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ARKANSAS

Baptist

NEW YEAR  
RESOLUTIONS

JANUARY 2, 1958

# Arkansas All Over

## Ordinations



MR. HIME

HAROLD H. HIME was recently ordained to the ministry by Central Church, Magnolia. Mr. Hime, a graduate of Southern State College, has accepted the pastorate of Bradley Church. He recently returned after two years Marine Corps service.

Dr. Loyd L. Hunnicutt, Central pastor, was moderator; Charles R. Baskin, Central Mission, clerk; and Harold Bennett, Texarkana Beech Street, preached the sermon.

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VILLAGE CHURCH, Greene Association, ordained their pastor, Stanley Smith, to the full gospel ministry December 8. Marvin L. May led the questioning and H. W. Johnston preached the ordination sermon. The charges were brought by Johnnie Lemmons.

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LAMAR WATKINS, 25, former Ouachita star, has been named to succeed R. D. "Rab" Rogers as the college's head football coach. Rogers, who resigned after Ouachita's last game last season, will stay on as athletic director and baseball coach. Watkins quarterbacked the 1953 Tiger team and was coach at Norphlet High School before coming to OBC as assistant last spring.

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MRS. JOHN S. OLIVER, Southern Baptist missionary to Equatorial Brazil, whose husband was killed recently in a plane crash, is returning to the States and may be addressed c-o Mrs. Pearl Winters, Route 5, Box 125, Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Oliver is the former Virginia Winters, native of Leslie.

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PROVIDENCE CHURCH, Washington-Madison Association, has allocated 24 per cent of undesignated receipts to missions in 1958, according to Walter Jesser, pastor. The increase is 6 per cent over last year's budget.

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JESSE REED, state evangelist, recently held a revival in Elizabeth Church, Big Creek Association. There were five additions.

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LYNN WEIR, a native of Fayetteville, has been called as pastor of Johnson Church, between Springdale and Fayetteville. While attending Oklahoma Baptist University, Mr. Weir pastored Marshall Church, Marshall, Okla.

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T. D. BROWN, who served as executive secretary of the Arkansas State Convention in 1929-30, has resigned as head of the New Testament Department of Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School, Pineville, Ky., and has moved to Anderson, S. C., where his son, Tom Brown, is a pastor.

## Testimony from Texas

"I DON'T want to miss a copy of your fine paper," wrote Mrs. H. F. Vermillion, Eastland, Tex., in sending in her ARKANSAS BAPTIST subscription renewal. Mrs. Vermillion's late husband served a number of churches in Arkansas and was state evangelist in 1909 and 1910.

SIX ARKANSAS counties account for 31 per cent of the students enrolled at Ouachita College. Pulaski leads with 102 students, followed by Clark with 69. Union county is next with 39 and Sebastian and Jefferson counties follow with 32 students each. Garland county has 31 students enrolled. A total of 67 counties are represented among the 884 students. Missouri and Texas make up 34 per cent of the out-of-state enrollment of 130 students. Twelve foreign students enrolled come from Brazil, Cuba, China, Guam, Israel, Korea and Hawaii. Three hundred seventy nine are attending with the aid of scholarships. Forty-five received honor scholarships, 15 R.O.T.C., 23 music, and 25 athletic scholarships.

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D. C. McATEE, Arkansan now pastoring 1st Church, Lanett, Ala., has been elected moderator of his association. He also was named chairman of the evangelism committee and chosen to preach the annual sermon next year. Mr. McAtee, a member of the Alabama State Executive Committee, reports that Bruce H. Price, 1st Church, Newport News, Va., president of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference and another native Arkansan, will be in Lanett for a revival April 6-13.

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By L. D. Eppinette

## Trinity Association News

TWO PASTORS have resigned churches in our association. They are: D. B. Beasley, Marked Tree, to accept a call to Weaver, Ala.; Dorsey L. Crow, Faith.

Four churches and one mission are without a pastor. They are: Black Oak, Faith, South McCormick and Valley View Churches and Harrisburg Mission.

A total of 615 attended the M-Night program in Lepanto. Trumann Church won the attendance banner with 104.

Pleasant Grove Church has installed beautiful new church furniture and is planning some additional interior decorating. Lepanto Church plans to occupy a new educational building soon.

Eight additions to the church by baptism and two by letter were received during the recent revival in Weiner Church.

## Dr. Queen Named Teacher at Southern

J. F. QUEEN, chaplain at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital for the past 13 years, is being added to the faculty at Southern Baptist College beginning with the second semester, January 27, on a half-time basis.



DR. QUEEN

Dr. Queen received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at Ouachita College. He was graduated from Ouachita with the A. B. degree and from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, with the Th. M. degree. He has held pastorates at DeQueen, Prescott, and Hot Springs.

Dr. Queen is a Rotarian. He served as a member of the Ouachita College board of trustees for 10 years and also has served as a member and as vice president of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He delivered the annual sermon at the state convention in 1944.

Dr. Queen was active in the organization of Southern Baptist Hospital Chaplains Association and served as president of the organization for two years and also was secretary-treasurer for two years. During his 13 years at the hospital, he taught Bible to more than 1,000 student nurses.

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CHURCH LETTERS of the White County Association reveal: Sunday school increase of 23 per cent; VBS, 41 per cent; WMU, 49 per cent, and brotherhood, 45 per cent.

## ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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# Soul Winning Commitment Day

ARKANSAS CHURCHES will join with others throughout the convention area Sunday in an intensive campaign to enlist soul winners during 1958. Aim of Soul Winning Commitment Day is: "Every Baptist a soul winner."

The objective of the commitment day is to lead every member of every church to make a personal commitment to witness consistently to the lost concerning Christ as Saviour and Lord, and to make every possible effort, through training, prayer, the empowering of the Holy Spirit and the use of the Word, to become a personal soul winner.

"This commitment day can be one of the most historic days in the history of Southern Baptists," said Dr. I. L. Yearby, secretary of the Department of Evangelism.

"This movement to enlist the total membership of our churches in personal soul winning is one of the most ambitious undertakings Southern Baptists have ever attempted.

"It is one of the greatest potentials in evangelism that has ever been projected in our Southern Baptist Convention. We earnestly appeal to every pastor and every member of every church to cooperate heartily in this great program."

Emphasis on soul winning by the Southwide Department of Evangelism and the various state departments is preparatory to the continent-wide Baptist evangelist crusade in 1959.

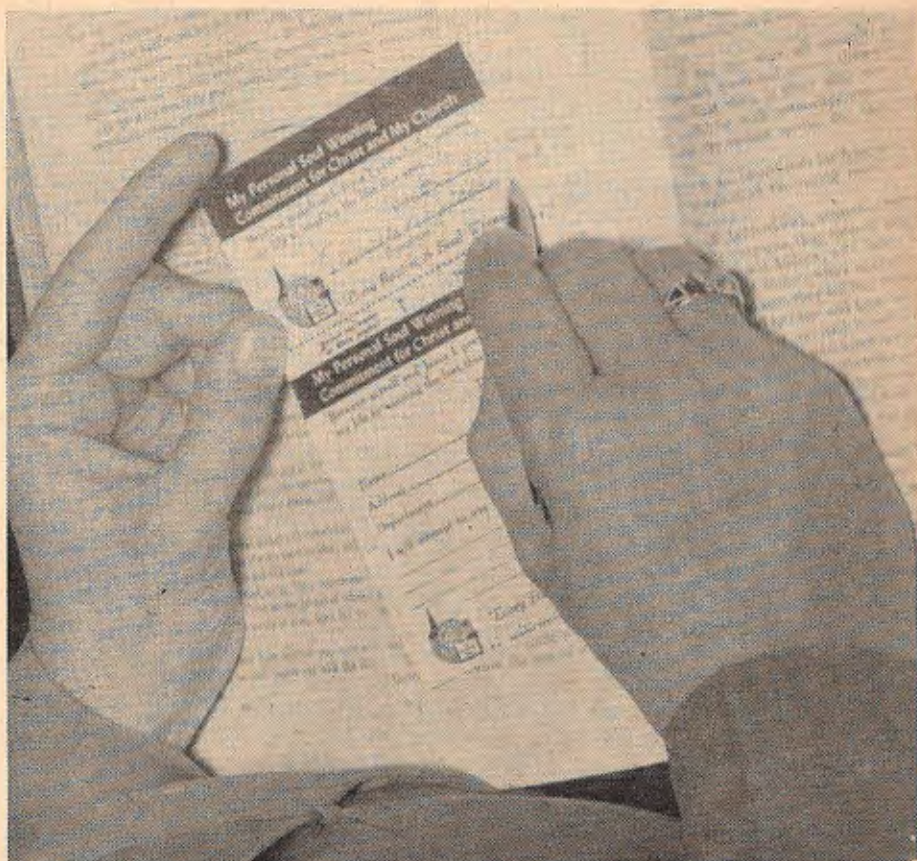
It was pointed out that this effort puts tremendous responsibility upon pastors to lead and train their people.

"The first problem in evangelism is the soul winner," Dr. Yearby reminded. "Jesus did not urge us to pray for the lost first. He urged his disciples to pray the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest."

"We are persuaded that there are more lost people who are willing to be won to Christ than there are Christians, Baptists in particular, who are willing to try to win them to Christ.

