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OF FUTURE INTEREST TO ALL CHURCHES

In the Executive Board Meeting of January 18th Rev. J. C. Myers spoke concerning the Sunday School Enlargement Campaign of Pulaski County September 20-24, 1965, Rev. Jerry Don Abernathy had told him that we could still join Pulaski Association in this Enlargement Campaign and make it County wide. Each church would have a man each night, at a cost to the church of \$50.00 plus room and board for the week. The cost to the Association would be \$1,750.00 with the Sunday School Department paying \$450.00 of this amount. Since we do not have a missionary, Rev. Abernathy agreed to serve as Director for the Campaign for our Association. Rev. Myers made a motion that we enter this Campaign on an Association wide basis. The Motion carried. **CHURCHES, MARK THIS DATE AND MAKE YOUR PLANS ACCORDINGLY.**

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY:

- 8-9 State Vacation Bible School Clinic at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock
- 14-20 Y. M. A. Focus Week
- 15 Executive Board Meeting at Calvary Baptist Church
- 15 Brotherhood Rally at Calvary Baptist Church
- 20 Youth Choir Festival at Park Hill Baptist Church

COMING EVENTS

- Choir Festival Schedule:
 Youth—February 20, Park Hill Baptist Church
 Primary—March 13, Levy Baptist Church
 Juniors—April 17, Gaines Street Baptist Church, Little Rock
 Adults—May 1, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- Pastors' Conference meets on Monday Morning at 10:30 in the Library of Memorial Hospital, North Little Rock
- Feb. 1 10:30 A.M.
 - Feb. 8 10:30 A.M.
 - Feb. 15 No Meeting
 - Feb. 22 10:30 A.M.

NEWS OF KINGDOM INTEREST

1. Rev. H. W. Ryan, Former pastor of the Church and now retired has been called as Interim Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville.
2. Rev. Jerre Hassell has accepted the pastorate of the Central Baptist Church of North Little Rock. Rev. Hassell is a former Chaplain of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

3. Grace Baptist Church has submitted their plans for their new Auditorium to the North Little Rock Planning Commission for their approval. They hope to begin construction soon.

4. Grace Baptist Church will be in Revival Services March 28-April 4. Rev. Lendol Jackson, Second Baptist Church, West Helena, will be their Evangelist.

5. SPECIAL NOTICE: If you have news of interest to the Association, Please mail it to Rev. Roy D. Bunch, Levy Baptist Church, 35th and Pike, North Little Rock, Ark. Mail this by the Last Monday of each month.

6. Rev. R. D. Harrington, 47th Street Baptist Church was appointed Vice-moderator of the Association at the last board meeting. He will serve in this capacity until the next annual meeting of the Association.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY
 Moderator—Rev. Roy D. Bunch, Levy Baptist Church, NLR
 Vice-Moderator—Rev. R. D. Harrington, 47th Street Baptist Church, NLR
 Clerk—Rev. A. W. Upchurch, Jr. Marshall Road Baptist Church, Jacksonville
 Treasurer—Mrs. T. A. Spencer, First Baptist Church, NLR
 Historian—W. B. O'Neal, Gravel Ridge Baptist, NLR

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 18, 1965	
December 21, 1964, Cash Balance	\$3,192.59
Offerings December 21, 1964-January 18, 1965:	
Amboy Baptist	\$ 183.77
Baring Cross Baptist	227.34
Bayou Meto Baptist	13.47
Berea Baptist	21.44
Bethany Baptist	37.89
Calvary Baptist	82.35
Cedar Heights Baptist	130.00
Central Baptist	100.00
Crystal Valley Baptist	12.49
First Baptist, North Little Rock	125.00
Forty-Seventh Street Baptist	25.00
Grace Baptist	17.96
Gravel Ridge Baptist	40.00
Graves Memorial Baptist	54.00
Harmony Baptist	3.00
Highway Baptist	27.00
Hill Top Baptist	5.47
Levy Baptist	135.67
Park Hill Baptist	998.92
Pike Avenue Baptist	140.00
Remount Baptist	23.02
Runyan Baptist Chapel	16.00
Second Baptist, Jacksonville	43.24
Sherwood Baptist	55.03
Sixteenth Street Baptist	6.37
Stanfill Baptist	4.00
Sylvan Hills Baptist	27.40
Total Offering	2,555.83
Total Funds Available	\$5,748.42

Disbursements:	
American National Bank, Lakewood	\$ 600.00
Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, Jan.	17.50
Winrocy Enterprises, Inc, Indian Hills	617.66
L. R. Baptist Student Union	83.33
Runyan Baptist Chapel, Pastoral Aid January	50.00
Home Mission Board, Pastoral Aid in Michigan, Jan.	50.00
A. W. Upchurch, Honorarium for Preparing Minutes	50.00
Baptist Book Store, Associational Library	29.83
Total Disbursements	1,498.32
January 18, 1965, Cash Balance	\$4,250.10

Balance owed on Properties after December Payments:	
Lakewood	\$46,429.23
Indian Hills	4,915.35
Mrs. T. A. Spencer, Treasurer	

ASSOCIATION HISTORIES

Histories of the North Pulaski Baptist Association may be obtained at the Office of Pike Avenue Baptist Church, 21st and Schaer Streets, North Little Rock or ordered from the Pastor, Rev. R. H. Dorris. Also a few copies are available through the office of Levy Baptist Church, 35th and Pike, North Little Rock. The Histories may also be obtained from Rev. W. B. O'Neal, Rt. 3, Box 391, North Little Rock, or ordered from him at the above address. Copies cost \$1.00 plus 5 cents for postage.

Rev. W. B. O'Neal
Historian



Did you know...

A Church is no stronger than its fellowship and no bigger than its visitation, and that one helps the other?

Skits of frenia

Speaking of IQ's

THE amount of time one spends watching TV is definitely tied in with the viewer's IQ (intelligence quotient), according to Dr. Eleanor Maccoby, director of Stanford University's Laboratory of Human Development. Says Dr. Maccoby, as quoted in *The Religious Newsweekly*, "Brighter children spend considerably less time in front of the TV set than others." She also reported findings that indicated as much as 80 per cent of the viewing time of sixth-graders is devoted to "adult" programs.

Has it ever occurred to any researchers that there might be some connection between the kind of TV programs we have to choose from and the IQ of the programmers? And those sixth-graders may be watching the so-called "adult" programs in a vain search for something up to their own intelligence levels! But we'll have to say that the TV newscasts, Bob Smith's worship service from First Church, Pine Bluff, and a few of our favorites, such as "Bonanza" and "Fugitive," are purty good in these parts.

Do, re, mi!

"WE have just received a new order of tunes and buckets—for men who can't carry tunes," announced Minister of Music Morris W. Ratley of Levy Church, North Little Rock, as he called the Mens' Chorus to practice session. This would seem still to leave out in the cold those of us who "couldn't carry a tune in a bucket."

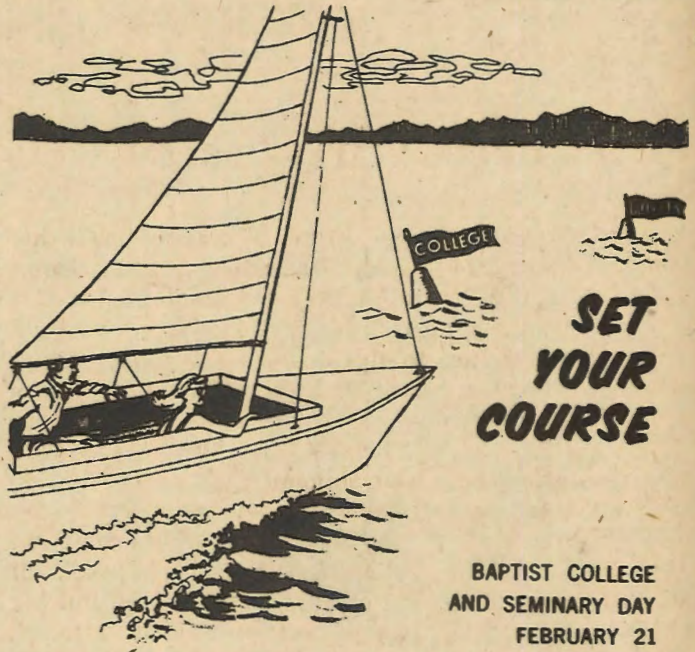
Drinking and driving

THE head of the Methodist Church's Division of Alcohol Problems and General Welfare, Roger Burgess, is urging teetotalers to join forces with moderate drinkers for a "tough campaign to make drinking and driving socially unacceptable." The trouble here is that the drinker, whether moderate or immoderate, is not inclined to give a dime what society in general might think about his being disqualified to take his nip and still drive. And, the experts tell us, the fellow who has just had a cocktail or two is one of the most dangerous drivers to take to the road.

Pot-shot

ONE of the first points Pastor Rheubin South of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, made in beginning a series of Wednesday night discourses on the book of *Deuteronomy* was that the Children of Israel took 40 years for a journey they might have made in 11 days, with courage and vision. Something to think about, isn't it?

Erwin L. McDonald



"SET Your Course" is the theme this year for the twelfth annual emphasis on Christian education and Baptist schools which is sponsored by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Many churches over the convention will have special services on Sunday, February 21, which is designated Baptist College and Seminary Day.

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Ouachita University

THE Ouachita College board of trustees made history at their Jan. 14 meeting, when they voted to change the name of the institution from Ouachita Baptist College to Ouachita Baptist University. But there would not be much significance to this action aside from the fact that the institution had itself been making history long before the name change.

As Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., Ouachita president, pointed out in the official announcement of the board's action, the institution really is a university, in fact as well as in name. Just prior to the action, Ouachita and Arkansas Baptist Hospital administrators had worked out details for the establishing of a separate school of nursing for Ouachita, to be put into effect immediately with the offering of courses at the hospital. The school of nursing, as previously reported, will offer a four-year degree program in nursing.

An extension program at Camden, which has been operated by Ouachita since 1962, will be continued.

The Baptist university now offers master's degrees in religion, study of American civilization, and music education. It will add a master's in education, beginning next September.

"With a graduate program and with two separate schools in different cities, we have the essential ingredients for a university," said Dr. Phelps, who has headed the institution since the fall of 1952. (The graduate program has been in operation since 1959.)

