the lad's confidence and asked him to go to Sunday School the next Lord's Day. The boy scoffed at the invitation and went on his way. But the invitation was renewed two consecutive weeks, the boy joined a Sunday School class, and now the whole family is enlisted in church work.

"Men ought to be soul winners, winning other men," Boggs agrees, "but many men are too bashful to talk to other men about Christianity. Men will not hesitate to invite boys to Sunday School, however."

Out of that philosophy, Boggs set down a program where all the members of his Baptist Brotherhood pledge to take some non-church-going boy to Sunday School four consecutive Sundays. "We believe that by then the boy will be sufficiently interested enough to keep going.

"And we know too," he continued, "that if this little boy has a sister who hears him talking about how nice they treat him at the church, her curiosity will cause her to go too. And with the two children going to Sunday School and preaching services, and the mother and dad staying at home, there's certain to be a religious bedlam in that home. The outcome, likely as not, is that the whole family will start going."

Boggs calls his plan the "Man and Boy Movement," and it has been tried the past several months by Baptist men throughout Texas. Special commendation has come to Boggs on the idea from the Dallas Police Department and from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

In Memphis last week the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Committee endorsed the plan as one of the finest and most far reaching activities possible for men in the churches.

## All Proposals for Convention Action Should Be Publicized in Advance

Many recommendations are sure to come up for discussion in the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, in Texarkana, November 19-21. Business will be expedited and messengers will be able to vote more intelligently if these proposals are publicized before the Convention actually meets.

Matters which are worthy of support will profit by publicity. Matters which would be harmed by the light of publicity do not deserve the momentary favor which a surprise presentation might lend.

The columns of the Arkansas Baptist are open for publication of any proposals which are to be brought to the Convention. Let us urge, for the sake of greater democracy, that all individuals and groups planning to present business on the Convention floor help guarantee adequate publicity for their proposals.

# NOTES OF ADVANCE

Twenty-one additions, 13 for baptism, were counted in a revival at Pleasant Grove Church, Trinity Association. Pastor L. C. Edwards did the preaching and Curry Coker had charge of the music.

Forty-five additions to the church were counted in a revival at Harmony Church, Pine Bluff, in which Evangelist A. D. Muse, Louisville, Ky., did the preaching. Clyde Cutrell is pastor.

Thirteen additions, 11 for baptism, resulted from revival services at Trinity Church, Texarkana, with Delbert McAtee, First Church, Halleyville, Okla., doing the preaching.

Joe Shaver, who served as supply pastor at First Church, Helena, during the summer months, has re-entered Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

R. D. Guthrie, of Moro, has surrendered his life to the ministry, and has entered Southern Baptist College, Pocahontas, to prepare himself. He writes: "I have sold my farm and business and gone all-out for the Lord's work."

Eleven additions, five for baptism, resulted from evangelistic services at First Church, Waldron. Pastor James A. Overton, First Church, Mena, did the preaching and Tom Fd Vaugh, of Oklahoma, led the singing. C. G. Davis is pastor.

First Church, Cullendale, had 10 intermediates to rededicate their lives at the end of Intermediate Emphasis Week.

First Church, Springdale, began revival services September 30 with Pastor J. T. Elliff, First Church, Lake Village, doing the preaching and Singer P. A. Stockton, Little Rock, directing the singing.

Miss Margaret Roberts, of Southern Baptist College, Pocahontas, spoke to the general assembly of the Training Union of Bay Church recently on the "Game of Life," explaining how one must train and condition himself according to the Great Coach's guidebook, the Bible.

First Church, Clarendon, began a revival October 7 with Pastor W. W. Grafton, First Church, Booneville, doing the preaching.

## PASTORAL CHANGES

Jack Auten from Pleasant Grove Church, Wiville.

J. M. Hitt from Tupelo Church, to Pleasant Grove Church, Wiville.

Russell Clubb from First Church, Tyronza, to Abilene, Tex., to enter Hardin-Simmons University.

J. L. Ford from First Church, Piggott, to Clarkton, Mo.

Russell Duffer to Peach Orchard Church.

John Collier from Central Church, North Little Rock, December 1.

Weona Church had 19 additions for baptism and several by letter and statement in revival services with Pastor R. J. Clubb, First Church, Tyronza, doing the preaching, assisted by Jimmy Stroud, of Memphis. J. H. Garrett is pastor.

There were 21 additions, 13 for baptism, during a revival meeting at White Sulphur Springs Church, near Pine Bluff. Pastor Luther Dorsey, First Church, Star City, did the preaching. Desmond Castleberry is pastor.

Rev. C. S. Wales, former pastor at Ashdown, Cabot, and Beebe, now of Blue Mountain, Miss., sends in his renewal subscription to the Arkansas Baptist. He is an agent for the Moody Colportage Library Books.

Arkansan Sam Ed Bradley, pastor, First Church, Fulton, Ky., writes: "Recently our church voted to secure an educational and choir director. I would appreciate any help you might give in locating a suitable young lady for the position. Being from Arkansas myself, I would enjoy having a co-worker from my home state. Our membership has now reached 1,020. Ours is the only Baptist church in this state-line community of 6,000. We are on the Tennessee line in the extreme southwest corner of Kentucky—just as near Arkansas as you can get and remain in Kentucky. We are 125 miles from Memphis."

R. A. Chute, evangelist, musician, artist, has recently moved from East St. Louis, Ill., to Miami, Okla. He uses full-colored art drawings on a heavy sheet of plate glass to present Christ. Vocal, trombone, piano, and organ solos are also used in revivals. He is interested in contacting churches for revivals for the early part of 1947.

First Church, Lake Providence, La., Paul Elledge, pastor, launched an eight weeks loyalty campaign, beginning with the new associational year. Morning sermons are on the Holy Spirit; evening sermons are on the home.

Professor Edward A. McDowell, Jr., is on sabbatic leave from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and is studying at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He also is serving as visiting lecturer on New Testament Greek.

First Church, Tyler, Tex., Porter M. Bailes, pastor, had 335 additions, 58 for baptism, during the past associational year. Gifts totaled \$84,305.48 with \$7,384.87 given to World Relief and Rehabilitation.

Twelve additions, eight for baptism, resulted from evangelistic services at Ridee View Church, Trinity Association. Rev. Homer Cantrell, Amory, Miss., and Missionary S. J. Meador did the preaching. John Neal led the singing.

Boyd Church, near Texarkana, had 33 additions, 23 for baptism, in evangelistic services with Missionary Ottis Denney, Hope Association, doing the preaching, and Pastor Alex Garner, leading the singing. Other victories gained during the meeting were many rededi-

cations and practically the entire active membership pledged to tithe. In one week's time the offering increased from \$15 to \$55.

Arkansas gave a total of \$37,310.77 to South-wide causes in September according to the monthly report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of this \$9,973.95 went to the Cooperative Program, \$327.75 to designated causes, and \$27,009.07 to World Relief. Southwide total was \$1,228,-529.52.

Dr. Luther J. Holcomb, pastor, Luther Rice Memorial Church, Washington, D. C., has resigned to accept the call of Lakewood Church, Dallas, Tex.

Anderson Union Church, located ten miles south of Hope, is one of the new churches of Hope Association. It recently voted to go to full-time services. Thirty-one members of the church have pledged to tithe their income. Sid White is pastor.

Twenty-one additions resulted from evangelistic efforts at Pleasant Grove Church, Wiville, led by Evangelist and Mrs. Otey Rhodes, Memphis, Tenn. The pastor, Jack Auten, has resigned because of ill health, and J. M. Hitt, pastor, Tupelo Church, has accepted full-time work with the church.

## Associations Meeting The Next Two Weeks

**White County**—Oct. 17-18; Searcy; L. M. Keeling, Judsonia, moderator; L. C. Langley, Kensett, vice-moderator; C. S. Maynard, Bald Knob, clerk.

**Newton County**—Oct. 21-22, Jasper; R. M. Abell, Jasper, moderator; Mrs. E. R. Casey, Parthenon, clerk.

**Black River**—Oct. 22, Walnut Ridge; Ray Rhyne, Tuckerman, moderator; C. F. Wilkins, Newport, vice-moderator; Mrs. O. T. Richardson, Newport, clerk.

**Caroline**—Oct. 22-23, First Church, England; W. M. Pratt, Lonoke, moderator; Tom Graves, Ward, vice-moderator; Dale McCoy, Cabot, clerk.

**Delta**—Oct. 22, Bellair Church, Dermott; J. T. Elliff, Lake Village, moderator.

**Trinity**—Oct. 22-23, R. L. Franklin, Marked Tree, moderator; Russell J. Clubb, Tyronza, vice-moderator.

**Faulkner County**—Oct. 24-25, Pickles Gap Church, near Conway; Hugh Owen, Conway, moderator; H. B. Tillman, Conway, vice-moderator; T. W. Hayes, Conway, clerk.

**Independence**—Oct. 24-25, Rehobeth Church, Moorefield; E. P. J. Garrott, Batesville, moderator; Byron King, Batesville, vice-moderator; S. A. Wiles, Batesville, clerk.

**Woodruff County**—Oct. 24-25, Tupelo; J. O. Young, Augusta, moderator; Charles Nash, McCrory, vice-moderator; Miss Mildred Stephenson, Augusta, clerk.

**Green County**—Oct. 29-30, New Friendship Church, Rt. 4, Paragould; J. Ed Thompson, Paragould, moderator; J. Harold Griffin, Paragould, vice-moderator; Mrs. J. W. Roney, Paragould, clerk.

