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Well! What's Eating Ya? – Let's Get in the Game



# Report of the Southern Baptist Convention

## Meeting in Miami, May 18-21

By the Editor

While the Convention did not convene until Wednesday morning, May 18, there were any number of meetings prior to the opening of the Convention.

For instance the Woman's Missionary Union Convention was in session May 15-17. The Ministers' Conference was in session May 16-17. The Executive Board of the Southern Baptist Convention held its pre-convention meeting on May 16. The Southern Baptist Press Association had a banquet meeting May 16. Besides these meetings there were any number of committees which were meeting almost constantly for at least two days prior to the meeting of the Convention.

These various meetings are very important and contribute to the work of the Convention which followed. You can be sure that the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and all the meetings which are related to the work of the Convention are serious business, and the men responsible for these various meetings and committee sessions give their very best to the work in hand.

### SBC Expansion

Perhaps it would be interesting to give a little sketch of the magnitude of the Convention as it now is. Twenty-three states comprise the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Convention territory literally reaches from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Southern Baptists' work in addition to the traditional South has been established in Ohio, Illinois, Kansas, California, Washington and Oregon, with scattered churches in various other states. There are at present 29,899 co-operating churches within the fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention. Within the membership of these nearly 30,000 churches there are 8,169,000 members.

During the year 1954 these nearly 30,000 churches reported 396,857 baptisms. A gain of approximately 55 per cent over 1945, just

ten years ago.

These Baptist churches gave during the year 1954, a total of \$305,573,654 to all causes. That included, of course, the local church program. Included in the gifts were \$52,926,157 to all mission causes. Local church property within the Southern Baptist Convention is valued at \$1,162,761,138.

### Wednesday Morning, May 18

The first session of the Convention was opened by President J. W. Storer of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Secretary Joe W. Burton reported a registration of 2,083 messengers on the opening morning. However, the people were registering constantly all the morning and it is quite likely that this registration figure was increased greatly by the end of the morning session. Before the session was over the Convention Hall was filled to capacity and is reported to seat 15,000. Besides those in the Convention auditorium, the exhibit rooms were filled and many people were on the outside who couldn't get in. If the Convention Hall, as reported, seats 15,000 it is reasonable to suppose that at least 18,000 people were on the grounds surrounding the building and in the exhibit rooms.

The election of officers took place in the first session of the Convention, which resulted in Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., being elected president. You will find the list of new officers elsewhere in the paper.

Dr. Herbert Gezork was recognized as the fraternal messenger from the American Baptist Convention. He was given 15 minutes for an address. A German by birth, Dr. Gezork studied at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is now a vice president of the American Baptist Convention. He emphasized in his message the common convictions, the common concerns, and the common areas of co-operation among all Baptists.

## The Blessedness of Generosity

A Devotion by the Editor

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

There is a rare disease called scleroderma, popularly known as turning to stone. The calcium of the body, instead of being properly distributed throughout the system, is deposited in the skin; there it hardens and unless the process is arrested the outer surface of the body becomes hardened into stone.

There is a spiritual scleroderma that incases the life in a metal cast and so prevents the expression of the soft, pliant, responsive attributes of life.

When possession becomes the ultimate end of all life and endeavor, the pleasure and satisfaction of possession becomes an obsession. The fountains of sympathy, benevolence, mercy, and all generous instincts of life are dried up, the personality becomes steely cold, the conversation takes on a metallic ring, and the attributes become hard and flinty.

It was once said of a man in South Carolina, who was reputed to be the wealthiest man in the state: "He cannot give." His possessions had so completely possessed him that he could not turn them loose. He had held them so long that he could not relax his hold, his grip on material things had frozen, petrified—to bend would be to break, to relax would be to lose, to give away would be to throw away. We call such people tight, and that is an accurate description. All the tentacles of their beings have twined themselves about material things and hold them in a deathless embrace.

It is no wonder Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Giving is the overflow of the generous impulses that keeps the life clean of the poison of selfishness; it prevents the stagnation of personal interests; it allows the daily influx of God's refreshing grace.

The overflow of the generous impulses of life keep the life open, porous, pliable, elastic, tender, gracious. Giving is the evidence of a more excellent disposition of mind, of a higher estimate of the true value of life, of a greater appreciation of the spiritual.

The slogan, "Give until it hurts," is all wrong. "Give until it quits hurting and becomes a pleasure" is better.

"I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35.

### The New Budget

The one other feature of interest in the first session of the Convention was the report of the Executive Committee by Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. A budget of \$10,000,000 for the Cooperative Program was recommended by the Executive Committee for the year 1956 and was adopted by the Convention. That budget is divided as follows:

	Operating	Capital	Total
Foreign Mission Board	\$3,200,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 3,800,000
Home Mission Board	785,000	439,800	1,224,800
Relief and Annuity Board	500,000	291,900	791,900
So. Seminary	436,500	242,466.67	678,966.67
Southwestern Seminary	463,500	242,466.67	705,966.67
New Orleans Seminary	378,000	253,203.33	631,203.33
Golden Gate Seminary	249,000	199,800	448,800
So. Eastern Seminary	288,000	550,363.33	838,363.33
Radio-TV Commission	200,000	12,000	212,000
American Seminary	62,500	42,000	104,500
Carver School of Missions	70,000	—	70,000
So. Baptist Hospital	40,000	120,000	160,000
Brotherhood Com.	80,000	6,000	86,000
Public Affairs Com.	16,500	—	16,500
Baptist World Alliance	30,000	—	30,000
So. Baptist Foundation	25,000	—	25,000
Education Com.	32,000	—	32,000
Historical Com.	27,000	—	27,000
Christian Life Com.	17,000	—	17,000
Convention Budget	100,000	—	100,000
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>

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## The Convention Report

Since the President's Address by Dr. J. W. Storer has been published and the Convention Sermon by Monroe F. Swilley of Georgia will be published elsewhere in the paper, we shall not discuss them here. However, you will want to read both messages because they were powerful and delivered in a masterful way.

The music was under the direction of Dr. Forest Heeren. Special music was rendered by Union University Choir of Jackson, Tennessee.

The first session of the Convention was closed on a high note with the Convention sermon by Dr. Swilley. I hope you will read that sermon in the *Arkansas Baptist*.

### Wednesday Evening, May 18

The Wednesday evening session was climaxed by a great demonstration by the Foreign Mission Board in the presentation of 40 new missionary appointees.

Other items on the Wednesday evening program were the American Bible Society, presented by Thomas T. Holloway of Texas, and the report of the Woman's Missionary Union by Mrs. George R. Martin of Virginia.

Mrs. Martin reported progress in all areas of the W.M.U. work throughout the South. The report listed more W.M.U. organizations, more people enlisted in mission study, more business women won for missions, more people praying for missions, more people studying missions, more people are tithing, more money is being given to missions, more people are doing mission work, more people are reading, more organizations are A-1, more W.M.U.'s are full graded, more full graded W.M.U.'s are A-1.

### Foreign Missions

The Foreign Mission report was presented in one of the most interesting messages of the Convention by Dr. James Baker Cauthen, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. He stated that there are now under appointment 1,002 foreign missionaries. The goal for the future is 150 new appointments each year.

