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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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Louis C. Williams

## **The Statue of Liberty**

*When the people of Arkansas or any political sub-division of the state express their will at the polls, then the legislature comes along and reverses the expressed will of the people, WHERE IS LIBERTY? See page three.*

## The Big Stick

By JOHN J. HURT, JR.

Celebrate, you barons of booze and beer, for you controlled Georgia's House of Representatives in the session now adjourned. Your mastery was complete and you are entitled to your revelry.

Shame on you who want a little decency in Georgia. The House slammed the door in your face. You got exactly nothing because those in control so decreed.

Make no mistake. There was no appeal for any prohibition law. It was only for a little decency in the present peddling of poison. We didn't get the decency.

It was worse than that. The men in control on Capitol Hill wouldn't so much as let the House vote on the wisdom of what was offered. Their authority was worthy of the Kremlin.

Look at the record, nauseating as will be the experience.

Decency demands persons under 18 be barred from working in establishments where alcoholic beverages are peddled for consumption. The Senate passed a bill but parliamentary trickery kept it away from a House vote.

Democracy demands the people in any county have the right to vote wine and beer sales out. The House committee smothered the bill that came over from the Senate.

Temperance demands an end to advertising of alcoholic beverages. Neither the Senate

nor the House committees sent such measures to the floor.

Do we indict all members of the House? No. Tift's Rep. Bodenhamer and others did everything they could to lick the booze bosses. In fact, if the disciples of the Kremlin would ever let the legislation reach the floor the majority would vote it into law.

Why complain now? The same legislators now at home will be back next January. Speaking softly to them in weeks gone by got us exactly nothing. It is time to use the big stick of protest. It is time to make it clear that the legislators will improve their record or the ballots in 1956 will improve the legislators.

The difficulty of democracy is in arousing the people. They'll absorb the punches week after week and month after month. Then, tired of the treatment, they'll fight back and get their rights.

That's the problem in Georgia now. The politicians have had the people handcuffed to selfish interests for years. It is time we emerge from our slavery of indifference.

Meanwhile, let the barons of booze and beer celebrate. Awake the people to the shame that is theirs. Then, come next January and we will get the legislation that the people want.

*The Christian Index.*

## He Went Away

*A Devotion by the Editor*

"And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved."

This is one of the most tragic stories in the New Testament. But it is not the tragedy of a bad man. It is the tragedy of a good man, a man with high ideals, a man who was respected in the community, a man who held a position of honor and trust.

He was not an outlaw, hiding from justice; he was not a dissipated man wasting his powers in revelry and debauchery; he was not a dishonest man, cheating and swindling his fellow men; he was not characterized by many other things which stamp men as wicked and bad.

On the other hand, he was a man of great personal charm and wholesomeness; it appears that he was sound physically and clean in his habits; he must have been morally upright and honorable; he was a just ruler, holding his responsibility as a trust; he was a man of wealth and wide influence; he was a young man, eager and reverent.

When he discovered what it would cost him to be a Christian, this young man hung his head and "went away grieved." It was a cause of disappointment that Christ could not receive him just as he was without any change on his part. He could find nothing wrong with himself, and to have someone else point out the one weakness in his life was more than he could accept with good grace.

People do not want to be reminded of the weaknesses in their characters, the failures in their lives, the deficiencies which are cheating them out of the best things of life. They become especially resentful when told that they are clinging to things which make it impossible for them to become Christian, that they must give these things up if they hope for eternal life. And like this young man, being unwilling to part with their cherished possessions, their pet sins, and favorite delights, they leave behind them the greatest of all riches, which are found only in Christ; they sacrifice the supreme joys of life for the temporary pleasures of earth's little day.

"Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions" Mark 10:21,22.

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## College Suspends Roger Williams Religious Beliefs Reported Cause

*This is number four in a series of historical articles made available to the Baptist papers through Dr. Norman Cox of the Historical Commission and Baptist Press. Please note also they are copyrighted. Editor.*

LONDON, June, 1629 — (BP) — The suspension of Roger Williams, a divinity student, from Cambridge University was announced today. The young Puritan's religious zeal is believed to have been a major factor in the dismissal.

Williams' classic defense was, "I wasn't suspended; I quit."

The evidence seems to support the ministerial student. The announcement of his suspension was made several months after he discontinued his studies at Cambridge.

Williams evidently discovered that religion and politics do not mix well at Cambridge. The Puritan scholar had actively opposed the election of the Duke of Buckingham, a favorite of His Majesty King Charles I, as chancellor of Cambridge. He was reprimanded on several occasions by Dr. Jerome Beale, master of the college, for his outspoken religious beliefs.

"I would rather live in obscurity than

compromise my conscience," Williams told reporters. He now lives quietly in Essex County where he is chaplain to Sir William Masham. He was ordained to preach soon after leaving Cambridge and reportedly was offered a number of leading pastorates.

Williams was attending Cambridge on a scholarship from Charterhouse School, a London preparatory college which he had attended. He received his bachelor's degree from Cambridge two years ago and was doing graduate work in the divinity school there when he left.

The scholarship was secured for Williams by Sir Edward Coke, pre-eminent English lawyer who is his patron. The young zealot first attracted public attention several years ago when Sir Edward selected him as his court stenographer in the Star Chamber. Williams was only seventeen at the time.

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## A Simultaneous Revival Help

In response to requests from secretaries of evangelism in several state conventions, the Radio and Television Commission has prepared special radio spot announcement scripts for the simultaneous evangelistic crusade.

These spot announcement scripts are designed for churches and associations and are now available through all state secretaries of evangelism on request.

## IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

Residents of Baltimore, Maryland, now can get a half-minute spiritual thought by dialing a certain phone number — in the same way they get weather or time reports. The service, instituted through the joint efforts of the Baltimore YMCA and the local telephone company, is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation. During the first week of operation, calls averaged between 120 and 130 an hour.

—Survey Bulletin.

## From The Editor's Desk

### Federal Funds For Public School Construction

A bill has been introduced in the Senate of the United States sponsored by Senator Lister Hill and twenty-nine other Senators which would provide federal funds for the construction of Public school buildings. Senators John L. McClellan and J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas joined in sponsoring this bill.

It is reported that the National Council of Catholic Women sent letters to all members of the Senate committee which will have this bill under consideration urging that parochial schools be included in any program of federal aid to school construction.

We wrote to Senators McClellan and Fulbright calling attention to the persistent effort of Catholics to gain federal funds for parochial schools. We urged that they be alert to this effort on the part of Catholics and expressed our hope that the word "public" would be retained in the bill.

The following communications were received from our Arkansas Senators: McClellan: "I am confident the Congress will not strike the word 'public' from the bill or bills proposing federal aid for the construction of public elementary and secondary schools. If

the Catholics oppose this provision as you think they may, in my opinion they will be unsuccessful in having it deleted."

Fulbright: "I have your letter of February 1 and appreciate your calling my attention to the possibility of Catholic opposition to the bill for federal aid to school construction purposes.

"I shall certainly keep your views in mind."

Later, a bill was introduced in the House 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 a five year period. This bill obviously is designed to allow the Catholic hierarchy to draw on the federal treasury for the construction of its parochial schools.

We wrote to Congressman Brooks Hays calling his attention to this bill and expressing our hope that he and the other members of the House from Arkansas would use their influence to defeat that portion of the bill which would provide funds for the construction of private schools.

The following letter was received from

Congressman Hays concerning the matter: "I do not believe Congress would look with favor upon any proposal authorizing appropriations for private schools. Such legislation should be limited to public institutions, and I believe under the Supreme Court decisions any appropriations for other than public schools would be unconstitutional. This is my view."

While it seems evident that both our Senators and our Representatives from Arkansas would oppose any legislation which would grant federal funds to parochial or private schools, it would strengthen their position tremendously if they could have a flood of letters from their constituencies back home. Don't hesitate to write them about this matter and express your opposition to any bill that would provide federal funds for these parochial or private schools. Express your sentiments in your own words but do express them. These men whom we have sent to Washington want to know your position on issues on which they must vote in the Senate and the House.

The Arkansas Baptist goes into more than ten thousand Baptist homes in Arkansas. If these, our representatives in Washington, could receive ten thousand communications from the people back home, it would be of tremendous value to them in their position on this question of federal funds for Catholic parochial schools.

So don't delay, write right now.

### Legislation Favorable To Liquor Interests

We publish on page two an editorial which appeared recently in the *Christian Index* of Georgia, written by Editor John J. Hurt, Jr. With the change of a few words in that editorial, it would accurately describe the situation with regard to the barons of booze and the recent session of the Arkansas legislature.

Three bills were passed by the Arkansas legislature which favored the liquor industry. One bill favoring liquor was passed early in the session and signed by Governor Faubus. That bill provides that local option elections can be held only at the time of the general election in November. As we have stated before, it was obviously the purpose of this bill to smother any local option issue by the other political issues which will appear on the ballot in the November election.

#### Bills 442 and 264

The other two bills were passed during the closing days of the legislative session and left on the governor's desk which, at this writing, have not been signed by him. Bill 442 authorizes the establishment of liquor stores in dry counties 300 feet from the state line, if liquor is sold in the adjoining state.

The state of Arkansas by vote of the people have given the political subdivisions of the state the right to say by their vote whether or not they will tolerate the legal sale of liquor in a county or precinct or city. In this bill, 442, the legislature has countermanded the will of the people and disrupted the democratic process of government. By passing this bill the legislature has said in effect that "we, the legislature, will over-ride the will of the people and give the booze barons the right to set up shop in a county

where the people have overwhelmingly voted the county dry." This is a high-handed piece of legislation, doubtless sponsored and abetted by the liquor interests.

Bill 264 would give export license to wholesale liquor dealers to sell liquor to bootleggers in dry states. This is an affront to bordering states which have voted liquor out of the state. It is saying to Oklahoma and Mississippi that we, the legislature of Arkansas, under the pretext of raising a little money for our schools, are willing to dump all the liquor we can into your state to break down your laws, and encourage the bootleggers of your state to defy your laws. Again, this bill is a violation of the democratic processes, a disrespect for our neighbors in other states and a blight upon the fair name of our own state.

Another bill which failed to pass in the recent session of the legislature would have given towns or cities of 9,000 or more population authority to have cocktail bars in which mixed drinks would be served. Fortunately, enough opposition rallied to defeat this bill, but the introduction of the bill shows to what lengths the liquor industry will go and that it can always count on some legislators.

#### Conference With Governor

On Monday, March 14, a group of some twenty persons had a very friendly, cordial, and encouraging conference with Governor Faubus. The purpose of this conference was to appeal to the governor to veto bills 442 and 264. The governor stated that he had had many requests on both sides of the question and that while he had made up his mind what he would do, he had made no

commitment to anyone. He therefore felt that he should not make a commitment to this particular group. The group, however, felt encouraged to hope that Governor Faubus would veto these two bills.