**Gainesville**—Oct. 30-31, New Hope Church, Pollard; E. Clay Polk, Rector, moderator; E. G. Ward, Piggott, vice-moderator; Frank Carpenter, Rt. 1, Piggott, clerk.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Arkansas Baptist Hour Address

By J. R. Grant

President of Ouachita College

Education is growth. It is the process of getting knowledge. Knowledge is power, but not necessarily wisdom. The world is not so much in need of people with knowledge as people with Christian character, with right attitudes and with purposes in their hearts to build a better and more peaceful world. We can never have individual peace of mind and heart, peace in the home, the church, the state, the nation or the world until people are educated to follow the Prince of Peace. General Eisenhower says the hope of the world lies in education.

But education without religion is dangerous. Religion without education is fanaticism. Education may be a blessing or a curse. The education of yesterday made the world of today. The kind of world we shall have tomorrow depends on the kind of education our children get in homes, schools, movies and churches today. Road houses and gambling halls are educational institutions. Our six million criminals, our forty million drinkers are the result of education. Education has filled our penitentiaries. Education is keeping 76 per cent of our young people from church.

## Every Person An Educator

Every person who has influence may well be called an educator. We cannot escape our responsibilities though we may run from them. To bring up children in the way they should go calls for Christian parents in every home, Christian neighbors on all sides, Christian teachers in every school, Christian leaders in every church, Christian officials in every government and Christian workers in every business.

We are living in a scientific age, an electrical age, a machine age, an atomic age. In many ways this is the most progressive age in all history. Many are living in luxury; many have selfishly thought within themselves and built bigger barns. We have so completely given our attention to material progress that the material world is 50 years ahead of the spiritual world. Science has made the world a neighborhood, but it can't make it a brotherhood. Science has made it possible for one person to talk to half the people of the world or for a few people to kill them in a few hours.

Christian education must make us one world, or short sightedness, selfishness and science will wreck civilization. Gibbon tells us that the great Roman empire fell for 5 reasons: (1) Rapid increase in divorce, (2) High taxes, (3) a mad desire for pleasure, (4) vast armaments, (5) decline of religion. America is young, rich and powerful, but to examine her on these five points is a little discouraging.

Ours is a peculiar civilization. In many fields we rate both at the top and the bottom. A careful study of our history will show that there has never been another age with:

1. More beautiful residences and more broken homes.
2. More beautiful school buildings and more ignorance of eternal truth.
3. More beautiful church buildings and more people who never attend church.
4. More beautiful court houses and more crime and injustice.

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*"Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2:52).*

*"And these words which I command thee . . . shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7a).*

*"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).*

*"A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Proverbs 29:15).*

*"Early in the morning he (Jesus) came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them" (John 8:2).*

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 5. More people talking and wanting peace and more people who are afraid to trust their neighbor.

7. More money in banks and more poverty in the world.

8. More people who are over-eating and more people who are starving.

9. More things to live for and more people who are committing suicide.

10. More people who are suffering for food and more breweries changing food into poisonous drinks.

11. More national debt and more people wanting something for nothing.

## Education Determines Lives

These tragic situations can be cured only by Christian education in the home, school and church. I realize that our public schools cannot put much emphasis on Christian education. The church and the state must remain separate, but each needs the other. Each can help the other. Public schools can and should encourage Christian character and Christian culture. Our public schools need Christian teachers. All Christian teachers will create around them a Christian atmosphere—seek them. All atheistic teachers will create around them an atheistic atmosphere—shun them.

Education may bring success or failure, joy or sorrow, peace or war. Educationally, Germany and Japan, ten years ago led all nations. Their kind of narrow, selfish, atheistic, education has resulted in a world tragedy. It has brought problems, troubles and grief to every civilized home in the world. It may be later than we think, but let us hope that we yet have the opportunity of choosing between Christ or chaos.

We cannot over-emphasize the importance of education. It made us the kind of neighbors we are, the kind of citizens we are. It caused us to purpose in our hearts to do what we are doing and to do it the way we are doing it. If we are Christians it is due to Christian education. Whether one enters a bank to run it or to rob it depends on one's education.

## The Fourth "R" at Ouachita

Every Christian citizen is in a Christian business. At Ouachita College our business is Christian education. Our one purpose is to help our students grow "in wisdom, in stature and in favor with God and man." Christian education is broad enough to include the fourth "R", religion. Christian education

trains for every kind of honest business. The business of a Christian college is to train Christian parents, Christian lawyers, Christian doctors, Christian farmers and Christian men and women in every field of labor.

The Baptists of Arkansas are in a million dollar campaign for no other purpose except to promote Christian education and to keep the doors of Ouachita College open to all who want to come. This year we have been compelled to close the doors to many of our best young men and women. Recently we wrote to 100 students not to come until the new dormitory is ready. This 60-room dormitory is being erected on money coming from the Ouachita campaign. We have not had money to meet every payroll, but we have faith in the campaign. We are in such need of this building that we have used some of our faculty salary fund to keep the workmen going.

Arkadelphia has pledged \$100,000 to the Ouachita campaign. With this pledge a second large dormitory is being erected. It will have 24 apartments for married veterans and their families. Materials are on the campus for a third dormitory.

## "Christ-Centered" Campus

Friends of Christian education have boosted Ouachita's present enrolment to 840. We have turned down 200. Most of us think that Ouachita is now big enough. Our problem today is to keep Ouachita College Christ-centered. Before a college can be truly Christian its founders, its supporters, its Board, its faculty and its curriculum must be Christian.

All of the 45 teachers at Ouachita are active Christians. There is a most excellent Christian atmosphere in the student body. Crowds at the daily student prayer meeting are outgrowing the Student Center auditorium. Ouachita's minute of silent prayer is observed by everyone one the campus who hears the bell.

A few years ago our problem at Ouachita was to find students for the rooms. Today our problems is to find rooms for the students. Fourteen years ago at the opening of the fall semester we welcomed 210 students. This year we have welcomed 840. We are not so much interested, however, in the numbers who come to Ouachita as in the numbers who leave well-trained for Christian service.

It is true that Ouachita may be over-crowded, but it is difficult to close the doors and keep them closed. We tried to close the doors last July. Many of you know how these doors have been opened for your outstanding ministerial or missionary students or maybe for your own sons and daughters. The Baptists of Arkansas have sent their young people to Ouachita. If we lean on the Lord for guidance I sincerely believe there will be a way to keep these young people and train them for His cause. Nine hundred students are not too many if we are prepared to care for them. A college of 1000 students is said to be the most economical unit.

Truly the harvest is white. Two hundred of our churches are pastorless. We need more missionaries. The demand for Ouachita graduate is far more than we can meet. Churches from many states are asking us for secretaries, educational directors, music directors and assistant pastors. The needy world is pleading for thousands of Christian leaders. If our Christian colleges don't train these leaders, they will not be trained. Help us make Oua-

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# These and Others Did Their Part

By B. L. BRIDGES

**PLEASANT HILL GIVES \$20.** Pleasant Hill is a country church where Rev. Hugh Howard preaches, and they are doing fine under his leadership.

**PRESCOTT AND FRED WHITE.** Look at Prescott. Prescott under the leadership of Pastor Fred White sent \$352 to help the people in other lands.

**RICHWOODS AND TAYLOR.** The Richwoods Church is fraught with the necessity of erecting a new church building, but it gives \$58 to help rehabilitate the work in other lands.

**SOCIAL HILL AND RHODES.** L. H. Rhodes is pastor of a fine country church in Red River Association. They gave \$9 for the Relief Offering.

**CURTIS, TOO.** The church in Curtis has been pastorless this summer but they sent nearly \$100 for the Relief Offering.

**CROSBY AND DUGGER.** H. M. Dugger has been pastor at Crosby in White County for some time. They sent in \$28 for the Relief Offering. This is a splendid country church.

**BALD KNOB AND MAYNARD.** Chester Maynard is faced with the task of erecting a new building in Bald Knob. They are applying now for the permit. But Bald Knob also sends \$60 for the Relief Offering.

**LOOK AT BEEBE.** Beebe has been pastorless for sometime, but they sent \$300 to help in Relief and Rehabilitation.

**EL PASO AND ANDERSON.** You know we have an El Paso in Arkansas as well as in Texas. Ernest Anderson has been the faithful leader there as well as at Royal Hill. El Paso sent \$50 for the Relief Offering and Royal Hill sent \$35.

**KEELING AND JUDSONIA.** Judsonia goes strong for the Relief work. They sent \$318 for this benevolent work. L. M. Keeling has led this church up the hills and it is prospering.

**KENSETT AND LANGLEY.** Maybe you do not know L. C. Langley. He is a mighty preacher. He is pastor at Kensett, and they sent \$50 for the Relief Offering.

**MT. SIDON AND OWENS.** Hubert Owens is the splendid pastor of the Mt. Sidon Church. This is a country church in White County. They sent \$48 for the Relief Offering.

**LOOK AT NEW BETHEL.** New Bethel in White County with Albert Pate as their trusted leader and pastor sent more than \$53 for the Relief Offering.

**BLACK ROCK AND CLEAR SPRINGS.** Black Rock has been pastorless for some time, but they sent \$25 for the Relief Offering. George McGehey is the beloved pastor of Clear Springs. They sent \$15 for the Relief Offering. It was our privilege to help dedicate this splendid church.

**HOXIE AND BOYD.** Pastor G. W. Boyd leads his church as they give \$18 for the Relief Offering.

**HARRISON FIRST GIVES LIBERALLY.** Five hundred fifty-one dollars come from the First Church, Harrison, where the fine spirited pastor, E. E. Grier, has served for 16 years.