He stated that there are needs calling for \$3,000,000 which the board could not meet on the fields which are now occupied by the Foreign Mission Board. He stated that if Southern Baptists would tithing there would be \$30,000,000 per year for foreign missions.

During the first five months of 1955, sixty four new missionaries have been appointed. Only forty of these appeared on the platform and were presented to the Convention. Among these forty missionaries which appeared before the Convention were several young people from Arkansas. They are Mr. and Mrs. Orville Taylor, Glen Grober, whose wife is a native of Kentucky; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Halsell; and Mrs. Veda Williams Locke, of Shirley. Dr. Halsell has been pastor of the Poplar Ave. Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, for some years, following in the pastorate of his brother, Aubrey Halsell, who is in the chaplaincy.

Dr. Halsell and his wife were the last of the new missionaries presented and he gave his experience of the call to mission fields in equatorial Brazil. The session was closed by prayer and the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers."

### Thursday Morning, May 19

Following a devotional service, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, gave a report of

that agency. The agency has total assets of \$1,506,407.08.

Dr. Frank Tripp, Executive Secretary-Superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, reported a total of patient-days of service rendered at 151,225. The report stated that the Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida, would be ready to receive patients by June 1, with approximately 180 beds in service. With the expansion program, the bed capacity of the Jacksonville hospital will be increased to 310.

The Sunday School Board report was given by Dr. James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary of the Board. As an indication of the increased circulation of Sunday School Board periodicals it was stated that 12,358,478 pounds of these periodicals were shipped in 1954. The total sales increased from \$6,425,326 in 1953 to \$7,247,326 in 1954. The grand total circulation of all issues of all publications for 1954 was 59,644,633 as compared with 54,145,083 in 1953.

### Relief-Annuity Board

The report of the Relief and Annuity Board was given by the new executive secretary, R. Alton Reed. He paid worthy tribute to the late Dr. Walter R. Alexander, who died on December 13. He also spoke words of tribute to Mr. Groner who died during the last year. Dr. Reed was elected to succeed Dr. Alexander as executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board.

Dr. Reed reported the last year the retirement and relief departments combined paid \$1,763,466.82 in benefits. This was an increase over 1953 of \$110,139.12.

The assets of the board as of December 31, 1954, were \$35,091,515.34, a net increase of \$4,888,519.88 over the previous year.

Dr. Reed, speaking of the growth in participation of various annuity plans, stated that in 1954 the board issued almost four times as many certificates of participation as it did in 1953, while in 1953 the certificates issued was double that of any previous year.

The committee appointed to study the need of theological education recommended that the study be continued for another year, and that "if deemed advisable and necessary," that the committee should recommend a location for an additional seminary. The committee concurred in a former action of the Convention in 1950 which did not approve of Convention action in establishing or taking over existing Bible institutes.

### New Home For Radio-TV

The report of the Radio and Television Commission was presented by Dr. Paul N. Stevens, Director.

The headquarters of the Radio and Television Commission is currently being transferred from Atlanta, Ga., to Ft. Worth, Texas. The new address is 6248 Camp Bowie Blvd., Ft. Worth, Texas.

It was reported that the Baptist Hour is now broadcast by 380 radio stations from one end of the nation to the other, and ministers to millions of the American people.

It was reported that television was getting off to a slow start. The pilot film of the dramatic TV series, "This My Son," was released last October for Premier showing in several Southern Baptist communities. Response was immediate and enthusiastic. Because twenty-six different films necessary to begin a television series was impossible to complete in view of the financial difficulties, this first thirty minute motion picture was

released for rental through Baptist Book Stores until such time that it could be joined by other films on television.

### Thursday Night, May 19

Following the devotional service, Dr. L. S. Sedberry, Tennessee, gave the report of the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, located in Nashville, Tennessee. This seminary is for Colored ministers. It is jointly supported by the Southern Baptist Convention and the convention of Colored Baptists.

The report revealed that the student body had grown from 28 men and two women in 1924 when the seminary doors were opened to 82 students enrolled in the current session.

Dr. Sedberry reported a successful year and that both the National Baptist Convention, Colored, and the Southern Baptist Convention had increased their support of the school.

Dr. Merrill D. Moore of Tennessee gave the report of the Promotion Committee of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Emphasis was placed upon Church and Denomination Night this fall, a one night stewardship conference to be held in every church in the Southern Baptist Convention at the same time during the months of September and October.

The dates suggested for the Stewardship Revival is October 30-November 6, or the nearest convenient week.

The Committee reaffirmed its conviction that the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention is the fundamental effective and indispensable channel of providing for the needs of all our work and should receive the undivided support of all our people.

The Executive Committee provides through its publication department, under the direction of Dr. Albert McClellan, the Baptist Bulletin Service, the Baptist Program, the Stewardship Tract Service, the Baptist Press, the Southern Baptist Convention Mat Service.

The Executive Committee, through its Promotional Committee, has also produced a dramatic film and two film strips on the Cooperative Program. The film is "Together We Build." The film strips are "The Best Minutes" and "Hours That Bless." These are now available for use in the Church and Denomination Night conferences in the churches this fall, in stewardship revivals, and for other uses in the church.

### Home Missions

The Thursday evening program was brought to a climax with the report of the Home Mission Board. Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, gave the report. In his address, Dr. Redford warned against decrees of human authority in religious matters and the danger of state religion resulting in centralized religious control. Such methods, he said, minimizes the individual's responsibility to his Lord and a place of the local church in world evangelism. He said that we as Southern Baptists should beware of these dangers.

Dr. Redford declared that the church, meaning the local organization, is primal in providing the resources for continued growth and world evangelism. The first primal factor, he said, is loyalty to the Word of God; the second is to maintain a great spirit of evangelization; the third is to have a great enlightenment and training program; the fourth is a program of stewardship.

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# Kingdom Progress

## Bottoms Baptist Orphanage Dedicates New Building



Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello, has recently completed a new duplex cottage equipped to care for four and five year old boys and girls.

There is room in each wing of the building for twelve children, a room for the House-mother, and a room for two girls who will assist in the care of the children. Meals are to be served in the building.

This new building is a welcome addition to the Home and makes possible the care of twenty-eight more children. When it is filled, there will be one-hundred-forty children in the Home.

The Home is planning an Open House and Dedication Service for this new cottage on June 21, with Dr. B. L. Bridges as the special speaker. Arkansas Baptists and friends are cordially invited to attend. Open House begins at 9:00 a.m. The dedication program is to be held at 2:00 p.m., at which time Dr. Bridges will speak.

It is suggested that those who plan to spend the day, take a picnic lunch. Drinks will be furnished by the Home.

Visit Arkansas Baptists' Home and see the work that is being done for your Homeless-Helpless children.

—H. C. Seefeldt, Supt.

## S.S. Teacher Receives 10 Year Service Pin



Mr. Elbert Summers, pictured above at the extreme left, completed his ten year perfect attendance record with First Church, Bearden, on Sunday, May 8. Shown with him are the members of his Young People's Sunday school class, who were present on that day.