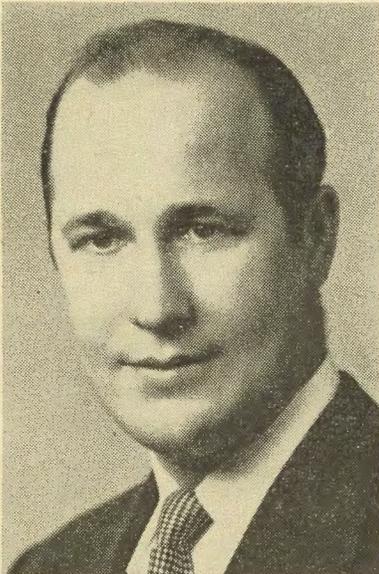
#### Voter Responsibility

Judging from the record of the recent session of the state legislature, it seems obvious that the state of Arkansas desperately needs a higher calibre of legislators, legislators with a sense of civic righteousness and moral uprightness and political integrity. The voters of the state should be outraged and aroused by the record of this recent session of the legislature. The citizens of the state of Arkansas have a right to demand a better record of their legislature, and a degree of respect for the will of the people and for the democratic processes than was manifest in the recent session of the legislature.

Where are the liberties of the people when their elected representatives disregard those liberties in the interests of the barons of booze and liquor. Does the statue of liberty mean anything to the Arkansas legislature or has the famous statue become a thing to be scorned and laughed at. We know the liquor industry would take away the liberties of the people. Will the Arkansas legislature be allowed to go along with this industry which would make drunkards of the people, destroy their liberty, and deprave their morals? Or will the people of Arkansas demand a reckoning? The issue is left with the voters of the state, and remember, God is looking over your shoulder as you vote. Arkansas has enough great and noble men to do honor to the state instead of bringing dishonor upon it. It is a shame and a disgrace to send men to the legislature with such a distorted sense of moral values as was displayed in the recent session.

# Kingdom Progress

## Native Arkansan In Tennessee



DR. WM. T. FLYNT

Dr. William T. Flynt, a native of Arkansas, is pastor of the East Acres Baptist Chapel at Millington, Tennessee.

Dr. Flynt was born on a farm in Lonoke County and finished high school at Beebe. He spent two years in Ouachita College, followed by three years in the University of Arkansas where he graduated in 1946.

He will be remembered in Arkansas especially by University students as "Parson Bill." He won the All-Southwest honors and All-American honorable mention. He was also president of the student body at the University. Later he attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, receiving the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1949 and the Doctor of Theology degree in 1954.

Dr. Flynt began preaching at the age of 16½ years and was ordained to the full gospel ministry at the age of 17.

Dr. Flynt is a step-brother to Pastor Wilson C. Deese of the West Helena Church, West Helena, Arkansas.

Dr. and Mrs. Flynt have three children: Tommy, 6; Kaycille, 4; Ricky, 2.

## Double Ordination at Center Point

Center Point Church, near Gurdon, held a double ordination service, Sunday, March 6.

Preston Baumgardner was ordained to the gospel ministry. Carl Thompson was ordained as a deacon for the Mt. Olive Church, where Mr. Baumgardner is serving as pastor.

Pastor Guy Branscum of Center Point Church, Red River Association, served as moderator of the ordaining council. Mrs. Marvin Betis served as clerk. Loy Garner, pastor of South Fork Church, conducted the examination. Johnny Price, pastor of Richwoods Church, offered the ordination prayer. The charge and sermon were delivered by S. M. Cooper, pastor of Second Church, Arkadelphia.

Mr. Baumgardner is a student in Ouachita College.

## First Church, Lonoke, In Building Program

On Sunday, January 9, the Lonoke Church voted to build an educational building to provide the beginner and primary departments with space for expansion.

The parsonage was destroyed by fire on Saturday, January 29. On March 13 the church voted to construct a new parsonage at the same time the new educational building was under construction. The parsonage will be of brick veneer and will have four bedrooms.

Pastor John Holston states: "There seems to be greater interest and better co-operation of the people in recent weeks. There have been more people baptized into the church in the last month and a half than there was last year."

## Pastoral Change

Ernest Baker has resigned the pastorate of the Gassville Church to accept the pastorate of the Ola Church. He will begin his ministry at Ola on April 3.

## Cloud Goes to Texas

W. Lloyd Cloud resigned the pastorate of Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Texas. His resignation was effective March 7. He was pastor of the Fort Smith church for three and a half years.

## Notice

Please send the names and addresses of non-resident Baptists living in Northern Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, to the Pioneer Missionary, Rev. Harold E. Cameron, 273 S. Alfred Street, Elgin, Illinois. Phone, ELgin 69428.

—Harold E. Cameron

## Wedding Bells at Baptist Building

W. A. Jackson and Miss Dorothy Tyler were married Sunday, March 13, at Greenville, Mississippi. W. P. Claxton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Greenville, officiated at the wedding.

Mr. Jackson is secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, with offices in the Baptist Building in Little Rock. Mr. Jackson was formerly county supervisor of schools in Saline County. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson will make their home in Benton.

## Southwestern Seminary Builds

Trustees of Southwestern Seminary in their semi-annual meeting in Fort Worth, March 1, authorized taking bids for construction of two wings to the Memorial Building and approved the 1955-1956 budget of \$1,958,238.

One of the wings of three floors will house the School of Theology and the other will more than double the size of Fleming Library.

The budget as adopted includes two phases, \$1,054,238 for expansion and \$904,000 for operating expenses. The former includes projects other than the two wings of the Memorial Building. Final plans for the additional projects have not been approved.

Dr. Robert E. Naylor, Fort Worth, Texas, is president of the trustees. Dr. J. Howard Williams is seminary president.

## Radio-TV Moves to Fort Worth

Headquarters of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will be located at 6248 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas, it was announced by Paul M. Stevens, director.

Owned by the A. C. Luther Realty Co., the building now under construction is expected to be ready for occupancy in about 60 days. The Commission will be moved from Atlanta, Ga., early in May into these temporary quarters while negotiations continue in the search for a permanent site in Fort Worth for the new \$200,000 Southern Baptist Communications Center.

The Commission's headquarters in Atlanta has been sold to Jackson Hill Baptist Church. The present structure is expected to be used as an educational building for the church which is to be constructed shortly. Paul Cranford is pastor.

A number of the present employees of the Radio and Television Commission will move to Fort Worth to continue their jobs, but most of the staff will be employed in Fort Worth. The current operation calls for between 20 and 25 employees.

Annual mailing of the Commission is well over a million pieces, which includes about 100,000 monthly magazines and about 100,000 first class letters, and upwards of 800,000 third class direct mail appeals.

One of 19 Southern Baptist Convention agencies, the Commission has as its task the production of religious radio and television programs for nationwide consumption.

The Baptist Hour, old and respected radio program of Southern Baptists, is now carried by 380 radio stations from coast to coast and half way around the world. With millions of listeners each week, this program contributes much to the religious life of America.

Second in a series of 30-minute television films based on biblical parables is now in production in Hollywood. Plans are to complete 26 films for network use before launching the denomination's television program.

## Faculty Housing Begins At Ouachita

Building has begun on the first home in the new Ouachita Hills faculty housing addition north of the Ouachita college campus, according to Dr. Ralph Phelps, Jr., president. Twelve faculty members have bought lots in the area thus far.

A graveled road has been completed connecting the project with highway 67 and a road is under construction that will connect the area with the campus. It is hoped that the roads can be black-topped during the summer. The college has sold some of the timber from the area to pay for running utilities to the addition. The electric lines are already in and the water mains and fire plugs have been placed.

Dr. Phelps' home is the first to be started. It is to be an eight-room brick veneer ranch style house with attached carport and garage. M. R. Wolf, local builder and former building and grounds superintendent for the college is building the Phelps' home.

The development, aimed at providing better housing for the faculty members, has a building code that calls for a minimum of 1100 square feet of floor space, and specifies that plans must be approved by a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees. The college has given its aid by providing lots at a normal price and by having the utilities run to the area.

"We hope this housing project will make for permanency of our faculty", Dr. Phelps stated.

**Coronation Service, First Church, Monette**

A coronation was held recently for the junior and intermediate GA's of First Church, Monette.

There were five who were maidens, twelve ladies in waiting, and three princesses. Virginia Horton, Barbara Robertson, and June Vance were the princesses.

Mrs. Ray Nelson is young people's leader of the WMU. Junior GA counselor is Mrs. Irene Graves. Intermediate counselors are Mrs. R. D. Kee and Miss Mary Williams. Mrs. Joe Shultz is WMU president.

Ray Nelson is pastor of the Monette Church.

**First Religious Film in Color Produced for Southern Baptists**

The world color premiere telecast of Southern Baptists' first dramatic television film, "This My Son," has been set for 3 p.m., Easter Sunday, April 10, over WBAP-TV in Fort Worth, Texas.

This announcement was made by Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio and Television Commission, which produced the motion picture. It is the first religious film to be televised in color.

Already acclaimed by critics as "the best religious film to be produced for television in three years," "This My Son" has thrilled thousands who saw it in black and white.

The story is that of a modern-day prodigal son and was filmed in Hollywood, Calif., by Family Films, Inc., one of the industry's most outstanding producer of religious dramas.

This modern "prodigal" leaves his father's western ranch for the big city. He falls into fast and sordid living and his money and shallow friends are soon gone.

Interwoven with strong dramatic scenes of high tension, "This My Son" draws the strong moral lesson that a Christian life is the only one any man can lead and be at peace with himself, his friends, his family and God.

Production of two other films in the series, "This Is The Answer" will begin shortly.

**J. Howard Williams On Mission Tour**

Dr. J. Howard Williams, president of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will go on a summer preaching mission in the Orient at the request of the Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Williams, accompanied by his wife, will attend the sessions of the Baptist World Alliance meeting in London, July 16-22. They will then go from London to certain Southern Baptist mission points in India, Burma, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan where Dr. Williams will preach.

They will return from Japan the latter part of August.

**Madame Chiang Kai-Shek Requests 60,000 New Testaments**

New Testaments was published in Hong Kong for distribution among the Nationalist troops on Formosa. The publication work was done by the American Bible Society, and other Bible Societies working together in the Bible House at Hong Kong. The books are on their way from Hong Kong to Taipeh.

Cards bearing kodachrome photos of Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, and the star's horse, Trigger, on one side and religious messages on the other, are being distributed by the American Tract Society to stimulate children's interest in Sunday school.

**Books Received The Westminster Pulpit**

Volume V

The Preaching of G. Campbell Morgan

Fleming H. Revell Company Price, \$4

Here is the fifth volume in the series, *The Westminster Pulpit*. This volume presents a veritable treasure chest of expository preaching by that eminent expositor, G. Campbell Morgan.

Those who have heard G. Campbell Morgan preach or have read his books will welcome this volume of sermons.

Perhaps G. Campbell Morgan is the greatest expositor of the Bible since Alexander MacLaren.

This volume of sermons should be in every preacher's library. In fact, the complete set of ten volumes would constitute a library of inestimable value to any preacher. These volumes will constitute a source of never-ending inspiration and new insights into the revealed Word of God.

**Your Life And Your Church**

James L. Sullivan, Author

Broadman Press

Every member of every Baptist church in Arkansas and within the Southern Baptist Convention, for that matter, should read this little book. It has only 103 pages. It puts into easily understood and practical language what church membership should mean to every Christian. A glance at the table of contents will reveal how practical is this discussion by Dr. Sullivan. He begins with "The Meaning of Your Christian Experience." Of course, the Christian experience is the basis of all our Christian relationships and activities. Then follows "The Meaning of Church Membership." Any person who joins a church should understand the meaning of the relationship he is establishing. Then, "You and Your Church." It is a personal relationship that you establish and involves a personal obligation. "Your Stewardship" is the next chapter. No one can be a good church member unless he recognizes his stewardship obligations. Following the chapter on stewardship is "Your Testimony." Jesus said to His disciples that they should be witnesses unto Him. Every Christian should be a witness. No discussion of the church would be complete without relating the church to the home, so the chapter on "Your Home and Your Church." The final chapter, "Your All For Christ."