**HOPEWELL SENDS \$33.** Truman Logan is the pastor in this historical town, and they support the cause liberally.

**MT. ZION AND WHITE OAK.** Mt. Zion and White Oak Churches are pastorless, but

they send in respectively \$13 and \$27 on the Relief Offering.

**ALPENA PASS AND DORMAN.** The Alpena Church sends \$98 for the Relief Offering. B. L. Dorman has been their intrepid leader for a number of months.

**BEAR CREEK SPRINGS DOES NOT FORGET.** O. L. Smith has been pastor of Bear Creek Springs Church, and this little church sends \$72 for the Relief Offering.

**BERRYVILLE AND EVANS.** First Church, Berryville, has been busy in a building enterprise and is still at it. But Young Gray Evans leads them to give \$127 for the Relief Offering.

**BURLINGTON AND FITCHUE.** The Burlington Church with Perry Fitchue as pastor sends \$27 for the Relief Offering. Grubb Springs where Fitchue preaches also sends \$35 for the Relief Offering.

**EUREKA SPRINGS AT THE FRONT.** Pastor W. T. Coston has given a progressive ministry to the church in Eureka Springs. They send \$115 for the Relief Offering.

**LOOK AT BEARDEN.** H. S. Coleman has constantly led the Bearden Church up the hill. They send \$204 for the Relief Offering.

**CALDWELL AND FORDYCE.** Another fine expression from First Church, Fordyce, is its fine contribution for the Relief Offering. They lack only one dollar and a nickel giving \$400 for the Relief Offering. C. W. Caldwell is some leader.

**DALARK GIVES, TOO.** Dalark has been pastorless, but it sends \$28 for the Relief Offering.

**HARMONY AND DOUGLAS.** Bro. Gus O. Douglas is pastor at Harmony and Thornton. Harmony gave more than \$40, and Thornton gave \$65 for the Relief Offering.

**LOOK AT NEW HOPE.** New Hope Church near Sparkman has followed the progressive leadership of young R. T. Strange, a Ouachita student. They have remodeled their church house and enlarged it, but they gave \$91 for the Relief Offering.

**BASINGER AND SPARKMAN.** John Basinger is the earnest leader and pastor at Sparkman, and at Ouachita. Sparkman gave \$172 and Ouachita gave \$112 for the Relief Offering.

**BLED SOE AND SHADY GROVE.** The Shady Grove Church gave \$36 for the Relief Offering. John Bledsoe has been their trusted leader for sometime.

**TINSMAN AND PROSPERITY.** These churches are pastorless but they gave \$20 and \$22 respectively.

**PASTORLESS CHURCHES.** Austin Station, Baugh's Chapel, Chambers, Oak Grove, and Wattensaw have been pastorless, but they gave \$48, \$25, \$5, \$67, and \$75 respectively for the Relief Offering.

**BROWNSVILLE AND GRAHAM.** Pastor Emmitt Graham leads the Brownsville Church and they give \$2 for the Relief Offering.

**MAGAZINE AND OWENS.** J. I. Owens who in recent months went to Magazine laid this cause on the hearts of their people and they gave more than \$53. Owens is another one of our great preachers.

**GLENDALE AND MUSE.** Pastor Joe Muse leads Glendale to give \$17.19. The Burville Church also sent in \$12.

**SILAM AND SIMMONS.** Silam Springs church is not too conservative. They have

given \$289 for the Relief Offering. Simmons is holding the standard high.

**GENTRY GIVES LIBERALLY.** The Gentry Church sent \$267 for the Relief Offering. Carl Nelson is pastor of this splendid church.

**REL GRAY AND ROGERS.** We are not surprised that Rogers gave \$272 with Rel Gray as the splendid leader and pastor of the great church.

**JOHN B. STEVENS AND PLEASANT HILL, GUM SPRINGS, AND TWELVE CORNERS.** Pastor John B. Stevens has been one of our very best preachers in Benton County for some years. His churches respond. Gum Springs sent \$50, Pleasant Hill \$44, and Twelve Corners \$9 for the Relief Offering.

**MASON VALLEY AND JOHN TERRY.** Pastor John Terry of Mason Valley Church in Benton County told the story of suffering people to his congregation, and they gave \$64 for the Relief Offering.

**GRAVETTE ON THE ALERT.** The Gravette Church, the forward alert Melvin Coffelt as pastor, sent \$103 for the Relief Offering.

**RAWLINGS AND CANEY CREEK.** That fine team of workers, Pastor E. Rawlings and his good wife, are still netting great results. He is pastor at Caney Creek and the church sent in \$49.50 for the Relief Offering.

**COY AND BAKER.** Maxwell Baker has been leading the saints at Coy, and they gave \$76 for the Relief Offering.

**DES ARC.** A short time ago Des Arc lost its pastor, but they gave \$107 for the Relief Offering. God has sent them Ernest Baker to be their pastor. Bradley preached at Whip-poorwill which also contributed \$1 for the Relief Offering.

**LONERGAN AND DEVALLS BLUFF.** Tommie Lonergan, one of our fine preachers, leads DeValls Bluff to give \$66 for the Relief Offering.

**PRATT AND LONOKE.** First Church, Lonoke, under the leadership of their trusted pastor, W. M. Pratt, gave \$330 for the Relief Offering. Pratt also preaches at New Hope and this country church sent \$34 for the Relief Offering.

**JOHNSON AND OLD AUSTIN.** Old Austin Church gave \$6.72 for the Relief Offering. Pastor Johnson is their leader.

**PLEASANT HILL AND DUNNAWAY.** C. H. Dunnaway is the faithful and earnest pastor and leader at Pleasant Hill in Caroline Association. The church gave \$65 for the Relief Offering.

**PLEASANT VALLEY AND HOLLAND.** Pastor Charles Holland victoriously led the Pleasant Valley Church in Caroline Association and they gave \$50 for the Relief Offering.

**TOLTEC AND GRIFFIN.** The Toltec Church sent \$50 for the Relief Offering. V. D. Griffin is their faithful and earnest pastor and leader.

**WARD AND GRAVES.** Tom Graves is the tireless pastor at Ward. The saints there gave \$72 for the Relief Offering.

**GREENWOOD AND HINK.** The Greenwood Church sent \$304. Pastor George Hink is proving to be a splendid leader.

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## MOVING TO DALLAS?

Worship With  
Ross Avenue Baptist Church  
Ross and Moser

Homer B. Reynolds, Pastor

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## Inflation— Endangers Our Souls

By ED ARENDALL, *Atmore, Ala.*

Staring us in the face today is inflation. It is a moot question as to whether or not it is already here.

As much as men and women in the past have been concerned with costs and salaries, production and employment and purchases, the past is but a pigmy compared with the giant to come. The time the average man spends in solving such problems as food and clothes, rent and trade will be greatly increased in the months that lie ahead. All the leading economists tell us that.

### Preparation For Future

It is vitally important, then, that we make adequate preparation for the future. What we have seen in the past of the theory of "grab and get" will be but child's play compared with what is to come. Souls are going to be economically trampled in the dust if the spirit of Christ does not soon prevail.

As the necessity of spending more time and thought on material things comes, there is an immediate danger that morally and spiritually we shall degenerate. A fight for survival does not enhance, but endangers Christianity. Inflationary times are hard times for religious causes. We are told in II Kings, that women turned cannibals and ate their own children in the times of inflation brought on by the siege of Samaria. Unless we fore-arm ourselves against what is coming, we are headed for a period of personal moral laxity which will reflect itself in all our religious life. This is a very real and personal problem, and one which Jesus himself recognized and taught us about.

### Two Sides

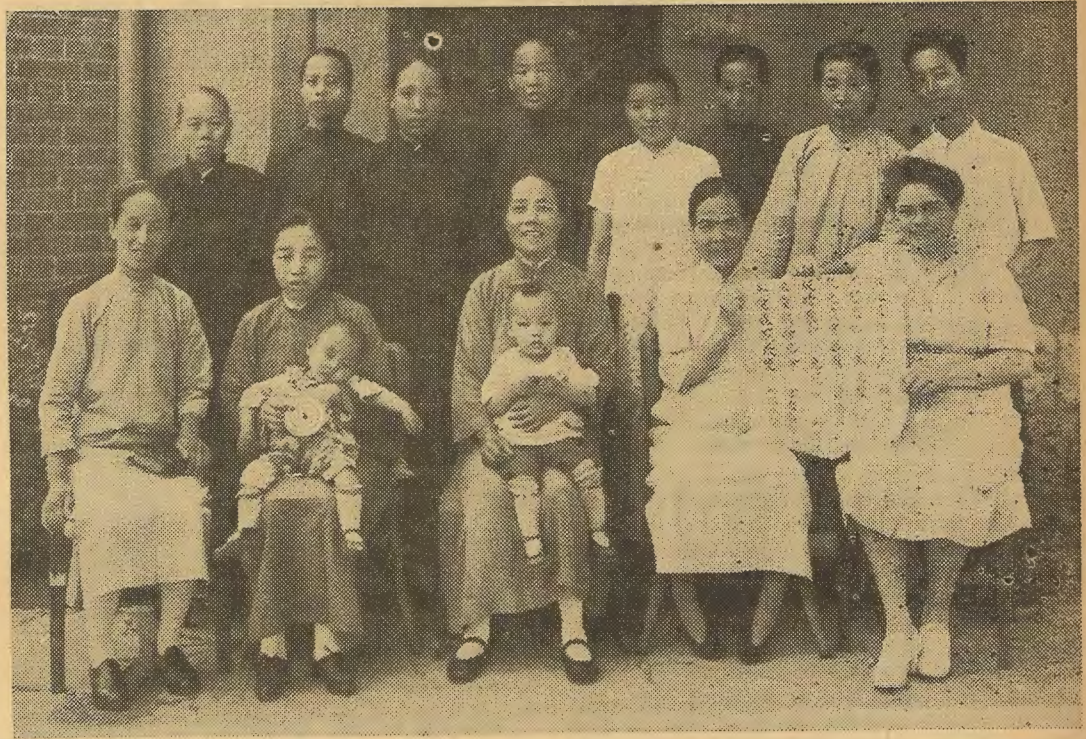
The problem has two sides for church members. We have many members of our churches who are merchants. The opportunity to lay up tremendous treasures at the expense of his fellow man is coming, or has come to every one of these business men. Business men in general are going to be building bigger barns, but not bigger souls.