Gus Poole is the pastor at Bearden.

## Arkansas Appointees To Foreign Fields

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Halsell and Mrs. Russell L. Locke, all natives of Arkansas, were appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its May meeting. Dr. and Mrs. Halsell will serve in Brazil and Mr. and Mrs. Locke in Nigeria.

Dr. and Mrs. Halsell now live in Memphis, Tenn., where Dr. Halsell has been pastor of the Poplar Avenue Baptist Church since January, 1951. A native of Little Rock, he received the A.B. degree from Ouachita College and the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Halsell, formerly Mary Elizabeth Tolson, is a native of Rison.

Dr. and Mrs. Halsell have three children, Hilda Ann, 7½, Thomas Erle, Jr., 6, and Maribeth, 10 months.

Mrs. Locke is the former Veda Williams, native of Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. Locke have two children, Judith Levina, 3, and Martin Anderson, 7 months.

## Southwestern Seminary Has Commencement

Commencement exercises at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas were held Friday, May 13, in Truett Auditorium for the spring class of 239 graduates, with President J. Howard Williams presiding.

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., delivered the baccalaureate address.

This class brings the total of graduates for the year to 471. The January class included 119 and the July, 1954 class totaled 113. Graduates by schools are as follows: School of Theology, 117; School of Religious Education, 115; and School of Sacred Music, 11. Four of these received two degrees.

Dr. John M. Price, director of the School of Religious Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, gave the address to the Religious Education graduates Thursday evening, May 12.

## South Side, Ft. Smith, Honors Pastor On Seventh Anniversary

Members of South Side Church, Ft. Smith, celebrated their seventh anniversary as a church with an all day service, and the presentation of a check to the pastor, Victor H. Coffman, Sr., to cover expenses of a trip to the Baptist World Alliance and a tour of the Holy Land this summer.

South Side Church was organized May 23, 1948, with 201 charter members; the present membership totals 827. The Sunday school has 18 departments, 60 classes, with an enrollment of 749. The Training Union enrollment is 210, with 8 departments and 13 unions. Physical properties include the sanctuary with a seating capacity of 850; educational buildings to care for 900, all air conditioned; a 50 bed dormitory at Siloam Springs Assembly Grounds; and a six room parsonage.

Total gifts during the seven years amount to \$284,383, with \$28,947 given to missions. There are 207 tithers in the membership.

Verne Carpenter assists the pastor as the education-music director.

## Stress Church Responsibility For Alcoholics

The five million alcoholics in the U. S. constitute the nation's single largest mental health problem, a leading psychiatrist declared in New York recently.

It is a problem with which both the Protestant church and psychiatry should be more deeply concerned, Dr. Karl Menninger, director of the Menninger School of Psychiatry, Topeka, Kan., told some fifty clergy and lay persons convened for a semi-annual all-day meeting of the Department of Pastoral Services of the National Council of Churches.

"Nothing looms as large on the horizon," Dr. Menninger said. "Every day we see horrifying examples of men and women who drink up every penny they own and make serious critical errors in judgment that affect you and me. It is a problem which is taking a tremendous mental, social and physical toll." Dr. Menninger expressed admiration for the rehabilitation program of Alcoholics Anonymous, but said that despite its "tremendous success," both psychiatry and the churches have a great responsibility because AA will not be able to reach all those who need help.

"Neither drugs nor legislation is the answer to the problem," he added. "The churches and psychiatry must carry the responsibility for working out the best method of dealing with the problem."

—The Religious Newsweekly

## God Still Guides

By Barbara M. Bowen  
Vantage Press Price, \$2.00

## The Glorious Revival Under King Hezekiah

By Wilbur M. Smith  
Zondervan Publishing House Price, 50 cents

## Books Received

### Heaven Happens Here

Grace Mathews Walker Price, \$2.95

### The Heavens Declare

George P. LaBorde Price, \$2.50

### Salt of the Earth

Agnes Reiniger Bieber Price, \$2.50

### Children's Sermons in Stories

Julius Fischbach Price, \$2.00

### The Master Is Here

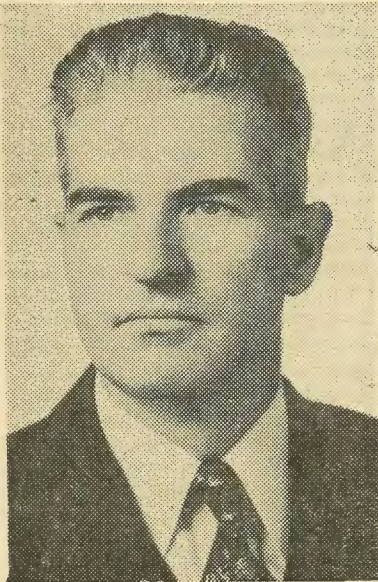
Elbert Neil Johnson Price \$2.50

### Expository Outlines on the Whole Bible

By Charles Simeon  
Zondervan Publishing House Price, \$3.95



## New President Of S.B.C.



DR. C. C. WARREN

Dr. C. C. Warren, newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was born May 28, 1896, and spent his boyhood days in Dunn, N. C., the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Warren.

He is a graduate of Wake Forest College. After serving two years in World War I, Dr. Warren was admitted to the bar in 1920, and served with Clifford and Townsend, Attorneys at law, Dunn, N. C., for two years.

In 1922, he was ordained to the ministry by the First Baptist Church of Dunn. He received the Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in 1928.

The next ten years, Dr. Warren served as pastor of Lexington Ave. Baptist Church, Danville, Ky. Following that pastorate, he came to Little Rock in 1938, as pastor of Immanuel Church, at Tenth and Bishop.

Since December, 1943, Dr. Warren has been the pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. In that pastorate, he has received 3,043 new members; with all the church organizations increasing accordingly. The increase in the church budget has gone from \$30,000 to \$201,000 per annum.

Dr. Warren has been very prominent in denominational work. In each state where he was pastor he has served on various committees and boards, having led the North Carolina Baptist State Convention two years as president, and is now a member of the Southern Baptist Convention executive committee.

### Minister Ordained

John D. Thomas was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by Pfeiffer Church, Batesville, Saturday evening, April 30. Mr. Thomas is pastor of Pfeiffer church.

R. R. Shreve was moderator of the ordaining council. He was assisted by Vernon Bellue, and C. P. Caldwell. A. H. Hefner delivered the message.

Mr. Thomas is formerly from Tennessee. He studied at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, and will complete his training at the Rural Theological Seminary of the South, located on the campus of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

### New SBC Officers

**President**—Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C.  
**First Vice President**—John H. Alderman, Miami, Florida  
**Second Vice President**—Dr. Kyle M. Yates, Houston, Texas  
**Senior Secretary**—Dr. James Merritt, Atlanta, Ga.  
**Associate Secretary**—Dr. Joe Burton, Nashville, Tenn.  
**Treasurer**—Dr. Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn.

### Next Meeting

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet in Kansas City in 1956, May 30-June 2. Dr. Harry E. Stagg, executive secretary in New Mexico, was chosen to preach the annual sermon in Kansas City.

