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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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Louis C. Williams

*Daffodils—Harbingers Of Spring*

## Churchgoing Teen-ager Appointed Stenographer By Leading Jurist

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London, September 1, 1620 (BP)—Parents who are constantly bombarding their wayward teen-agers with pleas to attend church had ammunition of a new caliber today. While attending church a seventeen-year-old lad landed one of the top professional opportunities in London open to a young man.

The youngster, Roger Williams, has been appointed to the new duties of stenographer by Sir Edward Coke, England's most eminent jurist.

Sir Edward explained that he had noticed young Williams taking notes one Sunday recently during a sermon at the church which both attend.

"Mostly out of curiosity," Sir Edward said, "I asked to see the lad's notes. Frankly, I was prepared to find a schoolboy's caricatures. But I was amazed. He had taken the sermon practically verbatim."

"Roger has been dabbling in this new-fangled shorthand for about a year," the boy's mother said in an interview. "He's forever taking notes. But I had no idea he would

actually be paid for that scribbling. Why, I'm simply overjoyed."

Sir Edward apparently is impressed with the teen-ager's "scribbling." The lawyer has asked Williams' parents to entrust the boy to his care.

Williams' biggest job will be transcribing the speeches of Sir Edward in the court of the Star Chamber—a responsible assignment for a seventeen-year-old. Court officials agreed this would mark the beginning of a brilliant career for talented Roger Williams.

Sir Edward is one of the greatest barristers in the annals of English jurisprudence. He is known as the champion of English common law, having defended it even against the right of the crown.

Roger Williams is the son of a prominent London merchant. His mother is a relative of Sir James Pemberton, former Lord Mayor of London.

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—17th Century Baptist Press

## Some Move Too Often

By E. S. JAMES

Dick O'Brien once said, "There is more virtue sometimes in moving than there is in staying." How true it is, for there are some pastors who ought to move to new fields of labor. When a pastor is unhappy and the church is unhappy then something should be done. The Psalmist prayed for a revival that God's people might be happy. He wants them to be happy. In fact, they cannot serve Him well unless they find delight in it. Sometimes the unhappiness is caused by the pastor, and sometimes it is because of the people; but whoever is responsible it creates a bad situation and reflects upon the reputation of both in the community.

It is not always easy for a pastor to move, and he cannot afford to move to another field just because a few persons are dissatisfied with him. No pastor will please everyone, and no church will please every pastor. He knows that if he leaves without another call he may have some difficulty in getting back into another pastorate. He knows he is God's preacher, and he wants a place to preach; and besides that he and his family have to eat.

On the other hand many pastors leave too soon. Most of the strong churches have been built under the leadership of pastors who stayed through many years. There is so much to be gained by it. When a new pastor comes to a church he loves the people for what they represent, but when he really knows them he comes to love them when sorrow comes, but later he really lives through the sorrows with them. He comes to a field expecting most of the people to be near perfect, but after the years pass he learns that none of them are very near that goal.

At the first they listen to him because he is proclaiming the Gospel, but when they come to understand him then they really understand the Gospel he preaches. When first he comes they are watching for flaws in his voice, his gestures, his inflections and intonations as well as the doctrine he preaches. They learn ultimately to ignore his flaws,

and if he misses the point in doctrine they try to help him. When a pastor is new the people see him. When they come to know and love him they see the Christ whom he preaches.

In the beginning the pastor cannot understand why some are absent or irregular in attendance. After a while he knows there are extenuating circumstances that may justify it. When they come to know each other better they will love each other more. Yes, there is virtue sometimes in moving; but many pastors move too much. If the Lord is really allowed to do the leading then both the pastor and people will know beyond a doubt when the time has come for him to move, and if there is a minimum number of dissidents then perhaps they should move instead of the preacher.

—Baptist Standard

## Destroying Freedom

By LEON MACON

We do not have to have others destroy freedom, we can do it ourselves by becoming intolerant of others. We can destroy liberties by becoming dictatorial. Pure love of liberty requires that we love it for everyone, including those who oppose us.

A distinct difference between a Baptist and a Catholic teaching is seen at this point. We do not tolerate Catholics, but stand for their right to worship and believe as they will, while they tolerate us. Toleration is as bad a thing as dictation. Baptists do not practice toleration, but believe a Catholic or Methodist Church has as much right to exist in a town as they do. If we live up to our beliefs on this subject we would fight for these groups, and all others, to have the right to worship as they please. Baptists are not a tolerant people, but a liberty loving group, who love it for all and not just themselves.

We could easily destroy freedom through toleration. People are not free who are tolerated. Let's not destroy freedom through seeking it for ourselves alone, but for all.

—Alabama Baptist

## The Antidote For Fear

A Devotion By The Editor

"Fear not."

Two words of welcome import occur with significant frequency in connection with the birth of Jesus. These two words are: "Fear not." These words were spoken in stressful times, when the people of God were under the yoke of foreign oppression. Surely there could be no more welcome words than these with their accompanying announcement of the coming of the Messiah.

Jesus himself took up the theme during His earthly ministry. Again and again He spoke these words to trembling, fearful souls, "Fear not." To all troubled, weary, and fearful hearts Jesus would bring a peaceful calm and unshaken assurance. Amid the turmoil and strife of the world, during wars and rumors of war, when great world revolutions are shaking the foundations of religious faith, Jesus says, "in your patience win ye your souls."

Don't be afraid of God and try to run away from Him. He has a message for you, a blessing to bestow, a mission to give. You may feel at ease in God's presence, if you welcome Him into your life; and you will discover that there is no need to be afraid; on the contrary, you will find the greatest freedom in God's presence.

God's approach is friendly, His presence is gracious, and His purpose is redemptive. In the person of Jesus, God comes to bless you, to do you good; God wants to give you justification in place of your guilt. He wants to give you freedom in place of your condemnation.

We learn what God is like through Jesus. No one need be afraid of Jesus. And He said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Again, He instructed His disciples that when they prayed they should shut themselves up with God alone, and say, "Our Father." Shut up with God is the safest place one can be, and with Him one will find the greatest freedom and joy and satisfaction of life.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:10, 11.

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If you're centered in yourself, you're a problem. If you're centered in God, you're a person.

—Oren Arnold, *Kiwanis Mag.*

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The most difficult part of getting to the top of the ladder is getting through the crowd at the bottom.

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From The Editor's Desk

## Dogmatism In Christianity

There is current in evangelical Christianity today a type of dogmatism which creates antagonisms among Christians. There are denominations which are basically dogmatists. And there is a sprinkling of individuals in practically all denominations who would come under the general classification of dogmatists. But whether in organized groups or individuals, they claim exclusive possession of the fundamentals of Christianity. They deny the right of private interpretation to all others. To disagree with them is to be guilty of heresy or worse — blasphemy.

### Straw Men

Experience and observation leads one to the conclusion that the dogmatists, whether in organized groups or individuals, spend most of their time trumping up charges against those denominations or groups or individuals who may disagree with them. They expropriate the pulpit for tirades against their imaginary foes. They spend more time in combat with the straw men whom they have set up than they do in trying to lead the lost to the Savior.

The dogmatists claim a private line to the source of all wisdom and a prior claim upon the ear of God. All others must submit to their superior wisdom gained by that private line and prior claim, else they need to repent of their unbelief and pray for forgiveness. The Holy Spirit is freely quoted and given as authority for pronouncements and dogmas by those who claim to possess all the fundamentals of the Christian religion. No one else may claim the Holy Spirit as guide, unless he conforms to their pronouncements and dogmas. Those who are not lined up with these dogmatists are often branded by them as modernists, or atheists, or even communists.

### Regiment Faith and Experience

They frequently claim to have prayed a matter through and found the will of the Lord or received a message from the Lord. We are reminded of a story that was current in the Southern Seminary some years ago. Dr. Powell, who was professor of Church History in the Seminary, was at one time pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shelbyville, Kentucky. After he had given the invitation at the close of the service and was ready to pronounce the benediction, it is said that a woman rushed down the aisle and told Dr. Powell that she had a special message from the Lord which the Lord had instructed her to deliver there that morning. Dr. Powell replied that he had heard from the Lord since she had and that the Lord had told him not to deliver the message.

Since these dogmatists are in possession of all the fundamentals of Christianity, they demand freedom of thought for themselves alone. In denying freedom of thought to others, they consider that they are doing others a favor. They would regiment the faith and experience of all men within their dogmas of religion. Without seeming to re-

alize it, they are closely akin to Roman Catholics, who claim to be the custodians of all truth.

The possibility that someone else may have a message from the Lord or be directed by the Holy Spirit, especially if they disagree with the dogmatists never occurs to them.

It is unfortunate when the thought channels of any one or any group become hard and unelastic. Jesus said that such thought channels were brittle. Using the parable of the old wineskins, He suggested that the wine of new truth, new ideas, new thoughts, as they expand, would shatter the hard and unelastic thought molds.



In fact, it was the dogmatists of His day who harassed Jesus throughout His earthly ministry and finally brought about His crucifixion. These dogmatists of Jesus' day considered they had all the truth there was to be known and anyone who did not speak their language was a heretic.

Christianity in general and Christian people in particular need have no fear of truth. Truth will live on when the dogmas of men are discredited, discarded, and forgotten.

### No Monopoly of Truth

No finite mind can comprehend all the deep things of God revealed in the Bible. If the Bible could be exhausted by the mind of man, it would be worthless to us as the divinely inspired Word of God. Those who claim to have the last word from God and to understand in its entirety the revelation of God in the Bible and in the life of Christ, are the worst deceived people in the world.

A man said to me once, "It worries me because I can't understand all the Bible." To which I replied, "If you could, it wouldn't be worth anything to you. But you can understand enough of the Bible to be saved and to live a useful Christian life."

A young preacher once brought his problem to an old preacher. Said he, "There are some scriptures that I don't understand. I feel that I cannot preach the Bible unless I can understand the whole Bible and explain it all to my people." The old minister, grown wise through experience, remarked, "My young friend, we must be content to allow God to know some things which our finite minds cannot comprehend."

## Urgent—Write Your U. S. Congressman

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives in Washington by John E. Fogarty, calling for the appropriation of five hundred million dollars to meet the needs of both public and private school construction over the next five-year period. This bill would give Catholics public tax money for the building of parochial schools. It would be a breach in the wall of separation of church and state. You may be sure that the Catholic hierarchy of America will be solidly behind this measure.

Therefore, it is urgent that everyone write his congressman in Washington protesting the passage of this bill, which would provide public money for private school construction.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate to provide federal funds for public school construction. No provision is made in the Senate bill for private school construction.

If you are opposed to federal funds being provided for the construction of Catholic and other parochial schools, then write your congressman in Washington. Write a post card, send a wire, or a letter. Write it in your own language and express to your congressman your convictions on this matter.

The Hill-Burton Bill was allowed to pass the Congress which provides funds for the construction of both public and private hospitals. We have a demonstration in Little Rock of the Catholics getting in excess of four million dollars to build a hospital. Baptists are building their own hospital with the help of the community of Little Rock. The Catholic hierarchy is looking for every chance to get their hands into the public treasury and without an alert opposition they will succeed more and more to draw funds and state funds for their sectarian purposes.

Don't delay, write your congressman today. It is urgent! It is vital! It is necessary!

### The Closed Mind

No one has a monopoly on the truth of God, or on the interpretation of the Bible. My spiritual intuition, knowledge, and experience will lead me to the discovery of divinely revealed truth to the limits of my efforts and ability to learn the truth. The other person may by his efforts, experience, and ability discover much the same truths that I have discovered, and in addition some truths that are wholly foreign to my field of spiritual knowledge. It would be ungracious of me to condemn him because he claims to have discovered some truths which I have not. His discovery may be only partial, it may be wrong. But as long as he is searching for the truth of God, I bid him God's speed.

It is the closed mind, the hard and unelastic mind, which has lost the thrill of adventure in the search for an understanding of the truth of God. Such a mind is content with what it conceives to be the fundamentals, and becomes impatient with efforts to explore the superstructure which rises out of and rests upon these fundamentals.

The exploration of divine truth is the greatest adventure of life. The person who is forever searching for new revelations of divine truth will never grow stale, and bitter, saying hard and un-Christian things about others who are searching for the same divine revelation.