There is a sense in which the phenomenal success of Ouachita, in the rapid growth of its student body (to a current enrollment of 1,400) and expansion of its plant and program, puts the Baptists of Arkansas on the spot. An expanding budget is inseparable from the other expansions. Somehow and from somewhere, Ouachita Baptist University will have to have more financial support. The fact that a drive to add \$1.2 million to the university's endowment overshot the mark by \$65,000 is encouraging. But the trustees are realistically setting a new goal for another \$8 million to be raised by 1970.

Here is a challenge that calls for the best possible thinking and praying and pulling together of which Baptists of Arkansas, with the Lord's help, are capable.

'Let us begin!'

IT is one thing to hear sermons. It is sometimes quite another thing to see and experience them.

Those who attended the sessions of the state Evangelism Conference this week at First Church, Little Rock, can bear witness to the remarkable spiritual heights to which

the Holy Spirit bore the speakers and their congregations. And never before, it seemed to some of us, was the emphasis so timely that Baptists of Arkansas need to come back to their main assignment—that of reaching people for Christ. State Evangelism Director Jesse Reed, who had the major responsibility for planning the program of the Conference and who presided at the different sessions, spoke for many when he said, "We have been hacking at the symptoms when we should have been dealing with the disease."

The season of prayer that concluded the Conference at noon on Wednesday of last week seemed to be much more than just the end of the program. There was evidence of repentance and rededication as denominational workers, Conference program personnel, pastors, missionaries, evangelists and laymen knelt together at the front of the church.

One theme that was sounded again and again by those on the program was that we Baptists have had enough fighting among ourselves and enough heresy hunting to last us for a long time. As Dr. William E. Hull, of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, pointed up so effectively in one of the four addresses he gave to the Conference, one's orthodoxy is not worth very much to his Lord if it takes him off of preaching the gospel to the lost and sets him at judging the orthodoxy of his fellow Christians.

Dr. Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, used a striking illustration of a similar theme. "I might go out to the front of this brick church building and start pushing with the threat to push it down in five minutes. That would be mighty foolish. But it would be no more foolish than for someone to say, 'Oh, no you won't, for I'm going to run around to the back of the building and hold it up.'"

The only defense the Bible needs from us is for us to preach its gospel, which has the power to change the hearts and lives of men, Dr. Dehoney concluded.

In words familiar to our ears from another realm, Let us begin!

On being 'Christian'

MOST of us could easily get along harmoniously with other Christians—if the other Christians would just be Christian according to our own ideas as to what is "Christian." But so much of the time, our real difficulty comes from other Christians not being willing to accept our own conduct or attitudes as "Christian."

One of the best measuring sticks, when it comes to measuring our own Christianity, is the Golden Rule: "... all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them..." (Mt. 7:12).

But the hard part about following the Golden Rule is that we have to start with ourselves. It is so much more fun straightening the other fellow out first!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the people SPEAK

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

Iceland mission

MRS. Terry and I have been serving with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Keflavik, Iceland, for one year. We have a full church program consisting of Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood and W. M. U. We have had the privilege of meeting some wonderful Christian Military men. We have seen several become fine Christian men.

Please print this notice in your paper as it is very difficult for us to advertise here. Maybe some parent or friend will pass the word on to the men stationed in Iceland.

We sincerely thank you for your help and prayers.—RW and Dale Terry Keflavik Baptist Church, Box 37, Navy 568, FPO New York, N.Y., 09571.

'Free' directories

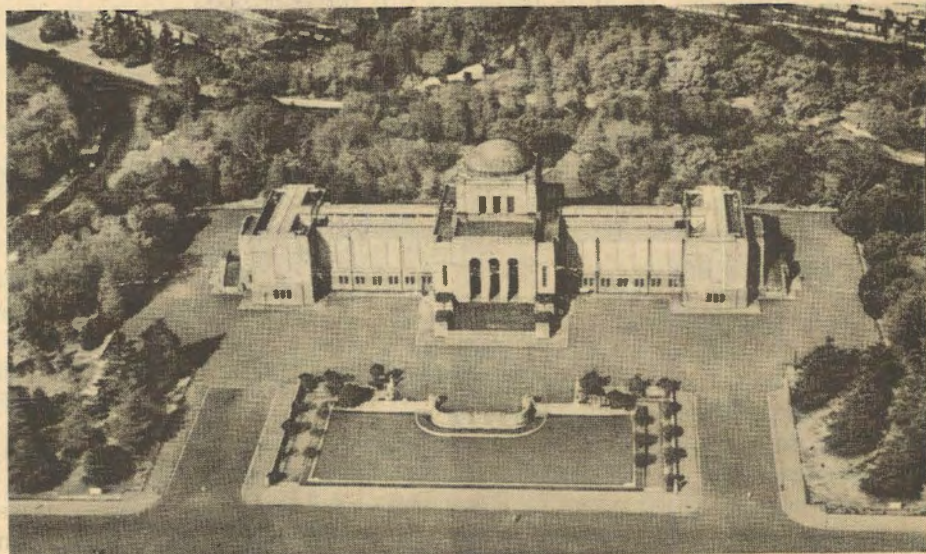
CHURCHES of various denominations in this area are now being worked by Trinity Directory publishers offering Church Directories without cost to Churches. Several Baptist Churches have taken this program and are now in the process of taking pictures, etc.

Just wondering what you know about this work and is it something that has worked out well in other places or is it merely a gimmick to allow these people to come into our Churches and take pictures without paying rent and therefore being able to make money by so doing.

It appears to me it is getting mighty close to doing business in God's house. Would appreciate your comment through the Ark. Baptist. "A Baptist"

REPLY: Church directories, such as you describe here, would surely serve some good purposes. But, according to the promotional leaflet describing the plan of operation, the directories are to be furnished the cooperating churches "without cost and QUALITY PORTRAITS FOR INDIVIDUALS NEEDING THEM. (Emphasis is ours.)"

It seems the churches are getting their directories in exchange for their part in getting the people photographed, which people can be counted on to order enough QUALITY PORTRAITS to make it a paying proposition for the publishers of the directories. That does make it a commercial operation, doesn't it?—ELM



7 聖徳記念絵画館 The Memorial Picture Gallery (Meiji Shrine outer gardens), Tokyo.

Thanks from Mineko

IT was my greatest pleasure to receive wonderful letters from your readers.

I think I shall receive more letters from your readers in the future who have read your newspaper. I shall try to ask my schoolmates and members of the Youth Council for International Contact (20-1 Jimbocho, Chiyoda Tokyo Japan) to reply all the letters I shall receive.

Thank you very much for your kindness. I hope you will kindly take the trouble to send my best regards to your readers.—Mineko Yamashita, 48, Kunai, Arao-shi, Kumamoto-Ken, Japan.

P. S. I just received your newsmagazine today. Thank you also for your kindness. I've come back to my home from the dormetry of the church at Tamana and I'm so happy. From this April I shall be a college student in Tokyo.

REPLY: Thanks, Miss Yamashita, for your kind letter and for the scenic card, which we are sure our readers will appreciate. You have our best wishes as you look forward to beginning your college education.—ELM

The Cover



Hopewell, N. J., Dec., 1778 — John Hart, outstanding patriot, former legislator and signer of the Declaration of Independence, retired from public life this fall due to ill health. He has been a champion of religious freedom and individual rights, and has suffered considerable loss because of his stand for independence. Hart and his family worship at Hopewell Baptist Church which is built on land he donated to the church.

Courtship, Marriage and the Home

LET's make this week's page one for the scrapbook.

People do still keep scrapbooks. This I know because I see them for sale in interesting varieties at the five-and-dimes.

First off, a few clippings for teenagers, right out of an issue of *Teen Scene*.

If perchance you've been missing this publication beamed to teeners, write for information to:

Teen Scene

Youth Publications

1025 North Washington Street
Greenfield, Ohio

Here are samplings.

An article headed, "You, Too, Can Be A Chief," has these lead lines:

"Tired of being just an Indian? Then use these tips to become a successful leader in your school."

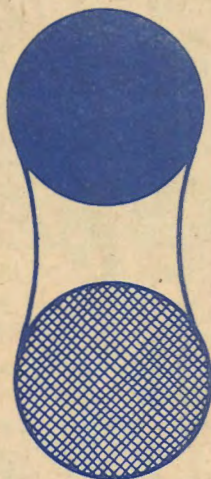
Tips offered are these:

- Set a good example. ("If your work is sloppy, don't be surprised to find your assistants taking their cue from you.")
- Give your workers a set of objectives and a sense of direction.
- Keep them informed.
- Let them in on your plans.
- Don't give orders!
- Emphasize skill, not rules.
- Give credit where credit is due. ("Discourage the chronic 'credit-grabber' but don't fail to credit those who have helped you complete a project.")
- Praise in public.
- Criticize in private.
- Criticize constructively. ("Criticism is worthless unless it kindles the desire to do better next time.")
- Encourage new ideas.

Then, in the same issue, there was Jim Hefley's report on an interview with Paul Dietzel, head football coach at West Point.

Hefley used such expressions as these in describing Paul Dietzel: "probably the most publicized coach in America today. . . his lively personality. . . a sixteen hour day of go-go-go movement. . . blonde, brainy and brawny."

Asked about his reputation for being tough, the coach replied in this vein:



"Toughness is a matter of discipline and the desire to win. . .

"When the going gets tough, the tough gets going"

"I don't want small fries to see one of my boys with a drink in his hand. This suggests to the world that the team is a bunch of drunkards. . .

"In my book, drinking, smoking and immorality all work hand in hand to undermine the athlete. . ."

The army coach's listing of athletes who are practicing Christians caught my interest.

"Some of the top athletes in America are also top Christians: Bill Wade, Raymond Berry, Jim Ray Smith, Bill Glass in professional football; Bobby Richardson, Alvin Dark, Dave Wickersham, Don Demeter, Felipe Alou in baseball; Bob Pettit in basketball. These are only a few. They prove that manliness and Christianity can go together."

The other inspirational bit this week is for Mom's scrapbook. The title, "A Parent's Prayer;" the author, unknown.

O, Heavenly Father, make me a better parent.

Teach me to understand my children,

To listen patiently to what they have to say

And to answer all their questions kindly.

Keep me from interrupting, contradicting, or talking back to them.

Inspirational scrapbook

Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me.

May I not vainly hurt their feelings.

Forbid that I should laugh at their mistakes

Or resort to ridicule as punishment.

May I cease to nag, and when I am out of sorts, help me, O Lord, to hold my tongue.

Blind me to the little errors of my children

And help me to see the good things that they do.

Give me a ready word for praise. May I grant them all their wishes that are reasonable,

And have the courage to withhold always a privilege that I know will do them harm.

Fit me to be loved and imitated by my children.

