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ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR MARCH

4-5—STATE BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION, PIKE AVENUE BAPTIST, The Brotherhood men of North Pulaski Baptist Association under the leadership of Rev. George Pirtle will bring special music at the State Convention. Bro. Pirtle requests that all men interested in singing in this choir meet at Pike Avenue Church at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th to practice. Program of the Convention was published in the February 24th issue of the Newsmagazine.

6-13—WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS, Each church in our Association will be observing this Week of Prayer.

14—TRAINING UNION ELIMINATION CONTEST, HIGHWAY BAPTIST, 7:30 p.m. The Sword Drill contests will include: Junior Memory-Sword Drill and Intermediate Sword Drill. In the Junior Drill, participants in the Church Drill who do not make more than twelve mistakes may enter the Associational Drill. Participants in the Associational Drill who do not make more than nine mistakes may enter the District Drill. First and second place winners in the Church Sword Drill for Intermediates may enter the Associational Intermediate Drill. The Associational first and second place winners may enter the District Drill. There will be two Speaker's Tournaments: one for 17-18 year olds and one for the 19-24 year olds.

Bro. Haney, Associational T.U. Director, would like to have a good representation from our Association. Encourage your Juniors and Intermediates to sign up for this Contest.

19—ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH NIGHT

21—EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND TRAINING UNION RALLY, AMBOY, District Training Union leaders will have charge of this meeting.

22—CENTRAL DISTRICT, TRAINING UNION ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT, FIRST BAPTIST, NLR.

28—ANNUAL MEETING, ARKANSAS WMU, FIRST CHURCH, PINE BLUFF.

NEWS OF ASSOCIATIONAL INTEREST

Bobby Walker, recently ordained as minister by Westside Church, Manila, has been called to the pastorate of Remount Church, North Little Rock.

Rev. J. O. Myers, Moderator, presided at the monthly meeting of the Executive Board, with Rev. Arnold Teel opening with prayer. A letter was read from the Valentine, Nebraska mission, thanking the Association for the generous gift. Bro. Tucker announced that the Missions Committee was not bringing a recommendation to purchase a portable building due to the fact that Park Hill Church, who is sponsoring the mission in Indian Hills, has requested that they be allowed to purchase a chapel. Bro. South, pastor of Park Hill, explained that it would be necessary to withhold their monthly contribution to the Association for the remainder of the year to help purchase the building and equipment. Also, in order to borrow money it will be necessary to have title to the property. Bro. A. L. Haney made a motion that the Association instruct the Trustees to turn the title to the Indian Hills property over to Park Hill Baptist, motion seconded and carried.

Rev. Jerre Hassell, speaking on BSU work, discussed a piece of property available just north of the BSU Center in Little Rock. He made a motion that we approve the giving of \$700 toward a down payment on this property, contingent with Pulaski Association doing the same thing, and the Student Center paying \$1,000, with the rent received from the property retiring the note. Motion seconded and carried.

Bro. Hassell brought up the simultaneous pastor-led crusade April 3 through 17 which the State Department of Evangelism has asked our Association to participate in. There are 11 churches in our Association who plan to take part and will share in the publicity, including Amboy, Calvary, Central, 47th Street, Grace, Highway, Jacksonville 2nd, North Little Rock 1st, Pike Avenue, 16th Street, and Sylvan Hills. Two other churches, Levy and Park Hill, are having revivals April 17-24. Any other churches wishing to take part should notify Bro. Hassell. Bro. Haney led in closing prayer.

Gravel Ridge Church has set March 27th as the tentative date for the dedication of their new auditorium. Rev. Jack Livingston, pastor, will hold a week of revival commencing on the date of the dedication services. Further announcement will be made in the local

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 21, 1966	
January 17, 1966—Cash Balance	\$ 3,288.55
Offerings January 17-February 21 1966:	
Amboy Baptist	217.90
Baring Cross Baptist	268.42
Bayou Meto Baptist	24.03
Berea Baptist	16.00
Bethany Baptist	42.67
Calvary Baptist	106.62
Cedar Heights Baptist	55.00
Central Baptist	220.00
Chapel Hill Baptist	16.34
First Baptist, North Little Rock	143.75
Forty-Seventh Street Baptist	42.84
Grace Baptist	23.84
Gravel Ridge Baptist	36.34
Graves Memorial Baptist	81.00
Harmony Baptist	9.03
Highway Baptist	27.00
Hill Top Baptist	3.34
Levy Baptist	305.51
Park Hill Baptist	225.00
Pike Avenue Baptist	100.00
Remount Baptist	16.49
Runyan Baptist Chapel	30.45
Second Baptist, Jacksonville	56.15
Sherwood Baptist	26.16
Sixteenth Street Baptist	11.48
Stanfill Baptist	4.00
Sylvan Hills Baptist	39.31
Zion Hill Baptist	37.34
Total Offerings	2,186.01
Total Funds Available	5,474.56
Disbursements:	
American National Bank, Lakewood	600.00
L. R. Baptist Student Union	83.33
Home Mission Board, Pastoral Aid in Michigan, Feb.	37.50
Runyan Baptist Chapel—Pastoral Aid, Feb.	37.50
Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, Feb.	17.50
Mrs. Betty Welch—Asso. Secretary \$50 Postage for Treasurers' Envelopes \$3.85, SS \$1.59 & TU \$1.60	57.04
Baptist Book Store—Study Course Books, TU	7.19
First American National Bank—Safe Deposit Box	10.00
N. L. R. Postmaster—Postage, Treasurer Personalized Printing & Promotion	5.00
Printing Minutes	200.81
Consolidated Wholesale Co., Inc.—Supplies, Clerk	11.85
Total Disbursements	1,067.72
February 21, 1966—Cash Balance	4,406.84
First Federal Savings Account	5,018.75
Balance on Lakewood Property	\$36,752.23
—Mrs. T. A. Spencer, Treasurer	

papers.

Bro. Theo Cook conducted a revival last week at Crystal Valley Baptist Church, with Bro. Pearl Stockton of Union Rescue Mission leading the singing.

JUST A REMINDER: The associational Vacation Bible Clinic has been set for May 2nd at Park Hill, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Jerre Hassell commenced his second year as pastor of Central Baptist Church the first of this month.

Please mail news items to Betty Welch, 613 E. Beverly, NLR. Or call TE 5-3623.

personally speaking

After nine years

NINE years ago, on March 1, 1957, I moved back "home," after a 13-year sojourn in Kentucky and South Carolina, to become editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*.

The new assignment had come to me without any politicking on my part—I had not even hinted to any of my friends that I would be "available." From the beginning I felt, more than I had ever felt in any job I had held before, that God was in the opening of the new door of opportunity.

But the "honeymoon" period was to be brief. September 1957, you remember, was **September 1957**. In the battle over school integration I was not able for long to "sit on the fence." And from the day I got off the fence, I have been on the "wrong side," in the view of some.

Many of my fellow Baptists have chewed my bones till they were blood raw—not always over the race issue, however. And sometimes I have deserved some of the chewing. But whether you deserve it or not, getting your bones chewed is no picnic—at least not for you!

But the thing that has saved me has been the many fellow Baptists and other friends who have loved me even when I may have been wrong and have soothed my raw bones with the balm of compassionate understanding and moral support. It is friends such as these who sustain you and help you facing each new day with Christian optimism.

From this vantage point, I thank the Lord. If it were to do over, I'd do it again, although some things I would do differently.

One thing I certainly would not want to change. I would want to have again the same great team of helpers I have now and have had—some of them for all these years—Juanez Stokes, Mary Giberson, Betty Woods and Ann Taylor. And I would want to have, as I have now and have had, printer John Wells and his associates, who have printed the paper for more than twenty years.

I am grateful for more than my share of honors and opportunities that have come to me during the past nine years. But as much as I appreciate all of these, the greatest thrill of all is the privilege of helping to produce and circulate our Arkansas state Baptist paper each week, and of being associated with my fellow Baptists of Arkansas in the Lord's work.

I thank the Lord for every one of you, even for those of you who on occasion chew my bones. You, too, are helpful. But in all fairness I must say I prefer other approaches.

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

NO "over-and-above-the-budget" gifts for "missions"? Apparently, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is heading in this direction in its budget recommendations. A report on the meeting at Nashville of the Committee comes to us from the "Editor's Notebook" on page 3.

ALSO from Nashville comes the story of our Convention membership passing the 10 3/4 million mark in 1965. The story and summary of statistics for the year begins on page 6.

STILL further action from Nashville—The SBC Executive Committee adopted a recommendation for a \$24.2 million budget proposal for 1967. The Convention will take action at Detroit in May. The review of this recommendation and others is on page 8.

WE enjoy and hope you do—the special feature we run from time to time in our newsmagazine from the *Survey Bulletin*, "Facts of Interest." Another similarly informative group of briefs is sent to us by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, "On the Moral Scene." "Facts" today are on page 14, the "Scene" on page 15.

A FINE looking group of young people are pictured today on page 17. They are the presidents of BSU chapters at colleges in Arkansas.

FROM a young lady in Eudora comes a fine statement of Christian belief. See "I Believe" by Amanda Ruth Bass on page 18.

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

New budget policy?

NASHVILLE, Feb. 24 — No "over-and-above-the-budget" gifts for "missions"?

This seems to be the way the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is headed in its budget recommendations. And at least some of the mission-boards personnel favor the change, it is reported.

If the new trend that seemed to capture the hearts of most of those present here this week continues, by next year or the year after that, the SBC budget will be for a full, twelve-month period, with all causes sharing on a percentage basis in all of the budget receipts.

This would be as against the present policy of dividing all receipts, above the budget, between the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board.

Points for change

Several arguments were presented in the Executive Committee for the change, and, significantly, there were no arguments against the change.

One of the strongest arguments was that under the present plan of promotion, many of our churches and individuals get the false impression that we are giving nothing for missions, until we have a surplus above the budget to divide between our two mission boards. Not only are the mission boards in the regular budget for shares along with all other of our agencies, institutions and causes, but all our work is missions.

Another argument was that all of our causes, in the expanding economy, need larger and larger budgets and that the sharing of all causes in all gifts across the full year would result in a more equitable distribution of mission funds, using the word "mission" in its broad concept of embracing all that we do as a denomination.

