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The Word of Power for a Power Age



Not by might nor by power but
by my spirit, saith the Lord. 1 PETER 4:11

HEAR THE CENTRAL COLLEGE QUARTETTE



THE CENTRAL COLLEGE QUARTETTE: Misses Betty Cooper, Carolyn Sims, Joyce Damon and June Posey, directed by Miss Madelon Lester.

Representing CENTRAL COLLEGE at the ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL COLLEGE

WE RECOMMEND that Central College at Conway be closed, and that the college be moved to Little Rock and opened as a coeducational junior college, called the Central Baptist College, to begin classes at the opening of the fall term of 1947 or as soon thereafter as possible. We further recommend that the Central College Board be authorized by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to dispose of the Central College property in Conway and be empowered to secure in Little Rock a temporary location for the new junior college until such a time as a permanent location can be secured, with the understanding that no debt be incurred upon the Convention. It is further recommended that the Central Board be authorized by the Convention to use funds derived from the disposition of the present Central College property for the development of the new Central Baptist College at Little Rock.

CENTRAL COLLEGE

R. L. Whipple, President

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ARKANSAS

THE SEEKING SAVIOUR

A Devotion By B. H. Duncan

"The Son of Man is come to seek and to save."

I called to see a sick child. Disease had laid hold upon the little fellow. There it lay in the mother's arms, weak and emaciated, a prey to the enemies of life. The doctor was called, he prescribed a remedy, loving hands ministered to the needs of the child, and anxious hearts prayed to God for its recovery. All efforts of parents, doctor and friends were to rescue the little life from the grip of the disease which threatened its life.

Sometimes all efforts fail us and the light of life goes out ere it has scarcely begun.

The disease of sin has laid hold upon the human heart, every human heart. Jesus is the great physician and He has never lost a case which was brought to Him.

Jesus lived among those whom He would save. He touched their lives. He shared their sorrows. He entered into their experiences. He gave them His life. He searched for them by every means of spiritual influence and appeal. He probed their hearts with divine truth. He exerted the energy and power of Deity to save them from their sins.

Jesus has not yet given up the search for lost souls. He is searching for the lost by every word of divine truth, by every holy influence released through His disciples, by every heart prompting of the lost themselves.

And, blessed fact, there are those who are found of Him and saved!

"For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" Luke 19:10.

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Association with the best people in the world, fellowship in forms of service which meet the vital needs of humanity, responding personally and collectively to world calls, experiencing the assurance of the wisdom, strength, and guidance of the Father in all things, and realizing that one invests time, talent, and money not for time, but for eternity—these are some of the returns that come to the Christian who is loyal to his church, who puts Christ above all in both motivation and expression.—John L. Hill in the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

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Across the Editor's Desk

A School in Little Rock

A Baptist university in Little Rock has long been the dream of the denomination. We see Little Rock as a central location, the hub of the state's life. We see in Little Rock a thousand or so potential local students not now being reached by Baptists. We see in Little Rock an opportunity for medical and legal schools in immediate contact with the state's best hospitals and courts. We see in Little Rock limitless opportunities for students to find odd jobs to help pay school expenses. We see in Little Rock a tremendous demand for a four-year college.

Many Arkansas Baptists have seen these opportunities for at least two decades. There have been repeated proposals that Ouachita College be moved from Arkadelphia to Little Rock, but each time financial reverses, sentiment or other factors have prevented.

There are some who have sponsored the idea of beginning a new Baptist school, located in Little Rock. This move has never gained the momentum necessary for its realization, but it has been a factor in the thinking of some Baptists in recent years.

We do not attempt to speak on the wisdom of the current proposal that Central College be moved from Conway to Little Rock, for the State Convention will have acted on it by the publication date of this paper. We do trust that the Lord is leading Arkansas Baptists, whatever the decision.

Your editor joins the hosts of others in hoping for a great Baptist university in Little Rock. How this institution should be started is for the state's Baptists to decide, but we would hope that such a school could be operating by 1950.

Bible Reading

A Worldwide Bible Reading program to be observed between Thanksgiving to Christmas, sponsored by the American Bible Society, is announced by Dr. James V. Claypool, newly appointed director of the society's department for the Promotion of Bible Use.

The Bible-reading program is a plan to get people all over the world to read the same Bible selections daily between the two days, November 28 and December 25, and has as its central day, Universal Bible Sunday, December 8. The theme, selected for the 1946 program is "The Word of Power for a Power Age" and the 28 daily readings feature some of the "Spiritual Pioneers" of the Bible who found in its pages help for the problems that crowded the life of those days.

Last year people in over 20 nations shared in the reading. The program, inaugurated by the Bible Society in 1944, was the outcome of a letter sent by a lonely young marine in Guadalcanal, asking his mother to join him in reading each day, at the same time, a similar passage of scripture.

THOUGHTS ON WAR AND PEACE

In a recent address, Dr. J. R. Grant, president of Ouachita College, stated that wars are growing more costly in men, money and morals. From a Washington bulletin he quoted the following information about four wars:

The Napoleonic Wars, 1796-1815, cost \$1,500,000,000. Men killed, 600,000; cost per man killed, \$2,500.

The U. S. Civil War, 1861-1864, cost \$4,000,000,000. Men killed, 1,000,000; cost per man killed, \$4,400.

World War I, 1914-1918, cost \$186,000,000,000. Men killed, 9,000,000; cost per man killed, \$21,000.

World War II, 1939-1945, cost \$800,000,000,000. Men killed, 16,000,000; cost per man killed, \$50,000.

"The cost of war continues long after the shooting ceases," Dr. Grant added. "War has increased many of our problems such as drinking, divorce and delinquency. The world is sin sick. It has tried almost every cure except Christ. More and more people today are realizing the need of Christian education in our homes, churches and schools."

Another War?

And from a contemporary editorial writer, we learn that Dr. Harold C. Urey, who participated in the development of the atom bomb, says that either the United States must lead in a movement of world cooperation or start preparing for a third world war. Our contemporary then comments: "Without fuss or furor, military authorities are doing just that—preparing for a third world war."

Why is a third world war necessary, Why is it that power politics commands more respect than the people's love for life and peace? Why is it that the governments of the United States, of Britain and of Russia risk war rather than surrender a little of their selfish ambitions to be "the master nation" in the world. Is it not that these nations, and possibly a fourth, are influenced by the same mad philosophy that led the Germany of Hitler to its complete downfall?

Hope for Peace

When is it that these nations cry war unless they can boss world affairs, while the peoples of America, and of Europe and of Russia declare "We want peace"? Is not now the time when the Christian emphasis on individuals, not nations, needs to be considered? Would our troubles not be solved in large measure if the peoples of all the world

"Today science has brought all the different quarters of the globe so close together that it is impossible to isolate them one from another. We are faced with the pre-eminent fact that if civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationship, the ability of all people, of all kinds, to live together, and to work together in the same world, at peace. The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our active doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

might know each other as kindred folk, not as hated Huns or despised Reds?

Cannot the churches so preach the message of Christ and His love that all the world's peoples will sense that love one for another. Modern commerce has made us neighbors; now we must learn to be neighborly.

Defend All

In a new book entitled, "Collectivism Challenges Christianity," published by the Light and Life Press of Winona Lake, Ind., Verne Paul Kaub says: "There can be no political liberty without economic liberty—and neither can exist except through religious freedom which has its highest expression in Christianity.