It is imperative that every business man remind himself that Jesus said our treasures should be laid up in His bank where moths, rust, and thieves are powerless to disturb them. When we deposit in His bank, we always have a receipt. It is in the sixth chapter of Matthew. Christian business men must decide whether their choice is going to be a tawdry bouble today or the crown of righteousness tomorrow.

Unfortunately, this problem brought on by inflation does not stop with the business men. It touches every life. We are worrying so much about rising costs of living, better things in life. Every day every where we go people are talking about prices and food costs. Are we to succumb to the temptation to make those things our main interests in life? Millions have already done that.

We don't want to see our souls shrivel and die before the fire of economical upheavals—and we don't have to. We can lift our eyes above the price tags and see Jesus Christ. His precepts and example followed will bring us out of our present dilemma. It is our only hope, for inflation is right now eating the souls out of most Americans.

## She Is "Mother Rin" to Many



*Mrs. Rin (Center) and Some of Her "Children."*

By JEWELL L. ABERNATHY  
*Shantung, China*

Perhaps if asked for an outstanding experience of my first few days in China after an extended, enforced furlough, I would take you to Mrs. Rin's attractive little courtyard and introduce you to a radiant Chinese woman. Somehow a fragrance has replaced the "hellish" smell of opium. All signs of an opium addict are gone, even though she has been a Christian for only seven years.

When I first knew Mrs. Rin she was brought in and recommended for baptism. She was examined, accepted, and baptized the same day. The next day she appeared at our women's newly established Bible School with nothing to recommend her except a heavenly smile. She often refers to those early days when she could scarcely "drag" herself the city block to our school. She now walks miles and seems as bright and happy as a kindergartener though she is past 50.

As soon as I could get the "feel" of China again she came insisting that I join them in the cottage prayer meeting at her home. I was delighted at the prospects. (I am an ardent believer in the cottage prayer meeting as an evangelistic agency and as a promoter of Christian growth. Many of you remember my advocating this method in missionary messages—sometimes with results).

About 30 women were present the first meeting. There are only two chairs. They must be occupied by the Bible Woman and me. The others sit on "saw-horses" and sawed off stools, collected from the neighbors' rooms. Mrs. Rin started in to introduce the audience. "This is Mrs. Li." Immediately Mrs. Li would add, "I am Mrs. Rin's fruit" . . . The only exception being when they were "second generation;" therefore, Mrs. Rin's spiritual grandchildren.

Mrs. Rin always has her one-room apartment freshly swept and garnished with the kettle boiling so that such as are thirsty may

drink tea or "white water" until the hour strikes. We start at 2 p. m. and finish at three, but the women are always urged to stay for fellowship and more tea. Some rush off like Americans, but many leisurely sit and give their testimonies of "His loving kindness to usward."

The service consists of hymns, choruses, prayer requests, prayer and a Bible message either by the Bible Woman or myself. Mrs. Rin ushers until time for the message and then gathers up the babies, one in each arm with an extra or two as "trailers." She takes them to the front courtyard while we hold forth in the "Holy of Holies."

The inner courtyard is beautiful now with six pomegranates in full blossom. I do not know of a more showy shrub in China. For weeks they are a mass of scarlet red, silky blossoms against a background of rich green, ferny foliage. In the autumn the shrub takes on a violet hue and the fruit keeps one living in anticipation. Do you remember the bridegroom's description of his bride "As a piece of pomegranate are thy temples within thy locks" Song of Solomn 6:7.

Last Sunday we had our first baptizing since John became pastor. Forty-two candidates joyfully followed Jesus in baptism. The delegation which attracted a refugee pastor most was the one from Mrs. Rin's yard. They were radiant and full of joy that at last the day had come when they could follow their Saviour in baptism.

Pastor Wong was helping to enroll them; but he was puzzled and thought it remarkable that so many women gave one certain yard as their address. It was then explained that these were Mrs. Rin's neighbors who had been saved in her yard. The strangers feel at ease in their Christian neighbor's home and realize that she is a friend who is interested in their souls; otherwise, she would not put out time, effort and money in their behalf. I believe cottage prayer meetings could be just as effective in America's Southland.



# Tyronza Church Honors Pastor Clubb

## On His Departure for School in Texas

On the occasion of Pastor Russell J. Clubb's resignation from First Church, Tyronza, to do advanced study at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., the Tyronza congregation adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, our pastor, Russell J. Clubb, who has served faithfully for the past three years and four months, believes it to be in the will of the Lord that he terminate his relations with us as pastor and tendered his resignation September 15 to become effective October 6, 1946, BE IT RESOLVED that this church, The First Baptist Church of Tyronza, Ark., express publicly and by the press its appreciation for his ministry among us during which time the following has been accomplished:

"Every phase of the work has grown under his leadership and rich rewards have crowned our labors together. Three hundred, ninety-six people have united with the church, 308 by baptism. A total of \$37,431.25 has been given to all causes, with \$6,944.94 of this amount going to Missions and Benevolences. We are now giving \$1,300 a year to the Cooperative Program, and \$360 to Associational Missions and approximately \$1,200 to local missions. The year 1945 was the greatest year in the history of the church with 145 additions, 137 of these by baptism, and a total of \$13,063.40 in offerings. There were record attendances in both the Sunday School and Training Union.

"All the Sunday School rooms and the kitchen in the basement of the church were redecorated, one large new bus purchased, considerable repair to the old one, a one-story building built to house the two busses, pastor's car and servant's quarters.

"Four revivals have been held, three of which were Community-wide tent revivals with outstanding evangelists secured to do the preaching. The vision of the church has been broadened much by two study courses each year in the Sunday School and Training Union. The children's work has progressed through the holdings of five Vacation Bible Schools. Two deacons have been ordained. A building program to include a much needed educational building was launched Sunday, September 22, 1946.

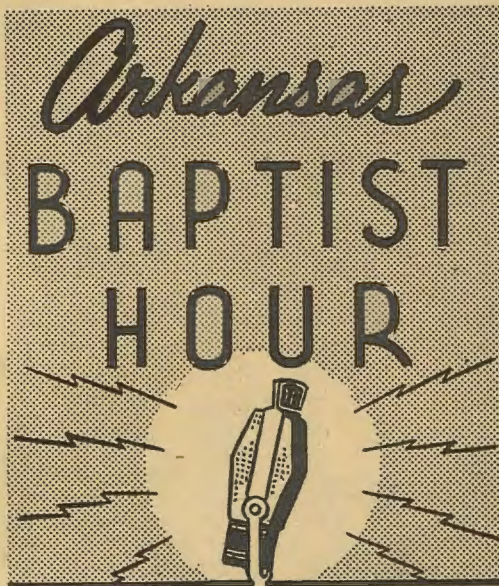
"Bro. Clubb's effective preaching of the truth as applied to daily Christian living has been a strengthening point in the lives of the members of the church. His preaching of the Gospel has made alive the Scripture "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32.) Under his leadership, our church has been an inspiration to other churches in the field of evangelism and denominational activities.

"Besides his pastoral duties, he has served faithfully on the Arkansas Baptist State Executive Board and the State Missions Committee.

"We wish to express our grateful appreciation to Mrs. Clubb for her faithful work in the WMS, in the Sunday School, in personal work and as our very efficient church secretary.

"While we had hoped Bro. and Mrs. Clubb would lead us in the building program, we submit to God's will and commend them to the work where the Lord is leading them."

The resolution was prepared by a special committee composed of S. R. Terry, chairman of the Deacons, C. Finley Tatum, Sunday School Superintendent; Mary Lou Fair, Training Union Director; Mrs. W. H. Moreland, WMS President.



Speaker on the Arkansas Baptist Hour for the week October 20 to 26 is Pastor Bruce Price, Beech Street Church, Texarkana. His subject is "The Audacity of the Christian Mission." Music on the program is by the Central College quartette.

The broadcast may be heard over the following stations:

- KLCN, Blytheville, 7:45 a. m., Sunday.
- KHOZ, Harrison, 8:30 a. m., Sunday.
- KARK, Little Rock, 10:30 a. m., Sunday.
- KXLR, North Little Rock, 1:00 p. m., Sunday.
- KWFC, Hot Springs, 9:30 p. m., Tuesday.
- KUOA, Siloam Springs, 3:30 p. m., Thursday.
- KCMC, Texarkana, 9:30 a. m., Saturday.
- KELD, El Dorado, 9:00 p. m., Saturday.