Still another argument for the causes sharing on a percentage basis in total receipts for the full year was that of Earl Harding, executive secretary of the Missouri state convention. This would encourage Baptists to give according to their ability to give, not just till the budget has been reached, usually in the first ten to ten and a half months of the year, he said. And he estimated that the Baptists of his state alone withheld approximately \$80 million last year in tithes.

Seminaries in need

There is a saying that "it is the squeaking wheel that gets the grease." The squeaking wheel this time was the six seminaries. Duke McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, speaking for all of the seminaries, said that under the proposed budget for 1967 of \$24,200,000,

the seminaries, which once were receiving a third of the total, will now be receiving less than 16 per cent. This amount, \$3,833,000, is \$200,000 short of the amount urgently needed by the seminaries, he said.

While the Executive Committee did not feel it could add \$200,000 to the budget total, the proposed \$24,200,000 already being \$200,000 above the proposed total as late as the day before the budget vote, it appeared Dr. McCall had made his point. He will be due some of the credit for the change in budget policy, if it comes, although he was not arguing for the change as such.

It is rather ironic that the Cooperative Program, designed to include all causes and to eliminate the need for special offerings, has been capped for many years by what has amounted to huge special offerings for two of our causes to the exclusion of all others.

The proposed budget of \$24,200,000, to be before the SBC in its Detroit meeting in May, is \$2.4 million above the 1966 budget. This will probably mean little if any over-and-above-the-budget funds for 1967, resulting in every cause sharing all the way, or nearly all the way, in 1967.

New state trend?

The state convention executive secretaries are reported on reliable authority to be the moving force for the new budget approach. This was a major item on their agenda when they met recently in Athens, Ga. Since this is the situation, we may reasonably expect to see a new approach in the distribution of Cooperative Program funds for state causes, with all causes sharing in any funds over and above the basic budget.

Ups and downs

MEMBERSHIP in Southern Baptist Convention churches has now passed the 10 3/4 million mark; annual church giving last year exceeded \$600 million; and church property value now exceeds \$6 billion.

All of this is revealed by Martin Bradley of the Research and Statistics department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in his annual statistical report for the SBC, just released. (For full details, see story elsewhere in this issue.)

Not all of the figures are so encouraging, however. There were 12,784 fewer baptisms than for the previous year, and 10,363 fewer additions by letter. And the enrollments for Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood-Royal Ambassadors and Music are all down as over the totals for a year ago.

The non-residents

One of the most discouraging statistics is one not included in the Bradley report—the number of Southern Baptists who have moved away and left their church memberships behind. According to D. Lewis White, ad-

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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.

Our opportunity

SINCE I have been a Christian 68 years and a Church worker 67 years and a Preacher 51 years, and now laid on the shelf, I see the need of evangelism more than any time in these 70 years. In this day of hurry and scurry and extravagance, when Satan is doing his worst to Baptists' time to do their best to get the Gospel to every creature.

—L. L. Jordan, Little Rock, Ark.

Listen, Bingville!

I HAVE just read the request of the chairman of the Bingville Pulpit Committee for a "pastor." [See "Letters to Editor," our issue of Feb. 10] I recommend that the church beg the pastor who just resigned to come back. I further recommend that they reorganize the leaders of the church. If this church wants a pastor who will accept and conform to the practices carried on by the members and leaders of it, I sincerely believe and earnestly hope that they will have to search outside the Southern Baptist denomination to find such a pastor.

I wonder where the Bibles of these church members are. They obviously are not being read, and the rules God laid down for us in His Word are not being followed.

In answer to the church's request for prayer, I most certainly will pray for them. I will also pray that God will send them a pastor who will work diligently with them to help them find God's will for their lives. Their witness while in the center of God's will will enable them to win the lost of the community to Christ and to encourage the Baptists in the community to unite in the Lord's service with them. I do not believe they will be able to do this as long as they continue with their present practices or the needs would already be fulfilled. —Carolyn Garrett, OBU, Arkadelphia

The burning weed

I HAVE a question that I would like to hear from some members of other churches on? Just what do you think of the leaders of the church meeting

in the church office to smoke while Sunday School and Training Union is going on right where all the children can see, smell and know just what their leaders are doing? Is it right to use God's house for our own worldly sins during the time when we should be worshipping Him?

If it is not wrong to smoke in God's house, I suppose there would be no harm in taking a social drink in God's house either, since so many Baptist now days can see no harm in the social drink. To me there is no difference. God told Moses to remove his shoes because he walked on Holy Ground at the Burning Bush, not the smoking bush. (Exodus 3:5)

—Signed but name withheld

'Squirrel-headed preachers'

RECENTLY I read an article in the Arkansas Democrat in the column titled "Reader's View." In the article, a self styled Ozark mountainer called us preachers "squirrel headed." Among other things he said, "The average preacher of the Gospel, after a few hymns and a liberal collection of funds, gets up and gives out with a scientific shadow-boxing type sermon that goes in at one ear and out at the other."

In what light does the world really see us preachers? What image do we create?

First, are we men that the world looks upon as being spokesmen for God? Do we so live in the week-days and so work that, come the Lord's Days, when we stand up to preach, folks can see we have been with Jesus? Does the message go in at one ear and out at the other because we have created the image of being "squirrel headed"? Or does the message enter into the heart and bear our hearers God-ward, because we bear Gods image?

How do the children see us? One day as I was making pastoral calls, I came to the home of a little girl who was in the front-yard playing. I greeted her by name. She arose from her play and ran swiftly for her mother, calling out loudly and with great joy, "Mamma, mamma, my preacher man has come to see me! My preacher man has come to see me."

Those were sweet words. They came from the lips of a sweet and innocent little girl, one who knew no guilt.

Though my sins and my mistakes are legion, I love God. I love people. I love

PERSPECTIVE

by
Robert J. Hastings

Little men, long shadows

DURING these short days of winter when the sun hangs low to the South of us, a tree or a man or any other object creates longer shadows on the ground.

This is also true near sunset anytime during the year. At sunset, a small boy makes a shadow as big as a man's at noon. This phenomenon led someone to observe, "When little men start to cast long shadows, it is a sign that night is near."

There is more to this proverb than meets the eye, because the author is not thinking merely of an actual shadow cast by a short person. Rather he is thinking about influence and example.

Quite frequently a "little" person (small in character, altruism, experience, morality, etc.) will carry more weight in a community than more mature persons. What he lacks in character he may make up for in cunningness, enthusiasm, and determination. And this is always a sign that darkness is near. Not the actual blackness of night, but the darkness of prejudice and dishonesty and fraud and deceit.

This can also happen in a home, on the job, in a classroom, or even in a church. It happens wherever the talented and the gifted sit back while less desirables take over.

saints and I love sinners. And by the grace of God, I love those who call us ugly names, even those who call preachers "squirrel headed."

I am happy to be numbered with those now, "called of God," called to serve God by serving saints, and loving sinners. And I will be content to serve, if the only reward that I receive shall be the voice of a little child, shouting out, "Mamma, my preacher man has come!"

—F. M. Robinson, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Bauxite

Feminine philosophy -- or intuition

BY HARRIET HALL

Scenery, signs and space

DURING our recent days of winter wonderland in northwest Arkansas I rode down to Fort Smith and enjoyed the "frozen scenery."

The sun had come out that morning and it glistened on the ice-coated mountain, the frosted trees, and frozen waterfalls. Occasionally a green cedar stood with striking contrast at the edge of a frozen pond. Sometimes there were fallen branches which formed black silhouettes against the thick white circle of ice over the ponds. Around each turn in the winding road, I gazed with awe at another ice-laden masterpiece.

As we drove out of the frozen area into the part where the sun had been out longer I began to notice signs along the road. "Summer View Acres" caught my eye—it was warmer now. Then came the sign, "Devils Den State Park." It was getting warmer! Another sign read, "Azure Hills," and a little further a cafe near Winslow had a sign "Awkomonin." They also had a sign saying "Fried Pies."

Other signs of interest read: "Antiques, Wood-Crafters, Weaving," and near Brentwood an old fire truck stands in the yard of the "Collector's Museum" to invite those who pass by to come inside and view the Delft china and interesting collections.

As we drove along I noticed the streams were running swiftly now, swollen by recent rains. Here were more signs: "Boy Land of Arkansas, Western Motel, Best Pie in Arkansas, Green Shadows, Vista Courts, Sky-vue Lodge, Baskets, Pottery, Jams and Jellies, Rainbow Court, Burns Gables, Good

Southern Vittles, Gift Shop," and many others.

Suddenly I forgot all about the signs as I caught the breath-taking view of Lake Ft. Smith shimmering in the distance and the Boston Mountains as a back-drop from the vantage point of Mt. Gaylor.

A short distance from the Mt. Gaylor tower was another lovely view which included the winding river below. I noticed a home-owner here had chosen the name "Canyon-view."

Next, in rapid succession as we sped down the mountain came a series of signs again; "Ozark Crafts, Artist's Point, Gifts, World's Only Marigold Glass, Cook-out Cabins, Timberlane, Ceramics, Boston Mountain Lodge, Sunbonnets, Quilts, Crystal Rocks, Apple Dolls, Baskets, Indian Relics, Honey, Huckleberry Jam, Jungleland Zoo, Isley's Dolls, Antiques."

I got a quick glance of a big comfortable-looking home with a large front porch laden with fire wood. Then came "Arkansas Traveler, Chestnut Village, Artifacts, Cut Glass," and a "free" Rock Museum, advertising lemonade.

Near a beautiful panorama of rock cliffs with a river below was the sign, "Chihuahuas—World's Smallest Dogs."

My eyes left the signs once more. This time I saw a picturesque tree with a limb growing out just a foot or two above the base of the trunk, forming one of those "natural bench" shapes near the edge of a small stream.

Now we were at Mountainburg, going up to the telescope point, advertised as a "Million \$ View"—which I could appreciate without the benefit of the telescope. This view of the river and bridge below has long been a favorite of mine at any season. At that moment a car passed by and I noticed a young man in the back seat sound asleep on his pillow. "How could he sleep through such scenery?" I thought. It seemed a sacrilege.

The day was warming and I noticed some long underwear on a line. It reminded me of a letter

Preacher Poet

The tongue

The tongue is like an auto equipped with a push-button starter, propelled by inward combustion, operated in low or in high gear, less often in reverse.

The tongue, like an auto, requires a chauffeur to keep it under control and to avoid wrecks.

Like an auto, the tongue will carry one along to some sort of destination but not every time to a wanted destination.