"Destroy one—the others are imperiled.

"Foster all, and all grow and prosper, grow toward larger freedom, larger liberty, a more nearly perfect social system."

This idea of the indivisibility of all liberties is thoroughly supported by the lessons of world history. We have certainly had abundant proof of it in the late, tragic years. The technique of the dictator states has always been the same. First, political liberty is abrogated. Then economic liberty is destroyed. Finally and inevitably, the state moves in on the church, and the final and most basic liberty dies. And only war or revolution can bring these liberties back.

The principle is simple—there can be no halfway freedom. We will defend all freedoms—or we lose them all.

When we are able to get more of our youth in Sunday School, we will have gone far toward solving one of the most serious problems which confronts us. Full Sunday Schools today may prevent full prisons tomorrow.—J. Edgar Hoover in the Sunday School Builder.

John A. Gilbreath Succeeds Dudley As Baptist State Hospital Administrator

By L. H. ROSEMAN
Vice President Board of Trustees
Baptist State Hospital

At a meeting of the Baptist State Hospital Board of Trustees, held on Thursday, November 7, Mr. John A. Gilbreath was elected administrator, to succeed Mr. John Dudley, who was called to the administrative position at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Houston, Tex.

Mr. Gilbreath has been serving as assistant administrator to Mr. Dudley since coming to the Baptist Hospital last September.

Before assuming his position as assistant administrator last September Mr. Gilbreath had been connected with Hillcrest Memorial Hospital of Waco, Tex. He had also served as Regional Director of Blue Cross Hospital Service in Texas. During the recent war Mr. Gilbreath served as general foreman of a production line in a Waco war plant.

Since coming to the Baptist State Hospital, Mr. Gilbreath has won the respect of all who are connected with the hospital. He is an active and whole-hearted Christian gentleman in every respect, having served Baring Cross Church as choir director for several months while performing his duties at the hospital. The hospital's staff of physicians holds him in the highest regard and has every confidence that he will make a good administrator.

The Board of Trustees of the Hospital wish to commend Mr. Gilbreath to our Baptist people over the state and to all who are interested in the welfare and future of the



Mr. Gilbreath

Baptist State Hospital. We feel confident that he will measure up to all you desire as administrator of our hospital.

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Calvary Church, Little Rock, had 20 additions in evangelistic services with H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, doing the preaching. P. J. Crowder is pastor.

AT TEXARKANA

Group meetings to be held during the meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention include:

RA banquet, 5 p. m., Tuesday, Grim Hotel. Southwestern Seminary banquet, 5:30 p. m., Tuesday, Grim Hotel.

Southern Seminary breakfast, 7:45 a. m., Wednesday, First Methodist Church, Texas, one block north of Grim Hotel.

Ouachita College banquet, 5 p. m., Wednesday, Grim Hotel.

New Orleans Seminary will have a banquet, but time and place are to be selected.

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Hopewell Church, near Corning, had a unique service November 10 on the occasion of the 78th birth anniversary of Former Pastor Knox Belew. The service began with special music followed by a message by Associational Missionary H. W. Johnston, using Romans 8:37 as a text. Dinner was served on the church lawn. In the afternoon Pastor C. F. Gwinup paid tribute to Bro. Belew in a devotion. Singing and expressions of appreciation followed. A large number of those present had been baptized by Bro. Belew. A gift of more than \$150 was presented to him.

Arkansas gave a total of \$29,084.45 to Southwide causes in October according to a report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of this amount \$11,892.26 was given to the Cooperative Program, \$490 to designated causes, and \$16,702.19 to World Relief. The Southwide total was \$1,543,899.06.

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NOTES OF ADVANCE

"Country Churches and Proper Housing" is the title of a new booklet offering help to country churches in their building programs. It was written by Dr. John D. Freeman, field worker with the Rural Department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. Plans are furnished by the Department of Church Architecture, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Copies of the booklet may be secured from Dr. Freeman; prints of the floor plans and information regarding the buildings may be secured from the Department of Church Architecture.

Keiser Church has had six additions since C. S. Womack came to the pastorate October 20 upon the resignation of Shirley DeBell, who is attending Southern Seminary. A building program is underway. The new building is to be of cement block with red brick veneer.

Pastor D. B. Cook, Rehobeth Church, Moorefield, has resigned after two years of service with the church. There were two additions to the church in a recent revival with two conversions following the meeting. The building has been repaired and painted.

WANTED: Used set Dr. Carroll's Commentary in fair condition. Give description and price. Ed O. Turner, Route 2, Batesville, Ark.

Daniel Berry was licensed to preach by First Church, South Fort Smith, at recent services. Both Mr. and Mrs. Berry have attended Ouachita College. He is the son of Rev. Thomas Berry of Crossett. The South Fort Smith Church recommends this young couple to the churches of Arkansas.

R. O. Ekrut, minister of music and education, South Side Church, Pine Bluff, writes: "We greatly enjoy our Baptist paper and feel that having it put into every home is blessing our church in the work we are all trying to do."

Evangelist Eddie Wagner, formerly of Little Rock, has moved to 321 North Clark Street, Wichita, Kans. He is now making arrangements for revival meetings during 1947, and has open dates after April 1.

First Church, Paris, had 32 additions, 27 for baptism, in evangelistic services with D. Wade Armstrong serving as evangelist and Leland Hall serving as music director. They are both students in Southern Seminary. The Friday night service during the eight day revival was dedicated to the men. Evangelist Armstrong used as his subject "Men and Money," at which time he presented a Tither's Covenant

with a fine response. The service on the closing Sunday morning was centered around the Christian home, and many homes and lives were dedicated to Christ. Pastor Harold C. Seefeldt reports that the church has just closed one of the best years in its history. Highlights in the report to the association show 137 additions, 93 for baptism, and seven others approved for baptism; total membership, 1023; Sunday School enrolment, 712; Training Union enrolment, 338; and total gifts to all purposes, \$19,533.37.

Rev. R. E. Cole, Route 3, Truman, is available for pastoral work or revival meetings.

Southside Church, Pine Bluff, had 204 additions during the past associational year. Gifts to all causes totaled \$26,479.97. October was an outstanding month in the work of the

church. Sunday School attendance averaged 158. An adult department and two new classes were set up in Sunday School and two new unions were created in Training Union. Work will soon begin on an annex for three departments of the Sunday School. Lloyd A. Sparkman is pastor and R. O. Ekrut is minister of music and education.

Pine Grove Church, Sweet Home, ordained J. E. Elliot and D. W. Fletcher as deacons at a recent service. The ordination council was made up of Pastor Harold White, moderator; J. L. Adams, Rev. Lonnie Lassiter, Rev. Allen McCurry, Rev. Ray Branscum, and deacons from Douglasville, Pine Grove, South Highland, and Second Churches of Little Rock.

First Church, Poteau, Okla., where Arkansan Jim Kincannon, Jr., is pastor has recently in-

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Our Hospital closed its fiscal year by treating 12,071 patients. This was the greatest number of people ministered to in the history of the Hospital. The Hospital gave free service in the amount of \$50,505.48.

The demand for hospital beds increases daily and many problems arise which we can only partially solve under our present physical set-up.

