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Pioneer Mother Statue, Penn Valley Park, Kansas City, Mo.

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Why I Believe In Hell

By HENLEE H. BARNETTE

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DR. BARNETTE

there. Every man has a taste of heaven and hell right here on earth. Omar Khayyam was partially right when he said:

I sent my Soul through the Invisible,
Some letter of that After-life to spell:
And by and by my Soul return'd to me,
And answers "I Myself am Heav'n and Hell."

There is the hell of a bad conscious, the hell of unforgiven sins which haunt one, the hell of utter loneliness which are foretastes of eternal punishment. The most terrifying thought which can grip the human mind is that of being eternally separated from God "which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

Today it is old fashioned to believe in hell. But God says that hell is a reality—he will separate the sheep from the goats. Human experience compels belief in such a place—most of us have been there.

And, finally, a hell of some sort is feared almost universally by man. Even the pagan has his notion of punishment to be endured in the world beyond because of sins.

There are three basic reasons why I believe in hell. First, because I believe in a holy God and his Holy Word. It is inconceivable that a righteous God would fail to bring to justice those who have persistently sinned against his will. God says that the wicked will be punished for their sins. Their final place of torment is in hell. The bulk of New Testament teaching concerning hell is found in the sayings of Jesus.

The Greek word for hell in **Gehenna** and its Hebrew form is **Hinnom**. The valley of Hinnom south of Jerusalem was the seat of Moloch worship where little children were thrown into Moloch's arms to be consumed in the flames. Josiah (2 Kings 23:10) abolished these human sacrifices. But the Jews so abhorred the place that they cast refuse and dead bodies of men and animals that needed to be consumed into this place. Thus it came to be called "Gehenna of fire." So **Gehenna** came to be used by our Lord to depict the place of torture and eternal punishment of the wicked (Matthew 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5; James 3:6).

Second, I believe in hell because it is logical. My sense of justice tells me that if there is no hell there ought to be one. It is illogical to tell men that there is a righteous God to obey, a gospel of redemption to be accepted, a heaven to be gained, if at the same time they are not warned that the rejection of these has eternal significance. People who have given others so much hell should have to experience hell somewhere.

Third, I believe in hell because I have been

In Christ's Stead

A Devotion by the Editor

"We pray you in Christ's stead."

Jesus stood on Mt. Olivet with His disciples and while they beheld He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. They were left standing in the place from which Jesus ascended, to fill His place in the world, to love and to serve and to sacrifice; the mantle of His power to serve fell upon them.

Jesus had delivered His commission to the disciples with varying emphasis: "I deliver unto you the keys of the kingdom; whatsoever ye bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Jesus commissioned His disciples to go into all the world, to every creature, to preach the gospel, to make disciples, to teach them all the things that He has taught them.

The one outstanding fact which is emphasized in every clause of these scriptures is that the disciples of Christ stand in His place to reconcile the world unto God. He has given to us the ministry of reconciliation, it is a service to be rendered; he has given to us the word of reconciliation, it is a message to be delivered; we are ambassadors on behalf of Christ, we represent our king in the world; God's entreaty is relayed by and through us. We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God; since we are working in co-operation with God, we should by no means render the grace of God of none effect; and right now is the time to put our ministry into operation.

Since "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself," and since we stand in Christ's stead, He wants to be in us reconciling the world unto Himself. For He has given to us the ministry of reconciliation. He has put within us the message of reconciliation, we are ambassadors on behalf of Christ.

God is already reconciled to the world—He holds no grudge. He bears no enmity. He harbors no spirit of revenge. However, no reconciliation is complete until both parties are brought together in harmonious relations. It is our privilege, our opportunity, our obligation, to lead men, who are alienated from God by their sins, back to amicable relations with Him.

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him II Corinthians 5:20,21.

New Archbishop William Laud Leads Fight Against Protestants

LONDON, August, 1633 (BP).—A new and powerful threat to Protestantism and freedom of worship in England reached full flower today with the appointment of William Laud as Archbishop of Canterbury, the ranking position of the state church.

In his steady rise to power—with the ready assistance of His Majesty King Charles I—the archbishop has been a relentless foe of the Puritans and other dissenters.

Because of his authority and high standing with the crown, the new archbishop has seldom bothered himself with attempting to win by persuasion those who opposed him or differed with his views. He has built for himself an unenviable reputation of demanding conformity to the letter of the church law, with no patience for conscientious objections.

Ritual and ceremonial worship have always taken precedence with Laud over spiritual worship. In the church courts of high commission he has been a severe judge, especially when the charge was violation of laws governing personal conduct. He has been a self-appointed avenger to make sure that no transgressor of the laws of the state church went unpunished because of wealth or position.

Early in his career Laud ingratiated himself with royalty. He served the late King James I in many ways and impressed King Charles almost from the time he ascended the throne. His Majesty doubtless did not overlook in Laud's authoritarian ideas for the church a close affinity to his own aspirations for an autocracy.

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While the king promoted Laud's absolute control of the church, the archbishop returned his favors. Preaching before the first and second Parliaments under Charles' reign, Laud magnified the authority of the king in church as well as state affairs.

The House of Commons soon recognized in Laud a threat to civil liberty and religious truth. But the churchman continued to support the king in all controversies with Parliament and prepared some of the speeches of King Charles to the assembly.

Laud's appointment to the archbishopric was expected. Upon hearing of the death of the late Archbishop Abbot earlier this month, the king is reported to have said to Laud at their next meeting, "My Lord's Grace of Canterbury, you are very welcome."

Sources close to the archbishop have indicated that Laud had been promised the high position a number of years before the death of Abbot. There is evidence that on September 30, 1626, Laud received a message from King Charles in which the former was reassured of decisions which had been made "in case the Archbishop of Canterbury should die."

As a champion of constituted authority, the archbishop is expected to give no quarter to the exponents of freedom of worship and individual liberties. And with the king at his side, Laud makes a formidable opponent.

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From The Editor's Desk

Your Mother and Mine

We publish on this page an article by Dr. S. L. Morgan, Sr. of Wake Forest, North Carolina. In this article Dr. Morgan tells of the heroism of an individual mother whom he knew and in whose home he was a frequent visitor while pastor of the church of which she was a member.

Appreciation and Courtesy

On this Mother's Day in 1955, it would be well for you and me to think of your mother and mine instead of generalizing on motherhood as we usually do.

True, those of you whose mothers are still living, there are many courtesies, kindnesses, and favors which you can show her and which will bring to her a satisfying sense of your love and appreciation and care. In the hurry and rush of the modern world, it is easy to forget that your mother longs for little attentions which will show to her that you have not forgotten. It would do you good to sit down quietly and alone and review the years in which your mother toiled and sacrificed to give you your chance in life. It will require but little on your part to reconstruct a thousand scenes in which your mother was the heroine in some dramatic or climactic scene in the home or the community, and your life has been made

richer by such events and will be still richer by reviewing such scenes.



Your mother needs and deserves your affectionate consideration throughout her life, but especially is this true if she has reached an advanced age. Don't make her feel like she is pushed off to one side, that her life is over and that she should not bother to interest herself in the affairs of life. Nor should the aged mother try to exercise the same authority and control over her children and their family life which she exercised over her own family. There is possible a beautiful and harmonious adjustment between the young and the old which will enrich the life of both.

A Mother's Reward

By S. L. MORGAN, SR., *Wake Forest, N. C.*

Recently, after an absence of 24 years, I returned to the scene of a former pastorate on invitation to take part in a funeral. My views about an ex-pastor's "going back" have been widely published in several articles: that on principle an ex-pastor should decline nine out of ten such invitations. In this case I tried gently by phone to decline, on the ground that the funeral is the present pastor's supreme opportunity to get next to the hearts of his people. But the family urged that in this case there were peculiar reasons for my going back. I sensed a wish to have me to interpret a devoted wife and mother to a public that had known her all too little.

For ill health and her large family had kept her for many years closely confined within the four walls of her little home near the railroad. She was seldom able to attend her church, even her own church people knew and understood little of her real worth and the heroism of her struggle to rear a Christian family. And who but longs for the hidden worth and nobility of a dear one understood at the end! I confess to a secret longing myself, when life is done, for someone who knows me well to assure the world that I've tried hard to be and to do better than some know.

And for more than seven years as pastor I had looked in almost weekly at the little home, touched with the sight of the heroic mother battling with illness, discouragement, and an inadequate income, doing her utmost to make a home atmosphere in which her eight children might grow into godly, useful citizens. I did not doubt that the heroic mother and the true father needed the boost of the pastor's frequent visits and prayers. And here before the mother's silent casket was the mother's reward—seven living children of solid character and worth, an asset to state and nation, some filling positions of trust and honor.