The tongue, like most autos, is too much depended upon, is not given enough rest and is too often overloaded.

As the purr of a motor is a proof of its condition, so is the tone of the tongue the test of one's status. When a tongue, like a car, makes lots of noise it indicates that something is out of order.

—W. B. O'Neal

my father wrote once during his retirement days. He said, "It was so cold today I got out my long underwear. I'm gaining weight. The scales think it's me."

Another sign reminded me that we were getting close to our destination and meal time: "Copper Kettle, Candies, Smoke House Hams."

A little further I saw a very pretty home with a wide expanse of yard. I thought of what Shing Faan Lee, the Chinese student our church helped support some years ago, had said when he first came to America. We asked him what had impressed him most about our country. Without hesitation he answered, "Space!" Space—and room to live—and breathe—and worship as we please . . . how grateful we should be to Him who has given us the privilege to live in this country.

Questions, comments, or suggestions may be addressed to:

Mrs. Andrew Hall
Mount Sequoyah Drive
Fayetteville, Ark.

Southern Baptists total 10³/₄ million

Annual giving exceeds \$600 million; Church property value exceeds \$6 billion

NASHVILLE (BP)—Membership in Southern Baptist Convention churches passed the 10³/₄ million mark during 1965, end-of-the-year statistical summary prepared by the denomination's statistical service reported here.

Membership in the denomination's 33,797 churches increased to a record 10,772,712 during 1965, an increase of 1.6 percent of 171,197.

The statistical summary was prepared by the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, headed by Martin B. Bradley.

Other new records set during the year include passing the \$600 million mark in annual total gifts, and the \$3 billion mark in total value of church property, according to Bradley.

Total gifts of Baptists through their churches increased in 1965 by 7.8 percent to a record \$637,958,846.

The mission or benevolence portion of these gifts rose to \$106,743,944, an increase of 6.6 percent over the 1964 total.

Per member gifts

AVERAGE per member gifts also increased to record levels, with an average of \$59.22 annually in total contributions through the churches, and \$9.91 annually to missions and benevolence through the churches.

The statistical report listed Baptist church property value at \$3,080,663,120, a rise of over \$125 million compared to the 1964 figure. Property value per church slightly exceeds an average of \$91,000, with reported values ranging from a few dollars for small churches to several million dollars for a large number of churches.

Although total membership, giving, and property value figures were up, baptisms for the year and enrollments in church organizations were slightly down.

Baptisms during 1965 totaled 361,634, a decrease of 12,784 from the 374,418 baptisms (converts) in 1964.

Changes in processing the denomination's statistics resulted in adjusting downward the enrollment figures for church educational organizations, said Bradley.

For the first time, the 1965 convention statistics reflect only those figures actually reported by the churches, with no adjustments being made for incomplete reporting.

Enrollment figures for church organizations in previous years had been affected by estimates in cases of incomplete reporting, Bradley said. "This tended to inflate the total at the denominational processing and tabulating stage."

Educational ministry enrollments were as follows:

Sunday School, 7,659,638; a decrease of 11,527;

Training Union (Sunday evening study group for all ages), 2,610,187, a decrease of 111,842;

Brotherhood (men's missions organization) and Royal Ambassadors (boys' missions organization), 483,219, a decrease of 120,477;

Woman's Missionary Union (and missions organizations for children, girls and women), 1,469,739, a decrease of 39,745;

And music ministry programs (all ages), 872,186, a decrease of 51,685.

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Summary of 1965 Southern Baptist Convention Statistics

	1965	1964	Numerical Change
Associations	1,184	1,183	1
Churches	33,797	33,388	409
Baptisms	361,634	374,418	-12,784
Additions by Letter	547,316	557,679	-10,363
Total Membership	10,772,712	10,601,515	171,197
Vacation Bible School Enrol.	3,394,953	3,233,401	161,552
Value Church Property	\$3,080,663,120	\$2,954,380,965	\$126,282,155
Total Gifts	\$637,958,846	\$591,587,981	\$46,370,865
Mission Gifts	\$106,743,944	\$100,164,740	\$6,579,204
Sunday School Enrol.	7,659,638**	7,671,165**	-11,527**
Training Union Enrol.	2,610,187**	2,722,029**	-111,842**
W.M.U. Enrol.*	1,469,739**	1,509,484**	-39,745**
Brotherhood and R.R. Enrol.*	483,219**	603,696**	-120,477**
Music Ministry Enrol.	872,186**	923,871**	-51,685**

*Includes college and hospital Y.W.A.'s as well as statistics for churches.

**The 1965 enrollment figure is not comparable to that for previous years. Enrollments for 1964 and preceding years were inflated to an unknown extent due to procedures used in processing incomplete reports of churches. The comparison of the 1965 figure with that of 1964 does not, therefore, indicate

a true change. Rather, the difference in the two years' figures represents the combined effect of a sizable downward adjustment (due to revised procedure) in the 1965 figure and an unknown "real" change (increase of decrease).

Research and Statistics Department,
Baptist Sunday School Board,
March 2 (release date)

SBC Executive Committee Actions

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention here adopted major recommendations, including a \$24.2 million budget proposal for 1967, to be submitted for action at the Southern Baptist Convention, May 24-27, in Detroit, Mich.

The 58-member committee adopted statements outlining in detail the programs of four Southern Baptist agencies, and voted to recommend to the convention that the denomination's Christian Life Commission "to undertake appropriate communication with the motion picture industry" regarding morality trends in movies.

In other major actions, the Executive Committee authorized an attitude and opinion survey on changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention, and tabled for one year a bylaws change which would have altered the basis for representation on SBC commissions and agencies.

St. Louis, Mo., was recommended as the meeting place for the 1971 sessions of the convention, proposed for June 1-4, 1971.

Final consideration of the major action must come from the convention when it meets in Detroit, May 24-27.

Most of the all-day meeting of the Executive Committee and two days of sub-committee meetings was spent in working out proposals for the 1967 SBC Cooperative Program budget goal, the denomination's unified plan of missions giving.

Big budget increase

The recommended \$24.2 million goal for 1967 would be an increase of \$2.4 million over the already-approved Cooperative Program budget goal for 1966.

Biggest portion of the increase, \$1.4 million would go to foreign missions; with a \$200,000 increase proposed for the six Baptist theological seminaries, and a \$541,450 increase for home missions.

The proposed \$24.2 million goal would include an allocation of \$2,249,500 already approved by the SBC for capital needs of convention agencies, and a \$21,950,500 goal for operating needs of SBC agencies. The operating budget would be \$995,250 more than the 1966 operating budget.

In separate action, the committee recommended a \$530,000 convention operating budget in addition to the \$24.2 million Cooperative Program budget goal. Only \$200,000 from the Cooperative Program budget would go to the operating fund, the remainder coming from interest and dividends and the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The proposed survey on attitudes and opinions of Baptists concerning a name change for the Southern Baptist Convention was recommended by the Executive Committee's administrative subcommittee, assigned earlier to recommend procedures for studying the possibility. The SBC meeting in Dallas last June requested the Executive Committee to study the matter.

Film assignment

The Dallas convention also referred to the Executive Committee a proposal by television actor Gregory Walcott of Hollywood, Calif., calling for establishment of a "diplomatic unit" to Hollywood motion picture and television producers and distributors.

A recommendation from the committee's program subcommittee was adopted, which would assign the SBC Christian Life Commission to "discover and interpret Baptist views on theater-type films through constant study, con-

ferences, seminars, and publications." The commission was also requested to communicate with the motion picture industry "as needed on points of concern to the churches." Final approval would have to come from the convention in Detroit.

Program statements were adopted outlining the scope of responsibility and work of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission. Program objectives, already approved by the convention, for nine other SBC agencies were also adopted.

A committee report recommending that the SBC Foreign and Home Mission Boards serve as the channel agencies for aiding people in disaster areas was adopted by the Executive Committee. The committee reported that the Foreign Mission Board had already allocated \$100,000 for such emergency relief, and the Home Mission Board has allocated \$50,000, to be added to a previous budgeted amount of \$50,000. The Home Board is moving toward a goal of \$250,000.

Baptist representation

Although the committee meeting was void of controversy, there was some debate over a proposed bylaws change concerning representation of state Baptist conventions on SBC boards and agencies.

Some objected because the proposal would have rotated representation from Baptist state conventions with less than 100,000 members on SBC commissions and institutions. Proponents, however, argued that it was not democratic process for the ten small states, with a combined total membership of less than 500,000, to each have one representative on the agencies when all 11 other state Baptist conventions each have over 500,000 members—more than the combined total of the ten small states.

The proposal to change the bylaws was tabled until the meeting of the Executive Committee in February 1967.

Wording changes in the SBC constitution, already approved by the convention and Executive Committee last year, were adopted on second reading and recommended for final consideration by the convention in Detroit.

A portrait of Duke McCall of Louisville, Ky., former executive secretary of the Executive Committee, was unveiled during the meeting. McCall became head of the Executive Committee 20 years ago at the age of 32, serving until 1951 when he was named president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Other actions

Other actions of the 58-member committee included:

—approval of a charter change for the SBC Annuity Board to provide perpetual existence rather than for 50 years; subject to final convention approval.

—authorization of grammatical changes in the SBC constitution, conditional to final approval of the Executive Committee;

—adoption of the Robert's Rules of Order definition of full term of office in filling vacancies on expired terms; subject to final convention approval;

—appointment of four SBC leaders to serve as proxies on the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee in case

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Bradley pointed out that comparison of the 1965 enrollment figures with 1964 totals does not indicate a true change since different processes were used in tabulating the figures.

"The difference represents the combined effect of a sizable downward adjustment (due to revised procedure) in 1965, and an unknown 'real' change (increase or decrease)," Bradley added.

Vacation Bible School

VACATION Bible School enrollment, not involved in the processing change, climbed to a record total of 3,394,953. There were 29,883 Bible schools reported, also a new record.

The statistical report also reflected an increase of 409 churches in the denomination to a record 33,797 total number of congregations.

The 409 increase includes a total of 228 "inactive" churches, a total not included until 1965. Bradley said that "inactive" refers to those churches still affiliated with the convention, but which have not submitted a report for three or more years. Previously these churches were not included in the statistical report.

The 33,797 churches are located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and are affiliated with 29 Baptist state conventions and 1,184 different associations.