The Board of the Baptist Hospital is asking the Convention to allow us to build 200 additional beds at an estimated cost of \$750,000. It is felt that this additional space is necessary if the Hospital is to maintain its standing as a first class Hospital.

Our religious program has improved considerably the last year with the fine work that our Chaplain and Student Secretary are doing. Emphasis on that work will continue through the coming years.

PASTORAL CHANGES

M. L. Wallis from Grannis Church to Board Camp Church.

Ed O. Turner from Rehobeth Church, Moorefield.

James H. Fitzgerald from position as state missionary to pastorate of First Church, Marked Tree.

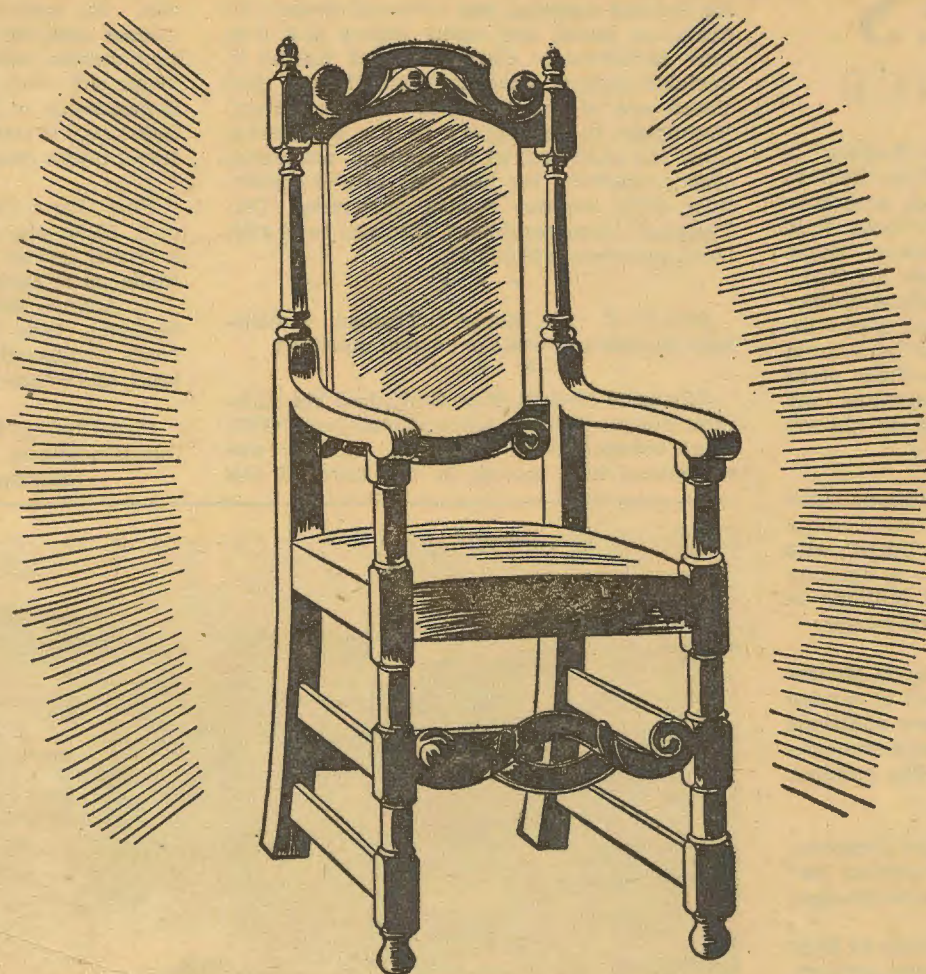
O. C. Hicks from First Church, Harrisburg, effective December 1.

W. D. Edwards from Marked Tree Church to First Church, Carrolton, Mo.

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Little Rock, Ark.



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The income from the \$100,000 endowment will pay the salary of the professor designated by the Board of Trustees to occupy the Chair.

Today the following Chairs are endowed: Old Testament Interpretation, New Testament Interpretation, Theology, Church Administration and Re-

ligious Education. Others should be endowed.

How better can you memorialize your Father, or Mother, or any other loved one than by endowing such a Chair in perpetuity? It is the kind of gift that goes on giving generation after generation. It will be an ever-green, ever-living memorial to the vision and consecration of the giver.

How better can one invest \$100,000 than in the establishment of a professorship for the instruction of the earnest young men who have been called by Christ to preach his Gospel to all men of all nations!

Those interested in discussing the endowment of a Chair either by immediate gifts or bequests are invited to communicate with the president of the Southern Seminary. He will gladly furnish complete details and helpful suggestions.



Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

LOUISVILLE, KY. . . . DR. ELLIS A. FULLER, PRESIDENT

THE LIMITS OF LIBERTY

The cornerstone of our American democracy is freedom. We proudly lift our voices and sing "Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light." And we realize that this freedom and liberty has come to us out of the graves of suffering, and tragedy and hardship. After fighting for our liberty through the bitter Revolutionary War, and after our final internal struggle in the Civil War to keep our nation one unit, we marched to foreign soil to fight a World War, a war that was loudly proclaimed as "a war to end war."

But today we look back upon World War I through the clouds of World War II, and realize that the dream for a warless world has not been realized. Our day has been characterized by this tragic statement—"We seem to be standing in the midst of a muddy road with a heavy load and a tired team." Instead of freedom coming to all men around the earth we find millions of men—the victims of war, whole nations sleeping upon beds of wreckage; men, women, and children roaming the countryside hunting for a crust of bread.

We cannot dismiss from our minds and hearts the cry of broken and defeated nations. We cannot live in our world of comfort and plenty while over half the world lives in want and poverty. Once we had two worlds, the one of freedom and plenty, the other of bondage and famine. But we no longer have two worlds—our generation has seen barriers of space dissolve—and today we are one world. If freedom is to exist for one man on the earth, then freedom must be given to all. We will rise or fall together.

The Limit of National Freedom

The United States stands face to face today before an alternative—freedom must be given to all men, or freedom will be taken from all men. Our freedom is not limitless. Our freedom is bounded by the freedom for others.

"Freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom from fear, and freedom from want" is more than an idealistic statement coming out of a conference of world leaders. It is the rightful heritage of all men, and all men must be free if any are to be safely free. Today the nations are backing away from these ideals as being impossible, but Christ reminds us that nothing else is possible, except total disaster.

Therefore we come upon the great limits of our liberty. We cannot be free while our brothers are in chains. We cannot be fat and well fed while our brothers on the other side of God's family table are under-nourished and disenfranchised. Their condition limits our freedom. We are bound by their need.

Dr. George W. Sadler, Secretary of the Division of Southern Baptist Mission Work in Africa, Europe, and the Near East, in an article entitled "Rebuilding Europe," says:—"We must do something now to bridge the chasm that separates the two divisions of our world. God has made us one." Thus we see our liberty cannot continue to exist unless we extend it out to others. "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone."

Let all Christians the world around join in the fervent prayer that the United Nations may be an opening wedge in bringing freedom and peace to all men. Our freedom is limited

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Arkansas Baptist Hour Address

By W. O. VAUGHT, JR.

Immanuel Church, Little Rock

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by freedom for all. It is freedom for all or freedom not at all.

The Limit of Personal Freedom

Possibly the most oft quoted statement in this past generation of American youth was "I can do as I please." This statement involved that philosophy of "Do anything you wish, just so you get by with it." That philosophy has become a standard of living accepted by all too many Americans. But the tragedy of such a philosophy lies here: you may do anything you wish, but you can't get by with it.