The 1957 session of the Convention will be held in Chicago, May 29-June 1.

The 1958 session of the Convention goes to Houston, May 20-23. The session in Houston is to begin on Tuesday evening. It will be a joint program sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Book Review

**The Master Is Here.** By Elbert Neil Johnson (American Press, New York. \$2.50)

In this book of eleven sermons the Wagram, N. C., Baptist pastor suggests as a subtitle "Jesus' Presence in Fact and Experience." The chapter on "Our Three Births" refers to the physical, spiritual, and death-birth or glory-birth. Heaven and its nearness is given a richer and fuller meaning. Great emphasis is placed on the divine presence and our opportunity of close fellowship with Christ in this world and beyond. Some of the other chapter topics are: "His Presence Revealed," "His Presence Promised," "The Future Appearing" and "His Visible Presence." With his Greek New Testament as a basis, the author presents a scholarly work which will be read with appreciation by ministers and laymen alike.

—Bruce H. Price  
*Newport News, Virginia*

## Associate Pastor Marianna, First



NORMAN GREENE

Norman Greene assumed the duties of associate pastor of First Church, Marianna, May 15.

Mr. Green is a native of South Carolina and at present has completed his Junior year at New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana. He had charge of the youth work of First Baptist Church, New Orleans.

At the Marianna church Mr. Greene will direct the choirs, assist in the educational work of the church, and conduct the mission work.

D. Hoyle Haire is pastor of the Marianna church.

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All the strength and force of man comes from his faith in things unseen. He who believes is strong; he who doubts is weak. Strong convictions precede great actions. The man strongly possessed of an idea is the master . . . Clear, deep, living convictions rule the world.

—James Freeman Clarke.

## First Church, Parkin, Enters New Building



Pictured above is the Sunday school of First Church, Parkin, made on Sunday, May 22, the day the school entered the new addition to the educational building. The new one-story addition, in the background, is constructed so that an another story may be

added later. Much of the labor on the new building was donated by members of the church, and Pastor Ray Langley reports that the building is finished and furnished with an indebtedness of only \$4,000.



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*By Religious News Service*

### Seminary Graduates Told Purpose is to Save Souls

New graduates of Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio, were told by a Lutheran leader that their main purpose will be saving souls, not becoming financiers, administrators or businessmen.

"Whether you wish it or not, you as pastors will be judged in large degree by the standards of the commercial world," said Dr. Frederick M. Hanes of Indianapolis, president of the Indiana Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.

He said the question the new graduate will have to contend with most is, "Can he produce?"

Dr. Hanes counseled they must first, last and always remember that they were chosen—by God—for a purpose, which is the salvation of immortal souls, in our own day and throughout time and eternity.

Thirty graduates were awarded degrees by Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, president of Wittenberg College, Hamma's parent institution.

### American Baptists Report Increased Giving

Members of the American Baptist Convention contributed \$7,551,866 to the Church's unified budget for home and foreign mission work in the fiscal year which ended April 30.

This was announced by Dr. Ralph M. Johnson, general director of the Council on Missionary Cooperation which convened prior to the Convention's 48th annual meeting in Atlantic City.

An additional \$2,000,000, Dr. Johnson reported, was received during the year to establish churches in the "newly-erected or hitherto unchurched areas of the country."

Dr. Johnson noted that giving had increased for the "fifth consecutive year." The 1954-55 budget, he said, represents an increase of \$1,600,000 over the annual giving five years ago. In 1953-54, the unified budget was \$7,201,211, plus \$805,094 for the "new frontier" work.

The National Council of American Baptist Women also held its annual sessions prior to the Convention's meeting. It was announced that the largest "love gift" offering in the Council's history, \$462,704, had been made in the fiscal year ending April 30. The previous year the amount was \$461,531.57.

Mrs. Howard L. Roach of Plainfield, Ia., was elected president to succeed Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge of Portland, Ore., who has held the office since the Council was formed in 1951.

### New Jordan Law Requires Permit For Sale of Land to Christians

A new law enacted in Jordan requires a special government permit for the sale of land to Christian religious bodies.

Jordan controls Jerusalem's Old City in which many Christian shrines are located. There is a recurring demand for land as the site of hospitals, monasteries, hospices and other Christian institutions near these shrines.

Christian leaders were reported aroused over the new law.

### High School Students Find Drinking 'No Longer Smart'

Students of Hot Springs High School, in adopting a code of conduct, outlawed drinking as "no longer smart nor fashionable."

They set a 9:30 p.m. curfew of week-night social functions and a 11:30 p.m. curfew on week-ends.

A report on the vote will be made to the citywide Youth Council headed by Imon Bruce, schools superintendent.

### Evangelicals Back Stewardesses Anti-Liquor Stand

A request by the Association of Airline Stewardesses that airlines discontinue in-flight service of alcoholic beverages won support by the directors of the Upper Midwest region, National Association of Evangelicals.

The directors voted, during the region's annual convention, to convey their endorsement of the stewardesses' action to the Air Transport Association, organization of airlines.

Dr. Paul S. Rees, pastor of First Covenant church and former national NAE president, offered the resolution.

### Duchess of Kent Attends Graham Rally

American evangelist Billy Graham preached to a member of the British royal family for the first time when the Duchess of Kent, aunt of Queen Elizabeth II, attended the fifth-night meeting of his one-week London crusade in Wembley Stadium.

The Duchess was accompanied by her sister, Princess Olga of Yugoslavia. After the rally she spoke privately with the evangelist and his wife for about ten minutes.

Meanwhile members of the Oxford Union, student organization at Oxford University, voted 232-231 in favor of a motion expressing "regret over the approval given by the churches to the Billy Graham Crusade."

### Reports Boom in Baptist Church Construction

A boom in Baptist church construction, unequaled since the pioneer days, was disclosed at the annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention.

Dr. Theron Chastain, executive secretary of the Convention's Home Mission Society, said the boom includes "not only new churches, but at least 50 per cent of our old churches which are carrying on building expansion programs."

### Northwestern Schools Seek Third Radio Station

Northwestern Schools, which owns radio station KTIS in Minneapolis, and KNWS in Waterloo, Iowa, has applied for a license to start a station at Fargo, N. D.

The schools consist of a Bible school, liberal arts college and theological seminary operated under independent conservative Protestant auspices. They were founded by the late Dr. W. B. Riley, noted fundamentalist leader. Evangelist Billy Graham is a former president of the schools.

# A Smile or Two

Two mothers, whose sons are students at Yale and Harvard, respectively, frequently compare notes as to the progress of the young men, as shown by their letters home.

"Henry's letters always send me to the dictionary," said one mother.

"You're lucky," sighed her friend. "My boy's letters always send me to the bank."

Arthur and Willie were playing noisily, though peacefully, when Willie's mother came out to tell the visiting Arthur that he had better go home to dinner. She had just turned to reenter the house when her offspring threw a stone that sent Arthur howling in the direction of home.

"Willie," she demanded sternly, "why did you throw that stone at Arthur?"

For a moment the inhospitable Willie stood abashed, watching the flight of his playmate. Then he sighed deeply. "Well," he said, "Arthur had to go home, anyway."