The Southern Baptist Convention's statistical year does not coincide with the calendar year, but is defined as ending in September.

elected SBC representatives cannot attend;

—permission to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, to use portions of a \$260,000 previously-allocated capital needs item for renovation of Fort Worth Hall instead of for a Children's Building; subject to convention approval;

—authorization for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to use \$60,000 in capital funds for Mullins Hall renovation instead of Barnard Hall renovation; subject to final convention approval;

—extension of one year on a study of the ministry of downtown Baptist churches;

—authorization for American Seminary Commission to use interest from capital reserve funds for operating funds;

—authorization of loan repayment requirements for the SBC Radio-Television Commission;

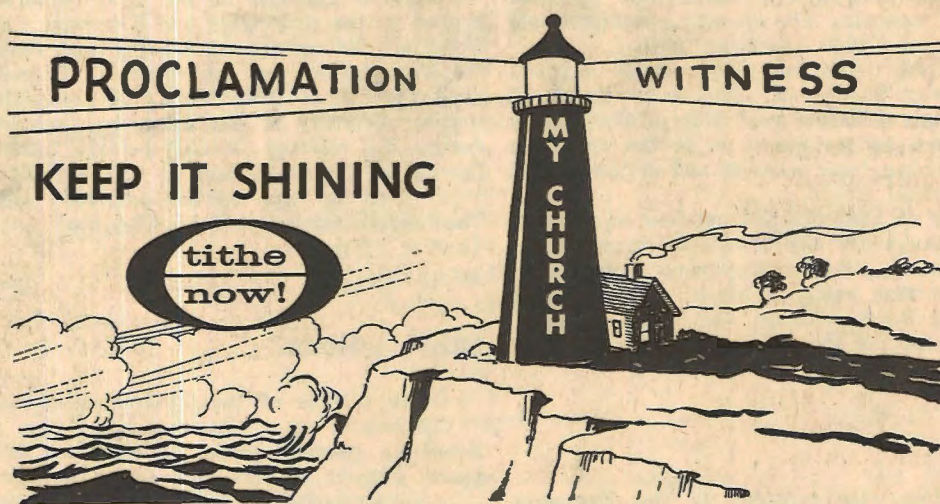
—approval of a change in fiscal year for the Radio-TV Commission; subject to final convention approval.

—approval of a \$350,000 loan request by Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, against future capital needs budgets already approved for 1967 and 1968;

—adoption of a resolution expressing gratitude for the contributions of Noel M. Taylor, former executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association, Carbondale, Ill.;

—adoption of resolutions expressing appreciation to two retiring state Baptist editors: E. S. James of the Baptist Standard in Dallas, Tex.; and S. H. Jones of the Baptist Courier in Greenville, S. C.

—authorization of expressions of tributes and esteem for two deceased Baptist leaders, W. R. Pettigrew, pastor from Louisville, Ky.; and Leon Macon, editor of the Alabama Baptist, Birmingham; and for Harold Seevers, former chairman of the Executive Committee who resigned recently as pastor in Mobile, Ala., because of blindness.





D. BERNARD BEASLEY

El Dorado pastor

D. BERNARD Beasley, former pastor of First Church, Weaver, Ala., is the new pastor of Union Church, El Dorado.

Mr. Beasley, a native of Fayetteville, N. C., received his college education in that state and in Tennessee. He is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. Before going to Alabama, he was pastor at Huttig and Marked Tree.

Mrs. Beasley is the former Miss Lou Helbach of El Dorado. They have a daughter, Mandy Lou, 9.

BULLETIN

SOUTHERN Baptist missionaries in Ghana and Southern Baptist leaders now in the country participating in an evangelistic campaign are all right, according to a cable received February 25 from Rev. C. Gerald Carin, Southern Baptist missionary in the country. An army revolt toppled the government of President Kwane Nkrumah on Thursday, February 24, while he was out of the country.

A NOTED Arkansas Baptist statesman, Senator John L. McClellan, observed his 70th birthday here with relatives and friends Feb. 25.

Dedication March 11

SOUTHERN College, Walnut Ridge, will dedicate its new \$240,000 Felix Goodson Library on March 11, Dr. H. E. Williams, president of the college, has announced.

Featured speakers will be Mrs. Winthrop Rockefeller, who will speak at a 12:30 luncheon in the college cafeteria, and W. Clement Stone, of Combined Insurance Company, Chicago, who contributed \$100,000 to the library building fund. Mr. Stone will speak at 2:30 p.m. in the college chapel.

"YOUR Life and Your Church" will be the theme of a week-end revival at London Church this week-end, March 4, 5, 6, with Editor Erwin L. McDonald of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* as evangelist. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday. Rev. T. F. Cooper is pastor.

Johnson accepts post

RICHARD L. Johnson, minister of education and youth of Central Church, Pampa, Tex., has accepted the call of the Second Church, El Dorado, as minister of education and youth. Mr. Johnson and his family moved to El Dorado Jan. 26.



MR. JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson is a native of Kensett, Arkansas and received his undergraduate degree from Union University in Jackson, Tex., and his Masters of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary.

He previously served in Fort Worth; Immanuel Church, El Paso, Tex.; Hoffmantown Church, Albuquerque, N. M.; First Southern Church, San Diego, Calif.

Mr. Johnson and his wife, Dorothy, have four children, Richard Michael, 17, Rebecca, 14, Joy Lynne, 5, and Paul Douglas, 2.

Tom E. Bray is pastor of Second Church.



HAMMING it up for the photographer is Arkansas Editor Erwin L. McDonald, center, with the assistance of Bill Fox, left, and J. Marvin Crowe, of the Sunday School Board of SBC. The picture was made at a recent Sunday School Board breakfast in Nashville, Tenn., honoring McDonald as the author of a new Broadman Readers Plan book, *Across the Editor's Desk*, to be published April 1.—SSB Photo by Robert Jackson

From the churches . . .



England Caney Creek

IN the regular morning service Jan. 2, the Church burned the note on the recently constructed educational space and church redecoration. The cost was \$15,000.

Pictured above is the building committee, pastor and the last charter member of the church.

From left to right: Carman Henderson, Charles Holt, chairman, Pastor James W. Hickman, Mrs. A. L. Coleman, charter member and trustee, Mrs. Thomas Holt, Elmer Willman and Mrs. Elmer Willman. Richard Bransford of the committee is not pictured.

Pocahontas First

A GIANT step has been taken by our church following the leadership of our deacons, an attempt to deepen the spiritual life of our church. They have started meeting with the pastor for prayer each Sunday morning at 8 a.m. They also plan to visit. They have also adopted a program of work with each deacon having responsibility for the spiritual welfare of assigned families of our church membership.

Fayetteville First

JUNE 4 our youth choir will leave Fayetteville for a choir tour that will take it across Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. The plan is to sing in several Baptist churches along the route toward Glorieta Assembly, Glorieta, N. M.

Ordination services were scheduled for Feb. 27 for newly elected deacons, Dr. Ronald Phillips, Dr. Robert Riggs and Frank Coker.

North Little Rock Pike Avenue

A UNANIMOUS vote authorized our building committee to proceed with

plans to build a suite of three church offices in the space between the auditorium and nursery building. The estimated cost is between \$7,000 and \$8,000. Money is at hand for the construction.

Pine Bluff Immanuel

PAT Ratton, who has been our elementary-kindergarten director for the past two and a half years, has been elected education director replacing Charles H. Johnson. Miss Ratton is from Smackover and is a graduate of Southern State College. She lacks only 12 hours receiving her M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Harris Mitchell has been elected church organist. She comes from South Side Church, where she has been organist for 14 years.

Fayetteville University

THE church has voted to change the Lottie Moon Christmas offering to the Lottie Moon-Bill Wallace Christmas offering in respect for a contemporary. We exceeded our goal by more than 100 percent, giving more than our church has ever given to our foreign mission offering.

In December our church purchased a pastor's home for the first time in the 13-year history of the church. We also remodeled our present educational building, which quadrupled our Sunday School class space for our college department. The parsonage is valued at \$23,000 and the remodeling cost more than \$6,000.

JACK Gilbert has resigned as pastor of Community Mission, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, for health reasons.

EVANGELIST Jack Parchman has moved to Memphis, Tenn. His new address is 496 Bonita Drive. Phone 396-1278.

Greene County

LOWELL N. Jamison resigned as pastor of Clarks Chapel to accept the Walcott Church.

GAYLOR Holt has been licensed to preach by Lafe Church. He is now a student at Southern College.

JACK Boothe resigned as pastor of Mounds to accept the pastorate of Unity Church.

NEW Liberty Church ordained James Presson as deacon Jan. 9.

JOHNNIE Lemmons has resigned as pastor of Oak Grove Church.

The Cover



NASHVILLE — What were young people interested in, back in 1866? On the 100th anniversary of "King Words," the first Southern Baptist publication for children and youth, these teenagers compare an original copy of the first issue with the February issue of "Upward," a monthly magazine for high school youth. "Upward," "Adventure" (for juniors), and "Storytime" (for primaries and beginners) are direct descendants of "Kind Words." In fact, each of these publications of the Sunday School Board's Sunday school department bears the words "Kind Words Series—Founded 1866."—BSSB Photo

Revival news

YORKTOWN Church, Harmony Association, Feb. 11-13; Jesse Reed, state superintendent of Evangelism, evangelist; Donald Brown, song director; 4 for baptism; 2 by letter; Pat Mehaffey, pastor.

LITTLE Rock Pulaski Heights Church, Apr. 22-29; Dr. James G. Harris, University Church, Ft. Worth, evangelist; W. Harold Hicks, pastor.

BERRYVILLE Freeman Hgts., Mar. 18-20; Jerry D. Abernathy, Sunday School associate secretary, Arkansas State Convention, evangelist; Bill Halbert, minister of education, First Church, Fayetteville, music director; Ed F. McDonald II, pastor.

POCAHONTAS First Church, Apr. 25-May 1; Dr. Charles B. Thompson, evangelist; Max Alexander, music director; O. Phillip May, pastor.

LITTLE Rock Immanuel Church, Mar. 27-Apr. 3; Dr. Wayne Ward, professor of Christian Theology, Southern Seminary, evangelist; Amon Baker, director of music; W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor.

NORTH Little Rock Baring Cross Church, Mar. 20-27; Robert Parker, pastor, First Church, Cullendale, Camden, evangelist; K. Alvin Pitts, pastor.