# Kingdom Progress

## Baring Cross Breaks Ground For New Building



By ROBERT A. PARKER

On Sunday, February 27, immediately following the morning worship service, Baring Cross Church of North Little Rock held a ground-breaking ceremony for their new educational building. This building will be one of the finest of its kind in the entire South.

It will afford space for ten nurseries and a nursery kitchen for the babies of the church from birth to four years of age. It will provide space for five beginner departments for the four and five year olds. There will be three departments for the young people on the third floor. The chapel in this building will seat over two hundred people.

The plans include air conditioning and central heating. The building will be com-

pletely fireproof for the safety of the children and will be built of concrete and hadite blocks, which serve as very excellent wall surface as well as affording the added acoustical qualities which are to be desired in a building housing children. It is hoped that this building will be ready for use at the beginning of the new Sunday school year around the first of October.

Among those who participated in the ground-breaking ceremony were Mrs. William Zwick the oldest active member of the church, the leaders of the various organizations of the church, and members of the building committee.

Shown in the above picture is the pastor, Dr. David Garland, breaking ground.

### Book Reviews

Best Sermons  
1955 Edition

Edited By Paul Butler

McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc. Price, \$4.50

This is the sixth volume in the series of Best Sermons, edited by G. Paul Butler.

The volume contains fifty-two sermons from Evangelical, Roman Catholic and Jewish ministers. These fifty-two sermons were selected from 7,500 sermons submitted to Dr. Butler from fifty-five countries in foreign languages.

The reader will find much in this volume of sermons to stimulate his thought and to inspire his soul. The book is well worth a place in any library.

### The Burden Is Light

By EUGENIA PRICE

Fleming H. Revell Company

A sub-title for this book is, "The Autobiography of a Transformed Pagan." The author, a young but successful radio script writer, tells the story of her life from skep-

ticism to faith in Christ.

She tells of the dark and lonely days before she found Jesus as her Savior. She met Ellen Riley, "who dared to live Christ before her."

We quote from the publishers comments, "Through tears and laughter, stumbling and victory, from darkness to light, Eugenia Price tells in frank faith-enriching narrative of her journey from an atheism of eighteen years to her life today as a newly born child of Christ.

"This book is a witness of Christ's power in transforming a life of doubt and fear into one of devoted service — proof positive that New Testament Christianity can and does work in the lives of men and women.

"You will thrill to this true story of one who found that 'the burden is light!'"

Eugenia Price is writer-director-producer of the radio program, "Unshackled," which originates on State WGN, Chicago, and is heard over some 150 stations throughout the country. Using radio as her medium, she has dramatized the conversions of scores of down-and-outers from Chicago's skid row.

### Beaman's Alliance and Bible-Lands Tours

Dr. Roy Beaman, professor in the New Orleans Seminary, announces that he still has a few plane reservations and a few London hotel reservations for the Alliance and Bible lands. These will be the fifth and sixth tours for Professor Beaman. His pre-alliance itinerary leaves New York June 14, visits twelve countries, attends the Alliance, and reaches New York July 27. His post-alliance itinerary leaves New York July 15 for the Alliance, visits thirteen countries in all, and reaches New York August 26. If interested, you may write him at 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, New Orleans 22, Louisiana.

### Ouachita College News

The keynote speaker at the Arkansas College Press Association annual convention will be E. P. Mills, assistant managing editor of the *Houston (Tex.) Chronicle*, it was announced today by J. E. Redden, professor of journalism at Ouachita College.

The convention meets April 22-23 at Ouachita College. Twenty-one colleges have been invited to send representatives to the two-day meeting.

The program will open at 1:30 p.m. April 22 with a welcoming address by Dr. Ralph Phelps, O. B. C. president. The Friday afternoon program also includes four seminars with outstanding Arkansas journalists in charge.

The annual A. C. P. A. banquet will be held at 6 p.m. in the education building of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Wills will be the principal speaker at the banquet. The son of a Baptist minister, he is teacher of a men's Bible class at Riverside Baptist Church in Houston. Mr. Mills formerly was news editor of the *Star-Times* in St. Louis, Missouri.

A highlight of the banquet will be the presentation of the General Excellence Award presented by the Arkansas Press Association for the outstanding college newspaper.

### Deacons Ordained

Willard Champlin, Garland Sentell, and Johnnie Wilburn were ordained as deacons by the Baugh Chapel Church, Caroline Association, Sunday afternoon, January 30.

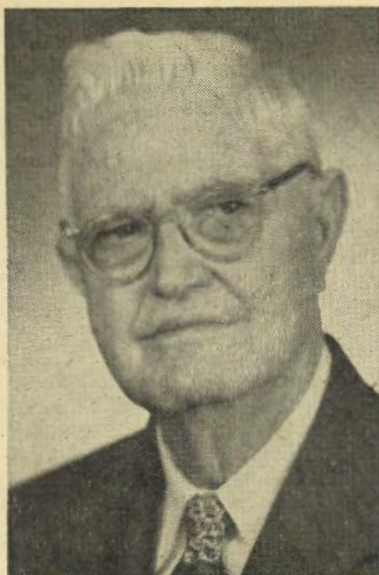
Pastor Frank Pickard served as moderator of the ordaining council. Deacon John Thompson served as clerk; Horace Boyd, pastor of Wattensaw Church, conducted the examination; Harold Sadler, pastor of Ward Church, delivered the charge to the deacons and church; Don Williams, associational missionary, offered the ordination prayer. Sam Phillips, pastor of Cabot Church, delivered the ordination sermon.

The new deacons purchased a 16 mm sound movie projector and presented it to the church.

Pastor Pickard states: "The materials are on the ground for some much needed repair on the church building. We hope to make those repairs soon.

"Pastor W. R. Woodiel of Judsonia Church will be our evangelist for the coming revival beginning March 16. The church is preparing for a great revival by having a soul-winning study course next week, and a week of prayer preceding the revival."

## Sixty Years A SS Teacher



M. J. ANDERS

M. J. Anders, at the age of 80, resigned as a teacher in the Sunday school of the First Church, Eudora, after a continuous teaching record of sixty years.

Mr. Anders is an alumnus of Ouachita College. He attended law school at Washington and Lee University in Virginia and is a practicing attorney.

He began his teaching career in Sunday school at Ebenezer near Warren in 1894. He has also taught a Sunday school class at Jersey, Hermitage, South Oak Grove, Warren, and Dermott.

Mr. Anders was reared in a Christian home and was converted at the age of 14. He raised a family of five daughters and one son, each of whom is actively engaged in church work in their respective communities. The son is a deacon, and the daughters are active in the musical program and other features of the church life. One grandson is a ministerial student.

For thirty-five years Mr. Anders has served as a deacon, a greater part of the time as the chairman of the deacons in the Eudora church.

Homer A. Bradley is pastor of the Eudora church.

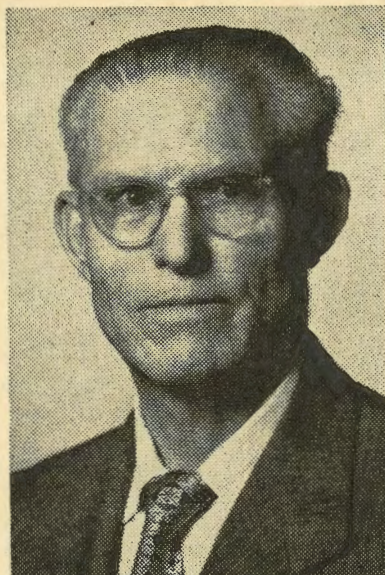
### Minister Ordained

Rex Shreve was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by the Central Church, North Little Rock, Sunday afternoon, February 27.

The ordaining council was composed of local ministers and deacons. Editor B. H. Duncan of the Arkansas Baptist served as chairman of the council. Cyrus Moore, a deacon in the Central Church, served as clerk of the council, Dr. O. L. Bayless, pastor of the Central Church, conducted the examination. The charge was delivered by Rex's father, Missionary R. R. Shreve of Batesville, Independence Association. The ordination prayer was offered by Pastor R. W. Bishop of Cedar Heights Church.

Mr. Shreve is pastor of St. Charles Church, Centennial Association. He is the third son of Missionary and Mrs. Shreve to be ordained to the gospel ministry. They also have a son-in-law who is a minister.

## A Mission Work Which Touches Entire State



W. O. TAYLOR

By W. O. TAYLOR, Pastor  
First Church, Alexander

The First Church, Alexander, is carrying on a mission ministry which reaches to practically every section of the state of Arkansas. This mission ministry is promoted through the McRae Tubercular Sanatorium for Negroes which is located at Alexander.

The Alexander church appointed A. C. Sims, who is a member of the church and a minister, as mission pastor and supervisor of the work at the Sanatorium. He is assisted by other members of the Alexander church. The work is carried on purely on a voluntary basis. A small stipend allowed by the institution for chapel services takes care of some minor expenses.

There is a regular Sunday school program carried on for the personnel of the Sanatorium and the patients who are able to be up. There is an enrolment of 80 and an average attendance of 40. There is also a Sunday school ministry provided for the bed patients. Mr. Sims appoints a teacher, usually a competent patient, in each ward to teach each Sunday morning. Literature is distributed throughout the Sanatorium in quantity of about 400 adult quarterlies and teacher magazines. Offerings are taken both in the sponsoring church and in the mission school to help defray the expenses of the mission.

During the week Mr. Sims, together with other workers from the Alexander church,

spend one day or more in bedside visitation and counselling. There are also worship services held in the wards and occasionally night services in the corridors for all who are able to sit up. Recently, a public address system has been installed by means of which the services are carried to most of the wards. The Alexander church purchased a portable organ which is used in these larger services.

There have been over 200 professions of faith in Christ during the two and a half years that this service has been carried on. Many others have been reclaimed to their former vows and active participation in religious service.

Mr. Sims frequently has letters of appreciation from those who have been in the Sanatorium and whose cases have been arrested. These persons are now taking their places in their home churches.

The administration of the institution is appreciative of the work which is being sponsored by the Alexander church. The superintendent who has been with the institution for about twenty-five years says the work is the most satisfactory religious work they have ever had. We are indeed thankful for the opportunity that permits us to break all racial and denominational boundaries and to serve so large a number in the name of our Christ.

### Coronation Service

There was a coronation service held recently for the junior and intermediate GA's by the WMU of the West Helena Church.

There were nine girls who were maidens, three ladies in waiting, ten princesses, and three queens. In the latter category there was Jo Dell Gregory, Bille Frances Holland, and Lou Etta Richmond.

Mrs. George Aitken is young people's leader of the WMU. Junior GA counselors are Mrs. Paul Benton, Mrs. Bill Holland, Mrs. W. J. Wood. The intermediate counselors are Mrs. Wilson Deese, and Mrs. Leo O'Pray. Mrs. Jim Simmons is WMU president.

Wilson Deese is pastor of the West Helena Church.

### Chaplain For Industrial Schools

E. A. Richmond, pastor of Hardin Church, Pine Bluff, has been elected as Chaplain of the Boys' Industrial Schools located at Pine Bluff and Wrightsville. He was reared in an Orphan's Home in Corsicana, Texas. Before entering the ministry he was a printer by trade. His theological training was in the New Orleans Seminary. He has given much of his time working with young people, and fully understands the needs of orphan boys and the underprivileged groups.

The Pine Bluff pastors commend him very highly. He has a wife and three children. His work will be through the Department of Missions.

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The pessimist says, the only thing you can count on nowadays is your fingers.

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*By Religious News Service*

## Churches Without Mortgages Promoted By Baptist Layman

Judge J. S. Bracewell, Houston, Texas, Southern Baptist lay leader, arrived in Los Angeles with a plan to help the rapidly-expanding denomination finance its construction program during coming years.

His "Broadway Plan," he said, has enabled 1,000 churches to be built without mortgages. They are financed by current income instead of on a property value basis. The plan is named after a church in Houston, Texas that first tried it.

Revenue bonds, repaid from weekly collections, are the key to his plan, the judge said. "Church revenues," he explained, "are almost as constant as taxes.

"Thus, bonds issued against weekly collections are well secured, and, since they pay 5 per cent interest, are well regarded by investors."

Judge Bracewell has worked out a formula which amortizes a church's debt in 13½ years. It sets aside \$2 a week from church collections for each \$1,000 of indebtedness, and deposits it in a special bank account.