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"The Good News Hour," a 30-minute transcribed program sponsored by the Home Mission Board, with Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer of the Board, preaching and with the choir of the Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., furnishing the music, may be heard each week over the following stations:

- KGHI, Little Rock, 8:00 a. m., Sunday.
- KBTM, Jonesboro, 8:00 a. m., Sunday.
- KELD, El Dorado, 8:00 a. m., Sunday.
- KCMC, Texarkana, 8:30 a. m., Saturday.

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First Church, Arkadelphia, began revival services October 13, with Pastor J. G. Cothran doing the preaching and Melvin Roberts directing the singing. The church had 186 additions during September, most of them young people who are attending college in Arkadelphia.

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Churches of Pulaski County Association had given \$6,643.54 above their goal of \$12,300 for world relief and rehabilitation on October 3. A number of churches still had money on hand for this purpose.

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First Church, Glenwood, has recently completed seven new Sunday School rooms, redecorated the auditorium, and installed Butane gas in the entire building.

## Christian Education

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chita College a worthy training ground for Christian workers.

### Twenty Points on Education

Let me close by giving you a few beliefs about education, especially Christian education:

1. I believe education is the result of any experience which changes people for better or for worse.
2. I believe Christian education is the result of any experience which makes one more Christ-like.
3. I believe Christian education is the broadest kind of education, because it includes the physical, the mental, the social and the spiritual.
4. I believe every Christian should be a Christian-education teacher by precept and example.
5. I believe young people, who get their first Christian education in college get it too little and too late.
6. I believe America's 6,000,000 criminals are the result of little or no Christian education in the home.
7. I believe the American home is giving less emphasis to Christian education today because our homemakers got less Christian education yesterday.
8. I believe it is possible for a state college to have a worthy Christian education program and for a church college to have a poor Christian education program.
9. I believe no college can be Christian until its officers, teachers and janitors are Christians.
10. I believe a college, before asking for contributions from Christian people, should first be Christ-centered.
11. I believe Christian colleges can stay open only on contributions from Christian people and that closing of Christian colleges doors would be followed soon by the closing of church doors.
12. I believe any college that becomes "independent" of the church that established it, and is no longer serving that church, has received money under false pretence and should return every dime to the original contributors.
13. I believe our state Baptist convention does and should own and control every college it establishes and supports.
14. I believe if and when any church college fails to train better Christian citizens, who will go out and make better homes, better churches, and better communities, it no longer deserves the support of Christian people.
15. I believe a Christian college should never accept a contribution that would in any way weaken its program for training Christian leaders.
16. I believe the doors of Christian colleges should be open to all our young people who want to go there for Christian education.
17. I believe the Christian college should have excellent teachers, buildings and equipment.
18. I believe this is the best time in all history to invest in Christian education.
19. I believe Christian education could have prevented World Wars I and II, and that it is the only way to prevent a tragic world war III.
20. I believe Christians, through an education program, should wisely and courageously accept the challenges of past failures, of present opportunities and of future possibilities.

# OUACHITA BAPTIST COLLEGE

ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS

*September 1932 Enrollment — 210*

*September 1946 Enrollment — 840*

This Increase Has Been Gradual. Since July, 200 Have Been Turned Away. Ouachita Has Not Had a Student Solicitor for Twelve Years.

Arkadelphia Homes Are Helping House the Students. The Government Is Helping With Trailers, Cottages and Barracks to Care for the Veterans.

The Baptists of Arkansas Have Never Faced a Greater Opportunity or Challenge for Christian Education.

We Are in a Ouachita Campaign to Build and Endow. We Must Do Both or Shut the Doors to 50% of the Students Who Want to Enroll.

*For Further Information, Write*

**DR. OTTO WHITINGTON**

DIRECTOR, OUACHITA COLLEGE CAMPAIGN

Urquhart Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

## Woman's Missionary Union

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President

Mrs. C. H. RAY                      ALVIN HATTON  
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### Report Of Ouachita Associational WMU

Ouachita Associational WMU reports that all quarterly rallies have been held during the year and also a joint session at a Fifth Sunday Meeting at Cherry Hill. Mrs. L. A. Thompson, Mena, superintendent, writes: "We started the year with one active missionary society and we now have six including two new societies organized at Grannis and Board Camp. We are looking forward in the near future to having a missionary society in every church in the association as well as many young people's auxiliaries. Some of our societies observed the State Mission Season of Prayer and have sent offerings. We have given to all causes \$171.71. We are grateful to the pastors and churches for their cooperation and help and look forward with courage and faith knowing "we are laborers together with God."

### Dixie Jackson Offering For State Missions

We are highly gratified over gifts of \$3,242.40 received to date for the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions. Many societies have sent in the initial offering from the women and young people. We would urge every WMU organization to make an earnest effort to secure a gift from every resident woman member of the church, so that each one may share in the great mission program in our State. We suggest that this offering be completed during October and November in order not to conflict with the Foreign Mission Season of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which is to be observed early in December.

The Dixie Jackson Offering goes to supplement the State Mission Fund of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in the promotion of its mission program of winning the lost to Christ. The Women and young people have contributed generously to the appeals for special offerings through the year. In the last three months of the year we will not fail to give generously to the Seasons of Prayer offerings which are our regulars. Glean carefully for the very best offering your organization has ever made and remit by check or money order to the State W. M. U. treasurer at above address.

### Speaker For District Conferences

Mrs. H. P. McCormick, missionary to Africa, will be the inspirational speaker at each of the District Conferences to be held October 29-November 8. At these meetings conferences on WMU methods will be conducted and every officer and chairman, as well as the entire membership of your organization, should be present. The schedule of these meetings was presented recently and we trust you have checked the date and place of your Conference for reference.

### State WMU Executive Board Meets October 22

The State W. M. U. Executive Board will hold its last meeting of the year at the Second Church, Little Rock, at 10 a. m. Tuesday October 22. Every member is urged to be present.

### 1947 Guide Books Ready

Many orders have been received for quantities of the 1947 Guide Book and are now being filled. These Guide Books have become so essential in the promotion of our State W. M. U. work that every member should have a copy of her own. These may be had at the following prices: single copies 5c, 12 copies for 50c, or \$1.00 for 30 copies. Please enclose remittance with each order for we can not keep accounts for items sold.

### Order Other Supplies Now

The 1947 Year Books are available for 10c each, Membership Record Charts and Standard of Excellence charts for all grades, 10c each. These may be had from your State W. M. U. office.

All mission study books are ordered from your Baptist Book Store, 303 W. Capitol, Little Rock. The following books listed as to grades are our suggestions for study before the Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions: "Now Is The Day" for WMS and YWA, price 40c, "Carved on Our Hearts" for

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## Roland Leavell Inaugurated Fourth President of New Orleans Seminary

Consciously aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit, representatives of Southern Baptists inaugurated Dr. Roland Q. Leavell fourth president of the New Orleans Theological Seminary in official ceremony Tuesday night, October 1.

Present for proceedings extending over Monday and Tuesday were Dr. Louie D. Newton, Convention president, who delivered the main address of the Monday evening service; Dr. B. C. Land, Seminary trustee of Florida, who spoke to the alumni meeting Tuesday morning; Dr. Ellis Fuller, president of Southern Seminary, speaker at the banquet Tuesday evening; and other Southwide Baptist leaders.

Climaxing the two days of challenging and dedicatory services, Dr. Leavell called for new visions among Baptists and dedicated the Seminary to a fuller and more earnest striving for the will of God in a vision of God, a vision of the Kingdom, a vision of truth, a vision of training and a vision of opportunity.

Further, Dr. Leavell assured Southern Baptists that the New

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## HIS BROTHER GAVE IT TO ME

By JANE CARROLL McRAE  
In *The Commission*

Moses didn't have a brother. Not even a small brother. To tell the truth, he didn't even have a sister, not even a baby one. In fact, Moses didn't have a mother, or anybody except Big Thomas, who was the best father any boy could ever have.

Big Thomas was the tallest man in all that Nigerian village. Besides, he was the schoolteacher. And besides that, he was pastor of the church. No one in all the world was so kind as Big Thomas. But Moses sat on a stump under a banana tree and thought about how wonderful it would be to have a brother—a big brother.

Around a bend in the trail Moses could hear the shouts of the other boys as they played in the village clearing. They were watching Muhongo learn to ride his beautiful new bicycle. It was all red and blue with great wheels and wide handle bars. Muhongo's brother had come from Lagos that very morning to bring it to him. His brother gave it to him!

Now Moses' legs were too short to ride a bicycle. He was so small that the other boys called him "Moses-in-a-Basket," like Baby Moses. He was just a mite of a boy because he had been sick so much. So Moses didn't especially want a bicycle. But he wanted a brother.

On the stump under the banana tree Moses sat and dreamed of having a brother. At his feet was a big gourd pail. But Moses had forgotten that he was on his way to the spring to get water. A big dragon-fly buzzed and buzzed over Moses' kinky head, trying to remind him but Moses kept on dreaming. A little green lizard scuttled around and around at his feet to try to remind him, but Moses kept on dreaming. Then Big Thomas came down the path. Moses didn't dream any more. He grabbed that gourd and flew to the spring so fast that Big Thomas and the dragon-fly and the green lizard all sat down to laugh.

"A quick trip for such a small boy," said Big Thomas as he took the heavy pail. "But I feel like running just like that, I am so full of good news."

Now Moses was a first-rate teaser, but he couldn't tease the news out of Big Thomas until the supper was all in the big pot boiling over a bright fire. Then Big Thomas sat down on a log and pulled out of his pocket a bundle of papers. One was full of pictures.