ROGERS First Church, Apr. 24-May 1; Paul McCray, evangelist; Dean E. Newberry, pastor.

KERN Heights Church, DeQueen, Feb. 7-13; George Havens, evangelist; Earl Hooker, music; 3 by profession of faith, 1 by letter, 1 surrendered to the ministry; Herb Shreve, pastor.

BOWMAN Church, Mar. 6-13; Theo Cook, North Little Rock, evangelist; W. O. Qualls, Lake City, singer; Victor Faulkenberry, pastor.

New Arkansas Baptist Subscribers

Church	Pastor	Association
New budgets received:		
Immanuel, Paragould	Marvin L. May	Greene Co.
New Liberty, Marmaduke	Junior Jernigan	Greene Co.
Marsden, Hermitage	Bobby Meggs	Bartholomew
Mt. Zion, Huff	pastorless	Independence
One month free trial received:		
Black Springs	J. W. Love	Caddo River



ORDINATION services were held at First Church, Pencil Bluff, Feb. 6, for Council Dennis. He is pastor of Big Fork Mission.

DR. LEWIS A. Myers, a former editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* who is now serving as a member of the staff of First Church, Hot Springs, is recuperating from major surgery. At the time of this writing he was in room 329 of Ouachita General Hospital, Hot Springs. Friends wishing to write to him might address him in care of First Church, Hot Springs.

MISS Helen Lyon, Ouachita University vocal music department, has been appointed lieutenant-governor for the Arkansas division of the National Association of Teachers of Singing by Paul Englestad, Southwest regional governor for NATS and professor of voice at McMurray College, Abilene, Tex.

Sims to Pine Bluff

CARBON Sims, minister of music and youth at Second Church, Hot Springs, for two and a half years, has accepted the call of Immanuel Church, Hot Springs, in a similar capacity. He will begin Feb. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Sims have three children, Susan, 16, and Randy, 11, and David, 8.

Mr. Sims is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary and studied one summer at Juilliard School of Music, New York City.

Calvary

PASTORAL changes:

HUGH Gowens has resigned at Oil Trough to accept the pastorate of Tupelo Church.

LEONARD McDoughle resigned at Rocky Point to become pastor of Crosby Church.

A. D. CORDER has moved to his new field of service at South Beloit, Ill. His last service at Central, Bald Knob, was Feb. 2. Mr. Corder served as moderator of the association one year and was serving a second term when he left.

Garner on TU staff

NASHVILLE—Lee E. Garner is the new vocational guidance consultant in the Sunday School Board's Training Union department.



MR. GARNER

Mr. Garner had been associate in the Training Union department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, since June, 1961.

A native of Fordyce, Ark., Garner received a bachelor of science degree in education from Southern State College, Magnolia, Ark.

He also holds a master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary, where he is completing requirements for a doctor of religious education degree.

DEATHS



M. H. McMANUS

M. H. McManus, 48, pastor of Southside Church, El Dorado, Feb. 17. He had been at Southside three and a half years.

Mr. McManus was ordained to the ministry at Immanuel Church, El Dorado. Deacons of his church and members of the Ministerial Alliance served as honorary pallbearers.

George W. Frazer, 73, Ft. Smith, Feb. 18.

He was employed by Ft. Smith Scissors Factory and was a member of Calvary Church.

George S. Gibson, 80, Ft. Smith, Feb. 18.

A retired manager of Overman Service Station, he was a member of Grand Avenue Church.

Claude Delaware Denham, 75, North Little Rock, retired minister, Feb. 20.

Born at Peoria, Ill. he had lived at North Little Rock 41 years. He was a member of Baring Cross Church and Otey Bible Class.

Mrs. Mildred Eugenia Powell Tyler, 55, Little Rock, Feb. 20.

James Andrew Neely, 89, North Little Rock, Feb. 20.

A retired jeweler, he was a charter member and trustee of Park Hill Church and a member of its men's Bible class.

Mrs. Eulah M. Hall, 72, North Little Rock, Feb. 18.

The wife of G. T. Hall, she was a member of Pike Avenue Church.

Mrs. Juanita M. McCall Geer, 41, Feb. 18, Little Rock.

She was the wife of J. W. Geer and a member of Second Church.

Mrs. Lena Butler Bass, 85, Junction City, Feb. 16.

A native of Weldon, La., she was a member of First Church, Junction City.

C. A. Adams, 68, Hot Springs, Feb. 17.

A native of Conway he had been a resident of Hot Springs 20 years and was a retired plasterer. He was a member of First Church.

Mrs. Carrie M. Mullens Chastain, 87, Heber Springs, Feb. 11.

A native of White County, she was a member of Heber Springs First Church.

Mrs. Ida Hickman Balfour, 81, Little Rock, Feb. 22.

She was a member of Immanuel Church.

Fred Emerson Brooks, 70, Fayetteville, Feb. 20.

A retired supermarket owner, he was a member of First Church and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Jasper Fletcher, 73, North Little Rock, Feb. 23.

He was a retired boilermaker for the Missouri Pacific Lines and had lived at North Little Rock 56 years. He was a member of First Church and Big Rock Masonic Lodge.

Dr. Caradine R. Hooten, 70, retired general secretary of the Methodist

Board of Christian Social Concerns and a former director of the National Temperance League, at Washington Feb. 24.

James Ed Moore, 89, Pine Bluff, Feb. 24.

He was a retired farmer and a member of Matthews Memorial Church.

Frank Strong, 70, Little Rock, Feb. 23.

He was born at Lake Village. He was a member of First Church.

Attendance Report

Church	February 20, 1966 Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adm.
Berryville Freeman Heights	143	60	
Blytheville			
First	588	171	
Chapel	49	31	
Gosnell	266	92	
Trinity	166	78	
Camden			
First	504	139	
Crossett First	520	186	
Dumas First	291	74	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	46	34	
East Main	300	124	
Ebenezer	150	79	
Immanuel	496	171	1
Trinity	188	91	1
Foreman First	156	40	1
Greenwood First	287	105	
Gurdon Beech St.	161	71	2
Harrison Eagle Heights	258	78	
Jacksonville			
First	472	128	2
Second	264	92	
Jasper	61	41	
Jonesboro			
Central	498	159	3
Nettleton	261	115	
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,194	406	1
Rosedale	283	96	
McGehee First	437	164	
Chapel	82	43	
Magnolia Central	657	281	2
Marked Tree Neiswander	127	58	
Monticello Second	237	122	1
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	672	178	1
South Side	40	19	
Calvary	407	105	
Forty-Seventh St.	195	70	
Gravel Ridge First	199	85	
Runyan Chapel	71	37	2
Park Hill	922	281	9
Sixteenth St.	52	29	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	209	108	2
First	802	204	
Green Meadows	106		
Second	211	85	
Watson Chapel	191	62	1
Springdale First	448	143	
Sylvan Hills First	293	97	
Texarkana Beech St.	493	154	1
Community	37		
Van Buren			
First	426	158	
Second	60	33	
Vandervoort First	50	27	
Ward Cocklebur	59	46	1
Warren			
First	449	111	
Southside	90	78	1
Immanuel	268	91	
Westside	91	38	
West Memphis			
Calvary	281	135	2
Ingram Blvd.	213	102	

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Ups and downs

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ministration consultant of the Sunday School Board of SBC, 2,854,319 Baptists are in this category. That is far above a fourth of our total.

Several things are being done to try to improve the effectiveness of our ministry. The new Life and Work program of the Sunday School Board, featuring coordinated study materials that focus Bible truth on everyday

life, is designed to give a new lift to the departments just mentioned. And there is now special literature and plans to help churches do something about the non-regular-member problem.

Information about the Life and Work program and the program for enlistment of non-resident members may be secured from The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.

By the BAPTIST PRESS

Editors elect officers, study adman employment

ATHENS, Ga.—Editors of Southern Baptist publications meeting here elected C. R. Daley, Middletown, Ky., as their new president and voted to ask a committee to study the possibility of employing someone to solicit advertisements and endowments for the 29 state Baptist papers.

Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder*, publication of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, succeeds Erwin L. McDonald, Little Rock, Ark., as president of the Baptist Press Association.

Other officers are L. H. Moore, editor of *The Illinois Baptist*, Carbondale, Ill., vice president; and Gainer E. Bryan Jr., editor, the *Maryland Baptist*, Lutherville, Md., secretary-treasurer.

The suggestion that the editors consider the possibility of employing a person to solicit advertising and endowments for state Baptist papers came from the association's advertising committee, headed by Jim Cole, Alexandria, La., editor of the *Baptist Message*, published by the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The Baptist paper editors voted to request the advertising committee to study the possibility and to bring back a recommendation to the organization next year, at Mobile, Ala., Feb. 13-15.

Cole, in a report read to the association by Daley, said that the costs of producing the 29 state Baptist newspapers and news magazines were constantly spiraling, and that increased revenue must be found to support the publications. He advised seeking more advertising for the publications and the possibility of endowments, gifts and annuities as other revenue.

Most of the three-day session at the University of Georgia Cen-

ter for Continuing Education was devoted to lectures by journalism professors at the university. The lectures touched on editorial writing, makeup and typography, purposes of church publications, editing, newswriting, features, use of computers, and critiques of the Baptist publications.

The editors and executive secretaries voted to meet in Arizona, Feb. 12-14, in 1968.

SBC race practices

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptists have made great progress in pronouncements regarding a Christian view of race relations, but the denomination's practice is entirely too far behind its pronouncements, a Baptist seminary professor said here.

C. W. Scudder, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, made the statement in a paper presented to the Advisory Council of Southern Baptists for Work with Negroes during a recent meeting here.

"Our pronouncements usually make the headlines, but our people seem to be satisfied just to sit and listen and do nothing about what they hear," said Scudder.

"Southern Baptists have been called activists, . . . but in dealing with the race problem, we continue to be reactionists," he stated.

The seminary professor added, however, that the denomination is changing from a sectional to a national denomination, and that many Southern Baptist churches have Negro members as well as those of other races.

Assume new work

NASHVILLE—Miss Doris Cutter and Miss Velma Darbo on Jan. 4 assumed new duties in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department.

Miss Cutter, who formerly was assistant editor of adult materials, is now editor of special lesson materials. Her work includes special responsibilities in the preparation of materials for the deaf, blind, new readers and senior adults.