You may get by your parents, your teacher, your superior, but you can't get by yourself, and God. For there is a law of life and that law is this: for every act there is a reaction. You may get by with your wrong for a time, but each act is being recorded both in the tissue of your body and in the mind of God.

Some have thought that since God does not have a payday every Saturday night that he does not have a payday. Let me illustrate what I mean:

A little boy was coming home from the country school, and as he came around the turn of the road he saw that his farmer father was planting the corn. The farm boy knew what that meant. He would be required to drop the beans in with the corn before the corn was covered. That had always been his job each spring. But on this particular afternoon he had planned a fishing trip with his neighbor friend. In the light of planting beans he could see his fishing trip vanishing.

As he came nearer his father called out, "Hurry up son and get on your work clothes. You know your job is to plant the beans in between the corn." And the lad coming over to the fence said: "But Dad, I've made plans to go fishing and everything is ready. Can't I do this some other time?" And the father replied: "No son, this is your job and it must be done now. Hurry up and come back." And the lad, not too happy, turned away and accepted his task with a disappointed heart.

On the way from the house to the field the boy thought to himself: "But maybe I can get through early and still go fishing," and with this in his heart he rushed to his task. The father came over to Jim and said: "Now son, you remember how we always plant the beans. Two in a hill. Measure them through your fingers, just like this." And together they walked down the row, the father showing Jim just how it should be done. And Jim dashed to his task, up one row and down another as fast as he could go.

But the rows were long and Jim kept looking into the bucket, and the beans hadn't gone down at all. So he cast one eye over to his father who was plowing on the other side of the field. "Father will never know, I believe I'll drop three or four beans in a hill." Thus the planter began to work over time, and the

beans began to decrease. Finally at the end of one row, far at the back side of the field, while father wasn't looking, Jim took the bucket and dumped the rest of the beans in the ground and quickly covered the beans. The beans all gone, and the task done, Jim was off to fish with his neighbor friend.

About two weeks later coming home from school, he saw his father standing against the wire fence looking over the field of sprouting corn and beans. For the first time Jim realized that the beans were going to come up. And the father called out and said: "Jim, let's go over and see how the crop is coming up." Jim was silent as they walked along. "They came up fine here Jim, two in a hill; but look, something must have happened to the planter here, for they are coming up three in a hill." Soon they were at the back side of the field and at one end of a row there were hundreds of sprouting beans.

Jim dropped his head. The beans had come up. And then father did the most unexpected thing. Turning to him he said: "Son, let's go over under this tree. Son, I want you to bow your head and close your eyes for I'm going to pray." There was a long silence. The father slowly prayed: "O God, teach my boy today the big lesson that you reap what you sow." Yes, there is a limit to personal freedom.

In the Booneville Sanatorium I have a friend. He was free until recently, when the heavy hand of sickness called him aside for a few months for rest and recovery. A recent letter from this dear friend reveals some of the blessings which come from the limitations of liberty. Though he does not have the freedom he once had, though he cannot go to his office and work, though he cannot stand at his old familiar place and usher in his church, his soul has walked in new spiritual heights where unanointed feet dare not tread. He has come to know the deeper meaning of waiting upon God. Through reading good books he has broadened his world. His faith and confidence has fallen like a benediction on his great host of friends, and today he is living a victorious life. Across the miles that separate us I say to him and to you today: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

He Was Limited For Us

Standing in Gethsemane's Garden late one afternoon there came to my mind that picture of Christ that Thursday night of the long, long ago. Suffering intense agony He prayed for the sins of the world. His closest friends slept while He prayed and one of His own chosen men led His enemies to arrest Him and crucify Him. Jesus stood at the turning point of history—would He save the world or would He save Himself. He was free to choose for Himself. Just yonder above the clouds were great hosts of angels who were ready to come at His call and defeat His enemies and set Christ free. He chose to die rather than to live. He chose to suffer humiliation on behalf of His people. When His enemies and the Roman soldiers abused Him, cursed Him, pulled the beard from His face, and spat upon Him, Jesus did not say one word back. If He had spoken one word back we would not be talking about Him today. The Roman Empire showed strength by fighting back. Jesus

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stalled a Hammond Organ. Chimes will be installed in the near future. Two men of the church have purchased a new console piano. An educational building is under construction.

Calvary Church, Alexandria, La., celebrated its silver anniversary during the meeting of the Louisiana State Convention with the church November 18-21. The church was organized in 1921 with 217 members and now has a membership of 2512. Dr. C. R. Shirar has been pastor since 1938.

Pastor O. J. Chastain, First Church, Mount Pleasant, Tex., preached in evangelistic services at Jefferson, Tex., which resulted in 43 additions to the church, 30 for baptism. There were seven additions to the Methodist Church resulting from this revival.

Dr. Frank Weedon, who for the past nine years has been pastor of First Church, Denton, Tex., has resigned to join the staff of the Department of Evangelism, of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, of which C. E. Matthews is superintendent. During Dr. Weedon's pastorate at Denton 766, or an average of 85 per year, were received into the church by baptism, and a total of 6,874 members, or an average of 764 each year, were received into the church. Forty-six young people have gone from the church into full-time Christian service or are now taking seminary training. The church, under his ministry, had an increase in its budget from \$19,062.28 to \$762,667.47.

Miss Helen Bolt, student secretary at Blue Mountain College reports that every student in the college is a Christian.

Boone-Carroll Association began a school of music with a hymn sing at Berryville Church November 3. One hundred twenty-five people attended the opening session. The school was promoted by Pastor Gray Evans, First Church, Berryville, Mrs. Roy Ezell, and Associational Missionary G. E. Lafferty, and was conducted by Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state church music director.

First Church, Newport, had 107 enrolled in a Training Union Study Course with 83 qualifying for awards. Since the Study Course a bus has been run on Sunday evening and the Training Union attendance has more than doubled. The Sunday School had an attend-

ance of 197 on November 3 and there were nine additions to the church. A new church building is nearing completion. Charles F. Wilkins is pastor.

We are glad to make mention of any of our former chaplains who are now available for the pastorate. If we do not have their names and addresses, you will kindly favor us by sending them to us.

"Prayer" was the theme of the Little River Associational Workers' Conference which met with First Church, Wilton, November 15.

Immanuel Church, El Dorado, had nine additions to the church with 25 rededications of lives in a youth revival. Pastor Lester O. Probst, First Southern Baptist Church, Prescott, Ariz., did the preaching. Pastor R. C. Brinkley reports: "We had a wonderful meeting from the standpoint of helping our young

people. The morning services were held at 7:10 each day, and the church served breakfast to the young people who came so that they could go right on to school following the service. An average of 80 attended the morning services. The rededications were the kind that stood in the altar and confessed their backslidings to the congregation as well as to the Lord. Bro. Probst did a wonderful job of preaching, and I am convinced that we need to hold more revivals for our young people, sponsored by our young people."

Recent revivals with Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, doing the preaching were at First Church, Searcy, with 58 additions; Second Church, Arkadelphia, with about 40 additions; First Church, Memphis, Mo., with 35 additions; and First Church, Gilbert, La., with 72 additions. Evangelist Kirkpatrick is now booking revival dates for 1947.



