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personally speaking

Editor's Notebook

BROTHER Doyle Lumpkin is off to a good start as pastor at First Church, Lavaca. He has been there five months and has discovered 500 prospects for the Sunday School and church, 400 of these non-Christians nine years of age or older and 100 of them Baptists not affiliated with a local church where they now live.



ERWIN L.

While with the Lavaca church for a recent preaching engagement, I noted that Sunday School attendance was 249 out of an enrollment of 314. This compared with an attendance of 211 a year ago. And the Training Union had an attendance of 160 out of 216 enrolled, as compared with an attendance of 116 a year ago.

Mrs. Cecil Jones is doing a good job as church librarian-historian at Lavaca. For several years she has been doing research for materials to write a history of the church, which is more than 100 years old.

DRIPPED in for worship one Sunday morning recently with Pastor O. Damon Shook and First Church, Dardanelle, and heard Brother Shook preach a most timely sermon on the Third Commandment, "Taking the Name of God in Vain." This is one of a series of sermons he is preaching on the Ten Commandments.

The Dardanelle Church has started a building fund toward construction of a badly needed new auditorium. Thus far this year they have placed more than \$8,000 in this fund and they have a goal of increasing this to \$15,000 before the end of the year.

THE new Dardanelle dam is beginning to look like the multi-million-dollar project it is. I believe it is to represent an investment of more than \$90 million when completed. This will mean a great boost to the development of that part of Arkansas and of the tourist attraction, and, too, will offer a great opportunity and responsibility for churches of the area.

Right now I understand fishing is mighty good just below the dam—for cats and carps. You catch

the cats on chickenliver and the carps on—of all things—Wheaties.

They say when you mix Wheaties with water they stick to your carp hook and stays there till the carps grab it and you grab them. (Do you reckon somebody's trying to pull my fishing leg again? Well, Cousin Alfred and I are planning to try 'em—chickenlivers, Wheaties, live minnows, worms and all come Sat'idy afternoon and it's not hailing.)

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

WE are all against murder. But a lot of us indulge in attitudes of heart and mind that create the atmosphere for murder, declares Editor Erwin L. McDonald, in an editorial, "Who's for murder?," on page 3.

LETTERS to the Editor is one of the most widely read departments of the paper. The letters this week, beginning on page 4, are particularly interesting.

TELL Secretary R. Alton Reed of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board that you are coming and he is likely to bake you a cake. Read about this Baptist leader, on page 6.

DR. Herschel H. Hobbs discusses divine healing, in "Baptist Beliefs," page 5.

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ARKANSAS BAPTIST

Who's for murder?

THE cold-blooded slaying of Mississippi's outspoken civil rights leader, 37-year-old Medgar W. Evers, has stirred the nation. Rewards already run into the thousands of dollars for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer. And law enforcement officers are making an all-out effort to bring the murderer to a full accounting. People in high public offices and just ordinary citizens have expressed their sorrow and their shock that so dastardly a deed could be perpetrated in the midst of our civilized society.

As the *Arkansas Gazette* has said editorially: "Mr. Evers was shot in the back in cold blood as he returned home from a Jackson NAACP meeting. The midnight scene on his carport—Evers' lying there dying before the anguished eyes of his wife and children—is so deeply etched in the national consciousness that it will not easily be washed away."

The slaying came just a few hours after President Kennedy had appealed to the American people by radio, television and the press for an end to racial discrimination and for help in stemming "the rising tide of discontent that threatens the public safety." And from the White House comes the statement: "The president was appalled by the barbarity of this act."

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy said he was "saddened and shocked" and he immediately made available to authorities in Jackson all laboratory and other facilities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Senator Thurston Morton (Rep., Ky.) expressed a wide-spread sentiment when he said: "This murder, another outbreak of violence, is bound to add to the sense of urgency for congressional action."

Senator James Eastland (Dem., Miss.) deplored the murder: "I know I speak for everybody in the state in expressing the hope that justice will be meted out to the guilty party." (And this is the man who, as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, "has played a key part in bottling up civil rights legislation in recent years.")

William Colmer (Dem., Miss.), whose district includes Jackson, deplored the act as "dastardly" but publicly washed his own hands by charging it to "the inevitable result of agitation by politicians, do-gooders and those who sail under the false flag of liberalism."

Senator J. William Fulbright (Dem., Ark.) called the slaying "a terrible tragedy" and said that it "further inflames the very difficult and explosive situation which has developed."

Senator Russell B. Long (Dem., Ga.) called the killing "unfortunate" and asserted, "I am 100 per cent against violence and lawlessness by a group and have steadfastly maintained that position."

We are all against murder. But are we against the things that add up to murder? Christ said: "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment. . . ." (Mt. 5:21-22, RSV).

We agree with the *Arkansas Gazette* that the death of Mr. Evers "cannot be separated from the context of passion and prejudice in which it was framed"; that it "cannot be dissociated from the coercions of the White Citizens Councils, nor from the demagoguery of Ross Barnett and George Wallace, nor from the inflammatory pronouncements of others . . ."

If Mr. Evers—and Christ Himself—are not to have died in vain, we must not only be against murder—we must be dead set against having the attitude of mind and heart that create the atmosphere for it.—ELM

It happened!

Down in Arkansas

Mouths of babes

REV. W. B. O'Neal, of Gravel Ridge, our "Preacher Poet," was telling stories of the Bible to the children attending the Vacation Bible School at Gravel Ridge Church recently.

In relating the experiences of Peter and his miraculous deliverance from prison by an angel of the Lord (Acts 12), Brother Rowe asked why it was that the gate did not open miraculously to Peter when he stood in front of the home of Mary, the Mother of John Mark, where many of his fellow Christians were waiting in prayer.

Said a little girl: "Because the angel of the Lord was no longer with him."—ELM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the people SPEAK

THE spelling and sentence structure in this department are those of the writers. The only editing of letters to the editor is the writing of headlines and, occasionally, deletion of parts that are not regarded as essential.

Second to one

BECAUSE I was on the Baptist Faith and Message committee this past year I have received complimentary subscriptions to several Baptist state magazines. Among them was your state paper. I express to you my considerable appreciation of this courtesy.

Every issue of the News Magazine which came into my hands I read with real interest. I have not agreed with every editorial or position taken but have appreciated and been helped by what I have read. Of the papers I have received the Word and Way is my first choice naturally as it is my first love; next to the Word and Way I have read most carefully and appreciated most the Arkansas News Magazine. Though I have met you only causally (at Nashville) I feel somewhat acquainted with your mind and heart from reading your writings—Paul Weber, Pastor, Hamlin Memorial Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo.

REPLY: We deeply appreciate your loyalty to your own great state paper and are happy to "play second fiddle" to WORD AND WAY.—ELM

He likes cornpone

I WANT you to know I'm proud of you! I could say that for an ole boy raised out in the country, you have done right well.

Remember, friend, although you are a very extinguished minister, we are still looking for some of that homespun philosophy to appear under your name each week in the ARKANSAS BAPTIST—James L Pleitz

REPLY: Don't go away, Jim!—ELM

After seven years

I HAVE read with pleasure our Arkansas magazine since coming to Arkansas some seven years ago. I would like to commend you for the many timely and to the point editorials, the presentation of facts and the information given in your writings.

At present you are running some articles by Rev. Jay W. C. Moore on our

associational missionaries and their work. Surely this type of information is very badly needed and should help us all to better understand the vital importance of Associational Missions Program when it is carried on with such efforts as has been reported by Brother Moore up to this time.

I have known Brother Moore for a long time as we both come from Oklahoma. Brother Moore did a fine work in Oklahoma along with his wonderful christian wife. Both of them are two of the best leaders in Vacation Bible School work that it has been my privilege to know across the years in the ministry. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless them in their fervent effort for Him.

To you and your good staff I say thank you for a work being well presented to all of our people—F. Clyde Aikman, Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Rogers.

REPLY: When somebody brags on us we are reminded of the couple about to be married of whom it was said: They have a lot in common—they are both madly in love with the groom.—ELM

This air-conditioning

THIS is a letter of reply concerning a letter that I wrote on June 24 about the possibility of future integration at Ouachita College and about your reply of June 27. You insinuated that I despise the Negro race because I do not believe in integration. I have lived and worked near them all of my life and feel that I have many good loyal colored friends. I have given them both material and spiritual aid. I suppose that I have actually given them more help with my hands than you, but less lip service.

You referred me to the fourth chapter of John concerning the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman who was very sinful. You are evading the real issue! I've studied and taught this story many times and it teaches nothing about race mixing. It taught us to love lost people.

Some of you ministers might do more for God's kingdom if you would go out into the fields and help us reap the harvest of lost people—both white and colored. Instead, you wish to sit in an air-conditioned office at our expense and spread subversive propaganda, which only creates more strife and hatred. If

you believe in integration, why don't you practice it? Where do you live? In what restaurants do you eat? Where do you go to church? Why did some of you preachers wait until the supreme court started the fight? Were you cowards before? We Arkansas Baptist readers need to know the answers.

Let me close with this true story. Aren't you amazed at how God has kept His animals and birds from mixing in all these past centuries? Don't you suppose God expects us to be at least as sensible as they?

Every spring a mocking bird builds its nest in a bush in our front yard. My family and I spend many hours watching her build her nest and then lay her eggs, while the male bird stands by to protect. The eggs then hatch into beautiful little birds, and it becomes the duty of the parents to feed them. How wonderful it is to see them patiently dig worms for their babies.

One day a strange looking blackbird with a long beak came and tried to integrate the nest—probably wanting it for her own. Two little birds were pushed out of the nest, and a long and bitter fight was ensued between the birds. While this was in process a sneaky black cat came and stole the baby birds.

Maybe we can use this story as a warning, lest while we fuss and feud the enemy will come and steal our freedom.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall see God—H. L. Stratton, Sparkman.

P.S. I would appreciate you printing this in full, as we deserve both sides of the racial issue in print.

Reply: According to your own testimony, your heart is right toward colored people and the lost. We shall pray now that you may come to have a kindlier attitude toward those of your Baptist brethren who, as denominational servants, have offices in this air-conditioned (and, in winter, heated) Baptist Building.

Brother Stratton, what's wrong with Baptist money being used to provide and maintain offices for Baptist employees? Even the Methodists do that much for their employees!—ELM

Going to Disneyland?

IN the next few months many Baptists from your state will be traveling to the Golden State for a vacation trip to Disneyland. Southern Baptists now have a church in this area that will provide them a first-hand look at Home Missions as well as a place of worship during these vacation days.

If it would be possible for you to give our fellow Baptists in your state an invitation to visit us, we would appreciate it very much.—Bryan Crow, Pastor, Euclid Street Baptist Church, 1408 S. Euclid Street, Anaheim, Calif.

DIVINE HEALING

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Past President, Southern Baptist Convention

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THIS New Testament phenomenon is receiving a revival of interest today. It is greatly emphasized in certain religious groups (cf. Pentecostals). Some of the older denominations (cf. Episcopalians) are studying it as a present-day possibility. Both the religious and secular press exhibit a growing interest in this subject.