It will help anyone to read this book.

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**Georgia Board Raps Assembly On Liquor**

Georgia Baptist officials are aroused by the fact the General Assembly in their state pays little or no heed to demands for laws to check the liquor and beer industry.

The executive committee, Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, endorsed a statement by Louie D. Newton, who criticized the state government administration and legislative leaders.

Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, said that "Every time any (liquor) legislation gets to the House of the Legislature, it is smothered in the various committees."

Newton proposed state-wide rallies to let the Assembly members know that Baptists "mean business" in fighting the liquor traffic.

**Baptist Textbooks Find Wide Usage**

By P. CASPAR HARVEY, Public Relations Director, William Jewell College

With adoptions having reached 96 colleges, universities, and seminaries on three continents, John Nowell, manager of the William Jewell Press, announces for this summer the sixth edition of "The Heart of Hebrew History," and the fifth edition of "The Heart of the New Testament," by Dr. H. I. Hester, vice-president, and head of the department of religion at William Jewell since 1926.

In the October 1954 issue of "The Journal of Bible and Religion," published by the National Association of Biblical Instructors, Dr. W. E. Smith, pastor of the University Methodist Church, College Park, Md., says in a survey that Dr. Hester's book ranks fourth according to the number of professors who use textbooks on the New Testament in the schools of America. This makes "The Heart of the New Testament" the most widely used textbook in America on the New Testament written by a Southern Baptist.

Both Dr. Hester's books have been adopted for use in the extension courses sponsored by the Southern Baptist seminaries in all southern states. These books, first editions in 1949 and 1950, are used by denominational colleges other than Baptist, and by several state universities. They are used in Baptist affiliated colleges in both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions. Fifteen of Dr. Hester's former students are teaching these books on the college level.

(Note to the Editor: This little story reflects the great success of the first venture of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in producing textbooks. The textbook committee of the Education Commission requested Dr. Hester to write these two books.)

**BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS**

Southern Baptist statistics for 1954 reveal that the value of all property owned by the Baptist state conventions totaled \$99,779,878. Texas leads with property valued at \$63,315,796 or 63 per cent of the convention-wide total. The value of state Baptist office buildings adds up to \$4,782,847. Appropriations and designated gifts for Baptist orphanages were \$3,301,562 and for Baptist schools, \$7,848,230; trust endowment or foundation funds now total \$34,888,353; and total expenditures for state mission work were \$7,610,412, Oklahoma leading with \$1,290,251 and Texas next with \$1,257,408.

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**FACTS OF INTEREST**

Final population estimates for 1954, released this month, reveal that the number of births in 1954 exceeded the four million mark for the first time in history, making a 2.9 per cent gain over 1953. Deaths registered 1,481,000, a decrease of 2.5 per cent from 1953.

The estimated total of 1,476,000 marriages in 1954 was the lowest since 1944. The decrease is attributed to such factors as low birth rates in the 1930's and the unusually large number of marriages in the immediate postwar years.

The estimated number of divorces for the year approximated 331,600, a 3 per cent decrease from 1953. However, this is approximately one divorce for every four and one half marriages.

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A "closed door" is often the hinge upon which another opens.

—Austin Ingram

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By Religious News Service

## Report United States-Spanish Agreement on Marriages Unlikely

Plans for a formal United States-Spanish agreement regulating marriages of Americans stationed in Spain have been virtually dropped.

A proposed agreement that would have recognized the right of Spanish Roman Catholic ecclesiastical authorities to veto marriages between American Catholics and non-Catholics has been returned to Madrid without State Department approval.

The U.S. ambassador in Madrid has been told to continue negotiations to see if a more acceptable draft can be prepared.

But officials said privately the chances of government on a formal pact were slim. They saw little hope that the Spaniards could be persuaded to modify the marriage regulations. Instead, the aim now is to establish an informal working agreement.

Disclosure of the draft agreement last December was followed by vigorous protests from American Protestants. The Very Rev. James A. Pike, dean of New York's (Protestant Episcopal) Cathedral of St. John the Divine, charged that it would "sell down the river" the religious freedom of American servicemen.

If no agreement is signed, marriages of Americans in Spain still will come under Catholic canon law, since canon law on marriages is incorporated in Spain's civil law.

But by not signing the draft pact, the U.S. is withholding sanction from procedures which in this country would be considered by many a violation of religious freedom.

## Disciples Increase Budget 10 Per cent

A total budget of \$10,238,967 for cooperative causes of the Disciples of Christ during the 1955-56 fiscal year was adopted at a joint meeting of the denomination's commissions.

The total is 10 per cent greater than that for 1954-55.

Included in the figure is an operating budget of \$6,691,985 for missions, education and benevolences and a capital funds budget of \$3,546,982 for special projects and the construction of new churches and educational facilities.

Joining in approval of the budget were the Commission on Brotherhood Finance and the Commission on Budgets and Promotional Relationships.

## Missouri Bus Bill Referred Back to Committee

An attempt to bring to a vote a bill to provide bus transportation for all Missouri school children, public and parochial, was beaten in the House. The measure was referred back to committee.

The state's three Catholic bishops sent telegrams to every member of the legislature urging its passage. The Greater Kansas City Council of Churches sent letters to all House members opposing it.

Last month Baptist state headquarters sent 3,500 letters to ministers and laymen throughout the state in an effort to arouse public opposition to the measure.

## Minn. Governor Cracks Down On Drinking by State Officials

Gov. Orville Freeman told some 150 Minneapolis area ministers he has ordered state officials to "end drinking and partying with people they are to regulate."

And he promised the clergymen that he will remove sheriffs who fail to enforce the laws on liquor control and gambling.

Speaking at a breakfast meeting of the Minneapolis Ministerial Association, the governor said "there have been cases where whole staffs have gone to lavish parties given by people they are to regulate."

The problem of government, he explained, "is not so much of anyone getting bribes as it is a process of insidious social relationships."

Gov. Freeman said he had told state department heads: "I want no more two, three and four-hour lunch hours over martinis after which state employes come staggering back to their offices."

The governor pledged that the laws controlling liquor and gambling "are going to be enforced to the hilt" and "without fear or favor to anyone."

## Reports 73 Per Cent Increase In Obscene Literature Cases

Cases involving the mailing of obscene matter increased 73 per cent during the past year, a Post Office Department official said.

Abe McGregor Goff, department solicitor, told the House Appropriations Committee that officials are finding it difficult under present laws to cope with the flow of pornographic material.

He urged Congress to pass pending legislation that would give the Postmaster General broader authority to stop the mailing of indecent matter.

## Methodists Observe Centennial Of Hawaiian Work

The importance of church work in the Pacific was stressed at a five-day celebration in Honolulu, marking the centennial of Methodism in Hawaii. Dr. Harry S. Komuro of the Hawaii Methodist Mission said that "the Pacific Basin will be the focal point of civilization in the century ahead—and we stand at the center of history."

He added that Hawaii can become "not just a mission outpost but an important operations base for the missionary enterprise."

The centennial observance was attended by many persons from all parts of mainland United States. Some 165 clergymen and lay people attended under the auspices of the Christian Advocate, Methodist weekly published in Chicago.

Methodist work in the Hawaiian slands was first organized by the Rev. William S. Turner, who arrived in Honolulu on July 18, 1955 from San Francisco.

# A Smile or Two

The engagement between a wealthy young society woman of Washington and an impecunious business man of a near-by town came dangerously near the "breaking-off" point not long ago by reason of the unfortunate mistake of a florist's assistant, of whom the young lover had ordered flowers for his fiancee on her birthday.

With a flutter of joyous anticipation the society bud opened the box and gazed with rapt admiration upon the American beauty roses which reposed within. Then, lovingly taking them out, one by one, she came across a card which she read first with astonishment and then with indignation. Upon the card was inscribed in familiar writing:

"Roses. Do the best you can for \$4.50."

A New York lawyer had in his employ an office boy who was addicted to the bad habit of telling in other offices what happened in that of his employer. The lawyer found it necessary to discharge him, but, thinking to restrain him from a similar fault in the future, he counseled the boy, on his departure, in this wise:

"Tommy, you must never hear anything that is said in the office. Do what you are told, but turn a deaf ear to conversation that does not include you."

This struck the boss as such a happy inspiration that, to the end that his stenographer might learn the same lesson, he turned to her and said:

"Miss Jones, did you hear what I said to Tommy?"

"No, sir," she returned promptly.

An American who was formerly attached to the Consulate-General of the United States at Cairo tells of a trip he once made with a Scotchman up the Nile, when, of course, they visited the Pyramids.

The American was lost in admiration, and asked his companion what he thought of them. The Scot shook his head sorrowfully.

"Ah, mon," he said, with a sigh, "what a lot o' mason work not to be bringing in any rent!"

"What a large family you have, Mrs. Jones," said an American woman to an English lady.

"Yes'm and the funniest thing is that all the names begin with a haitch. There's Orace, Erbert, Enry, Ugh, Uberty, Arold, Arriet, and ETTY — all except the last one, and we had her named Halice."

Old Joshua Taylor, whose fondness for other people's chickens had more than once brought him into the courtroom, was fined fifteen dollars by the Alabama judge for the usual offense.

Joshua was startled out of his imperturbability by this unusual amount.

"Yo' Honah! Yo' Honah!" he cried lifting his eyes as to call Heaven to witness that he was very much abused. "Fifteen dollahs fo' stealln' dat chicken! Why, jedge, I could have bought a better hen fo' sixty cents!"

Then there was the colored fella who was being tried for stealing chickens, when the trial had reached a certain point was asked by the Judge: "Rastus have YOU any witnesses?"

Rastus came to with a start. "Judge," exclaimed Rastus, "When I goes after chickens, I don't take any witnesses."

—Exchange.

## News From Baptist Press

### Florida Convention Observed Centennial Year in 1954

Florida, host state to the Southern Baptist Convention in May, observed its centennial year of Southern Baptist work last year.

The Florida Baptist Convention was organized November 20, 1854, in Clifton Mansion, located in the northwest Florida county of Madison. Clifton Mansion was the home of R. J. Mays, a Baptist minister of that county who was a leader in the formation of the state convention.

No one knows whose idea it was to form a state organization and the date that this idea was first expressed also is unknown.

One hundred years later, however, Southern Baptists in the Sunshine State count 1,038 affiliated local churches with a total membership of 369,294. There also are 100 mission churches.

The number of Sunday schools is greater than that of churches. The state convention lists 1,113 Sunday schools and 878 Training Unions. These are supplemented by 763 Woman's Missionary Unions and 561 Brotherhood groups.

Baptists in Florida own one institution of higher learning, John B. Stetson University at DeLand, and have one orphanage, located at Lakeland. The enrolment of Stetson is 1,387 students.

Florida Baptists gave \$14,858,587 to all causes during 1954.

State convention headquarters, located at Jacksonville, employs fifty-one state workers and the state Baptist weekly newspaper, *Florida Baptist Witness*, has a circulation of 35,227.

The first Southern Baptist-affiliated hospital in the state, Baptist Memorial Hospital, is scheduled for completion sometime this year. It is being built at Jacksonville.