It is encouraging to observe how rapidly our juveniles acquire a knowledge of economics. Recently at Lafayette a gentleman who teaches a class in Sunday school, by way of illustrating a certain point, took from his pocket a dollar, and asked, "What is this?"

A little fellow responded, "About sixty cents."

This was not exactly what the teacher was driving at, so he went on: "What motto does our currency carry?"

"In God We Trust," piped another little boy.

"What do we trust Him for?" continued the teacher.

"For the other forty cents," replied the first little financier.

Little Janet came running into the house one morning sobbing. Throwing herself into her mother's arms, she cried:

"God doesn't love me any more, mother!"

"Why Janet, dear," said the mother. "Why do you say that? God loves everyone."

"No mother. He doesn't love me," wailed the little girl. "I know he doesn't. I tried Him with a daisy."

"Bless me!" said Tommy's great uncle, "do you mean to say that your teachers never thrash you?"

"Never!" replied Tommy. "We have moral suasion in our school."

"What's that?"

"Oh, we get kep' in, and stood up in corners, and locked out and locked in, and made to write one word a thousand times, and scowled at, and jawed at; and that's all."

A hungry ducky in a Texas town heard the noon whistle in the canning factory blow, and saw the workers troop forth, tin pails in their hands, and fetched a deep, sincere Afro-American sigh out of the innermostness of his being, and then remarked half to himself and half for the benefit of any charitable bystanders:

"Dar she go! Dinner time fur some folkses . . . but jest twelve o'clock fur me."

A little boy had been pawing over a stationer's stock of greeting cards for a long time when a clerk asked him, "Can I help you find what you're looking for, son? Anniversary congratulations to your mother and dad?"

"Not exactly," said the little boy, shaking his head. Then wistfully, "You got anything in the line of blank report cards?"

—Machinist.



## The Convention Report

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Dr. Redford is recommending that the Home Mission Board loan fund be increased from the present \$3,500,000 to \$10,000,000 at the earliest possible date. He envisions a total loan fund reaching to 25 million, 30 million, or even 50 million dollars. He anticipates that these amounts will be reached by interest paid on the loans made by the Home Mission Board to churches, from gifts, wills, bequests, and other designated gifts.

The report of the Home Mission Board reveals that the past year closed a five year crusade of the Home Mission Board. This crusade resulted in 167,247 professions of faith; 1,440 new churches constituted; 2,974 missions started; and 131,527 added to the churches.

There are 1,324 workers with the Home Mission Board. This includes 370 student workers. A gain in missionary personnel for the year was 21.

### Friday Morning, May 20

The following telegram was received Friday morning from President Eisenhower: "To all members of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami, I send warm greetings. I am particularly glad to know of your plans for a session devoted to the subject of the Christian home. My best wishes are yours for an inspiring gathering." Signed, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Reply to President Eisenhower's telegram: "On behalf of the thousands of Southern Baptists in Convention, as its president, I wish you to know how greatly appreciative we are for your warm and understanding telegram to the Convention. By unanimous request of the messengers present, we do thank you and assure you of our abiding prayers for God's blessings on you and yours." Signed, J. W. Storer, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The report of the Historical Commission was given by Dr. Norman W. Cox, executive secretary. Dr. Cox reported splendid progress was being made in the plans for the production of a Southern Baptist encyclopedia. He said, "We are happy to report that each of the State Conventions, Woman's Missionary Union, and each of the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention have entered into covenant to create co-operatively such an encyclopedia. At the end of 1954 the venture had been financially underwritten and an organization created to produce this important work. It is hoped that it can be published in 1957."

The report of the Education Commission was presented by Dr. R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary, who presented Senator Robert S. Kerr, U. S. Senator from Oklahoma, who spoke to the report.

Dr. A. C. Miller, executive secretary, gave the report of the Christian Life Commission and presented Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon of the Louisville seminary who spoke to the report.

### Seminaries Report

The Friday morning session was climaxed by reports from the five seminaries: Southern, Louisville, Kentucky; Southwestern, Fort Worth, Texas; New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana; Southeastern, Wake Forest, North Carolina; and the Golden Gate Seminary at Berkeley, California.

It was announced that Dr. Allen Graves had been elected as administrative assistant in the School of Religious Education at the

Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Allen Graves is brother of Dr. Harold Graves who is president of Golden Gate Seminary in California.

Dr. Graves is assistant to Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins and will be associated with Dr. Dobbins for one year before he takes over the responsibility of full dean of the School of Religious Education.

Dr. Graves is pastor of Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It was interesting and also heartening to note that the president of each seminary emphasized the Cooperative Program as the main support of the seminaries. The Cooperative Program has not only provided for the current operation of these seminaries, but in the capital needs budgets have provided also for the construction of new buildings to take care of the increased attendance.

The enrolment is increasing in all five seminaries each year. There are more than two thousand students in the Southwestern Seminary, above 1,600 in the Southern Seminary, approximately 800 in New Orleans Seminary, almost 400 in Southeastern Seminary, and between three and four hundred in Golden Gate Seminary.

The seminaries are actually universities with three schools, the School of Theology, the School of Religious Education, and the School of Church Music. Perhaps the two younger seminaries, Southeastern and Golden Gate, have not expanded too sufficiently to establish these various schools, yet they do give courses in religious education and sacred music.

The morning session was concluded with an address by Dr. J. Howard Williams, president of Southwestern Seminary.

### Friday Night, May 20

The first item on the agenda Friday night following the devotional service was the report of the Committee on Public Affairs, Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, chairman.

This committee on Public Affairs co-operates with similar delegations from five other Baptist conventions for the maintenance of a clear witness in public affairs. The conventions which co-operate together include: The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the American Baptist Convention, the Baptist General Conference, and the North American Baptist Conference. These conventions jointly maintain an office in Washington, D. C., with C. Emanuel Carlson as executive director. Mr. Carlson spoke to the report.

The report of the Brotherhood Commission was given by George W. Schroeder, Memphis, Tennessee, executive secretary. Mr. Schroeder reported gratifying gains along all lines in Brotherhood work. The report showed that there were 31,430 new men enrolled in the Brotherhood organization during the year 1954, bringing the total membership to 274,348 in the 8,732 church Brotherhoods.

The Christian Home hour was under the direction of Dr. Joe W. Burton, editor of the magazine, *Home Life*. This feature was introduced by a demonstration of family worship. A local family of Miami featured in this demonstration. By process of elimination, Dr. Burton called for the husband and wife that had been married longest to come to the platform and the couple who had

been married the shortest length of time to appear on the platform.

The Christian Home hour was brought to a closing climax by a message by Dr. Perry F. Webb, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas. His message was on the Christian Home. The purpose of the Christian Home, the power of the Christian Home, the protection of the Christian Home, and the paradise of the Christian Home.

### Saturday Morning, May 21

The Saturday morning session was given over to routine matters in the beginning. There were three items of special interest which were taken up at the Saturday morning session.