With all Thy gifts, Oh Heavenly Father,

give me calmness and poise and self-control!

Even as I have been typing this copy, one of the most appealing letters I have received came, asking for help in personality development. Next week's column will be devoted to the answer.

Rosalind Street

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New Orleans, Louisiana

The Bookshelf Baptist beliefs

PUBLICATIONS received recently include the following from Bethany Fellowship, Inc.:

The *Baptism of the Holy Spirit*, by R. A. Torrey, paperback pocketbook size; *God's Covenants and Our Time*, by Guy Duty, paperback; and the following Bible color books: *The Life of Moses*, *Tower of Babel*, *Life of Moses*, *Life of Joseph*, *The Lives of Cain and Abel*, *The Life of Daniel*, *The Life of Adam*, *The Life of Samuel*, *the Life of Sampson*, *the Lives of Jacob and Esau*, *The Life of Abraham*, and *The Life of David*.

Sermons Preached without Notes, by Charles W. Koller, Baker, 1964, \$2.50

This book by the president emeritus of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, has a two-fold purpose: communicating Biblical truth to its readers, and to help ministers build their own sermons and illustrate them.

The Origins of Sectarian Protestantism, (formerly published as *The Anabaptist View of the Church*), by Franklin H. Littell, Macmillan paperback, 1964, \$1.45

George H. Williams of Harvard University has said of this book that it "is important for the sociology of religion, ecumenical theology, and the history of the Reformation." He points out that modern historians are giving increasing attention to the left wing of the Reformation. The 16th century Anabaptists who broke with Luther and Calvin, he states, have suffered from the fact that the history books were written by their opponents. He sees their insistence that a church is a community of convinced believers, not a geographical unit coterminous with a political one, as being "in tune with the 20th century."

Stop the Merry-Go-Round, by Don Malough, Baker, 1964, \$1.95

The title of this book is taken from the first sermon in the book, one based on the scripture, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn ye northward" (Deut. 2:3).

Here are sermons that hit—and hit hard—at the complacency that keeps so many Christians in the deep rut of secular living. The author holds out the road map of Scripture to the higher ground of Christian living.

The Word of the Lord for Special Days, by J. Ralph Grant, Baker, 1964, \$2.95

The title is taken from an expression found frequently in the Scriptures: "Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying. . ."

The author points out in his collection of sermons that the word of the Lord is relevant to the issues of our day and generation: "The Lord has a word concerning our lives, our homes, our hopes, our fears, our sins, our sorrows, our church, our nation."

Commanded not to witness

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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Matthew 16:20

"THEN charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ."

In the light of Jesus' many commands to witness concerning Him these words sound strange indeed. Does Jesus contradict Himself? Such would be untrue to His nature. What, then, do these words mean?

The word "charged" means to admonish strongly. The word for "no" is a strong negative meaning "not one." The name "Jesus" is absent from the oldest and best manuscripts. So Jesus strongly admonished the disciples to tell not one person that He was the Christ. Why?

In order to understand these words we must recall the current Jewish concept of the Messiah or Christ. They were a captive people longing to be free. And that longing had corrupted their understanding of the nature and work of the Christ. The Old Testament presented the Messiah as both a Suffering Servant and as One bringing judgment. Both of these elements were fulfilled in Jesus' earthly ministry. But the major emphasis was upon Him as the Suffering Servant. Both men and nations are judged within the context of history. But the greatest fulfillment of the judgment element will come at the end of the age.

But the Jews of the first century thought of the Messiah only in terms of judgment. To them He would come as a mighty conqueror to destroy their enemies and to establish an earthly kingdom. With Him the Jews would rule the world. So they thought only of a military and political Messiah. It was such a Messianic concept that Satan offered to Jesus in His initial temptation experience, and

which Jesus refused. (Matt. 4:8-10).

Jesus' admonition to His disciples came approximately six months before the crucifixion. Jesus' "hour" had not yet come. To proclaim Him as the Christ at that time would have precipitated a military revolution which was contrary to God's purpose and Jesus' mission.

But an even greater truth underlies Jesus' admonition. The disciples themselves were still captives of the Jewish concept. Even though they had confessed Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16), they still did not fully comprehend the nature of His Messiahship. Peter's reaction to Jesus' words about His death and resurrection prove this (Matt. 16:21-23). They were not yet in position to understand the redemptive work (Suffering Servant) of Jesus (cf. Lk. 24: 44-48). Had they gone forth at that time to proclaim that Jesus was the Christ, their message doubtless would have majored on the military and political concept.

So Jesus strongly admonished them at this time to tell not one person that He was the Christ. They were not yet prepared to do so. Neither was the gospel of redemption a reality as yet. When Jesus has completed His redemptive work and has unveiled the full, true meaning of the Christ to His disciples, then He will send them forth to proclaim this glorious truth to all the world. In the meantime they are to wait.

It is not enough merely to proclaim a partial Christ. And certainly not a false picture of Him. We must preach Him in the fullness of His glory and redemptive will and work. To do any less is to negate His saving power among men.

SBC News and Notes

By the BAPTIST PRESS

To the unchurched

ATLANTA — Southern Baptists' study of mission needs in the United States and their attempt to raise \$3,690,000 for missions at home will strengthen their churches' witness to the 75 million unchurched in the nation.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, made this statement in discussing the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

The annual spring home mission emphasis includes a study of the new home mission books, the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, and the offering. Dates for the week of prayer are March 7-14.

"Serious, spiritual problems exist all across our nation. The number of unchurched people in the United States exceeds 75 million, and the figure grows by one million a year," said Dr. Rutledge.

"Millions of lost people will never be confronted with the gospel forcefully unless our churches reach out to establish a gospel witness in the immediate area of need," he added.



SHIN J. Suzuki (left), assistant administrator of the Japan Baptist Hospital, Kyoto, visits with Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in Richmond, Va. He has just completed a course in hospital administration at hospitals in Little Rock and North Little Rock, and is returning to the Japan hospital where he has already worked for 10 years, most recently as head of general affairs. Administrator of the hospital is Dr. Shizuo Obayashi.

Richmond Church Admits 2 Nigerians

By Theo Sommerkamp

RICHMOND (BP) — First Church, Richmond, Va., has made an exception to its 125-year-old policy on Negro members and voted full membership to two Nigerian students who asked for it.

Action came on a three-point recommendation from the deacons two weeks after the students, both sons of Nigerian Baptist ministers, presented themselves for membership at the 11 o'clock worship service.

The policy, dating to 1840 when African slaves asked to leave First Church to set up their own house of worship, stated that Negroes from that year on would be members of their own churches and not of First Church.

Any exception to that policy

had to be discussed by the deacons for their recommendations to the church. When the two Nigerian students presented themselves it marked the first time the policy had been tested since its adoption, church officials said.

Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the church since 1936, explained to the church and the students that under the policy, he would have to refer their applications for membership to the deacons. He made a personal appeal they be accepted.

The deacons took two votes on the matter before coming in with their recommendations. On the Monday night after the students applied, deacons voted by an unannounced figure — but a close margin—to deny their applications for membership.

A few days before the church's annual business meeting, however, at which the membership question was on the agenda, the deacons changed their recommendations to:

1. Make an exception to established policy and let the two students be accepted "under the watchcare of our church."

2. Authorize a deacon-directed study of up to six months of the established policy on Negro members and "procedure of accepting church members in light of changed world conditions."

3. Defer any further exceptions to the established policy until this study had been finished and had been acted on by the church.

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The estimated 1800 persons present for the church business meeting made only one change in the deacons' recommendations, but it was a significant amendment. They struck the words, "under the watchcare," and substituted "into the membership," which gave the students full membership standing.

The students are Adedokun A. Oshoniyi and Gideon S. A. Adegbile, both juniors at Virginia Union University, a Baptist school here originally established for Negroes by the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Officially the pair came into the church by transfer of letters. Oshoniyi comes from First Church, Ishokum, Oyo, Nigeria. Adegbile belonged to Baptist Chapel, Ibadan, which is a mission of the First Church, Ibadan, Nigeria.

The business meeting was closed to non-members of the church and to the press. After the four-hour night meeting, Adams called reporters into his study for an informal press conference at which he and the chairman of deacons answered some questions.

They declined to disclose the vote counts. Presumably the three-point deacon recommendations were voted on item by item, with discussion pro and con on the floor by church members on each point.

Members of the church disclosed to a Richmond newspaper the ratio was 8 to 6 on the vote to amend the recommendation from watchcare to membership, and 7 to 5 on the vote to pass the recommendation as amended.

The decision of First Church, Richmond, on the membership applications has been watched with interest throughout the Southern Baptist Convention because of the unique position of the 4200-member church.

It has what is considered to be an outstanding giving record to missions. Of its total 1965 budget of \$420,000, half goes to some form of local, national and world missions.

It gives \$125,000 a year to the

Cooperative Program, the unified budget plan of Southern Baptists. Another \$18,500 is allocated to the Richmond Baptist Association of churches. It allots \$25,000 to start new chapels in the area—and it has started six. It makes other gifts to a local Baptist home for women, the state Baptist home for aged and other denominational institutions.

In recent years, the church has given more to outside missions and benevolences than it has given to its own current expenses, Adams said.

Another significant fact about the church is that it is the closest Southern Baptist Church, geographically, to the office of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, which sponsors the work in Nigeria where the two students were led to Christ.

It's about one mile down Richmond's famous Monument Ave. from where a statue of Stonewall Jackson hovers over a traffic circle adjacent to the church to the site of the mission board office.

About 15 of the professional staff officers of the Foreign Mission Board and their families belong to First Church.

Still further down Monument Ave. is Virginia Baptists' state office location.

The third significant point is Theodore Adams himself. He is a former president of the Baptist World Alliance with a continuing interest and participation in affairs affecting Baptists around the globe.

First Church, Richmond, also is the largest in Southern Baptist membership in Virginia.

Watchcare ties to the First Church, Richmond, are not rare, especially for college students. Many students leave their memberships in churches back home and ask only for a watchcare relationship, which does not carry voting privileges.

But the church also takes many other students into full membership. In fact, they are assumed to be asking for full membership unless they specify a watchcare relationship. The two Nigerians wanted full membership.

Baptist college aid

DR. Eugene N. Patterson, president of Grand Canyon College, has announced a gift of \$3,000 from the Phelps Dodge Foundation to be used for laboratory equipment, books, and periodicals in the newly expanded psychology program of the College.

In accepting the gift, Dr. Patterson said: "We are delighted to have an organization of the stature of the Phelps Dodge Foundation participate with us in our educational endeavor. The increasing support of corporations, industry, and of business and professional people is a source of much satisfaction and encouragement to us."