In addition to three state assemblies, three state promoted Girls Auxiliary camps and a like number Royal Ambassador camps, there are a great number of local camps operated with assistance of state workers.

### Powell, Nashville Pastor, Will Retire June 1

W. F. Powell, 77-year-old pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and former president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, has announced his retirement.

He told his congregation he will retire on June 1 at the conclusion of his thirty-fourth year as pastor of the church. He came from First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., June 1, 1921.

The church, after hearing of his desire to retire, elected him pastor emeritus effective the day he retires. Powell said he and Mrs. Powell plan to continue as members of the church and will stay in Nashville.

### Negro Seminary Property In Mississippi is Dedicated

Two pieces of property for the Mississippi Baptist Seminary for Negroes were dedicated in Jackson during the second annual series of Baptist Inter-Racial Conferences.

The state administration headquarters of the seminary will move to one of the plots by June 1 and the second, containing 119 acres, will be the home of the proposed Sophia Sutton mission of the seminary.

Out-of-state speakers during the Conferences included Guy Bellamy, secretary of Negro work, Home Mission Board, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Lewis Martin, secretary schools of missions department, Home Mission Board; Courts Redford, executive secretary,

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board; Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention; William Chapman, World Home Bible League, Chicago, and William A. Ackerman, founder of the Bible League.

### Baptist World Congress Registration Deadline Extended

Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary, Baptist World Alliance, has announced that the registration deadline for those desiring to attend the Baptist World Congress has been extended to March 21.

The Congress will meet in London, England, in July.

Registration blanks can be obtained from Porter Routh, executive secretary, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn.

### Building Program Spotlights During OBU's Founder's Day

Ground for one new building was broken and another recently-constructed building was dedicated during Founder's Day observances at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Senator Robert S. Kerr, of Oklahoma, turned the first spadeful of dirt to prepare for construction of Mrs. W. S. Kerr Memorial Dormitory, named in honor of the senator's mother. The dormitory is to cost \$600,000.

Thurmond Hall, new science and administration building on the OBU campus, was dedicated the same day.

### Okla. Baptists Distributed \$2,728,764 During 1954, Treasurer Reports

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma distributed \$2,728,764 to various denominational causes in 1954, T. B. Lackey, convention executive secretary-treasurer, has reported.

Of that amount, \$1,634,096 was disbursed through the Cooperative Program; \$619,028 through designated offerings, and \$475,639 through other channels, not counted as gifts.

During the year, the convention received \$2,717,541 including \$1,622,279 through the Cooperative Program and \$619,622 in designated gifts.

### Ohio Baptists Continue Plans To Develop Seneca Lake Assembly

Development of Seneca Lake Assembly by Ohio Southern Baptists continued with the appointment of a manager of the assembly and plans for sale of \$25,000 in bonds to finance construction at the assembly site.

The Executive Board, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, selected John Ashcraft, one of the lay leaders of the Convention, to manage the assembly.

The state convention has approved the bond issue and a building program at Seneca Lake. Buyers of the securities will have priority when lots are ready for sale if they meet other qualifications.

A special Mother's Day offering in Sunday schools of affiliated churches will be taken to help finance a development program at the assembly site.

### Texas Baptists Exceed Previous Year in Lottie Moon Donations

Donations to the Lottie Moon Missions Offering for 1954-55 by Texas Baptists were nearly \$100,000 greater than contributions for the same offering the year before.

R. A. Springer, treasurer, Baptist General Convention of Texas reported contributions



### Denominational Calendar

#### March Emphases

Evangelism  
Home Missions

#### March Activity:

Training Union Study Course

- 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

#### Receiving Ill Convert

**Question:** The pastor of our Baptist church visited a man who has lived a very wicked life but who recently became ill. This man privately explained to the pastor that he joined a rural Baptist church years ago but due to the church having no baptism he never was baptized. The pastor presented his name and the church voted to receive him into full fellowship of the church upon his becoming able to receive baptism, even though the member was not present and never made a public confession of his faith to the church. Was this case handled according to the doctrines of the Baptist church?

**Answer:** Your pastor was right. If an individual is not able to be present in a church service, there is no objection to receiving him in his absence. There is no example in the New Testament of such a case, but it is in line with the spirit and teachings of the Bible.

Such a person received for baptism is not a member of the church until he is baptized. But he is "under the watch-care of the church" and can be looked after by the membership until such time as he is well enough to be baptized. It seems to me that Christ would have done this.

It is not uncommon for Baptist churches to vote on receiving members in their absence. For such people, who cannot attend, the Christian fellowship extends beyond the meetinghouse, as it ought to.

Actually, the New Testament is the guide for Baptists in their church practices. And even though no verse can be found to support a given practice, such as this one, each church must find "the mind of Christ" in such matters. Therefore we say firmly that the New Testament is our sole guide in all matters of faith and practice.

of \$1,350,674 during the recent period in which offerings were received.

### Southwestern Seminary Calls For Bids on Building

Trustees of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, have called for bids on construction of two wings to the Memorial Building.

One wing, to be three stories, will house the school of theology. The second wing will more than double the size of Fleming Library.

Money for the construction is included in the 1955-56 budget of \$1,958,238, which the trustees approved. Additional building projects are under consideration.

## Postmaster General Requests Your Help Intensifies 'Clean-up-the-mails' Effort

"A growing volume of unwanted lewd and obscene matter is being sent through the mails into American homes, and the Post Office Department is intensifying its 'Clean-Up-The-Mails' efforts to stop this offense against common decency," Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said recently.

"Risque snapshots, pornographic magazines and books, and lascivious slides, 'party' films, and records are being widely offered for sale as shown by a 73 per cent increase in the last six months in cases dealing with indecent materials sent through the mails.

"This is a serious and nation-wide problem of public morality which affects all our citizens. In our common interest this misuse and prostitution of the mails should be stopped by a sensible preventative program of the Post Office Department, acting for the people as directed by the law enacted by Congress.

"We know from experience that any enlightened effort of this kind — no matter how intelligently administered — is occasionally open to attack and ridicule which is frequently deliberately inspired by those who make money from the sale of lewd materials. Sometimes we are criticized because our purposes are not fully understood by the very people we are seeking to protect from pornographic material.

"In other instances our efforts to keep the mails clean produce an almost inevitable cry of 'censorship' by certain groups who confuse license with liberty. Their viewpoint, while sincere, seems to suggest an abysmal ignorance of the nature of the problem and the threat it imposes to the moral fiber of the nation.

"We are not concerned with bureaucratic snooping. No issues of abridgments of the freedom of speech or of the press are involved.

"We are not arbitrary censors of literary efforts nor of works of art, either ancient or modern.

"What we are vitally concerned about is the great mass of unwanted pornographic material being offered for delivery through the mails into the homes of American citizens.

"We know the great majority of adult Americans want this obscene material — which they have not asked for — kept out of their homes and away from their children, whether it is generated at home or mailed into this country from abroad. This vile stream of commercialized obscenity persists because there is money in it and we must be alert lest the greed of the individuals and 'sham' publishing concerns who sell it damages the moral standards of our young people.

"Many criminal, educational, and religious authorities see a definite connection between this disgraceful upsurge in obscenity and the startling growth of juvenile delinquency in the nation.

"Other experts believe this increase in lewd and lascivious material is reflected in the sickening growth of criminal assaults on girls and women.

"While the Post Office Department has no authority to prosecute mailers who offend against common decency, we are required — by law — to refuse to carry obscene material through the mails.

"Fortunately the power to exclude porno-

graphic material from the mails is a highly effective preventive measure in that it usually shuts down the most practical and economical distribution method available.

"The criterion used in ruling on 'mailability' is the ordinary standard of common decency of average representative citizens. Let me quote a recent ruling on obscene books which illustrates the reasoning used:—

"The word obscene is not uncommon and is used in English and American speech and writings as the symbol of indecent, smutty, lewd, or salacious reference to the parts of the human or animal body, or to their functions, or the excrement therefrom.

"It is of course true that the ears of some may be so accustomed to words which are ordinarily regarded as obscene that they take no offense at them, but the law is not tempered to the hardened minority of society.

"The statute forbidding the importation of obscene books is not designed to fit the concept of morality throughout the world, nor for all time past and all the future, but it is designed to fit the normal American concept in the age in which we live.

"It is no legitimate argument that because there are social groups composed of moral delinquents in this or other countries that their language shall be received as legal tender along with the speech of the great masses who trade ideas and information in the honest money of decency."

"Citizens who wish to help the Post Office Department in its 'Clean-Up-The-Mails' campaign can do so by delivering, to their local Postmaster, any material received through the mails which they consider obscene. Postmasters throughout the country are being instructed to forward such material here to Washington to the Office of the Solicitor, the chief legal officer of the Post Office Department, for proper action."

## Why I Believe In God the Creator

By WILLIAM L. LUMPKIN, Associate Professor  
of Church History, Southern Seminary,  
Louisville, Kentucky

(Second of a series of doctrinal articles by Southern Seminary professors.)

Human reason requires that men inquire into the origin of things. Human reason unaided cannot, however, fully discover the truth concerning God as the Creator. We observe that all creation is marvelously designed and arranged, and so we conclude that there must have been a mind of infinite competency and power to create or cause all things to exist. Everywhere we meet with traces of benevolent design which suggest to us the thought of the Creator God. Matter is not eternal—it had a beginning, and therefore a source—and so we seek to ascend from nature to nature's God. Physicists today point to a divine reason as the basis of the world which they discover through science. But men may know the order and laws of the universe without knowing whose order and laws they are.

I do not hesitate to accept the biblical account of creation. Fundamentally, however, my belief that God is Creator is based upon personal revelation; it is thus an article of faith. The New Testament boldly claims God's creatorship as a doctrine peculiar to revelation: "Through faith we understand that the world came into being by the command of God, so that what is seen does not owe its existence to that which is visible" (Heb. 11:3).

The Christian recognizes the author of the

New Creation as the author of the old. Because I know Christ as absolute Lord of all, I know Him as Creator.

I know Jesus Christ as the loving God who wills to communicate Himself. In communicating Himself the world exists. It may be said truthfully that the Christian does not know God's method of creation, but he does know God as Creator. He knows also that the revelation of God in creation derives its being from the Eternal Son. The Scripture declares, "For in him were all things created . . . and through him and unto him . . . and in him all things hold together." The re-creation of the soul is, from my point of view, the best explanation of the creation of the universe.

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### Plan Construction At Miss. Orphanage

Trustees of the Baptist Orphanage in Mississippi have made plans to build a cottage-type dormitory and remodel present facilities for senior girls at the Orphanage.

Plans and specifications for the new construction are being drawn up.

The trustees re-elected Orphanage Superintendent W. G. Mize and chose W. Harold Cox as president of the board.

—Baptist Press.

## The Inadequate Pastor

A pastor could spend twelve hours a day, seven days a week, calling on the lost and the unchurched. Or, he could spend those hours calling in the homes of the members, sick and inactive, or, he might spend all of those walking hours doing organizational work with Sunday school, youth groups, meeting with the dozens of other organizations that comprise a church. Or, he may spend his time ministering to the troubled, distressed humanity, somehow managing to handle the funerals, weddings, and countless other social obligations that come. Or, he may spend twelve hours a day in his study with great profit to himself and his church. Denominational activities and meetings he must work in somewhere.