During the quarter-century since I left the town, it had grown into a high-grade little city with grand church buildings, fine funeral parlors, a big hospital, a lovely public library—changes that dazzled me. But nothing thrilled me as did this large family come together to pay honor to the humble, heroic mother who in the little home by the railroad had given her life to make them the noble Christian citizens they were. Nor can I forget that in this great hour in the family history they wanted me to share in the tribute they paid to such a mother. I was grateful to hear them say that through seven of her

Your mother would be thrilled for you to take her into your confidence on some matter of concern to you. It would help if she felt free to unburden her heart to you and tell of her hopes and disappointments. Make a confidante of your mother and let her feel free to confide in you.

Do not wait until your mother has gone home to glory to review and evaluate her life and her influence upon your life. Do it while she lives and tell her about it. It will do her good. It will brighten her days and give her a joy and satisfaction that nothing could possibly give her.

Remember

May we, whose mothers have passed on to their eternal award, not only cherish the memory of mother but so order our lives as to bring honor and credit to her name. Perhaps from her we first learned of the love of Jesus. Perhaps she was our first Christian teacher. As children she taught us our memory verses in the Sunday school lessons. From her we learned the meaning of salvation from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ. We learned from her to love the Bible as God's word and the church as His agency upon earth. She was our ideal of virtue and honor and integrity.

Doubtless, you and I learned more from her example than from her precepts. We learned to be courageous in the face of danger. We learned to be submissive to God's will when great sorrows came. We learned to be patient in difficult situations which we could not remedy. We learned to be helpful to others when in need.

If such is a heritage left you by your mother, you are doubly blessed if you have learned your lessons well and if you honor her memory by following her example.

most difficult years my visits and my prayers had helped her to carry on, and that I had helped to make God and religion real to them.

Nothing in our current church life grieves me more than the fact that such a ministry in the home has so largely given way to the promotion of budgets, great building enterprises, and the turning of church machinery. The pathos of it was expressed in a letter from a church and business leader: "For years my pastors have been so driven to make the church program succeed, that they haven't had time to sit down with me and talk about the needs of my soul. And I'm hungry for it!"

Alas if any mother battling against great odds to rear a Christian family should ever lack the faithful ministry of a pastor who really cares! For such mothers really are working at the task of holding the world together! That was the truth forced on me at the grave of an unsung mother last week.

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A man's life is determined by his responses to it. Life is sometimes mysterious, sometimes difficult and cruel, and man can respond with faith or fear, with hope or despair, with love or resentment.

—Austin Ingram.

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Remember the Mother's Day offering.

Kingdom Progress

Mission Organized Into Church



Southside Mission, sponsored by the First Church of Fordyce, was organized into the Southside Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, April 10.

For the past six years the mission has been sponsored and largely supported by the First Church of Fordyce. Last Fall the mission was challenged by Pastor Lawson Hatfield of the First Church, Fordyce, to step up its program and its financial budget equal to the amount that First Church was putting into the mission. It was promised that if the mission met this challenge for three

months, it would be organized into a church. The mission not only met the challenge but constructed three additional rooms, bought a piano, and made other improvements. They also raised the pastor's salary. The average Sunday school attendance has been 120, and the Training Union has averaged 75.

Dale Jackson is serving as pastor of the new church.

Pastor Hatfield served as moderator of the organization council and H. E. Trussell as secretary.

Music Scholarships Available At Ouachita

The Music Department of Ouachita Baptist College has announced that it will award scholarships in music to interested and qualified students. These scholarships are of two types. One type is intended for students who intend to major in music and are awarded in a field of applied music such as voice, piano, or organ. The other type is a band scholarship and is awarded to students who play a band instrument and will play in the college band. There are several scholarships of each type available and they are valued at \$100.00 per year. All high school seniors who are interested in auditioning for one of these scholarships are urged to contact Dr. Herbert M. Cecil, Chairman of the Fine Arts Division at Ouachita Baptist College in Arkadelphia. No auditions will be held after May 28.

Another Chance at Ridgecrest

If your reservation was turned down at Ridgecrest because of lack of room on the Assembly grounds, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope requesting information about rooms in local homes to Mrs. L. Miller Jackson, Box 3, Ridgecrest, N. C. Except for the Sunday School and Training Union weeks, there are a number of vacancies.

Arkansas Visitors in Indiana

The East Gary Southern Baptist Church counted 15 southern Baptists from Arkansas Easter Sunday. The largest number centered around Jonesboro and Truman. The East Gary Baptist Church is in full cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention. It is one of the fifty-five Southern Baptist churches in Indiana now. Nine other churches in the Lake Michigan region are joining with the East Gary Southern Baptist Church to form a new association which will be known as the Lake Michigan Association. This will make three Southern Baptist Associations in Indiana. Within the next three years there is hope of organizing a State Baptist Convention in Indiana.

Any of the people from this State who have friends living in the Gary area would do a favor to them and to the East Gary Baptist by urging them to attend. This Church is located on the corner of Central Avenue and Lake Street. The Home Mission Board furnished a loan for the erection of the present building.

—G. C. Rowe, Pastor.

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The pedestrian record reflected the 4th consecutive year of improvement for motor vehicle accidents in 1954.

His Last Letter to the Home Folks

Through the courtesy of Mrs. W. H. Schaefer of Searcy, we are provided with excerpts from a letter from Missionary Blonnye H. Foreman who recently perished in a plane accident in Brazil. The letter was written to his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. O'Guinn and family of Searcy, Arkansas.

He says in part:

"This year with the plane to help me make the trips over the field, it seems that I should have more time to write, but it has been just the contrary. I spend less time at home than anywhere else. Just recently I returned from a trip of six weeks over the field with one of our evangelists, preaching, singing and visiting and soul winning every day and night of the six weeks. Most of the nights we stayed up until about mid-night, and numbers of nights, until the wee hours of the morning, teaching folk songs—teaching them more about the Bible, how to be saved, how to live the Christian life, how to win others to Christ—and just talking. I now weigh some fifteen pounds less than when you knew me. But it is worth it every bit, and then a lot more.

"There were dozens of professions of faith on the above mentioned trip. I baptized several persons and refused to baptize dozens of others. Baptized two ex-drunkards, who had, each of them, stopped drinking months before, and were now winning others to Christ, doing house to house evangelizing and being persecuted because they had become Christians, and stopped drinking and carousing. One of them said his wife threatened to leave him when he was converted. But a few weeks later began to listen to him read the Bible, and soon was convinced and converted. I baptized the two of them together—a really happy couple. Two or three demon possessed were converted too. I have baptized several ex-demon possessed. I did not use to believe there were such, but I am fully convinced that there are.

"There has developed more and more persecution in our field, especially the little schools I've organized. Priests and bishops have threatened the parents with ex-communication if they don't take their children out of our schools, but the enrollment continues to increase everywhere. Other places beg for schools. A teacher receives an average of twenty dollars a month. They are about the finest means of reaching large numbers with the Gospel. They prepare so well for the regular visits of the missionary. Priests do their worst to close our schools, though.

I hope to visit with all of you when I go back, at the end of 1955.

Love to all of you, the kids, grand-kids and friends.

—Blonnye."

Deacons Ordained

Jim Pomeroy and Arthur Waller were ordained as deacons by Lawson Church recently.

Carl Click of Second Church, El Dorado, served as moderator of the ordaining council, and Abe Talley of the Lawson Church served as clerk. Pastor Joe Burnett conducted the examination. The ordination sermon was delivered by W. M. Burnett, pastor of Union Church, El Dorado. W. S. Jackson of the Union Church offered the ordination prayer.

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Christ transforms life responses of:

—futility into faith.

—panic into patience.

—helplessness into hope.

—Austin Ingram.

Arkansan Speaker At Chaplains Meeting



JAMES W. KELLY

Chaplain James W. Kelly, Commander, ChC, USN, will be the chief speaker at the Southern Baptist Chaplains Association's breakfast, McAllister Hotel, Bayview Room, 7:15, May 18, 1955.

Chaplain Kelly was reared in Sheridan and is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He was appointed to the chaplaincy in 1942 and to the Naval Training Station, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia. He has served at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia; U. S. Naval Retraining Command, Camp Perry; Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Maryland; 9th Naval District Hospital; Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois and the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland. He has served as chaplain on the USS Mobile, USS Alaska and NAS, Bermuda, B.W.I. He is now serving in the Chaplains Division, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C. His subject will be "You Can Get Here From There."

Other speakers on the program will be Alfred Carpenter, director, Chaplains Commission, and O. M. Seigler, chairman of the Chaplains Commission.

Officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

New Pastor at Wilson

G. William Smith has assumed the pastorate of the First Church, Wilson, succeeding D. B. Bledsoe who recently accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Charleston, Missouri.

The Wilson church is sponsoring a mission project with Tommy Langston as mission pastor. The establishment of another mission is planned for the near future.

Pastor Smith states that the pastor's home was completely renovated and redecorated and the pantry filled when he moved in.

Pastor Smith pays tribute to his predecessors, D. B. Bledsoe and A. F. Muncy.