As Big Thomas pointed to a big, beautiful building, he said, "Here you and I will study for many days so that I can come back to the village and be a better teacher and pastor for our people, and you will be my helper."

Then Big Thomas turned to another picture, one of a man all

## In All Thy Ways

A Page for Youth  
By  
Catherine Jordan

dressed in white. "Here is the good doctor who will make you grow strong again. He will make you grow tall—so tall you can even ride Muhongo's bicycle!"

Moses slid off the log and stood close by his father's side. "But Father, we have no money. Who gave us so much—to go to school and to a doctor?"

Big Thomas looked far across the tops of the palm trees toward the setting sun. "Over in America there are many Christians who send gifts every year, wonderful gifts for schools and hospitals and churches.

"But why, Father?" questioned Moses.

Big Thomas did not answer quickly. He looked back toward the sunset and said quietly, "Because they are our brothers, little son."

Moses looked down at the pictures of the buildings, the doctor, the teachers and nurses. As his fingers went from one picture to another, he said over and over, "My brothers gave them to me! My brothers. . ."

## "We Have Peace"

Seton Thompson tells of an old Indian whom he had brought down from one of the reservations to New York City. He took the old man down Broadway at night, in order that he might see "The Great White Way." Then they went over Brooklyn Bridge, rode the elevated and the subway, and wound up by climbing to the top of the Statue of Liberty. At last, Thompson took his old friend to Grand Central Station to see him off for home.

Not until the ticket had been bought did he ask the red man what he thought of New York. He thought in silence for a minute or two, then spoke up: "Mr. Seton Thompson, in the land from which I come we have no bridges to span our great rivers, no great white way to dispel the darkness of the night sky, no trains under the land and over the land. But we, Mr. Seton Thompson, we have peace of mind."

—Southern Christian Advocate.

Said the Teacher: "Now, Tommy, tell me what you know about the Slavonic race."

"Please, teacher, I wasn't there," replied Tommy. "I went to the hockey match."

## Character Sketch of A Nigerian Girl

Bandeled was adopted by one of our missionaries when very young, and although she knew but little of her own family, she was tenderly cared for and given the opportunity for education in our Baptist schools. As a boarding pupil in our Abeokuta Girls' School, she was a remarkable student, always showing interest in obeying rules, preparing every lesson and helping with all religious activities.

While still a student in Abeokuta, Bandede developed leprosy, and her "Missionary Ma" took her to Camp Hope, the colony where lepers are cured.

Bandede was pronounced fully cured after some time and returned to her studies with new zeal. She took every possible course to help become a good worker in the Lord's vineyard, and after completing her school work, she began to teach in one of our schools.

The eyes of a young man who was also a teacher discovered how attractive Bandede was, and he sought to make her his wife. It seemed a desirable match, and he wrote her "Missionary Ma," who was then on furlough, and asked her permission. She told her she intended to await her return to Nigeria for the wedding, and so it was arranged.

Her "Ma" took white satin, brid-

al veil and all the pretty things American brides love back with her, and when the time for the wedding came, Bandede was sent in care of the groom's relatives to Port Harcourt for the ceremony.

Bandede discovered that her lover had cultivated the use of tobacco and strong drink and so refused to marry him.

She returned to her teaching and soon Mr. Oma Oba Omolade Adeyokunnu asked her to become his bride. Bandede was slow in deciding on another such venture, but this man stood nobly every test. Her "Ma" thought this the proper young man, so the wedding was arranged.

The invitations requested the recipient to attend "the solemnization of matrimony between Miss Christiana Bandede Adetayo and Omo Oba Akeyokunnu at the First Baptist Church, Oke'lerin, Ogbomoshu."

The bridal party was taken to Oshogbo, home of the groom, and here the native ceremonies took place. His relatives gathered in an arbor of palm branches, and her mother-in-law received her in due fashion. Then each of her sisters-in-law washed the bride's feet, dipped her fingers in water and touched her neck, back and front, counting as she did so. After much native ceremony, the bride was dressed in native costume and taken to the groom's room where

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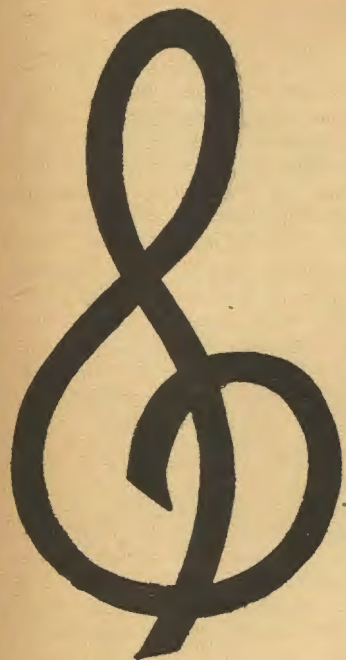
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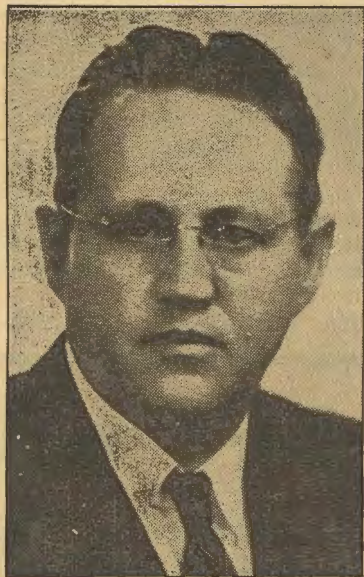
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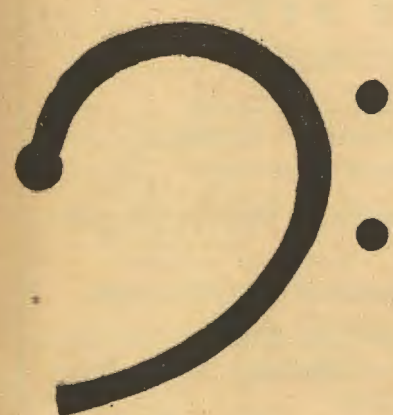
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Arkadelphia, First	15	458	233	Blytheville, New Liberty	139	103		Hamburg, First	259	153		North Little Rock,		
Ashdown, First	168	88		Camden, First	480			Harrison, First	324	158		Pike Avenue	12	143
				Clarendon, First	151	39		Hot Springs Churches:				Parkview, First	8	534
				Conway, First	6	433	150	Park Place	1	505	179	Paris, First	2	342
				Cullendale, First	1	319	128	Second	1	515	107	Pine Bluff,		205
				El Dorado Churches:				Including Mission		565		Matthews Memorial		126
				First	742	200		Little Rock Churches:				Rogers, First	2	328
				Parkview	1	60	46	Baptist Tabernacle	501	95		Springdale, First		382
				Second	1	445	136	South Highland	6	237	91	Including Mission		475
				Fordyce Church	4	337	177	Magnolia, Central	1	404	129	Stuttgart, First		301
				Fort Smith Churches:				Malvern, First	5	305	57	Warren, First		442
				First	5	1018	404	Mena, First	2	254	85	West Memphis, First	2	420

# IT HAPPENED IN ARKANSAS

This is a good story; but before I tell it let me ask you a few questions, and also build up an informational background.

Do you know that there is a certain county in Arkansas where some 12,000 people live, and where there are only five Baptist churches? That these churches are very small; their total membership being only about 140?

Yes, the time is 1946, and the county is in Arkansas! And the fact is that these five little struggling Baptist churches have a total membership of 139! Furthermore, there is only one Baptist pastor in the county; and he is the associational missionary, also the pastor of all five of the churches. Added to these facts is another: at present there is not a completed Baptist church building in the whole county!

Some of the most heroic Christian work anywhere is being done by those who love the Lord in that county. Our State Mission Board is doing all that it can to assist. There would probably be no organized Baptist work there at all if it were not for what the Board has done and is doing. Only recently the Board appropriated money to assist two of the little churches to start building.


Now here is the story: Some years ago a fine Baptist couple in a neighboring state, becoming dissatisfied with life in a large city, decided to move to Arkansas and make their home in the above county. So they came to our state; and have completely identified themselves with the people among whom they live. And they have done a monumental work for the Lord! They belong to one of the five little struggling Baptist churches mentioned above, one of the two that have started a new building. This couple has a jeep which carries practically the whole congregation to church, often making several long trips to get all the people who desire to come.

The new church building is going up! Started by an appropriation from the State Mission Board, the actual construction of the building is being supervised by a blind man! This blind man is one of the most earnest and capable Christians that your Brotherhood Secretary has ever known. He sees with his heart much more than most people can see with their eyes!

A few days ago at a time when the little church was working almost frantically to get their building completed before bad weather should set in,—the money almost ran out.

On their knees (I saw them!) the couple mentioned above asked God to make it possible for the work to go on without interruption.

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They asked God for means to continue the work. I know that other faithful members of the church, including the blind man, were praying also.

Then a letter came to the couple. It was postmarked with the name of the city from which they had come to Arkansas. Inside the envelope was a check for \$500, with a letter stating that the money was for the completion of the church building! The money came from friends of a former day.

It happened recently in Arkansas!

### Developing Our Mission Concepts!

Our state has been greatly blessed during the past two weeks through two Simultaneous Schools of Missions which have been held in Harmony and Pulaski Associations. The schools were sponsored by the Home Mission Board.

Each participating church was presented during the week with something of a panorama of the world-wide mission programs of Southern Baptists. The teams of missionaries which went to the various churches of the associations were made up of foreign missionaries, home missionaries, state missionaries, associational missionaries, and city missionaries. There were also a few pinch-hitters (Your Brotherhood Secretary was one) who helped out on occasions.