The first item of interest was the report on Baptist State Papers and also the report on the circulation campaign. The report on Baptist State Papers was given by W. Barry Garrett, editor of the *Baptist Beacon* of Arizona. He listed four functions of the Baptist State Papers: information, interpretation, inspiration, and indoctrination.

Included in his report were recommendations that the Southern Baptist Convention continue its emphasis on the importance of the Baptist state papers. He also recommended that the agencies of the Convention use every opportunity to stress the importance of the state papers and that the State Conventions give more adequate support to the papers in order that they might more adequately perform the function for which they exist. He suggested also that the churches include the Baptist state paper in their budgets for every family in the church membership.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, chairman of the Committee on Circulation, presented that report. Dr. Newton reported that the combined circulation of the state papers in 1940 totaled 190,000, whereas as of February 1, 1955, the combined circulation totaled 1,157,444.

### Procedure For Policy Change

Dr. S. H. Jones, editor of the *Baptist Courier* of South Carolina, was chairman of the special committee on Procedure for Policy Change. The recommendation of this committee suggested that any motion or resolution affecting any agency or institution, and which motion or resolution is not included in the printed report, shall, when presented before the Convention, be referred to the Executive Committee or to such other committee as the Convention may direct. It was also recommended that agencies and institutions of the Convention be directed to release to the denominational press, at least sixty days before the Convention meeting, reports of all matters to be presented to the Convention for approval, or such matters may not conform to the financial plan of the Convention or where they would make a change in fundamental policy. The Committee also called attention to bylaw No. 19 which provides, "one-third of the time for discussion of all reports before the Convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor."

The closing feature of the Saturday morning session and also of the Convention was an inspirational message: "Glorifying God Through the Church," by Dr. T. D. Price of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

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Just about the time we learn to make the most of life, most of it is gone.

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You can never have a greater or a less dominion than that over yourself.

—Leonardo da Vinci.



# The Convention Sermon

## The Taming of the Cross

By MONROE F. SWILLEY, JR.

Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., is a native of El Dorado, born October 12, 1914. He is the pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. He also has held pastorates in Alabama, Arkansas and Kentucky. He has been a member of the executive board, Arkansas Baptist Convention, and of the executive committees of the Georgia Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He was educated at Ouachita College and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry in 1931 shortly after his 17th birthday.

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:10-25

Text: "For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel; and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power" (I Corinthians 1:17 Revised Standard Version)

About one hundred years ago Heinrich Heine, the German intellectual, made a cynical observation concerning the role of the cross in the life of his people. He said, "The day will come when it will pitifully collapse. The old stone gods will rise from the forgotten rubble and rub the dust of a thousand years from their eyes, and Thor will leap up and with his giant hammers start smashing the Gothic cathedrals." This astute observer realized full well what the influence of German rationalism was doing to the heart of the Christian gospel. Adolph Hitler did rise, and with the hammer of Thor in his hands he endeavored to destroy the last vestige of Christian influence in his land and in the world. The ugly, hydraheaded monster of **fascism, atheism, materialism, totalitarianism, militarism, and imperialism** rushed forward to devour the ripest fruits of western civilization. This could never have happened in a so-called Christian nation without the taming of the cross, that ancient and historic symbol of God's miracle-working power. Throughout the Christian era the living cross has been able to thwart and defeat every sinister purpose which was set in motion by the malignant powers of evil.

### Easy-Going Optimism

The free world today is engaged in a continuing phase of that struggle. Whether the war is "hot" or "cold," the issues are still the same. Make no mistake about it, the forces of godless Communism are determined to exercise their dominion over all mankind. Already, eight hundred million people, occupying approximately one half of the land mass of the earth, live under the red flag. The champions of this philosophy are demonstrating a fanatical and frenzied zeal for their program of blood, hatred, and aggression.

Do Christians today have moral and spiritual strength that is equivalent to this godless force? When we look into the faces of our children and grandchildren, do we have the assurance that they will live in a world without fear? It is easy to feel that what we do is without significance. In every battle for truth, justice, and freedom, what one person does can often determine the outcome.

The easy-going optimist is quick to point out the evidence of a spiritual renaissance in our land. Over ninety million Americans are now members of some church. The greatest movies, finest TV programs, and best-seller books deal with religious themes. The President of the United States gives a positive and courageous witness to his Christian faith. A group of congressmen meet each day in

a prayer room in Washington. Christian personalities, like Bishop Sheen, Norman Vincent Peale, and Billy Graham, attract large and responsive audiences. Many Hollywood movie stars are showing signs of spiritual awareness. For this rise in the spiritual thermometer, we offer our heartfelt gratitude to God.

### The Sobering Look

The long, hard look is somewhat sobering. Someone has well pointed out that thermometers merely register the temperature of the surrounding atmosphere, while a thermostat controls it. Christian motivation in our hearts should produce a moral climate which is conducive to the development of strong, vigorous, and dynamic personalities. The figures about juvenile and adult delinquency, alcoholism, immorality, crimes of violence, robbery, corruption and graft in high and low places, and the cost of preparations for war are appalling and shattering. Even in the house of God we need to ask the question, what discernable difference is the fact of my Christian profession making in the way I live? It is searching and revealing sometimes to ask, would there be any difference in the way I think and act if Jesus Christ had never lived on this earth?

Listen to Billy Graham, "We believe a religious revival is the only hope of the world, but very few on us are willing to start in our own lives and pay the price. There is a lot of watered-down, namby-pamby peace of mind sort of business which is of little religious value."

Dr. Paul Calvin Payne, chairman of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, criticizes the soft, religious sentiments of many modern Christians and reminds us that Christianity requires heroic commitment to great causes and ideas."

Dr. Harold Bosley, in his straight-thinking, hard-hitting book, **A Firm Faith for Today**, describes the difference between concern about religion and commitment of the total personality to the cause of Christ. He tells the story of a veteran captain of a fishing boat taking a group of uninitiated fishermen into an area of the bay where the fish were plainly breaking the surface of the water. The excited devotees of Isaac Walton were certain that they were in luck. The seasoned fisherman quietly observed, "They're breakin,' but they aren't bitin'." Concern becomes commitment only when we rediscover the original meaning of the cross.

In his life of General Sherman, Lloyd Lewis records an incident in the Battle of Shiloh where a teamster was struggling to drag a gun carriage up through the mire of the river bank. A wandering evangelist seized on that strategic moment to do some evangelistic work. He said to the teamster in a sepulchral

voice, "Do you know who died on the cross?" Without looking up, the teamster replied, "Don't ask me any riddles: I'm stuck in the mud." Our modern world is stuck in the mud, and unless we do discover the riddle of the cross, the achievements of the highest purposes of our faith and culture will be long overdue.