Youth Day at Leonard

The Leonard Church of Rector observed Youth Day on Sunday, April 3. The Young People of the church had complete charge of the services. Bob Parks, a layman, delivered the morning message on the subject, "God's Plan for Every Life." There were 25 young people who had a part in the service.

New Church in Michigan

A new church was organized in Michigan on Sunday, April 17. South Shores Mission had been sponsored by the First Baptist Church of St. Clair Shores. Vernon Overturf who had served as pastor of the mission was called as pastor of the new church. Doyle Smith was elected church treasurer.

The new church was organized with 21 charter members. It adopted "The Baptist Faith and Message" statement as its articles of faith and also adopted the church covenant. The new church voted to apply for fellowship in the Motor Cities Association and for affiliation with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention.

Pastor Van M. Sledd of the host church served as moderator of the advisory council; Fred Hubbs, Superintendent of Missions of Motor Cities Association, delivered the sermon; Evangelist C. J. Dexter of Benton, Kentucky, offered the prayer; and Grady Wheeler of St. Clair Shores was council clerk.

B.S.U. President Elected

Mr. James Kendrick of the University of Arkansas was elected at Ferncliff, April 15-16, as State B.S.U. President for the 1955-56 term. Mr. Kendrick is an active member of First Church, Fayetteville. This is the first time in a number of years that a University of Arkansas student has held the position. He succeeds Miss Martha Lou Turner of the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing.

Mr. Kendrick is a native of North Little Rock and was active in B.S.U. work at Little Rock Junior College where he served as local president.

Deacons Ordained

The Immanuel Church, Magnolia, ordained four deacons Sunday evening, April 3. Those ordained were: Lester Machen, K. R. Beasley, A. H. Robinson, and Paul E. Taylor.

Pastor Dennis James served as moderator of the ordination council; Louie Pyle, deacon of Immanuel Church, served as clerk; W. E. Perry, pastor of First Church, Stamps, conducted the examination; Homer Allred, pastor of Grandview Church, offered the ordination prayer; Loyd L. Hunnicutt, pastor, Central Church, Magnolia, delivered the ordination sermon.

Baptist Highlights

Reports from the simultaneous crusades show that evidences of revival in churches of rural sections are comparable to those of city churches and associations for which totals have been received. For example, four rural associations in Missouri — Charleston, Stoddard, New Madrid, and Black River — report 996 baptisms and 1,221 total additions.

—Survey Bulletin.

Southwestern Embarks On Building Program

A ground-breaking ceremony recently initiated a \$5,000,000 expansion program by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The city of Fort Worth presented the deed to 30.6 acres of land which the seminary bought north of the present campus for a 500-unit housing development to be built in the near future.

The ground breaking was for expansion of Fleming Library and a wing for the school of theology. Contracts for the two wings to the Memorial Building total \$741,000. J. Howard Williams, seminary president, said two other buildings are planned. They are a union building and a nursery and kindergarten building.

Cornerstone Ceremonies Set at Howard College

The cornerstone for the new campus of Howard College in Birmingham, was laid in special ceremonies on April 29.

Construction on the new site of the local Baptist-supported school is also progressing rapidly, college officials said.

The foundation of the third building at the new location, a science building, is nearly complete.

The first two buildings erected were the administration building and a faculty apartment. Next in line after the science building is a library to house 500,000 volumes.

James A. Head, Birmingham business and civic leader, is chairman of cornerstone ceremonies.

Glorieta Music Week

Mr. E. A. Herron, Manager of the Glorieta Assembly, New Mexico, advises that there is still some space available for the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference meeting at the Glorieta Assembly, June 9-15. Church musicians, pastors, music committee members, and others who love good church music should contact Mr. Herron immediately for reservations in order to be assured of space.

The conference this year has the most extensive class schedule and faculty yet experienced. "The Messiah" will be sung on Tuesday night, June 14. The conference begins on Thursday night, June 9, and will close on Wednesday noon, June 15.

The conference is under the direction of Dr. W. Hines Sims and is sponsored by the Sunday School Board. The faculty is composed of the finest church musicians available and it is with great anticipation that church musicians look forward to this wonderful week of inspiration and instruction.

All who would like to go should contact Mr. Herron immediately and enclose the \$2 registration fee to assure reservations.

Ten Associations Report Simultaneous Crusade Results

Association	No. Churches Participating	Baptisms	Letter	Statement	Prof. Not Joining
Buckville	5	4			
Caddo River	8	20	4		7
Carey	13	66	33	3	4
Conway-Perry	8	65	15	1	5
Greene County		150			
Harmony	14	173	72		20
Hope	36	228	136	22	21
Pulaski	58	514	393	10	33
Ouachita	13	54	7	4	4
Centennial	7	43	16	2	3

Dr. I. L. Yearby, Secretary of the Department of Evangelism, gives the following report on Arkansas churches participating in the recent crusade: complete reports from 10 associations; 198 churches reporting; additions by baptism, 1,845; by letter, 803; statement, 45; professions of faith, not joining church, 104.

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By Religious News Service

Government Official Stresses Pre-eminence of Theological Questions

The most important problems in the world today are the "essentially theological questions to which religious leaders address themselves," Assistant Secretary of Labor J. Ernest Wilkins said in Seattle.

The Negro government official, a Methodist layman, spoke at the semi-annual meeting of the Methodist Council of Bishops.

"To me it has always seemed evident that only religious considerations could ever motivate men and women to see life sufficiently significant to make the tremendous sacrifices it requires to nourish it and keep it healthy and strong," Mr. Wilkins said. "Life achieves significance only in relationship to our Creator. Otherwise it is only the Christmas tree on which to hang the ornaments of our pride.

President Greeted Baptist Evangelists

President Eisenhower greeted 130 Baptist ministers and their wives in Washington to conduct a three-week evangelistic campaign in churches of the capital area.

Senator Frank Carlson (R.-Kan.), a prominent Baptist layman, escorted the group to the White House rose garden and introduced them to the President.

Mr. Eisenhower heard a good-natured suggestion that, being a native of Texas, he might want to be baptised. There are more Baptists in Texas than any other state, he was told.

Urges More Christian Influence In Afro-Asian Countries

Christianity must increase its influence among the countries participating in the Afro-Asian Conference at Bandung, Indonesia, if it is to "play its part fully in the world of tomorrow," the Vatican Radio said.

"Missionary work has to become an increasingly important duty for all of the faithful," the station declared.

While some African countries already are mainly Christian, the broadcast said, "among the principal Asiatic peoples, Christianity represents only a minority."

"For the better part, there is to be found in those countries," it said, "a movement which seeks to impede the development of the Christian faith or at least to limit it. And this is true not only of Communist countries."

ACP Members Report Over Ten Million Circulation

A combined circulation of 10,550,342 was reported by the 129 member publications of the Associated Church Press at its 36th annual meeting in Washington, D. C.

The figures were compiled by Dr. William B. Lippard of New York, executive secretary of the ACP, which comprises editors of Protestant publications in the U. S. and Canada.

Offer Prayers of Thanksgiving For Polio Vaccine

Prayers of thanksgiving for the development of the Salk polio vaccine were offered

in Protestant churches in Chicago.

In issuing the prayer call, Dr. John W. Harms, executive vice-president of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, said:

"We should all be grateful that God has given Dr. Jonas Salk the wisdom to uncover the new secret of the physical world."

Dr. Kagawa Resumes Activities Against Doctor's Advice

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, noted Japanese Protestant evangelist and labor leader, who collapsed from overwork March 27 in Osaka, has resumed his preaching and other activities.

Interviewed in his home, Dr. Kagawa admitted that his doctor felt he should rest longer. But the churchman said his responsibilities would not permit him to remain idle.

Dr. Kagawa, who has been in poor health for years, collapsed after addressing a UNESCO meeting at Osaka. Never one to spare himself, the 67-year-old clergyman had been working late many nights to raise money to transport American relief supplies to Japan.

Belgian Government Rejects Request For Mission Funds

A Roman Catholic request for government funds to build a mission hospital and establish more medical mission posts in the Belgian Congo has been rejected by Minister of Colonies R. Buisseret.

In turning down the request, the minister also decided to restrict the number of medical officers working for the mission group, which asked for the money to provide new facilities in Ngozi.

Catholic circles were indignant over the denial. They said the Ngozi diocese has 822,000 inhabitants, more than 450,000 of them Catholics. There are only two State hospitals and no Catholic hospitals, they added.

Last year Catholics were aroused over government plans to cut subsidies to mission schools in the Congo and set up 900 new State schools in which religion would not be taught.

U. S. Crime Rate Sets New Record

The crime rate in the United States has been increasing four times faster than the growth of the population, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported.

Mr. Hoover made the observation as he released the FBI's report, "Uniform Crime Statistics for 1954," which showed that for the seventh consecutive year a new record was established for crime in the United States. The number of crimes committed—2,267,250—was five per cent higher than the previous record set in 1953.