'Answer' in Japan

THE Japan Baptist Convention will soon launch its first television series, a 13-week run of "The Answer" over RKB-TV in Fukuoka.

"The Answer," produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will be the first series of its kind even seen on Japanese television, says Rev. Worth C. Grant, Southern Baptist missionary in that country. Behind the Japanese presentation of the series lie more than three years of effort in negotiations and in translating and dubbing dialogue for the filmed programs, he says.

The 1840 policy applied only to Negroes. Adams told the Baptist Press the church has accepted into full membership through the years people of all other races and nationalities.

The pastor did not indicate immediately what influence, if any, he would attempt to have while the 69 deacons undertake their study of up to six months. He said he will work with the board as they do it. Adams said he was "gratified" the church voted the way it did on the recommendations.

Adams said also, "for the next six months (the study period) we are in the same place we have been since 1840."



State Evangelistic Conference sessions held at First Church, Little Rock

Shadow of Winston Churchill

PASTORS, missionaries and evangelists from all sections of Arkansas were on hand last week at First Church, Little Rock, for the annual state evangelism conference of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Opening the first session with the first of a series of four studies of the miracles of Jesus, Dr. William E. Hull, associate professor of New Testament Interpretation at the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., said, "Our generation of ministers needs a miracle. God can come and bend our question marks of despondency into exclamation points of achievement."

"We meet this week in the shadow of Winston Churchill whom destiny gave a hell with which to work," Dr. Hull said. "Faced with the inferno of world war, he lifted two indomitable fingers against the threatening sky in sign of victory, believing a miracle would happen. Does the stance of this great statesman mock the preacher of today? Arkansas is waiting to see if we can perform a miracle."

Dr. C. Y. Dossey, associate secretary of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board

of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, discussed "The Meaning of Evangelism."



REV. JESSE REED

Some get the idea that living a good clean life, going to church, tithing, etc., is evangelism, said Dr. Dossey. But he pointed out that evangelism is "confronting the lost with Christ and leading them to accept him as their Lord and Savior."

Nelson Tull, secretary of the Brotherhood department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, a layman, emphasized that personal, door-to-door witnessing by Christians is a necessary part of evangelism. He presented charts of figures to show that in

his own experiences he has seen an average of slightly more than one convert to Christ for each time he has given his Christian witness in homes.

Planned invitations

Pastors and evangelists need to give as much attention to the preparation and planning of the invitations they are to give at the close of their preaching services as they give to preparing their sermons, Dr. Charles B. Howard, of Buies Creek, N. C., veteran-pastor, evangelist and college professor, said in the closing address of the session.

Dr. Howard said that he made it a practice never to preach without giving an invitation. On at least three occasions, he said, he had given invitations at funerals he had conducted and had seen large numbers of people lift their hands on these occasions indicating their acceptance of Christ.

Just as the surgeon is careful to be clean and to use sterile instruments, the minister should be morally pure so that when he has preached and is giving the invitation he can extend a clean hand to those he is urging to accept Christ and his way of life, he concluded.

Baptists called to 'agonize, mobilize, visualize'



DR. WAYNE DEHONEY

THREE words of encouragement for Southern Baptists were spoken here Wednesday of last week by Dr. Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, at the closing session of the annual State Evangelism Conference at First Church: "Agonize, mobilize, visualize."

If Southern Baptists are to accept their role of winning the world to Christ, "we must get before God on our knees and ask the Holy Spirit to examine and cleanse and stir our hearts," said Dr. Dehoney.

He urged that Baptists not get sidetracked from their No. 1 calling: To reach people for Jesus Christ.

Sometimes ministers get to feeling that their work at a given place is finished, and they are thinking of having come through a building program or of having reached a stand-still with Sunday School enrollment and attendance, or of stalemate in the amount of the church budget, said Dr. Dehoney. But oftentimes the emphasis is in the wrong place, he continued, adding that a minister may be finished but the minister's work—of winning people to the Lord—is never finished.

On the matter of mobilization, Dr. Dehoney said that preachers, deacons, and Sunday School teachers will never be able to win the world. He called for total mobilization of the manpower of the churches.

In the third place, he urged

Baptists, "Let us look up to see God as the source of our power and direction."

Says God speaks

In a brief summary of the challenge of today, Dr. Dehoney mentioned the phenomenal spread of communist domination, in the last 40 years, to hold sway over a third of the people of the earth; the threatening population explosion; and the moral and spiritual plight of our nation and of civilization. All of this is as "hand-writing on the wall" to call Southern Baptists to listen to what God is trying to say to them, he said.

Great Society

Dr. Dehoney, who attended the special worship service Dr. Billy Graham conducted for President Johnson and guests in Washington on inauguration day, had kind words for the President and his program for meeting the material needs of the people of the nation. But he said the Great Society must be built through spiritual channels, not through anything that is possible from the material standpoint.

Refusing to be pessimistic about the outlook for Southern Baptists, Dehoney said he did not agree with some who are saying we are now living in the post-Christian era and that we are moving into another Dark Age.

Stagnation of statistics

Discussing something of a stagnation of statistics in recent years that has seen Southern Baptists at a standstill or actual decline in membership in some of its organizations, such as Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, Dr. Dehoney said Southern Baptists have "ceased to focus attention on reaching people." A part of this he attributed to the trend in recent years of introspection, seen in the many surveys of Baptist institutions and programs that have been made. Warning of the

danger of "paralysis of analysis" and the possibility of "analyzing till fossilize," he said the time comes when we must turn from self-analysis to "going on, with the grace of God, to do what we are supposed to do—reach the people."

In a brief reference to theological controversy which has troubled Southern Baptists as a denomination in the last few years, Dr. Dehoney suggested that we seemed to have been "arguing over who was Melchisedec and letting lost people go to hell because we have not been telling them who Jesus Christ is."

The best defense of the Bible and of the faith is to preach the gospel, which proves its validity by changing the world.

He concluded that one's orthodoxy is not worth anything if the gospel that one preaches is not winning lost people to Christ.

No time for civil war

A YOUNG Baptist seminary professor, in an address to the Baptist State Evangelistic Conference here last week at First Church, lashed out at "heretic hunters" who spend their time and energy fighting their fellow Christians.

Taking as his text Jesus' answer to the charges of the scribes that he performed his miracles through an alliance with Beelzebub (Mark 3: 22-27). Dr. William E. Hull, of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., pointed out that Christ had declared that neither a kingdom, a house, nor Satan himself can stand if divided. Christians must do battle, but they cannot afford to engage in civil war, he said.

Dr. Hull described as the great heresy of today the idea that "we can defeat Satan without a fight." He decried a general attitude among Christians of "Let us keep peace at all cost. Let us not fight. Let us not be controversial." He described as tragic heresy the belief that "somehow Christians can establish the righteousness of God without a fight."



DR. C. Y. DOSSEY

One of the most striking words of Jesus to his disciples, as recorded in the New Testament, is that he and his disciples are in an all-out war with Satan, said Dr. Hull, as he recalled the words of Jesus: "Beware when all men speak well of you."

"Our lives as Christians should be too busy fighting evil wherever we find it to spend our energy fighting our own kind," he continued. "The Christian who can

spend all his time fighting his brothers has not looked into hell."

But even Christians cannot be the victors in battling evil except through their dependence on Jesus Christ as their great commander," Dr. Hull concluded.

In an address on "The Person of the Holy Spirit," Dr. C. Y. Dossey, of the staff of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, emphasized that Christians cannot do the work of God without the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. He declared the Holy Spirit to be "as surely God as is God the Father or God the Son" and urged ministers to preach on the Holy Spirit and his place in Christian endeavors. He pointed out that the Holy Spirit inspired men to write the Holy Scriptures; that the Holy Spirit calls men to preach and Christians to witness; that the Holy Spirit convicts men of sin and points them to Christ for their salvation.

Dr. B. K. Selph, pastor of First Church, Benton, speaking on "Human Responsibility and Evangelism," said:

The fact that God, the creator of the universe, made man in his own image, giving to man the power to think, leaves man with

the power and necessity of choice. God has seen fit to give to man, his creation, the power to say yes or no to the call of God to live for him.

Man is individually responsible to God for his sins and Christians are responsible for doing everything they can to lead others to be reconciled to God and to their fellow men.



DR. CHARLES B. HOWARD

Dr. Charles B. Howard, of Buies Creek, N. C., in one of a series of sermons to the conference, discussed "Preaching in the Spirit."

"I wish I could come and kneel at the feet of every Christian and beg him to make himself available and expendable to Jesus," Dr. Howard said. "It's a terrible, disjointed world in which we live. Pray God that he will give us a spirit-filled ministry."

The world was much the same at the beginning of the Christian era as it is today, but 20th Century Christians seem to be far less directed by the Holy Spirit than were the first disciples, Dr. Howard said. Pointing to "earmarks of the Spirit-filled ministry" as seen in the lives of the first Christians, he said that those disciples were "ridiculously happy;" "always getting into trouble" by dealing with controversial issues; "always telling all they knew of the truth entrusted to them;" "didn't tell more than they knew;" and "preached and lived with burning hearts."



AT EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE—Rev. J. T. Elliff, director of the Religious Education Division of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, talks with three delegates for the State Evangelistic Conference—Rev. George Fletcher of Perryville, Rev. J. Russell Duffer of Corning and Rev. Amos Greer of Pine Bluff.



Dr. and Mrs. Walter L. Johnson

Johnsons move to Bluefield

DR. Walter L. Johnson, pastor of University Church, Fayetteville, since its organization in 1953, has resigned to become professor in Religion, at Bluefield Baptist College, Bluefield, Va.

When University Church was organized, almost twelve years ago, it had no buildings or equipment, but had paid \$4,000 down on almost two acres of land near the geographical center of the city, three and one-half blocks from the University of Arkansas. In the first year the congregation built an educational building with 10,000 square feet of floor space. Later it purchased a residence and lot adjoining the church property, and, in 1962, completed a sanctuary. The church now has equipment worth \$300,000.

Before becoming pastor of the University Church, Dr. Johnson for five years and five months was pastor of the First Church, Fayetteville. During his tenure as a pastor in Fayetteville, he reports, he has made 20,000 pastoral calls, had a part in the building or securing of church properties worth \$450,000 and has seen 2,600 mem-

bers received into the churches.