Many years before the revolution in Russia, a village priest was greatly concerned about the preoccupation and indifference of his people. One night he climbed to the roof of his church and nailed a transverse beam across the diagonal section of the beautiful cross which adorned the steeple. The next Sunday the angry people demanded that the beam be removed. The man of God was adamant and said, "You have canceled the cross in your daily lives. When you restore the cross to its rightful place in your hearts, then I'll remove the beam from that steeple." Canceled crosses in the hearts of Christians will not command the fascination or devotion of a lost world. The cross in our day has become a charm, an amulet, an adornment. We have exercised ingenious artistry in our efforts to domesticate it and to subdue its vital and soul-stirring passion. The most thrilling, exciting, impelling, and gripping symbol of all time has become a dull, languid, insipid, and inert commonplace. The original cross was rough, rugged, and unsightly. It was drenched with tears, stained with blood, and pierced with nails. Our crosses arouse a passing admiration, while the original cross of Jesus redeemed a dying thief and flung open the doors of Paradise, not only for him but for all who will believe. Inspired by this cross, men marched into the very jaws of death, hurling their defiance against every tyrannical power and singing their exultant songs of victory. Let us consider how far we have traveled in our efforts to tame the cross and empty this glorious symbol of its primitive meaning.

### The Nature of Sin

When our original parents disobeyed God, they were unwilling to face the consequences of their actions. The call of God as he walked in the cool of the Garden went unheeded. Bearing upon their souls the intolerable burden of guilt, they feared to face the one who, alone, could bring pardon and renewal of fellowship. They blazed a trail of evasion and subterfuge over which men still walk today.

Not long ago a lad disobeyed his mother. He hid himself behind the shrubbery surrounding the house. Through the afternoon and into the night his mother called his name with no response. Finally he tried the back door and found it open. Slipping into the house, he made his way upstairs to his bedroom and, under cover of darkness, prepared for bed. Even the darkness became his enemy and drove sleep from his eyes. Through the moonlight he became aware of his mother sitting by his bed. With a sob he threw himself into her arms. Comforting his aching heart as only a mother can, she said, "Why didn't you answer when I called? Didn't you know we could work this thing out together?"

The cross on which Jesus died revealed sin as something with which only God can adequately deal. Man constantly evades this sublime truth and tries to find the answer within himself. It is this distortion of the glory of the cross which has brought untold suffering to mankind. No system of penance,



no elaboration of ritual, no program of reformation has ever been devised which can deliver the soul of man from the bondage of evil. This is a problem which only God can solve, and this he did in a manner befitting his glory and mercy. The tragic failure of alibis, rationalization, and escapism reveals the superficiality and the impotence of man apart from God. There is no depth to this therapy. Sin is primarily against God and, as such, must be faced with him.

### The Ministry of Pain

Nowhere has our effort to soften and enervate the cross become more apparent than in our attitude toward pain. The question arises so often when misfortune, disease, or death visits our lives, why did this have to happen to me? The assumption seems to be that being a Christian calls for exemption from the heartaches and miseries which are the common lot of mankind. The arrival of suffering or sorrow is considered a hostile intrusion into our plans, and a vicious disturbance of the neat harmonies of our lives. Racked with pain, consumed with fever, plagued with disease, and tortured in soul, millions stand beside life's wailing wall. The cross reaches down into the great deeps and brings an answer, not so much as to "why" but with a triumphant "how."

Long ago one of God's great servants drank from the chalice of pain. The floods of disaster swept away all of life's comfortable securities. A desert storm rolled in with the burning, whirling sands to slay his sons and daughters. A loathsome disease affected his body. Even his wife advised him to "curse God and die" (Job 2:9). Well did Job know that the cursing and the dying would be one. Out of the pits of his despair there comes the ringing affirmation of his faith, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:15). About half a century ago Oscar Wilde remarked that there was enough suffering in one London lane to show that God does not love man. Orphaned in heart, wounded in spirit, frustrated in mind, Wilde tried to ask why; and the only answer was a faint and fragile echo. There is a better answer when we ask the question in a different way. In looking at the cross, we will find enough of an answer to satisfy the heart.

The intensity of the physical suffering of our Lord in connection with the events of Passion Week cannot be measured. The cry of dereliction, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me" (Mark 15:34), and the cry of physical anguish, "I thirst" (John 19:28), reveal nothing less than the very agony of God. This indicates the distance God is willing to go in sharing the sharpest pain, the deepest grief, and the darkest despair with every man. No wonder a boy in a hospital about to go into the operating room said to his father, "I'm not afraid of anything as long as you are here."

Even Milton himself wrote *Paradise Lost* when he was blind and forced daily to cope with jealous rage in his own home. A wise man once said, "God sent not his Son into the world to make us comfortable: he sent him to make us great."

Lew Wallace in his great classic, *Ben Hur*, tells the thrilling and arousing story of a great chariot race between Ben Hur, the young Jew, and Messala, the proud and haughty Roman. The contestants are so well matched that the outcome is utterly unpredictable until the end. Emotions are at fever pitch. With masterful horsemanship, superb daring, and unswerving control the

young Jew brings his chariot and the beautiful Arabian horses across the finish line to win the victor's crown. A gigantic roar of applause rolls from the audience. In entering into the emotion of his daring spectacle we feel like calling out, "Whence cometh those mighty arms?" Above the thunder of the great ovation we can almost see Ben Hur lifting his head and hurling back his reply, "These are the arms that were formed during those years I served as a galley slave." Struggle enabled him to develop a reservoir of strength from which he could draw in the hour of supreme crisis and opportunity. This is something of the heroic meaning of the cross for us today.

### The Utterance of Love

Perhaps we can blame the English language for our failure to understand and keep alive the grand passion of divine love in the drama of the cross. Unfortunately, the English word "love" must cover several different meanings. It could mean anything from the romantic feeling of a boy for his sweetheart to the holy love between man and God. In spreading the word over this multiplicity of meanings, it has lost much of its color, freshness, richness, and power.

The Green language is much richer. There are four words for love that are most often used. *Epithumia* denotes affection that is purely sensuous. *Philia* is used for the love of two friends. *Eros* appears in connection with love between the sexes. *Agape* is the constantly recurring word in denoting God's love for man and man's love for God. The New Testament writers took this word and invested it with a meaning that carried all that God could feel for man and all that man could feel for God. This word moved from earth to heaven and from heaven to earth. Here was a love that was more than sexual, brotherly, or patriotic. This love became a sacred passion which stirred the mind, warmed the heart, and aroused the will. There was an utterness in his love that impelled men to hazard their lives for the gospel.

The cross reveals the love of God for each man at the point of his deepest need. Gerald Kennedy in his book, *Who Speaks for God?*, tells about a famous colony of mercy in a place called Bethel in Westphalia, Germany. It is dedicated to the care of epileptics and the mentally deficient. It is in some ways a horrible place to visit. Perhaps the most pitiful part is the ward for babies and young children. Some years ago a wealthy man was being shown about in the hope that he would help to support this colony, which depends upon gifts from interested patrons. He finally came into the children's section where he was so moved he could not speak. After he had recovered himself, he asked how many of the children would be helped enough so that they could live normal lives. About one in a hundred was the reply. "Oh," the visitor said impatiently, "then it isn't worth it." The superintendent replied, "Suppose that one were your son." It is only in the cross that a man finds a great sky of love over his life.