He described Arkansas churches as "an assembly line whose finished products are delivered in Heaven. Our raw materials consist of more than two-thirds of the population of our state. Our churches are not established institutions in our communities like banks and post offices; they are mission stations out on the frontiers of faith. They are outposts of Christianity surrounded by an unbelieving mass of lost people."

In urging every Arkansas Baptist to give prayerful consideration to the soul winning pledge, Dr. Yearby stated: "The most sublime task God has ever entrusted to believers is the winning of the unsaved to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the chief ways of doing this is



MORE THAN 100,000 Arkansas Baptists committing themselves to soul winning during 1958 is the goal set for Sunday, January 5. Here Lynville Yielding, training union director for Baring Cross, North Little Rock, pledges himself to winning the lost during the new year.

through personal testimony of those who are Christians to those among us who are lost.

"This is every Christian's obligation. It is not optional, it is obligatory."

The following were suggested as commitment day procedure for the various churches:

### COMMITMENT DAY SUGGESTIONS

● Place commitment cards in the hands of every member before the services on Sunday, January 5. Have extra cards for the services on this day of commitment. Commitment cards can be secured from the Baptist Book Store.

● The pastor should preach on subject of personal soul winning and make strong appeal for members to sign the commitment card.

● At close of sermons on commitment day, morning and night, there should be a period of prayer and decision. Ask every member to sign the commitment card, writing names of unsaved people for whom they are especially concerned on the card.

● Those who have signed should be asked to come to the front of auditorium for prayer of dedication. (Before the prayer the pastor will have oppor-

tunity to appeal to other church members to make the commitment and join those already committed.)

● Pastor should begin immediately a training class for those who have pledged themselves to soul-winning teaching the technique of how to win souls to Christ.

● Give names of prospects to everyone.

● Pray and lead everyone to constant prayer for guidance and power.

● Send them out two by two to definite prospects, and train them to use their unexpected opportunities to witness for Christ.

● PINE BLUFF Ministerial Alliance has selected February 16 as Arkansas Boy's Industrial School Chapel Fund Sunday. A special appeal will be made for funds to help in the construction of a proposal building at the school.

● DAVID CUNNINGHAM, Ouachita senior, has been engaged by 1st Church, Cullendale, on a temporary basis to work with the youth of the church and to direct the music.

● DUTCH MILLS Church has put the Arkansas Baptist in the 1958 budget.

## "Why call ye me, 'Lord, Lord' . . . ?"

"Phenomenal numbers are in the 'Lord calling' business but therein is part of the trouble," declared Dr. Roy O. McClain, Atlanta, on the Baptist Hour, November 24.

"To call Him 'Lord' is one thing; but to serve Him as Lord is altogether something else. Ninety-six percent of all the criminals in Sing Sing Prison, by their own confession, believe in God, but what kind of God do they serve? . . . The easiest thing in religious life is to say 'Lord, Lord'; the hardest thing to do is to live as though He were the Lord of all life. The chasm between is what Jesus called hypocrisy . . .

"No person is saved just for the sake of so being; instead, he is saved to be of service . . . Now we must reckon with a sickening conclusion: if 100 million people in our nation claim membership in church or synogogue, how must one account for so much darkness among us? If 100 million lamp posts line the lanes of life, then from whence comes this midnight over our world?

"How about the darkness of social drinking which hovers in volume and intensity? . . . We sanction the free use of alcohol in the system of man and at the same time stand aghast at the crimes done by its end effects. Little wonder that Jesus said, 'Why call ye me, "Lord, Lord?"' . . .

"Despite the fact there are more Bibles lying around the house than ever before, more religious bric-a-brac, more prayers being said, our homes are in many cases totally devoid of true Christian spirit. They become a place to wait in while someone else is using the car. Family altars are being erased by the mad rush to the television set. Our children have been robbed by the disciplining hand to whom a firm and resounding 'No' would sound like Greek.

"In some of our larger cities juvenile delinquency has risen 165% in the last 12 months. Three out of four boys and girls have dropped out of church and Sunday school by the time they are 17 years of age . . . Is it the lack of religion in the public schools? Is it the fault of the church? . . . Most of the answer lies at the doorstep of the home. It originates with Mom and Dad. The real delinquents are not the young people but our fathers and mothers . . . When parents can consistently drive past the church to their favorite haunt on God's Day, why should we suddenly be dumbfounded when the children want to by-pass the church for any other half-legitimate reason?"

Southern Baptists by the millions have deserted the Lord's house on the Lord's day and are going their own way. This is not to say that God can be worshiped only in church on Sunday. He must be worshiped at home, at the office, in the fields, in the mines, in the mills, at work and at play. But if we are to serve God seven days a week we cannot afford to deny ourselves Sundays well spent in worship and Christian service.

As we begin a new year the threat of impending disaster for our civilization hangs as a black cloud on the horizon. The year 1958 may be a year of doom and the most of us may be numbered among the dead and the missing, casualties of atomic war, before the year has passed. But there is a silver lining even to this cloud. From far above the orbit of man-made satellites comes the unfailing invitation of Jesus Christ our Lord: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Mt. 11:28).

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
 "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."  
 "He said to me: 'Step out into the darkness and place your hand in the hand of God; That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way!'"

## Personally Speaking . . .

### Are You a Killer?

HAVE YOU ever killed someone, deliberately and cold-bloodedly? Have you known what it is like to try to live under



the strain of a constant dread of having those who know you and trust you find out that you are a murderer? Do you know how long a day can be and how dark a night when you are living with the conscience of a murderer?

MR. McDONALD I do. Or, I did. And

I am not talking about a vicarious experience via shoot-'em-up television. It was far more real than that, although it may have had its beginning in the subconscious impact of a TV show.

In the middle of a recent night it suddenly dawned on me that I was a murderer, I had taken what I did not have the power to give — a human life. Nobody knew it but me. My friends were still accepting me for what I was outwardly. But there was the constant fear of giving my terrible secret away through some new clue others might discover. But the greatest depressant of all was the burden of the crime itself.

I suppose all of this torment lasted but a moment, but it seemed an eternity. Yes, you have guessed it. Then I woke up and had the blessed relief of realizing it was just a horrible dream.

But there are many killers among us. If the world stands throughout the year that is just beginning, and even if we escape war, many, many thousands will take the lives of fellow human beings. Husbands will kill wives, and wives will kill husbands. Children will kill parents; parents will kill children.

Some will kill in anger, some in self-defense or in defense of others. Some will kill to satisfy inordinate desires for lustful indulgence, some for plunder and pelf.

Thousands upon thousands will kill not with guns or poison or daggers, but with high-powered automobiles on open highways and streets.

Many of those who kill will have no conscience pangs — for seared consciences no longer function. Their only fear will be that of being found out. Many will say, "I would not have done it if I had not been drinking."

Every one who hates, who covets what is not his own, who lies, who steals, who does not love God and his fellow man — every one who takes into his body that which will impair his judgment, his reason, his moral, mental and spiritual control, is a potential killer.

The safest thing we can do in 1958 is to yield the reins of our lives completely to Jesus.

—Erwin L. McDonald

# Missions in Our Judea, Among Mexicans

By JOHN D. GEARING  
(Association Missionary)

"The Braceros were coming" was the thought that was constantly on the mind of the missionary. What did we have to do to get ready for the 12,000 to 15,000 Mexican workers that would soon invade our county for the purpose of picking cotton?

A new work started for these people last year was not sufficient. Many things had to be added and greater plans made. The pastors of our association were cooperative, allotting \$500 for this work.

This amount would permit only a limited program, much more had to be secured. An appeal was made to the WMU, Brotherhood, RA, GA, and Vacation Bible Schools of the churches for them to buy the needed literature in Spanish, such as tracts, New Testaments, Bibles, etc.

The American Bible Society and the Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, were generous. Other gifts made it possible for us to spend over \$1,600.

The Home Mission Board made it possible for missionaries to come to Mississippi County.

We had six Spanish-speaking preachers for a period of two weeks each, one

for six weeks, and one for one week.

Visits were made to the bunk houses every night. On rainy days we distributed tracts, portions of the Scripture, New Testaments and words of personal witnessing. Regular church services were held at different churches one or two nights a week and on Sunday the schedule was full.

When the work was finished, over 18,000 tracts were distributed, 4,000 Gospels of John and Luke given out, over 900 New Testaments were issued to new converts, and about 40 Bibles were given to those baptized.

The names of the new converts and those that were baptized have been forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board for a follow-up of the work by the missionaries in Old Mexico.

Word has been received from some of the converts that have already gone home. They have united with their local Baptist Churches and have gone to work for Christ. Two have surrendered for special Christian service as preachers.

Yes, our mission project started in "Judea," but it has now spread to the "utmost part of the earth."



A SPANISH-speaking preacher with the Home Mission Board deals with a Mexican cotton picker, in Arkansas' Mississippi County for the harvest season.

## 'New Life for You'

"New Life For You" will be the theme for the Baptist Jubilee Advance year of emphasis on evangelism in 1959. This decision was made by the committees on evangelism and publicity when they met recently in Louisville, Ky.

Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, Tex., secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board of SBC, is evangelism committee chairman, and R. Dean Goodwin, New York City, director of communications for the American Baptist Convention, heads the publicity committee.