DR. HOBBS

There are four modern approaches to this phenomenon: *metaphysical* (disease is mental rather than physical, cf. Christian Science); *sacramental* (by partaking of the "sacraments," especially the Lord's Supper, healing power enters the patient, a modified psychological approach, cf. Church of England, Episcopal); *psychological* (some diseases are psychologically based; hence it holds that Jesus was no more than an unusual psychiatrist); *historical-grammatical* (recognizes divine healing in New Testament and holds that church should practice it today). Comments on the four: (1) The *metaphysical* ignores the reality of disease and suffering; (2) the *sacramental* has no scriptural basis; (3) the *psychological*, while containing certain basic principles, i.e. psychomatic medicine and values in psychiatric treatment, ignores the person and power of Jesus and the distinctive nature of His healing when compared with that of the secular psychiatrist; (4) *historical-grammatical* (New Testament teaches divine healing, but not necessarily that church today

should practice it). What saith the Scriptures?

There are three basic Greek words rendered "heal." *Sozo* sometimes means to heal (Mk. 5:23; Lk. 8:36; Acts 14:9), but generally refers to salvation. *Therapeuo* (cf. therapeutic) basically means to heal by natural means (Lk. 8:43), but is also used of miraculous healing (Mk. 1:34). *iaomai*, refers to miraculous healing (Lk. 6:19). In Luke 6:17-19 both of the last two words are used of Jesus' healing. In vv. 17 and 19 *iaomai* is used, but in v. 18 *therapeuo* is found. Were these two kinds of healing by Jesus? Acts 28:8 speaks of Paul healing miraculously (*iaomai*). In v. 9 *therapeuo* is used. Ramsey sees the latter as done by Luke the physician. Probably true here, but this distinction does not always apply. Both words are used of Jesus where miraculous healing is clearly the case.

The word used by Paul for the gift of healing (he never uses *therapeuo*) is *iama*, from *iaomai*, hence miraculous healing (I Cor. 12:9, 28, 30). It was a gift of the Holy Spirit, along with other gifts such as "tongues." Jesus healed out of compassion and as an evidence that the power of God was in His work (Lk. 5:17). This power of healing He gave to His apostles for the same reasons (Matt. 10:8). Likewise this gift seems to have been given to certain others during the first century. But like these other spiritual gifts (I Cor. 12:8ff.), it was to fulfil its function and pass away (I Cor. 13:8). It was an evidence of God's presence in the Christian movement in its early or "child" stage (I Cor. 13:11) to

I know that God is

You ask me how I know God is! I know because

I have carried a baby next to my heart and felt his fingers curled around mine;

I have planted a seed and have seen it become a tree to shade my child as he grew;

I have planted a bulb and have seen fulfillment in a daffodil on yon hill;

I know He is because He has let me share in His creating!

How do I know God is?

I know because I have known the feeling of arms that care; that warmth of lips that desire; the pressure of hands that understand;

I know He is because He has let me share in His loving!

How do I know God is?

I know because I have held the hand of a loved one dying and have found a void filled by a Comforting Presence unseen yet felt.

I have looked on the face of my child's child and seen perpetuity.

How do I know, God is?

I know because He has allowed me to share His eternity.
—Mina Witherington, Camden

further the early advance of the gospel. After the Apostolic Age Christianity was firmly established, and needed no such ecstatic evidence. Medical and surgical healing still serves as an aide in missions, but it is through normal therapeutics.

All healing is *divine healing* as reverent doctors admit. It is not a question of whether or not God heals, but how He chooses to do so.

R. ALTON REED

BY JOHN D. BLOSKAS

Baptist Press Staff Writer

The Cover

R. ALTON Reed starts his day with a milk shake!

While he stirs up his own concoction of a small glass of orange juice, an equal amount of non-fat milk, one raw egg and a half a saccharin tablet, he's deciding what he will cook for breakfast.

His love for cooking goes back to the days when he served as pastor. To relieve the pressures of the pastorate, he baked cakes on Saturday afternoons. He bakes cakes today, but not as often as he did as a pastor.

Following his morning ritual, Reed gets ready for his heavy schedule as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, the post he's held for the past eight years.

Reed's ministry began in 1930. During the depression, a big turning point in his life took place. Reed was rapidly gaining fame in a radio career, while he served as pastor of a small church near Dallas, Tex. He got an offer to manage an Eastern radio station, but, if he took it, he had to give up his ministry.

He wanted to accept but he couldn't escape God's call. So he decided to talk it over with his father who owned a large department store in Henderson, Tex.

"Son, are you really called to preach?" his father asked.

Reed replied: "Yes, Dad."

"Then you must say no to this offer," his father warned.

Reed agreed, but driving back to his home in Dallas he reasoned: "I could work for a while, save my money and return to preach for nothing." His thinking seemed sound. For three years following his training at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., he worked as chief announcer for KRLD in Dallas while serving as pastor of Cockrell Hill Baptist Church nearby for no pay—only a house.

Reed decided to accept the radio offer.

A few moments later, Reed, driving alone, was involved in a two-car collision. Of the five people in the accident, only Reed was seriously hurt. He suffered cuts on his face, his upper teeth were knocked out and his kneecap fractured.

In the hospital Reed decided: "God would always find a place for me to serve if I would just turn myself over to Him completely."

His decision kept him in the ministry which eventually led to his present post as executive secretary of the Annuity Board, the agency that administers retirement plans for the Convention.

Reed was born June 4, 1906, in Henderson to W. Z. and Annie (Smith) Reed.

Seven years later, he accepted the Lord. And in 1926, only a few months away from completing pre-med work at Baylor University, he surrendered to preach during a campus revival. After his decision came a moment that stands supreme in his life.

His mother told him that as a little lad he was so very ill the doctor warned he might die. The parents prayed: "Lord, if he can be saved we turn his life over to you completely."

"When you didn't die, we knew you would some day be in the Lord's service," his mother said. "We didn't want to tell you before because we didn't want it to influence you in any way."

Reed tackles whole-heartedly any project and seems to thrive on the difficult.

[EDITOR'S NOTE:

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the SBC Annuity Board, is the seventh person featured in this Baptist Press series on Convention leaders.]

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R. ALTON REED

Once, Reed memorized the play "Caponsacchi" then, playing on Broadway, instead of writing a thesis.

At a university in Louisville, Reed taught freshman English and Spanish. And once he was asked to teach a course in aesthetics. Reed agreed, then went to the library to learn what aesthetics was. He also studied violin for 11 years, playing in the band and symphony at Baylor.

While attending the Southern Seminary, he met Helen Barker. A year later they were married. They have two daughters, both of them married with children of their own.

In June, 1930, the couple moved to Dallas where his ministry began. Then followed Carlisle Church until 1937, when he moved to Lamar Avenue Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Tex.

In 1940 he became pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas, just organized with 30 members. For eight years he worked and planned a church plant that today is the second largest in Dallas.

In 1948, he became public relations director for Texas Baptists, followed by his call in 1953 to the SBC Annuity Board as public relations director. After Walter Alexander, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, died, Reed was elected to that post in 1955.

Reed's foremost ambition is for the Annuity Board's service to reach into every area of Southern Baptist life.

"If the Annuity Board cannot do more for its people in retirement than any other organization, it has no reason to exist," he maintains.

Consequently, he keeps ever alert to new techniques that will improve efficiency. He tends to become impatient with outworn formulas or outmoded procedures and moves rapidly to change them.

But he seldom becomes impatient with coworkers. Together, they hammer away at the problems, then he takes his impatience out fishing, a sport he loves.

Reed is quick to praise an associate and never takes credit for anything the Board accomplishes.

"What has been accomplished has been because of the leadership of the Holy Spirit," he maintains.

William Woodson



MR. WOODSON

MISSIONARY "Bill" William Woodson of the Dardanelle-Russellville Association does not have to watch "Wagon Train" to tell you about the hardships of the sturdy pioneers who braved the frontiers to get to the land that "floweth with milk and honey."

Nearly 42 years ago Bill's family joined a "Wagon Train" headed in reverse. Instead of heading West this "Train" moved out of West Texas to Arkansas and settled near Ola.

Bill is following in the footsteps of his father, since his father is not only a Baptist preacher and pastor but served as associational missionary in Pluxy Association in Texas for three years. The father, William Edward, Sr., is still serving as pastor of a rural church, Eron, in Texas at the age of 84.

Bill, Jr., has also inherited some of his father's stamina as he is in his seventh year in his association, comprised of 27 churches and several missions. For the past four years a summer youth assembly has been a must in his activities. He reaches around 150 each year in the assembly and there have been 69 conversions. "The impact of VBS on hearts and lives of children is tremendous," he said to me. He gets in six to eight VBS's each year and has scores of professions in the schools. During his ministry he has led in organizing eight churches.

Being the father of twin sons and four other children, Missionary Woodson believes in "train up a child in the way he should go," and if you "spare the rod you spoil the child." As he was leaving my study, he said, "We are old-fashioned. We discipline our children."

[NEXT WEEK: Al G. Escott, Ouachita Association]

Simple Sermons for Funeral Services, by W. Herschel Ford, Zondervan, 1962, \$1.50.

Dr. Ford draws on a lifetime experience as pastor to share some of the messages and ideas which have made his ministry deeply spiritual in its impact upon the lives of his people. A strong evangelistic appeal is present in each of these messages, for at no time are people more open to or hungry for the gospel than at a funeral service in memory of the loved one or acquaintance.

The Word Made Flesh, by Lance R. Shilton, Zondervan, 1963, \$2.50

Here is a series of meditations on the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, his ministry among men and his present position in the Heavens.

Best Loved Hymn Stories, by Robert Harvey, Zondervan, 1963, \$2.50.

Dr. Harvey has selected nearly 50 hymns for this volume. Drawn from different centuries, countries and languages, these hymns are linked together by the common golden thread of supplication, praise, and worship. In many cases he gives the intimate facts about the hymn writers and how the hymn came to be written.

Sermons from the Psalms, by Calvin P. Swank, Baker, 1962, \$2.50.

This is the third volume in the Evangelical Pulpit Library. It was preceded by: *Christ in You*, by Herschel H. Hobbs; and *Holy Ground*, by Douglas M. White. After a series of introductory chapters on Biblical Poetry, Hebrew Rhythm, The Penitential Psalms, and Pinnacles of Prayer the author presents a series of complete and beautifully constructed sermons.

God's Heirs, Romans 8:1-39, by Donald Grey Barnhouse, Eerdmans, 1963, \$4.50.

This is the seventh volume in Dr. Barnhouse's comprehensive exposition of Bible doctrines which takes its point of departure from Paul's Epistle to the Romans. While dealing exhaustively with Romans 8, this volume ranges over the whole of the Word of God.

Wrestlers With God, Prayers of the Old Testament, by Clarence E. Macartney, Baker, 1963, \$2.95

Here is a gallery of portraits passing from Abraham to Manasseh. The author has taken men in agony and exultation to show what the Father is like. His book will have appeal for those who feel that we have grown too much concerned with theories about prayer today and not enough about prayer itself.

Today our youngest is twenty-one,
Our nest is empty and we are undone.

Empty of young pain and light hearted fun,
Of an over bright moon and an over cast sun.