A \$25,000 church would cost its congregation \$50 a week to finance. Investors who buy the bonds, issued in amounts ranging from \$50 to \$500, merely clip their coupons every six months and get their money from the bank.

"In 16 years we have never had a single default," Judge Bracewell said.

Bonds are sold mostly to members of the church in question, others are taken by sub-contractors who put up the church, and the balance is offered to the general public.

"I know one investor who has \$200,000 worth of these church bonds," the Baptist layman said. "I understand all the plans put into effect in 16 years aggregate more than \$40,000,000 worth of financing."

He said many denominations were using the Broadway Plan. California, with more than 200 churches participating, is one of the chief beneficiaries.

## Predicts 1955 Church Construction Will Reach 700 Million

Church construction in 1955 will exceed \$700,000,000, it was predicted in Cincinnati, Ohio, by Dr. Harry Atkinson, director of the National Council of Churches' Bureau of Church Building.

Dr. Atkinson's estimate is \$25,000,000 more than that of the U. S. Departments of Commerce and Labor.

Barring a major war or economic upset, Dr. Atkinson said, church building demands will continue strong for many years. He based this appraisal on a "tremendous" population increase, continued migration of people and a 20-year backlog of demand for new churches and improvement of existing buildings.

## North Dakota House Acts Against Liquor Advertising

A bill to prohibit the advertising of alcoholic beverages on North Dakota radio and television stations was approved, 71-37, by the House in Bismarck.

Opponents of the measure charged it would "penalize" radio and television stations in the state. They argued that such

legislation should be adopted on a national level and include all advertising media.

Supporters cited letters and petitions received from people throughout the state asking passage of the bill.

Earlier, Attorney General Leslie R. Burgum held that the bill is constitutional, "as a matter within the police power of the State."

## Reports Women's Clubs Disappointed Over Comics Industry Cleanup

Members of women's clubs across the country are "extremely disappointed" over the ineffectiveness of the comic book publishing industry's self-censorship effort, Mrs. Walter V. Magee of Lakewood, Ohio, said in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mrs. Magee, chairman of a national crusade against objectionable comic books undertaken last summer by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, spoke to 170 delegates from 12 states attending the Missouri Valley Conference of Women's Clubs.

"A great surge of indignation against salacious reading matter for children is sweeping the country," she said. "We are determined to see it through. We can't be lulled into a false sense of security just because publishers print themselves a code."

Women's club members are "not at all satisfied" with the industry effort, Mrs. Magee said, adding that while the self-censorship movement is "good in theory" it is "not so good in practice."

"I've seen some of the comics that have been approved by the censors," she said, "and I say they showed only a very slight improvement if any."

## Adopt \$133,000 Budget For Graham's Scottish Campaign

Officials of the All-Scotland Crusade to be opened in Glasgow March 21 by evangelist Billy Graham adopted a budget of 47,500 pounds (\$133,000) for the campaign.

Rev. Tom Allan, chairman of the crusade's executive committee, said the American evangelist and his team would receive "no money whatsoever" from the fund and would provide their own transportation to and from Glasgow as well as their own living expenses while in Glasgow.

He added that the money to cover the adopted budget would be raised through collections taken up at Kelvin Hall, where the major rallies are to be held, through voluntary contributions, and through a public appeal to persons interested in sponsoring the crusade.

## Lutheran Pastors Find Alcoholism Chief Welfare Problem

Alcoholism was the welfare problem encountered most often by 181 Lutheran pastors of Minnesota in 1954.

This was reported by the Lutheran Welfare Society of Minnesota on the basis of an "inventory" it conducted among the clergymen.

The findings were presented at the society's 50th anniversary assembly in Minneapolis.

# A Smile or Two

In Ohio a Negro was arrested on a charge of horse theft and was duly indicted and brought to trial. When his day in court came he was taken before the judge and the prosecuting attorney solemnly read the charge in the indictment to him.

The prosecuting attorney put the question: "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

The Negro rolled uneasily in his chair. "Well, boss," he finally said, "ain't dat the very thing we're about to try to find out?"

The station master, hearing a crash on the platform, rushed out of his room just in time to see the express that had just passed through disappearing around the curve and a disheveled young man sprawled out perfectly flat among a confusion of overturned milk cans and the scattered contents of his traveling bag.

"Was he trying to catch a train?" the station master asked of a small boy who stood by, admiring the scene.

"He did catch it," said the boy happily, "but it got away again!"

When Jimmy Wallace announced that he was going to give up barbering and study dentistry, every one in the village had some comment to make upon it, pro or con.

"Wal, Jimmy," contributed his uncle Si, after due cogitation, "it'll be the easiest thing y' can take up, next t' barberin', I reckon, 'cause y' already know how t' work th' chair."

The Sunday school teacher advised the children of his class that the morning study would be about Ruth, referring, of course, to the gleaner.

"Now," said he, after introducing the subject, "who can tell me anything about Ruth?"

Up went a little hand in the rear of the class.

"Well, Willie," asked the teacher, "what do you know about Ruth?"

"He made fifty-four home runs one season," was the answer.

The minister was giving a straight talk to one of the boys of his acquaintance.

"My boy," he said kindly, "you will have to make a way for yourself in the world. Do you know the meaning of energy and enterprise?"

"No, sir," the boy replied, "I don't believe I do."

"Well, I'll tell you. One of the richest men in the world came to this city without a shirt on his back and now he has millions."

The youth was clearly impressed. "Millions?" he repeated in wonderment. "Why how many does he wear at a time?"

"Mother," said a twelve year old of Baltimore, "did you tell father I wanted a new bicycle?"

"Yes, dear," said the mother. "I told him; but he said he couldn't afford to buy you one."

"Of course he'd say that; but what did you do?"

"I told him how badly you wanted it, and argued in favor of it, but he refused."

"Argued! Oh, mother, if it had been something you wanted yourself, you'd have cried a little and then you'd have got it."

A bald head is no disgrace if the baldness is confined to the outside.

# News From Baptist Press

## 1955 Receipts Stay In Front of 1954

Receipts through Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program and designated offerings continued to stay ahead of a like period a year ago, a February report from Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, shows.

According to the monthly statement, income from the two sources for the first two months of 1955 was \$5,235,242, compared with \$4,946,690 for the same months last year.

The increase was \$288,551, or 5.83 per cent over the previous year.

Arkansas Baptists contributed \$38,132 through designated offerings and \$34,954 through the Cooperative Program, not counting the funds retained for state and local purposes.

Total receipts from the two sources from all states were \$3,183,418.

The February Convention-wide total included \$908,449 through the Cooperative Program and \$2,274,969 through designated offerings. The large amount of designated offerings resulted from gifts through the Lottie Moon mission program.

The increase for the two months in the Cooperative Program funds was 7.75 per cent, while the increase for designated offerings was 4.76 per cent.

Moneywise, the Cooperative Program income for the two months was \$137,789 greater and revenue from designated offerings was \$150,762 larger than for January and February, 1954.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Convention continued to receive the largest amount in monthly disbursements for February. It received \$2,604,713. Next largest disbursement for the month was to Home Mission Board, \$126,937.

## Baptist Laymen Tell Story Of Missions

Eight Southern Baptist laymen who toured South American mission fields in seven countries last September have been busy since their return telling the story of missions, as they saw it, to Baptist groups in ten states. Through January they had spoken on 166 occasions to a total of 23,280 people.

## California Baptist College To Move to New Location

California Baptist College will soon move to its new campus from the First Southern Baptist Church in El Monte, California. Classes have been held in the church since the institution was opened in September, 1950. The move was made possible by the clearing of a previous escrow agreement between the college and a California firm. The title to the property has now been transferred to the college, according to an announcement by Byron F. Todd, president of the college's board of trustees.

## Registration Cards For Southern Baptist Convention

Registration cards for messengers who will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida, May 18-21, are available from the office of the Baptist state secretary in your state.

It will greatly facilitate the enrolment of messengers in Miami if each messenger will bring his card to Miami properly prepared.

Pastors who have not received registration cards may secure them by writing direct-

ly to the Baptist state secretary.

The maximum number which any church may designate as messengers to the Convention is ten, as provided by the Convention bylaws. There is no provision for alternates.

The constitutional provision concerning messengers is as follows:

"Membership: The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Convention as follows:

"1. One messenger for each regular Baptist church which is in friendly co-operation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.

"2. One additional messenger from each such church for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

"3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten."

## Radio Commission Accepts Sale Offer

The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has tentatively accepted Jackson Hill Baptist Church's offer to buy the Commission's Atlanta property. The announcement was made by Paul M. Stevens, director of the Commission.

## SBC Hospital Commission To Propose Teaching Hospital

The Hospital Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has approved a proposal that a large teaching hospital be established at Alhambra, California. At a recent meeting of the Commission in New Orleans a delegation from California Baptists and the Alhambra chamber of commerce told the Commission that a \$500,000 site and \$2,000,000 cash will be made available.

The Commission will recommend the proposal to the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Baptist Highlights

Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, and Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, North Carolina, have been selected to receive funds from the new General Motors \$2 million-a-year program of financial aid to higher education. Wake Forest College and Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, are two of the 138 privately supported schools which are to split a \$500,000 fund established by Standard Oil Company of New Jersey for undergraduate education.

Theo E. Sommerkamp, Tallahassee, Florida, will join the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, on March 1, as editorial assistant to work in connection with the Baptist Press.

—The Survey Bulletin

## Facts of Interest

Scientists at the General Electric Research Laboratories, Schenectady, New York, have for the first time created exact duplicates of the diamond. However, diamonds are more expensive produced artificially than when mined.

—The Survey Bulletin



## Denominational Calendar

### March Emphases

Evangelism  
Home Missions

### March Activity:

- Training Union Study Course
- 6-12: Baptist Hospital Revival, Little Rock
- 7-11: Religious Focus Week, Ouachita College
- 8- : Pastor's Conference, Southern Seminary
- 11-12: Training Union Convention, First Church, Little Rock
- 15-16: Annual Board meeting  
Southern Seminary
- 16-18: W.M.U. Annual Convention, Immanuel Church, Little Rock
- 20: Associational Music Rally for Revival Crusade, Central Zone
- 21-25: Regional Vacation Bible School Conferences
- 25-26: Youth and Junior Choir Festival, Immanuel Church, Little Rock
- 27: Sunday school offering for Home and Foreign Missions
- 27-April 10: Simultaneous Crusade, Central Zone
- 30-A. 1: Layne Lectures, New Orleans Seminary.

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## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON  
"Not in Love"

**Question:** I am engaged to a boy and sometimes I feel that I am tied down by being engaged to him. I am not the settling down type and I know that I am not ready for marriage.

We have been going together for four years and he says that if I return the ring he will never date me again. He told me that maybe I had better stop seeing him for about a month and date other boys and make up my mind about him.

I cannot give him up and I cannot marry him. I like him but don't want to marry him. What should I do?

**Answer:** If this boy were half the man he ought to be, he would drop you cold.

You are probably the type of girl who wants to have her cake and eat it too. I doubt that you are capable of loving anyone but yourself.

No, I would not marry at present. You are not ready for marriage. And a wedding ring will not cure your difficulty.

Your trouble is some deep emotional blocking. You need to see someone who will help you to see why you are not capable of love. But whatever you do don't marry until you work your problem through with someone. You are a bad risk for a happy marriage.

Quit the boy. Then perhaps your anxiety will mount until you turn to some person who can help you. But you have no moral right to keep stringing this boy along.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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The look to Jesus is always up, even by the best of men.

—Austin Ingram



# Pity The Poor Editor

By BRUCE H. PRICE, Pastor,  
First Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia

After writing the above title I am looking at the four words, willing to admit they must be changed. On second thought I am confident that religious editors are the last profession desiring anything which suggests pity.

This leads me to add a word at the beginning of the title, turning the meaning in reverse. Now I have five words, too many to please an editor, but I stand by them: "Don't Pity the Poor Editor".

Pity will not help to lighten his burdens nor make a better publication. He needs an understanding of his responsibilities and problems as he works against a dead line from week to week.

What to print in each issue is not the least of his troubles. With a constant stream of articles, sermons, pictures, and other material flowing to his desk in each arriving mail, he must choose which to use. Much that is good never finds a place in his columns because of lack of space. In each issue he could fill twice as many pages and wish for more room. Unfortunately, with two or three notable exceptions, Southern Baptist editors often find it necessary to cut the standard twenty-four pages to sixteen and occasionally go to press with only eight pages. This is because of limited finances.