A day of prayer was set for June 1, 1958, when Baptists all over North America will be asked to pray for understanding of the meaning of being lost, of the meaning of the gospel, the empowering of the Holy Spirit for witnessing, for salvation of the lost, for an increased measure of love for fellow Christians, and evangelization of church members. December 31, 1958, will be a second day of prayer when churches meet to pray for evangelization of America in 1959.

Evangelism by television will be a part of the Advance program. The committees voted that the seven Baptist bodies in the Baptist Jubilee Advance participate in production, distribution, and use of a 13-week series of programs that will deal with common spiritual problems, in the first three months of 1959. Viewing parties in churches and homes are expected to bring non-church people to see the films, and to provide opportunity for witnessing.

## BJA Theme for 1959

A mission to the academic community will be another part of the evangelism thrust in 1959. This will be an effort to reach faculties through weekend retreats and to reach students through visiting workers on campuses of the schools.

A three-day prayer meeting for leaders of the Baptist Jubilee Advance and for directors of evangelism in the seven Baptist bodies taking part in the Advance will be held on the campus of Southern Seminary, Louisville, June 18, 19, and 20, immediately following the American Baptist Convention in Cincinnati.

## State Board 'Looks With Favor' On Survey

The State Executive Board "looks with favor" on a survey of state Baptist work by a professional management consultant firm.

The executive board took its stand at its December meeting. It deferred final action pending a report on the proposed survey from its newly-elected executive secretary, S. A. (Jack) Whitlow.

If Arkansas conducts a survey of its convention operations, it will be the fifth Baptist state organization to do so. Baptists in Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Kentucky recently voted in separate actions to have their operations surveyed.

## Editor of 'Beam'

ALVIN SHACKLEFORD, recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary, has been named editor of *The Beam*, monthly publication of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.



Shackelford operated the Commission's offset printing equipment from September, 1955, until his graduation from the seminary with a B.D. degree in July. He also holds a journalism degree from the University of Georgia and an A.B. degree from Mercer University. He served as editor of the student newspapers at both universities and is a member of Sigma Delta Chi—professional journalism fraternity.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Shackelford of Carrollton, Ga., he served as pastor of the Glenloch Baptist Church during his college days. Before coming to the Commission, he was a sports writer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. *The Beam* is currently a 32-page, two-color magazine with a circulation of 20,000.

"We hope to double the circulation of *The Beam* within the next six months," Director Paul M. Stevens stated in connection with the announcement.



Round-Up of

# World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

A GROUP of businessmen in Spokane, Washington, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission to operate a 50,000-watt commercial station that would promote evangelism. It would be one of the most powerful stations operated by a religious group in the U. S. Christian Services, Inc., the applicant, comprises members of conservative Protestant churches in the Spokane area. The proposed station would be a standard commercial broadcasting station supporting itself through the sale of advertising time. Twenty per cent of the air time would be devoted to evangelistic broadcasts.

ALBANY — The voters of New York approved a constitutional amendment which legalizes bingo games operated by religious, charitable, fraternal and similar non-profit groups. Each city, town and village will be permitted to decide whether bingo shall be legal within its boundaries, however. New York is the ninth state to legalize bingo and similar games of chance.

MIAMI — The Gideons, International dedicated 100,000 Bibles at a service in Miami before placing them in more than 500 south Florida hotels and motels. It was the largest number of Bibles ever given away by the organization in a single area at one time.

NASHVILLE — The Southern Baptist Handbook for 1957 shows there are approximately 21,500,000 Baptists in the world. North America has over 19 million, Europe more than a million, Asia more than 700,000.

TORONTO, CANADA — Fifteen ministers of the Southern Baptist Convention in the United States will conduct two-week revival campaigns in southern Saskatchewan early next year. The campaigns will be part of a five-year program of the Baptist Union that seeks to build 50 new churches in western Canada.

NEW YORK — Dr. Frank W. Price, director of the Missionary Research Library maintained by the National Council of Churches, reports that 26,379,142 copies of the Bible were distributed throughout the world last year. This figure is almost one million more than were distributed or sold in 1955.

EMPORIA, Kan. — Clergyman affiliated with the local Ministerial Association said they would discontinue paid church advertisements in the *Emporia Gazette* as a result of the paper's new policy of publishing liquor ads. The *Gazette*, founded in 1895 by the late William Allen White, ran the first liquor ads in its history last November 1.

BUCK HILL FALLS, PA. — About 500 hand-picked high school students from the United States and Canada attended a series of seminars on Alcohol and Adolescents, sponsored by an

## Moody Institute Plans Anniversary

MOODY BIBLE Institute is now gathering and organizing historical material on D. L. Moody in preparation for the coming 75th anniversary of the school in 1961. Particularly wanted are original letters, photographs, clippings and similar material concerning Moody and the early days of the Institute.

They are also seeking information on Moody's activities in the U. S. Christian Commission during the Civil War, his YMCA work during the Spanish American War, and his Chicago campaigns of 1876 and 1893. If possible they would like to obtain voice recordings of Dr. R. A. Torrey and Dr. James M. Gray. All information should be sent to Bernard R. DeRemer at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

## Missionaries' Child Dies of Leukemia

RONALD WHALEY, three-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Whaley, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan, died of leukemia December 5 in Tokyo. Funeral was December 8, in Kokura, where the family lived until a few months ago.

Ronald became ill shortly after Christmas, 1956. In addition to his parents, Ronald is survived by a sister, Rebecca Ellen, almost two.

The Whaleys address is 65 Sawawataru, Kanagawa-ku, Yokohama, Japan.

interdenominational organization called Allied Youth Incorporated. The organization offers teen-agers a program of "Fun Without Drinking" which includes various community activities in addition to alcohol education.

NEW YORK — In spite of reports linking smoking and lung cancer, Americans are buying more cigarettes than ever. If the estimated January to July consumption of cigarettes is maintained for the rest of the year, the annual total will be 405 billion. Last year it was 392 billion. The record was 394 billion in 1952.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. — The General Council of the American Baptist Convention went on record as disapproving the inclusion of a religious question in the 1960 federal census. It said such a question would violate the separation of Church and State. (The Census Bureau has been considering asking the question, "What is your religion?" It is obligatory for a person to answer any question in the census questionnaire.)

NORTH CAROLINA Sheriffs Association has made a list of 51 publications it considers obscene, and has asked local police authorities to rid all newsstands of these items throughout the state.

A JOINT checking account is a device that allows your wife to beat you to the draw.

Letters to the Editor

## THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Dear Mr. McDonald

The Home Mission Board, in annual session in Atlanta on December 4th, voted to extend to you and to the Arkansas Baptist its sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation you have given to the publication and promotion services of our Board, and to our missionaries, in presenting items of news and educational value to your constituency.

We recognize that the state papers are vitally important to the support and the promotion of every phase of our denominational life. We are indeed grateful that you are doing such a good job in your state.

Expressing our very best wishes for the coming year.

Your sincerely,  
MRS. CLINTON H. WHETSTONE  
Recording Secretary

## Proposed 1959 Budget Hiked to \$17½ Million

NASHVILLE —(BP)— The recommended Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget for 1959 is \$17½ million, \$1 million greater than the budget for 1958.

The Executive Committee has approved the 1959 budget and will recommend it to the convention next May in Houston.

The budget includes \$15 million to meet the needs of Southern Baptist boards, commissions, seminaries, and operating expenses. This is \$2 million higher than the 1958 amount.

The Foreign Mission Board operating budget for 1958 is \$5,085,250. Its proposed operating budget for 1959 is about \$400,000 greater. However, the proposed amount for foreign mission capital needs in 1959 is \$400,000, which is only two-thirds of the capital needs allotment for 1958.

The capital needs allotment for Golden Gate Seminary would be increased to \$2 million in 1959. Its capital needs allotment for 1958 is \$1,256,433.

Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., for 1958, has been allocated only an operating budget of \$110,000; for 1959, the proposed allocations would be \$192,500 for operations and \$200,000 to meet capital needs.

TWO HUNDRED Protestant leaders from thirty-five countries are gathered (December 28-January 8) in the new African nation of Ghana to discuss current developments in the missionary activities of the Christian churches. The occasion is the Assembly of the International Missionary Council at the University College of Ghana. The Assembly, which meets quadrennially, is the governing body of the Council. Present are delegates and consultants from the 35 missionary or national Christian councils that constitute the membership of IMC. The member group in the United States is the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches.

## Prime Minister of Canada to Speak

JOHN G. Diefenbaker, prime minister of Canada, has agreed to speak on "Bases for World Peace" at the Sunday evening sessions of the 5th Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto June 27-July 2, 1958.



MR. DIEFENBAKER

Both Mr. and Mrs. Diefenbaker are Baptists. Mrs. Diefenbaker, daughter of a Baptist minister, will address the women's meeting.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has been influential in international affairs for more than two decades, including membership of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations.

Mr. Denny said an international choir is being planned, and representatives from various nations are invited to write Mr. Denny of their ability to sing in the choir.

## Hays Asks For Moral Elements in Labor

NASHVILLE —(BP)— The president of the Southern Baptist Convention called for "integrity in public service" and an emphasis on "moral elements in the unions and in industry" in an address to the December meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.) said these needs were pointed up by the Senate hearings on operations of labor unions.

He said further that "in world affairs there is a challenge equally demanding." Despite "recent successes in the missile field" which "should spur our own endeavors," Congressman Hays continued, "all Christians know that science is not sufficient."