Order is rampant; it yells at us.
The stillness is dense, a nothing —omnibus.

With no dither or ado, no muss or fuss,
Our nest is orderly but a vacant colossus.

Empty? Silent? No! Not really at all!
A wealth of memories are ready —on call.

Increasing hopes are bulging our wall,
Aspirations climb our stairs and fill the hall.

Our young are gone; our prayers shall increase.
Their world widens; we give happy release.

Our nest is full and lined with bright fleece
We are together and we are at peace. —Madeline Sellars

John Wilbur Chapman, by John C. Ramsay, Christopher, 1962, \$3.95

Says Billy Graham of this book; "Dr. Ramsay's book will be a challenge and inspiration to those who read it. I heartily commend it to Christians everywhere."

Dr. Chapman achieved international success as an evangelist and throngs came to hear him preach wherever he went. In many of his crusades there were thousands of conversions. He reached the peak of his American career in 1909 during a Greater Boston campaign.

The following paperbacks have been received:

An Evil Tree, the Story of Cummunism, by Agnes Murphy, Bruce, 1962, \$1.25

Angel Unaware, by Dale Evans Rogers, Pyramid Books, 1963, 50 cents

The Holy Spirit of God, by W. H. Griffith Thomas, Eerdsmans, 1963, \$1.95

Baptists denied marriage rites

AN ACT of 1741 denied Baptists the right to perform marriages in North Carolina. This was an attempt on the part of the Episcopal church to stamp out dissenters.

By this act the right to perform marriages was confined to Episcopal clergy. Justices of the peace were authorized to perform this duty if no minister was present in the parish. Each of the couples getting married had to post a bond of 50 pounds that there was no legal obstruction to the marriage.

Some Baptist preachers became justices of the peace in order to attend weddings. Fees for weddings were considerable, about 10 dollars in our money, half of which went to the governor. Only a very small amount went to the minister. Baptist preachers weren't interested in the stipend but in their right to be recognized as ministers along with other ministers.

Because of the increase of Presbyterians their ministers were given the right to perform marriages by an act of 1766. Heavy penalties were affixed to dissenting ministers who performed marriages except Presbyterians. Even then the marriage fee was collected and turned over to the Episcopal minister of the parish.

Five years later such intolerance was overthrown when Presbyterians were given the privilege of performing marriages unhampered. However, this did not come about until friends in the lower house of the state government threatened to block all legislation

Insight

A matter of values and ideals

BY FOY VALENTINE,
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AMERICA was built on a dream. The wise man said long ago, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." There are indications on every hand, however, that our dream has grown dim, that our vision is fast fading. Our world is caught up in an overwhelming confusion of moral values and spiritual ideals. One does not have to read Toynbee to find this out. Even a casual glance at today's world in travail makes it clear. Responsible students representing many shades of political, philosophical, and religious thought have referred to our "cutflower civilization," our "uprootedness," our "sense of drift," our "spiritual void," and the "other directed" multitudes of our time.

Yet life can have no meaning, no worth, apart from values and ideals. We long for a better state of being than we have already realized. We know, in our saner moments, that we have not yet apprehended. We are not as we should be. And there persists before our minds a vision — a vision of a higher type of personal and social life than the one we now live. As A. B. D. Alexander says, "Some conception of the supreme good is the imperative demand and moral necessity of man's being."

Both experience and widespread public opinion sampling indicate that we are not communicating values and ideals to today's youth with anything like the effectiveness needed. Why? The answer is partly in our own failure as adults to develop an integrated sense of values issuing in character in our own lives. We cannot communicate what we do not possess. A basic need today is the need for a return to a vital union with God, which union results in character. If we have this, we will not need to concern ourselves overmuch with communicating values and ideals to youth. Youth will catch them. The salt of the earth is pervasive. The light of the world pierces darkness. Evil can be overcome with good.

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What a teen-ager thinks

"Dreams full oft are found of real events the forms and shadows."

Joanna Baillie

WANT to know what teenagers feel? Do you sometimes wonder if a teener ever thinks seriously, ever considers worthy plans and objectives for life ahead?

Here is one girl's answer. She is Karen Lundquist, of Harrison. Karen is an 18 - year - old high school graduate.

Her article, entitled "When I Marry," was given in the 1963 Better Speakers' Tournament for her association.

One discerns here, both *in and between* the lines, her personal dreams; the influences of school, church, home, and inspirational speakers she has heard; and her honest reactions to parents.

Karen has been awarded a one-hundred-dollar journalism scholarship by Ouachita College.

She plans to make good use of that scholarship when she enters Ouachita next fall as a religious journalism major.

It would be interesting, after her four years at Ouachita, to know what a tape recording of her inner reactions would reveal, should she read from her scrapbook this, her first published article.

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"That's not what I mean!"

"Oh, you don't understand!"

How many times have you found yourself repeating those very words.

Yes, the "Teen" years are difficult years. They are years when it seems as if parents and their children live in two different worlds and speak two different languages, especially about love, courtship, and marriage.

This lack of understanding is a normal part of growing up, and probably will never be completely erased. It can be improved if we will remember that the responsibilities of parenthood are just as great as those of growing up.

When we come to the "dating age" a whole new concept of life opens to us. We are faced with problems which we were told about but which we never dreamed really existed.

Infatuation, or "puppy love" seems enough to satisfy our desires at the beginning of our dating period; but as we grow older we realize that love is more than just the thrill of being together and gazing into each other's eyes. It is the true feeling of belonging, whether together or apart, the joy of planning a life together. This life may include many hardships and disappointments. It will also have joys and build many lasting memories if the hard experiences are balanced by love and cooperation.

Unfortunately there are no set rules to insure a happy, successful marriage. Although this is true, I still have assurance that my marriage will be both happy and successful if I enter into that sacred covenant, in the presence of God and man resolved to "love honor and cherish for better or for worse, in sickness or in health, in poverty or in wealth, 'till death do us part" the man who is to be my partner in this marriage.

When I marry, I want to establish a Christian home. I want Christ to be the head of the house, the unseen guest at every meal, and the silent listener to every conversation.

It is my purpose to consult Christ each day, not just at the time when

difficulties arise. His Word will serve as a source of daily strength and encouragement. We will find security in the confidence that He will provide for us.

A new closeness between a husband and a wife comes with the birth of a child. Parenthood both enlightens the new relationship and strengthens the old one.

A good parent-child relationship depends upon the concern and understanding displayed, from the "petty" problems of the little child to the giant-sized problems of a teenager.

I believe that a child's feelings and ideas should be respected and considered in the home. It is important for punishment to be administered when deserved; it is just as important for accomplishments to be rewarded.

It is my hope, as I dream of parenthood, that my children will confide in me; share their interests and ideas with me; ask questions about things they do not understand; and bring their friends home so that I may become better acquainted with the people who make up their world.

Children need to be taught in their impressionable years to love Jesus and to love His bride, the church.

Marriage, to me, is a serious undertaking. I am praying about it earnestly.

The path of assurance for all of us is to take God as our guide and inspiration in our plans and efforts to make the homes of our generation really Christian.

May we so live and so love that the inspiring words of Mark 10:9 will become the foundation rock upon which our homes are built: "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder".

Rosalind Street

Mrs. J. H. Street

[Mail should be addressed to Mrs. Street at No. 3 Fairmont, Little Rock, Ark.]

Arkansas All Over

Baptist Medical Center planned

LONG-range plans for a \$5 million Arkansas Baptist Medical Center were announced Monday night of last week at the annual spring commencement exercises of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital's schools of nursing and X-ray technology.

Ray M. Wilson, president of the hospital board, described the proposed medical center as "a facility that would provide treatment on a par with facilities in New Orleans, St. Louis and Memphis."

He said, "There's no sense in our people having to go to those places for medical treatment when it could be furnished in Little Rock."

A \$2 million building program now in progress at the hospital will constitute a part of the Medical Center as planned, Mr. Wilson said.

Speaking to the graduation class, Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, told the graduates:

"You have a unique opportunity to render service to mankind."

"Life is the thing, and desire for it is the key for most—if not all—our actions."

Dr. Whitlow counseled the young people to master their possessions, circumstances, habits, speech and thinking.

"If we are able to master these, we must in turn be mastered," he continued. "Let God rule and reign in your lives."

Special awards included:

A corsage to Mrs. Clarice Edmondson Faisst, Little Rock, employed at Arkansas Children's Hospital, who was a member of the hospital's first graduating class, in 1921.

Leadership merit award: Miss Nancy Risher, Crossett, who was student nurse of the year at the hospital in 1962;

Scholarship award: Miss Mary Ann Mercer, formerly of Sparkman, now of Houston, Tex.;

BSU award: Miss Betty Daniel, Camden; YWA Award: Miss Mickey Tripp Yancey.

Murphy leaves Pine Hill

REV. Truett Murphy, a Ouachita College graduate, recently resigned the pastorate of Pine Hill Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Ky., after five years, to become pastor of Beech Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Campbellsville, Ky.

A graduate of Ouachita College, Mr. Murphy served as pastor of churches in Arkansas for nine years before going to the Shepherdsville church.

Cowart to Roland

REV. Ray J. Cowart is the new pastor of Roland Church. Mr. Cowart surrendered to preach in September, 1962, and was pastor of Cocklebur Church, Caroline Association, from September, 1962, to May, 1963.

Mrs. Cowart is the former Miss Margaret Bacon of Hope. They have two children, Richard, 16, and Martha Carolyn, 14.

Miss Carmichael serves

MISS Maxine Joyce Carmichael, a native of Florida, is missionary for the Mt. Zion Association Youth Camp June 17-21 for intermediates. Camp director is Rev. Dick Bumpass.

Miss Carmichael is director of Good Samaritan Home in New Orleans, under appointment by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Herring honored

R. WILBUR Herring, pastor of the North Jacksonville, Fla., Baptist Church, received the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, recently at the 44th commencement exercises of John Brown University, Siloam Springs.



DR. HERRING

John E. Brown Jr.

After ten years in the field of law and finance Herring was ordained to the ministry and went into full-time Christian service. In 1958, after serving two pastorates in Arkansas, he accepted a call to his present church, which under his direction has become one of the four fastest growing churches in the State of Florida.—JBU News Release



FOUR members of the Harvey Fowler family, all ministers, have attended Southern Baptist College. All four are pastors of Baptist churches in the area. Seated left to right: Jimmy Fowler, pastor of the Leonard Church, and a senior at Arkansas State College; Harvey Fowler, father of the three sons, pastor of Stanfield Church, Clarkton, Mo.; standing left to right: Carroll Fowler, pastor at Sedgwick Church and a student at Arkansas State College; and Van Fowler, pastor of Providence Church, Mt. Zion Association, Jonesboro and teaching at Bay.



ARKANSAS SEMINARY FAMILIES—Arkansas students and their families enrolled at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., pose before the seminary's Norton Hall before their annual spring picnic. Approximately 20 Arkansans are now studying at the Louisville seminary.

Stallings at home

REV. O. M. Stallings is still convalescing at his home near Conway, Mrs. Stallings reports. Mr. Stallings was recently removed to his residence from Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

Friends who wish to send him a note or card may address it to Route 2, Conway.