The opportunity of hearing those whose lives have been dedicated to the various fields of missionary endeavor is a blessing to any church. Very few people can ever know much about foreign missions, home missions, or even state missions except as they hear and read about the work. And the opportunity of seeing and talking with those whose lives have been placed on the altar of missions is a personal blessing to many Christians.

Another valuable outcome of the Schools of Missions has been the focussing of the minds and hearts of our people on the supreme importance of the Cooperative Program in the support and progress of all phases of our Mission pro-

gram. Our people have been better informed, and now they will more readily respond to the support of the work of our missionaries everywhere.

As our people are led to go with a personal ministry within the range of the field of their own local church; as they are taught to win lost people to Christ; as they are inspired to give to the support of the cause of Christ to the ends of the earth; so will our churches become more missionary in spirit; and every phase of our mission work will prosper!

### Reynolds Memorial In Mission Activity

Reynolds Memorial Church, Little Rock, recently enjoyed one of the very finest revival meetings our church has ever had. We were led in this meeting by Pastor Ralph Dodá, First Church, Stuttgart.

During these two weeks, approximately 60 people made definite decisions for Christ. Some came accepting Christ as Saviour, some for church membership, some for rededication and some for the foreign mission field.

Our church has taken another forward step. Recently we bought a passenger bus which goes out on Sunday morning and evening bringing the people to the house of God. Our Sunday School has begun an extensive visitation program in which we use the bus.

Weak men wait for opportunities; strong men make them.—Marden.

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## Lay Leaders Are Elected to Key Posts On New Southern Baptist Foundation

As authorized in the May meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Foundation was launched in a meeting of the Board of Directors, September 19. The meeting was held in Nashville, on the call of Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Maxy Jarman of Nashville, president of the General Shoe Corporation, was elected president of the Board of Directors of the Foundation. Lowry Eastland, Baton Rouge, president of the Southern National Life Insurance Company, was elected vice-president. Raymond Rogers, Nashville, assistant vice-president of the American National Bank, was elected secretary. Dr. Duke K. McCall was elected to serve as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation in addition to his responsibilities to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Foundation, which will handle investments and similar business transactions, was appointed by President Jarman for the approval of the directors as follows: Maxy Jarman (by virtue of his office as president), L. L. Gellerstedt, vice-president of Citizens and Southern National Bank, Atlanta; and M. P. Brothers, president of M. P. Brothers, Incorporated, Raymond Rogers, and Jack Massey, president Massey Laboratories, Inc., all of Nashville.

After full discussion, a committee composed of L. L. Gellerstedt, Atlanta, Raymond Rogers, Nashville, and Judge John W. McCall, Memphis, was appointed to report to the December meeting of the Board of Directors on some suggested changes in the charter and by-laws.

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### Italian Girl Sends Letter of Thanks

Few of these who receive help as a result of Southern Baptists' generosity this summer will have opportunity to acknowledge it. One Italian girl did. A letter dated July 12 has just been delivered in Richmond: "My service girl, Lina Barile, thanks you of all her heart for the magnificent gifts you have sent her and she begs me, knowing a little of English, to write you a few lines. She is a poor orphan and has only an ill mother and 4 brothers and sisters which are littler than her. Though we help her where we can, she cannot buy dresses or linen and sheets for her outfit. Therefore she was so happy to receive your kind parcel and is very grateful to you for your goodness. She stays with us since 12 years and frequents with great joy our worships and the Bible class."

### Influence

The father of a World War veteran left his Arkansas Baptist lying near the anvil of his blacksmith shop one day last week. While he was out on business, the son glanced through the paper.

"Where did you get this paper?" the boy asked on his father's return.

"Why son, I've been reading that paper for about two years."

"Well, here's one of the best sermons I ever read in my life!" the boy lauded the paper.

The father later told friends of the experience as the son's first evidence of religious interest since his coming home from overseas.

### Nigerian Girl

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all came to salute her. Many came, and often. Whenever anyone older than herself came, the bride must kneel before that one, and for sixteen hours a day for several days, the bride continued to kneel before friends and relatives. She complained that her knees were very sore and sighed, "Getting married is a lot of trouble." Sunday ceremonies in the church ended the wedding ceremonies.

Christian weddings are much emphasized in Nigeria where polygamy is widely practiced, and every native covets a Christian ceremony with all its dignity and the wedding finery. When we compare this bride in her stain gown and veil with a native girl who can only sit at one meal with her husband, after which she becomes his slave, we can appreciate why the Christian wedding makes its appeal to them.

Bandeles has set up a Christian home where all her high ideals will be carried out. She will make a noble wife, for she has been so faithful and conscientious in everything she has had to do. She will add much to the work of our missionaries, for she loves Jesus and devotes all her powers to His service.

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Life is a long lesson in humility.  
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After listening to all of the problems and working to find enough food to feed the thousands who attended, J. N. Barnette is back in Nashville at his job as secretary of the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board, several pounds lighter after his pinch-hitting experience but still reflecting on the highlight experiences.

"I believe the thing that I will never forget about the 1946 summer season is that more than 500 young people dedicated their lives for fulltime Christian service during the summer," Mr. Barnette said, "It is impossible to tell what that will mean for the cause of Christ in the days ahead."

"Another thing I can never forget about the 1946 season is the army of speakers who were on hand," the genial Sunday School apostle said. "When you have such men as Harold E. Stassen, Dr. R. G. Lee, John L. Hill, Louie D. Newton, W. A. Criswell, Ellis Fuller, and countless others on the program in one summer, you know why people come to Ridgecrest."

Another thing that cheered Mr. Barnette was the fact that more than \$10,000 was given to World Relief and Rehabilitation during the summer by those attending Ridgecrest. The fact that the visitors ate more than 20,000 pounds of chicken during the summer might have made them conscious that people were starving around the world.

"I think credit ought to be given the staff which worked so faithfully," Mr. Barnette said, "More



Manager Guy

than 350 students, teachers, and other young people worked during the summer months."

Mr. Robert J. Guy, former Atlanta businessman, will serve as the manager for 1947. He is already on the job, getting ready for a bigger Ridgecrest next year.

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Many persons might have attained wisdom had they not assumed that they already possessed it.

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Central—Shorewood Hills			11.17
Hope—Shiloh	45	4	14.00
Liberty—Louann	46		7.18
Liberty—Chidester	49	4	
Little River—Horatio	66		20.00
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# Will Paul Justify Christ's Call as Apostle to Gentiles?

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Never did a young man give himself with greater abandonment to his calling than did Saul of Tarsus, who afterward became Paul. A number of incidents in this lesson reveal the powerful and unforgettable character of the man and some of the basic reasons why his life has made such a tremendous impact upon the Christian world even to this day.

## A Central Theme

Those who have made a careful study of the preaching of Paul in the book of Acts are impressed with the fact that he never departed from his basic theme—the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Wherever he went and whenever he appeared before men with a spoken message, he declared the resurrected Christ to be the sinner's only hope.

Not once in his long career do we find Paul off on a tangent. He stayed close to the premise that Jesus is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. Paul's method, was to prove that Jesus was [is] the Son of God (v. 20) and the Christ (v. 22). If he could succeed in convincing the world at this point, the rest of his mission would be easy. He knew that it would be exceedingly difficult for his fellow countrymen to grasp the fact that Jesus was [is] the Christ, the anointed One for whom Israel had waited painfully and longingly through the centuries.

## Amazing Grace

Luke tells us that all who heard Paul "straightway" proclaiming Jesus as the son of God in the synagogue "were amazed, and said, Is not this he that in Jerusalem made havoc of them that called on his name?" (Acts 9:20f).

Saul's immediate response to his call was enough to cause amazement on the part of all who knew him. "The Jews themselves would regard Saul as a renegade and a turncoat. The disciples could not help being suspicious. Was this a genuine conversion? Would it hold out? Why had he changed his position? What was his motive in it

## Sunday School Lesson For October 20

Acts 9:19b-22; 11:25-26;  
Galatians 1:17-24

all? They had abundant ground for their amazement" (Epochs in the Life of Paul, p. 60f, Robertson).

The restless Saul could not remain idle for long, even in Damascus, however inappropriately the stage was set for his beginning. Consequently, he "straightway in the synagogues" began to declare Jesus as the Son of God. "That was a new note; one that he had never struck before. He did not know a great deal of Christian theology . . . But he keeps close to shore in this first discourse. He preached what he had learned from his own experience . . . He was able to identify Jesus with the Son of God. He had grasped at the start the humanity and the deity of Jesus. All the great superstructure of his future teaching will rest on this basis" (Robertson).

The effect of Paul's preaching muddled up the Jews who opposed his message. The groups who gathered about him were amazed at the great change that had come over him and at the declaration that he made as to the future course of his life. There is but one explanation of it all—the amazing grace of God in Christ Jesus.

## The Years in Arabia

Other than for Galatians 1:17f we would know nothing whatever of the three years or less in Arabia, a lesson for those who draw large inferences from silence. "They need not be strictly full years, since the first and third years may only have been parts of years. We may conclude, however, that something over twelve months at any rate was spent in Arabia on Saul's sudden departure from Damascus" (Robertson).

Paul does not tell us what part of Arabia he has in mind. He might have gone as far South as Mount Sinai. But all conjecture at this point is idle because the Scriptures are silent. The only information we have as to the object of his visit to Arabia is found in the words, "straightway I conferred not with flesh and blood."