## Student Secretaries Back 30,000 Movement

NASHVILLE —(BP)— State and Southern Baptist student workers have pledged the resources of the Baptist Student Union to help Southern Baptists establish 30,000 new churches or missions by 1964.

The 25 state student secretaries reported that 250,000 Baptist students in 400 BSU chapters may be used to:

1. Assist churches, associations of churches, and states in locating mission points and preaching stations.
2. Help staff survey and census teams.
3. Offer workers and leaders for preaching stations and missions.

# Baptist Crosscurrents

## Moral Re-armament

By RALPH ELLIOTT

CERTAINLY THE Christian welcomes every effort to underscore the needed moral and spiritual stimulation of the citizens of today's world. However a group's claim to fill the need is no guarantee that the fulfillment is fact. Early in the 1900's, Frank N. D. Buchman, a former college professor from Pennsylvania, began a movement among college students and intellectuals which was soon labelled "The Oxford Group," or "The Oxford Movement," because it gained much initial incentive from students on the Oxford campus in England.

More recently the effort has been known by the phrase, "Moral Re-Armament." Though it is an over-simplification of the group's aims, basically the adherents seek to foster a moral ideology for every area of life's relationships — individual to individual, labor to capital, citizen to government, nation to nation. The movement has spread rapidly since the early 1920's and at the present moment is making an effort to gain renewed popularity, emphasis, and financial support in America. Its chief means of reaching the public is through drama. The drama being presented in America, including some cities of the South, is called "The New Phase." It fosters the four ideals of absolute honesty, absolute unselfishness, absolute love, and absolute purity as the means of building a happy, harmonious, and lasting society.

That the emphasis has accomplished much good cannot be denied. If everyone will be absolutely honest, loving, unselfish, and pure, then soon the world will be remade. On the basis of this ideology, people are being asked to give funds and endorsement. Should you give yours?

In an effort to answer the question for himself, the present author made a study of some of the materials used by the group for publicity and instructional purposes. Among the materials used were two books. The first was by the founder of the movement, Frank N. D. Buchman, **Remaking the World**. The second book was written by two converts, Paul Campbell and Peter Howard, **America Needs An Ideology**.

One cannot deny that the aspirations of Buchman's followers are good. However, the effort bespeaks more of philosophical idealism or humanitarian dedication than it does personal commitment to Christ. More attention is placed on group change and dynamics than on individual conversion. Dedication to a wholesome ideal is not Christianity. This shortcoming should cause doubt as to whether one ought to be an advocate of "Moral Re-Armament."

A basic fallacy of such idealism is its belief that high ideals will automatically make better people.

Further question about the effort comes in the constant reference to itself as "fellow revolutionaries" with labor. Though all would desire that prestige, dignity, and voice be given to the laboring man, it is doubtful that the emphasis upon the "revolutionary nature" of organized labor is a basic answer to society's needs.

Another problem with "Moral Re-Armament" is that its impelling motive seems to be that of self preservation-to-save-ourselves rather than the losing of self as the New Testament demands.

"Moral Re-Armament" leaders see this philosophy of theirs as something which embraces Catholics, Protestants, Jews, and Gentiles, Moslems, seventy thousand Buddhist monks and the four hundred million Buddhists of the world — all on the same footing. Any effort to incorporate all must of necessity suggest serious limitations from the New Testament point of view.

One must conclude the thought of the founder of the movement seems to have had a dramatic and dynamic experience in his own life with God through Christ. His effort to derive ideals from that experience as a means of uniting people of all clans of religious and political belief will ultimately fail. Most Baptists will desire to support more worthy efforts through the arms of the local churches.

## Your Main Business

It is the business of every Christian man, whether he be a minister or layman, to be constantly and incessantly talking Christ, not only indirectly but directly; to the servants in his home, to the men he meets on railway trains, to that man with whom he is thrown in touch in his work in life. It is his one business as a Christian man to talk Jesus Christ. Oh, the glory of the lives who have learned that lesson!—*Robert E. Speer*.



# "Rooster Feathers in Washington"

By EUGENE SILER  
Congressman from the State  
of Kentucky

THE WORD "cocktail" originally meant the rear end of a rooster. The word's basic meaning right now could be expressed in the phrase, "Rooster Feathers," according to the make-up of a cocktail, rhetorically and in literal as well.

Much has been said or written about the Washington cocktail party, or Rooster Feathers, as this function has been carried out during the past two decades, particularly after liquor became legalized and glamorized in President Roosevelt's first term. Now when a Congressman is invited out to Rooster Feathers in Washington and the function appears to be tied in with something he should rightly attend, he could always try to get there about the time Rooster Feathers is over. But if he gets in before the tail end of the rooster's tail, then he could very well hunt for some sparkling ginger ale or some good red tomato juice for a little honest nourishment while some of the remaining gigglers are closing up on Rooster Feathers with manifest evidence of drooping feathers and minus any remaining crow after too many ounces of Old Crow.

Sometimes a person may wonder about the historic background or early origin of Rooster Feathers. Did Nero start Rooster Feathers as he worked out his fiddling technique just before the occasion of the burning of Rome? Or did Pontius Pilate establish Rooster Feathers as he considered his final order of execution against the Saviour? Or did Rooster Feathers start

much later, say when Benedict Arnold got some of his friends together during the last week before he carried out his predatory plot? Certainly George Washington had no Rooster Feathers party when he got ready to cross the Delaware in the hour of our country's great crisis. Neither did Rooster Feathers originate with Paul Revere in the early evening of the night of his famous midnight ride. It could never have been invented by Joan of Arc that evening before she rode out to deliver her people yonder in France in their time of great need. These last-named people were serious and effective patriots with sober and far-reaching objectives ahead of them. And none saw fit to have Rooster Feathers in the critical hours of those great undertakings and historic achievements.

Does a Representative, or a Senator, or other high Government official really need Rooster Feathers to sustain him or entertain him in his times of wrestling with the problems of his day and age? The correct answer is No, of course.

Rooster Feathers tends to make women silly and men belligerent.

Rooster Feathers is a friend of frivolity and failure.

Rooster Feathers is an enemy of all serious endeavor.

Rooster Feathers has no ally in heaven, but many good friends in hell.

Rooster Feathers in Washington never gave America her greatness or strength or fame or continuity, but is certainly an effective force to curtail all of these here at the very center of our country's heartbeat.

## THE BOOK SHELF

MANY OF the problems common to young people, involving life decisions, are discussed frankly and from the Christian viewpoint by Clyde M. Narramore in his new book, **Young Only Once**, published by Zondervan at \$2.95.

About appearance, Dr. Narramore writes:

"Day after day a good appearance does make it easier for you to have fun with your crowd; easier to be successful in your work; for, as we read in 1 Samuel 16:7 '... man looketh on the outward appearance.'"

"However, don't miss the rest of the verse... 'But the Lord looketh on the heart.'"

Getting along well at home, as well as away from home, receives emphasis, along with finding one's place in life and in the will of God.

HUNDREDS OF thousands of Southern Baptists will be using K. Owen White's new study-course book, **Studies in Hosea**, as a guide to the systematic study of the prophet who saw through his own broken heart the love of God for wayward, disobedient people. Published by Convention Press, the book is available at the Baptist Book Store.

THOSE WHO like to study the lives of men and women who wielded great influences as Christians and church leaders will want to read Stuart C. Henry's new biography entitled **George Whitefield, Wayfaring Witness**, published by Abingdon Press at \$3.75.

A new study of one of the most prominent figures in America's Great Awakening, the book discloses the secret of Whitefield's powerful appeal to all classes of people.

### Witnessing for Christ To a Taxi Driver

"Thank you, Mr. Parnall, and I have something you might like to read." Our cab had just pulled up to the airlines terminal, and I had spoken these words to the driver as I handed him the fare and a Christmas edition of the Gospel of Luke published by the American Bible Society.

The silence which followed was electrifying. It was most evident that some impression, however slight, had been made on this New York City cab driver who was not accustomed to hearing his name called by his passengers.

He didn't know that while we waited for a red light I had looked over his shoulder to read his name on the dispatch sheet, and then wrote across the face of Luke's Gospel, "For Mr. Parnall."—R. J. Hastings

### Basic SBC Aim: 'Bring Men Closer to Christ'

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Southern Baptists' basic objective, according to an official of the firm which has made management surveys of many Baptist groups, "is to bring men closer to God through Jesus Christ."

H. L. Wilsey, management consultant for Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Chicago, made the statement in an address here. Booz, Allen & Hamilton is currently making a survey of the total Southern Baptist Convention program.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas has employed Booz, Allen & Hamilton to begin a survey of its state work in January. Three other state Baptist organizations — Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas — may use the firm to aid them in surveys of their work.

"The denomination's basic objective," Wilsey continued, "leaves no place for complacency, inaction, or limited or intermittent effort."

EAST TEXAS College, Marshall, Tex., was admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the group's

THIS IS A little late for a review of Helen Topping Miller's **Christmas at Mount Vernon**, published by Longmans, Green & Co., at \$2.50, but is still in time for those who will be interested in having a copy of it for their libraries or who are already thinking of what to give as presents next Christmas.