Four at Assemblies

FOUR Arkansans have been serving on faculties of Southern Baptist Assemblies.

Ralph W. Davis and R. V. Haygood, of the state Training Union department, assisted in the first Training Union leadership conference June 13-19 at Glorieta, N.M. Mr. Davis conducted conferences for associational officers and missionaries, and Mr. Haygood conducted workshops for Intermediate workers.

Mrs. Fred Love, First Church, Norph-

let, is the leader in the five-year-old primary section during both conferences. The second concludes June 26.

Philip Briggs, minister of education, Second Church, Little Rock, was on the faculty of the Youth Conference, June 13-19, at Ridgecrest, N.C., Assembly.

GERALD Goodier, an active layman in First Church, Dardanelle, recently received a pin for 15 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Mr. Goodier has been a deacon in the church for 20 years and served for seven years as church treasurer.

Benton County Association

SULPHUR Springs has called Rev. Deral Dockins, a student at Midwestern Seminary, as pastor. Mrs. Dockins is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Wigger of Sunnyside Church, Rogers.

Sugar Creek has called Rev. Rex Easterling, as pastor. Mr. Rex, a member of First Church, Rogers, has just recently surrendered to the ministry. He plans to continue with his college and seminary work. (CB)

New Arkansas Baptist subscribers

Church	Association	Pastor
One month free trial received:		
Eden	Ashley County	C. C. Barton
New church, 3 months free trial:		
Berea	North Pulaski	Marvin Boswell

Liberty Association

CALVARY Church, El Dorado, has called Rev. Harold Wilson as pastor. He has been serving Wabaseka Church.

Cullendale, First Church, is seeking a new education and music director following the resignation of C. J. Holiman, Jr., who has assumed a similar position at First Church, Crossett.

West Side Church, El Dorado, has called Rev. Eddie McCord, formerly at Trinity Church, Bauxite.

Rev. Robert A. Parker, pastor of Cullendale, First Church, will be leaving in July for an extended tour of Europe and the Holy Land.

REV. Fritz E. Goodbar, of Little Rock, has just completed five months as interim pastor of Levy Church, North Little Rock. During this period there were 50 additions to the church, 38 of them for baptism.

SPEAKING engagements for Jimmy Karam, Little Rock layman, include June 23-24 at First Methodist Church, Lafayette, La., and July 3, 7:30 p.m., at the Southern Baptist Convention Evangelism Conference in Dallas, Tex.

Revivals

MT. ZION Church, Independence Association July 14-24; Rev. James Gottfried, Fresno, Calif., evangelist. (CB)

OIL TROUGH Church, July 7-13; Dr. W. W. Dishongh, pastor of First Church, Newport, evangelist. (CB)

FIRST Church, Siloam Springs, June 23-28; Dr. Perry Webb, evangelist; Darrel Whitby, music director; Darell Ross, pastor. (CB)

DALTON Lancaster was ordained as a deacon of First Church, Parkin, May 19. His daughter, Linda, an intermediate, was presented with her ninth bar for perfect attendance pin June 2.

REV. Jesse Reed, state secretary of evangelism for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will be a speaker on the program of the Evangelism Conference in Dallas, Tex., July 3.

NASHVILLE—The statistical scoreboard shows that 222 new church libraries were registered with the church library department of the Baptist Sunday School Board during May. Included was: Keo, James D. Byrum, pastor; Mrs. Grady Hood, librarian.



JIM E. TILLMAN

Forest Highlands Calls pastor

REV. Jim E. Tillman has assumed the pastorate of Forest Highlands Church, 1717 Mississippi, Little Rock. He comes to Little Rock from First Church, Mansfield, Tex., where he has been pastor for the past five years.

He is a native of Pine Bluff and is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. He has been in the ministry for 13 years and prior to his ministry at Mansfield was pastor of Linnwood Church, Moscow, Ark.

He is married to the former Betty Jo Beaty, Carlisle. They have three children: Cynthia, 8; Jimmy, 6; and Vickie, 4. They are making their home at 1716 Mississippi.

Forest Highlands was organized in February 1958 and now has a membership of over 300. During the past few months while the church has been without a pastor, the pulpit has been filled by Dr. C. W. Caldwell.

Mrs. Robert C. Pilcher is choir director.

Musician in new post

PAUL Dodd, music and youth director of First Church, Lonoke, will become associate pastor in charge of education, music and youth of Trinity Church, Fort Smith, it has been announced by the pastor, Rev. Eugene T. Moore.



MR. DODD
the A.B. degree.

Mr. Dodd is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Dodd of Greenwood. He was graduated from Ouachita College in May with



Norphlet dedicates building

FIRST Church, Norphlet, entered a new \$80,000 educational facility Sunday, June 2. A former pastor, Bill Sewell, now pastor of First Church, Searcy, brought the dedicatory message in the morning service.

Nursery through Intermediate Sunday School departments will be housed in the building. Space is provided also for offices and complete kitchen and fel-

lowship hall facilities.

The design of the building includes year-around comfort conditioning and features the latest in interior materials. The building is finished in a new vinyl-surfaced wall board. The masonry work follows a stacked block design. John Abbott designed the building and construction was by Wayne Smith Construction Company. Robert F. Smith is pastor.

Parsons to fly to Dallas meet

DALLAS (BP)—A caravan of planes flying in formation will bring scores of Baptists here for the Southern Baptist Evangelistic Conference, July 2-4.

A dozen planes or more piloted by Baptist preachers who are members of The Flying Parsons of the Southern Baptist Convention will make the flight to Dallas on July 2.

Flying Parsons from throughout the nation, especially those from the eastern half of the country, will meet at Adams Field in Little Rock, Ark., and then fly in formation to Dallas.

Flying Parsons President Lewis E. Clarke of Smackover, Ark., said the group plans a "fly-in breakfast" at Dallas Love Field about 8 a.m. on July 2.

At least 18 persons from Pompano, Fla., will fly in light planes to the meeting, which is expected to attract 15,000 Baptists from throughout the nation, said SBC Evangelistic Conference Director C. Y. Dossey.

One of the speakers for the Evangelistic Conference, Jimmy Karam of Little Rock, will be in the lead plane in the formation. He will fly in a twin engine plane with Flying Parson President Clarke, pastor of Maple Avenue Baptist Church in Smackover, Ark.

The Flying Parsons of the SBC, organized this year, cites as its objectives "to use aviation in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fly missionaries to their speaking engagements." Karam, a men's clothing store owner in Little Rock, is not exactly a missionary, said Clarke, but his purpose at the Evangelistic Conference will be "spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

BAPTIST Student Unions now minister to cadets and midshipmen attending the United States service academies. Directors of the BSU's serving the academies are: Sidney Joe Hall, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; Keith Harris, U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Gene Maston, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

DR. W. Herschel Ford, for the past 16 years pastor of First Church, El Paso, Tex., is retiring from the active pastorate on July 1. He will move to Dallas and engage in evangelistic meetings and Bible conference work.

What do you know-

NASHVILLE — The Southern Baptist Training Union Convention, set for Dec. 28-30, 1964, at Birmingham, Ala., has been postponed, announces Dr. Philip B. Harris, secretary of the Sunday School Board's Training Union department.

He added that a Southern Baptist conference comparable to the one postponed would be scheduled in the future. "At that time, we hope to be in a better position to share with Southern Baptists the details of the Training Union program now in development," he said.

Baptists favor public schools, Carlson says

WASHINGTON (BP)—"Baptists are friends of the public school movement" but are opposed to federal aid to church schools, according to a Baptist leader here.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, told a Senate subcommittee on education that "the Baptist movement has been marked by an emphasis on voluntarism."

"Quality in religious experience is dependent upon a voluntary response to God," Carlson said. "Accordingly, we have urged that the acceptance of religious institutions should be genuine expressions of personal desire and experience and in no sense a conformity to law."

In his testimony Carlson said that Baptist support for public schools expressing "a concern for a free access to knowledge on the part of all people" is documented in numerous resolutions.

He specifically cited American and Southern Baptist resolutions that set forth generally accepted Baptist views on education. In every case the Baptists favored extensive development of public schools and opposed the granting of public funds for aid to church schools.

Music editor named

NASHVILLE—Dr. J. William Thompson, a native of Mississippi, became the first editor of young people-adult music materials in the Sunday School Board's church music department, June 1. He came to the newly created post from Belmont College, Nashville, where he was professor of music for four years.



DR. THOMPSON

Foreign Missions flavor

WASHINGTON—Foreign missions will dominate the morning sessions of the third National Royal Ambassador Congress here August 13-15, Edward Hurt Jr., Congress director, said.

Seven foreign missionaries will take the boys and their adult leaders on a tour of Southern Baptist mission points in 52 countries throughout the world.

The missionaries and their places of service are Mark M. Alexander Jr., Argentina; Robert E. Beaty, Southern Rhodesia; Dr. David C. Dorr, Gaza Strip; Harlow E. Hurst, Honduras; Judson Lennon, Thailand; Dr. Donald E. McDowell, Paraguay; and Davis L. Saunders, Kenya.

The foreign missionaries will share the program with 11 home missionaries; Gregory Walfcott, Baptist lay preacher and television actor; testimonies by outstanding Christian athletes; space age demonstrations; and music.

The Congress, sponsored by the Baptist Brotherhood Commission and State Brotherhood Departments, is expected to attract 6,000 boys, 12-17, and their adult leaders, Hurt said.

It is designed to help boys grow spiritually and to broaden their concept of world missions.

Morning sessions for Pioneers (Boys 12-14) will be at the Sheraton Park Hotel, Hurt said. Ambassadors (Boys 15-17) will meet at the International Inn and Statler Hilton Hotel.

Hurt said the sessions were split to accommodate the large number of boys expected.

At night the boys will meet together at the Sylyan Theater near the base of the 555-foot Washington Monument.

Hurt said boys wanting to register for the Congress can get the proper form from their State Brotherhood Department.

A. DONALD Bell is returning to Southwestern Seminary as professor of psychology and counseling in the School of Religious Education. He has been vice president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., for the past three years. He served the seminary in a similar post from 1951 to 1960.

BY the end of the 17th century, there were not more than 25 Baptist churches in the colonies, and only one of these in the South, First Church, Charleston, S. C.

Mission becomes missions supporter

BY JACK U. HARWELL

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WHAT do missions do for missions?

If the Briarlake Baptist Church near Decatur, Georgia, is a good example, they do better percentage-wise than do most older churches.

Briarlake was started as a mission in February, 1958. Less than five years later it was among the top 100 churches in the Georgia Baptist Convention in gifts to missions.

The 1963 budget was set at \$108,000 with \$15,000 of that going to mission causes.

This is how mission gifts have grown, in proportion to membership and total gifts, for Briarlake, which was constituted in August of 1959:

1959: 198 members, \$27,000 budget, \$649 to missions;

1960: 308 members, \$45,000 budget, \$3,025 to missions;

1961: 483 members, \$65,000 budget, \$6,856 to missions;

1962: 635 members, \$98,000 budget, \$12,236 to missions; and

1963: 685 members (as of Jan. 1), \$108,000 budget goal, \$15,000 to missions.