Rising cost of printing, paper, postage, and office help while the subscription price and advertising rates remain stationary, make economies necessary.

With all the room in the world he could not use some of the manuscripts. Those which deal in personalities are not considered of good taste. And he must be careful about controversial subjects. Other articles written in the kind of hard-to-read long hand, filled with misspelled words, and long rambling sentences, like this one, well, the editor does not have the time nor inclination to rewrite and make readable.

An article or news item worth printing is

worth preparing in an acceptable manner. Type it, double space, on one side of standard typewriter paper, leaving a generous margin on each side and room at the top of the page. Do not fail to include your name. If you do not wish your name to be used, you may ask that it be withheld.

"Print this article just like I have it," demanded a pastor. One look at the manuscript and I agreed that the request was impossible. Among other things it is the business of an editor to edit. It is never pleasant to disappoint a contributor, but often it cannot be otherwise without sacrifice of quality or for some other good reason.

A well written article may be declined because the subject is not timely or has no interest of a general nature. Many mistakes have been made by refusing good compositions. Remember the best writers get refusals, but if a contribution is worthy of publication another paper will be glad to have it. So don't get mad with the editor who fails to appreciate your masterpiece. Offer it to another, and to another.

Twenty printing houses, one at a time, turned down Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe". "Peace of Mind" by Joshua Liebman was sent back by a dozen large book concerns before it was accepted, according to a published report. You may have read the book, "Man Does Not Stand Alone" by A. Cressy Morrison. A condensation was used in the "Readers' Digest". Not many know that Dr. Morrison went from one office to another seeking a publisher. His persistence caused him to return a second time to Fleming H. Revell Company where a new editor accepted it. But remember you may be the one who is mistaken about the quality of your product, and not the editor.

Sharing space with the boards and institutions without being accused of showing favoritism is not an easy assignment. The good

editor must also distinguish between legitimate news offered by denominational agencies, and strictly promotional material. Much of the latter should be classified as advertising and take the rate.

Usually three or four pages each week are reserved for the Executive Secretary and other departments in state headquarters. This is not always because of the editor's choice nor because the pages are used to best advantage. It is by agreement with the State Board and in consideration of necessary financial assistance. In most states these are pages which the editor has no part in preparing. Without question he accepts and publishes the material furnished. However, for lack of understanding the readers hold him responsible.

Another obligation of the editor is writing editorials. A few may be able to dash a column off in a moment like water flowing down a stream but this is not the rule, I assure you. More often it takes time, thought, and research, all of which adds up to hard work.

Visiting preachers, stopping by the editorial office while waiting for an appointment with the State Secretary, or just loafing, consume the editor's time and interfere with his work. Because of this one editor says, "I do much of my writing after closing time". Another spends the morning at his office receiving callers, doing his correspondence, and other routine work, remaining at home in the afternoon and night writing and editing.

Accepting invitations from churches keep the editor in touch with the "grass roots" which is good for both him and the people. He has an expense account and is glad to represent the denomination in pulpits both large and small. There is another kind of invitation that comes from preachers away in revivals or on vacation, wanting a free supply. Riding a free horse is a littleness which should be beneath a minister of the Gospel. Under such circumstances the laborer is worthy of his hire, and this applies to all denominational workers.

In the busy life of an editor he can never come to the close of the day and write "thirty". There is always "more".

## Religious Liberty Is A Live Issue

By W. BARRY GARRETT

Whoever has the idea that the problem of religious liberty in the world has been settled is not alert to what is going on. Advocates of religious totalitarianism, rule of the hierarchy, and proponents of union of church and state would deprive mankind of freedom. For religious liberty is the foundation of all liberty.

### New Testament Has Answer

Here are just a few ideas and happenings that are wandering around in the world.

The religious majority in Colombia, South America, continues to persecute Protestants and evangelical Christians, in spite of vigorous denials and efforts to explain away the persecutions.

Spain has a combination of church and state in which the government of Spain is almost synonymous with the Roman Catholic hierarchy. In addition to ruling with an iron hand and refusing religious liberty to the evangelical and Protestant minority, Spain closes Baptist churches and now has maneuvered the United States government into the position of selling out our liberty by requiring Catholic Canon law to control the marriage of Spanish nationals with American service men.

In Norway there is an unsettled controversy as to who has authority to make ultimate decisions in religion — the government or the Norwegian State Lutheran church. The Norwegian Parliament recently unanimously stated that theological disputes must ultimately be resolved within the church itself, but that there are times when the government must intervene to decide what can be taught by the church.

The Norwegian bishops followed the government statement by a declaration trying to explain away the government's power in religious matters. But a professor of constitutional law at the University of Oslo stated that the king should interpret the Confession and decide if a pastor or bishop is teaching according to the confession and that in exercising this authority the King has no duty to consult with the bishops or the theological faculties.

### The Pope

Of course, we could not leave his piousness the pope out of this, so we quote from a speech he made back in the latter part of 1954 in which he defended the right of the church "to direct the consciences and actions

of men" in matters which are not strictly religious.

Says the pope, "The power of the church is not bound by limits of 'matters strictly religious' as they say, but by the whole matter of natural law. Its foundation, its interpretation, and its application, so far as their moral aspects are concerned, are within the church's power."

In our own country the New York Court of Appeals has just ruled that a 12-year-old child has the right to choose his own religion despite a pre-marital pact signed by the parents. The parents later separated and the father tried to force the child born to them to attend Catholic school and church, even though the boy preferred public school and the Sunday school of his mother.

Then there is communism which denies the existence of God, and consequently denies mankind of freedom of all kinds.

What does all of this add up to? It means that there is still much to be done in the world in the realm of religious liberty. It means that those of us who believe that every human being is competent to deal with God for himself must crusade anew for a free church in a free state. It means that Baptists must forge to the front again to emphasize their historic contribution to the world that the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is a religion of freedom from all bondage regardless of its nature. —Baptist Beacon

# Miracles I Saw In 1954

By S. L. MORGAN, SR.,  
Wake Forest, North Carolina

The year 1954 will mark an epoch in the history of mankind. For it forced the attention of the world upon the hydrogen bomb, the most terrifying power ever unleashed by man. The Christian Century of December 15 quoted editorially a famous French scientist as saying that enough hydrogen bombs have already been exploded "to create deadly danger for the world's animal and plant life," and declared that New Zealanders protest indignantly the United States' proposal to switch H-bomb tests to the frozen wastes near the South Pole as too near to be safe!

Such fears scream aloud to the world the most startling lesson of 1954—the utter insanity of war, which might unleash atomic forces capable of blotting the race from the planet. But precisely that fact may indeed be our greatest security. For what person or nation could be so utterly insane as to make any move that might unleash an atomic war!

## Spiritual Power Unleashed in 1954

But for me 1954 will be memorable for the miracles of spiritual power I actually witnessed. Wherever I went in the past year or so, I made it my chief quest to discover such miracles. Others look out the men and women of fame; they go through the giant industrial plants; they visit the parks and zoos, the big colleges and benevolent institutions. My own quest is for something more wonderful to me than all these. I go out of my way to search out the souls made great by what they have suffered and overcome. Often I discover them below the surface, hidden and unseen.

## "Jackie"

Ten years ago I met "Jackie," a helpless,

hopeless cripple, then 16 years old, and with the mind of a little child. Her lawyer father told me in his office the tragic story. The doctor attending at her birth made a fatal slip and severed a vital nerve or ligament that doomed her for life. For many months acute pain made sleep impossible for her or her mother. Said the father, "For several years she remained our despair, while we consulted many doctors at a cost of perhaps \$10,000." Their verdict was unanimous: "She is beyond all human help."

Last fall I went to see her. She was the same frail little skeleton, lying helpless on the bed, now 26 years old, with not a ray of hope. The admirable parents were now in a Baptist parsonage, the church they served close by. They had turned from the law to the Christian ministry, and were in a happy, successful pastorate, beloved and honored by all the community.

I said to them, "I came to see Jackie, but mainly to ask you a question": "What has Jackie done for you in the 26 years of her hopeless suffering? For I venture the guess that she has done more for you than to you." They said, "You are right. Her patient suffering has taught us the best we know, and made God seem very real." He said, "She has had much to do with turning me from the law to the ministry."

He told me an incident: "One day a man came to see me—desperate." He said, "This is the last time you'll see me. We have a baby doomed to be a hopeless cripple and imbecile. We are heart-broken over it. I can't take it. You won't see me again alive; I'm going to end it all."

## We Should Be "We" Worshipers

By H. H. SMITH, Ashland, Virginia

Is there anything wrong with this: "I go to Church to worship God," says a lady, "and I try to shut out the world and think only of my Lord, the minister who brings the message, and myself—my need of God?"

Such devotion and concentration in worship are commendable, but something of importance is lacking: there is no recognition of fellow-worshippers. They should not be ignored or forgotten. This is perhaps a common weakness of the worship of the sanctuary: we are prone to be "I" worshipers instead of "We" worshipers.

## We Are Brethren

We should have learned better from the teaching of Jesus and Paul. In that prayer—which might be called the prayer of the children of God—Jesus teaches us that our approach to God in prayer should be with the consciousness that all true believers constitute a family, a "household of God," and so He teaches us to say, "Our Father," not "My Father."

The ties of brotherhood were strong in the early Christian Church, and the believers were spoken of as "Brethren." When Peter addressed the assembly (of about 120) in the upper room at Jerusalem, as they awaited the fulfillment of the promised pentecostal blessing, he called them "Brethren," showing that "from the first, Christians are a brotherhood or family, not a promiscuous gathering."

In a passage in his book, *Chapters in Life of Paul*, Dr. John Knox shows how Paul regarded the fellowship of believers and the central place it occupies in the Church: "His

knowledge of Christ, although the deepest and most intimate fact of his life, is not a personal secret possession. He does not regard it as something unique or solitary. It is a knowledge which he possesses as a member of the Christian community. He never speaks of himself as being 'in Christ' in any way which every other believer is not also 'in Christ.' The meaning of Christ is a shared meaning—the basis of that particular 'koinonia,' or community, which is the Church." (From *Chapters in a Life of Paul*, by John Knox; Copyright, 1950, Pierce & Smith; by permission).

How gloriously Paul realized this truth of the solidarity of believers, and how happily he lived in the fellowship of every other follower of his Lord! If we carefully read Paul's letters to his churches, we shall see how impossible it would have been for the Apostle to overlook the presence of fellow worshipers. We think of Paul's converts in the early Church as desperately in need of the Apostle's ministrations, and so they were, but Paul—the greatest Christian who ever lived—also felt the need of their Christian fellowship. According to Moffatt's translation, Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome: "I do yearn to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift for your strengthening—or, in other words, that I may be encouraged by meeting you, I by your faith and you by mine." (Rom. 1:11-12, Moffatt).

## Value of Corporate Worship

There is no substitute for congregational or corporate worship. Here we meet with fellow

He said, "I bantered him, I challenged him. I said, 'Maybe you ought to kill yourself—if that's all the character and manhood you have! How are you going to do it—with a gun, a knife—or jump in the river?'"

"And then I told him of our great sorrow and disappointment, and of our 26 years given to Jackie, while she taught us patience and goodness and courage, and inspired us to live to help others. And as he heard the story he sat with tears running down his face, and he blurted, 'You make me ashamed of the coward I am, and show me something to live for. I'll go and make something of life yet!' And he's doing it."

I left Jackie and that able, admirable minister and his wife with a thrill. I knew I had seen a miracle mightier than the hydrogen bomb—God in two human lives turning heart-breaking sorrow and disappointment into the stuff of saints and martyrs, happy and dedicated and a force actually transforming a church and community. That's a miracle for you!

## Miracles Over Death

And 1954 reinforced my confidence that spiritual power is available to conquer death. Two years ago I was thrilled with Mrs. Peter Marshall's victory over death as told in her remarkable book *A Man Called Peter*, and with the almost identical victory of Mrs. Sibyl Townsend as told in her articles in *Home Life* magazine. Eager to know if their victories have continued down to the present, I wrote asking them to say frankly, as a boost to the faith of others. Their replies are wholly reassuring, each saying: "The thrill of victory gives present assurance that no matter what calamity may overtake me in the future, I do not doubt that God will work in me the same miracle of victory!"