This increase was softened somewhat by the fact that the most serious form of crime, criminal homicide (murder and manslaughter), showed a decrease of 4.3 per cent. Auto thefts also were reduced 4.7 per cent by more vigilant enforcement. However, burglaries, armed robberies, and assaults showed a substantial gain.

A Smile or Two

A bright little girl, returning from school, was asked by her father what she had been learning that morning.

"All of us been learning to spell," said she.

"What did you learn to spell?"

"Learned to spell rat."

"Well, how do you spell it?"

"R-A-T—rat."

"Now, how do you spell mouse?"

"Just the same, only in little smaller letters," said the little maid.

A humane society had secured a downtown show window, and filled it with attractive pictures of wild animals in their native haunts. A placard in the middle of the exhibit read: "We were skinned to provide women with fashionable furs."

A man paused before the window and his harassed expression for a moment gave place to one of sympathy. "I know just how you feel, old tops," he muttered. "So was I."

"No man is so well known as he thinks he is," once said Enrico Caruso, the world-famed tenor. "While motoring in New York state," continued the great singer, "the automobile broke down and I sought refuge in a farmhouse while the car was being repaired. I became friendly with the farmer, who asked me my name and I told him it was Caruso.

"The farmer leaped to his feet and seized me by the hand. 'Little did I think I would see a man like you in this here humble kitchen, sir!' he exclaimed. 'Caruso. The great traveler, Robinson Caruso!'"

A small boy, who afterward proved to be a nephew of one of the mayor's stenographers, was wandering about in the City Hall when one of the officials there happened upon him.

"Well, sonny," inquired the man, genially, "for whom are you looking?"

"For my Aunt Kate."

"Can't you find her?"

"I can't seem to."

"And you don't know where she is?"

"Not exactly. She's in here somewhere, though, and I know that the mayor works in her office."

In an eastern city a pastor of a colored Baptist church consulted a plumber and steamfitter about the cost of putting in a baptistry. The estimate was soon furnished and the figure was regarded as satisfactory.

"But," said the plumber, "this covers only the tank and the water supply. Of course, you will want some sort of an arrangement to heat the water."

But the colored pastor had a truly economic idea in mind, and his own ideas of religion also, for he promptly dissented.

"You see," said he to the plumber, "I don't 'low to baptize nobody in that there baptistry what hain't got religion enough to keep him warm."

Molly and Minnie were two little girls who had been very carefully brought up. Particularly had they learned that they must never tell a lie—not even a "white" lie—nor deceive anyone.

One day these small girls met a large cow in a field that they were crossing. They were much frightened and stopped, not knowing what to do. Then said Minnie:

"I know, Molly! Let's go right on and pretend we're not afraid of it."

But Molly's conscience was wide awake. "Wouldn't that be deceiving the cow?" she objected.

News From Baptist Press

Baptists May Use More Newspaper Advertising

Southern Baptists may turn more and more to newspaper advertising to tell other people what they believe.

The Southern Baptist Convention will be asked to vote in May on a proposed advertising program that could reach ultimately more than half the buyers of daily newspapers in the United States.

Preparation of material for the advertising program will be recommended by Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Executive Committee. The advertising material will be prepared by Albert McClellan, the Executive Committee's director of publications.

Advertisements, on mats two columns wide by 8½ to 10 inches deep, will be provided to local Baptist churches, associations, and districts for insertion in both daily and weekly newspapers.

Southern Baptists have affiliated state Baptist conventions in twenty-four states and the District of Columbia and work in nearly a dozen more plus the Hawaiian Islands and Alaska.

The mats, with art and written matter, will be sold to local Baptist groups at a nominal cost. The cost has not yet been determined, McClellan said.

Written matter will be prepared by authors chosen for their knowledge of Baptist beliefs and will be checked carefully for doctrinal accuracy. Writing will be in acceptable popular style, however.

There will be two series of thirteen mats each year, if the Convention approves the advertising program. The first advertisements should be ready in October, according to McClellan, with others for release in January and July, 1956.

The publications division of the Executive Committee will promote use of the mats through state Baptist newspapers; a denominational magazine, the *Baptist Program*, and by direct mail advertising.

There are 995 daily newspapers in the states in which state Baptist conventions are operating. These have a total circulation, according to *Editor and Publisher* newspaper trade journal, of 27,879,727. The total circulation of all dailies within the continental U. S. is 55,072,480.

In addition, there are more than 4,500 weekly newspapers in these states.

Local churches and associations will bear the cost of the advertising, McClellan said, instead of the advertising being placed by any denominational agency.

"There is more interest in the Baptist message than ever before," said McClellan. "Those who use these mats will secure the attention of prospective members in a way that will make them come to the churches seeking more information.

"We recognize that this is not the most desirable plan . . . but if (it) succeeds as it should, this will be the initial step in an even wider and more intensive program," he continued.

Convention Packet Available For \$10

A limited number of packets of Convention material will be available for \$10 apiece to Southern Baptists wanting them.

The packets will contain the same material furnished to bona fide newspaper reporters covering the annual Convention meeting at Miami, Fla., in May.

In the packets will be all releases, a Convention *Handbook*, a copy of the publication *We Southern Baptists*, the *Book of Reports*, a copy of each Convention daily bulletin, and copies of speeches made at the Convention.

The packets can be secured on Saturday morning, the closing day of the Convention, in the pressroom at Dinner Key. The packets can also be mailed, if previous arrangements are made.

Orders for packets to be picked up at Miami or to be mailed to the buyer should be placed with Albert McClellan, director of publications, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., immediately.

Ambassador Goal of 313,000 Set

Five members for every two now enrolled is the goal for 1959 set for Royal Ambassador work in Southern Baptist churches.

The goal of 313,000 at the end of four years was set here by a joint committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in charge of the RA's. There are now 128,000 boys in RA chapters in the Convention.

The committee in a three-day session here, also designated August, 1958, the 50th anniversary of Royal Ambassadors, as time for the next Convention-wide RA Congress.

State secretaries in charge of Royal Ambassador work were appointed to committees to help prepare RA literature.

The Committee also recommended that during 1955 and 1956 the RA's have their special prayers and offerings for missions at the same time as the Woman's Missionary Union.

Material for use during the prayer seasons will be sent to the states by the WMU. Offerings of RA's will be sent to missions through regular WMU channels.

Revised "We Southern Baptists" Off Press

The second revised copy of the booklet, *"We Southern Baptists,"* is off the press and is available at Baptist book stores.

The new edition contains sixty-four pages. The booklet has been rewritten completely with the exception of two chapters, these by the late J. E. Dillard, which have simply been brought up-to-date.

Albert McClellan, director of publications for the Executive Committee, supervised the revision. Chapters tell the story of Baptists and their beliefs. They record the history of Southern Baptists and report how various agencies and institutions operate.

Clergy Train Rates Available to Ports

Southern Baptist ministers may receive special rates on passenger trains to and from New York City this summer.

The special rates were made available by passenger associations for ministers who will attend the Baptist World Congress in London, England.

Many ministers are planning to take trains to New York City and board vessels there for Europe. Tickets can be bought from May 20 through July 16 on a round-trip basis. They are good for six months.

It is possible that special rates will also apply to such Atlantic ports as Montreal, Quebec, and Boston. Passenger agents can tell you, however.

The Congress opens July 16.



Denominational Calendar

May 5-6—Church Library Clinic and Audio-Visual Aids Workshop, First Church, Little Rock

May 6-7—State R.A. Congress, Little Rock

May 8—Mother's Day. Offering for Charity Work in Baptist Hospital

May 8-14—G.A. Focus Week

May 10-13—Commencement Week, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas

May 13—Commencement Exercises, New Orleans Seminary

May 15-17—Southern W.M.U. Annual Convention, Miami, Fla.

May 17—Summer School opens, New Orleans and Golden Gate Seminaries.

May 18-21—Southern Baptist Convention, Miami, Fla.

May 22-23 — Baccalaureate; Commencement exercises, Ouachita College

May 24—State W.M.U. Board meeting, Little Rock

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Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

FOOT WASHING

Question: We as Baptists say that we believe in foot washing but it is not an order of our denomination. Jesus told Peter that if He didn't wash his feet he had no part in Him.

Now why do we say that we believe in it and don't do it?

Answer: What do you mean by "an order of our denomination?" Do you not know that each local church determines its own practices? Baptists do not take orders from anyone except the Lord Himself.

We do not observe foot washing as a church ordinance because it was never commanded as such by our Lord, nor practiced by His immediate followers.

The washing of feet was a home custom, observed in a country where people wore sandals, and no socks or hose, and left their shoes at the door when they entered a house. To observe it in a land with different customs would be quaint if not absurd.