In 1960, its first full church year as a constituted church, Briarlake was 235th in mission gifts among Georgia Baptist churches, in 1961, in 140th place, and in 1962, in the top 100.

Pastor J. Hoffman Harris, who went to Briarlake from the Patee Park church of St. Joseph, Missouri, when Briarlake was constituted, said the interesting thing about his church's mission gifts is that local facilities have mushroomed as well.

Already his people have erected a chapel seating 400 people, an educational building for 400, another educational building, for 300, and a \$40,000 pastorium.

They have also purchased a home for Minister - of - Music and - Education David Oglesby, called in September of 1962; bought four acres of land to go with the original eight and are making plans for another educa-

On the local staff, as of January 1, 1963, were a full-time secretary, a part-time bookkeeper, a part-time financial secretary, a full-time custodian and three full-time, and other part-time kindergarten workers.

Church property was valued at \$335,000 by the start of 1963, with an indebtedness of \$257,000. The 1963 budget of \$108,000 includes \$25,000 for debt retirement and \$20,000 for future expansion.

"In spite of this debt and our dire need for more space," said Pastor Harris, "our people are definitely not going to cut back on their gifts to missions. They have assured me repeatedly of this and I am in hearty agreement."

Missionaries urge resolved tensions

THE approximately 160 Southern Baptist missionaries attending the Foreign Mission Board's annual conference for furloughing missionaries adopted the following resolution:

"That we go on record as grateful to God for every earnest effort currently being put forth in Southern Baptist life in the interest of progress and justice to improve race relations in our homeland, and that we pledge anew our fervent prayers that the day may come when tensions will be resolved on the basis of God's love and concern for all people everywhere, regardless of racial origin."

The missionaries represent most of the countries where Southern Baptists have mission work.



WINS OSCAR—A Broadman film, "Prophet from Tekoa," has been awarded an Oscar for the best Bible story film for 1962. Mrs. William Malone of the Sunday School Board's Broadman Films department (above) accepts the award from Dr. Harry Bristow, president of National Evangelical Film Foundation, Christian Youth Cinema, Inc., at its 12th annual Oscar Awards meeting at Jenkintown, Pa. The film is available through Baptist book stores.

Stewardship growth must be planned

CHURCHES cannot grow good Christian stewards by waiting until they get into financial difficulties to mention giving.



DR. DOUGLAS

This statement is true, because it has been proved. The policy of the majority of our churches is to beg the people for money. This is usually accompanied by the stressing of a dire need. But the fact remains that many, many Baptist church members do not give anything to the church for an entire year.

Then, many others do give when an emergency arises and the pastor makes a plea that appeals to them. Consequently, the Jews gave more under the law than Christians give under grace, because only a small percent of Baptists give a tenth or more of their income to the church.

Then, here is the picture. Last associational year Arkansas Baptists gave \$49.61 per capita to the churches. This means that the average Baptist gave about \$4.10 per month, or about 95 cents per week or about 14 cents per day to his church.

This also means that during the same year Baptists gave an average of \$5.84 to world missions through the Cooperative Program. This is 49 cents per month or about one and one-half cents per day.

What more proof does one need to see that Baptist churches are not growing stewards by asking for money?

Some churches have money collections on every hand. Items that should be in the budget are left out and then the cry goes up—"Help us meet this great need."

On the other hand, about one-third of our churches do not adopt a budget. This forces the church to operate on a hit-or-miss, or week-to-week emergency.

In this day of "know-how," too many church people know very little about why God expects them to share all that they have through their church. Some of the fault is with us, as leaders. We are afraid to plan a church program that will lead the people to give as they have been prospered. It is not easy to plan that kind of a program, but the programs of Christian Stewardship Development and Growth in Christian Stewardship are designed to help in this area.

These programs will help to give all the information about all the church fi-

Book recommended

THE tasks or the objectives of the Sunday School are challenging. Short thinking and small talk about Sunday School work will but penalize the church by such thinkers and talkers.



MR. HATFIELD

Leaders who think and talk king-sized can lead churches to develop their greatest potential in Sunday School work. Dr. Howse and Dr. Thomason of the Baptist Sunday School Board have co-authored a new book, *A Church Organized and Functioning*, which sets forth the tasks of each of the organizations in the church. Denominational leaders of each agency involved contributed liberally of time and information to the content of the book. Thousands will study this book with great profit.

The book sets forth what churches say their basic New Testament task is—namely, to worship, to proclaim, to educate and to minister. The educational organizations and other basic functions of the church are defined with objectives set forth.

The Sunday School carries the heaviest responsibilities. It is ideally suited for this place of responsibility. Some

nances to all the people all the time. And, we need this. Outside the inner circle of church leaders in the average church, the members know very little, if anything, about where the church money goes or why. Therefore, what they are not "up on" they are "down on." So, many church members do not want the pastor to ever preach the Bible doctrine of giving.

This is not a good picture, but we are improving. More and more of our churches are using every available help in order to grow better stewards. And we must not forget that it is a growth process. Baptists have grown into this dilemma and we will grow out of it, if enough church leaders will point the way.

A good place to start the growth in Christian stewardship is with the children. That being true, why not use the Vacation Bible School to teach the children, to give.

Let the church vote to give all Vacation Bible School offerings through the Cooperative Program, and then explain the Cooperative Program to the children.

This will do two things: 1. Teach the children to be unselfish. 2. Teach the children that the church is unselfish. Try it!—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary.

factors which place the Sunday School in such position are as follows: The Sunday School is the oldest and largest of the organizations. It meets at the ideal hour of the week. It has the popular and basic appeal of Bible study with the Bible as its textbook. Its total possible constituency is the greatest possible number including all church members, all unreached, unsaved, unenlisted persons of all ages in its community.

The principal tasks of the Sunday School include: (1) Teach the Biblical Revelation, (2) Reach all prospects for the church, (3) Lead all church members to witness daily, (4) Lead all church members to worship daily.

Other important tasks the Sunday School shares with other organizations include: (5) Provide opportunities for the personal ministries of the church, (6) Provide organization and leadership for special projects of the church, and (7) Provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination:

Study this book soon. It will be offered to General Officers and Adults at Siloam Springs.—Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary.

Training Union

What's new?

HERE'S what's new in Training Union:

1. Improved quarterlies. Training Union Adult quarterlies for 1963-64 will feature longer units and a plan to help adults choose from several units the material which best fits their needs.



MR. DAVIS

2. An alternate, simplified organization plan for adult unions. The new plan will feature fewer officers, and will not have groups and committees. This new organization will be presented to adults during the Training Union hour at each of the assemblies at Siloam Springs this summer. There will be an adult clinic in Little Rock on Oct. 28 in connection with the Training Union Leadership Workshop at which time the new alternate organization, improved curriculum and plan for enlisting 100,000 adults will be thoroughly explained.

3. Current interest in the study of doctrine. Each Training Union Adult quarterly for the first quarter, 1964, will include material for 13 sessions on "Fundamentals of the Faith."

Other long units will include studies in "Understanding the Communist Challenge," "Proclaiming Freedom," and "Our Baptist Heritage." These units will be nine sessions in length.—Ralph W. Davis

Seven years ago

SEVEN YEARS ago, we of the brotherhood Department were faced with the necessity of doing something that would make it possible for our State Royal Ambassador Camping program to be continued. For years we had held the camps at Ferncliff, a Presbyterian campground; but the Presbyterians enlarged their own camp program, and our RA's were left without any place to go. However a way



MR. TULL

was opened! The Arkansas Baptist State Convention voted to purchase land for a Baptist Camp; and 82 acres in the Ouachita Mountains were found for the site.

Mr. Seaton, associate Brotherhood Secretary, and I built the buildings with our own hands, with the able assistance of a few interested pastors and laymen. The lay-out was crude and very rustic. But with what was built we have held six wonderful years of camps.

A year or so ago the Convention authorized the purchase of 266 acres in Saline County as the site for a new denominational Youth Camp. This camp is now under construction, and will be ready for the 1964 Camping Season.

The old camp has about fulfilled its day as a stop-gap necessity. Better days are ahead for RA's and GA's, and for other groups.

And now please note: In order to have good Camps this last year at the old campground, with lots of boys in attendance at each camp, we are combining our two scheduled Crusader Camps into one camp, and our two Pioneer Camps also into one camp; and we have written everybody who up to now has registered. The revised camp schedule is as follows:

And now, with this added time for promoting the Camps, help us to build the attendance from your area to these two Camps.—Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary

23 for any interested in teaching non-readers.

Advance registration for all three of these conferences should be sent to the State WMU Office.

Representatives at GA Conventions
A GALA affair at each of the three GA Conventions to be held in Memphis June 18-20, 20-22, 24-26, will be the Roll Call of States. Representing Arkansas at the first convention will be Miss Connie Creighton of Batesville, at the second, Miss Becky Stell of Crossett, and at the third, Miss Sharon Farrell of Little Rock.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer



PICTURED above are Doyle Burke of Jonesboro, Baptist Student Director at Arizona State University, and three of his students. Pictured with Doyle are Mehmet Hasal from Turkey, Alao Adigun from Nigeria, and Dudley Berryhill of USA. Alao is a product of our mission work and is a native of Ibaden, Nigeria. The Arkansas Baptist Student Union provides some promotional money for the BSU work at Tempe through its Summer Mission program.—Tom J. Lague, Director

Woman's Missionary Union

Conferences scheduled

TRAINING will be offered 1963-64 WMU leaders in three different conferences during August.



MISS COOPER

Associational WMU leaders for 1963-64 will be offered special training August 13-14 at Ouachita College, under the direction of state WMU leadership. The following ten associational officers are invited to participate: president, directors of YWA, GA, Sunbeam Band, mission study, prayer, community missions, stewardship, enlistment and Jubilee.

August 15-16 are dates of the WMU Houseparty for local leaders. Of special interest is the division of the conference

for presidents. For the first time there will be specialized training offered presidents of Woman's Missionary Unions and Missionary Societies where there are multiple Missionary Societies in the church.

Mrs. Roy Babb, former president of Tennessee WMU, who instigated and pioneered in this plan, will lead the conference. Other conferences will be offered presidents of WMU's without circles and ones with circles.

Mrs. J. T. Lyon, former president of Mississippi WMU, will lead the first, and Mrs. Fait Mabrey, president of Louisiana WMU, the latter.

There will be other conferences for leaders of YWA, GA, Sunbeam Band, mission study, prayer, community missions, stewardship, enlistment, programs, circle and Jubilee chairmen. The Houseparty will also be held at Ouachita College.

In preparation for 1963-64, when one of the community missions emphases will be on literacy work, there will be a workshop in Little Rock August 22-



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Arkansas Baptist Foundation
401 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Operation Enlargement Evangelism in 1963

HERE are nine simple steps towards baptizing 17,001 in 1964. The following steps were agreed upon by the staff in Arkansas Baptist Headquarters:



MR. REED

FIND THE PROSPECTS

Make a survey in September (state-wide date Sept. 15).

Lawson Hatfield, director.

Follow up on Vacation Bible School prospects.

Consider families of Sunday School

members.

ENLARGE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Begin one or more new classes in each department.