So a pastor — any pastor — must forever remain inadequate. He can attempt to cover five great fields of endeavor in part, devoting about twenty per cent of his time to each, leaving such job eighty per cent undone! Hence the term "Inadequate Pastor."

Any pastor must always remain in that category. Do not pity the preacher. He is having the best time of any one on earth, doing work he loves, among people he loves. He spends six or seven nights a week away from home because of his work. Inadequate, desperately busy, always behind with his work, the preacher thinks his job is the best one on earth.

Bible Blessings.

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It's the hope of getting what you haven't got that gives zest to life.

—Quote

# Stop—Look—Listen

By E. N. PATTERSON

One of the most important questions before Southern Baptists today is the modern ecumenical movement. Regardless of what we think, we will have to face this issue during our life time and make some kind of a decision.

A Baptist writer has this to say about present day denominationalism:

"The areas of co-operation between and among denominations widen every year. Only the over-cautious, the religiously self-righteous, or the potently stubborn, are not on the roll of honor (in the ecumenical movement). This day is ringing down the curtain on sectarianism (denominationalism) of every sort; it has played its roll, the applause has subsided, and the lights will soon be out."

## "God is Blessing"

Regardless of what has been written about denominations the day of the New Testament church is not over. We need to take stock as Southern Baptists and settle this one question, are we on the right road? Do we know where we are headed and why we are going in that direction? We have been blessed and are being blessed beyond any major Christian body. Measure it any way you wish and the only conclusion one finds is that as far as growth is concerned God is blessing us beyond our fondest dreams.

In 1953 we baptized 231,523, we reported 29,496 churches, 7,866,016 members, 24,722 pastors, over 6,000,000 enrolled in Bible Schools, over 2,000,000 enrolled in our Training Unions. We have at the present time over 8,000 of our finest young people studying in our colleges and seminaries for full time Christian service, and this at a time when many of the denominations cannot find enough preachers for their present churches. Over 4,000 of these young people are in our five seminaries when other seminaries are dying out. I could mention other ways in which we are being blessed, such as the organization of over 700 new churches in the year 1953 besides many mission stations. This is what is taking place with our present program, as we believe, under the leadership of God.

We have before us the facts about what happens when a Baptist group turns from the New Testament for the sake of unity.

The president of the Baptist Union of England and Ireland made this startling statement this past summer: "I find that in the last fifty years our membership has fallen from 390,000 to 330,000, while the number of scholars in our Sunday schools has declined by over 200,000. Yet in the same period, as we have seen, the total population of the country has increased by many millions of souls. Such facts as these must force themselves with painful urgency upon the conscience of all who care for the progress of evangelical Christianity in this land. They lay upon every one of us the duty of inquiring with the utmost earnestness what God is saying to the churches in this unprecedented situation."

## Compromise is Fatal

Because of the fellowship of the Baptist churches in England with the State church and other churches, Baptist preachers are failing to preach that people are lost without Christ. In visiting many churches in England, I did not hear one preacher sound the evangelistic note. Their messages were well prepared addresses, directed to Christians. The only invitation I heard was given

by Billy Graham. There certainly are other factors, but the greatest cause of this evangelistic drouth is the desire for fellowship with everyone, even if it means accepting all church members as Christians. In most State churches, and others, the idea of personal regeneration is never mentioned because it is not believed.

The last report of the American Baptist Convention shows a loss of over 4,500 in membership. As I visit the Baptist churches in the North, I can understand this because the influence of the ecumenical movement is having the same effect here as it has had in England.

Why is there such a desire for all churches to come together as one united church? Of course there is a difference of opinion among the ecumenical leaders as to just what they want. Some want a spiritual fellowship, others want one united Protestant Church. Most of them want the United Church. There are several things that will answer the question, why this desire?

## Absence of Conviction

First, there is an honest desire for unity, a united front, to show the world Christians are one. We all feel this need, but some are willing to turn from the teachings of the New Testament and have open membership in order to attain this. Many of the ecumenical leaders have never followed the teaching of the New Testament, so they have no problem there.

Then there is a desire for better organization, for a more central control over all the churches. We could have great political power in the world if we had a Pope or a Council to control all Protestants. Of course to do this you would have to disregard the teachings of the New Testament about the church. We need to remember this, that most of those in the ecumenical movement believe in overhead authority, they practice it in their own denominations and believe it is right. I have before me the names of the five most important leaders in the World Council, four of these head State Churches. These churches believe that the church should be controlled by an overhead authority such as a Bishop, Archbishop, or Council.

## Utter Destruction For Baptists

What is the road ahead for Southern Baptists in the face of all the pressure that will be brought on our leaders and our people? Well, we have three roads open to us. We could just go into the Roman Catholic Church and accept a Common Creed handed down from Rome, and a church authority that is kin to a dictatorship. Of course we are not going to do this.

Then we could just say for the sake of Union (not unity, because there is more disunity in the ecumenical movement than in any denomination) we will no longer believe or teach the doctrines of a New Testament Church. This would destroy our churches, our Foreign Mission Board, our Home Mission Board, our college, seminaries, cooperative program, and everything that we hold dear today in our beloved fellowship.

The last is the thing I believe we will do. We can continue to teach and preach the New Testament, inviting every one to unite on this basis. To the ones who believe in overhead authority, to the ones who believe in open church membership, to the ones who believe in infant sprinkling, to the ones who believe and practice modes of baptism other

## Exact Opposite is True

By W. BARRY GARRETT

Vice President Richard M. Nixon recently in Guatemala City hailed the Roman Catholic Church as "one of the major bulwarks against Communism and totalitarian ideas" everywhere.

This is exactly what the Roman church would have Nixon to say and the impression the Romanists would make on the world. They have been highly successful in their propaganda campaign to exalt the Catholic church as the chief opponent of Communism and totalitarianism.

Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, has challenged Nixon's statement. He says:

"In charity, but with candor and at the risk of being termed a bigot I am compelled sorrowfully to say that the exact opposite is true."

Continuing, Dr. Mackay says, "Two decades ago the Roman Catholic Church made concordats with the totalitarian rulers of Italy and Germany, Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler. Today the Roman Catholic Church has a concordat with, and is the chief supporter of, Francisco Franco, the totalitarian ruler of Spain and the most hated man in Spanish history.

"It is also a painful fact," declared Dr. Mackay, "that those Latin countries where the Roman Catholic Church has been the predominant religious influence have been breeding grounds for Communism. This is true of Italy; it is particularly true of the lands in Latin America."

Nixon's statements may be good politics, but they are bad for principles of truth and democracy.

—Baptist Beacon.

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## Birds of the Air Have Nests — Steam Heated

I saw God yesterday in a Wren, a florist shop, and a human heart.

It was a cold Sunday, just between late winter and early spring. I walked toward the church in the early evening and saw a florist shop door open. Knowing the shop owner, I paused at the open door, stepped inside and walked up and down the plank walkways of the green house. I was alone, I thought, in the midst of the wonderland of color, warmth and fragrance. How I did enjoy those few minutes surrounded by the "lillies of the field", snap-dragons, pansies, roses, glads, and other beauties I couldn't name.

As I left I met the owner outside. Said she, "I'm glad you like to go into the shop, you are welcome any time." Then, "Do you know why the door is open?"

Naturally I did not.

"We leave it open for the family of Wrens. They come each evening and set up a chatter for entrance. We started it and now we are their captives. They come each night to nest in the warmth of the green house."

I looked and sure enough, high up on the wall inside a wreath of flowers, was a nest of Wrens.

I saw God yesterday in a Wren, a florist shop, and a human heart.

—Lawson Hatfield.

than immersion, to the ones who do not believe in salvation by personal faith we say in all sincerity, you have a right to your own opinions, for us, we will follow the New Testament teachings in regards to the church, rather than the teachings of any church or any group of churches.



PHILIP B. HARRIS  
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# State-Wide Junior-Intermediate Leadership Workshop

First Baptist Church, Little Rock — May 3, 1955  
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Two Separate Workshops for Junior and Intermediate Leaders



JAMES H. DANIEL  
Southwestern Seminary

## PROGRAM

### MORNING SESSION

10:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

- Department Worship Program (Demonstration)  
Juniors, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock  
Intermediates, Pulaski Heights Church
- Demonstration of Weekly Meeting (Union)  
Juniors, Pulaski Heights Church  
Intermediates, Pulaski Heights Church
- Demonstration of Sword Drill and Memory Drill
- Evaluation of Demonstrations
- Suggestions for Enriching June Worship Program

### AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15 - 3:15 P.M.

- Providing Leadership to Meet the Needs
- Organizing to Meet Specific Needs (Demonstration)
- Suggestions for Enriching June Programs (Unions)
- Demonstrations of Program Planning Meeting

### Joint Meeting of Both Workshops

3:15 - 4:00 P.M.

- Evaluation of the Two Workshops
- Message, "Building Strength for Tomorrow"

## PERSONNEL

Junior Workshop: Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, Training Union Department, Sunday School Board

James H. Daniel, Professor in Charge of Junior Work, Southwestern Seminary

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## Baptist Books Get National Attention

**Maid of Israel**, the new novel being published April 5, by Southern Baptists' own Broadman Press, was given a queen's share of attention in the recent Religious Book Number of *Publishers' Weekly*. On several pages, this leading American bookdealers' journal also mentions other Broadman books: **Brands from the Burning** by Millard A. Jenkins, a Texas Baptist, published February 15, and **Baskets of Silver** by C. Roy Angell, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, scheduled for publication on May 15.

In another section, the magazine quotes a survey made among non-religious bookstores to find which books published eighteen or more months earlier were most important in building up and

maintaining their religious book business. Broadman Press' **Iron Shoes** by C. Roy Angell was near the top of the list.

A two-page advertisement on **Maid of Israel** was used by Broadman to tell the bookselling world about this Old Testament novel which Dr. R. G. Lee says "has all the superlative earmarks of a best seller . . . intrigue, romance, adventure, history." In the same issue, Broadman Press advertised **Brands from the Burning**, **Baskets of Silver**, **Right or Wrong?** by T. B. Maston, professor at Southwestern Seminary, to be published June 13, and **God Being My Helper** by Ralph A. Herring to be published June 15.

In its "News and Trends of the Week" on the second page of

reading matter, **Publishers' Weekly** quoted a Broadman Press statement as summing up religious publishing. This optimism was based on "continuing increase in the popularity of religious books, the heightening world tensions which cause more people to seek help through religion, and improvements in the advertising of religious books."

Several Broadman advertising campaigns were mentioned and the folder on **Brands from the Burning** was pictured in the section on "Spring Promotion." On an editorial page, the editor refers favorably to Broadman Press, stating it and American Baptists' Judson Press publish books of interest to the general reader as well as to Baptists.

For the very influential "Tips for the Bookseller" section, the lead item is on **Maid of Israel** and the lead illustration is a reproduction of a **Maid of Israel** ad which is being published in thirty-three religious publications.

Still elsewhere in the 200-page magazine the Baptist Sunday School Board and Baptist Book Stores are referred to as promoting the motion picture films from the TV feature "This Is The Life." An autograph party in the Atlanta Baptist Book Store is reported in the "Shoptalk" section.

In 1954, the Broadman Press Advertising Department was awarded a "Best of Industry" certificate of merit by the Direct Mail Advertising Association for its mail campaigns.

## Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

### Relief Money Needed NOW!

The Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention appropriated \$15,000 for the building of chapels in Germany at a March meeting, reducing the relief funds to \$4,000.