A native of Kentucky, Dr. Johnson received the degree of bachelor of arts from Georgetown College and did the classroom for the masters in arts degree from the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky. For six years he studied at the Southern Seminary, Louisville, and received from that institution the degrees of Th.B., Th.M. and Ph.D. For the last three years of his study there, he was chosen by Dr. W. Hersey Davis and Dr. A. T. Robertson as fellow in the department of Greek New Testament, grading papers and teaching while studying toward the Ph.D. degree.

After graduation from the Seminary, he served as pastor of First Church, Mt. Airy, N. C., for three years. Then he and Mrs. Johnson went to Mexico as missionaries under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board, studying the Spanish language for two years. He served as vice president and professor in the Mexican Baptist Seminary for two years, teaching the Greek New Testa-

ment, Homiletics and Religious Education in Spanish.

From 1942 to 1947, Dr. Johnson was pastor of First Church, Philadelphia, Miss.

The deacons of University Church and their wives gave a surprise dinner for their pastor and his wife at the Holiday Inn on Jan. 16.

On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 17, the pastor's last Sunday in the University Church pulpit, the church held a reception honoring the Johnsons, and, that evening presented them a love offering.

Mrs. Johnson was formerly Miss Bessie Kemper of Georgetown, Ky., a college classmate of her husband. They have two children, Paul, who is minister of Music at First Church, Texarkana, Tex., and Mrs. Robert S. Smith, whose husband is professor of Voice at Bluefield College.

Mrs. Johnson is a public school teacher and has taught eleven years in Arkansas; for the last ten years at Springdale. She will teach in the public schools of Tazewell, Va.

Hodges honored

IT has come to our attention a native Arkansan, Isom B. Hodges, was honored last fall as Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., observed its first Founder's Day. Mr. Hodges, the founder and first president of the seminary, was the key speaker for the occasion. He took as his subject, "A Dream Come True."

Mr. Hodges was born and reared in Fulton County, on Jan. 18, 1895. He was ordained to the ministry in 1916 at Elizabeth. He attended Mountain Home College, Mountain Home; Ouachita College, Arkadelphia; Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; and Baptist Divinity School in Berkeley, Calif.

He is now retired and living in San Leandro, Calif. His sister, Mrs. Lanis Ashley, of 4222 Potter Street, Little Rock, reports that he is failed in health.

Baptist hospital pastoral training

A SPECIAL six-weeks course in clinical pastoral training for ministers will be offered beginning in July by the Department of Pastoral Care at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Dr. Don Corley, director of the department, announced this week.

The course will be open to all qualified, ordained ministers in Arkansas and will be conducted for 35 hours each week, Monday through Friday. Upon completion of the total of 210 hours, the student will receive a stipend of \$75.

Purpose of the course will be to give the Christian minister an opportunity to understand human experience through stressful interpersonal relations, to develop a growing capability in pastoral relations, to work with interprofessional groups, and to develop a guideline for personal maturity in pastoral concern.

The course will cover religious factors in personality development, pastoral counseling with the sick, religion and psychiatry, formal pastoral counseling, and community resources for pastoral care.

Dr. Corley said that only six ministers would be accepted in each class, but that more than one class could be organized. He plans to offer two such courses in 1966, and three in 1967, eventually having four a year.

A seminar on pastoral counseling, to be conducted at a breakfast meeting to be held each Tuesday for 12 weeks, will be held during February, March and April. This will be a shorter course in clinical pastoral education covering a portion of the work, without the actual working with patients, which the more concentrated summer course will offer. Psychiatrists and other physicians will be special lecturers at both courses.

The Administration has also approved raising the stipend for the one-year intern program in clinical pastoral education from \$2,400 to \$3,500, Dr. Corley said.

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Lloyd Sparkman retires

REV. Lloyd A. Sparkman, formerly a pastor in Arkansas, has retired after almost 11 years as pastor of First Church, Kosciusko, Miss. During Pastor Sparkman's ministry there a total of 775 members were received by letter, 490 by baptism, gifts totaled \$961,918.93, of which a total of \$312,079.58 went for missions, \$235,806 through the Cooperative Program. The church established two missions, one of which has become Parkway Baptist Church. Seven men from the church entered the ministry during this time.

The Sparkmans will now be located at Route 2, Box 102C, Biloxi, Miss., telephone 432-2584. Brother Sparkman is available for revivals and interim pastorates.

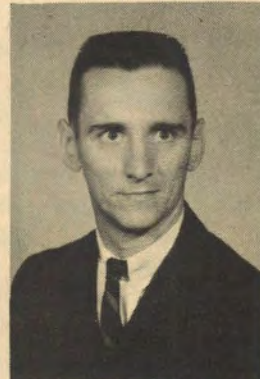
Makes honor roll

WAYNE Douglas Wilson, Blytheville, in his first year as a cadet at U. S. Air Force Academy, Denver, Colo., made the dean's list for the first semester with a 3.3 average on 21.75 semester hours of work.

Cadet Wilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson, Blytheville. Mrs. Wilson, the former Alice Bledsoe, is a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. John D. Bledsoe. Her father was widely known and loved during a long ministry in Arkansas.

TYLER Street Church, Little Rock, ordained three deacons January 17. They were Clyde Matheny, Clarence Perkins and Bill Pryor.

Arkansas seminary graduates



FORT WORTH, Tex. (SWBTS) —Six students from Arkansas were among the 103 persons who were graduated from Southwestern Seminary here Jan. 21.

Commencement speaker was Dr. Roy C. McClung, president, Wayland College, Plainview, Tex.

Arkansas graduates are:

Bachelor of Divinity: Benjamin Bledsoe, Stuttgart; Troy Carroll, Cabot; James T. Jackson, Paragould; and Frankie Shell, Melbourne.

Master of church music: Carry E. Spann, North Little Rock.

Master of Religious Education: John W. Cutsinger, Little Rock.



ARKANSAS PASTORS AT SEMINARY CONFERENCE—Six Baptist pastors from Arkansas were among the 99 from 16 states who attended a recent Continuing Theological Education Conference at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. They are (left to right) P. E. Claybrook, pastor, First

Church, Paragould; Harry G. Jacobs, First Church, Osceola; Carroll D. Caldwell, First Church, Clarksville; Carl M. Overton, Trinity Church, Benton; Bernes K. Selph, First Church, Benton, and Walter L. Johnson, University Church, Fayetteville.

McBeth in ASCAP

W. FRANCIS McBeth, associate professor of music at Ouachita University, has been elected to membership in the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

McBeth, who has been on the Ouachita faculty since 1957, has had three compositions for band published, and has established a national reputation as a composer. His "Third Symphony for Orchestra," written as his doctoral dissertation, earned him the annual Howard Hansen Award at the Eastman School of Music.

W. L. McCulloch dies

W. L. McCulloch, an active member of Central Church, North Little Rock, died January 27.

A retired boilermaker for Missouri Pacific Lines, he served on the North Little Rock Planning Commission from its organization in 1945 until it was abolished and reorganized last month.

Mrs. McCulloch is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hetha Price McCulloch; two sons, Ed L. McCulloch of Cleveland, O., and T. D. McCulloch of Fort Worth, Tex.; two daughters, Mrs. Thelma Paul and Miss Dot McCulloch of North Little Rock; a sister, Mrs. Pauline Gifford of Fort Worth, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

J. L. Carter honored

ONE of Ouachita College's all-time great athletes, J. L. (Nick) Carter, has now been added to the Arkansas Hall of Fame. Mr. Carter, Arkadelphia businessman and formerly business manager of Ouachita College, was among the honorees here on Thursday night of last week for the seventh annual Arkansas Hall of Fame banquet.

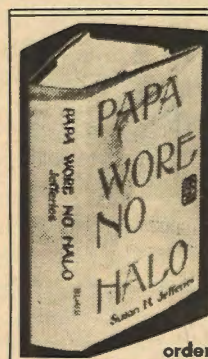
In introducing Mr. Carter, Mayor Louis Crow, of Arkadelphia, took note of the fact that Carter is a Baptist deacon (in First Church, Arkadelphia) and quipped: "Of course, we had to lower the standards a little."

T. P. Thomas dies

T. P. (Tommy) Thomas, 73, well known Smackover business man, was fatally injured in a car accident Jan. 22. He and his wife, the former Miss Donnie Bowden, lived in the Elliott community, near Camden, where they belonged to the Elliott Church.

Besides his wife, Mr. Thomas is survived by a son and two daughters: T. P., Jr., of Smackover; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Scott, Smackover; and Donna Ann, a graduate student at the University of Arkansas.

Funeral services were held Jan. 25 at the Elliott Church, with the pastor, Rev. Danny Griffin, in charge, assisted by Rev. Delbert McAtee, pastor of First Church, Smackover.



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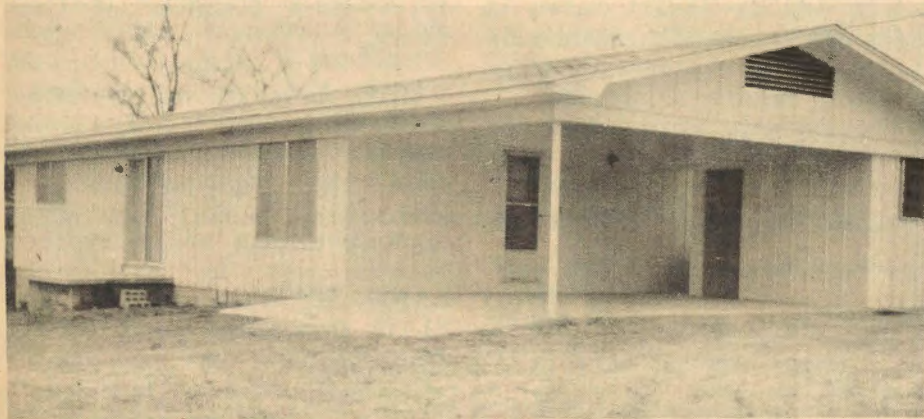
ON Sunday afternoon, Jan. 17, Harmony Church, near Piggot, Gainesville Association, ordained James English to the gospel ministry. The ordaining Council was composed of pastors and deacons from churches throughout the association.

Rev. Edgar Griffin, pastor of New Hope Church, served as moderator of the Council; Rev. Kenneth Threet, pastor of First Church, Piggott, questioned the candidate; Rev. Sam Pillow, now retired, led the ordaining prayer; Rev. H. W. Johnston, former missionary of Gainesville-Current River Associations, gave the charge; Rev. J. Russell Duffer, superintendent of missions for Gainesville-Current River Associations, preached the ordination sermon.