(Consider more classes for men).

Start one or more new departments.

(Consider young people away, Cradle Roll and Extension Departments)

SET A GOAL FOR NET GAIN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

DEVELOP A WEEKLY CHURCH-WIDE VISITATION PROGRAM.

Compile survey

Assign prospects to Sunday School workers and class members on age group sex basis.

INCREASE THE ENROLLMENT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH A "ONE FOR ONE CAMPAIGN"

This is a plan through which the Sunday School can have a net enrollment gain of one for each teacher. Write Lawson Hatfield.

PARTICIPATE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WITNESSING CAMPAIGN IN YOUR ASSOCIATION

Contact Lawson Hatfield on this.

LAUNCH THE CULTIVATIVE COMMITMENT WITNESSING CAMPAIGN.

This program is designed to help a church cultivate and win to Christ un-saved not enrolled in Sunday School.

Write Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism.

USE THE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Contact R. A. Hill, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas

START A NEW MISSION

Contact Dr. C. W. Caldwell for materials.

REAP THE HARVEST

Contact a Jubilee Revival in 1964 in cooperation with your Association

Eastern Half—March 8-22

Western Half—March 29-April 12

CONSERVE RESULTS

Participate in Spiritual Growth Campaign.

Use "Deacon-Led Spiritual Growth Program"

Write Training Union Department about these.

Contact your associational chairman of Evangelism for dates and places or Evangelism



Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, studies a map of the state with summer missionary volunteers. Student missionaries, left to right: Margaret Pickering, Collins, Miss.; Paula Williams, Charlottesville, Va.; Jim Martin, Birmingham, Ala.; Virginia Adian, Coleman, Tex.; Karen West, Tulsa, Okla.; Nell Beard, Denison, Tex.; and Ann Goodlett, Ringgold, Ga.

Summer Missionaries in Arkansas

IN COOPERATION with the Home Mission Board we will have the services of seven outstanding students who will do mission work in Arkansas for ten weeks this summer. The Home Mission Board employs several hundred students who are mission volunteers and makes it possible for them to serve in some mission field during their summer vacation. We will have the services of seven working in many mission points throughout the Ozark mountains.

Virginia Ruth Adian, of Coleman, Texas, a student in Hardin Simmons University, and Karen Janette West, Tulsa, Okla., student in Southwest Baptist College in Missouri, will serve in White River Association, conducting Vacation Bible Schools and assisting in mission revivals in the mission points of that area. Missionary Dale Barnett has arranged their schedule and will supervise their mission activities.

Bennie Nell Beard, Denison, Tex., a student in Oklahoma Baptist University, and Margaret Ann Goodlett, Ringgold, Ga., student in East Central State

College, Ada, Okla., will serve in Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association, with missionary J. D. Seymour.

Paula Kelly Williams, Charlotte, Va., a student in Carson-Newman-College, Tennessee, and Margaret Pride Pickering, Collins, Miss., student in Southern State College, Hattiesburg, Miss., will serve in mission points of Clear Creek Association where Paul E. Wilhelm is missionary.

James Herschel Martin, Morris, Ala., student in Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond, La., will serve in Dardanelle-Russellville Association, with W. M. Woodson, missionary.

In addition to those mentioned above shown in the group picture are Louise Threet, Harrison, student at Ouachita College, and Kathy Cooper, Melbourne, student at Ozark College, Missouri, who will assist missionary Shelby Brittle in Rocky Bayou Association. These are our students who will do a great work this summer.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions-Evangelism.

INSECT TALK

By D. GEISENDORF

DO you know that some biologists believe a cricket chirps faster when the weather is warmer? You can use the following method to test this theory. If you can find an ordinary cricket, keep him in a small cage. Feed him apple cores and plenty of water. Then listen to his chirping.

Count the chirps in fourteen seconds; add the number forty to the total number of chirps. This should give you the approximate temperature on a Fahrenheit thermometer. Test this method of finding the temperature on both warm and cool nights. If this formula is not quite accurate, perhaps you can change it slightly so that it is correct.

Crickets make their chirping sound by rubbing their wings together. One wing is notched like a file. The other wing has ridges on it. Only the male cricket chirps. He is the ventriloquist of the insect world. His high and low notes make it difficult for us to determine whether he is near or far.

Bees have a unique language of their own. When a bee discovers a field of flowers, she gathers some of the nectar and flies back to the hive to advise the workers of her discovery. When she enters the hive, other bees learn from the taste and smell of the nectar the type of flower she has discovered. Her display of excitement tells the workers just how great her discovery actually is.

She needs to inform them of the direction and distance of the nectar. She does this by repeating a dance pattern. First she circles to the right and then to the left to tell them of nectar near the hive.

For flowers farther away she goes into a wriggling tail dance. She dances a 36 degree circle to the right and moves forward. Then she dances a complete circle to the left and moves forward

again. The direction she moves in a straight line indicates the direction of the nectar. This movement is made in relation to the direction of the sun.

If the nectar is in the direction of the sun, she makes her dance straight up the vertical hive. If in the opposite direction, she performs her dance straight down. If she moves so many degrees either way, she is telling them the nectar may be found in similar relation to the sun.

When she moves fast, she tells them the food is near. If the nectar is farther away, she takes more time. In other words, the bee indicates the distance by the speed and number of times the dance is repeated.

This is a remarkable language. The bees leave the hives in a steady stream flying directly to the treasure.

Spiders also communicate with one another. Most spiders have extremely poor eyesight. The female spider could mistake the male for another insect and attack him before she recognized him. In order to avoid this, when the male approaches the web home of the female, he pulls on the web. Upon receiving the message, the female will pull back if she wishes him to enter. This opens the door for him to come in.

What a remarkable language insects have!

Firefly

By LOIS SNELLING

Oh, happy bug, you plainly show
Your cheerfulness where'er you glow.
I think I'll try your cheery way
And see if I can make folk say,
"The world is brighter when you're near.
We're glad to have your light appear."

DESERT BIRDSONG

By THELMA C. CARTER

DESERT birds live in a world of their own. Most of the time it is a hot, parched world. The desert presents countless problems, such as many enemies: vultures, hawks, bobcats, squirrels, snakes, and rodents. Yet hundreds of birds prefer to live in desert areas. They are devoted to their desert homes.

People who live in and near desert areas will tell you the sandy plains are among the most beautiful places in the world. Among the red and yellow desert poppies, yellow sunflowers, sand verbenas, yellow prickly pears, hedgehog cactus, and the many other desert flowers, birds find happy homes. Bird song fills the air with the first signs of spring.

Thousands of birds, many flying from across the oceans, seek the safety and food of the giant saguaro cactus. In its thick, tall stems, desert birds make their homes. Among them are the Gila woodpecker, gilded flicker, purple martin, house finch, mourning dove, desert larks, and sparrows. Here they raise their families and eat to their heart's content of the delicious pulp and seed of the saguaro.

Hummingbirds, with their jewellike violet, red, orange, green, yellow, and black feathers, come to the desert areas of our country to raise their families. The tiny birds use their long bills in lily-shaped and deep-cupped flowers to find the sweet nectar of desert flowers. Their nests are built in low thorny twigs as well as the tall desert plants.

Some desert birds migrate with the seasons. Others stay all year. Scarcely a town of Bible times was without a desert nearby. In each were the desert birds which God created.

FATHERS AND SONS

By Carrié I. Quick



How many fathers and sons can you match? Draw a line from the fathers' names to the names of the sons.

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| 1. Adam | A. Joseph |
| 2. Jacob | B. Isaac |
| 3. Saul | C. Seth |
| 4. David | D. Jonathan |
| 5. Abraham | E. Solomon |

Answers

1. C (Genesis 5:3), 2. A (Genesis 47:7), 3. D (1 Samuel 14:42), 4. E (1 Kings 2:1), 5. B (Genesis 17:18-19)

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Construction Begins On New Lab



This is the way the chapel now looks with the back wall removed. The new laboratory will be built in this second floor section of the hospital.

Work on the new laboratory at Baptist Hospital scheduled to cost \$217,000, began May 20 with the tearing out of walls in the two middle area. Construction is costing \$100,000 and equipment for the laboratory, \$117,000.

This area, which formerly contained the chapel and four patient rooms in the middle wing, will be used for the new clinical laboratory which will be equipped for work in bacteriology, chemistry, hematology and general laboratory procedures.

The anatomical laboratory section,

which will house the tissue laboratory, pathology and doctors' offices, will not be begun until the new patient wing is completed over surgery. The anatomical lab will be located on two north and will involve the closing of 30 patient beds.

Administrator J.A. Gilbreath said that construction on the new patient wing was proceeding on schedule and that plans now were to move in by February 1. The laundry construction is ahead of schedule and that building will be ready by August 1.

Class of '51 To Hold Reunion

A reunion of Baptist Hospital School of Nursing graduates who finished in 1951 will be held at noon on July 13 in the Hospital dining room. The group will be guests of the Hospital and will be taken on a tour of new facilities.

Any member of the class interested in attending should write or call the following: Mrs. Helen Head Davis, 1308 Hendrix, Mo 3-6276; Mrs. Betty Kennerly Newby, 24 Talmadge, Lo 5-7097; or Mrs. Bonnie Wilcox Pool, 110 Lancaster, Lo 5-4250. The class, which had 64 members in three classes which finished in February, June and September, was one of the largest ever to graduate from the School of Nursing.

FOUR VOLUNTEERS IN EVENING CLASS

Four new ABH Auxiliary volunteers received orientation in an evening class held May 21 at Baptist Hospital. They are: Mrs. W.B. Durham of 1202 Skyline Drive, North Little Rock; Mrs. C.L. Smith, 8906 Clover Hill Road, Mrs. Maxine Taylor, 1301 Booker; and Mrs. Opal Wedge of 413 1/2 East 14th Street.

Mrs. Durham has just retired as assistant chief operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Mrs. Wedge is employed at Ottenheimer Brothers Manufacturing Company and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Taylor are housewives.

ABH AUXILIARY PRESENTS SERVICE AWARDS

Mrs. Roy Bilheimer received an award for 500 hours of service as a volunteer at the Meeting of the ABH Auxiliary held May 9 in the Student Union Building.

Other awards made at the meeting were: Mrs. R.S. Bredlow and Miss Eileen Briscoe, for 400 hours; Mrs. Mae Duckett, 300 hours; Mrs. J.C. Marshall, Mrs. Ted Rogers and Mrs. Tot Turner, 200 hours; and Mrs. Robert Byrns, Mrs. George Casey, Mrs. Nathan Harbour, Mrs. Nell Proctor, Miss Anne L. Smith, and Mrs. R.R. Winkler, 100 hours.

Emblems for one month's service were presented to: Mrs. R.F. Boland, Mrs. J.T. Browning, Mrs. D.D. Brown, Mrs. Robert Byrns, Mrs. George Casey, Mrs. Rex Cathy, Mrs. A.B. Cobb, Mrs. Paul Cook, Mrs. Nettie Fewell, Mrs. R. E. Gunter, Mrs. Fern January, Mrs. Ben Johns, Mrs. D.S. Kennedy, Miss Nanda Kinsel, Mrs. John Kooistra, Jr., Mrs. A.J. Linder, Mrs. B.F. Mounger, Mrs. C.C. Mounce, Mrs. A.H. Noble, Mrs. E.B. North, Mrs. Tishie Privitt, Mrs. W.W. Pennington, Mrs. Louise Pinchback, Mrs. H.H. Sims, Mrs. A.F. Taylor, Mrs. J.H. Trichell, and Mrs. James Wheeler.