Miss Darbo, in addition to her duties as editor of *Upward*, monthly magazine for high school youth, is now editor of the new "Life and Work Commentary."

The commentary will be used with the new Life and Work Curriculum, first appearing in October 1966. The curriculum unifies the studies of Sunday School, Training Union, Music Ministry, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood.

Miss Cutter served for 10 years as associate in the Sunday school department of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, before going to the Board in 1958. Previously, she had been educational secretary for churches in Shreveport, La., and Ft. Smith, Ark.

NEW ORLEANS—Trustees of New Orleans Seminary here elected four laymen as their officers and adopted a record \$1,329,000 budget for 1966-67. William L. May, insurance executive, Baton Rouge, La., was named president of the seminary board. Three New Orleans laymen were elected as other officers: A. Morgan Brian, Jr., attorney, vice president; Cecil M. Girard, geologist, secretary; and Edward Wood, finance businessman, treasurer.

TRUSTEES of New Orleans Seminary have named the seminary's annual evangelism lecture series for J. Thomas Gurney, Orlando, Fla., attorney, who was previously president of the board of trustees. Gurney recently made a \$19,000 gift to the seminary to endow the lectures.

The answer

THE QUESTION—Why do Baptists talk so much about giving through the Cooperative Program?

There are many answers:

1. Churches pool their financial resources to do mission work.
2. A small, financially poor congregation can have a share in the work of hundreds of missionaries in many parts of the world.
3. The money is allocated by responsible committees and boards and all Baptist causes receive an equitable share of each dollar contributed.
4. The Cooperative Program is scriptural. The admonition, "Go ye into all the world," motivated the plan.
5. Last, but not least, it's the best plan ever used by Christians to launch a world-wide program of missions.

—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th. D.
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

Yates the missionary

MATTHEW Tyson Yates, second of ten children, was born to William and Delilah Yates, 18 miles west of Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 8, 1819.

Young Matthew grew to sturdy manhood as he attended to the many duties on his father's 500-acre farm. Hard work, thrifty denial, and disciplined mind prepared him for the ordeals of more than 40 years on the mission field in China.

His early education was limited to the simple short-term country schools, usually during the autumn and winter months. Here he was taught spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic. He learned to use the dictionary. At a later date he attended Mr. Thompson's Academy and Wake Forest College. How well he learned his lessons is illustrated in his hundreds of letters he

wrote from China and his success in mission work.

He was converted at the age of 15, during a camp meeting in 1836, though he had been giving serious attention to spiritual matters for several years previously. From the beginning of his Christian experience he thought he would one day preach. Where and when to begin?

Fighting timidity and in a halting manner he began speaking to his unconverted friends—just a few words, enough to stimulate their thinking. Impressed that he should say something before the Sunday School which he attended, he began working on his first speech. All week he studied it. So engrossed in it was he that he plowed up the cotton and corn oftentimes as he worked in the fields. When Sunday came he rehearsed his speech on his way to church, two and one half-miles. During the services he sat in his pew awaiting the time for testimony. When the time arrived Matthew could not arise from his seat. Weak-kneed and dry of mouth he was paralyzed in fright. This happened over and over until he felt he could never speak in public. (He later pleaded for adults to give more attention to children.) But God had called him and in time led him to be his beloved spokesman.

Mr. Yates prepared himself for the ministry. He worked hard at common labor to secure funds for his education. He taught school. After taking special music lessons for a while and being an apt pupil, he began his own classes. The North Carolina State Convention assisted ministerial students in their education and he took advantage of this.

Matthew married Eliza E. Morning Sept. 27, 1846. They sailed from Boston for Hong Kong on the *Thomas W Sears* Apr. 26, 1847, and arrived at Shanghai at 12 o'clock, Sept. 13.

For the next 40 years, Matthew T. Yates gave himself to preaching, writing, and teaching the Gospel of his Lord Jesus Christ.

Facts of interest

... BUSINESS losses during the twelve-day transit strike in New York City were estimated to be \$800 million. Wage earners unable to get to their jobs lost approximately \$25 million a day. The loss of an estimated 500 million man-hours per week severely crippled industry, commerce, and banking.

... A recent report from the United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization has revealed that since 1957 the worldwide percentage of persons five to nineteen not attending school has dropped from 59 percent to slightly over 50 percent. In view of the world's population increase, this decreased percentage represents a gain in the illiteracy fight. The report also showed that nearly all countries are increasing their national budgets for education.

... The United States has 53 percent of the world's motor vehicles, but only 29 percent of the highway deaths. Traffic accidents throughout the world kill more than 150,000 people each year, cause 5,000,000 injuries and monetary losses of about \$20 billion. Motorists in Western Europe kill twice as many persons on a mile-for-mile basis as American drivers. Japanese drivers have a fatality rate four times that of Americans. West Germany, a nation with 8,600,000 vehicles, suffered 13,892 traffic deaths in 1963. The United States, with nearly 83,000,000 vehicles, had 43,564 highway fatalities in the same year. Among the reasons for the high accident rate outside the United States are the inadequate and congested roads of many countries, poorly drafted and enforced traffic laws, inexperienced drivers, and the hazards of sharing highways with bicycles, motor scooters, and horse-drawn vehicles—The Survey Bulletin

Wonderful units of study

OUT of eight study areas that Southern Baptists offer our church members, four have been assigned to the Training Union:



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Let us see how these areas are included in the units of study for a Junior Union:

In December, 1965, the unit problem was, "What is the gospel and how can I share it?" This was systematic theology or doctrine.

In January, 1966 the unit problem was, "What the World Was Like"—in New Testament times. This was Christian history.

In February, 1966 the unit problem was, "Christians Must Choose." The problem was: "How

can we know what is right and wrong for a Christian?" This was Christian ethics.

In April, 1966, the unit will be "A Church is People." This will be a unit on church polity.

Thus in four months the units of study in the Junior Training Union literature have been on all four study areas assigned to the Training Union.

The same thing is true concerning all other departments of the Training Union. The units of study are wonderful.

State Youth Convention

When? Apr. 8, 1966, 10 a.m.—8 p.m.
Where? Immanuel Church, Little Rock

Speaker? Dr. Bill Pinson, Southwestern Seminary

Subjects? "You're a Christian? So What!"

"Hitch Your Wagon to a Horse" Theme? "Why Me?"

Drama? "So Send I You"

Conducted by youth from Second Church, Little Rock, and 150 youth from many churches, under the direction of workers from the Sunday School Board.—Ralph W. Davis

Primary Festivals

THE five Primary Choir Festivals will be held Mar. 12, 1966. The festivals will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of the host churches with a combined rehearsal. Following this will be the adjudication of each Primary Choir which has registered. Then each of the festival selections will be sung under the direction of the guest director to conclude the festival program.

All Primary Choir Festivals will conclude by 12:30. Churches which must travel any distance to return choir members should plan to bring a sack lunch for the children to eat immediately following the festival before the trip home. The host church has been requested to have soft drinks available for each child to purchase.

The six festival selections *must* be learned from memory, including all stanzas. For adjudication, each choir will sing one selection from the festival list, and one additional selection of the director's own choosing.

The festival locations are First Church, Osceola; First Church, Camden; Immanuel Church, Fort Smith; First Church, Jacksonville; and Calvary Church, Little Rock.—Hoyt A. Mulkey, Secretary



... VETERAN'S Administration hospitals are now considering compensation and pension claims stemming from alcoholism. A recent statement of policy from VA says: "It is now recognized in effect that however willful the act of imbibing alcohol might be, the subject is not deliberately and willfully exposing himself to the residuals thereof." Investigations of drinking patterns have long revealed that young men in military service frequently pick up abnormal drinking customs. Many claims for compensation previously denied on the grounds of "willful misconduct" due to long use of alcohol may now be reopened.

... The 1966 edition of *Television for the Family* contains evaluations of most network program series televised weekly throughout the United States. Prepared by specialists, these evaluations are particularly useful for parents who seek help in deciding which programs are harmful for children. The handbook may be ordered for a cost of \$1.00 from the National Association for Better Radio and Television, 373 Northwestern Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90004.

... According to a statistical summary released by the Southern Education Reporting Service, the percentage of Negroes now attending schools with whites in southern and border states is as follows: Texas—17.2 percent; Oklahoma—38.3 percent; Missouri—75.1 percent; Kentucky—78.4 percent; West Virginia—79.9 percent; Virginia—11.5 percent; Maryland—55.6 percent; Delaware—83.6 percent; D. C.—84.8 percent; Arkansas—4.38 percent; Louisiana—0.69 percent; Mississippi—0.59 percent; Alabama—0.43 percent; Tennessee—16.3 percent; Georgia—2.66 percent; Florida—9.76 percent; South Carolina—1.46 percent; North Carolina—5.15 percent.

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True and false children of the kingdom

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and past president, Southern Baptist Convention

"Many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down [recline on couches] with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 8:11-12).

THIS passage pictures a contrast between believing Gentiles and unbelieving Jews. Jesus, at the man's request, had healed from a distance the slave of a Roman centurion. He remarked that He had "not found so great faith, no, not in Israel" (v.10). No Jew had dared to believe that Jesus could heal at a distance. Then came the words of our scripture.

The picture is that of a heavenly banquet, with the Old Testament worthies reclining on couches about the table. With them were those "from the east and west," non-Jews or Gentiles. They were there because of their faith

in Jesus.

The "children of the kingdom" (v.12) are the Jews who did not believe in Jesus as the Christ. They thought that as physical descendants of Abraham they were already in the kingdom, and that Gentiles were only fuel for the fires of hell. But Jesus reminds them that Jews will be in the kingdom, if they are, because of a right spiritual relation to Him, not a physical relation to Abraham. Therefore, these unbelieving Jews may be called "false children of the kingdom." Despite their having descended from Abraham they are not in the kingdom at all. But Gentiles who do believe in Jesus are true children of the kingdom.

Therefore, while these Gentiles are reclining with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the heavenly banquet, these unbelieving Jews will be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. This is a picture of hell, drawn from the figure of Gehenna, the Vale of Hinnom, the garbage dump of Jerusalem. "Outer darkness" is contrasted with the brilliantly lighted heavenly banquet hall. "Weeping and gnashing of teeth" is the opposite to the joy about the heavenly banquet table. It is a vivid contrast between the joys of heaven and the horrors of hell.