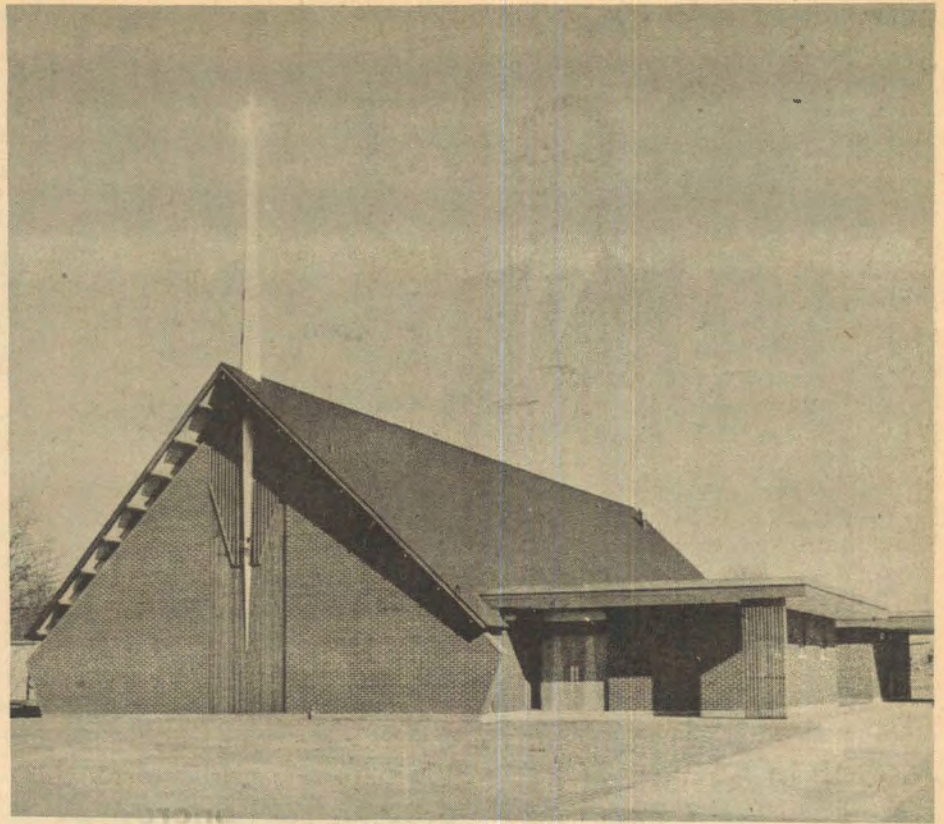
At the close of the service Deacon Hollis, of Harmony Church, presented to Mr. English a new Bible and commended the Bible to him for guidance.

Mr. English is married and has two sons, Bobby, 8, and David, 5. He is also employed by the Irby Ford Sales in Piggott as body repair man.

DR. Andrew M. Hall, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, will speak at the Religious Emphasis Week at Southern State College, Magnolia, March 8-9, and will conduct two seminars.



MEMORIAL PARSONAGE—Rev. John Clement and family had open house at the new parsonage of Memorial Church, Hot Springs, Dec. 13. The home contains three-bedrooms, a den, two baths and a double carport. It will be bricked in the future.



Geyer Springs Baptist Church

Ray to Missouri

REV. Lawrence Ray has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Pocahontas, to become pastor of First Church, Ironton, Mo. He had been pastor of the Pocahontas church for the past seven years.

On his new field, Pastor Ray will continue to keep posted on Arkansas Baptist affairs through the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

Geyer Springs dedication

GEYER Springs First Church dedicated its new building Sunday afternoon (Jan. 31). Erected at a cost of \$105,000, the building includes the sanctuary, with a capacity of more than 400; educational space for 40 young people and 250 adults; and offices of the pastor, minister of music and secretary.

Rev. J. T. Elliff, secretary of the department of Religious Education of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was the dedication speaker.

The new church building includes new furniture throughout, a new organ and a new grand piano.

Geyer Springs began in 1939 as a mission of South Highland Church, Little Rock. Its first pastor was Rev. J. D. Gardner. An educational building, which will continue to serve the church, was constructed in 1959. It includes five nurseries, two beginner and three primary departments.

The pastor is Rev. W. E. Perry. Norman Coad is minister of music and youth.



PARTICIPANTS in a performance of Mozart's one act comic opera, "The Impresario," at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, recently, were, left to right: **Larry Nelson, Crossett; Mrs. Mary Shambarger, director of the opera and professor of Voice at Southern; Dick Hill, Wynne; Norma Clayton, Tuckerman; and Billy Jones, Mena.**



REV. LES STANLEY

New associate pastor

REV. LES Stanley recently came to Central Church, Jonesboro, as associate pastor. His work will be in the realm of Christian education and developing a graded choir program for

the church.

Mr. Stanley was born in El Dorado, but grew up in Houston, Tex. He attended the University of Houston and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. He has served as a minister of music in churches for 17 years and 11 of those years he served either as educational director or associate pastor. He is an ordained minister.

Mrs. Stanley is an organist and pianist and has taught classes in both. She assists Mr. Stanley in the graded choir programs and is presently serving as pianist.

The Stanleys come from the First Church, Katy, Tex. They have three children: Deborah, 11; John Mark, 8; and Patricia Ann, 7.

Baptist editor honored

EDITOR Erwin L. McDonald of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* was one of five Arkansans nominated by the readers of *Arkansas Democrat*, Little Rock daily newspaper, for 1964 Man of the Year in Arkansas. The designation went to Joshua K. Shepherd, Little Rock insurance counselor and past president of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce.

MRS. Edna Benson, an office secretary in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department, Nashville, for the past quarter of a century, has retired due to ill health.

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MRS. W. PAYTON KOLB

Woman of the Year

MRS. W. Payton Kolb, Little Rock, active church woman and community and civic leader, was selected by readers of the *Arkansas Democrat* as 1964 Greater Little Rock Woman of the Year.

Mrs. Kolb is a member of Pulaski Heights Church, where she is superintendent of the Married Young Peoples' department of the Sunday School; sponsor of the 16-year-old Training Union department; and leader of the junior Girls' Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Union.

She was active in the successful campaign against legalization of gambling, by Churches United Against Gambling; a member of the task force for Arkansas to study mental retardation, under the direction of the State Health department; a member of the board of the Greater Little Rock Conference on Race and Religion; a member of the board of the Health and Welfare Council; and is active in the Parent-Teachers' Associations of the Pulaski Heights Elementary School and the Hall High School.

Last fall, she was appointed chairman of the Little Rock Committee of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, an organization aimed at reducing the cost of crime and delinquency at the local level.

Watson Chapel library

WATSON Chapel Church, Harmony Association, Pine Bluff, dedicated its new library at the morning service Jan. 31. Pastor Eddie McCord was in charge of the dedication. The library was established as a memorial in May, 1964, and will be known as the Hazel West Ryburn Memorial Library.

Sunday School classes and individuals have provided draperies, furniture an oil portrait of Mrs. Ryburn, and many of the books for the library.

Librarians are Mrs. S. A. Ferguson, Mrs. Jerrell Oden and Mrs. Bob Hill.

The library committee is composed of Mrs. Fred P. Kealer, chairman, Mrs. Lester A. Waymack, Mrs. Olin Owens, Bob Hill and Emmett Sanders.

To teach German

MARY Jo Stilger, a senior at Ouachita University, has been awarded an assistantship to teach German at the University of Arkansas beginning next fall.

Dr. Wayne Peterson, head of the Ouachita department of German, said Miss Stilger will teach five semester hours. She is planning to graduate in August from Ouachita with a major in German.

Miss Stilger has made both the dean's and the president's academic honor roll. She is presently working as an assistant in the Ouachita German laboratory.



MISS STILGER



LOUISVILLE GRADUATES—Three students from Arkansas were among the 102 graduated from Southern Seminary here at mid-session commencement exercises Jan. 22: (Left to right)

Robert A. Dottley, McGehee, bachelor of divinity; William H. Halbert Jr., Little Rock, master of religious education; J. Jennings Partin, Russellville, B.D.

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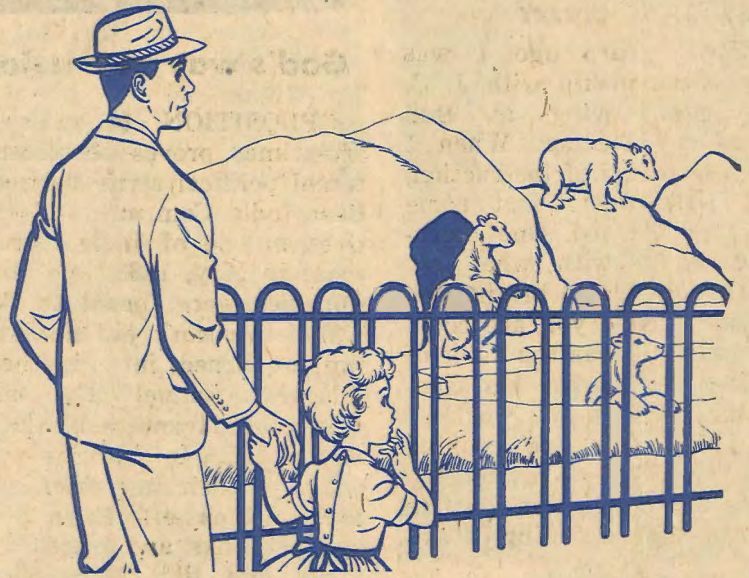
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BY THELMA C. CARTER

TO VISIT a zoo and see the different kinds of animals is exciting for most of us. Today's zoos have special animal enclosures, monkey islands, and bird cages. Do you know that collections of animals have been made since ancient times? Zoos possibly began when the first cave men made pets of wild animals and began collecting them.

Zoos were known in Palestine when David and Jonathan were boys. Collections of animals existed when Jesus lived there. However, these collections usually were owned by kings and other wealthy men. They were kept in private gardens or on the palace grounds and were not open for the people to enjoy.

Collections of wild beasts and hunting birds were symbols of power among many ancient rulers. Creatures of great strength, such as lions, leopards, bears, elephants, and wild boars, were special favorites of kings. Caged hawks, vultures, and falcons were prized possessions of rich people.

The Egyptians were famous for their collections of elephants, antelope, giraffes, camels, rhinoceroses, and hippopotamuses, as

well as many beautiful birds. Crocodiles and alligators also were collected and revered.

China is known to have had the first planned zoo. In it were beautiful flower gardens, arched bridges, streams of water, fish, and colorful water birds. In later times, Greece and Rome kept great collections of animals in gardens. These were open to the public.