These ladies won awards at the last ABH Auxiliary meeting. From left are: Mrs. Roy Bilheimer, 500-hour award; Miss Eileen Briscoe, 400 hours, Mrs. Tot Turner, 200 hours; and Mrs. Ted Rogers, 200 hours.

Wives To Attend Pastors' Workshop

The annual pastors' workshop will be held in the Student Union Building August 6 at Arkansas Baptist Hospital but instead of the ministers their wives are being asked to attend this year.

Dr. Don Corley, director of the department of Pastoral Care, said that he planned this first workshop for pastors' wives because he felt that their role in the life of the church was a vital one. He is inviting ministers' wives from all over the state but hopes to keep the enrollment at 100.

The featured speaker for the occasion will be an outstanding young minister and family relations specialist, Wallace Denton, who is director of counseling at the Midwest Christian Counseling Center at Kansas City, Mo.

Denton attended Ouachita Baptist College and served as pastor of churches at Tinsman and Fisher. He went on to the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where he received a bachelor of divinity and a master of theology degrees, then got a doctor of education degree at Teachers College, Columbia University. He also spent a year at the Merrill-Palmer Institute interning in marriage and finally counseling and psychotherapy.

He served as premarital counselor for the Planned Parenthood Association in Kansas City and as Parent education leader for the family life department of the Kansas City Public Schools. He was formerly YMCA director of student activities of the New York University College of Medicine and assistant director of pupil personnel for the Louisville, Ky., Public Schools. He has also held pastorates at Trenton, Ky., and at Detroit, Mich.

Denton is the author of two books, one of which is "The Role of the Minister's Wife," which was picked as the Pastoral Psychology Book Club selection for June, 1962. He will speak on "Role Attitudes of the Minister's Wife" on the morning program of the Pastoral Care Workshop and on "Specific Problem Areas for the Minister's Wife" on the afternoon program. Ministers' wives will "talk back" on a panel critique following the afternoon talk.

The program will be concluded with a demonstration of the latest fall hair and makeup styles.

Hospital Week Highlights

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Orchids were presented to two mothers on Mothers' Day, Mrs. Philip Kerr, of 105 Prothro Junction, North Little Rock, received one for being the mother of the most children. With her new arrival, she now has five. Sixteen-year-old Mrs. Jerry Dale Pennington of 3217 Lee received an orchid for being the youngest new mother.

Three television shows during the week featured Hospital personnel. Earl Eddins appeared on Little Rock Today on May 13 on KARK-TV, Dr. Sybil Hart appeared on Eye on Arkansas on KTHV May 14, and Joe Gunn, Eddins and Mrs. Mildred Armour present a panel on Arkansas Showcase on KATV May 15.

Shackleford Becomes Executive Housekeeper



Wallace Denton, family relations specialist.



Artis Shackleford

Board Meets June 10

The Board of Trustees met June 10 at the Hospital. Members of the Board attended graduation exercises held that evening at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Attend Youth Meeting

Three members of the Junior Auxiliary attended the Senior Youth Conference at Winfield Methodist Church April 27. Dr. Evelyn Duvall was the speaker.

The delegates from Baptist Hospital were sent by the ABH Auxiliary. They were: Peggy Walters, Judy Jackson and Jeanette Lively.

Artis Shackleford, disbursing officer in the business office, became the Hospital's executive housekeeper June 1. He replaces O.C. Pyle who resigned May 14.

Shackleford has been with the business office in various capacities for five and a half years. He is a native of Waldo and attended Capital City Business College. He formerly worked for Sears Roebuck and Company.

He is married and has two children, Deboras Ann, 6, and Donna Jean, 1. The Shacklefords live at 1209 Hendrix.

Shackleford is treasurer of the ABH Credit Union and will continue in that capacity.

Jerry Taylor is taking over his position as disbursing officer.

Receive Mothers' Day Gifts



These four mothers received layettes from the Hospital as part of the National Hospital Week Observance May 12. They are, from left: Mrs. Jimmy Steed, Mrs. Irving Daniel, Mrs. John Crouse and Mrs. Wayne Hoover.

Hospital Holds Graduation For 62

Dr. S.A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was the chief speaker at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital commencement exercises held at 8 p.m. June 10 at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Among the others on the commencement program were Dr. C.B. Bradburn of the Medical Staff; Ray M. Wilson, Dr. J.B. Scruggs, Mrs. Peggy Echols, Mrs. Mildred Armour, and Miss Elva Holland who presented diplomas, certificates and pins; and Mrs. Berniece Wright, Miss Holland and Miss Junaita Straubie who made special awards. Administrator J.A. Gilbreath presided and the ABH Choral Club sang accompanied by Mrs. Ray Thomas. Mrs. Euel Forrest was organist and Rev. Jerre Hassell gave the invocation and W.H. Patterson, the benediction.

Sixty-two students in the Schools of Nursing and X-Ray Technology were graduated. Baccalaureate services were held at 6 p.m. June 9 and the speaker was Rev. J.T. Elliff, director of religious education for the Baptist State Convention.

The 56 members of the graduating class of the School of Nursing were: Carolyn Jo Allen of North Little Rock; Velma Allen Baker of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Veronica Aultman of Morrilton; Janice Ann Baker of Drasco; Willie Barber of Bald Knob; Carolyn Bennett of Jasper; Anna Lee Blasdel of Yellville; Martha Boyd of Rison; Carol Brewer of Beebe; Sharon Campbell of Harrison; Betty Cherry of Little Rock; Betty Daniels of Camden; Lee Denton of Fort Smith; Rose Mary Dilliard of Okolona; Ruth Ann Dunaway of Ro-

gers; Delores Epperson of Solgohachia; Margery Fennell of West Helena; Martha Gates of Little Rock; Betty Goodman of Marmaduke; Sherry Grumbles of Pine Bluff.

Rosemary Harrison of Judsonia; E'helia Helton of North Little Rock; Sandra Hinton of Little Rock; Barbara Simpson Jackson of DeWitt; Nancy Jones of Crossett; Jean Keithley of Crocketts Bluff; Elsie Kennedy of Magnolia; Dorothy Lee Kidd of Bauxite; Lana Langston of Pine Bluff; Eva Joan Law of Gravette; Floy Ledbetter of Malvern; Suzanne McDaniel of Greenville, Miss.; Karen Maleare of Marmaduke; Patricia Martin of North Little Rock; Betsy Mason of Malvern; Mary Gail Mason of Benton; Mary Ann Mercer of Sparkman; Rebekah Mizell of North Little Rock; Maelyn Nash of Arkadelphia; Patricia Fultz Nix of El Dorado; Frances Norman of Stuttgart; Carolyn Norton of Arkadelphia; Kathryn Parr of Eudora; Reba Patterson of Pine Bluff; Carolyn Phillips of North Little Rock; Mary Prichard of

Dr. Burger Attends Meetings Abroad

Dr. Robert Burger returned last month from a trip to London and Rome where he attended international medical meetings. He was accompanied by his wife.

In London he attended the International Porensic on Immunology, Medicine, Pathology and Toxicology held April 6-14. The Burgers made trips to Scotland and southern Germany and returned home by way of Paris.

Newport; Marolyn Purtle of Little Rock, Julia Pyles of Alton, Mo.; Nancy Risher of Crossett; Carolyn Stewart of Tampa, Fla.; Ouida Thomason of Little Rock; Carolyn Throckmorton of Bradford; Hilda Van Cleave of Pine Bluff; Sandra Watts of Marshall; Judy Welch of Pine Bluff; and Mickey Tripp Yancy of Hector.

Members of the X-Ray School graduating class were Julia Cobb of Camden, Sharon Grant of Stephens; Patsy Sue Guess of North Little Rock; Carol Melton of Benton and Doris and Dorothy Michael of Sheridan.

Identical Twins Among X-Ray Graduates

When identical twins Dot and Doris Michael graduated from the X-Ray School of Technology, they left behind some baffled patients and employees. They are likely to confuse more people at Jefferson Hospital in Pine Bluff where they plan to work together.

Dot and Doris, unlike some twins, thoroughly enjoy being just alike most of the time.

"Once I got chewed out for a mistake Doris made and that wasn't so much fun but we got it straightened out," said Dot. Ordinarily, however, the Michael twins are entertained by reactions of people who think they are seeing double.

Out a Door, in Another

"One patient called another technician in and told her she was losing her mind -- she said she had seen this girl go in one door and come out another and she knew it wasn't possible," said Doris. "Of course, it was us." Another man who saw the two of us coming and going told me I was the hardest working technician he had ever seen."

Doctors are occasionally taken back to see what looks like the same technician working from early in the morning until late at night. It's, of course Doris on one shift and Dot on the other.

Mixup on Date

One boy dated Doris one night and Dot the next, thinking he was with the same girl and he repeated some of the same things to Dot that he had said to Doris. When he saw them together, he walked out in a huff.

The girls worked at separate times in cobalt therapy and when patients, who had seen one, came back and saw the other they expected her to remember them. Some employees insist that they can tell the difference -- and a few actually can because Doris and Dot switched name tags once to find out.

"Certainly I can tell them apart," said one employee. "Dot has a mole on her neck."

Dot and Doris are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Michael of Sheridan and they have eight brothers and sisters.

These twins are, if they have not switched name tags, Doris Michael, seated, and Dot Michael, standing.



God in his world

BY DR. J. MORRIS ASHCRAFT

Theology Department, Midwestern Seminary

June 23, 1963

Psalms 19:1-6; 95:1-8; 148

THE lesson for this Sunday, "God in His World," raises the discussion of many important themes of Christian faith. The primary idea is that of the relationship between God and His creation, the world. Our term "world" has sometimes been used, along with its cognates "worldliness" and "worldly," to suggest something that is evil. This development came about because of the prevalence of evil in certain social structures and generations of this world, and is found in the New Testament.



DR. ASHCRAFT

Biblical thought does not permit the idea that the physical universe itself is evil. In Biblical thought God created the universe, and this world is good because God made it. Human life may be beset by evil, but it is not evil itself. God's creation may suffer because of man's sin, but "this is our Father's world." The lesson today stresses this relationship in such a way that two ideas are clear: God has revealed Himself in His world; and this revelation calls for man's response to God.

Theoretically, there could be two approaches to God. Man could approach God through his own efforts such as prayer, worship, sacrifice, or good works. Or, on the other hand, God could reveal Himself to man and man could respond. Biblical faith is of the latter type—based on the self-revelation of God. Psalm 19:1-6 presents the revelation of God in nature and Psalm 95:1-8 calls for man's response to God on the basis of His revelation.