This is a report of the first Christmas at Mount Vernon after Washington had said farewell to his army and to the Congress and before the father of his country knew that he was not to be left in retirement but was to be called to become the nation's first president.

Other Books Received:

**The Golden Quest of Worship**, by Mary Constance Clapp, Vantage Press, Inc., 1957, \$2.75

**Believe and Know**, by John D. Edward, Vantage Press, Inc., 1957, \$2.

**Minister's Manual and Discipline**, by Warren L. Koon, Vantage Press, Inc., 1957, \$2.75.

**Dust-Covered Dreams**, by R. Kenneth Ellis, Greenwich Book Publishers, 1957, \$2.75

**My Wee Squire**, by Floy Heard Miller, Greenwich Book Publishers, 1957, \$2.50

● CALVARY CHURCH, Benton, has bought the Chamber of Commerce building adjoining the church, for educational space.

# Persecution Prompts Professions

Caixa Postal 121  
Campina Grande, Paraiba, Brazil  
September, 1957

Dear Friends:

It was four years ago that we sailed from New Orleans, but it seems only a few weeks ago. We are due to be leaving for furlough right now, but it will be in June when we go. The Charles Dicksons, the only other missionary family in our state, left for furlough in July. If we were to leave now our state would be without any missionary for nearly a year; so we have asked the Foreign Mission Board to let us remain on the field almost a year over time to meet the needs here. We hope that soon other missionaries will come to this state to help strengthen our forces. Until they do we are trying to "spread ourselves thin" to keep the work going.

Though we keep busy every minute, we wouldn't have it any other way. Our children are growing so fast. Linda will be 11 this month, is at the head of her class in the Brazilian school and also studies her English Calvert Course at home with her mommie as teacher. LaDonna will be 5 next month and enjoys attending kindergarten. Larry was a year old in July and is running everywhere.

Claud recently returned from Recife where he had the privilege for the sec-

ond straight year of helping in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign of the State of Pernambuco. This year was the 8th simultaneous revival promoted by the Pernambuco State Baptist Convention. Without a doubt this is one of the greatest evangelical movements in all of Brazil. This year the revivals were the best yet. There were 83 churches that cooperated and 1,391 people who made profession of faith in Christ. An interesting and a very outstanding factor in this campaign was the persecution of the Roman Catholic Church. But as always their persecution is the best advertisement for our work. All over the city they had banners across the streets advertising the Holy Missions of the Catholic Church.

Then on the 7th of September, Brazilian Independence Day, which is always the big day in the simultaneous revivals and when a great open air meeting, with 10,000 to 15,000 people, is held in the largest park of the city, we received word that it would not be possible to have the meeting there but must move to another location much smaller. Trayson Tennison, secretary of the State Board, had written permission from the city council and from the police as he had had for their other years but the authorities in charge of public parks would not permit the meeting because a faith healer

had been there some time before and with his crowd had ruined shrubs. It is possible that the Catholic Church didn't have anything to do with this but all are convinced that it was another move to hinder the work of the evangelicals in Brazil.

Last year with no organized persecution there were something over 800 professions of faith in the 7th Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign. This year with persecution there were 1,391. Then the case of the open air meeting on the 7th of September. At noon that day, which was Saturday, at a luncheon for all of the pastors it was announced that 339 people had accepted Christ up to that time. Then Saturday night, Sunday and with a few churches who had meetings the following week there were over 1,000 professions.

Pray for us that we may give our best in presenting God's message of salvation. Pray for these people that they may have the courage to face the persecution that all have to face to follow Christ. Pray that our own American people will awaken to the danger that the Roman Catholic Church presents.

Prayerfully yours in the Master's service,

Claud, Frances, Linda,

LaDonna & Larry Bumpus

## Baptist Schools Enroll Record 46,235 Students

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Enrollments in Southern Baptist colleges and schools reached an all-time high with the opening of the fall term in September, according to R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

Total net enrollment for the six seminaries is 5,118; for the 30 senior colleges and universities, 30,830; for the 21 junior colleges, 7,604; for the 12 academies and Bible schools, 2,683. Total net enrollment in Southern Baptist schools is 46,235, about 3½ per cent more than the 1956 total of 44,632.

"In the last five years," said Cornett, "fall enrollments in the 51 Southern Baptist colleges and universities have increased 37 per cent during a period in which the college-age population of the United States has fluctuated very little, after dropping 11 per cent from 1942 to 1952."

During the next 12 years, 1958-1970, the college-age population of the United States will increase about 65 per cent, and that of the South from 50 to 60 per cent, Dr. Cornett predicted.

"The number of college-age Southern Baptists will increase at least 100 per cent, and perhaps as much as 150 per cent," he said.

● IN ANTICIPATION of the 30th anniversary of Dr. Robert Greene Lee as its pastor, Bellevue Church, Memphis, has issued an attractive brochure entitled "30 Glorious Years . . . of a Pastor and His People, 1927-1957."

During his tenure at Bellevue, Dr. Lee has performed 1,344 weddings, conducted 891 funerals, and has seen 22,000 people unite with the church, 7,000 by baptism. The membership of the church has grown from 1,438 to 9,362. A total of \$7,090,072.55 has been contributed through the church of which \$2,018,-726.44 was for Missions.

In a letter of response to the recognition of his anniversary, Dr. Lee wrote:

"In thirty years, my heart has beat 1,136,125,440 times. And every heartbeat has been a throb of concern for your welfare — individually and collectively. Daily thank I my God for the joy and honor of being pastor of a church that has wrought wonderously and now weighs so worthily on God's scales."

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BILLY GRAHAM, on a recent visit to San Francisco, said a giant crusade was being planned because a "spiritual torch in this strategic city . . . could have a tremendous impact on the world." A six-week crusade will be held in the huge Cow Palace arena, scheduled to start April 27.

## Watching Ouachita

### Letters Awarded

TWENTY OUACHITA College football players received letters for the 1957 season, Athletic Director R. D. Rodgers has announced: Paul Fitzgerald, end, Sheridan; Ray Utley, halfback, Cabot; Charlie Byrd, halfback, Andalusia, Ala.; Vernon Brannon, halfback, Cabot; R. C. Lowry, center, Arkadelphia; Curtis Caughlin, end, Arkadelphia; James Rankin, Eudora; Jerry Sparks, Petersburg, Va.

Dan Hanna, end, Arkadelphia; Hollis Labeff, tackle, Smackover; Rodney Holt, end, Arkadelphia; Bobby Faucett, guard, Cabot; John Brownlee, center, Eudora; Phillip Nix, quarterback, Malvern; John Collier, quarterback, Hughes; Larry Renfroe, fullback, Maryville, Tenn.; Fred Helton, fullback, Gadsden, Ala.; Bobby Faulkner, halfback, Malvern; Hunter Douglas, tackle, Little Rock; Joe Young, end, Van Buren.

● FOUR HAMBURG girls, 1st Church members, were killed Dec. 6 in a car-truck accident. Victims were Faith Henderson, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Henderson; Kay Carver, 17, daughter of Lamar Carver and Mrs. Margie Grim; Jimmie Nell Ruff, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burnice Chapman; Myrtle Bunn, 17, daughter of D. R. and Mrs. Jeffie Tull Bunn.

## Negroes Re-elect Guy, Commend Convention

Dr. Fred T. Guy, president of the Consolidated Baptist Convention (Negro) since 1946, was re-elected unanimously at the recent state meeting of the group in Hot Springs.

The convention sent the following letter to members of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

"This letter from the Consolidated Baptist State Convention comes to express to you our very deep appreciation for the moral and financial support that you have given us in our struggle to maintain our religious school, Arkansas Baptist College, in Little Rock.

"The interest your convention is manifesting in helping us carry this burden is indeed encouraging to us. . .

"Furthermore, we wish to commend Dr. (Clyde) Hart for the big role he is playing in this movement to build a bigger and better Arkansas Baptist College. Again we thank you, and pray the Lord's blessings upon you, and upon him."

## New Business Manager Was Treasury Agent

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Richard C. McLemore, Florence, Ala., has been elected business manager of New Orleans Baptist Seminary, succeeding Joe H. Barber, Jr.

Barber resigned to accept the post of business manager of Mississippi State College for Women. McLemore had been senior agent in the Florence office of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service.

## Stetson, U. Florida Announce New Plan

DeLAND, Fla. (BP) — Stetson University here has announced a combined plan of study in which a student may get college degrees both in liberal arts and engineering.

It is a five-year plan of study worked out between the Baptist college and the University of Florida. The program is designed to provide a "sound education in the humanities and the other liberal arts in addition to the basic sciences in the first three years at Stetson."

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### ASSIGNMENT THIS WEEK

It is hoped that each reader is already looking on each contact as a possible God-made chance to help that person to gloryland. Also that he has proven to himself that our Lord's promise to be with those who witness was not an idle promise. It should be borne in mind that the job is two-fold. When you find the person with whom you are in conversation is a Christian, you should feel obligated to help him or her see the need of personal evangelism. In this way you stand a chance to do twice as much good.

—Fisher of Men

## National Council Elects Dahlberg President

SAINT LOUIS, Mo. (BP) — A pastor of a church affiliated with both Southern and American Conventions is the new president of the National Council of Churches. He is Edwin T. Dahlberg, Delmar Church, Saint Louis, described as "the Northern Church with a Southern exposure" in the nominating speech. Though acknowledging himself as a minister in good standing with the Southern Baptist Convention most of Dahlberg's ministry has been with churches in the American Baptist Convention.