There is no evidence that it was ever observed by the early church. They should have known what the Master meant. John 13:15 is a command to show humility towards one another. 1 Timothy 5:10 refers to hospitality, and is mentioned along with lodging strangers and relieving the afflicted. To turn an act of service into a ritual is to substitute form for substance.

We are to wash each other's feet in "little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love." In this sense Baptists believe in it. These are daily Christian deeds, not once-a-year rituals.

Baptism symbolizes the burial and resurrection of our Lord and of our own death to sin and resurrection to life. The Lord's Supper symbolizes the death of our Lord by which we are saved and sustained. Foot washing, at the best, could symbolize merely one of the Christian virtues, humility.

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Two Assemblies With Same Program Personnel

THE DATES: There will be two Assemblies. The first beginning on Thursday 30, and continuing through Tuesday night, July 5. The second beginning Thursday July 7, and continuing through Tuesday night, July 12.

PROGRAM PERSONNEL: Dr. H. Tom Wiles, pastor, evangelist, world traveler, of the First Baptist Church, Lawton, Oklahoma, will be the speaker for the noon services. Four nights after the evening services during both Assemblies he will show beautiful colored slides and describe his trip to Europe and the Holy Land two years ago. His trip will be almost as good as taking a trip to the Holy Land. Dr. Carl Goodson, Bible teacher, West College, Bolivar, Missouri, will serve as the morning devotional hour speaker. Gale Dunn, Minister of Education and Music, Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, by popular request will return to serve as song leader. Miss Rose Arzooonian, by popular request serve as guest soloist. Those who will serve on the different committees will, so far as possible be the same for both Assemblies.

RECREATION: Recreation will be planned for all ages. This will include baseball, basketball, table tennis, hiking, sight seeing, talent and stunt exhibitions, the best get-acquainted games, and SWIMMING. The new swimming pool has been completed. The pool house is now in the process of erection. Paul Kirkland, Clarksville, Tennessee, and his son, of Helena, will direct the recreational program. Walter Hill, Sylvan Hills Baptist Church, North Little Rock, will have charge of the swimming pool.



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Robert J. Kees Joins Staff First Church, Jacksonville



First Church, Jacksonville, has engaged Robert J. Kees of St. Louis, Missouri, as associate pastor and minister of music and education. Mr. Kees assisted the Jacksonville church in their recent revival meeting.

Pastor R. J. McMillan reports that Mr. Kees traveled for several years with the National Marimba Symphonic Orchestra, touring Europe and America. He has played in Carnegie Hall and other

places in the U. S. and Canada. He served as interim chaplain at the Angola State Penitentiary in Louisiana. More recently he has been engaged in evangelistic work. He is a graduate of Wheaton College, and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Kees is a native of St. Louis and is an accomplished musician, also a radio and television singer. She attended the St. Louis Institute of Music.

Baptist Board to Release Five New Films

Family Films, Hollywood, Calif., has just completed work on five new films for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Earl Waldrup, secretary of the Board's Audio-Visual Aids Department, supervised the writing, editing, directing, recording, and general production.

The series was "shot" on the lots of KTTV Television Studios, Hollywood, and include "Light the Church Houses," a 28-minute film on Training Union work, and

two films on choosing a vocation, each 15 minutes in length.

The first of the vocational films, "A Vocational Choice—A Partnership," is aimed at parents and young people and shows how they can work together in preparing and making a vocation choice. "Choosing Your Life's Work" is exclusively for young people on the actual choice of a vocation.

Two other films, 14 minutes each, deal with Christian family life. "Choose Ye This Day," is on problems of tension and lack of adjustment on the part of young married couples. "Forsaking All Others" is on the sanctity of marriage vows.

These films will be available July 1 at all Baptist book stores at a nominal rental fee.

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Christ Crowns Crusade With Victory

Southern Baptists have just passed through six of the most important and fruitful weeks they have ever experienced. We refer to the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade which closed Sunday, April 24. At this writing, we do not have complete reports of the visible results of the Crusade, but such reports as we do have are most encouraging and indicate a victorious Crusade.

Without doubt there have been more people in attendance in the services of our churches during the Crusade than in any like period of time. In one of the churches in which I had the privilege of preaching for two weeks, we had a total of 5,440 in attendance upon the Sunday school for the three Sundays; 2,313 attended the Training Union; 6,800 attended the morning preaching services and 8,745 attended the evening preaching services. This is illustrative of what can happen in a single church over a period of a two-weeks revival, with three Sundays.

There have been more and better sermons preached than have ever been preached in a similar period of time in the history of Southern Baptists. There are no better preachers than those who have preached in our Baptist churches during the Crusade. The Bible says, "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth." The Bible also says, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." There is no doubt that those who have listened to the preaching which has been done by the pastors, evangelists, and laymen have heard the Gospel in all of its purity. God's Word "will not return void."

There have been more people who have responded to the Gospel invitation and walked the aisles of our churches, to confess Christ as Saviour and Lord, and to unite with the churches on profession of faith, for baptism, than have ever been saved in any similar period of time in all history. These revival meetings have also resulted in more people uniting with our churches by transfer of membership, than in any other like period of time.

Furthermore, there has been more prayer, more personal witnessing and more visitation for Christ, done in this six weeks of the Crusades, than ever before. Along with all this has been the

singing of the Gospel by choirs and congregations and soloists, together with the instrumental music by those who have played the organs and pianos and other instruments. All these things are visible and audible—they can be seen and heard. The results in additions to our churches can be counted and tabulated. For all of this we are profoundly grateful, and offer our unbounded thanks and grateful praise to the Triune God.

However, there have been results which could not be seen with the eye, nor tabulated on the adding machines—blessings which are spiritual in their nature and can only be felt in the heart and soul, blessings that are just as real as those which can be tabulated. Blessings of sins forgiven, of reconciliations made, of consecration and dedication of life to the service of God realized, blessings of answered prayer—yes, blessings which the Holy Spirit, Himself, has wrought in multiplied thousands of hearts. We will never be able to know the full measure of the results of our Simultaneous Crusade until the time spoken of in the scriptures when "we shall know even as also we are known."

We most urgently request that full and complete reports of the results in every association be sent to the Secretary of Evangelism AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. As soon as these reports are received we will be publishing them in the *Arkansas Baptist*. Brethren, by all means, please get your reports in at the earliest possible moment. We have reports from 198 churches, ten associations complete. Additions by baptism—1,845; letter—803; statement—45; professions not joining—104.

PLEASE RUSH REPORTS TO US.

*Dept. of Evangelism,
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George Whitfield, the famous English evangelist, said: "O Lord, give me souls, or take my soul."

David Brainerd, missionary to the North American Indians, 1718-1747, declared: "Lord, to Thee I dedicate myself. Oh, accept of me, and let me be Thine forever. Lord I desire nothing more."

Thomas A. Kempis, 1379-1471, said: "Give what Thou wilt, and when Thou wilt. Set me where Thou wilt and deal with me in all things as Thou wilt."

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"Baptists Will Be Derelict If They Fail Their Schools"

The Late DR. E. Y. MULLINS
Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Since one of the chief objectives of the Baptist Foundation is to help build up the endowment of our Christian schools, we are reprinting an article that appeared in the *Baptist Advance* more than thirty years ago on the subject, "Why Endow Baptist Schools." It was written by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, that great president of our Southern Seminary, and was to encourage Arkansas Baptists who were at that time in a campaign to raise funds for the Ouachita College endowment. We invite the careful reading of this timely message from Dr. Mullins, and remind our readers that what he said then is just as timely today.

"There is no more imperative duty calling upon Baptists in the world today than that of adequately endowing their schools of higher education. There are many reasons for this statement. I wish to mention a few of them in this article.

"The first is that the general standards of education are rising on all hands. We are seeing in every part of our Southern country a great advance movement in education. It is only a question of a comparatively short time until every rural community, even, will have a large number of educated men and women. If Baptists are to retain their leadership, both in the pulpit and in the pew, they must educate their young people.

"Some years ago a young man came to the Seminary and told me his experience. When he finished college he said that he did not intend to take a seminary course, because he was going to be a country pastor all his life. But when he became a country pastor he discovered that so many of his congregation were college graduates that he needed even more training to be their leader. This is not only an argument for seminary training, but an argument for college training. Country churches call for college-trained men.

"Secondly, Baptists should endow their schools because Baptists are in a peculiar sense dependent upon leadership. We have no authority of any kind to compel us to do things. The only means we have of influencing opinion is the truth and religion. We are a spiritual people and must rely upon spiritual methods for bringing to pass the results that we desire. We have no pope or bishop and no one to whom we can look for authority. We are, therefore, beyond most religious denominations, dependent upon wise leadership. We are also fam-

iliar in our denomination with the evils of unwise leadership. A man who is not possessed of the denominational spirit, and who does not understand the denominational life, and especially one who has not breadth of view in dealing with denominational questions, may get us into all kinds of trouble. Thoroughly well educated and intelligent leadership, therefore, is an imperative necessity in all our Baptist work. The logic of this is: Endow our Baptist schools.