Whether one is a Jew or a Gentile he should be certain that he is a true child of the kingdom through his personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Top 25 churches in baptisms

ON the list of the "Top 25 in Baptisms" for the associational year 1964-65 are the following 53 churches:

PLACE, CHURCH, PASTOR, BAPTISMS	BAPTISMS
1 Fort Smith, First, Dan B. Cameron	127
2 Little Rock, Immanuel, W. O. Vaught Jr.	77
3 Pine Bluff, Southside, Tal Bonham	73
4 Ft. Smith, Grand Ave., Clifford Palmer	71
5 Ft. Smith, Kelly Heights, J. Harold Smith	68
6 Hot Springs, Second, Walter L. Yeldell	67
7 Texarkana, Beech Street, Milton DuPriest	64
West Memphis, Ingram Blvd., H. D. Applegate	64
8 Lepanto, First, John Colbert Jr.	63
9 Magnolia, Central, Loyd Hunnicutt	62
10 Little Rock, First, Paul Roberts	60
11 Pine Bluff, First, Robert Smith	60
12 Little Rock, Second, Dale Cowling	58
13 Geyer Springs, First, W. E. Perry	58
13 Mammoth Springs, First, Dee Speer	51
Hot Springs, Grand Avenue, G. Morrison	51
McGehee, First, Mason W. Craig	51
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial, V. Dutton	51
N. Little Rock, Baring Cross, K. A. Pitt	51
14 West Memphis, First, Thomas A. Hinson	50
15 N. Little Rock, Calvary, W. V. Philliber	48
Little Rock, Markham Street, R. Branscum	48
16 Jonesboro, Nettleton, Harold B. Ray	44
N. Little Rock, Levy, Roy Bunch	44
17 Benton, First, B. K. Selph	43
N. Little Rock, 47th St., R. D. Harrington	43
18 Moro, First, C. E. Whitman	43
West Memphis, Calvary, J. T. Pannell	42
19 Cabot, First, Harold O'Bryan	41
Melbourne, Belview, Doyno Robertson	41
20 Van Buren, First, Charles D. Graves	40
Conway, Second, William West	40
Paragould, Immanuel, M. L. May	40
Springdale, First, Burton Miley	40
21 Mountain Pine, First, Wayne Davis	38
22 Warren, First, James Draper	38
Warren, Westside, James Heflin	38
N. Little Rock, Park Hill, R. L. South	38
Hot Springs, Park Place, Damon Shook	38
23 Bald Knob, Central, A. D. Corder	37
Ft. Smith, Oak Cliff, Rick Ingle	37
Pine Bluff, Immanuel, L. H. Coleman	37
El Dorado, Immanuel, Roy Hilton	37
Fayetteville, First, Andrew Hall	37
24 Mulberry, First, Charles Duncan	36
N. Little Rock, Amboy, Arnold Teel	36
25 Hamburg, First, Klois Hargis	35
Pine Bluff, Oakland, J. E. Henderson	35
Hope, First, George Balentine	35
Jonesboro, Central, Curtis L. Mathis	35
Jacksonville, First, J. P. Cheatham Jr.	35
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle, Don Hook	35
Springdale, Elmdale, Paul Wheelus	35

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Off to WMU, SBC, conferences

CHARTERED buses will go from Arkansas to the two WMU, SBC, summer conferences! The Young Woman's Auxiliary Conference will be at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 16-22, and the Woman's Missionary Union Conference at Glorieta, N. M., July 28-August 3.

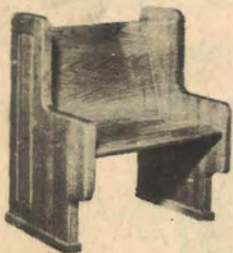
Miss Mary Hutson, state YWA director, will be in charge of the state delegation attending the YWA Conference, and Miss Nancy Cooper, executive secretary, will direct the group going to the WMU Conference. Both parties will visit mission points and scenic areas en route.

Detailed information may be secured from State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Bldg., 401 W. Capitol, Little Rock.

About WMU annual meeting!

BEGINNING AT 7 p.m. Mar. 28 through noon on the 30th the program of the 77th annual meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union will offer unusual opportunities of worship . . . of learning of SBC mission work . . . of relating WMU to the total program of the church . . . of hearing unusual features including choir of Arkansas A.M. & N. College,

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Mrs. R. E. Snider, Camden, Arkansas WMU president, will preside. Officers will be chosen at the closing session to serve the Union during 1966-67.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

I believe

I BELIEVE in God. I believe that He died on the cross to save us from our sins. I believe that God is as real as you or I and that He made us and put us here for a very special purpose. I believe that God will answer your prayers if you ask only in His name. You must be sincere when you talk with God.

I believe that no matter how wrong you've been or how bad you've been, God is always ready to forgive you. I believe that God has forgiven me of my sins and will help me to be a better person. I believe that a person must ask God himself for forgiveness.

I believe in reading God's word and praying daily although I don't always do as I should. I believe that a person doesn't have to have friends if he has God. I believe that every home and every person should let God be a part of it and of him. I could go on naming things that I believe in, but there's one that I truly believe in and that is that God is the most wonderful Saviour and friend a person could ever have in this world.—Amanda Ruth Bass, 16, Eudora

The Bookshelf

Writer's Market-1966, edited by Kirk Polking, Writer's Digest, 1966, \$6.95

Here is what amounts to a writer's "Bible." No one, whether professional or amateur, should be without this for his personal library if he is going to attempt to sell materials for publication anywhere.

This newest edition of *Writer's Market*, which now requires a record number of pages, reflects the expansion of many special areas of publishing, notably book publishing, trade and specialized consumer magazines, as well as new types of markets for free-lance writing such as industrial film production companies, record companies buying album "liner notes," etc. In addition to the most complete market coverage, *Writer's Market* provides valuable information on copyright, model's releases, proper manuscript form including a sample TV script, and annotated special lists such as literary agents and writers' clubs.

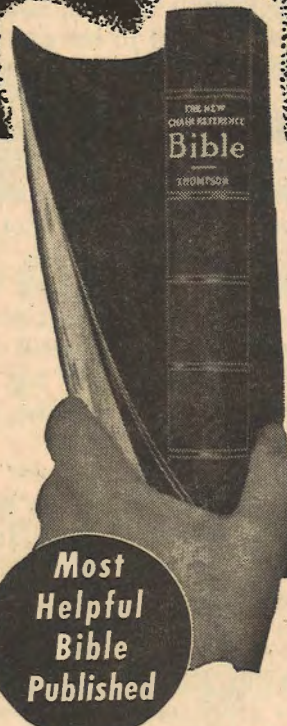
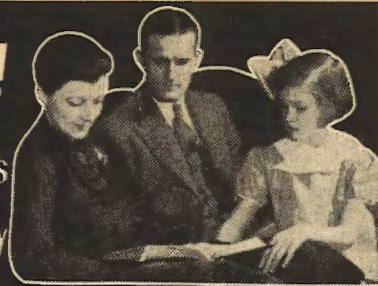
The Generosity of Americans, by Arnaud C. Marts, Prentice-Hall, 1966, \$5.95

Why do Americans give 11 billion dollars a year in private generosity for the public good? Here is an informative, historic survey of the major role Americans have played in philanthropy. This is the first book to trace the private generosity for the public good as a distinctive and dynamic force in the creation of western civilization. This unique phenomenon, declares Author Marts "has pioneered every refinement in Europe and the United States from 30 A.D. to the present." The author shows how billions of dollars from private sources are channeled each year through over 975,000 private service and cultural agencies in the United States to bolster current local, state, and federal welfare, educational and health programs. This book should be of special interest not only to fund raisers but to those who have funds to give and want to accomplish the most with their giving.

Two new paperbacks just off the presses of Broadman Press are: *The First Southern Baptists*, a new and thorough research that gives interesting insights into Baptist beginnings at Charleston, S. C., by Robert A. Baker; and *What the Bible Tells Us*, important Christian beliefs written for adults in easy-to-read form by Doris Cutter. The first of these sells for \$1.25 and the second one for 75 cents. They are available at the Baptist Book Store.

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TOUGH BIRD



BY JAMES ALDREDGE

TO be at outs with an ostrich doesn't pay. If you ever see one becoming disturbed, forget about your boxing gloves and dive for the nearest suit of sheet armor. With his big claw, this bird can knock out any opponent.

When the first ostrich ranch was opened in California, somebody thought that Long Tom, the prize bird, would be glad to have a housekeeper. An ostrich hen was put in his pen. Promptly, Long Tom knocked her over the fence.

An ostrich has a sizable appetite, and he isn't finicky about what he eats. One of these birds felt a strong hunger as he strolled alongside a ballpark. Before anybody could stop him, he had swallowed a rubber ball, two baseballs, and a green apple. Believe it or not, that ostrich did not have a stomachache.

On another occasion a wealthy Englishman was standing by an ostrich pen in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. The man took out his gold watch to check the time. That shiny ticker must have sounded like a dinner gong to the big bird. He took one look at it with his big, black eyes. Then out popped his big bill. He swallowed not only the watch but part of the chain, too.

You have heard the saying, "Fine feathers make fine birds." That proverb may have started with the ostrich. For centuries his plumes have been used for fancy trimming—for hats, fans, and even feather dusters. Over one hundred years ago, he was chased far and wide and killed for his feathers. Now he is raised on a farm and clipped like a sheep.

Fortunately, housewives do not have to buy an ostrich in the market as they would a chicken. If they did, a truck would be needed to carry home such a large fowl. One weighs nearly three hundred pounds and is over seven feet long. Probably several days would be needed to get it ready for the kettle. It so happens that nobody cares for ostrich meat, either fried or roasted.

Few parents have the spirit of cooperation in raising a family shown by Mr. and Mrs. Ostrich. An ostrich egg requires forty-two days to hatch. Mr. Ostrich is willing to sit on the eggs from late in the afternoon till the next morning. He leaves only about eight hours for Mrs. Ostrich. He doesn't forget how self-sacrificing he has been, however. Later, when the little ostriches are running around, he wants the complete say-so about how they shall be brought up. If Mrs. Ostrich tries to interfere, he may knock her down.

Ostrich farming in the United States started more than sixty-five years ago. Twenty-two birds, ten males and twelve females, were brought by a long, roundabout route by steamer and train from South Africa to California.

The first year must have been discouraging to the owner. The eggs, laid during a rainy season, became too chilled to hatch. The loss was sad, but only temporary. In a few years the twenty-two birds had increased to a flock of over three hundred.