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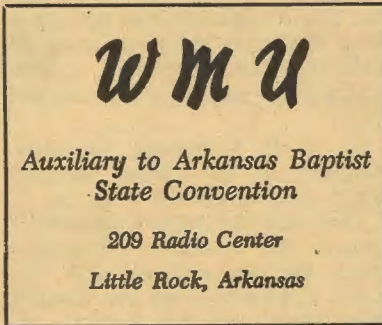
Eight District WMU Conferences were promoted recently with a total registration of 1,014, representing 32 associations and 102 different churches. There were seven district presidents, five district counselors, 23 associational superintendents, nine associational counselors, and 69 visitors included in the above total.

Worship periods under the general theme, "Now Is The Day" were led by a member in each of the districts. The closing devotionals were led by Alvin Hatton, State RA secretary.

Morning and afternoon group conferences were conducted by Mrs. C. H. Ray on general WMU methods, Miss LaVerne Ashby on young people's work, and Mr. Hatton on Royal Ambassador work. Interest in new and helpful promotional plans for the coming year was evidenced in the general discussions. The feeling was expressed by many that the time was too short to cover all phases of the work. Your state leaders assure you that they stand ready at all times to render any additional help you may desire either by correspondence or by personal visits.

Mrs. H. P. McCormick, missionary to Africa, was the inspirational speaker at each meeting. Mrs. McCormick has spent 21 years in Africa as a representative of the Foreign Mission Board. She is a graduate nurse of Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and her ministry in Africa was both physical and spiritual. We have had few speakers who challenged her hearers as did Mrs. McCormick.

An added feature at each meeting was the display of mission books in charge of a representative from



the Baptist Book Store. The women availed themselves of this opportunity to purchase books and to give orders for others.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to College Hill Church, Texarkana, First Church, Hot Springs, Booneville, Fayetteville, Flippin, Corning, Truman and McGehee for the gracious way each entertained the large number present, to each WMS president and missionary society, and to each hostess who so graciously entertained us.

The attendance by districts follows: Southwest, 146; Central, 147; West Central, 153; Northwest, 159; North Central, 35; Northeast, 151; East Central, 73; Southeast, 150, total 1,014.

Year Book and Guide Book Ready

The very necessary material for young people's directors, counselors and circle chairmen is ready to be mailed free from the State WMU office now. We refer to the WMU Year Book and State WMU Guide Book. The plan is for the presidents to submit to this office the list of these persons together with their addresses immediately.

We cannot send these until this list is in hand. WMS presidents, we wait upon you! Please for the sake of your own helpers, see that this list is placed in the mail at once. When these two books are received, please study them for information and inspiration for your 1947 plans which need to be under way even now.

Dixie Jackson Offering For State Missions

A total of \$11,837.25 has been received for the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions as of November 12. The State WMU goal is \$12,500. We are still \$662.75 short of the goal which we are confident will be reached in the next few days. However, we shall not be satisfied until we have gone far beyond the goal. The offering is still coming in and many organizations have not yet remitted. Give all the women and young people of your church the privilege of

making an offering to help promote evangelism in our beloved state. Please glean and re-glean and remit all funds for this offering as soon as possible to the State WMU treasurer. We would like to complete this offering before the Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions which will be observed early in December.

Mission Study Helps Available

"For the Healing of the Nations," a notebook for students of "Now Is the Day," prepared by Blanche Sydnor White, is now available from the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock, for 25c plus tax. "Now Is the Day" is the book recommended for study previous to the Foreign Mission Season of Prayer.

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Home Mission Board



Dr. C. E. Matthews of Texas was elected on November 7 as superintendent of evangelism for the Home Mission Board.

For 24 years Dr. Matthews was pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Several times in the course of his pastorate in Fort Worth, the Travis Avenue Church was listed as first in baptisms among Southern Baptist churches.

New Home Mission Books

Dr. John Caylor, secretary of education of the Home Mission Board, announces that the 1947 graded series of Home Mission books on the general theme "World Evangelism" is now on the presses and will soon be ready for delivery. The books have been paged and some of them have been printed and are now in the process of being bound. This interesting series includes:

Shining Like the Stars by Harold E. Dye. For Young People and Adults.

Tell by Virginia Wingo. For Intermediates.

Everywhere Preaching the Word by Josephine R. Medlin. For Juniors.

And, Katie of the Canyon by Una Roberts Lawrence. For Primaries.

East Texas Baptist College

Marshall, Texas

New dormitory for young women makes possible the acceptance of sixty young women and fifty young men for the Spring Semester which begins January 27, 1947.

Reservations are now being accepted.

For information contact:
H. D. BRUCE, PRESIDENT

The Radio In Home Missions

Early in the year the Home Mission Board reported that the Good News Hour was going out over 25 stations. The popularity of the program has called for an enlargement.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, in cooperation with Dr. S. F. Lowe and the Radio Commission prepare the messages. The sermons are evangelistic and the music is furnished by the Baptist Hour. Recordings are made in Atlanta and furnished to 48 radio stations throughout the South for the broadcast.

From letters coming into the Home Mission Board offices in Atlanta and those received by the Radio Commission through the radio stations, it is estimated that several millions of our people are listening in. The programs seem

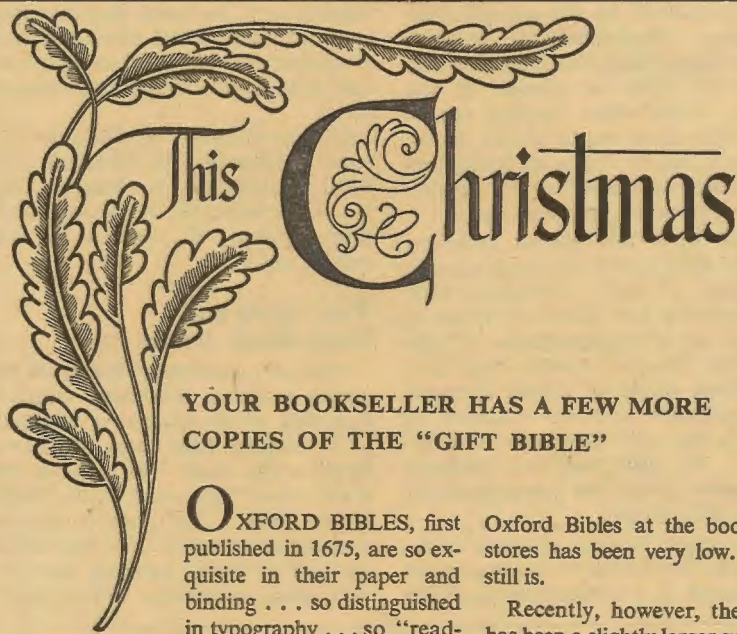
to be most popular in the West. However, comments from all sections of the Southland indicate that pastors, laymen, and the general public are interested in the evangelistic messages prepared for the Good News Hour.

The radio work is only one of 20 departments of Home Mission Board activities, but it is an important part. A list of radio stations and the time of the broadcast will be of interest to Baptists everywhere because, with this information, they can invite their friends to profit by the evangelistic messages. Note that the time of the broadcast avoids the regular time for services in the churches.

The following stations are included on the list of stations broadcasting the Good News Hour. All time is Sunday unless specified.