Christians and join with them in adoration and praise of our Lord and Savior, the confession of our sins, and the dedication of our lives to God, and receive inspiration and strength for our daily tasks. We are social beings and dependent upon one another. John Wesley once said that in his early manhood he met a "serious man" who said to him: "Sir, you wish to serve God and go to heaven. Remember you cannot serve Him alone. You must therefore find companions or make them. The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion."

Jesus emphasized the importance of private prayer, where one goes to his room and prays to the Father in secret; but He also said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:20). In a thoughtful little book on *Prayer and Worship*, there is a paragraph on the value of corporate worship: "The role that actual participation in corporate religious worship plays in nurturing the life of us halting ones has too long been obscured. Augustine's regular attendance on the Church celebrations and the sermon of Bishop Ambrose of Milan played no small part in preparing him for that scene in the garden where he consciously yielded to the Christian way . . . We become what we do. A great religious interpreter of our times once said that he kissed his child because he loved her and that he kissed his child in order to love her more. Regular participation in corporate worship is a school and workshop in which those who would grow in the religious life, no matter how tenuous may be their present connections, should be in attendance." (*Prayer and Worship*, by Douglas V. Steere. Copyright by the Hazen Foundation).

## Those Cottage Prayer Meetings

Many, many of our churches are meeting the challenge of the absolute necessity of prayer in preparation for the simultaneous revivals throughout the state. Eighteen thousand prayer meetings are necessary if Arkansas Baptists are to come up to the minimum number that our South-wide leaders in Evangelism are pleading for us to reach in planning for the revivals.

Eighteen thousand prayer meetings is Arkansas Baptists' share of the half-million prayer meetings planned for the whole Southern Baptist Convention.

A half-million prayer meetings means one prayer meeting for every 15 members of every church, taking the TOTAL membership (both resident and non-resident) into consideration.

Is your church planning to carry its full share of the total load?

Your church?

### A Co-operative Program of Prayer and Evangelism

We thank God for the magnificent concept of what Southern Baptists are pleased to call "The Cooperative Program." Through the Cooperative Program it is possible for all of our people to give their money to support all of our Baptist work at home and throughout the state, in the homeland and to the ends of the earth. The Cooperative Program makes possible a much greater and more comprehensive program of work everywhere than would otherwise be possible. And yet we Baptists co-operate in areas other than in giving.

We are facing now the greatest co-operative program of prayer and evangelism in all the history of the world! Southern Baptists everywhere are praying for a sweeping revival. And Southern Baptists are entering a period of evangelism which ought to be the most fruitful in all human history.

May God help us truly to co-operate in the whole program of activities which have to do with the revivals, to pray together, plan together, go together, win together; taking advantage of every opportunity the simultaneous revivals shall bring to us as individuals, and as a great co-operating group of nearly 30,000 Baptist churches.

### A Great Church Organizes Its Brotherhood

First Church, Conway, has organized its Brotherhood! We are thrilled at this news.

First Church, Conway, is one of those key churches in our state. Located in a thriving city where three colleges are situated, it is geographically an open door to several sections of Central Arkansas.

The pastor of this fine church is James A. Street, who in years gone by was Brotherhood Secretary of Mississippi.

The following is copied from the "Builder," which is the church bulletin:

"Now we have a Brotherhood! Officers are: Frank D. Corley, president; Bob Allison, vice president; Stanley Russ, secretary; and Charles Ivey, activities vice president. Meetings are to be held monthly, with the next meeting on March 11. Committees: Extension (to plan and conduct services where our men are invited outside of Conway) — L. P. Crafton, Sr., O. S. Russ, N. F. Bolling, David Webb, Ed Kersey, J. P. Pet- tey, Dr. Ernest Carleton; New People (to welcome new people, particularly Baptists, who move into Conway) — Dean Moore, Dr. J. H. Flanagan, C. T. Ray, Ellis Lasley, J. S. Rogers, Jr., E. G. Steed, R. E. Speaker; Boys' Work (to assist with R.A. and Boy Scouts) — Gail Robbins, J. H. Johnson, Otto Turner, Harold Eldson, Wm. H. Cato, Lewis C. Haynes, C. W. Robinson, David M. Doyle, Frank Corley, Virgil White, Collins Isom, Harold Stocks, Elmer Graddy, Hubert L. Ferguson; New Members (to see that new members of our church are visited and enlisted) — J. F. O'Kelley, Dr. J. V. West, Eli Burton, George Cummings, Dr. N. E. Fraser, W. B. Owen, Jr., H. P. Westmoreland; Evangelism (to direct personal work among men who are not church members) — Kenneth Pruitt, A. J. Sims, Bob Graham, Rev. J. W. Henderson, Dr. J. S. Rogers, Earl Graham, O. G. Abernathy, Vader Hatfield; Sickness and Distress (to keep in touch with our people in trouble)—Herman Benton, H. L. Ferguson, Leo Crafton, Sr., P. D. Frisby, John W. Kendall, O. T. Sims, E. S. Hahn; Transportation (to help provide transportation to church services and other meetings) — Harry Adams, Cleo Berryman, J. M. Cole, Newt Milam, T. R. McEachern, Harvey Wilson; Unaffiliated Baptists (to seek to bring Baptists who live in Conway but hold membership away from the city, into our church) — Wylie Roberts, Allen Webb, David Doyle, Bert Woodruff, Tom Graham, A. E. Creed."

—Brotherhood Department  
Nelson Tull, Secretary

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Mercy is the twin sister of truth.  
—George Seaver

## Last Call For Training Union Convention!

First Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 11-12

### MEETING PLACES

1. Registration: Go to ground floor of old building just as soon as you arrive, and register. Registration fee is 50c for all nine years of age and above. All who desire homes then will go to the home assignments desk. A program, a pencil and a notebook will be given to each person who registers. Be sure to take notes on all messages and conferences. The 20-page program will tell you when and where all conferences will be held.
2. Baptist Book Store will have an exhibit under the balcony of the main auditorium. Be sure to visit your Book Store.
3. The canteen in basement of old building will be open during the noon hour, and between afternoon and evening services. Sandwiches, drinks, cake, pie, etc., will be for sale. Hundreds of people will find it more convenient to get a lunch there at the church than to go to town.
4. The entire afternoon sessions will be in the form of sectional meetings for each department. This is the heart of the convention program. This is where you learn Training Union work. The following sectional meetings will be held from 2:00-4:45, Friday afternoon:
  - (1) Administrative and Associational — Ground floor, Blaylock bldg.
  - (2) Adults — Auditorium, old building.
  - (3) Young People A (17-18) — Main auditorium.
  - (4) Young People B (19-24 plus college students) — Ground floor, old bldg.
  - (5) Intermediate A (13-14 and leaders) — Third floor, new bldg.
  - (6) Intermediate B (15-16 and leaders) — Second floor, new bldg.
  - (7) Juniors and leaders — Second floor, Blaylock bldg.
  - (8) Primary leaders — Rear of ground floor, new bldg.
  - (9) Beginner leaders — Classroom, ground floor, new bldg.
  - (10) Nursery leaders — Classroom, ground floor, new bldg.
  - (11) Primary children—Ground floor, Blaylock bldg.
  - (12) Nursery and Beginner children cared for at all sessions, but not between sessions.
5. Main sessions of the Convention Friday morning (beginning at 10:00 a.m.), Friday night (beginning at 7:00 p.m.) and Saturday morning (beginning at 9:00 a.m.), will be held in the main auditorium of the First Church, Little Rock.

### Attention, R.A. Boys!

S. C. Ritchie has made tentative plans to take a busload of Junior and Intermediate boys to Glorieta for second Training Union week, June 23-29. He still has room for 15 or 18 boys. The estimated cost for each boy, including transportation and board and meals while there, will be about \$35.00 to \$40.00. Mr. Ritchie is a deacon in the Baring Cross Church.

If you are interested, write to Mr. Ritchie for particulars just as soon as possible.

### JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The first state-wide Junior and Intermediate Leadership Workshop will be held at First Church, Little Rock, Tuesday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Junior Workshop will be led by Mrs. J. E. Lambdin of the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and James H. Daniel, professor in charge of Junior work, School of Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Intermediate Workshop will be led by Mrs. Roy Johnson, approved Intermediate worker of Birmingham, Alabama, and Phil Harris, professor of Adolescent Education, School of Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

This is a first for Arkansas and for the south. There will be two workshops in progress at the same time, one for Junior workers and one for Intermediate workers.

A group of Juniors and a group of Intermediates will be used for demonstration. During the morning hour in each workshop there will be a demonstration of a department workshop program and a demonstration of a weekly meeting. There will also be demonstrations of a sword drill and Junior memory drill. There will be evaluations of the demonstrations and suggestions for enriching the June worship programs.

In the afternoon session there will be a demonstration on "Organizing to Meet Specific Needs," and suggestions will be made for enriching the June programs (unions). There will also be a demonstration of a program planning meeting.

Toward the close of the afternoon session there will be a joint meeting for an evaluation of the two workshops and for a brief message on "Building Strength for Tomorrow."

This gives some idea of the wonderful things in store for those who work with Juniors and Intermediates in the Training Union.

—Training Union Department  
Ralph Davis, Secretary,  
Robert A. Dowdy, Associate

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## S.B.C. Hospital Board Endorses Baptist Hospital For California

The Hospital Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting here on January 27 voted to endorse a proposal by California Southern Baptists that a Baptist Hospital be established in the Los Angeles area. The Board has been instructed by the Southern Baptist Convention at its Houston, 1953, meeting "to consider the feasibility of establishing a Baptist hospital in the Los Angeles area of California" at the request of California Southern Baptists and on recommendation of the S.B.C. Committee on Resolutions.

Following the action of the Convention, the Executive Secretary of the Hospital Board visited the Los Angeles area and conferred with representatives of the state and county medical societies, the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, and the hospital committee of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. Following that visit, the Executive Committee of the Hospital Board invited representatives of the California groups to present to the Hospital Board at its January 27th, 1955, meeting such proposals and supporting data the group wished the Board to consider.

The proposal submitted by the group and addressed to the Southern Baptist Convention was developed by the steering committee of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce and the hospital committee of the Los Angeles Southern Baptist Association and contained the following provisions.

1. The Southern Baptist General Convention of California and the people of the Los Angeles area propose to purchase a suitable building site in Alhambra, California and provide a minimum of

\$2,000,000.00 to be used in the construction and equipping of a general hospital having an initial capacity of 150 beds but so designed as to permit expansion as rapidly as additional funds are available so that ultimately the hospital would have a minimum capacity of 350 beds.

2. It was requested that the Southern Baptist Convention approve the proposal and instruct its Hospital Board to proceed in the establishment and operation of a hospital in Alhambra, California, to serve the people of the Los Angeles area.

Various documents and statistics showing the need for additional hospital facilities in that area were presented by the delegation.

After giving the proposal careful consideration, the Southern Baptist Hospital Board unanimously voted to accept the responsibility of establishing and operating a hospital in the Los Angeles area if authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention and if the necessary funds and a suitable building site are made available.

The proposal and recommendation will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention for consideration at Miami, Fla., in May.

The delegation from California presenting the request was composed of Dr. S. G. Posey, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California; Dr. Edmond Walker, Chairman of the Convention's hospital committee; Dr. Jones Stewart, physician, and Mr. Woody Wade, Executive Secretary of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce.

## World Missions Conference

Foreign missionaries and Christian statesmen from many areas of the United States and 15 foreign nations will appear on the Baptist General Convention of Texas' "World Missions Conference" which will be held in Fort Worth, March 20-23rd, at the Will Rogers Coliseum. The conference which is the first of its type sponsored by a Baptist convention, will feature 110 missionary speakers and discussion leaders, including Congressman Walter Judd of Minnesota, and Dr. Frank Laubach, honorary president and founder of World Literacy, Inc.

Forty-one of the speakers will be missionaries on furlough from Southern Baptist foreign mission stations. These missionaries will include medical doctors, educators, and ordained ministers who have completed several years of service on foreign mission fields.

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, executive secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said, "The

idea for the World Missions Conference came from a desire of Texas Baptist pastors to receive more direct information concerning missionary activities and needs on the foreign and home fields. With a full realization that the Southern Baptist faith has grown largely because of a zeal for missions, the suggestion was made that Texas Baptists sponsor a program which would not only give pastors but men and women in our churches an opportunity to hear and talk with missionaries from many areas of the world."