Dr. George W. Sadler, chairman of the Relief Committee, and Mr. L. Howard Jenkins, president of the Foreign Mission Board, expressed their distress over the inability to send the entire \$30,800 requested for the chapel building program in Germany or to meet any of the needs of the Orient where suffering abounds.

The Relief Committee is a Southern Baptist Convention committee and dates back to 1946 when the Convention asked the Foreign Mission Board to take over the distribution of relief funds. Formerly Southern Baptist relief activity had been headed by Dr. George W. Truett and Dr. Louie D. Newton.

Then in 1946 when the Convention began a major relief campaign to relieve suffering following World War II, the Foreign Mission Board, because of its knowledge of world conditions and its representatives in foreign countries, was asked to take over the responsibility of distributing funds.

The relief program of Southern Baptists is administered from this fund which is made up of special gifts from individuals and churches. With only \$4,000 in hand at this time, no emergency can be met until more money arrives, Dr. Sadler explained.

Money for relief should be addressed to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va., and should be clearly marked for relief.

Dr. Sadler said the greatest mission opportunity on the continent of Europe at present is in Germany. "This is one way in which we can help the people of East Germany who have been victimized by the inroads of Communism," he said. "These people have come into West Germany by the hundreds, fleeing from circumstances which they believe to be intolerable. We are able to minister to them spiritually through making possible the erection of these chapels. By doing the work themselves, these people have been able to take a little money and make it go a long way."

Dr. Sadler said there are more than 10,000,000 refugees in West Germany who will be dependent on outside help for a long time to come. Three of the churches to be helped by March appropriations are located in Eastern Germany. Baptist relief work in Europe is headed by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland.

Southern Baptists have been helping German Baptists in their rehabilitation program since 1950; and to date financial aid has been given to about 50 churches for their building projects. An appropriation of \$65,070 for this purpose was made by the Relief Committee last November.

### 19 MISSIONARIES APPOINTED

The Foreign Mission Board appointed 19 young people for overseas service at its March meeting. They are:

Ross B. Fryer, Jr., Texas, and Mary Lynn Baker Fryer, Arkansas, for Indonesia; Fred L. Hawkins, Jr., North Carolina, and Mariruth Barker Hawkins, Tennessee, for Brazil; Samuel L. Jones and Ona Knight Jones, both of Texas, for Southern Rhodesia; S. Judson Lennon and Harriett Orr Lennon, both of North Carolina, for Thailand; Dewey E. Mercer, Kentucky, and Ramona Hall Mercer, Tennessee, for Japan.

Harold E. Renfrow and Nona Baumgartner Renfrow, both of Missouri, for Brazil; Ancil B. Scull, Indiana, and Rubye Northcutt Scull, Oklahoma, for Indonesia; Lucy E. Wagner, Missouri, for Korea; William S. Wester, Georgia, and Blanche Clement Wester, Louisiana, for Southern Rhodesia; and Carl F. Yarnell, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth Pate Yarnell, both of Tennessee, for Malaya.

These appointments brought the Board's total number of active missionaries to 969 and they are the first of the approximately 100 expected during 1955.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, said following the appointment of the 19 young people that the outlook for the appointment of missionaries this year is the best in the history of the Foreign Mission Board. "Both from the standpoint of personnel and finances an all-time high has been reached in the foreign mission enterprise," he said.

### LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, reported that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds which reached the Board during January and February, this year, increased \$129,309 over 1954.

Books on the Offering are closed on May 1 each year with everything coming in after that time being counted on the next year's total. Mr. Deane said: "If we receive as much money in March and April this year as was received during the same period in 1954, we will exceed last year's total of \$3,602,554."

### EXTENDING THE OUTREACH

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said missionaries and nationals in several countries of the areas to which he is related wish to extend the borders of the out-

## Looking Toward A Bountiful Harvest

Sometimes your Foundation secretary becomes somewhat discouraged about the progress of the Foundation work. Maybe it is only impatience instead of discouragement. This is the case when he does not seem to be getting the co-operative response from those who, as he feels, should be doing more, or even something, to help promote the Foundation program. Sometimes we are made to wonder if many of our pastors even mention this part of our general Baptist work to their congregations, or if they make any effort to interest and enlist individuals who are able to give support to our Baptist causes and institutions through the Foundation program.

Likewise, there is a tendency to discouragement when we realize that so comparatively few of our Baptist people are availing themselves of the opportunity to invest for the Lord through the Foundation. We wonder if our situation is comparable to that of the pastor who labors hard and faithfully, but receives only half-hearted support and co-operation from his people, and sees few souls being saved and few additions to his church. Only his faith in the Lord and the firm conviction that he is trying to do the Lord's will, with all that statement means, will enable him to keep his chin up and continue faithful to his task.

As for the work of the Baptist Foundation, we sincerely believe in it, and have the utmost faith in the "rightness of our cause."

reach of the Board's work. From Nigeria there is the appeal for enlarged operations in the Moslem north. From Southern Rhodesia there is a plea that the missionaries be privileged to take an option on a site near Lake Nyasa.

Dr. Sadler said an interesting development in connection with Baptist work in Europe is related to the plans of Dr. and Mrs. John Allen Moore, formerly missionaries to Yugoslavia who have been with the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, since its inception.

On several occasions the Moores have revisited Yugoslavia. Apparently the tug of need there is so strong that they have decided to regive themselves to service in connection with that country. They plan to take up residence in an Austrian city near the Yugoslav border with the idea of making frequent visits to Yugoslavia and remaining for extended periods.

Missionaries in the Middle East are still thinking in terms of getting into Arabia. "Thus it is," Dr. Sadler said, "and we are constantly called upon to supply personnel and money to meet the ever widening and deepening needs of the peoples of the world."

We confidently believe that our efforts shall be as "bread cast upon the waters" and that we are sowing seed that will some day bring forth a bountiful harvest.

And what will that harvest be? For one thing the harvest will be a fuller realization on the part of our Baptist people that they should dedicate more of their possessions for the endowment and strengthening of our institutions, and for a greater and more permanent support of all our Baptist work.

Then another part of the harvest will be many gifts to the Foundation, small gifts by those who are not able to give much; and then large gifts—into the thousands—by increasing numbers of our Baptist businessmen and women, those whom God has blessed with the opportunities and the abilities to make money. This will be done by many who take seriously to themselves the command of the Lord through Moses to "Remember the Lord thy God, for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth."

Another part of this bountiful harvest will be when people in increasing numbers see how they can honor the Lord by providing in their wills that part of their estates shall go to the Baptist Foundation for the support of the various Baptist causes. And what a rich harvest it will be when more of God's stewards begin to feel that they have no reason or right to make a will disposing of their estates, be they small or large, and leave out their best friend, the Lord Jesus who gave His all for us.

Even now our people have the wealth to endow Ouachita College and to build badly needed buildings at Ouachita and Southern and the Orphanage. We have the money to do far more in all the fields where we are now doing comparatively little, only not enough of us have, as Nehemiah said, "a mind to work."

But let us say again, that we believe the harvest will be great if we will keep on faithfully sowing Foundation and stewardship seed. And when we begin to reap, instead of spending so much time and effort in explaining the Foundation program and urging people to be good stewards, the Baptist Foundation will be kept busy receiving, managing and distributing to our various causes and institutions what comes from the gifts of God's people and from the estates of those who go on to their eternal home but leave all their earthly possessions behind.

We covet your prayers that we may be courageous and faithful to our task and not faint in the work of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

—W. A. Jackson,  
Executive Secretary,  
Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

## What Can I Do In The Field Of Negro Missions

By CLYDE HART

Many are asking, "How can we help the Negro as a local church, as a pastor, as associational missionary, or as a church member?" We would like to offer the following suggestions, but we would like to preface these suggestions by saying that it is high time we awake to our responsibility.

The Catholics are reaching many Negro children of the Kindergarten and Elementary school age, the majority of whom are potential Baptists. Catholics are spending vast sums of money in this field. The Catholics have spent more money in Hot Springs for Negro missions in the past six years than Arkansas Baptists have spent in the entire state for Negro missions during the past ten years. And what the Catholics are doing in Hot Springs, they are doing all over the state of Arkansas.

On the college level, the Methodists are doing far more than we Baptists. The White Methodists are investing thousands of dollars each year in Philander Smith College, the Negro Methodist College in Arkansas. As a result, Philander Smith is an accredited college and because it is accredited, it enrolls more Negro Baptist Young People than the Negro Baptist college. All of the White Methodist churches in the state take a special offering once each year on Race Relations Sun-

day for Philander Smith College. Then they make regular contributions through their General Education Board, and help the college in many other ways.

Now with the Catholics reaching the Negro children and the Methodists reaching the Negro college youths, where does that leave us Baptists, and where will we be ten years from now? We can now say that there are more Negro Baptists in Arkansas than there are Negro Methodists, Catholics, and all other denominations combined. But just how long will we be able to maintain that majority? I think the answer will be determined by what we do now in the field of Negro missions. We would suggest that you consider the following ways in which you can help.

First, by supporting the Week of Prayer for State Missions and Home Missions; and giving it emphasis throughout your entire church.

Second, contact the pastors and leaders of the Negro churches of your community, and in a true Christian spirit, talk over their problems and offer your services as a true friend. If you approach them in the right way, you will find that they will welcome your leadership and your helpfulness with open hearts.

Third, you can help by assisting in Study Courses and Institutes, and also in Vacation Bible Schools. You may do this by providing Study Course books, or by offering your own services as a teacher or as a worker.

Fourth, you can help by developing the right attitudes in your own people. This might be done by setting aside a special night, or nights, in which you would lead your people in a study of Southern Baptists and Race Relations and related subjects. We are preparing, and will have available in our office in the near future, some material to be used for this very thing.

Fifth, each White Baptist Church should set up a special

committee on Negro Missions wherever the Negro population would justify it. You might consider such projects as:

A. A Nursery or Kindergarten for Negro children.

B. Night classes for Negro preachers. When you realize that 63 per cent of the Negro Baptist preachers have not finished high school, there is a great opportunity for real service open here to the pastors of White Baptist Churches all over the state of Arkansas.

C. Special projects such as having the Arkansas Baptist College choir in your church for a sacred concert. Then, take a real offering for the Negro college, not just enough to pay the expenses of the choir.

D. You can help by giving financial assistance to their college.

E. Perhaps as a church, you could set up a scholarship for some worthy Negro high school graduate to be selected from the high school of your community. The giving of the scholarship to the outstanding Baptist Negro high school graduate could be based on their scholarship, character, and Christian leadership. A \$500 per year scholarship would pay all the expenses, other than spending money for the student.

These are but a few of the many ways in which you can do something that will really count in one of the greatest mission fields in all of the world.

### HAPPINESS

The secret of happiness is to learn to accept the impossible, do without the indispensable, and bear the intolerable.

### AGE

Maturity means increasing the area of one's interests, awareness, and love . . . It is this exciting business of becoming increasingly alive that keeps old age from being a tragedy.

—Paul Calvin Payne, Presbyterian Life.