"Third. Another reason for endowing our Baptist schools is the danger of rationalism. We are in the midst of great and growing danger in this regard. There are those who desire to eliminate all supernatural elements from the Christian religion. There is a great flourish of scholarship in many institutions in support of unchristian views of God and the world, and in some instances in support of views denying the very existence of God. There is no way to meet this situation except by scholarship that is a match for unbelieving scholarship. We cannot by mere denunciation meet the occasion or the situation. We are bound to meet it by intelligence and by thoroughly trained leadership in our professors' chairs and in our pulpits. The Baptist denomination will be greatly derelict if it fails to equip its schools properly.

"Fourth. We should endow our Baptist schools also because the ideal of a Baptist and Christian school is different from that of the ordinary public schools. Christian schools put an element into education which is not there when education is conducted by others. The supreme need of education in our day is this Christian element. Secular education, uninfluenced by Christian education, might become a curse to the nation. It is a well-known fact that a man who is thoroughly trained in his intellectual faculties, but without moral training, may join the ranks of the greatest criminals. In fact, there are instances on record in which bright boys, educated in the public schools

without moral training, have become expert counterfeiters and have for many years practiced fraud upon the nation. Not only will Christian education put another element into the general educational movement not found in public schools, but it will inevitably influence the public schools of the country in the right direction. Baptist education, therefore, is a leaven which will gradually leaven the whole lump.

"Fifth and finally, I mention as a reason for endowing Baptist schools the propagation of our Baptist principles: We must have men with education to define, expound and propagate our fundamental views of Christianity. We have come to a Baptist age. Europe is waiting for Baptist principles. Those principles are, primarily, of course, religious, but they have a vital and direct bearing upon the civic and political development of the nations. Religious liberty is at the basis of civil liberty and social progress. The conditions that exist in European countries make a peculiar appeal to Baptist people everywhere in the world. If we educate our young people in our Baptist schools, we shall fit them for a mission of great usefulness in bringing the world to the feet of Jesus Christ. Let us as Baptists, therefore, not only recognize the value of our principles, but let us equip our schools and our young people so that those principles may have their adequate expression throughout the world.

"Arkansas Baptists are now in a campaign to bring up the endowment of Ouachita College to half a million dollars. It is my opinion that this army of Baptists have never undertaken a more important task than this. If they succeed, as I believe they will, they will be on the high road to success in all their work." (May 31, 1923)

We want to remind our readers that the needs for more endowment are still very great, and we invite any who may be interested in helping increase our endowment of Christian Education to

Record Number of Awards Distributed by Sunday School Board in 1954

A record number of book awards were issued during the year ending September 30, 1954, by the Sunday school, Training Union, and church music departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, according to figures released this week.

A total of 11,997 Baptist churches in 982 associations requested 6,767,389 Sunday school training course awards. During the past 20 years a total of 5,281,872 book awards have been issued.

The Sunday school training course contains 70 books arranged in six sections: Bible, administration, teaching, doctrines and evangelism, department administration and teaching, and special titles. Two new titles scheduled for publication in 1955 are *Guiding Young People in Bible Study*, by W. L. Howse, and *These Things We Believe* by J. Clyde Turner.

A total of 13,932 churches in 998 associations requested 759,205 Training Union study course awards. This graded course consists of 75 books, presenting studies in principles and methods, the church, Christian life, the Bible, doctrine, the home, missions, stewardship, soul-winning, and the denomination.

The Sunday School Board plans to enlarge its Church music training course to include twenty-six books in six areas of music: general, choral, instrumental, training, promotion, and integrating music courses. For the year ending Sept. 30, 1954, a total of 20,003 awards were requested by 2,109 churches in 512 associations.

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Royal Ambassadors Congress This Week

The Second Annual State Royal Ambassador Congress is meeting at the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7. There will be two general sessions: Friday Evening at 7:00 o'clock, and Saturday Morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Some outstanding men and young men are on the program. These include: J. Ivyloy Bishop, known to Baptist boys all over the world as the former Royal Ambassador Secretary of the South; Ernest Lee Holloway, who grew up in Arkansas and is now a missionary in Japan; Joel Ray, Royal Ambassador Secretary of Mississippi; and several Nationals, including Domingo Dasal of the Philippines; Roque Silva of Cuba; Hiroshi Tano of Japan and Ghazi Sakran of Nazareth (in Palestine).

Jimmy Green, Arkansas Ambassador-in-chief, will preside.

Boys will be coming from all over the state.

Below is listed the major elements of the program:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

4:00 REHEARSAL for Recognition Service _____ Church Auditorium

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:00 CALL to ORDER _____ Jimmy Greene
"The King's Business"
Allegiance

7:10 Devotion

7:15 Welcome _____ Dale Cowling
Response

7:20 Announcements _____ (Appointment of Nominating Committee)

7:25 Song Service

7:35 "We Are Ambassadors for Christ" _____ Presenting Nationals

7:55 Song

8:00 Recognition Service _____ Joel Ray

8:30 Song

8:35 Special Music

8:40 Message: "Ambassadors at Home and in the Homeland"
_____ Ivyloy Bishop

9:15 Adjourn

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 CALL to ORDER _____ Jimmy Greene
"The King's Business"
Commission and Declaration

9:10 Devotion

9:15 Announcements

9:20 Message: "Growing Up in Christ" _____ Joel Ray

9:45 Song

9:50 Panel Discussion — Nationals _____ Ivyloy Bishop

10:30 Song

10:35 Camp Talk

10:55 Business Session

11:05 Song

11:10 Panorama _____ Baptist Headquarters Group

11:20 Special Music

11:25 Message: "Ambassadors Around the World"
_____ Ernest Lee Holloway

Adjourn: 12:00 Noon

State Training Union Secretary Interviews The Associate



RALPH W. DAVIS



ROBERT A. DOWDY

Q. Mr. Dowdy, as we promote Training Union work in Arkansas, what is the most important thing we can do?

A. I believe it is the help we can give the associational Training Union organizations.

Q. Why?

A. A good associational organization will reach every church in the association. In fact, the only way to reach the very last church is through the associational Training Union organization.

Q. How much do we lack reaching the very last church?

A. We lack only 216 churches. Out of 1,136 churches, we have Training Unions in 920 of them.

Q. What is the size of these 216 churches?

A. Only one or two of these 216 are full-time churches; most of them are quarter-time, half-time, or no-time.

Q. How is the best way to help many of these?

A. It is for the associational Training Union directors and his other officers to go to these churches, teach study courses, put on demonstration programs, urge the people to attend associational meetings, and help them organize a Training Union.

Q. What else can the associational Training Union organization do?

A. Help increase the quality of work in the churches that do have Training Union work.

Q. Can this be done through associational meetings?

A. Yes. One month a quarter the associational Training Union officers (Executive Committee) meet to plan their work. The next month the associational officers' and leaders' council is held, at which time conferences are conducted for each department, led by the associational department officers. The third month is the time for the mass meeting. These last two meetings are sometime held on the same night.

Q. What do you plan to do this fall and next spring?

A. This fall I plan to help a number of associations get their organization completed, and next spring I plan to conduct two-

night clinics in twenty associations, at which time we will help the associational officers understand their duties and plan their work.

Q. What important work are we planning in the near future?

A. On June 8, twelve summer field workers will come to Little Rock for a three-day period of preparation after which they will work in six associations for eight weeks, reaching 48 churches in the interest of Training Union work.

Q. What will we do during the summer?

A. I believe you will go to Glorieta in June and teach the adults. We will go to Ridgcrest for two weeks in August and work in the Nursery Department. Throughout the summer we will be directing the work of the summer field workers in the 48 churches. We plan to visit everyone of these 48 churches during the time that our workers, are there.

Q. What is another great need in Arkansas?

A. It is the development of our Nursery, Beginner and Primary work.

Q. What are we planning to do?
A. Of course, we have already led the way in the South with our state-wide and district workshop. We will have another state workshop on September 20 at Second Church, Little Rock.

Next year we plan to conduct ten or twelve associational Nursery - Beginner - Primary Workshops, and we also hope to send workers to twenty-five or thirty churches. One worker will work in a church for one week, preferably during a study course.

Q. At whose expense?

A. We hope to have a plan whereby a church will care for nothing but the traveling expense and entertainment of the worker, and our department will care for the honorarium.