## CHARACTER

While skill is something for which there is no substitute, and while there is great vocational value in general education, still, both need to be supplemented by good character and good personality traits. Before a man can be a good business man, or a good professional man, he has to be a good man.

—Quote

## Claimed By Death

The father of Dr. Clyde Hart, of the Missions Department at Baptist Headquarters, Little Rock, died at the home of his daughter in Bastrop, Louisiana, Friday morning, March 4.

Mr. Hart had been ill for several weeks. He had recently been in the hospital but was removed to his daughter's home a few days before his death.

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## Camp Crestridge For Girls

A choice portion of the Blue Ridge Mountains has been selected for Southern Baptist daughters and friends. The new camp called Camp Crestridge for Girls is considered a sister camp to Camp Ridgecrest for Boys and is located on the grounds of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

The purposes of the Camp will be to develop skills in sports and sportsmanship, outdoor living, fellowship with God and man. To make these purposes to become realities the camp will have the services of some of our choice Southern Baptist young women as instructors, counselors and staff.

The Camp staff consists of the director, program director, head counselor, program director, head counselor, lifeguards, aquatic director and instructors, religious activities director, personnel director, camp mother, camp hostess, music director, secretary, dietitian, and canteen manager and banker, and all the instructors in the various sports areas.

The counselors and campers will be housed in new cabins. The offices of the director and instructors will be found in the new administration building as you enter the camp. The dining hall with its semi-modern architecture and large fireplace will house a dining room, play room, and crafts room plus a kitchen with all new equipment. The lake is under construction and the other recreational areas are being designed.

The campers, ages eight years through seventeen, in the summer of 1955 will be considered Charter Campers and will indeed make history in this new phase of denominational life.

The program will consist of individual sports, team games, group games, crafts, Lessons in Loveliness, study of Indian lore through dramatics, a daily Bible hour, swimming, horseback riding and camp craft including hiking.

The season starts June 6 and the first session ends July 11. The second session starts July 14 and ends August 19. Camp Crestridge for Girls will be equipped to take care of 80 campers each session this season. The plans are to increase the facilities each year.

The Camp Director is Miss Arvine Bell, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas. She received her public school instruction in Little Rock and attended Little Rock

## Southwide Baptist Hospital Association Elects Officers



CLYDE L. SIBLEY

Clyde L. Sibley, administrator of the Baptist Hospital of Birmingham, Alabama, was elected president of the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association at its annual meeting February 9 and 10. A member of the Southside Baptist Church, Mr. Sibley has been administrator of the Birmingham hospital for twenty-five years.

Other officers elected were: Robert Guy, administrator of the Baton Rouge General (Baptist) Hospital, Baton Rouge, La., president-elect; J. Frank Murrell, Oklahoma Baptist Hospital, vice-president; and Emmett Johnson, Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, Ky., secretary-treasurer. Frank Tripp, executive secretary and general superintendent of Southern Baptist Convention operated hospitals, New Orleans, who has served for the past year as executive secretary of the association without salary, was asked to continue for another year in order to complete some work which was started during the year.

The Chaplain's section of the Southwide Baptist Association meeting at the same time elected Rev. E. D. Hilburn, chaplain, Kentucky Baptist Hospital, as chairman.

Junior College. She received her B.A. degree at Ouachita Baptist College in Arkadelphia, Arkansas and her M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Miss Bell has recently done work at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, on an advanced degree in Physical Education.

Your daughter should be a part of this new activity. Write to Mr. Willard Weeks, Manager, or Miss Arvine Bell, Director, at Camp Crestridge for Girls, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Our camps are sponsored by the Sunday School Board of our Southern Baptist Convention.

# All Set For Music Festival



**SEND IN** — the number of people in both your groups. We must have this information immediately.

**PRAY** — for the presence and power of the Lord that He may have the honor and the glory.

## HYMN SING REPORTS

**Rocky Bayou Asso.** held the regular quarterly hymn sing at Melbourne Church on Sunday, January 1. Herman Dover directed the program and Rev. A. F. Muncy led the devotional. Eighty-five people representing eight churches attended. Mrs. Theo Harris was the accompanist and special numbers were rendered by choirs from Sidney and Melbourne. The next regular quarterly hymn sing will be held at Oxford on April 24.

**Pulaski County Asso.** B. H. Ball directed the regular hymn sing for Pulaski County Association in the Pike Avenue Church on Sunday, February 13. 135 people from nine churches were present. Mrs. Robert George was the accompanist and Rev. R. H. Dorris led the devotional. Special numbers were rendered by Forty-Seventh Street, Sixteenth Street, Pike Avenue and Levy. The next hymn sing will be held at Oakwood on March 13.

**Faulkner County Asso. R. O. Fugatt** directed the quarterly hymn sing for the Faulkner County Assoc., which was held January 16 at the Mount Vernon Church. Sixty-seven people from nine churches were present. Mrs. Bobbie Sue Haddock accompanied the singing and Rev. T. W. Hayes conducted the devotional.

**Big Creek Asso.** Seventy-four people from five churches attended the quarterly hymn sing for Big Creek Association, which was held under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Clifton on Sunday, January 30 in Viola Church. Mrs. Lloyd Horton was the accompanist and Rev. Graham Roberts led the devotional. Theme of the program was, "The Cross of Christ." Special numbers were presented by the host church and by Hardy. The next hymn sing will be held in the Hardy church on May 29.

**Benton County Asso.** 197 people attended the regular quarterly hymn sing for the Benton County Association which was held in the First Church of Siloam Springs on January 30. Rev. Neil Jackson led the hymn sing and special numbers were rendered by Bentonville First, Central Avenue, Highfill, Pleasant Ridge, Siloam First and Rogers First.

**Mt. Zion Asso.** Joe Mustion directed the quarterly hymn sing for Mount Zion Association in the First Church of Nettleton. There was an attendance of 218. Theme of the program was "Thanksgiving and Praise." Six churches in the association provided special music.

*Church Music Department,  
Sue Maynard, Office Secretary*

### Baptist Board Staffer Dies

Miss Mattie DeMontbreun, an employee of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, since 1921, died on Feb. 1. Since 1953 she had been in the Board's Merchandise Selection Department where she had charge of selecting church and Sunday school supplies and merchandise items for listing in The Master Key Catalog and for sale through the Board and Book Stores.

## La. Baptists Appoint New Brotherhood Secretary

Dr. Floyd B. Chaffin, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, announced in Alexandria recently that Fred Forester of Bessemer City, N.C. has been named Brotherhood Secretary for the state.

The new Secretary will promote Brotherhood work among the 1,146 churches affiliated with the Louisiana Baptist Convention. At present there are 562 local Baptist Brotherhood organizations in Louisiana.

He will also be in charge of a boys organization known as the Royal Ambassadors.

Mr. Forester will assume his new post March 15 after having moved his family to Alexandria where his office will be located in the Baptist Building.

He is married and the father of five boys, two of whom are studying to be foreign missionaries.

The announcement of his appointment came after he received approval of the Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The Nominating Committee that chose the North Carolina man was composed of Doctors T. W. Gayer, R. O. Cawker, Mack P. Stewart, J. P. Owens, and R. Houston Smith, Chairman.

God made both tears and laughter, and both for kind purposes; for as laughter enables mirth and surprise to breathe freely, so tears enable sorrow to vent itself patiently.

—Leigh Hunt, Think Magazine.

## BENEVOLENCE

Up to July '54 American soldiers stationed in Korea had contributed over \$3 million out of their own pockets for relief of victims of the war.

I often wonder why people do not make more of the marvelous power there is in kindness. It is the greatest lever to move the hearts of men that the world has ever known—greater by far than anything that mere ingenuity can devise or subtlety suggest. Kindness is the kingpin of success in life; it is the prime factor in overcoming friction and making the human machinery run smoothly.

—Andrew Chapman.

## Figures To Inspire

	S.S.	T.U.	Adc
Little Rock, Immanuel	1449	398	2
Including missions	1602	510	3
Fort Smith, First	1369	630	5
Including missions	1546	726	
No. Little Rock Baring Cross	1046	335	6
Including missions	1131	355	
El Dorado, First	1091	292	3
Including mission	1153	326	4
Little Rock, First	978	398	5
Including mission	999	423	
Little Rock, Second	913	229	1
Including mission	1050	319	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	792	306	4
Including mission	852		
El Dorado, Immanuel	725	307	
Little Rock, Baptist			
Tabernacle	706	187	1
Pine Bluff, South Side	676	274	4
Benton, First	670		
Including mission	721		
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	655	181	2
Texarkana, Beech St.	639	185	2
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	620	260	4
Magnolia, Central	603	201	1
Including mission	678	248	
Warren, First	601	225	
Blytheville, First	594	201	2
Camden, First	582	207	7
Including missions	688	305	
McGehee, First	564	202	2
Hope, First	564	158	
Fayetteville, First	558	207	5
Including mission	604	248	
Forrest City, First	541	169	4
Conway, First	534	142	1
Malvern, First	531	134	1
Paragould, First	512	206	
Including mission	601	242	
El Dorado, Second	509	249	
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	508	117	5
West Helena	506	156	1
Crossett, First	500	190	2
Little Rock, South Highland	474	163	4
Including mission	505		
Springdale, First	473	238	2
Bentonville, First	454	168	1
Jacksonville, First	445	240	8
Including mission	490		
Cullendale, First	442	206	
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	434	118	1
Hot Springs, Park Place	414	159	
Paris, First	414	137	
Siloam Springs, First	412	231	2
Fort Smith, Calvary	412	177	4
Monticello, First	407	225	5
Booneville, First	405	93	
Hot Springs, Central	404	152	
Including mission	474	179	1
Clarksville, First	396	137	1
Stuttgart, First	383	135	2
Including missions	624	270	5
Fort Smith, Immanuel	382	138	3
Smackover, First	363	152	1
Hamburg, First	356	134	
El Dorado, West Side	339	120	1
Searcy, First	339	114	2
Piggott, First	339	103	
Jonesboro, Central	337	151	3
Fort Smith, Trinity	329	120	3
Fort Smith, South Side	329	103	
Hot Springs, First	325	123	
No. Little Rock, First	293	107	1
Star City, First	283	126	7
Including mission	378		
Cabot, First	282	137	
Including mission	317		
Fort Smith, Spradling	279	95	
Paragould, East Side	264	134	
Fort Smith, Temple	257	133	
No. Little Rock, Pike Avenue	256	96	3
Fayetteville, University	255	133	2
DeQueen, First	252	120	2
Little Rock, Tyler St.	249	112	4
Texarkana, Immanuel	246	95	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	240	117	
Dermott	240	71	1
Alma, First	218	90	
Berryville, First	213	129	4
Including mission	258	156	
Benton, Calvary	186	104	5
Smackover, Joyce City	168	119	
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	154	120	
Royal Antioch	129	92	
Siloam Springs, Harvard Avenue	112	65	5
Pine Bluff, Hardin	109	59	
Rogers, Immanuel	99	63	

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# New Mission Projects

It is the hope of the Department of Missions that a number of churches and mission stations may be established in destitute areas this year. Jesse Reed will conduct a tent revival on Blackmon Ferry Road near Texarkana in the hope of establishing some permanent Baptist work. He will also conduct a tent revival in Ida and Dill communities east of Heber Springs where the missionary hopes to organize a church.

M. E. Wiles will conduct a tent revival in Piggott with the plan of establishing a mission. He will also conduct a tent revival in Dalton where Missionary Johnston hopes to establish a Baptist church as a result of the meeting.

In Holly Grove where Jesse Reed conducted a tent revival last year, Missionary H. S. Coleman plans to give part of his time in an effort to establish permanent Baptist work there. These and many other places will be entered with revival meetings, looking toward the establishing of churches or mission stations.

### BENTON'S NEW MISSION

Dr. L. B. Golden reports a new mission in Benton under the sponsorship of the First Church. A beautiful building has been erected at an approximate cost of \$40,000.00. Sixty-one have been enrolled in Sunday school with the offering averaging about \$100 per Sunday.

Dr. Golden is preaching for them and directing the services until a pastor is secured.

### PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH REVIVED

It was the privilege of your Superintendent of Missions recently to go with Missionary Tom Poole over the Pleasant Valley community in Little Red River Association. Missionary Poole has worked for two years gaining the confidence and friendship of the people and in reviving the services in the Pleasant Valley Church.

There are only about 7 or 8 members living in the community, yet there are approximately 100 people within reach of the church, and no other church for them to attend. Many of the residents who moved away a few years ago are moving back into the community rebuilding their homes, and are good prospects for the Baptist church. A few newcomers are in the community, having moved in from Texas and other states. They are showing a vital interest in the services of the church.

The problem facing these people is in securing a pastor. With so few members, they are unable to pay a salary large enough to secure a pastor. They will, therefore, need help from mission funds until the church grows enough to become self-supporting. To me, it seems to be a worthy place to spend mission funds.

### POTTSVILLE CHURCH NEEDS REVIVING

For a number of years, the Pottsville Church house, which is a beautiful brick building and well located, has been closed with no services conducted. Adjacent to the church building is a nice pastor's home.

Your Superintendent of Missions visited in Pottsville recently and talked with two of the three remaining members of the church. These good Baptists are concerned about the future of the church and its property. It is their hope that services can be re-established. Missionary J. D. Seymour has been busy with the new church at Pleasant View in their building program, but will probably be able to give some of his time this Spring to the Pottsville community. There are some wonderful people in Pottsville and the possibilities seem to justify an effort to revive the church services.

Certainly Arkansas Baptists should have a deep interest in a mission program that is willing to give a helping hand to a community like Pottsville. Join us in prayer that this church may be revived and the work re-established.

*Department of Missions,  
C. W. Caldwell, Supt.*

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### GO—SERVE

*By L. W. B. JACKMAN*

Jesus recognized the truth that progress and success in life is made possible only as individuals contribute something to others of that which they themselves have received. When he said, "To whom much is given, of him will much be required," he was not uttering an arbitrary dictum, but simply stating a universal law or fact of life. In every realm of human activity, we see it operative.

Streams of knowledge must have a two-way flow. The only way newly discovered truths and their uses have become blessings to the world and to those who possess them is through an outflow to others' lives. The search and acquisition may have been either for altruistic or selfish ends, but the same law prevails that there must be an outflowing stream in order to make the acquired possession of any real and lasting worth. The miser, by hoarding his wealth, of whatever nature, robs it of its value both to himself and to others.

*—The Watchman-Examiner*

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# Sunday School Board Announces Promotions



HARVEY T. GIBSON



R. MAINES RAWLS

Staff promotions at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, have been announced recently by Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer.

Harvey T. Gibson on February 1 became director of administration in the Board's Training Un-

ion Department. R. Maines Rawls will succeed Mr. Gibson March 1 as director of Training Union associational work. Miss Pauline McCardell will succeed Mr. Rawls March 1 as manager of the Nashville Baptist Book Store.

### PRAYER

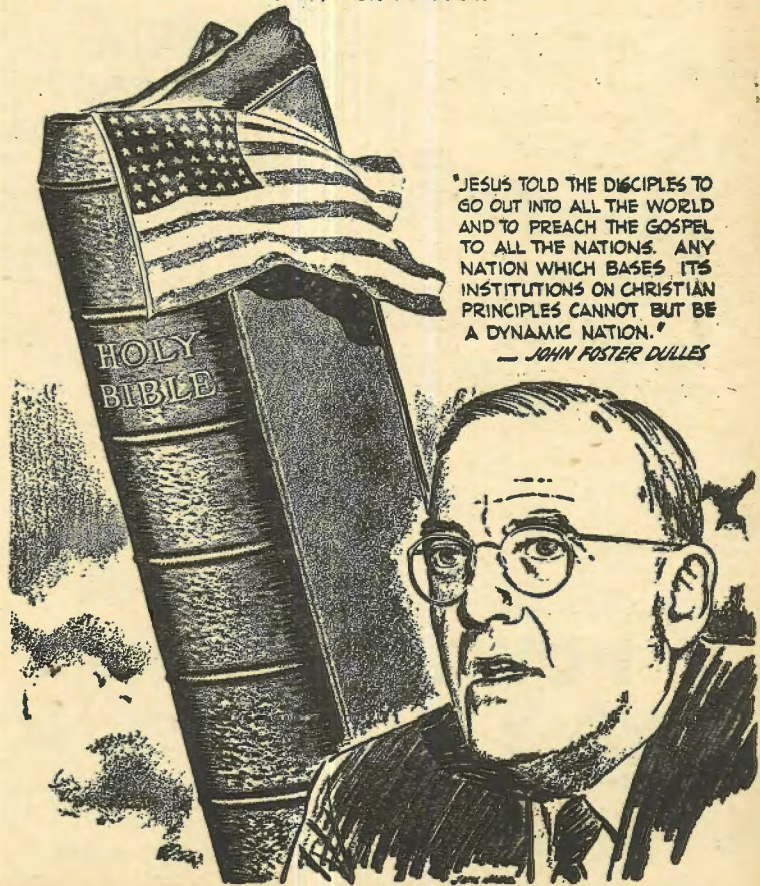
An incident is related of a company of people who gathered to pray for a family in great financial straits. While one of the deacons was offering a fervent prayer for blessings upon the family, there was a loud knock at the door. The door opened and there stood a sturdy boy.

"What do you want, boy?" ask-

ed one of the elders. "Pa couldn't come, so I brought his prayers in the wagon," replied the boy. "Just come and help me, please, and we'll bring them in." Pa's "prayers" consisted of potatoes, flour, beef, turnips, apples, and jellies. The prayer meeting was adjourned quickly.

*—Baptist Observer*

### STAFF FOR FREEDOM



"JESUS TOLD THE DISCIPLES TO GO OUT INTO ALL THE WORLD AND TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL THE NATIONS. ANY NATION WHICH BASES ITS INSTITUTIONS ON CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES CANNOT BUT BE A DYNAMIC NATION."  
*— JOHN FOSTER DULLES*

## How federal electric power sets up a "Favored Class" in America

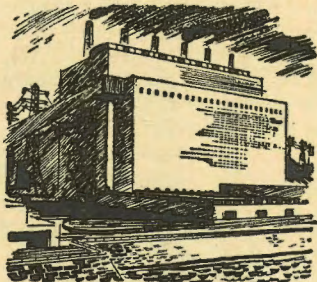
Everybody in the U. S. pays in taxes for federal government electric power dams and plants, wherever they're built. But under present law, a "favored class" of Americans has special privilege in getting the subsidized power these projects produce.

Here are three examples of how this strange un-American idea works. The result is that more than 4 million businesses, farms and families have part of their electric bills paid by 40 million others—the tax-paying customers served by America's electric light and power companies.

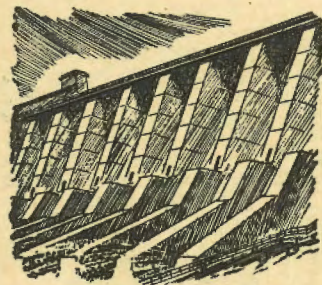


**POWER FOR ALL—OR JUST FOR THE "FAVORED CLASS"?** At Hell's Canyon on the Idaho-Oregon border, a local electric company has been trying to build 3 power dams. They would be built without cost to taxpayers and would pay nearly \$10 million annually in taxes. The power would go to *all* customers. But people who want power to go to "favored" groups are trying to push government into the job.

**YOU HELPED BUILD THIS FOR THE "FAVORED CLASS."** This big power plant in the TVA area was built by the government and paid for by everybody's taxes. But its power goes to factories, farms and families who don't pay the same electricity taxes the rest of us pay (taxes amount to about 20% of our electric bills).



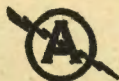
**IOWANS DON'T LIKE SUCH FAVORS.** The federal government's Fort Randall Dam on the Missouri River was paid for by all Americans, but by law the "favored class" gets special rights to its electric power. In a recent Iowa public opinion poll, even *people in the favored class* voted 9 to 1 that such favoritism is *unfair*.



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## "The Technique of Prayer"

Instead of writing about the Baptist Foundation this week, we are going to use our space in the Baptist paper to give some thoughts on prayer. As our great evangelistic season approaches, we are all being urged to pray much, and rightly so, for of all our needs to make the revival campaign a success, surely the need for much praying is the greatest.

The thoughts we want to present on prayer are taken from an article in a recent issue of the *Gideon Magazine*, which discussed a tract written by Rev. Cannon Best, "The Technique of Prayer," in which he said, "True prayer is communion with God, two-way communion." Then Mr. Best presents a very interesting outline of prayer which he states he has found most helpful and effective.

While we necessarily do not have to follow a set pattern for prayer, a serious consideration of this beautiful outline by Mr. Best will certainly give us a broader conception of what prayer actually is.

The following are the steps in his outline with just a phrase or two of his comments on each. In prayer the first step is:

**"Concentration"** — Become quiet before God and center your thoughts upon Him. Do not forget that you are in His presence. Read a chapter from the New Testament, consecutively each day; confess your sins — penitently; forgive everyone who has injured you, or yours, and repeat the 23rd or the 91st Psalm slowly and thoughtfully.

**"Meditation"** — Meditate on God's compassionate love for you and think of what giving up His Son meant to God. Think how deadly sin is and Christ's love for you in redeeming you from sin. Think of His promises to you and particularly of the promise of the Holy Spirit for power and for service.

**"Contemplation"** — Contemplate on His nearness. Reflect on verses

which remind you of this.

**"Adoration"** — To know God is to love Him and to love Him is to adore Him — 'Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind' (Matthew 22:37). You may find it profitable to repeat the Lord's Prayer slowly and thoughtfully and sincerely at this point.

**"Intercessions"** — This step follows naturally for a child in the presence of his Father — intercession for others, whether it be for healing their bodies, their souls or their affairs.

**"Supplication"** — This is the time to tell God of your own needs or problems, and to ask His help. Ask only for those things which you know are not in opposition to God's character or will and only those things which will glorify Him.

**"Thanksgiving"** — Thank God for those things for which you asked as well as the things which you have already received.

**"Silence"** — Although a step almost always neglected, this point cannot be stressed too strongly. You have done your talking, now be silent and attentive, waiting for God's answer."

In conclusion we want to remind our readers that prayer is not at all foreign to the work of the Baptist Foundation. We are not afraid for people to pray about their consideration of the Baptist Foundation. We believe if Christians will pray earnestly and sincerely about their financial affairs in relation to their Christian duty and opportunities, that the Lord will lead them to follow a course of stewardship embraced in the Foundation program of support of our Baptist work.

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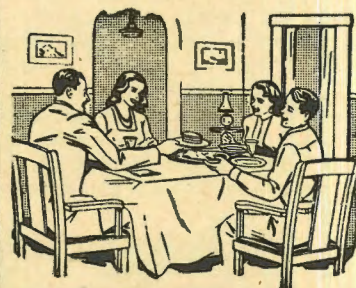
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Religion is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions. —Quote

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# Prayer Within Christian Life

By BURTON A. MILEY

These lessons concerning one's beliefs are very practical. What do you believe about prayer? Is prayer to give God information about the needs, circumstances, or feelings of the petitioner? Is the purpose of prayer to make God more willing to give His benevolence? How powerful is prayer? Does it operate within the circumstances of man or does prayer affect the movements of God? Every Christian would do well to consider what he actually believes about prayer.

## JESUS' INSTRUCTIONS

Jesus spoke His words of instruction about prayer against the background of people who held a small conception of sincere prayer. They were actors, hypocrites. They loved the attention of people and prayed not to move God so much as to draw attention to themselves. Busy street corners and congregations in the synagogue were favorite posts for prayer. They had their reward in the sense that they gained the public attention for which they strove.

Jesus said that one should pray in his closet. This is not condemnation of public prayer. Prayer has a social aspect. The closet of secret prayer offered relief from temptation to enter the pomp and wordiness of prayer. Much public prayer would be more meaningful if the praying one had spent some time in his closed room in prayer. Verbosity would have yielded to simple communion and easy conversation with God. Jesus said, "use not vain repetitions," literally babblings. Christian praying is better known for quality than for the quantity of prayer offered. Since the Father knows the need ahead of the asking, the simplest phrasing is the best. One might check his prayers to see if he is too honorific or if he uses a title of address too often. Some use a term of address to God to begin every sentence of prayer. Such is not good form in a conversation. A check of one's prayer over the radio revealed the term "Father" used 27 times in two minutes. "In Jesus Name" does not mean to say "Lord Jesus" at every phrase or breath. Such can be a form of mental slothfulness instead of reverence or piety. The tone for prayer is pleading but not so loud as to be unnatural or distracting. Remember the Pharisees against whom Jesus spoke.