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Third Anniversary For Pastor Brown

By MRS. IVAN R. VANPATTEN
First Church, Blytheville

Just three years ago, on October 15, 1943, there came to First Church, Blytheville, from Warren, a new pastor and his family, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Brown and two sons, Don and Jerry. Since their arrival the church has had three very fruitful years.

Coming onto a new field, Bro. Brown found a Sunday School enrollment of 510. Today that enrollment is 879. There have been 355 additions to the church, 135 for baptism. In 1943, 104 homes in our church were receiving the state Baptist paper. Now the paper is sent into 500 homes. At the time our pastor began his work, our church had a budget of \$14,000. For 1947 we have adopted a budget of \$30,500 which has already been over-subscribed. Of that amount, \$6,000 has been designated for the Cooperative Program.

Under the leadership of Pastor Brown, our church has this year given \$38,952.49 for local work, and \$7,703.84 to missions, a total of \$46,656.33 for all purposes.

Our building fund has climbed from \$4,440 in 1943 to \$60,140.50 at the end of this associational year.

For the past two years Rev. D. B. Bledsoe has been employed during the summer months as associate pastor. He has recently been called as full-time associate pastor.

We feel that it is indeed an honor to have a pastor who is so well thought of in our state and throughout the Southland. Pastor Brown is now serving as president of the Board of Trustees of Central College, Conway, a member of the Board of Directors of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., and a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

In Blytheville, Pastor Brown is serving as president of the Ministerial Alliance.

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It does not take great men to do great things; it only takes consecrated men.—Phillips Brooks.

RADIO

Speaker on the Arkansas Baptist Hour for this week is Pastor J. G. Cothran, First Church, Arkadelphia. His subject is "Will a Man Rob God?" Music on the program is by Central College quartet.

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.

KGHI, Little Rock, 2:30 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

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KGHI, Little Rock, 8:30 a. m., Sunday.

KBTM, Jonesboro, 8:30 a. m., Sunday.

KELD, El Dorado, 8:00 a. m., Sunday.

KCMC, Texarkana, 8:30 a. m., Saturday.

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Warren Church Changes Made

By MAXINE NEELY
Immanuel Church, Warren

What is now the Immanuel Church, Warren, began as a mission of First Church, Warren in 1938. Sunday School was held each Sunday afternoon in a small one-room canning kitchen owned by the Southern Lumber Company.

In June 1940, Rolla C. Nixon, then pastor of First Church, Bierne, conducted a revival meeting in the mission. During the meeting approximately 74 members joined, six by profession of faith, the others by letter and charter membership. At the close of the revival a business meeting was held and Bro. Nixon was called to the pastorate. He came on the field in July 1940.

The mission officially became a

church in August and was called Second Baptist Church.

During 1940 and 1941 the membership of the church was approximately 150. The building was enlarged so that we now have, other than the main auditorium, nine Sunday Schools rooms, a dining room, kitchen, and church office.

Bro. Nixon resigned the pastorate in August 1942 to become associational missionary of Arkansas Valley Association. He was succeeded by Raymond Earley. During Bro. Earley's pastorate the membership increased slightly, but because of war conditions, there was much coming and going among the members of the church.

Pastor Earley entered the chaplaincy in May 1943 and Ed F. Harness was called to the church. Bro. Nixon returned to the church in 1944 and served until September 1945.

Kleth F. Babb became the pastor in November last year. In the 11 months there have been 33 new members, bringing the total membership to 187.

During the last year a parsonage has been erected at a cost of \$2,571.33. The name was changed from Second to Immanuel at the last business meeting of the church.

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The following letter from a wise and competent leader of young people speaks eloquently of the gratifying results of the efforts of one church to enlist and hold the young people through a Youth Choir. From Mrs. Ralph Reasor, director of the Youth Choir at First Church, Smackover, we read:

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"From this beginning was the Youth Choir organized. Rehearsals were made progressively more challenging, leading from unison

singing to four-part. The enthusiasm of the young people is beautiful to see. They have sung the evening service for many months and have also sung an effective sermon in song, "His Cross and Ours," several times. Surprising talent among the individual members of the choir has been discovered and is being developed.

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But the work can be made easier and more fruitful. Teachers and officers cannot be wholly successful in their work, nor can they give their best—until they are trained.

Training is always important. It is important in developing manual skills. It is even more essential in the realm of personal relations where Sunday School officers and teachers work. Here our mistakes are too costly. Many mistakes and failures may be avoided through studying the books in the Sunday School Training Course. From the practical principles of organization, administration, and enlistment to the techniques and methods of better Bible teaching—

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At no time is training more essential than in foundational work. When new Sunday Schools are organized, new officers and teachers elected, and a new Sunday School year is inaugurated, a thorough training program is doubly essential. Have training plans been made in your school?

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Every association, every church, every worker at work training for better work!

Delta Holds Second Hymn-Sing

The second quarterly Hymn-sing of Delta Association was held at Omega Church, near McGehee, the third Sunday afternoon in October. Although without a pastor, the members of Omega church came in large numbers to welcome the 132 people including seven pastors from all sections of the association.

Spirited congregational singing led by Rev. Maxwell Baker, newly elected associate pastor of First Church, McGehee, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Ralph Ver-ser, also of McGehee, featured the one-hour program. Special musical numbers were sung by representatives from the churches at Eudora, Portland, Omega and McGehee.

Everyone present voted enthusiastically to attend the next Quarterly Hymn-sing at McGehee on

January 19, 1947. Mrs. Ralph Ver-ser is the music chairman for Delta Association.

Magazines Combined

The new magazine "Home," which will absorb "Cradle Roll Home" and "Better Home," will make its appearance January 1. The purpose of this magazine is a desperate attempt on the part of the Sunday School Board to help the churches reach the homes.

Beginning January 1, "Home" will be the magazine for the Extension Department to deliver, and also the periodical for the Cradle Roll Department to use. It is the hope and aim that the churches, through their Sunday Schools, will place this magazine in every home not being ministered to by other churches.

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Church	Adds.	S.S.	T.U.
Alma, First	1	115	84
Arkadelphia, First	4	437	211
Camden, First	—	361	82
Conway, First	—	398	110
Cullendale, First	—	194	103
El Dorado Churches:			
First	1	429	138
Second	1	274	104
Fordyce, First	—	224	125
Fort Smith, Immanuel	—	562	175
Harrison, First	2	325	117
Hebron Church	3	109	59
Hot Springs Churches:			
Park Place	—	464	152
Second	1	455	121
Including Mission	—	485	—
Little Rock, Tabernacle	—	485	89
Malvern, First	1	420	55
McGehee, First	—	246	58
Mena, First	2	269	94
Monticello, First	1	146	30
Mount Ida, First	—	105	63
Mountain Valley	—	—	—
Walnut Valley	—	60	62
Paragould, First	33	530	309
Paris, First	1	356	170
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	—	537	207
Including Mission	—	596	—
Matthews Memorial	—	102	108
Second	1	180	65
Rogers, First	—	288	107
Springdale, First	1	300	129
Including Mission	—	372	—
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Texarkana, College Hill	1	239	99
Warren, Immanuel	—	70	42
West Memphis, First	2	284	139

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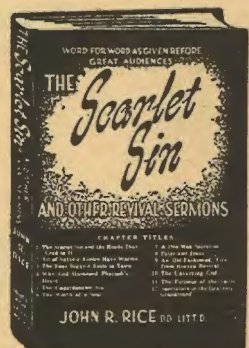
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"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive."