Q. If a church is interested in getting a worker next year, the pastor should write us soon?

A. Yes.

*Ralph W. Davis, Secretary
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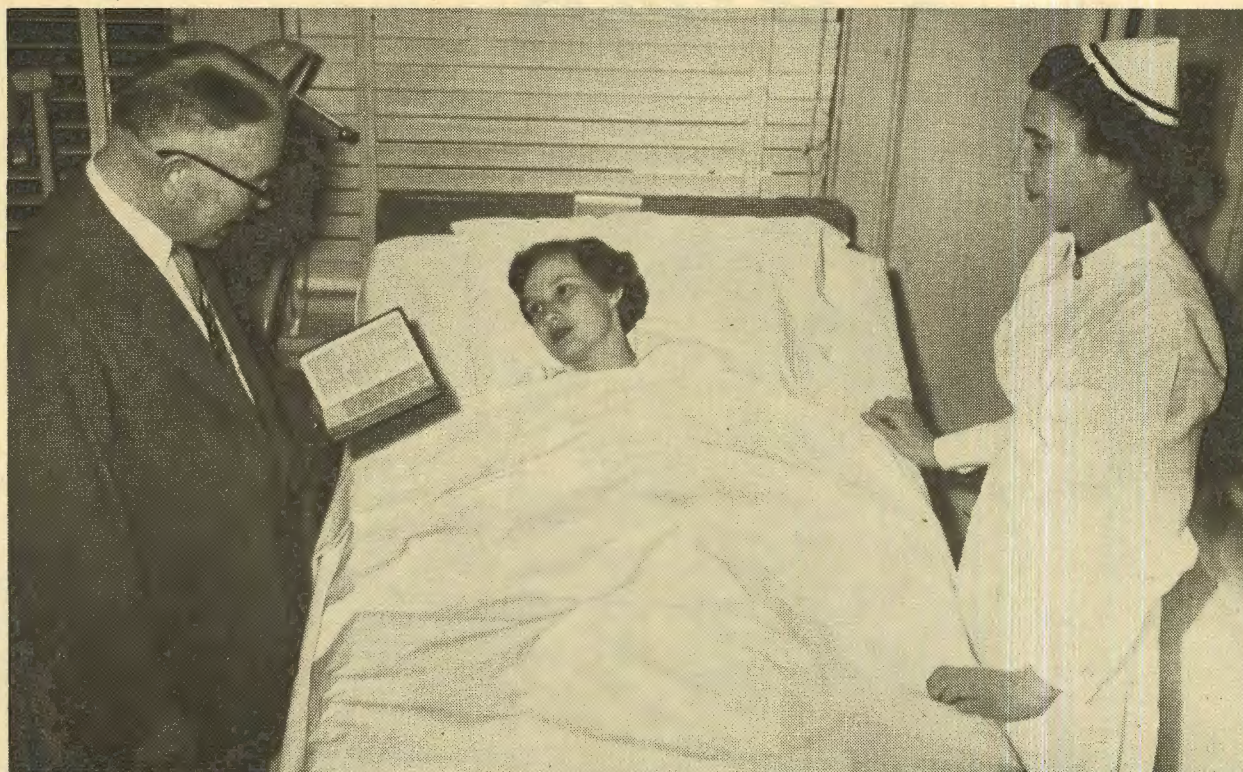
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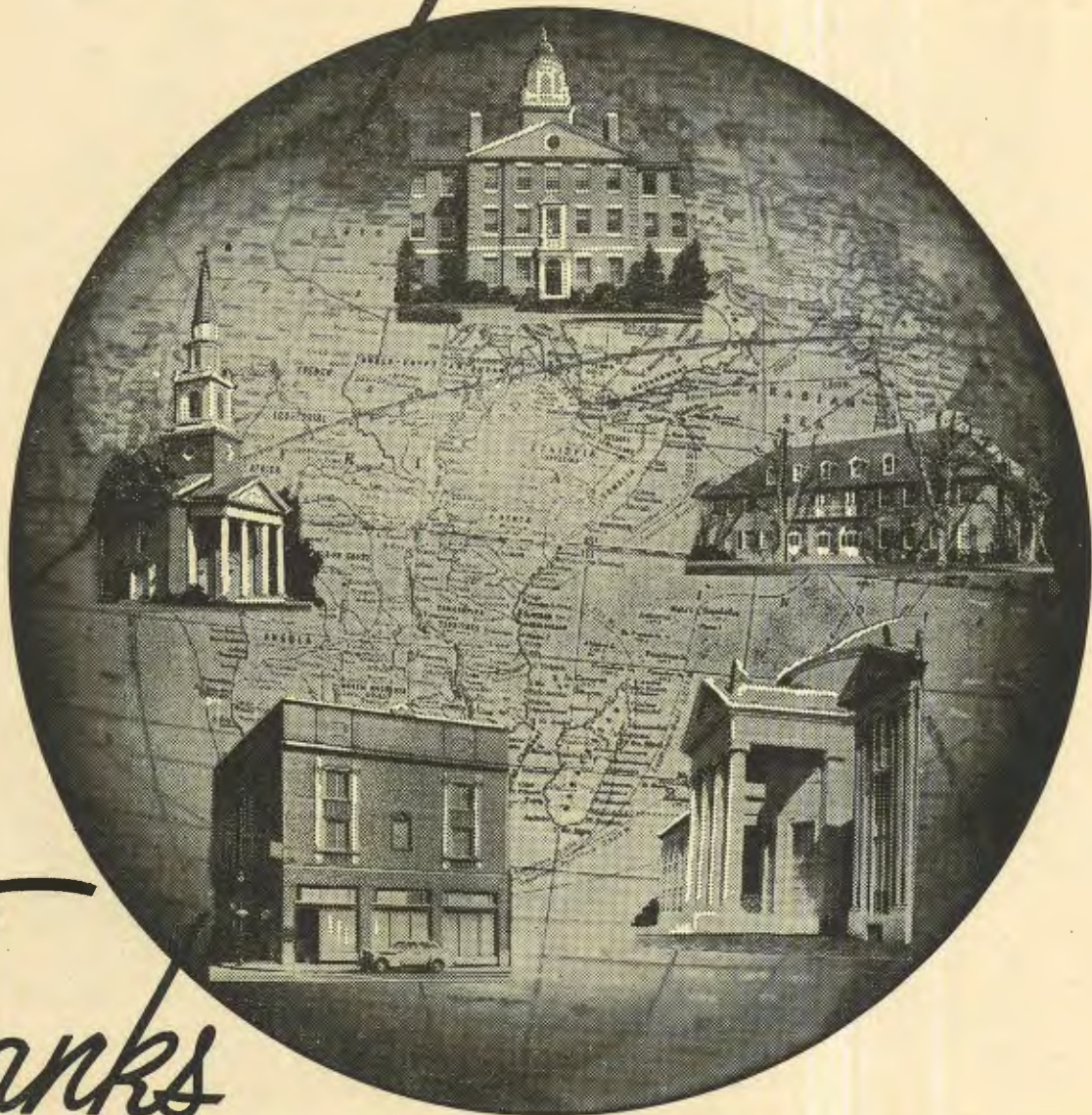
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Joash Repairs The Temple

By BURTON A. MILEY

History revolves around trends, important persons and natural calamities. This lesson illustrates how quickly trends can bear fruit. In approximately fifteen years Judah hit new mud flats of low tide in moral and spiritual values. This ray of hope shines through. A nation can be lifted through leadership. Joash was dedicated to the Lord and rededicated the nation to greater godliness.

BLOODY MOMENTS

True conditions of any country are reflected through actions of the rulers. When Jehoshaphat died Judah was not so fortunate to maintain top leadership. His successors did not carry on in the righteous vein of their predecessor. Jehoshaphat had several sons. Some of the sons received great riches but Jehoram received the kingdom. One of the early acts of King Jehoram was to strengthen himself by slaying his brothers and many of the subordinate rulers. The motive to recover riches could have prompted the slaying. However, the more probable motive was to secure his position by cutting off all possible contenders for the throne.

Jehoram was a son-in-law of Ahab, the King of Israel, who made a greater gap between his nation and God. Jehoram's reign saw war and rebellion. He had not the power to quiet the kingdom and his death bears the notation that he "departed without being desired" (21:20). One can hardly imagine a king being reduced in public opinion so that a statement of this sort was made about him. However, the trend was set. His successors followed his methods. His son Ahaziah came to the throne. Ahaziah's mother was Athaliah of Israel who counselled her son in wickedness. He walked apart from God in a reign which lasted one year and he was slain. Athaliah retaliated by killing all royal seed except Joash who was hidden from her sight and knowledge the first six years of his life.

One can hardly imagine a kingdom filled with selfishness, greed, lack of moral power and grasp of spiritual resources so that murder was as prevalent in the royal family as breakfast. Athaliah herself was killed when Joash came to the throne. One wonders how God has been able to do as much as He has in history.

CONDITIONS OF THE KINGDOM

One should read II Chronicles 21-24 for the full story. When murder was rampant the temple had been neglected and was in bad repair. When the physical property of Jehovah is neglected His worship also goes down. The temple was a visible means of

Sunday School Lesson

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2 Chronicles 24:8-14

advertising God. The neglected temple was a dishonor to God in His own country. Idolatry had grown rampant in the land and Baal worship had been brought into the capital city. The altars of Baal had diverted the people from the temple and true Jehovah worship. The picture is not one of beauty or encouragement. It is one of a nation chosen by God which had slipped moorings and was falling His purpose.