Evidently Saul desired a quiet retreat where he could talk not with men but with God. The stress and the storm of Damascus could be left behind for a while as he found new scenes among strangers. "He could find desert places also in Arabia if he wished it, like John the Baptist and Moses long before. It is more than likely that

he did for a while seek solitude for meditation and reflection. Jesus himself, after his baptism, spent 40 days in the wilderness. Saul needed some time to seek clearly his bearings, to commune with God, to grasp more adequately the significance of this whirlwind in his life. This much seems certain" (Robertson).

As to Paul's labors for Christ in Arabia no one can tell; one thing is certain, it enabled him to have a season of retirement in which he could commune with the Father and outline in his own mind more clearly his new relationship to God in Christ Jesus.

## The Man of the Hour

The hour of destiny was not long in striking for Saul. There in Antioch, the greatest city of Syria, a Gentile work awaited him, a work in one of the strategic centers of the world. (See Acts 11:25-26).

"The man and the hour had met. It is a great thing to be ready when the hour of opportunity comes. Saul had been getting ready for this hour all his life, most of the time unconsciously, part of it consciously. In Tarsus and Jerusalem God had been preparing him for work among the Gentiles as well as Jews. His conversion and call had come some eight or 10 years ago.

"The call was as distinct as the conversion, but still God had not opened wide the door for work among the Gentiles. But he had not chafed, nor had he been idle. He had been driven from Damascus and Jerusalem. But they would listen to him in Cilicia and Syria. Though he had worked near home, and God had blessed him, now he is ready by grace, culture and experience to grapple with the new problems of teaching the gospel to the Greeks.

"He had the zest that inspires every true missionary's heart. He is now in the prime of life, about 43 or 44 years old, if it is about 44 A. D. when he comes to Antioch. He has had a wondrously checkered career so far. Will he justify

Christ's choice of him as the apostle to the Gentiles?" (Robertson).

In subsequent lessons this question will be answered.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Fellow Workers:

As one who has been almost continuously connected with the work of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, with a few little wanderings down in Louisiana and over in Missouri but always coming back to Arkansas, I write this, first, to say that I have resigned the work at Wilton as of September 1. I will live on here for a while. The church has been very good to us, and we mutually love each other. The church offers us the use of the pastor's home for as long as I will live in it.

I am just home from Kirksville, Miss., where I held a revival with Pastor Powell. There were 28 additions, 14 for baptism. This was a return engagement; I held a revival in this church last summer. I supplied the pulpit of First Church, Rey Bay, Ala., August 18. Joe Hughes is their fine pastor.

I will give myself to supplying for the brethren who want to be away from their pulpits. I have done much of this type of work, having supplied in Texarkana at First, Beech Street, and Highland Park Churches, and in Hope, First Church.

First call, first served. Give me the date when you will need a supply. I will also hold revivals, and out of these years of experience I have learned some of the things about revivals.

Will be glad to serve when I can help you.

Wilton.

D. W. Bolton.

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Good musicians do not have the concert first and then tune their instruments. So a Christian will begin the day by tuning the heart of the Word of God and prayer to bring the life, first of all, into harmony with him.—Truth.

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## The Million Dollar Campaign

The Ouachita College Campaign is gaining momentum. Money is coming into the office and is being forwarded to the building committee, and is being used in the erection of two buildings that are to be used for dormitories. Ouachita reports that they have more than 800 students. Many of them are awaiting the completion of these dormitories. It is not at all easy to come through a college year after being late in starting. The buildings should be ready now. The work has been accelerated on these buildings and we need the money

to pay off. Send your check to us as soon as possible.

We must all get under this campaign seriously. Director Whittington has mapped out a good campaign, and is working incessantly and earnestly. Let us lock arms with him and do our best and do it at an early date. Many churches are sending in worthy amounts, but many of them have not yet been able to get around to this item of denominational interest.

Ouachita College must have unanimous support from our Baptist people. Dr. Grant is trying to conduct a clean, high-class institution, and all of us must get into the

fray and make Ouachita second to none, not only in high standards but also in facilities and equipment. More buildings must be erected. Baptists in Arkansas will not be able to keep their chins up if they allow this institution to come into secondary place among the educational institutions of the state and nation. We must put it in the front rank and keep it there.

Now is the opportune time to do this. Now is the time to speed this campaign. Now is the time for our folks to give their money. Now is the time that Ouachita must have substantial support. Let us do it now.

## These and Others Did Their Part

**ERNEST BAKER AND BIG CREEK.** Salem Church sent \$57 on the Relief Offering. Mt. Zion sent \$10. Ernest Baker has been the consecrated pastor and has preached at Mt. Zion. Viola Church also sent \$44 for the Relief Offering.

**BAILEY HILL AND ESCOTT.** Bailey Hill sent two contributions totaling \$174. A. G. Escott has for sometime been the trusted pastor.

**BOONEVILLE FIRST AND GRAFTON.** The Booneville Church has given \$863.53 for the Relief Offering. Do you know Pastor Grafton? He not only preaches but puts a lot of spiritual power in his fine singing. One of the very finest set of deacons back him up in the work.

**COFFMAN AND IMMANUEL GOING STRONG.** Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, gives \$721 for Relief Offering. This is another trophy for Pastor Coffman who has given constructive leadership through the years.

**LAVACA AND SAWYER.** First Church, in Lavaca, has given \$217 on the Relief Offering. Pastor Sawyer laid it on their hearts and they responded nobly like many others are doing.

**LONGRIDGE AND FINNEY.** Pastor Finney of the Longridge Church led his congregation in sending more than \$50 for the Relief Offering. Finney also led Union Hall to give \$12 for the Relief Offering.

**WALTER WATTS AND GOULD.** The Gould Church as was mentioned in a previous issue of the paper made a splendid offering for World Relief. Rev. Walter Watts was the pastor when the money was raised. We did not state this fact in the write up. Watts deserves much credit for his untiring efforts in all the kingdom work.

**YELVILLE AND O'NEAL.** W. B. O'Neal has been pastor at Yellville, and they have given \$26 for World Relief. He has also

been the pastor at Flippin, and they have given more than \$30 for World Relief. O'Neal has also led New Hope to give \$11 for Relief and Rehabilitation.

**GRAND AVENUE AND BRYANT.** Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, sent \$343. J. E. Bryant is the steady, dependable leader and pastor.

**ANTIOCH, BLOOMING GROVE, EROS, NORFORK AND BRUNO.** Antioch was pastorless during the second quarter but they gave \$10 for World Relief, and Blooming Grove did likewise. Eros gave \$4.50, Norfork gave \$22.00, and Bruno gave \$46.00.

**KEELING AND JUDSONIA.** Judsonia has not been the "same place" under the aggressive leadership of Pastor Keeling. This man knows the Bible and is a great preacher. This good church and pastor gave over \$318 for World Relief.

**PILLOW AND MOARK.** S. R. Pillow has been one of our greatest preachers, and especially among our rural churches. He has been pastor at Moark, and that rural church has sent more than \$90 for World Relief.

**ALLISON AND OAK GROVE.** Oak Grove Church is another one of our loyal, live-wire churches. J. A. Allison has been faithfully leading them. They gave \$30 for World Relief.

**HUNT AND POCAHONTAS.** Pastor W. H. Hunt is the earnest, faithful, aggressive pastor at Pocahontas. They sent \$226 for World Relief.

**WILKERSON AND RAVENDEN SPRINGS.** Ravenden Springs is prospering under the leadership of Pastor Wilkerson. They have an assembly program every summer at Ravenden Springs. This good church has sent more than \$40 for World Relief.

**REYNO AND FREEMAN.** Here comes P. O. Freeman again. This time as the faithful pastor of Reyno church. Not Reno, Nevada.

It is a better place. This church sends more than \$26 for World Relief.

**SHILOH AND JUSTICE.** Pastor O. L. Justice is at Shiloh church in Clay County. They sent more than \$28 for World Relief.

**BUSBY AND SUCCESS.** We have a town by the name of Success, and the pastor is James Busby. The Success Church under the leadership of successful Busby sent \$45 for World Relief.

**BIGGERS.** The church building burned at Biggers and they are building a new edifice, but they sent \$39 for World Relief. New Hope has also been pastorless, but they sent \$10 for World Relief.

**NELSON AND TROY.** The church at Troy has been under the leadership of Loyce Nelson. What a splendid work he has done with this good people. Among other things the church has sent more than \$27 for the Relief Offering.

**BRADLEY, CANFIELD AND SMITH.** Pastor G. W. Smith is a leader of no small ability. He is pastor at Bradley and at Canfield. In the Relief Offering, Bradley gave \$80 and Canfield gave \$31.

**FOUKE AND EVERITT.** Charles Everitt for sometime was the leader of the people in Fouke. This good church has responded with \$100 for the Relief Offering.

**GENOA AND MIDKIFF.** A year or two ago we went with Buddy Midkiff to his church at Genoa. We learned to love him and his fine people. He makes them a splendid leader. Genoa gave \$10 for World Relief. Somebody told us some time ago that he was leaving them, but that church will always do good.

**LEWISVILLE AND ROYAL.** J. W. Royal, until recently a chaplain in the army, has become the pastor at Lewisville. Lewisville sent \$179 for the Relief Offering.

**VAN BUREN AND JORDAN.** It would be difficult to find a greater preacher than Pastor T. H. Jordan. He is now pastor of the First Church in Van Buren, and they sent nearly \$400 for World Relief.

(MORE RELIEF GIFTS LISTED ON PAGE SIX)