## Figures To Inspire

	Sunday, March 13	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Fort Smith, First	1472	640	12	
Including missions	1646	709		
Little Rock, Immanuel	1345	428	9	
Including missions	1492	549	14	
No. Little Rock, Baring				
Cross	943	301	4	
Including mission	1030	319		
Little Rock, Second	871	224	8	
Including mission	995	319		
El Dorado, First	703	236		
Including mission	749	291		
Fort Smith, Grand				
Avenue	690	299	2	
Including mission	754			
Little Rock, Baptist				
Tabernacle	635	246	11	
Texarkana, Beech				
Street	618	222	4	
Little Rock, Pulaski				
Heights	596	168	2	
Fayetteville, First	593	203	1	
Including mission	647	234		
Pine Bluff, South Side	590	231	2	
Magnolia, Central	588	190	10	
Including mission	665	253	11	
El Dorado, Immanuel	543	290	4	
Conway, First	537	130		
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	532	186	2	
Hope, First	519	184	2	
Crossett, First	514	177	1	
Paragould, First	506	233	2	
Including mission	597	281		
Warren, First	506	214	4	
Springdale, First	494	214	4	
Camden, First	485	191	3	
Including missions	596	285		
Forrest City, First	467	174	4	
Malvern, First	467	143		
McGehee, First	458	190	2	
Booneville, First	449	120	2	
El Dorado, Second	444	238	2	
Rogers, First	440	175		
Bentonville, First	436	146	1	
Little Rock, South				
Highland	432	170	2	
Including mission	466			
Searcy, First	420	150	12	
Siloam Springs, First	418	218		
Stuttgart, First	415	152		
Including missions	641	316		
West Helena	408	149	3	
Fort Smith, Calvary	403	168	2	
Fort Smith, Trinity	392	154		
No. Little Rock,				
Park Hill	388	113		
Cullendale, First	384	212		
Jacksonville, First	382	214	4	
Including mission	434			
Monticello, First	381	216		
Fort Smith, Immanuel	368	162	8	
Fordyce, First	360	135		
Including mission	464	205	1	
Hamburg, First	357	157	1	
Jonesboro, Central	340	150		
Hot Springs, Park Place	338	158	1	
Piggott, First	327	131	2	
Hot Springs, First	322	125	2	
Hot Springs, Central	317	142		
Including mission	352	170		
Mena, First	293	125		
Including mission	341	161		
Warren, Immanuel	290	195		
No. Little Rock, First	284	122	5	
Cabot, First	274	154		
Including mission	329			
Smackover, First	273	162		
Fort Smith, Temple	265	152	1	
El Dorado, West Side	248	122	1	
Paragould, East Side	239	137	1	
Alma, First	233	116		
Star City, First	230	119		
Including mission	293	144		
Little Rock, Tyler				
Street	229	89	2	
Dermott	226	82	2	
Springdale, Caudle				
Avenue	223	103		
Fayetteville, University	214	138	2	
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	197	89		
Pea Ridge, First	163	113		
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	161	125		
Crossett, Temple	155	90		
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## This 'n That In Missions

Faith Baptist Church, Tulot, in Trinity Association, will enter their new building Sunday, March 27. This is the church which has been worshipping in a tent for the past two winters.

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Chaplain E. A. Richmond writes that he is thrilled over his work in the Boys' Industrial Schools. He has been spending much time reading the case history of the 127 boys now enrolled in the two schools. They have already begun offering thanks before meals and the boys are beginning to correct each other about their bad language used. This is the first time the boys have ever had a Chaplain to work with them.

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The Ridgecrest Church, Benton, which was started as a Mission of the First Church and constituted into a church in 1954 with 54 members, now reports a membership of 170. The phenomenal growth has necessitated the launching of a building program. The pastor states there are approximately 1,000 people to be served by the church. They are asking for aid from mission funds.

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The newly organized church at Lambrook has already launched their building program. Missionary H. S. Coleman has worked hard in securing title to the property, and will be a great asset to the church in erecting their new building. They, too, will request aid from mission funds on their building.

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A large number of churches over the state have entered the "Rural Church of the Year" program. It will be interesting to note the progress made as a result of this friendly contest. The Rural Church of the Year in each association will be selected in the annual associational meeting. From the associational winners, the Rural Church of the Year for the entire state will be selected, with special recognition given them at the Rural Church Conference and perhaps at the State Convention.

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Two of our fine ministerial students of Ouachita College have recently gone to Michigan, and are now serving as pastors in mission stations. They are Gordon Bachus, who is pastor of Woodmere Mission, Detroit, and Sam Cathey, serving a mission at Saginaw. Their salaries are supplemented by the Home Mission Board through the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

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Superintendent Caldwell conducted an 8-day revival during the Tropical Simultaneous Crusade in Greensburg, Louisiana, which resulted in 13 professions of faith and baptisms.

Dr. John D. Freeman will be one of the guest speakers in the State Wide Rural Church Conference, Mt. Ida, June 6-9.

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The State Legislature has passed a bill authorizing the placing of full time Chaplains over the two prisons — Cummings and Tucker. At least one of these Chaplains should be a Baptist.

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Missionary Amos Greer is becoming very popular through the "Survey" programs which he has conducted in several churches. Everything is surveyed as to past records, present work, and future possibilities and needs. If you are interested in a survey of your church field, write to the Department of Missions or Amos Greer, Paragould, for information and material.

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A good motto for missionaries: "You can do a lot of good if you don't care who gets the credit."

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Clyde Hart is planning two additional Negro Leadership Conferences—one will be at Helena, March 29-31, and the other at Little Rock, March 22-24.

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

## The Training Union Convention

The 1955 Training Union Convention was held March 11-12 at the First Church, Little Rock. There were 900 registered though the actual attendance reached between 1,000 and 1,200.

Pastor Lehman Webb of First Church, Harrison, was re-elected president of the Convention and Bob McKee, educational director of the Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, was elected first vice president.

The featured speakers at the Convention were: Dr. Joe Burton, editor of *Home Life*, Nashville, Tennessee, and Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

In addition to the congregational meetings in the auditorium of First Church, Little Rock, there were sectional meetings and conferences for the various groups.

Among the most interesting features of the Convention program were the speaker's tournament, the sword drill, and the junior memory drill.

There were 22 in the elimination speaker's tournament. The winners were: Bernice McCurry, Second Church, Searcy. She will compete in the speaker's tournament at Ridgecrest this summer.

The second winner was Jack Schoeppey, Baily Hill Church, Fort Smith. Jack will compete in the speaker's tournament at Glorieta, New Mexico.

There were 16 in the elimination sword drill contest. The winners were: Carolyn Pyle, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, who will compete in the sword drill at Glorieta, New Mexico, this summer. The second winner was Dianne Wilson from Forrest City, who will compete in the sword drill at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, this summer.

There were 76 in the junior memory drill. All 76 had a perfect score except one.

Ralph W. Davis, state Training Union director, was responsible for planning and executing the program. Mr. Edwin Ireys was organizer for the Convention. Special music was interspersed throughout the program by the Ouachita quartet and the Ouachita trio.

The 1956 Convention will be held March 16-17 at First Church, Fort Smith.

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Politician: One who shakes your hand before election, and your confidence after.

—Quote

## Home Mission Board Begins Work With San Blas Indians In Panama

Eighteen San Blas Indians were appointed home missionaries for Comarca de San Blas, Panama, in the March Home Mission Board meeting on March 10.

The Home Mission Board has just opened work among the 28,000 people who live in this territory of Panama. Dr. and Mrs. Lonnie Inglesias are directing the mission work there. Dr. R. G. Van Royen is superintendent of mission work in Panama and the Canal Zone.

A committee composed of 16 pastors and some Home Mission Board members who were on a preaching tour made a survey of the needs of the San Blas Indians and of the work done by Dr. Inglesias and his workers. The Home Board in its annual meeting voted to begin work with the San Blas Indians.

Dr. Inglesias has been in these

islands for 22 years in educational mission work. Most of the newly appointed missionaries teach in these schools.

Fifty-nine scholarships for Negro students were granted by the Home Mission Board to be used in 15 Negro colleges and seminaries.

The Board approved mission pastoral aid for 24 pastors in seven western or pioneer states.

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We thank God for the response of His people to the call to prayer.

### An Essential Ingredient

Prayer is absolutely necessary if we are to experience real revival. Prayer is an essential ingredient of revival. However, we believe that prayer alone can no more bring revival than revival can come without prayer. This is another way of saying that there are other essential ingredients of revival.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). Public preaching is another essential ingredient of revival. And there is yet another ingredient that is essential.

### House-to-House Witnessing is Also Necessary

Paul's method in evangelism was to preach the Gospel publicly, and then from house-to-house (Acts 20:20-21). Paul practiced both MASS evangelism and PERSONAL evangelism; his method comprehending both the public declaration of the Gospel and personal witnessing to individuals and families.

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### Would You Have a Revival in Your Church?

Would you also have a continuing and effective program of evangelism in your church and church field through the year, and the years? Then

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2. **Pray earnestly and objectively**
3. **Get accurate information** about the spiritual history of every individual in the church field. (Find who needs to be reached for Christ and the church.)
4. **Carry all the way through on the Bible method of evangelism** (Public preaching AND house-to-house witnessing).
5. **Use the whole church.** Provide, through a thoroughly processed census, work in evangelism for every member of your church. (This will widen the base of operations in evangelism to include your whole church, even the boys and girls and young people).
6. **Don't forget the children.** Many of them are lost, too, and need to be won to Christ. And if they are won, many parents will also trust Christ as Savior.

### The Family Group Survey Card

The call for Family Group Survey Cards has been enormous during the past several weeks, as churches have been preparing to take the census of their fields. The Brotherhood Department has ordered 60,000 of the cards; and we have had a rather hard time keeping the printer ahead of the demand.

The Family Group Survey Card reflects the spiritual history of an individual in the light of his family background; and is a great help in setting up a worthy, an intelligent, and a thoroughly comprehensive visitation program.

Demand for the two evangelistic tracts published by this department has also been brisk. The tracts are: "Essential Steps in Personal Soul-Winning," a tract which sets for a METHOD in personal soul-winning; and "Have You Been Saved?," a tract written to lost people. This latter tract can be used effectively even by a Christian with little or no experience in personal work.

If you would like a sample copy of the Survey Card, and of each of the two tracts, write the Brotherhood Department, Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. The materials will be sent to you free.

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The organization of new Brotherhoods continues at a pleasing rate. And it brings much satisfaction to those who are promoting Brotherhood work to find that many of our smaller churches are discovering that they, too, can have excellent Brotherhood organizations.

Many times your Brotherhood Secretary has been told, "We would have a Brotherhood in our church, but we don't have enough men." The answer has always been, "You need only two men to start a good Brotherhood; and the pastor is one of the two." For a Brotherhood in its simplest form is "two men going" about at the tasks of their church.

Two men, dedicated to the Lord can make a different church out of any church, regardless of size. Two dedicated men can make the church felt throughout the community. Two working men can lift the whole level of the whole program of their church.

And three men, or four men, or more men can do more!

Does your church have a Brotherhood?

—Nelson Tull, Secretary.

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To stand strong graciously, to smile sincerely, to love always and to seek understanding—these are the worthy ambitions of a life worth living.

—Esther Freshman

# The Christian and the Social Order

By BURTON A. MILEY

Last Sunday the lesson dealt with individual Christian living, but man cannot live apart from the society of which he is a member. This lesson is a natural sequence since a Christian must express himself in human relationships which are formed from the moment of his beginning unto the close of his life. It is urgent therefore, that the Christian realize his social responsibility and exercise it after the will of God.