The first zoo to be planned in much the same manner as we have them today began in Paris. Later, zoos were started in London and throughout Europe. In our country, the first zoo was opened in Philadelphia in 1874.

Today most large cities of other countries, as well as our own, have one or more zoos. Often nearby are beautiful flower gardens, scenic lakes, and bridges, as they were in the ancient world.

We know that all animals are God's creations and that they have a purpose in this wondrous world of ours. "And God created . . . every living creature that moveth" (Genesis 1:21).

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Cooking with gas

By J. I. COSSEY

SEVERAL years ago I was studying salesmanship with J. C. Padgett, now living at Bull Shoals, as my teacher. When I went for my period of instruction, I would first talk about some things I had learned. One morning I came up with what my teacher thought was a bright idea and he said, "Now you are cooking with gas." It was the habit of my teacher to express his complete satisfaction of my work by saying, "Now you are cooking with gas." Every time my teacher would use this expression I would bubble over with a feeling of satisfaction.

When I want to express my joy at some church work well done, I find myself saying, "Now you are cooking with gas!" In these days when it is so hard to get church work done, leaders should be quick to express a deep appreciation for any work that is done well. Work done, when pay is not expected, is the most fruitful type of work. I would say that any person while doing a job without pay is "cooking with gas."

One day my son, Robert, was driving a truck near Black Rock when trouble developed. A man with a great handicap stopped and asked, "Can I help you?" He turned his car and took Robert into Black Rock to get what was necessary to get him going. The man would not accept any pay for his kindness. Later that same year, I was driving the same truck and had a flat. This same handicapped man came by and helped me. Still later that same year this man died and I was asked to preach his funeral. This man was not a professed Christian, but at his funeral I said he practiced many Christian graces. I could certainly say that he was "cooking with the gas" of Christianity.

The expression, "cooking with gas," is a spirit lifter. One day after I had come through one of my struggling years at Ouachita College, Dr. R. G. Bowers, the

*Beacon Lights
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Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

God's way in missions

OPPOSITION to missions oftentimes proves beneficent. Internal political strife between the East India Company and the natives in one of India's provinces arose in May, 1838, and the missionaries were forced to flee.

But the work did not stop; it simply turned into another and enlarged channel. The missionaries took advantage of their new surroundings by learning the language of their new friends. They doubled their efforts in preparation of books and tracts.

Not only did the missionaries contend with the people's uprisings, but the climate proved a problem to many of them. Because of his health, a Mr. Bronson was forced to go inland into Nowgong, central Assam. Here he opened a school, April, 1842, with eighty pupils. The next year the Now-

president, said to me, "I am proud of the progress you have made this year."

I would say that a college president is "cooking with gas" when he stops to give a word of encouragement to a struggling student.

When Carrol Fowler, pastor of Spring River Church, told me that he visited on his church field six hours per day, five days each week, I would say he is "cooking with gas." I was not surprised when he told me that the Spring River Church had received seventy members since he became pastor. I would say that Carrol Fowler is an outstanding pastor.

Dr. Ben L. Bridges was "cooking with gas" when he led Arkansas Baptists to pay every dollar of indebtedness when legally they did not have to do it. When you perform an outstanding type of leadership and do it without any extra pay, I would say you are "cooking with gas." We need more people who aspire to the high bracket of dedicated living.

gong Orphan Institution was added.

As the missionaries moved about due to the inner turmoil of the people churches were established, located in the most important towns.

But many felt that the most lasting work of any institution was done by the orphanage. Though it only operated 12 years, and never had more than 50 children at any time, its christian training had an ever-widening influence.

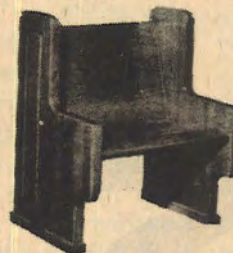
In 1849 missionary Stoddard baptized a 12 year old boy from the orphanage named Kandura. He grew up to be a scholar and businessman. He held a responsible position with the government which paid him 20 dollars monthly, a good salary for that time and place.

When the missionary pastor of the church at Gowahati had to return to the United States for his health, this left the congregation without a pastor. Where would they turn for a leader? Someone mentioned Kandura. Would he accept the work?

When approached he said he would be willing to give up his government position and take the pastorate of the church. His salary was seven dollars and fifty cents per month.

"Can you hold out until someone arrives?" asked Mr. Bronson, a mission leader. "My wish is to hold out till death," Kandura replied. (S. F. Smith, Missionary Sketches, p. 160)

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DR. DOUGLAS

In the "TITHE . . . NOW" emphasis, we are urging each association to set a tithe's goal. This goal ought not be less than 33 percent of the membership.

With this associational goal, each church will be urged to set a definite goal.

We would like for all associational goals to be set by March 1.

Associational Executive Board members! Please discuss this in your next Board meeting and lead the association to adopt a goal.

We have sent report cards to each association; so please mail them to us by March 1.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

Evangelism

The new planbook

THERE is some new material and there are many wonderful ideas in the new 1965 Evangelism Planbook. It carries out the theme of the year of our convention, "A Church Fulfilling its Mission Through Worship." The first article is a superb message on worship by Dr.



MR. REED

John Bob Riddle of Birmingham, Alabama. Each pastor should earnestly study this message and see where he may improve the worship services in his Church.

Other items of interest are: A suggested Calender for Revival Preparation; Steps to take in pro-

moting the Adult Thrust through the Sunday School; Soul-winning Commitment Day and instructions for the Committed. The Training Union Program of Evangelism for 1965; Cultivative Commitment Witnessing for January-March and the Associational Sunday School Witnessing Campaign. Material is now being made available for this to be used in individual churches.

One of our major problems is the non-resident member list growing so big. An honest effort is being made by the Sunday School Board and the Division of Evangelism to solve this problem. Some definite recommendations are given as to the steps taken to reach the 3,000,000 non-resident Baptists.

A pre-revival visitation program is outlined along with suggestions for Direct Mailing to promote the revival: The Spiritual Growth Program is explained; an outline for the Teacher-led Evangelistic Service; Sunday School high attendance plan and New Member Orientation Program.

The last and most important item is an outline to be followed for the prayer program of a revival.

Brother Pastor, don't pass lightly over this helpful Book. Go back and read it again, then study it and mark the items you can use.

Religious Education

Testimony for Siloam

THE following is a testimony from Reverend Edgar Griffin, Pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, Pollard:



MR. GRIFFIN

"It will be impossible to tell you all of the good that resulted in one of our Intermediate boys going to Siloam Encampment last year.

"The Sunday morning following his return, he came to me and said he had something that he wanted to tell to the church, and I have never heard a more touching and convincing testimony of his surrendering his life to the service of the Lord. It made such an impact upon our people, especially our Intermediates and Young People, that a great revival was the result.

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The February magazine

DO you read the *Training Union Magazine*? One of the best ways to become informed and stay informed about Training Union work is to read the *Training Union Magazine* every month.



MR. DAVIS

The February magazine features some of the ministries of a church. One of the four functions of a church is to minister to the needs of people. Task 2 of the Training Union is to train church members to perform the functions of the church.

Editor Lamar Moffet has "Something Mighty Excitin'" on page 6, telling us how to use the February issue.

How may our churches meet the needs of exceptional persons? On pages 7-9 we see how one church trained her exceptional persons.

"New Oral - Deaf Ministry Grows" is a helpful article you will find on pages 10-11.

You must not neglect to read "Life Commitment Week" on page 22 and "Modern Clergy—A Calling or a Career?" on page 23. These articles reveal the need for church related vocational guidance conferences that we are preparing for the State Youth Convention (First Church, Little Rock, April 16), and at our Assemblies.

Just plan to read the entire Magazine. Don't overlook "Using the Covers of your Adult Quarterlies" on page 30.—Training Union Department, Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Brotherhood

Brotherhood convention

THE ANNUAL State Brotherhood Convention is scheduled for Friday and Saturday March 5 and 6 at the Arkansas Baptist Campground. We are pulling for a capacity attendance of 200 men.

We are grateful for the privilege of holding our Convention in a quiet place, away from parking problems and the rustle and bustle of a city. Meals will be served at the Camp Cafeteria, and beds are available for those who will stay over for the Saturday Morning session. The cost per man will be held to a much lower figure than would be possible under any other arrangement.



MR. TULL

All but one of the surviving former State Brotherhood Presidents will attend the convention, and each will have a part on the program. The Friday evening session will be a time of celebration. The Saturday Morning session will feature several demonstrations which will be interesting and very informative. The first session on Friday afternoon will be a time of getting acquainted, and of good fellowship among brethren.

Harry Brewer, State Brotherhood President, is putting much prayer and work into preparations for the greatest Brotherhood Convention in the history of Arkansas Baptists. We trust that you who read this article will plan immediately to attend the convention and also work among the men of your church to build a worthy representation of your men at the convention.

Pray with us for a great time together!—Nelson Tull



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Children of the kingdom

BY C. W. BROCKWELL, JR.
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TEXT: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43
FEBRUARY 7, 1965

"HE certainly is a fine person; good personality, talented, dependable. All he really needs is Christ."



MR. BROCKWELL

All he needs is Christ? Is that the major difference between a child of God and a child of the devil? Very frankly, that is the difference. But that difference is not to be taken lightly. The difference Christ makes is so great that no man can accomplish it and yet so slight that childlike faith can begin it.

Children of the kingdom are different. The difference is inward and cannot be seen. Yet it is also outward and must be seen. The Christian is out of step with the world but is in step with the Creator of the world. Therefore, this difference becomes a problem both to the believer and to the unbeliever. The unbeliever sees the Christian as an irritator, a crusader and very much a disturber of the peace. ("After all it's my life and I'll live it like I choose!") On the other hand, the believer soon discovers he has little in common with the philosophy and practice of the unbeliever. What is he then to do, isolate himself from them or co-exist with them?

Weeds and wheat

JESUS told the parable of the weeds and the wheat to prevent the disciples from becoming discouraged when persecution arose or when converts would be hard to find. The central teaching of the story has not yet been fully learned by men. The weeds, though they have tried and will

continue to try, will not be able to choke the wheat. The wheat, though they too have tried (evangelism, asceticism and universalism) will not be able to convert all of the weeds. The two will co-exist until the Divine Reaper comes to separate them.

Jesus interpreted the parable for us. ORIGINAL SOWER-Son of Man, FIELD-the world; GOOD SEED-children of the kingdom; TARES-children of the wicked one; ENEMY SOWER - devil; HARVEST - end of the world; REAPERS - angels.