The new president's background includes a six-year membership on the central committee of the World Council of Churches and active participation in the 1949-50 movement to bring about the union of the Disciples of Christ and the American Baptist Convention.

Eugene Carson Blake, outgoing president, asked the group "to re-examine theologically the whole council movement and its various programs." He gave as his reason, "Only as we can do this will the great churches still outside our membership, the Missouri Synod Lutherans and Southern Baptists, be willing to reconsider their relation to the National Council."

● BENTON'S 1st CHURCH is using the Forward Program of Church Finance in an effort to increase the level of individual giving. A 47 per cent budget increase for '58 was recommended by the committee.

● A MISSION work will be begun by 2nd Church, Hot Springs, February 1, when the congregation gets possession of a building purchased from the Church of God in Vista Heights.

● DR. W. C. DOSTER, professor of English at Ouachita College, was re-elected to the executive committee of the American Studies Association of the Lower Mississippi, in a recent meeting in New Orleans.

## Bible Easier to Read Than its Interpreters

By Ora Spaid

It is hard to improve on the Bible. There is some reason to believe that the Bible itself is easier to understand than the people who try to interpret it.

For the past three years, students in a writing course at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have been making readability measurements of passages of Scripture, articles in the church press, and their own writing.

They have used a readability yardstick developed by Rudolph Flesch, a formula under which the number of words in sentences, the number of affixes in words and the amount of references to persons are counted and you come up with a readability score for a certain piece of writing.

The scores theoretically determine if the writing is easy to read, fairly easy, standard, fairly difficult, difficult, or very difficult. The lower the score, the easier the reading matter.

Measurements taken by three classes give the Bible passages an average readability score of 2.09 — which puts it in the fairly easy class.

The students' writings had an average score of 3.40, putting them in the standard bracket.

Articles in the church press brought an average of 3.56, also in the standard category.

Writing by students and that in church papers vary widely, some reaching into the very difficult class. But the Bible passages stay consistently close to the easy-reading range.

The Lord's Prayer, for instance, has a readability of 1.20, making it easy to read. A Sunday-school lesson on the Lord's Prayer in a church periodical, however, has a readability score of 4.24 — fairly difficult.

The conclusion is inescapable that perhaps churchmen wishing to explain the Bible would do better if they quit trying to explain it and just referred their followers to a reading of the Bible.

(From the Louisville Courier-Journal, quoted in Capital Baptist.)

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## A Zero Christian

By W. B. O'NEAL  
Batesville, Ark.

*"For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds."*

2 Peter 2:8

THE ONLY RECORD of any personal sin, if it was a sin, attributed to Lot before the fall of Sodom, was the choosing of the rich plains of that region and leaving his Uncle Abraham to turn to the harsh mountains for a livelihood. No doubt, many of Lot's critics would have made the same choice. It was the following of a human trait proved through childhood, youth, and old age.

But while living in Sodom, Lot's lips were sealed. His hands were tied. His feet trod the streets, but to no purpose. The only heart that was disturbed was his heart. His soul was agitated, irritated, harassed, afflicted. But not another soul was fired with a conviction of evil nor rent because of sin. Oh, that he had sought God's help and that his bans had been loosed!

I knew a lady, a pure soul, clean and gentle. She had professed when young and had joined a church. She reared her own three children then in her late years and tended the six children of her married daughter with whom she lived. However, she kept rather quiet on the question of religion. She seldom went to church or in any way exercised her spiritual life. She heard her grandson's curse and blackguard. She saw them drunk. She knew them to be the fathers of illegitimate children. She was buried. Around her grave stood her kith and kin with many of her earthly friends but there were none to stand for the Christ she had taken for her Saviour in her early teens.

Of what use is a professed Christian dwelling in the midst of sin but whose lips are sealed, whose hands are tied and whose feet can neither carry him out of it nor lead him to the source of help in a time of need?

Christian fervor is measured by a thermometer like all other thermometers. It has a zero point way down low. If the fervor is only sufficient to keep one from doing evil, he registers up to zero. As nothing comes to nothing, so such a Christian has naught to his credit. From zero upward is the measure of Christian fortitude. Christian consecration, Christian influence, Christian conquest.

Thank God that Lot did not stoop to the follies of the wicked city and that he did keep himself up to zero, but what a difference there might have been had he proven himself as active servant of God.

Lot might have saved Sodom had he been an above-zero Christian.

An Editorial

## On to the Moon

Hysteria generated by the Soviet Russian achievement of launching a satellite is leading many commentators into wild imaginings. A flying *sputnik* is speeding through the outer space at 18,000 miles per hour. As a result we are being regaled about projected "space-ships." It is said that reaching the moon is possible. Some improve on the exploit and project a visit to Mars. All this leaves the rational individual in the cold. It is admittedly a wonderful achievement. It outdoes in reality the fancies of Jules Verne, who prefigured the space ship and H. G. Wells who published a book describing *The War of the Worlds*. But even adventurous science has to be realistic. What have we got now that we have the satellite? It is spinning around the world's orbit, but nobody can stop it. It is in the outer space, but not even the Russians can bring it back in. Sometime, somewhere, it is said, the *sputnik* will get tired and sink into the air belt around the globe where gravitation will pull it down and it will dissolve. The fear generated over this satellite is craven. It is not an instrument of terror or destruction in itself. A sky full of balls would not change human misery. The cost of this satellite is estimated \$3,000,000,000, all of it taken by taxation from the pockets of the Russian workers. The only reason for great concern is the use of a mighty thrust that sent the satellite into the outer space, and that is still earth-bound. Any of earth's engines of destruction can be overcome. Victory is not necessarily on the side of guns, bombs or rockets. That was finally proven in the last war. Defeat is certain when a people are so unfaithful that they are craven with fear. That was what defeated France. Unless we have the moral courage of a true faith it may be the cause of our downfall. There must emerge a strong trust such as is embodied in the 46th Psalm—which you can now read to your profit.—*The Watchman-Examiner*

## Resolutions

By Nina Coombs Pykare

Making promises bright and new  
Is such an easy thing to do.  
Keeping them the whole year through  
Is quite a harder thing to do.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST churches are being asked to give at least 2 per cent more of their total church budgets for world missions through the Cooperative Program. The "Two-Plus" program, as it is known, first encourages churches to budget funds for missions through the Cooperative Program on a percentage basis of their total budgets rather than on a dollar basis. Second, the program encourages the churches to step up their percentages of Cooperative Program gifts through the annual budgets.

MORE TEXAS Baptist adults worship in their churches than any other denomination in the state, according to a survey by the Texas Poll. Director Joe Belden reports that the Baptist share of adult worshippers is 39 per cent. Next is Catholic with 19 per cent. Other percentages are Methodist, 17; Church of Christ, 5; Lutheran, 4; Christian, 4; and Presbyterian 3.

HARVEY'S, a leading Nashville, Tennessee, department store, has inaugurated a yearly one-day event when 10 per cent of all sales will go to the church or synagogue designated by the buyers. The day is Monday preceding Thanksgiving Day each year.

## Convention Asks How Well it's Understood

NASHVILLE (BP) — How well do you understand the programs of the Southern Baptist Convention and the terms used to describe these programs?

An effort will be made to find out how Southern Baptists feel about the convention's business and how well the convention is doing in getting across its various programs of activities.

Messengers attending the 1958 session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Houston will be asked to take part in the survey by answering a group of questions on a form to be distributed there.

● OUACHITA COLLEGE debate team won top honors at the 21st Annual Forensic Tournament of East Central State College in Ada, Okla. Bill Knabe, freshman from Little Rock; and Glen Toler, junior from Searcy, received a superior rating on both school and individual debating.

● MISS IRENE BRANUM, Southern Baptist missionary to Korea now in the States on furlough, has changed her address from Bunceton, Mo., to Star Route, Valles Mines, Mo. Miss Branum is a native of Leslie.

● MISS MIRIAM WILLIS, Southern Baptist missionary to Paraguay, has returned to the States for furlough and may be addressed at 1921 W. Colorado, Dallas, Tex. Miss Willis is a native of Little Rock.

## EVANGELISM

Dr. I. L. Yearby, Secretary

### Recommendations for '58

To promote evangelism throughout our state in this new year, the Department of Evangelism is making the following recommendations to Arkansas Baptists:

1. That every association plan to have a clinic or conference on Evangelism in 1958.

2. That we continue to promote and plan to have Associational Simultaneous Crusades every year and that the dates be set for 1958 by each association as soon as possible.

3. That we accept a goal of 16,500 baptisms for Arkansas in 1958.

4. (a) That throughout the year each church seek to enlist its members in commitment and dedication to become personal soulwinners, (b) That March 2, 1958, be designated as "A Profession of Faith in Every Baptist Church" day and (c) That we plan for "Harvest Day" September 21.

5. That we accept the suggested geographical division of the State with dates for 1959 World-Wide Evangelistic Crusade. Eastern Zone, March 8-22, 1959; Western Zone, April 12-26, 1959. We urge churches in each zone to participate in this crusade.

6. That every church have at least two revivals every year and where practical sponsor a mission revival.

7. That our churches send their pastors to the State-Wide Evangelistic Conference meeting in the 2nd Church, Little Rock, January 27-29.