The members of First Church, Pine Bluff, claimed this promise during the revival week, October 20-27. The week preceding the revival, members of the church earnestly dedicated their time to visitation and to cottage prayer meetings.

A spirit of prayer prevailed in the morning services which began at 7.30, and many left the service desiring to lead some lost soul to Christ that day. The pastor, A. B. Pierce, preached to great throngs of people at both morning and evening services during the week. An atmosphere of revival spirit permeated the church. Gospel songs were led by Robert P. James, minister of music and education. Instrumental music, organ, piano, and church orchestra in combination, accompanied the congregational singing of gospel songs and choruses.

Visible results of the meeting were more than 100 definite decisions—52 professions of faith, 24 additions by letter, more than 25 rededications of life. Four of the rededications were for full-time Christian work, three for the ministry and one to music and Christian education.

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Limits of Liberty

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showed His superior strength by not fighting back.

Free to set Himself free, He chose rather to die. His sacrificed freedom became the freedom and pardon for you and for me. "He that saveth his life shall lose it; but he that loseth his life for my sake, shall find it." Thus the limitations of His freedom become the limitless freedom of my soul.

Paul, the dauntless follower of Christ said: "All things are yours—and ye are Christ's and Christ is God's." Across the centuries he is saying to us that all things are ours, we are free to have everything. But we also belong to Christ, and our freedom on a lower level becomes our freedom on a higher level. We are no longer free to do our own will, but we are set free to do God's will. Thus we are set free to know real freedom.

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Home Missions

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Kana KCMC 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

LOUISIANA: Shreveport KTBS

8:15 a. m.; New Orleans WNOE

8:30 a. m.

MISSISSIPPI: Jackson WSLI
8:30 a. m.; Vicksburg WQBC 6:30
p. m.

MISSOURI: Springfield KGBX
7:30 a. m.; St. Joseph KVAK 2
p. m.

OKLAHOMA: Ada KADA 2:30

p. m.; Tulsa KTUL 7:30 a. m.
TENNESSEE: Chattanooga
WDOD 7:15 a. m.; Memphis
WHBQ 8:30 a. m.

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To repeat an unkind truth is worse than to tell a lie. A lie can be disproved.—Thomas Jefferson.

INTERFERENCE!



Ever watch a football game? Then you will remember that while a player is waiting to receive a pass, it's illegal to interfere with his attempt.

Now football is a game and supplying electric power is a business—but the same basic rules of fair play apply in both. Interference on the football field calls for a penalty by the referee, but interference in business is often ignored by the only referee business has—the government! When the government goes into the power business it's the same as the referee playing football.

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Paul Presented a Living God To Pagan Worshipers of Athens

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

The wisdom of this world can never meet man's deepest need. That is why the apostle Paul gave himself with such abandonment to the proclamation of the gospel of God concerning his Son. In this lesson we see the gospel as it comes to grips, through Paul, with paganism.

The Pagan Quest For God

From the very moment Paul entered Athens his sensitive soul must have been touched by the sight that met him at every turn. The place was literally alive with temples, altars, and statues. Almost every public building was a sanctuary. The Record House, the Council House, the Theater, the Pynx, all these were dedicated to some heathen diety. Even such abstractions as Fame, Modesty, Energy, Persuasion, and Pity were deified and publicly honored.

In whatever direction the eye of Paul turned or upon whatever his gaze rested, the idolotrous devotion of the city was ever before him. The traveler Pausanias tells us that Athens possessed more gods than all the rest of the country. "There were gods at every turn; some 30,000 in all were worshipped in Athens." One Roman writer said, satirically, that it was easier to find a god in Athens than a man.

This pagan quest however, offered no victory for the human spirit. It was a mere deification of human attributes and the powers of nature. There was nothing in it to enter in and lay hold of the fallen, ruined soul and cleanse and purify it and invigorate it with new life and purpose.

Preacher's Response

The emotions of Paul were deeply stirred as he beheld the staggering display of objects of worship in polytheistic Athens. Truly his spirit underwent a paroxysm. But, in it all, the sensitive soul of the Apostle discriminated with a sweet reasonableness in detecting there-in a universal seeking and searching after God.

Paganism with all its superstitious veneration—the rearing of temples, the building of shrines, the sculptures of images, the altars

Sunday School Lesson For November 24

Acts 17:22-28a; 18:1; I Cor. 1:22-24; 3:1-3

of worship—all these were but a touching portrayal of man's restless and unceasing quest for God. Paul knew that "all these were beams in the darkness with the potentialities of a spiritual sunrise in a fuller revelation" (J. McKee Adams). "Infidelity raises no monuments nor builds no shrines."

Paul seized this glorious opportunity to preach Christ. What will

be his first word to these? Certainly it was no time to "philosophize." The Christian message was at stake so far as the heathen philosophers were concerned. Will he ignore their own quest for truth? Their own aspirations, the evidences of their own longing for God?

No, he will not. He will lead them from the uncertainty of their own fruitless quest for God to the certainty of the quest that is by Christ Jesus (I Cor. 1:22-24). Hear him as he speaks: "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are very religious. For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this I set forth unto you. . . ." (Acts 17:22-31)

It was a clear, pungent, ringing

message of testimony for Christ. Like the flash of a meteor he passed from the "unknown god" to the personal and spiritual creator in whom the cosmic order heads up and who is not an Olympian autocrat but a beneficent controller of men, of nations and history, being in actual contact with men in redemptive activity, and actually seeking mankind who was made to seek and find him. It was a sad picture that greeted Paul. No cheerful encore, no invitation to speak again as at Antioch. Some mocked, others shook their heads and said "Tomorrow!"

But one thing was certain. Christianity had met paganism head on. Was the meeting a failure for Christianity? Not so long as Dionsius and Damaris believed. Not so long as Paul dared to be faithful to Christ and preach the truth as he preached it here.

Work of Relief and Annuity Board, S. B. C.

THOMAS J. WATTS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

State of Arkansas

As of October 1, 1946

	Number of Beneficiaries	Receiving Annually	Totals
(OLD) ANNUITY FUND:			
Number Paying Members.....	13		
Annuitants: Age	9	\$ 3,077.67	
Disability	3	1,021.00	
Widows	9	1,940.40	\$ 6,039.07
MINISTERS RETIREMENT PLAN:			
Certificates Issued	503		
Churches Cooperating	561		
Annuitants: Age	19	10,097.40	
Disability	4	1,620.12	11,717.52
BAPTIST BOARD EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN:			
Number Paying Members.....	33		
Annuitants: Disability.....	1	422.40	422.40
AGE SECURITY PLAN:			
Number Paying Members.....	8		
Number Churches Cooperating.....	5		
ORPHANAGE INSTITUTIONS PENSION PLAN:			
Certificates Issued	4		
Annuitants: Age	1	162.00	162.00
RELIEF DEPARTMENT:			
Beneficiaries: Ministers	23	3,591.72	
Widows	21	2,168.00	5,759.72
TOTALS	1127	90	\$24,100.71

The twenty-one beneficiaries of the (Old) Annuity Fund referred to above, receiving \$6,039.07, are dependent on the Cooperative Program receipts from the churches of Arkansas. So, indeed, are the forty-four beneficiaries of the Relief Department, who receive \$5,759.72.