Christ is to count in all of life. The Christian is powerful toward God and influential toward men in proportion to his exercise of Christian spirit in human relations. His light shines out and his life becomes leaven within the group. Many times unspoken testimony is as valuable as spoken testimony. Never will the spoken testimony be valuable unless there is rightness of a life behind it.

## TWO ANALOGIES

Are salt and light worthwhile? These two elements carried great value and were scarce in Jesus' day. They were needed by every household. The soldier received his pay in salt. Light was precious. It was generated by burning oil and had nothing of the brilliance of the incandescent light of today. Therefore, Jesus used the most valuable elements used by the social order in His day to teach the value of the Christian life.

What is the purpose of salt? Salt preserves. Palestine saw little natural ice and none manufactured. Salt was the chief preventive of spoilage. It does its work in a very unassuming manner. One does not need an equal part of salt to the object preserved. A small amount of salt will preserve a much larger object. The Christian is the salt of the earth. He is the flavor, the tastiness of the earth. What would society be like if there were no Christians within it? How much would life lose if no man could trust his neighbor? What would it be like for a family to never leave home at one time because one always had to stay and guard possessions? Christians are the reason that rampant thievery and dishonesty do not prevail in the world. They are the salt of the earth. A few true Christians can change the moral element anywhere.

Light is valuable for vision and growth. The way that men see God is through other men. Each Christian stands as a light for God. The normal place for light is not under a bushel but is lifted up to show men the path. The Christian is to be that lifted-up light. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

## Sunday School Lesson

March 27, 1955

Matthew 5:13-16;

Romans 13:8-10;

1 Peter 4:12-16

Human relations make the testing ground for a Christian. One who is no different from a man of the world has lost his salt and light. Quality of life is shown only through expression. One without quality is thrown aside like unsavored salt. Could the moral weakness of today be the cause of so little attention paid to the godly causes? Christians sway the multitudes to God or away from God to the world. A check of commercial enterprises and entertainments reveal a big number of Christians present on Sunday. Divorce is too prevalent among Christians. Is the salt content running lower than usual? One must remember that while the above is embarrassingly true, it presents only one side of the picture. There are hosts of sincere Christians who have never bowed their knee to Baal. These are salt and light and the church depends upon them.

## LOVE'S PLACE

Paul admonished the Romans to owe no man anything but to love him. Love is the motivation for right feelings in the social order. Love is pure. It holds its object of affection in the highest esteem and promotes the best welfare at all times. Consider the love of God and how wonderful it is. God's love does not down any man. God's love lifts up. Every Christian should have that kind of love toward his fellowman. Can you imagine a society in which everyone tries to lift another? One where there is never harm done by tongue or deed to another character? Can you imagine a church of redeemed people that have gained closeness to God so that no hurt befalls another? Paul mentioned a list of misdeeds which comes out of the lust of life. They are opposite from what love produces. Murder, adultery, theft, false witness, covetousness, these things are not the result of love, but of lust in man's heart. If love motivates the man, his attitude toward all beings in his society is to lift each up.

## SUFFERING IS INEVITABLE

Peter wrote to a group of Christians who were enduring severe trials. Without a doubt, they wondered why all this was happening to them. Many times one thinks of Jesus as a guarantee that no further unpleasant thing will come to his life. Jesus is not a guarantee that the unpleasant and adverse will never happen. He is the assurance that when and if it happens, He will bear

up the one to whom it has happened. He imparts courage and gives understanding.

Any time one lives in an imperfect world suffering is bound to occur. The world is not friendly to the Christian way. Suffering affords the Christian an opportunity to make the finest testimony that it is possible to make for the saving grace and providence of the Lord. Therefore, one should not suffer as a sinner, a murderer, a thief, or an evildoer. Behind this suffering is sin by the individual. He should suffer as a Christian. The ministry of suffering is one to further the cause of Christ in this day. Peter knew both kinds of suffering. He had suffered as an evildoer and also as a Christian. Legend has it that he suffered martyrdom for Christ's cause. None of the early Christian martyrs suffered in any way except to glorify God. One can not help but think that Stephen was glad to step from the rock-pounding crowd of persecutors to the standing Christ who awaited him.

## PRACTICAL LESSONS

**A Christian Will Ever Be Seen of Men.** One cannot hide, will not wish to hide, because he is a Christian. He will strive for his light to shine outward. He wants to be a good advertisement for God. The man who is a Christian is a public figure. Both God and the world eye him constantly. God watches for obedience. The world for disobedience.

**God is Glorified by Worthy Spiritual Acts.** I have often wondered why Ruth wanted to go with Naomi. Was it not that she had seen in her a better life than she had found in her own people? Was not the God-fearing woman giving an invitation for Ruth to come nearer unto God

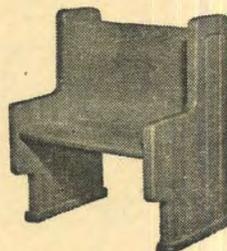
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through her worthy spiritual acts? Many of the scenes are not shown, but one can guess the existence of worthy spiritual acts in the life of Naomi which caused Ruth to follow her. Is there one following you from like cause?

**One Should Strive for Deeper Love.** Love is the motivation for the Christian life. It is also the protector in Christian life. Love should be sought not for its end, but for the means to a more godly life which will magnify Christ. A man of state in Rumania called the Baptist church to get a Baptist girl for a housemaid. Why? Because a Christian would not take items from the household and would not sweep dust under the carpet. If each Christian loved God deeply would not acts of deceit fade from every life?

You must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have need of help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For remember, you do not live in a world of your own. Your brothers are here, too.

—Albert Schweitzer

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## First Things First

A pioneer preacher, who served fourth time churches, was preaching at a Saturday evening service. During the service, some boys changed the wheels of his buggy, putting the rear ones on the front and the front ones on the rear. After the service, the preacher climbed into his buggy, and rode three miles to spend the night with a family of the congregation. The next morning the preacher was up bright and early standing out in the front of the house gazing down the road. When the host came out to invite him to breakfast, the old preacher said, "I was just out here looking for that hill which I climbed all the way to your home last night." The host said, "There is no hill, the ground is level all the way from here to the church." Then the preacher replied, "Yes, there is a hill, because I rode all the way up it on the back of my neck!" They both looked at the buggy and saw the high wheels in front and understood the difficulty.

Man has been putting things which belong behind in front ever since Adam put himself before God. Consequently, much of our world is riding on the back of its neck.

The sad history is that nations became prosperous, wealthy and forgot God. Here we live in a nation, raising fabulous sums of money, producing more and more goods, and piling higher and higher her hydrogen bombs. Suppose we do a better job along these lines than any other nation—What then? When we establish our positions as a world power, build our machines, raise our budgets—behind all these achievements lies that larger question—What Then? Rome built her roads, and persecuted the Christians; crucified Jesus, but those roads became thoroughfares

over which Paul and the other early Christians carried the Gospel.

Our American nation was founded by people looking for a place to magnify and worship God according to the dictate of conscience. Somehow we feel that perhaps God had said to them as He said to Abraham, "Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred and from thy father's house unto a land that I will shew thee." God led in this leaving kindred and country saying, "I will bless thee, and make thy name great and thou shalt be a blessing."

Our nation has started the way of many other nations that now cry from the dust. She is on her way to the worship of strange gods. Our good highways and high powered automobiles are used to lead God's people away from God's houses on His Day (Sunday). Our people in many instances look at the making of money as the end and not the means, not realizing that it is fatal to treat this as the goal of all efforts. Well might the Lord say to us, "Hear, O Heaven, and give ear O earth, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me."

We need professional men to hear God's call and do as one judge did recently—make an altar of the court room.

This can never be done until church members take Christ into professional chairs, unto municipal court rooms, down to the collector's offices, and out to the workman's bench.

Help get our nation off the back of its neck by putting the things which belong in front—First. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

## Four Words

When we keep moving and doing something with a purpose we accomplish. Columbus discovered that—and a whole new world.

Millions of hours are spent in conferences and meetings, and when we say, "Let's go to the conference, committee or some other meeting, we are planning in the right direction. But millions and millions of hours are spent discussing plans and problems, promoting ideas and notions, passing resolutions, and adopting motions, when all the time someone needs to say, "Let's Go". How many idle talkers have been stirred to action by the words: "Well, now that we have agreed on what to do, what are we waiting for? Let's go!"

Another thing we need to remember. We cannot go very far unless we have something to go with—we must meet, plan and resolve. But these alone will not be enough. Lives must be dedicated to carrying out plans. Our money is to be given and sanctified for holy and righteous use to implement our purposes.

William Bradford, who later became the first governor in the American colony, was leading a secret meeting in England of those planning to seek religious freedom in America. He was a humble boy, born in Amsterfield, who had plowed in the fields since twelve

years of age. The other people were humble also—but Bradford stood before that group and said, "Out of God's beginning great things have been produced by God's hand that made all things of nothing, and gives being to all things that are—and as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled may shine to many, yea, in some sort to a whole nation—Come on. Let's Go—Let's Do."

This nation stands as a symbol of a few individuals who were not willing to just meet, resolve, and make plans, and blame situations and circumstances for the sorry state of things. They said, Let's Go—Let's Do!

The time must come when we are ready and resolved to go and to do. Learn these four words, "Let's Go, and Let's Do." Speak these four words at the right place and the right time, and many more Baptist groups will be doing what God wants done today—and going where God wants them to go today. LET'S GO—LET'S DO ! !

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"Let there be for every pulse a thanksgiving and for every breath a song.

—Konrad von Gesner.

## Cooperative Program Gifts

Recently we were looking over the Cooperative Program receipts since its 1925 inception. Since the depression days of 1931, the gifts have increased year by year. The increase has not been as rapid as we would have liked, but there is encouragement in the fact that we are making progress. Below is a picture of your Cooperative Gifts from 1944 through 1954.

1944	\$ 231,215.83
1945	306,666.76
1946	356,435.31
1947	414,494.92
1948	478,567.30
1949	598,036.19
1950	674,155.63
1951	778,250.59
1952	923,932.25
1953	1,080,708.66
1954	1,140,481.98

Our budget this year is \$1,205,375, which is an increase over 1954. This should not be a difficult task for Arkansas Baptists since the churches had total receipts of \$10,000,492 during last year. Turn in your New Testament to Matthew 28:19-20, and read the commandment of Jesus, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." After reading this commandment, turn to John's Gospel 4:14 and read these other words by Jesus, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

You cannot transplant your congregation to some other field, and if you could you would not want to, because that church has a community to serve in preaching the gospel. But the gospel can be preached, through your church, to the ends of the earth, when undesignated gifts are sent through the Cooperative Program.

### Duffer and Paragould East Side

The East Side Church in Paragould has increased its contributions and is planning to give approximately \$2,700 during this year for the Cooperative Missionary Program. Brother Duffer figures that it takes about \$2 per minute to operate the Arkansas Baptist State Convention activities that reaches clear on out to the very ends of the earth. And he says you can count on us for 2 1/2 hours. Thank you Brother Duffer and the good old East Side Church.

### Another Preacher Goes to Heaven

We have just received information that G. E. Holt has passed to his reward. Brother Holt had been an ordained minister more than 50 years. He had served as pastor, missionary and evangelist in Kentucky, Illinois, and Arkansas. In 1910 he was one of our outstanding missionaries in this state. He was one of the greatest New Testament preachers that we have known in our ministerial relationship. Brother Holt was the father of Pastor L. E. Holt of Highland Baptist Church in Texarkana.