The prize bird of the farm was Long Tom, who was very fast. Once he escaped from his pen and breezed off at a rapid pace. To tire him out and capture him, four cowboys had to be provided with fresh horses in relays.

Before clipping any ostrich feathers, the owner faced another problem. Walking into an ostrich pen with these birds was dangerous because they were so savage. The owner found a solution. He sent to the nearest town for several pairs of women's long, black stockings. First, a bit of corn was offered to a bird. Then before he realized what was happening, a stocking was slipped over his head. After that, the clipping was carried out without a casualty.

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COMMUNION WITH GOD

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.*

TEXT: LUKE 11:1-13; HEBREWS 4:14-16

MARCH 6, 1966

THE story is told that a boy who losing a foot race prayed, "Lord, you pick 'em up and I'll put 'em down." The most remarkable thing about the incident is not that he won but that he felt such a sense of the presence of God that it was perfectly natural for him to talk to him in the middle of a contest. Every Christian should have this sense of the nearness of God and the availability of God for communion.

A sinner who has been saved by the redemptive work of Christ is the recipient of many blessings, one of the chief of which is the right to spiritual fellowship with God. The New Testament not only invites believers to pray; it also teaches the manner and spirit in which one should communion with God.

Contrary to the practices of many who make prayer either a newscast or a "gimme" session for filing personal requisitions, New Testament praying is large in scope and reciprocal in nature. Jesus taught that prayer should be personal and sincere, not just an occasion for pious parading of one's goodness (or pretended goodness) before men (Matt. 6:5). He taught that prayer is not a matter of vain or empty repetitions, that it is not a situation in which one finally wears God down through "much speaking"—like a daughter's finally getting permission to have a slumber party by wearing down her mother's resistance (cf. Matt. 6:7). He taught that prayer is fellowship with God and is therefore a matter between the individual and his Lord (Matt. 6:6). By example as well as precept he taught the necessity and efficacy

of prayer; he was a man of prayer himself and urged his followers to avail themselves of this spiritual resource.

I. Attitudes of prayer, Luke 11:1-4.

After Jesus had ceased praying in a certain place, one of his disciples asked, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." In response to this request, Jesus gave what has come to be known as the Lord's Prayer, although it should more accurately be known as the Model Prayer, for the Master was teaching the "manner" (Matt. 6:9) more than he was giving them words to memorize and repeat.

This prayer contains elements that should be essential parts of any prayer. "Our Father" teaches confidence; the believer can approach God in prayer with the same confidence of a child in approaching a loving father. God is not an autocratic tyrant before whom his subject must tremble in abject terror.

"Hallowed be thy name" suggests reverence. Although God is Father, he is heavenly Father, holy, separate from, and above all created things. Dr. W. T. Conner said it well when he declared, "Jesus did not regard prayer as converse between equals. His God was no democratic God. He was sovereign. He was to be revered."

"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth." This suggest submission. Jesus prayed in this spirit in the Garden of Gethsemene as he submitted himself to the coming ordeal of the cross. Incidentally, God's kingdom comes to the extent that his will is done.

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"Give us day by day our daily bread" reflects dependence. Each morning a slave was given enough bread by his master to sustain him that day. We are dependent on God each day for strength and sustenance; this is the opposite of self-dependence.

"And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us." If we expect to receive forgiveness, we must also show it. Divine and human forgiveness are interrelated.

"Deliver us from evil" is an admission of humility. There are forces of evil with which the believer cannot cope with his own limited resources; he needs divine help.

Confidence, reverence, submission, dependence, forgiveness and humility are all important components for prayer.

II. Assurances of prayer, Luke 11:5-13.

In two illustrations Jesus teaches that the believer may be assured that God will hear him when he prays.

The first is a story about a man who went to his friend's house at midnight to borrow three loaves of bread to feed a fellow who had just dropped in at his house unexpectedly. Since there was no "Tonight" show or late movie on T-V that night, the family had been sacked out for some time when the door-knocking sounded. The man would respond because

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of the neighbor's need and because of his persistent knocking. Therefore, Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." The tenses of the verbs say, "Keep on asking. . . keep on seeking. . . keep on knocking."

In the second Jesus asks what father, if his son asked for a biscuit, would give him a rock to chew on; or, if he asked for fish to eat, would hand him a snake; or, if he requested an egg, would hand him a deadly scorpion instead. The answer is obvious: only a stinker of the worst kind would do such a stunt. Then Jesus asks, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

God is going to hear and respond to his children's prayers. This is not to say that every selfish prayer we make will be answered affirmatively; "no" is an answer the same as "yes." But God's nature assures us that the prayer will be heard.

III. Mediation of prayer, Hebrews 4:14-16.

Some people think that to be given a good hearing by God they must pray through a priest, a saint, or Mary, the mother of Jesus. The writer of Hebrews makes it abundantly clear that Jesus, the Son of God, is our high priest and that he is able to sympathize with our weaknesses, since he was tempted as we are, although he did not sin. Because of his priesthood, we can draw near the throne of grace with complete confidence and there receive mercy and grace to help in time of need.

For most Christians, the greatest unexplored dimension of their religion is that of communion with God. The secret of so many failures is the failure of secret prayer.

NO two people are alike and both are glad of it.

A Smile or Two

Psychology

A LOUDMOUTHED customer kept shouting at a pretty waitress. Another fellow, seated at the opposite end of the restaurant, asked the girl: "Do you want me to take care of him for you?"

"Oh, no," answered the waitress with a smile, "He's my husband."

"Husband!" said the man. "I don't understand."

"It's like this," she explained. "We've got it down to a science.

He makes all the other customers feel sorry for me. Then they give extra large tips."

Where else

HIS mother playfully asked seven-year-old Timmy about the little neighbor girl, a new comer to the block. Timmy replied that he intended to marry her.

"And where will you go for your honeymoon?" she asked.

Came the immediate answer: "Disneyland!"

Visible claws

MRS. No. 1: That's a very lovely coat you're wearing, Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. No. 2: Oh, thank you. My husband gave it to me for my thirty-fifth birthday.

Mrs. No. 1: It certainly wears well, doesn't it?

Scotching the Scot

SANDY: "Why do they keep putting jokes in the paper about Scotsmen being tightwads?"

Friend: "Why don't you call up the editor and ask?"

Sandy: "What! And who'd pay for the phone call?"

HE (at football game): "See that big substitute out there, playing fullback? I think he's going to be our best man this year."

She: "Oh, darling, this is so sudden!"

NO one ever loses anything by politeness, but it's surprising how many won't take a chance.

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Gallant

WHEN a group of women got on the car, every seat was already occupied. The conductor noticed a man who seemed to be asleep, and, fearing that he might miss his stop, he nudged him and said:

"Wake up!"

"I wasn't asleep," the man protested.

"Not asleep? But you had your eyes closed."

"I know. I just hate to look at ladies standing up in a crowded car."

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Liquor ads

TORONTO, Ont. (EP) — The Very Rev. James R. Mutchmor, former moderator of the United Church of Canada's General Council, has condemned the liquor industry's huge expenditures for advertising and promotion. In effect, he said, they cause a reduction in the firms' tax payments.

Dr. Mutchmor recently accepted the post of acting secretary of the Canadian Federation on Alcohol Problems.

He wrote to Canada's Finance Minister Mitchell Sharp demanding that brewers of "comfort chemicals" have their "tax deductions" cancelled for "huge and varied early-morning and late-night advertising programs."

Such reductions in massive gross profits—advertising is an operating expense—merely helps Canada's brewery, winery and distillery organizations to pass along more than half their advertising costs to the taxpayers, he charged.

Opposes papal visit

LONDON (EP) — The United Protestant Council, a little-known group, has publicly called on the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, not to invite Pope Paul to Britain when he visits him in Rome on March 23.

The Council said that the Pope holds an office which makes historic claims to "overlordship" of secular governments and that these claims have never been repudiated. It charged that the Pope is the head of a Church whose spiritual claims arouse intense antagonism in the minds of many Christian people.

Construction survey

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The value of new church construction put into place last year failed to pass the \$1 billion mark, and in the terms of "current dollars," exceeded the previous year's total by only \$2 million—considerably less than a 1 per cent gain.

A close analysis shows the true church construction picture is in a dramatic reversal.

This was in a year that saw an over-all increase of 4 per cent in public and private construction, a total amounting to \$68.1 billion in terms of current dollars, an all-time high.

VISA sends 60

WINONA LAKE, Ind. (EP)—approximately 60 young people will be involved in crusades this summer under the Volunteers in Service Abroad program. They will be participating in three crusades: New York City, among the Spanish-speaking people, June 17 through July 10; Canadian Indians, Saskatchewan and Alberta, July 11 through 31; Brazil-Paraguay, June 29 through August 18. The New York teams will work in three areas—the Bronx, Manhattan and Brooklyn. Teams will unite to hold a one-week mass crusade in Brooklyn.

In its second year of summer crusading, VISA provides an opportunity for "vacation evangelism." Last year more than 50 young people gave their summer vacations new impetus as they joined VISA teams in Haiti and Mexico.

'Avoid proselytism'

LAKEWOOD, N. J. (EP)—An Orthodox rabbi, addressing the Rabbinical Council of America here, said better relations between Christians and Jews would be adversely affected if Jews tried to convert Christians.

The "new climate of friendship of Jews with other Christian faiths would be undermined by an effort on our part to proselytize

among them" said Rabbi Bernard A. Poupko of Pittsburgh.

"Judaism," he said, "never claims the exclusive monopoly on salvation."

Pastor raps liberals

STANFORD, Calif. (EP)—Aggressive civil rights leaders, some campus peace movement adherents and progressive churchmen were accused by President Johnson's pastor of harming the causes they seek to further.

In an address and interview at Stanford University, the Rev. George R. Davis of the National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C., observed that the civil rights activists are quick to label as an Uncle Tom anyone who questions their tactics and added: "The persecuted are not justified in turning about to commit the very sins of which they accused the persecutors . . ."

Churchmen who proclaim the "new-time religion," he continued, are "often stuck in the mud themselves, with an arrogance and dogmatism hardly consistent with their bold claims of being open-minded, progressive and forward looking."

Similarly, he continued, churchmen who "keep hitting culture over the head" may overlook the positive contributions which have come from the religious thinking of individuals and from church activity itself.

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