The story was so simple the disciples were unaware of its drama being acted out within their own group. The betrayer was one of them and would soon be an instrument of the devil in the death of Jesus. James and John would soon want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the unbelieving Samaritans.

Attitude to lost

NOW the questions clamor for attention. How should the Christian treat the unredeemed sinner? Are Christians free to associate with unbelievers? Is there some way to tell the difference between the child of the kingdom and the child of the wicked one?

Jesus' own life and example answers the questions the story raises. He did not look down upon the sinners but into their hearts to tell them there was a better life than they were living. His harsh words were reserved for the blind religious hypocrites who were in a position to lead others into the ditch. Jesus was always approachable to the worst scoundrel but he never appeared to partake of their evil deeds. The "outs" never accused him of doing wrong though the "ins"

screamed when he ignored their pious practices.

As far as telling the difference between the weeds and the wheat was concerned, Jesus' call was to "follow me" and those who followed (not tagged along) were children of the kingdom. The rest he sought to win but refused to lower his standards when most of them rejected his way. As a matter of fact, he seemed to make the following more difficult the closer he came to Calvary. He knew the wheat would temporarily wilt (they all forsook him) and later produce fruit, but he also knew the weeds would crucify him in one last effort to keep him from producing fruit.

While this story primarily concerns the relationship of the weeds and the wheat, the coming of the reaper must not be overlooked. God will separate the two in his own time and way. The separation will be final and complete. The useless weeds will be destroyed but the useful wheat will "shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

Conclusion

IT is becoming increasingly difficult to tell the difference between the "professed Christian" and the "professed non-Christian." The "professed non-Christian" is engaging in more and more charitable activities and often bestows his goods upon the needy. On the other hand, the "professed Christian" is becoming more and more a legalistic follower of the church without developing Christian character. Nevertheless, the difference will show up when the fruit is brought forth and God will reward accordingly.

On the street or road where you live there are probably children of the kingdom and children of the devil living side by side. While you are neighbors and your families intermingle, you, a child of God, must never forget who you are, where you are going and for whom you are living.

"If you have ears, then hear" (Matthew 13:43b, The New English Bible).

A pastor's tribute

IN a personal tribute to Donald E. Barks, who died of carbon monoxide poisoning Jan. 21, Dr. Robert L. Smith, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, where Mr. Barks served as minister of music, said in the weekly church bulletin of Jan. 29:

"The devotion and energy which Mr. Barks applied to his work was nothing short of astonishing. In retrospect, it is evident now that he worked too hard. For him, that work was never laborious.

"He loved music as no man we have ever worked with, and found through it a means of genuine service to his Lord. The framed motto which adorns the wall of our choir room seemed to embody Don's attitude toward his ministry: **MUSIC NEVER GETS TOO GOOD FOR GOD.**"

"In an amazingly brief period of time, Don Barks left his mark on every phase of our church. His contribution to the music ministry here has been permanent. More than that, he won a place in the heart of every person associated with his ministry.

"In this life we shall never have a satisfactory answer to the 'whys' our hearts are asking, but we shall always have a sense of gratitude for the time we had together."

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A Smile or Two

Etiquette

RECENTLY we attended a formal church wedding. As a young usher led us down the aisle to a seat he asked the usual question, "Are you a friend of the bride or the groom?"

"A friend of both," was the polite reply.

"I'm sorry, sir," the young man said nervously, "but I'm afraid you'll have to choose a side. You see, I haven't any instructions on where to seat neutrals."

Painless dentistry

MR. and Mrs. Appleton entered the dentist's office.

Mrs. Appleton said, "I want a tooth pulled. I don't want gas or novocaine because I'm in a terrible hurry. Just pull the tooth out as quickly as possible."

"You certainly are a brave woman," said the dentist. "Now, show me which tooth it is."

Mrs. Appleton turned to her husband and said, "Open your mouth and show the dentist which tooth it is, dear."

Cause for libel?

LOWELL Thomas likes to tell how he was embarrassed at a newsreel showing one day.

He had done the commentary on a scene that showed a well-known society woman at the races. Somehow, the sound tracks got mixed up.

The picture of the society woman came on the screen and Lowell Thomas' voice boomed out: "This old battleship will soon be hauled into drydock for repairs."

Tired blood!

MARRIED man to good looking bachelor: "How in the world have you stayed single so long?"

Bachelor: "It's easy. Every time I look at TV I know at least 60,000,000 women are anemic, have stringy hair, large pores, are overweight and have rough hands!"

THE bigger a man's head gets the easier it is to fill his shoes.

Attendance Report

January 4, 1965		Sunday School	Training Union	Admissions
Berryville, Freeman Heights	152	65		
Blytheville				
First	639	187	2	
Chapel	44			
Gosnell	275	96		
Camden				
Cullendale First	458	201	3	
First	502	146	1	
Clinton First	148	56		
Conway Pickles Gap	62	37		
Crossett				
First	576	153	2	
Mt. Oli.	245	83	1	
Dumas First	342	95		
El Dorado				
Caledonia	36	32		
East Main	301	97	2	
Parkview	217	59		
Trinity	224	115		
Fouke First	83	48	2	
Greenwood First	266	130	3	
Gurdon Beech Street	184	61		
Harrison Eagle Heights	268	81		
Hope First	515	138	3	
Huntsville Calvary	39	24		
Jacksonville				
First	457	112		
Chapel Hill	52	37		
Marshall Road	154	85		
Jasper	66	35		
Jonesboro				
Central	458	185		
Nettleton	244	136	7	
Little Rock				
Forest Highlands	222	98		
Immanuel	1,277	491	1	
Rosedale	318	123	3	
McGehee First	442	144	3	
Chapel	64	32		
Magnolia Central	687	244		
Marked Tree				
First	201	62		
Neiswander	123	61		
North Little Rock				
Baring Cross	672	201		
Southside	40	29		
Camp Robinson	40	16		
Bethany	161	74	5	
Calvary	445	121		
Forty Seventh St.	204	78		
Grace	108	43		
Gravel Ridge First	162	86		
Runyan Chapel	67	46		
Levy	539	239	3	
Park Hill	792	225	1	
Sixteenth St.	35	36	1	
Sylvan Hills	301	114		
Pine Bluff				
Centennial	197	98	3	
South Side	753	282	6	
Tucker Chapel	15	9		
Watson Chapel	200	101	2	
Siloam Springs First	255	175		
Springdale				
Elmdale	240	78	13	
First	420	167		
Star City First	274	107	1	
Ward Cocklebur	46	30		
Warren Immanuel	282	91		
Westside Chapel	93	43		
Van Buren				
First	460	191	1	
Second	94	45		
Vandervoort First	58	29		

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Religious News Digest

By Evangelical Press

Condemns parties

BERLIN (EP) — Dr. Martin Niemoeller, long a controversial figure in the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID), called on West Germans to "invalidate" their ballots in the fall general elections as a protest against "dictatorial" rulers who ignore the people's views on issues of "war and peace, armament and disarmament."

Writing in *Voice of the Parish*, well-known West German publication affiliated with the Confessional Church founded in 1933 to uphold the Christian faith against the Nazi assaults, he charged that the three political parties at present represented in parliament would "execute dictatorial rule as soon as the elections are over."

Dr. Niemoeller's article appeared on the eve of his retirement as president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse and Nassau. The 72-year-old churchman, one of the six co-presidents of the World Council of Churches, is a leader of the so-called Evangelical Church Fraternities, an organization of pastors and laymen which opposes West German rearmament.

Crusade in Brazil

Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, Jacksonville, Fla., president of the Foreign Mission Board, Mrs. Lindsay, Dr. Cauthen, and Dr. Means expect to leave the States January 24 to attend the annual meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Convention in Rio de Janeiro and the mass meeting which will officially open a massive nationwide Baptist evangelistic campaign. Another member of the Board staff, Miss Ione Gray, director of press relations, is already in Brazil, helping plan news coverage for the campaign.

Missionary to return

SPRINGFIELD, MO. (EP) — In spite of the tragedy which caused the death of her husband in Congo, Mrs. J. W. Tucker, Assemblies of God missionary, hopes to return to the land and the people where she and her husband spent half of their lives.

The Rev. Joseph W. Tucker, 49, was brutally beaten by Congo rebels Tuesday, November 24, 1964, in Paulis. Mrs. Tucker, her three children, and two single missionary ladies were rescued and flown out to Leopoldville. They are now in the United States.

"Right now, I'm interested in arranging for my children," Mrs. Tucker states. The children—John, 18; Carol Lynne, 13; and Melvin Paul, 11—are enrolled in school in Little Rock, Ark. "They have spent most of their lives in the Congo," she said. "I would like for them to spend some time in the United States."

Mrs. Tucker is currently in conference with Assemblies of God missions officials here concerning her future and reports of the national church in Congo.

Yugoslavian 'liberality'

BELGRADE (EP) — A draft law designed to "liberalize" the status of churches and religious communities in this Communist country will be introduced in parliament this month, according to Tanyug, the official Yugoslav press agency.

It said the proposed legislation was designed to amend and supplement the current law on the Legal Position of Religious Communities, passed in 1953.

The agency said the bill would include provisions enforcing the separation of church and state, proclaiming freedom of thought and religion, and giving churches the right to hold private property besides worship centers.

In addition, the agency noted, the bill proclaims the right of churches to set up seminaries for the training of clergymen, specifies and increases the number of places where collections may be made for religious purposes, and establishes the equality of all religious communities under the law.

Reference to God

PITTSBURGH (EP) — An Allegheny County judge has returned a reference to God to the oath for Grant Jury foremen after it had been eliminated by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

As prescribed by a committee of 13 judges and lawyers appointed by the State Supreme Court, the oath began: "You, as foreman, do solemnly swear..."

Judge William F. Cercone changed it to: "You as foreman, do swear by Almighty God..."

At the end of the oath he added the phrase: "as you shall answer to God in the last great day."

Commenting on the change, Judge Cercone said: "This country was founded on a belief in God and has prospered in that belief." He said he felt that reference to God "adds to the significance and the sacredness of the oath and cannot offend the concept of the separation of the church and state."

Christmas stamp 1965

CLEVELAND (EP) — A Cleveland minister has urged the Post Office Department to issue a 1965 Christmas stamp of religious design, in keeping with the religious nature of the feast and holiday.

The Rev. Ralph E. Dessem, pastor of North Royalton Methodist Church, wrote to Postmaster General John R. Gronouski to charge that this year's special stamp "failed to portray the true significance of Christmas."

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