The revelation of God

THE fact of God's existence is seen in nature. The Psalmist believed that "the heavens declare the glory of God." While it may be possible for one to overlook the personal revelation of God in Jesus Christ if he overemphasizes this revelation of God in nature, it would be equally erroneous to ignore the witness of this revelation in Psalm 19. It is this kind of revelation that Paul referred to in Romans 1:19 in claiming that there is a knowledge of God throughout His creation and that Jews and Gentiles alike are under condemnation because they have

not properly responded to God.

To the Psalmist, a glimpse at nature is evidence for the existence of God. The "handiwork" of God is evidence that He is. Everyone is familiar with the illustration, which begins by looking at the intricate mechanism within a watch or clock. When one observes the orderliness and accuracy of this instrument he cannot doubt the existence of a wise designer and craftsman who built it. Likewise, the Psalmist looked into the beauty of God's creation and concluded the existence of God who had made it.

Not only does creation say that God is, but it says something about His nature. The heavens declared the "glory of God." If one looks at God's creation as a vehicle through which he sees the creator, he must conclude that God is one of majesty and power. Many other ideas may be inferred from the vastness and the orderliness of the created order.

The nature of this revelation is indicated. In Psalm 19:3, 4 note the contrast expressed. "There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world" (RSV). In other words, the heavens and the firmament do not speak in audible words such as we use and one may have to look and listen for a moment but the voice of this revelation is clear, universal, and dependable.

There is no limit because it is seen throughout the earth. It is as obvious and as dependable as the sun which rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other end and "there is nothing hid from the heat thereof" (19:6).

This kind of revelation is very eloquent in its silence. Man becomes discouraged because God will not speak audibly to him in the feeble sounds of human language, only to learn later that when he but listens God is speaking to him eloquently throughout the creation. Sometimes there is the still small voice, sometimes the whispering spirit, but always the majestic silence of God's universe which speaks for itself and Him who made it.

Response to God

THERE is general agreement that God's revelation is like a conversation, that is, it involves both speaking and hearing. God's gracious revelation of Himself is not completed until man has

understood and responded. For instance, God revealed Himself by sending His son Jesus Christ into the world. However, Jesus lived with and taught the disciples many months before they responded in the confession at Caesarea Philippi that they believed Jesus was the Messiah the Son of God. He could have told them the first day, or He would have overwhelmed them with arguments and evidence. However, He did neither. He lived and taught and guided them until one day they recognized for themselves that He was the revelation of God. Then, and then only, could they respond. Then, and then only, was revelation accomplished.

To believe in Jesus Christ is not to recite a confessional statement or to give intellectual agreement that one believes that an event recorded in history actually happened. Faith in Jesus Christ takes place only when an individual comes to recognize that God really did reveal Himself in Jesus Christ and he responds to that by a commitment of his life in trust to God.

The awareness of God's revelation calls forth an invitation to praise God (95:1). To recognize that God is requires that we worship. Worship requires "joyful" singing to God who has saved us. This kind of praise is voiced in the words, "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms" (95:2). Worship is the result of revelation. The greatest fact of all is that God is. To become aware of this requires that we worship.

There are reasons for worship. One should be careful at this point not to become utilitarian. Some people think they worship because they are trying to get blessings from God. Some think they worship because they want to get forgiveness of sins. This is not worship, and stands on the wrong foundation. One worships the Lord because He is God. This is the only real reason that there really is.

Verse 3 voices, as the Psalmist would, the supremacy of God. There is an additional argument supplied for worshipping God and that is that all creation belongs to Him as we have seen in Psalm 19. This suggests the idea that God not only has created but now sustains creation. In poetic language He has the deep places of the earth and the hills "in his hand" (95:4). Also, the sea and the dry land have been formed by His own hands (95:5). Therefore, we should worship God because He is God, and because all creation, including us, belongs to Him.

The nature of this worship is illustrated in 95:6-8. Worship involves a bowing down before God. Man is a creature, who always looks up to his creator (95:6). There is a fellowship with God in worship similar to that between a shepherd and his sheep. God cares for us, protects us, provides for us. Therefore it is logical that we should worship Him.

The lesson closes with the injunction, "Harden not your hearts" (95:8) if you hear His voice. The theme of revelation is complete. God has revealed Himself

so that everyone can see. Man is invited to respond to God in worship and praise. An additional injunction is given in which there is a note of urgency, "Today, if you will hear His voice" do not run the risk of hardening your heart.

A Smile or Two

Out of Fayetteville

WE are indebted to Pastor Terrel Gordon of Immanuel Church, Fayetteville, for these smiles:

THE daughter of our music director was singing about the house one day after we had used the hymn "God Our Father, We Adore Thee." She was singing, "We are Dorothy, we are Dorothy."

JAMIE Jones had given a letter to his secretary telling a friend that he would attend the missions conference in Ft. Worth "unless something unforeseen develops." When the letter appeared on his desk for signature it read, "unless something obscene develops."

Carl Nelson, a Baptist pastor in Huntsville, was out visiting, and was looking for a party whom he had not located before. He stopped at a home for directions where two ladies, and some children were in the yard. As two or three of them talked at the same time they tried to give directions.

Finally, one of the ladies said, "You go down this road 'til you come to two vacant houses."

Before she could continue, the other lady spoke up to say, "And there ain't nobody living in them houses, either."

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Attendance Report

Church	June 9, 1963 Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alma, Kibler	142	73	
Arkadelphia, Park Hill	105	65	
Barling, First	144	78	4
Berryville, Freeman Hgts	160	59	
Blytheville			
First	631	187	4
Gosnell	298	82	2
Camden, Cullendale	155	383	
Crossett, First	511	148	2
El Dorado			
Calvary	50	20	
East Main	272	118	2
First	777	200	3
Northside Chapel	34		
Forrest City, First	536	184	1
Midway Mission	49	46	
Fort Smith			
First	951	259	1
Mission	481	177	
Grand Avenue	684	261	4
Mission	22		
Townson Avenue	178	85	2
Green Forest, First	103	49	2
Rudd Mission	59		
Harrison, Eagle Heights	257	119	2
Heber Springs, First	152	63	2
Jacksonville			
Berea	115	47	
First	551	188	1
Marshall Road	124	58	5
Second	218	89	
Jasper	45	41	
Jonesboro			
Central	436	141	
Nettleton	246	98	3
Lavaca, First	249	160	
Little Rock			
First	844	314	5
White Rock	41		
Immanuel	1,171	393	6
Kerr	32	32	
Rosedale	243	92	
McGehee, First	361	160	8
Chapel	59	38	8
Marked Tree	203	64	1
Monticello, Second	277	151	1
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	676	200	4
South Side	34	20	
Camp Robinson	58	20	
Bethany	170	47	
Mission	10	11	
Highway	188	87	
Sylvan Hills	263	101	4
Paragould, First	467	205	13
Piggott, First	232	134	
Pine Bluff, Centennial	199	86	4
Rogers, First	391	128	13
Springdale			
Caudle Avenue	145	64	
Elmdale	105	54	2
First	429	150	1
Van Buren			
First	433	179	3
Second	59	39	5
Vandervoort First	58	51	1
Warren, Immanuel	287	96	9
Westside Chapel	85	51	

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A January survey shows that it costs more to feed a teen-age boy than any other member of the family. It costs \$11.40 a week for a moderate-cost balanced diet for a youth 16 to 19. For the 13 to 15 age bracket, the cost is \$9.80. The top food bill for girls comes in the 13 to 15 year bracket, but it is only \$8.90 a week.

Would you like to know the proportion of women in some of the honored professions of our nation? The following statistical profile may give you a clue: in the United States Senate, 2 out of 100; in the House of Representatives, 11 out of 435; among United States ambassadors, 2 out of 101; among presidents of four-year colleges and universities, 155 out of 1,447; among elementary school teachers, 770,328 out of 901,819; among secondary school teachers, 284,429 out of 607,462; among federal judges, 3 out of 422; among lawyers, 6,488 out of 285,933; and among physicians, 15,968 out of 261,176. Women represent 51 percent of the United States population, or 92,907,000 out of 183,642,000.—THE SURVEY BULLETIN

Government officials reportedly are at a loss to point to any factors other than uncertainty over tax policy that could account for the decline experienced this spring. It is contrary to the usual spring pattern when building activity picks up in the Northern states, and it is not being experienced by any other segment of the construction industry.

Congress, most Washington observers believe, is reluctant to vote the cutback in charitable deductions which President Kennedy has recommended, but until Congress takes definite action—to approve, amend, or defeat the administration's recommendation—the proposal appears to be having a deterring effect on fund drives by churches and private schools and colleges.

A number of religious and educational organizations expressed strong opposition to the President's proposals because they fear it would jeopardize their fund-raising campaigns.

Graham books top sellers

LONDON, England —(CNB)—Three books by Dr. Billy Graham are included in a list of best-sellers (non-fiction) just issued by The World's Work Ltd.

Nine years after first publication, *Peace With God* was second on the list, with 12,149 copies sold during 1962. Total sales for the book were listed at 258,963 in the nine years.

Another of the evangelist's books, *Secret of Happiness*, published seven years ago, is in sixth place on the 40-book list. Sales of this book amounted to 8,962 during 1962, bringing the total for seven years to 76,407 copies.

A more recent book by Dr. Graham, *My Answer*, published two years ago, was in 28th place. Sales for the two years were 11,813 copies.

Priests stand trial

WARSAW (EP)—At least a dozen Roman Catholic priests in Western Poland have been ordered to stand trial for refusing to submit to new government regulations affecting religious instruction, according to reports here.

The priests are accused specifically of refusing to submit to local Communist Party officials' lists of pupils attending the religious classes held in churches, church halls and even in private homes.

Four priests have already been fined up to the equivalent of \$300 for refusing to admit government inspectors who had demanded the right to supervise the religious classes.

Unable to pay such large sums—several times more than their monthly salaries—the priests have had all their private belongings, including books, confiscated by the authorities.

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Predict church construction dip

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Government observers who study the monthly estimates of new construction by churches and religious institutions believe that the unexpected downturn that has occurred this spring is due to apprehension among taxpayers concerning a possible limitation on tax deductions on charitable contributions.

Church construction amounted to \$80 million in January when President Kennedy sent a message to Congress urging that deductions for charitable contributions be limited to those that are in excess of 5 per cent of a taxpayer's net income.

It dropped to \$75 million in February; this caused no immediate concern since February is usually the lowest month of the year for building activity. However, in March construction continued to ebb, declining to \$71 million and failing to show the usual spring upturn.

Figures for April recently released show that it continued its drop, going to \$70 million.

Unless a marked up turn occurs in May, these observers claimed, it will be obvious that a recession has set in insofar as this phase of construction activity is concerned.

The reason, in the opinion of Washington experts in the construction field, is that fund-raising campaigns have proved particularly vulnerable to concern over future tax policies.

A building campaign must secure a number of large capital gifts at the outset and these come from individuals or corporations particularly sensitive to tax policies. Fund-raisers have reported privately that donors of capital gifts indicated that they will delay until the end of the year commitments as to the exact size of their gifts. They want to wait until they learn what their tax obligations will be.

The result, observers claimed, appears to be that several million dollars worth of new building projects have been deferred since there was a noticeable drop in the number of new building contracts let during the early spring of 1963.