CORRECTIONS

Joash came to the throne. He was a mere child of seven years of age who was sponsored by priests and Levites which still had a mind toward God. Joash was led to repair the house of God and magnify Jehovah worship. An offering was called for and the people responded generously. Even the political princes responded. Their influence encouraged others to give. When the chest was opened there was enough money for the repair. Even a surplus of money existed after the work had been finished on the temple and furnishings and instruments within the temple were replaced. It is said that the people were of such mind that they offered burnt offerings all the days of Jehoiada, the high priest.

Three things can be noted concerning Joash. First was the unusual and providential salvation of his life for an hour of leadership and service to his nation. Godly people saved him from the ungodly rulers who sought to take his life and destroy the royal seed. One cannot escape the responsibility which comes from the careful providences of God.

Secondly, Joash demanded of the people for God. Every leader makes some demands upon his people. He shall demand military instruments and personnel or economic measures. He may demand social reformation. No people escape demands from their leaders. The people will be saved or destroyed in proportion to the worth of the leaders demand. In the case of Joash the demand was made for God and His temple. This was such a great contract to the other leaders.

The third thing that is outstanding about Joash is that he rightly used that which was placed at his hand. The chest was brought into the King's office and the money was taken from it. The money was rightly used for the purpose it was gathered. Joash proved to be a good steward.

There was enough money for all of the work in God's house because of honest management. A very remarkable tribute to the man.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

It is well to note what happens when God is left out. Man's welfare is so definitely united with his consideration of God that the moment God is left out there is a repetition of the work of Ahab, the man who carried Israel astray. Jehoram started Judah on her downward basis because God was left out and he followed wicked counsel.

Life can be misused. It is so easy to fiddle away life or to anchor it to unworthy standards and goals. One should realize that life is something that he cannot have the second run on. The prodigal son met many going away from home who never knew that he returned home. His testimony was never corrected to these.

A church house shows the value people make of God. A poorly constructed church house shows a poor appreciation of God. A poorly kept church house reflects upon the credit of God. Therefore, every person should concern himself with the visible, physical ev-

idence of God's worth as well as the purity of Christian life. God is known by the buildings which honor Him.

Every leader should know that his demands of the people are justified from eternal worth. It is tragic for a leader to lead people to a blind alley and have them to do as the Midianites, fall upon themselves in thorough and utter destruction. Everyone has stewardship responsibilities, but a leader has greater responsibilities than any other. Sunday School teachers, Training Union workers, Deacons, Preachers, State-men, rulers of ten and rulers of thousands should realize the scope of their leadership responsibility.

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Worship and Stewardship

The Old Testament urges faithful giving at the worship service. Jacob vows in the book of Genesis, "And this stone which I have set for a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that thou shall give me I will surely give the tenth to thee." Malachi retold God's plan to all the people when he said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts."

In the New Testament God's man reminded the people that giving was part of their regular worship when he said, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

Giving, Bible giving, is not a technique for raising the church budget; it is God's plan for growing a life. Yet, in too many churches stewardship is neglected and almost forgotten until plans are made for the annual canvass. Even as the people are given an opportunity to bring their tithes and offerings during the regular worship services, the whole process becomes a means of "lifting" in order to "carry on." The ushers will come down to the front of the church and after "Lord help us to be mindful of all for whom it is our duty to pray affairs," the plates are passed. Then someone will take the money to an ante-room or one of the men may carry all the plates back to the front of the church auditorium and stack them up.

If giving is an act of worship, and we believe that it is, then why not make it that. The writer used the following plan very effectively in the pastorate. At the regular Sunday worship the ushers came to the altar at the proper time, the pastor turned to the Bible and read a passage on stewardship, without comment. Then the people were given an opportunity to give. After the plates were passed, all the ushers marched back to the altar, the people stood and the pastor led in a dedicatory or thanksgiving prayer.

Using this plan the most important stewardship passages are read. In fact, time will help you go through the Bible, reading Sunday after Sunday the word of God on giving. Too, this is an indoctrination process which continues week after week. You can preach a stewardship sermon every Sunday as you let God speak, right out of His word, to the hearts of the people about giving. This can be accomplished without giving anyone the opportunity to say, "Our pastor preaches on money all the time." Giving will become truly an act of worship. The plan has been tried, tested and proved effective.

This will save a lot of time. In many instances the pastor must remind the people that giving is an act of worship, but here is a plan to make it that, and at the same time teach stewardship of money, Sunday after Sunday all year long.—R.D.

The Sacramentum

The Roman Empire had all soldiers who fought for her to take what was known as the Sacramentum, which was an oath of allegiance. When a soldier took the oath he

promised to obey his commander and not desert his Country's Standard.

As Christians we are to take the Sacramentum or the oath of allegiance to Christ. Jesus laid down the challenge, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." This can only mean one thing, we are to surrender our whole being to Christ and stretch every nerve to do His will. Between where we now stand and the job that needs to be done, for the glory of Christ, there may be suffering, there may be travail of soul and there may be sacrifice. But to follow Christ means cross bearing, load lifting, burden carrying, soul travail.

To take the Sacramentum means that we not only listen to the words of Jesus seriously as He repeats "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you", but if need be we will sacrifice in order to get it done. The individual Christian will make a sacrificial gift to the local church, that local church make a sacrificial gift to the State Convention and the State Convention make a sacrificial gift to the world-wide program of preaching the Gospel.

But all this goes back, back and back to the place where the individual Christian is willing to put the whole armor of God and take the oath of allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ.—R.D.

"And the Lord Added"

A mission of the First Baptist Church of Elaine was recently organized into a church. The Missionary, H. S. Coleman, and Nelson Greenleaf, pastor of the Elaine Church, led in this new work known as the Lambrook Baptist Church.

The following came to our desk through the Arkansas Valley Associational Bulletin:

"Surely it will thrill your hearts to know how this NEW church has moved out for GOD. They surely have what it takes to prove God. Organized on the 27th day of February, they now have fifty-nine members, five of whom have come for Baptism. Sixty-three is the smallest number in Sunday school in all this weather we have been having. Last Sunday, April 3, they had 102. Next Sunday, April 10, they will have their first service in this new church building. It is not finished, but far enough along for this first service. They have no seats or pews, but this meeting, with dinner on the grounds, is going on just as scheduled. They are expecting 200 for this service.

"These courageous folk in the Lord are in need. They need chairs or pews. In fact, they need everything that goes on the inside of a new building—piano and even money. They also need a pastor. They have about 400 prospects for this work. COULD YOU COME UP TO THE HELP OF THIS YOUNG CONGREGATION IN ANY WAY? GOD WOULD RICHLY BLESS YOU FOR HELPING THEM. I forgot to tell you that their building is 30' by 60' frame. The outside is finished to one coat of paint. I

could go on and on talking about this work, but I must stop it right now."

When new missions and churches are started within the will of God, they prosper, because Jesus said—"The gates of hell shall not prevail against my church."

—R. D.

Peron Ousts Priests as Teachers

An Associated Press news dispatch from Buenos Aires, Argentina, dated February 10, 1955, stated that Ministry of Education issued a statement to the effect that 100 Roman Catholic priests had been dismissed from teaching positions in the Argentine public schools and that three priests had been removed from high ranking posts as inspectors of education.

This order of the Ministry of Education completes the program of the Peron government in ousting the Roman Catholic Church from control of schools supported by the government. Although permission will be given to the Roman Catholic Church to teach its religious dogma in the public schools, students will not have to earn passing marks in it to be promoted.

The government has also cancelled an annual subsidy of \$5,600,000 to private schools, nearly all of which are Roman Catholic.

It was last November that President Juan D. Peron discovered that the Roman Catholic clergy were trying to infiltrate the public schools, the labor unions and other organizations with a view to undermining the Peron regime. Although Roman Catholicism is the dominant religion in Argentina, nevertheless the Roman prelate and the church they serve have conducted themselves no differently than does the Roman Catholic hierarchy in every country in which Rome is dominant. Peron's late wife, who wielded great political and social influence in Argentina, was a fanatical Romanist but, since her death, her husband has not hesitated to confront the Roman hierarchy with the dictum that, so long as he is in control of the government, civil law is above canon law.

It may be that President Peron's strong stand against the pernicious political activities of the church hierarchy in his country will help to impart a measure of encouragement to administrators in other countries to follow his example.

—Scottish Rite News Bulletin.

Church and Denomination Night

All the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are planning a night service built around the church and denomination during September and October of this year. This will be a time when the church members learn more about the Kingdom program from the local church to the end of the earth.

Every church has a past and every church has objectives for the future. You will have an opportunity to know more the history of your church and denomination and also told of the future plans and hopes for the future.

Watch this page for further announcements and more definite plans. But please reserve one service this fall for your Church and Denomination Night.