Without adequate support of the Cooperative Program by every Arkansas Baptist through the local church, these sixty-five beneficiaries in Arkansas would suffer tragic curtailment in a day of steadily rising living costs. That must not be!

FREE TRACTS

A native of Arkansas and long-time resident of Little Rock solicits Preachers, S. S. Superintendents, Christian Groups, and individuals throughout the state to assist him in placing Gospel Tracts in the hands of every unsaved person in Arkansas.

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San Antonio 1, Texas

The Cooperative Program

The Cooperative Program needs your prayers and support during November and December. We are running somewhat behind in our Cooperative Program receipts this year. We have put so much emphasis upon specials that we have neglected the mainspring of our financial support for all the causes. Won't your church enlarge its offering this month for the Cooperative Program?

Also the enlarged budget for 1947 merits an increase in the Cooperative Program contribution from your church. As a denomination we shall not do well if we neglect the Cooperative Program, or if we fail to enlarge our contributions to it.

A Good Year

During the first 10 months of 1946 your Board has received from all sources a total of \$569,037.91. \$291,933.79 came in undesig-

nated offerings for the Cooperative Program. This is quite an increase over any previous year. "Designated Cash Receipts," including the Relief and Rehabilitation offering for the 10 months was \$213,771.77. Other "Miscellaneous Cash Receipts," such as members' contributions for the Retirement Plans, and contributions from the Sunday School Board, etc., total \$63,332.95. The Relief and Rehabilitation offering for the 10 months was \$112,699.98. So the entire amount of cash received in your office during these 10 months was \$569,037.91. We call your attention to the fact that \$45,926.44 of this total was raised by Dr. Whittington and the Ouachita Board on the Million Dollar Campaign, and not by the Executive Board. We handle it for them. It has been our pleasure to cooperate with them and help them. So the grand total which the Executive Board raised in these 10 months was \$523,111.47.

Christian Education

There has been more than usual interest in Christian education this year, due to the release of so many young people from the service of the government and from jobs that were necessary for the prosecution of the war. Most all coeducational schools have been flooded with students this year, and some students have been turned away from the doors of the schools because there was not room.

Ouachita College has by far the largest enrollment in its history—well over 800. We would register our deep conviction that the most important special financial task for us at this particular time is raising this million dollars. This will put Ouachita up in the

front rank among educational institutions in the Southland. If we fail in this task we not only trail and lag behind in the processes of Christian education, but we shall do irreparable harm to our whole cause throughout the state.

When our institutions occupy a sub-level in facilities and equipment among other institutions we not only fail to give adequate training to our youth, but we become the object of ridicule, our students become cowed and discouraged, and their number diminishes until we suffer a woeful lack of workers in all the service of Christ.

It is, therefore, imperative that we raise the million dollars. To be sure, there are other important needs in other institutions which must be supplied in their time—but the Ouachita College situation is both imperative and urgent and demands immediate action. So let us all unite in this necessary task until we can unitedly rejoice in the victory.

Arkansas Baptists are not doing enough for Christian education. The call for trained men and women in both the pulpit and pew is not being adequately answered by contributions from our people. The demands of our young people for schools that are adequate in size and accommodations for their increasing numbers are not being supplied by the Baptists of this state.

The Churches

The churches throughout the state are in a healthful organic condition. For the most part they are thoroughly active. They have grown rapidly. Their co-operation has been a source of joy. More churches have supported the Cooperative Program this year than ever before. Eight hundred and forty-seven have made contributions through our Convention channels during these 10 months. There never has been a more wholehearted, loyal, cooperative support than we have had this year.

Our churches also have baptized more people than they baptized last year, although the greatest number of baptisms ever reported in

Worthy Objectives For Arkansas Baptists

If Arkansas Baptists are wise we will not be blind to our future opportunities and responsibilities. A worthy vision suggests some blessed observations and a long-range program for our consideration, somewhat as follows:

I. Some Observations

1. Baptists are here to stay—until Jesus comes.
2. There are nearly 200,000 members of co-operating churches in Arkansas.
3. We are growing as no other denomination is growing, except it be the "Nazarenes" and "Church of God" sect.
4. We cover Arkansas "like a blanket."
5. We preach the pure, simple, full gospel message, which appeals to the people of Arkansas.
6. God has opened the door to us and has delivered the hearts of the people to us.
7. We are more and more responsive to the "Macedonian Calls" of lost people in other lands.

II. Our Responsibilities

1. Baptists should immediately provide for security for Ouachita College. This can be well-nigh accomplished if we raise the million dollars in the present campaign.
2. Central College must have more income. It cannot possibly continue to operate as an accredited college without a substantial increase in income.
3. As we grow in numbers we can justify additional colleges in Arkansas.
4. If Baptists want to go "all out" for hospitalization, and could spend from \$100,000 to \$500,000 in each instance, we could create or acquire and operate a Baptist hospital in Texarkana, Fort Smith, Fayetteville, Harrison, Batesville, Forrest City, Helena, McGehee, Pine Bluff, El Dorado and one in Northeast Arkansas at Paragould, Jonesboro or Blytheville. It would take four million or five million dollars to provide these hospitals and equip them.
5. Baptists could well afford to spend \$50,000 annually in helping to set up new churches and in helping to sustain them. Baptists are only on the margin of a great expanse of opportunity. Our Cooperative Program ought to provide a half million dollars in 1947. God give our churches the vision and the impulse. We have really just begun, and we are growing. If the Lord delays His coming another 98 years Baptists, by the Grace of God, should be far ahead in every locality in Arkansas.

this state was in 1940 when nearly 12,000 disciples were baptized. So far as we have been able to learn, 9,712 have been baptized this year.

There are many more churches in Arkansas than there were 25 years ago, and they are nearly all stronger units. According to the Board's report in 1923 there were between 300 and 400 of our churches pastorless at that time. Now there are less than 200 pastorless. We have now twice as many "full time" churches, and more than twice as many "half time" churches as we had at that time.

Ouachita College Campaign Fund

January 1, 1946, to October 31, 1946, Inclusive

Balance in Fund January 1, 1946	\$ 650.00
CASH RECEIPTS:	
Ouachita College Enlargement Campaign	45,818.94
Ouachita College Enlargement Campaign, Designated for Endowment	107.50
TOTAL	\$46,576.44
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:	
Remitted to Ouachita College Dormitory Building Committee	\$38,000.00
Ouachita College Campaign Expenses:	
Dr. Otto Whittington, Director, Salary	3,750.00
Dr. Otto Whittington, Traveling Expenses	632.29
Mrs. S. G. Robertson, Stenographer, Salary	130.96
Office Furniture	270.93
Mrs. Jamie R. Cook, Stenographer, Salary	859.63
Office Rent	496.14
Postage	480.46
Office Supplies, Printing and Stationery	455.94
Advertising	655.00
Etching	8.10
Telephone-Telegraph	\$91.44
Less: Refund	2.36
Ouachita Campaign Rally, Mileage Allowance	236.59
Underwood Typewriter	67.58
Electric Fan	35.48
Mimeograph Repairs	3.00
Traveling Expenses of Speakers Attending Associational Meetings in Interest of Ouachita Campaign	132.50
TOTAL	\$46,303.68

Ouachita College Enlargement Campaign
Balance 10-31-46 \$ 272.76*
*This balance of \$272.76 includes \$107.50 designated "Endowment."