8. That we make a conscientious effort to reduce our non-resident church membership roll by participating in "Transfer Church Membership" week.

9. That every church have an intensive soulwinning training program in 1958.

10. That evangelism be emphasized in all our associational meetings during the coming year.

### Golden Gate Seminary Enrollment Totals 333

ENROLLMENT FOR the fall semester at Golden Gate Seminary totals 333, with 119 attending the seminary for the first time. The enrollment figure is 9 per cent over last fall's.

President Harold K. Graves reports that four contractors are busy on the new campus, getting it ready for the seminary's occupancy two years hence. Major buildings will be under contract before the beginning of the new year.



DR. YEARBY

## 'Long Bridge' Withdrawn

THE HOME Mission Board has withdrawn the total edition of **The Long Bridge**, a discussion of the Home Mission program of work with the Negroes, which was to have been used for study prior to the March Week of Prayer. The book does not discuss the race issues, but the board felt that it is an undesirable time to study a subject that in scores of societies and churches may be an occasion for bitter disagreements and for harmful divisions. Instead, **Look, Look the Cities**, by Dr. Albert McClellan, will be used for the study. It focuses special attention on city missions.

## BROTHERHOOD

### By Nelson Tull Regional Brotherhood Conventions

THE BROTHERHOOD Department has been working with associational missionaries to clear dates for the 15 regional brotherhood conventions to be held in January and February, prior to the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Brotherhood convention, which is scheduled for February 24 and 25 at South Highland Baptist Church, Little Rock.



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We have asked each associational missionary to submit all clear dates in January and February prior to the time for the brotherhood convention. We have then grouped the associations within each of the brotherhood regions to find a clear date for each brotherhood convention. The dates have all been tentatively set; and we are waiting for any possible conflicts to show before the dates will be finally certified.

Last year all the regional brotherhood conventions were organized but the Central Region, which comprises Pulaski County, Faulkner County, Caroline Associations. The organizational meeting for this region is scheduled for January 31, at 1st Church, Lonoke, at 7:30 p. m.

The Northeast Regional Brotherhood Convention (Current River, Gainesville, and Greene County Associations, and Lawrence County in Black River Association) is scheduled for 1st Church, Pocahontas, February 10, at 7:30 p. m.

The Southeast Regional Brotherhood Convention (Delta, Ashley County, and Bartholomew Associations) will meet with the 1st Church, Hamburg, at 7:30 p. m. January 23.

When the other meeting dates are set, publicity will go out to all pastors, brotherhood officers, and to associational missionaries.

## CHURCH MUSIC

### LeRoy McClard, Director A New Feature For The New Year

THE FIRST week of each month we will give a suggested list of activities for the Music ministry. This is given as a convenience and we hope a help to churches who would like to improve their Music Ministry.

#### JANUARY

1. Organize a Music Council type organization rather than a Music Committee (Consult Church Music Manual or write for pamphlet.) Set a time for the Music Council to meet.

2. Adopt the Standard of Excellence as goal of the Music Ministry. (Write for pamphlet and poster.)

3. Use the Hymn of the Month, "Break Thou The Bread of Life," in every service or worship of every organization. The Hymn of the Month is the same for Sunday School, Training Union and the Music Ministry. A very fine recording of the Hymn of the Month is available through the Baptist Book Store. It is called "Hymns of the Christian Faith" and was recorded by the Southwestern Singers. (Write for Hymn of the Month pamphlet.)

4. Participate in the Associational Hymn Sing.

5. Register choirs for State Festivals in February and March.

6. Register music leaders for Graded Choir Workshop March 13-14.

7. Plan Easter Music Program in detail.

8. Set up weekly program of training for departmental song leaders and accompanists.

9. Order the "Church Musician Magazine" for every church choir member.

10. Conduct church choir officers meeting:

11. Send a copy of the report of Music Activities for December to church clerk, associational music director and state music director. (Use Form CM50 from Baptist Book Store.)

12. Conduct one hymn rehearsal for congregation.

13. Vote to send music director to Southwestern Seminary Music Workshop, Feb. 3-7, 1958. Pay his expenses!

14. Plan church-wide school of music.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Edgar Williamson, Secretary

### Study Course Requirements

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A series of three diplomas and a citation is offered on completion of the study of specified books in the training course. These are: worker's diploma; worker's advanced diploma; master's diploma, and citation.

Four books are required for each diploma and four additional books for each of the three seals. Thus sixteen books are required for the completion of each diploma and the citation, making a total of 64 books. Requirements for all four courses may be obtained by writing your State Sunday School Department for "How to Train Sunday School Workers" and "Workmen Unashamed."

The Sunday School Board makes these requirements for credit:

1. The school must provide 10 class periods of 45 minutes each or the equivalent.

2. The student must attend at least 6 periods and certify that the book has been read or promise to read the book within the next two weeks.

3. The student must take a written examination making a minimum grade of 70.

4. Students who attend all of sessions and read the book are exempted from the examination.

5. The examination may be taken in the form of assigned work to be done between the class sessions, in the class session, or as a final examination.

6. Those who for any reason wish to study the book without the guidance of a teacher will use one of the following methods:

(1) Write answers to the questions printed in the book.

(2) Write a summary of each chapter or a development of the chapter outline.

7. The teacher is given an award on the book taught.

A SUNDAY School class that goes a whole year and doesn't win one person to Christ needs to change its program or its teacher. — J. N. Barnette, Sunday School Board.

## Counselor's Corner

**QUESTION:** A family in our community is reported to have a bad disease. Their little girl has been riding to church with our family and playing with many of our children. The mother seems a little feeble-minded and it is hard for all of us to know how to treat them. Should we continue to pick up this girl or go a long way round in order to avoid passing their house?



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in their house?

**ANSWER:** Consult your family physician but I think your fears about the disease are largely unfounded. I judge you mean some venereal disease.

In the first place, I would be certain that this family has a venereal disease before I pass the word around. If there is any real evidence the county health officer should be consulted to see that the case is cured. He might even be able to tell you how to handle the matter.

Whatever you do, try not to mistreat this little girl. Your Christian witness is at stake and I should certainly hope that the church would do everything possible not to hinder her development. We owe something to such children. God loves the feeble-minded too.

## THREE GREAT TRAINING UNION EVENTS IN 1958

### MARCH — Eight District Training Union Conventions

March 10—N. C. Dist.....	West, Batesville	March 17—S. E. Dist.....	First, Warren
March 11—N. E. District.....	First, Paragould	March 18—S. W. Dist.....	First, Hope
March 13—E. C. Dist.....	First, Forrest City	March 20—N. W. Dist.....	First, Rogers
March 14—Cent. District.....	First, North Little Rock	March 21—W. C. Dist.....	First, Paris

### APRIL 25 — State Youth Convention, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock

BY and FOR Intermediates, Young People, and their Leaders. Chester Swor, Speaker — 100 Intermediates and Young People on Program — Outstanding Youth Leaders — Sword Drill and Speakers' Tournament—Life Interest Conferences.

### SEPTEMBER 30 — Leadership Workshops

LITTLE ROCK — 8 Workshops — Nursery through General Officers. Directed by Sunday School Board.



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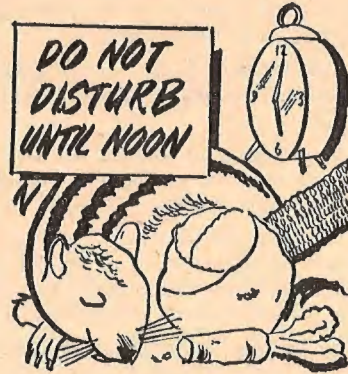
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The Seven Snoozers

By Murray T. Pringle



And what is a bear doing underground? Sleeping! For when winter comes and a deep blanket of snow covers the ground, there is very little food to be had for the wild ones.

But it isn't as bad as it sounds. The forest people have prepared for this lean period by stuffing themselves all during the fall months until they are as round and fat as little fur-covered barrels. By this time the days have grown very cold and, since they are now well supplied with stored up food, the animals start searching for snug places in which to spend the winter.

When a bear is ready for bed, he looks around for a cave or a hollow under a tree, or else he makes a den for himself. Once he has found a place to his liking, he curls up in a ball and takes a nap which lasts from two to six months!

Bruin always enjoys a very cozy nap for, thanks to Mother Nature and his huge appetite, he has accumulated two blankets, each four inches thick. The first, outside blanket is his fur and the inner one is a heavy layer of fat. No wonder he's so comfortable sleeping in the frozen ground; who wouldn't be with eight inches of blanket covering him!

The bear is a member in good standing of that odd club known as the Society of the Seven Sleepers. The other members of the club are the raccoon, chipmunk, jumping mouse, woodchuck, skunk, and ground squirrel.

Mr. Raccoon is a fitful sort of sleeper; he dozes in spurts. If the thermometer rises, he awakens and, if it drops, he goes back to sleep. Unlike the bear and other animals, Charlie Coon doesn't store food. When he is awakened by the first warm days of spring, he often gets hungry. This is the Northern raccoon we're talking about; down South coons don't hibernate at all.

Sleeper number three, the chipmunk, chatters his good-bye to summer with the coming of the first frost and prepares for bed. Chip eats quite a bit beforehand, but he doesn't stop there. He also fixes a pantry in his bedroom. Then when he wakes up occasionally during his long sleep, he crawls out of bed, trots over to his pantry, and finds something nice to eat!