## SURENESS OF PRAYER

To ask, seek, and knock is progression within prayer practice. A compensation comes after each imperative. "For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Sometimes all that one can do is to ask out of his helplessness. His wisdom is inadequate for more than a request. Strength is

## Sunday School Lesson

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Matthew 6:5-8; 7:7-11;  
James 5:13-16

too small to seek. One must ask or leave it alone. The pioneer must seek. A rugged, developing individual goes beyond asking and seeks additional resources. His questings are answered. Elisha prayed that the eyes of his young servant might be opened. (II Kings 6:13-18). The contrast between the young man and Elisha is the difference between asking and seeking. To ask exhausted the young man but the veteran prophet could seek before God a solution. To knock indicates that every effort has been exhausted by the petitioner. He is knocking for help at God's door. The "knocking prayer" can be likened unto a man whose car was stuck in the mud near a farmer's house. The man asked for help. He sought a pry-pole to lift his car, but he finally knocked upon the farmer's door with urgency for the use of his tractor. The man had progressed through the stages of asking, seeking and knocking. His need was the same at anytime but his consciousness of what it would take to get him out grew on him.

One asks the question why this asking, seeking, knocking, if the Father already knows the need? Probably part of it is to prepare the individual to receive. God deals in ore instead of refined gold. A man will respond unto his child's request for a toy by giving him a box of tinker toys from which many things can be made. The limitations are in the child and not in the resource. God gives the ore and man mines it and processes it. A loaf of bread in Biblical times looks something like a stone. There is similarity between a fish and a serpent but man knows not to give these substitutes which might look similar to the objects of request. How much more does God know how to give good gifts to those who ask Him.

## CONFIDENCE IN PRAYER

James made prayer a natural expression for the Christian. An afflicted man should pray. A merry man should sing Psalms. The sick were to call for helpers in prayer and were to use medication with prayer. Oil was a chief medicine in James' time and carried no supernatural power for cure. Christians were admonished to do all they could for themselves and pray while so doing. God helps those who help themselves. Confident prayer has never stopped human initiative or caused one to not use that which God

has already placed in the world. Prayer is profitable for body and soul and should be fervently used by every Christian. An early impression has never left the writer. Two were discussing prayer. One stated that God would answer any prayer. The other remarked that he believed the same, but that he also believed God expected man to do his part. An orange grove was just outside the window of the room. The second person continued by saying, "I can pray for God to clean that grove. He will do it, but somebody must work." I thought much about that for I was one of the hoe hands! I would much have preferred God cleaning the grove without my efforts! However, He cleaned it by giving health and strength and suitable weather to workers. The lesson has never been forgotten.

## PRACTICAL LESSONS

Prayer is Easy to Neglect. How easy? Test your intentions and unkept resolutions. Prayer is the most needed practice in Christian life and is often the most neglected. God is willing to give everyone more blessings than he can receive. Prayer is God's method of preparation for the individual to receive. When prayer is neglected, God cannot give.

Prayer Has Graded Values. There are many types of prayer. Adoration, praise, thanksgiving, contrition, confession, and petition all go into the body of prayer. Certainly one should not permit petitions for his own individual needs to reduce him to the term of a panhandler before God. Probably the highest form of prayer

is that of intercession. Here one loses himself in prayer for another.

Discipline Must Be Exercised to Pray. The practice and content of prayer demands rigid discipline from the praying person. Some people pray when they feel like it. The world is best profited from those who have disciplined themselves to pray when they didn't feel like it. The content of prayer must be equally under watchcare. It is easy to skim through prayer without depth of thought and scope of objects.

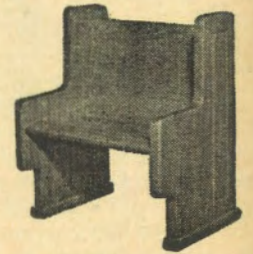
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It is more important to know where you are going than to get there quickly. Do not mistake activity for achievement.

—Mabel Newcomer

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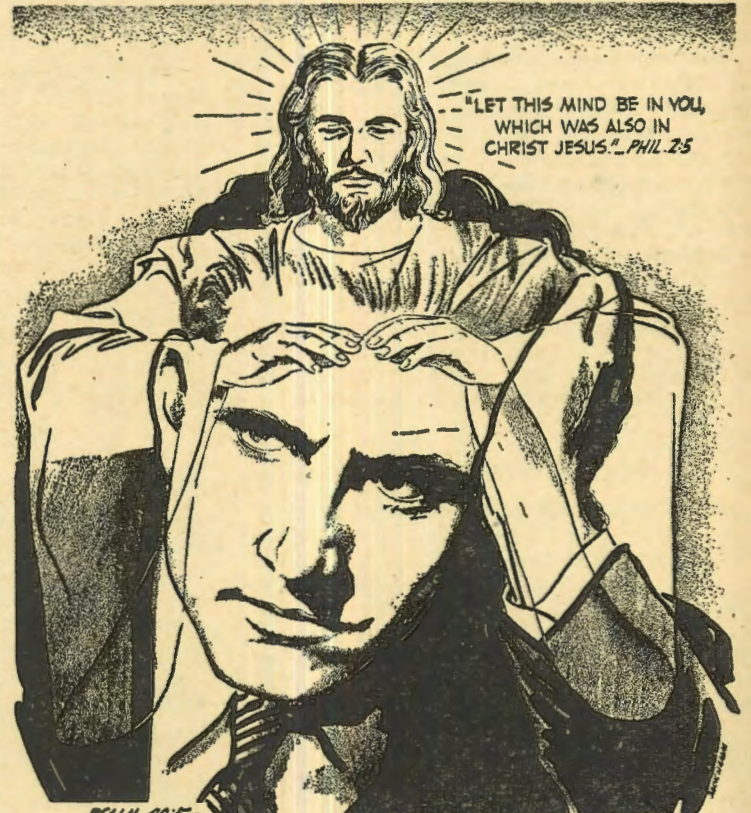
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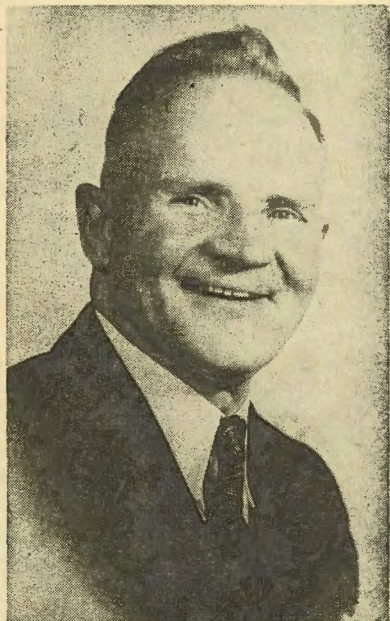
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## W. J. Morris



On this page you will see the likeness of W. J. Morris of Pine Bluff who has been one of our good pastors and who for a long time was an evangelistic singer. He worked with such great evangelists as Otto Whittington for several years before he entered the ministry. He is available now for revival meetings and supply work.

### Final Preparation

Dr. I. L. Yearby, our Secretary of Evangelism here in Arkansas, is delighted with the atmosphere of spiritual awakening which prevails among our people.

More and more churches are planning to participate in the Simultaneous Revival series. This program is part of the Nation-Wide Plan promoted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

This movement is not to interfere with the July and August dates for revival, which prevails in many churches. It is an additional meeting. Here is a challenge for your church to go the second mile and have two meetings this year instead of one.

Dates for this Crusade are March 27 to April 10 in South Arkansas, and April 10 to 24 in North Arkansas. The time is short, and it is late — but not too late — to find a visiting preacher.

If your church will agree to join hands with other churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, write to us and we will help you find and select a preacher.

### New Church in Paragould

Immanuel Church in Paragould has been organized recently. It was known as South Side Chapel. Emmett A. Pipkins is the pastor of the church. The church has adopted a budget of \$5,710. They are starting out with a mission program and are giving 10 per cent of their budget for the Cooperative Program. We prophesy a great ministry by this church, and we pray that it may have a rapid and significant growth.

## Deacon Robertson Dies

E. H. Robertson died February 11 at the age of 79. Many years ago while living in Brown Community he saw the need of a church and building. Several other denominations had failed in this community and the people said, 'It can't be done.' Mr. Robertson said, 'It can be done because this is God's business.' He believed it could be done so much that he set out to get it done and because of his faith and efforts it was done. Today Brown's Chapel Church is a fine church and a great tribute to one man's faith in God.

"Later he moved to Manila. Here he was ordained a deacon and for many years served well. He loved his church, honored, and respected it, and was always present at all services unless his son Homer was nearby holding revival services. If so, he went to hear his boy, who, as he said, 'Is the best preacher I have ever heard.'

"The words of David, Psalms 73:24, seemed to be his life's motto: 'Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel and afterwards receive me to glory.'"

—Guy D. Magee

### Paris and McCoy

The First Church, Paris, has allocated 35 per cent of its budget for missions. All but \$420 of this amount for the entire year is for the Cooperative Program which should be more than \$8,000. Pastor McCoy and his very helpful wife Margurete are making unusually effective leaders for the church in Paris.

This section of our state suffered terribly from last year's drought, but the good people of Paris remembered the promises of God, "Go and I will go with you". Some of the very salt of the earth are members of First Church, Paris.

### Omega Church Adopts Budget

Omega Church near Eudora has gone on the budget plan of operations. They adopted a budget of \$2,752.00 for this year. In its budget the Cooperative Program is listed for \$120.00. This is a great step forward for the Omega Church. It is a great day when any church adopts a budget and arranges its work systematically. Pastor Jack Barnes is a forward looking man and he is prayerful and constructive. The Lord will bless the Omega Church. It is blessed with a fine set of deacons and pastor and deacons get along fine and have love for each other. They will have more than one revival this year.

### Youth Week at Sherwood

The Sherwood Church, North Little Rock, observed Youth Week February 13-20. A youth team from Ouachita College was in charge of the services. The team was composed of Carroll Caldwell, evangelist; Mark Andrews, song leader; and Gale Moore, pianist.

Pastor Larkin M. Andrews reports 3 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and 4 by letter.

## Baptists of Michigan

By FRED D. HUBBS

A Texan who moved to Michigan only a month ago to work for Southern Baptists of that state is finding his new work the most exciting and challenging he has ever undertaken.

This man is Dr. Truett Smith, until recently instructor in the Baptist Bible Chair at Texas Technological College, Lubbock. He has moved to Detroit at the invitation of Baptist leaders in Michigan who want him to be gaining a close acquaintance with conditions there in order to help them work out a program of Christian education for the new state convention they hope soon to organize.

It will be Dr. Smith's responsibility to acquaint Baptists of Michigan with what their brethren in other states are doing to promote Christian education. To help them plan a co-ordinated education program (including, both a Baptist college and Bible chairs at state institutions) that will be on a par with the best elsewhere, and to lead them in bringing the Baptist Student Union to college campuses of their state.

Southern Baptist work in Michigan has not yet grown strong enough to support this kind of educational system. Only twenty-three churches, with an aggregate membership of about 6,000 comprise the present "working force." These churches are growing rapidly both in numbers and strength, however, and expect soon to launch an aggressive program of evangelism, church organization, and Christian education all over the state. Each phase of this overall expansion promises to be of thrilling significance.

Baptists in Michigan are to be commended for beginning early to make careful plans for this expanded ministry in the field of Christian education.

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### Get Your Southern Baptist Convention Card

If you are going to the Southern Baptist Convention as a messenger from your church you will need an enrolment card. We have them in our office. No church is entitled to more than 10 cards but any church can have its quota. Here is the article that limits representation in the Convention.

"1. One messenger for each regular Baptist Church which is in friendly co-operation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.

"2. One additional messenger from each church for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

"3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than 10."

Remember that your card must bear your name and must be signed by the Moderator or Clerk of your church to show that you have been duly appointed as a messenger. Take your card to the Convention and turn it over to the Registration Clerk and get your badge.