The jumping mouse, who is a very deep sleeper indeed, heads underground as soon as the weather turns crisp and cool. He sleeps alone, tightly coiled, with his long tail wrapped about his body, and snoring away in his warmly lined nest.

When it comes time for the woodchuck to go to bed, you should see him. He has stuffed himself until he has

become one of the fattest little woods people in the world! Like the bear, his coat of fat will keep him warm, and with the help of his warmly insulated nest, Jack Frost can huff and puff and blow but will never freeze Woody Woodchuck!

The skunks who live up North hibernate from two to four months during the winter but, unlike the other club members, Sammy Skunk ventures abroad during mild spells. The youngsters remain with their parents during the fall and winter. When the weather is very, very cold, the whole family curls up together and sleeps till warm weather bids them waken.

And finally there is the seventh member of the Snoozers Club — the ground squirrel. Actually, the ground squirrel should be elected president of the club because he is the sleepingest sleeper that ever was!

All animals who hibernate appear to be dead because their heart beat is very slow, their body temperature drops way below normal, and their breathing is so very slight that you can't even notice it. And that's just how it is with the ground squirrel.

Like his six fellow snoozers, little Mr. Squirrel is hard to wake up once he has drifted off to dreamland. While it's not too hard to waken most other hibernators, trying to rouse the ground squirrel is like trying to waken a boy for the first day of school after summer vacation!

Mr. Squirrel can be pinched, poked, jabbed with a pin, and dropped from a height of several feet to land with a thud on the ground, and even this doesn't waken him! The only sure way to rouse him and other hibernating creatures from their strange sleep is to put them in a warm place. Then and only then do they wake up.

Yes, there are lots of strange groups in the animal kingdom but surely one of the strangest is this odd little club where the chief activity is sleeping — the Society of the Seven Snoozers!

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A Smile or Two

STOUT WAITRESS: "In the bus this afternoon three men jumped up and offered me their seats."

SLIM WAITRESS: "Did you take them?"

TWO WOMEN met on the street after a long absence. Said the first: "Gracious, Susie. I haven't seen you for seven years. You certainly look a lot older."

"You, too, Faye. I would never have recognized you, dear, if it hadn't been for the dress and hat."

"SHE WENT on a strenuous 14-day diet, but all she lost was two weeks." —Dennis Day.

ONE OF THE home town lads wanted a job as a newspaper reporter. After the interview, the editor told him he would be hired if he could write a good headline for the following situation:

"A young couple got a preacher out of bed at 3 a.m. and asked him to marry them. How would you title that?" asked the editor.

"Oh, that's easy," answered the youth. "I'd just head it 'Parson Ties Knot in His Shirttail.'"

SMALL BROTHER: "Ha! Ha! I just saw you kiss Sis."

SUITOR: "Here. Keep still. Put this quarter in your pocket."

BROTHER: "Here's ten cents change. One price to all, that's the way I do business."

TEXAS TYCOON: "Gimme a ticket." AIRPORT AGENT: "Where to?"

T. T.: "Anywhere, son! I am in a hurry, I've got business all over."

Deacon: "Do you think it's possible for a man to make a fool of himself without knowing it?"

Pastor: "Not if he has a wife."

IN A SUNDAY school class discussion of temperance, one mother related that she learned how well she had taught her children the evil of liquor when her youngest, a TV cowboy fan, brought her a picture he had drawn of a cowboy in a saloon.

"But don't worry, Mother," he quickly assured her. "He isn't going to drink anything. He just went in there to shoot a man."

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## The Church's One Foundation

By GERALD T. SMITH  
Pastor, 1st Church, Crossett

January 5

Matt. 16:13-19; Eph. 2:19-22

THE SUNDAY school lessons for this quarter deal with "New Testament Teaching about the Church." This is the first time that so much attention has been given by the Uniform Lessons to the doctrine of the church. This series is tremendously important for most of the troubles in our churches come from the fact that so many people have wrong conceptions of the church's origin, nature, purpose, and mission. This first lesson is a beginning toward correcting and enriching our concept of the church by setting forth its origin and its relationship to Christ.



MR. SMITH

### The People of God

One of the basic convictions of the Early Church concerning themselves was that they were the true people of God who had served themselves heirs to the promises forfeited by "Israel after the flesh." We shall not understand the New Testament conception of the church unless we bear constantly in mind the Old Testament doctrine of Israel as the people of God. The very term for "church," first used by Jesus and then adopted by the early disciples to designate themselves, expresses their claim to be the true people of God, at once old and new.

The Greek word which is translated "church" is "ecclesia." It occurs some 111 times in the New Testament. Formed from a verb meaning "to call out," or "to call forth," the word was quite common in the contemporary Greek language, where it signified "a popular assembly." For the distinctive idea in the word, however, we must go to the Bible of the Jews in that day, the Septuagint, the earliest Greek translation of the Hebrew scriptures. As a rule, in this book "ecclesia" translates a Hebrew word which was the usual term for Israel as the gathered people of God, with the main emphasis falling on the people of Israel as God's people distinct from everybody else, the chosen of Jehovah for his service.

Although the idea of the church is grounded in the Old Testament, like all other ideas rooted there the conception of "ecclesia" is brought to its full fruition and endowed with deeper spiritual significance in the New Testament. A New Testament church may be defined simply as "a body of baptized believers, founded by Christ for the purpose of spreading his kingdom on earth."

### The Church as a Building

The church is described in the New Testament by many figures of speech. It is called the body of Christ (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23), he himself being the head of the body. It is deemed the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:25; 2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 21:2, 9), for whom He shall come again to receive. In our lesson it is especially thought of as a building. A building has a foundation. What is the foundation of the Church?

To find the answer to this, we must turn to one of the most controversial passages in the New Testament: Matt. 16:13-19. Jesus congratulates Peter on his recognition of Jesus as the Messiah and his confession of it. Then Jesus says, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." So rock, a good material upon which to build, is the foundation. But what is "this rock"? The Roman Church holds that it is Peter and uses this passage as one of the main proof texts that Peter was the first pope.

The primacy of Peter is not confirmed in the New Testament. Much sounder is the interpretation which regards the rock not as Peter himself, but as the faith to which he has just given utterance. Jesus declares to Simon that He will found His church upon the rock of Simon's confession of Him as Christ. This must be the meaning of this much-disputed passage. It cannot mean, unless it is to conflict with other New Testament teaching, that the church is to be founded on Peter to the exclusion of the other Apostles and of Christ Himself. The church is built on Christ alone, who can use weak men like Peter (or John or Paul) as stones in his temple, when they confess that he is "the Son of the living God" and trust in his power.

The key to understanding here is the play upon words: "Thou art a stone (petros), and upon this rock (petra) I will build my church." "Petros" means a unit stone, small or large. "Petra," on the other hand, is a ledge or foundation rock. Upon the foundation stone, Peter's personal confession of Christ as the Messiah, Christ will build His church. Jesus is saying, "I now have one stone (petros), you, Simon, ready to lay upon the foundation (petra)." Peter understood and wrote later, "Ye yourselves also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house" (1 Pet. 2:5). All who confess Jesus as Christ become stones to be built into the church.

The Ephesian passage in our lesson speaks of saints, those set apart unto God, as individual building stones which were to support the glorious "building" wherein God Himself would

dwel. In thinking of the "apostles and prophets" as the foundation on which the building rests, Paul is simply stating an historical fact. They were indeed the foundation of the church — the pioneering teachers who had taken the chief part in building up the household of God.

But while Paul gives just due to the apostles and prophets, he is careful to say further that Christ Jesus Himself is the chief "cornerstone." Paul goes on to show that Christ is not only the beginning of the church but that He continues to be the power that holds it together and shapes it and ensures its growth toward completeness. As new tiers of stones are added, the power of Christ orders the harmonious progress of the building into "a sacred temple in the Lord."

No power, not even of death itself, shall be able to overcome "the fellowship that is held in the power of Christ." This is the meaning of the words of Jesus, "And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This is the same thing as to say that death will not have any power over the church. The ties of Christ and His church are not severed by death.

### "The Keys of the Kingdom"

To this "building" created by Christ is committed the administration of the affairs of the kingdom. "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom." The figure is still that of an establishment. In that day the "keys" of an establishment were given to a steward. The steward administered the affairs of the household for his master. The great long keys, which he carried on a belt around his waist, were the insignia of his office. The keys represented the powers of administration.

The authority of the steward was from the master. The steward knew the principles of his master and carried them out. In like manner, the church is to be the administrator in the affairs of the Master here. For the proper administration of affairs, Christ gives the promise of inspiration. He says, in effect, "I'll stand by you when you are acting under these principles which I have given you." In the versions the words translated "shall be bound" and "shall be loosed" should be translated "shall have been bound" and "shall have been loosed." The meaning, then, is that when they act as stewards in accordance with his heaven-given principles, they will find what they do has already been done in heaven, that is, has already been ordained by God. What they do, they will find was inspired of heaven.

Let us remember that it is Christ's church. "I will build MY church." He is the foundation and He is doing the building. Unredeemed man can build towers of Babel, the pyramids of Egypt, the skyscrapers of New York. But only Christ can build a Christian church.