Catherine Marshall, in the story of her husband's life, *A Man Called Peter*, describes the night on which Peter was taken with his last illness. When the heart attack seized him an ambulance was called to remove him to the hospital. As he was being carried out the front door on the stretcher, he looked up into Catherine's face and said, "Darling, I'll see you in the morning." This was a radiant expression of a faith in a love that always stands within the shadow, keeping watch above its own.

### The Dimensions of Victory

Many Christians today have weakened the power of the cross by confining it to mere human categories of thought. Like the Disciples, we look on the dark side and allow a sense of failure and futility to black out the shining stars of victory. In one of our churches there is a beautiful stained glass window. On dark, dismal, and dreary days its colors are subdued and conquered. One must look at this window when the sun is high in the sky in order to see its transcendent glory. Then all the richness of color and brilliance of tone leap forth to enthrall us. The cross is not a dark symbol of defeat, but the divine sign and assertion of the triumph of humility and service in a world of pride, arrogance, and selfishness. Against a background of suffering and death, we can see the everlasting message of God's measure of greatness.

You cannot bless until you bleed; you cannot save until you serve; you cannot lift until you stoop. While Christ shed his blood, God held the world closer to his heart than at any other time in human history. A man is never bigger than when he puts the strength of his life under the load that another carries. This is the story of successful failure. Are we big enough to be little, successful enough to be a failure?

Our patterns of success revolve around human and contemporary standards. Power, pleasure, and profits are the trademarks of human accomplishment. The cross is God's revelation that pain is often better than pleasure, surrender is better than dominion, and sacrifice is better than profits.

"Oh Cross that lifted up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be."

### Cross in Our Souls

How big is the cross in your life? Is it weak and inane, drab and powerless? Have you robbed it of its ancient power? Have you left it outside a city wall where our Lord was crucified two thousand years ago, or does it live in your heart today? The cross of the first century must become the cross of the twentieth century. The cross planted once in Palestine must be planted again in America. The cross of Jesus must become the cross within our souls on which we crucify ourselves and exalt Jesus Christ.

This power must be channeled into our lives. Here is something that breaks down walls, enlarges horizons, opens new frontiers, crosses boundaries, and embraces all humanity. We marvel at the power of the Niagara to light a city. How much more wonderful is the power of the cross to illuminate a soul and point the way toward real greatness!

A native of Switzerland lived in the valley but spent his days climbing the difficult mountain peaks. One day he attempted to climb the sheerest side of the highest mountain near his home. It was necessary to scale a perpendicular granite cliff some hundred feet high. He sought to do so by pulling himself along a rope, hand over hand. Just as he was about to throw his foot over the upper ledge the rope broke, cut by the rocks to which it was looped. Dashed to death by the fall, he was found at the base of the cliff. Since his friends knew he loved the mountains so, they decided to bury him where he fell, and on the monument that marked his resting place were carved these words, "He died—climbing." What better motto could be found for every aspiring Christian who wants to discover the original and eternal meaning of the cross of our redeeming Lord?



## Assembly Soloist



MISS ROSE ARZOOMANIAN

By popular request Miss Rose Arzoomanian of Chicago, Illinois, will serve again this year as guest soloist for the two Arkansas Baptist State Assemblies, June 30-July 5 and July 7-12, 1955.

Be sure and get your reservation in the mail today. Send your name, age (if under seventeen), sex, and a \$2.00 reservation fee for each person to Edgar Williamson, 314 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

## Southwestern Seminary Grants First Degrees To Negro Students

Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has granted its first degrees to Negroes. Leon Fernandez Hardee received the B.D. degree and Marvin C. Griffin received the M.R.E. degree at the spring commencement, May 13. Both are pastors in Waco, Texas.

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## Majoring On Missions

I did not attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, but from the reports I have read and the plans which the various Boards have announced, it seems to me that the major emphasis our Convention is to have in years to come is missions

The Foreign Mission Board has an advance mission program outlined with the hope of having 1700 missionaries on foreign fields. The Home Mission Board also has outlined a gigantic mission program. These programs have been endorsed enthusiastically by our Southern Baptist Convention, so it seems that all our Baptist people are aroused and have become interested in a great mission program at home and abroad. This is an encouraging sign. When missions are kept at the forefront, other causes will be taken care of; but when missions have to take second place in our interests, eventually all our causes are in need. So, I am thrilled over the interest our Baptist people are now taking in missions.

I am reminded, however, that the stream of missions cannot rise higher than its source. The source of all our mission activities is in State Missions. Hence, it will be necessary, if a great world-wide mission program is to be properly carried out, for us to also strengthen our State Mission Program. I have been thinking on some advance mission plans for Arkansas, which I will discuss later. But, it is going to take money if we enlarge and advance in our state program. Already this year, we have had to decline several requests for financial aid. We do not have the funds. Yes, there is a little surplus on hand at present, but the churches already approved for financial aid will consume all of it. There will be no backlog to use for special mission emergency cases.

As an example of our mission work, let me cite you Grant County. We now have one Convention Baptist church in the county, which is Buie Baptist near Prattsville. The church at present is pastorless. The thing I would like to see is to have a man live in the community serving the

church half time, and also be our missionary for Grant County the other half of his time. There are many places in Grant County where a man could do some real effective mission work if it could be possible for us to finance such a program.

Another county that needs special attention is Madison. There are only two Convention churches in the county, and they have less than 200 in the total membership. For a year or more, we have been conferring with the Baptists in Washington-Madison Association in regard to placing a pioneer missionary in Madison County. There are a number of places where missions can be opened and churches established. We hope to be able to do something definite in another year.

A letter received today from Pastor Mifflin of Shirley, tells about the need of financial help at Burnt Ridge — a mission established about a year ago by the Shirley church and pastor. The Lord has blessed the mission services and there are now six awaiting baptism. Pastor Mifflin writes about two elderly men being saved — one 85 and the other 75 years of age. This mission is doing a great work and the Shirley church is unable to finance the program. They need our help.

It is my feeling that the hour has come for us to unite all our forces in a great "Baptist Advance Program"; which program is to begin at the local church, work throughout the association, in every area of the state, and from there out to the ends of the earth. Every cause that we Baptists foster should be included in an advance program, but missions should be kept at the forefront. Let's make missions our mission during next year and the years to come. And, let's plan now to do a good job in Arkansas.

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

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When you sit and do nothing you are sitting on the lid of the box that holds the answer to your problem. —Quote.

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Springdale, First	521	174	
Little Rock, South Highland	520	188	
El Dorado, Second	511	178	
McGehee, First	491	179	
Monticello, First	462	211	3
Fort Smith, Calvary	450	133	3
Booneville, First	444	100	1
Cullendale, First	438	170	
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	426	125	2
Siloam Springs, First	444	100	1
West Helena	405		
Hot Springs, Park Place	403	111	
Hot Springs, Central	402	102	
Including mission	465	141	
Bentonville, First	401	127	1
Bearcy, First	388	146	
Fordyce, First	385	135	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	384	146	
Smackover, First	370	152	
Fort Smith, South Side	369	100	
Fort Smith, Trinity	366	151	1
Stuttgart, First	361	103	
Including missions	595	243	
Jonesboro, Central	352	158	2
Hot Springs, First	342	120	1
Mena, First	331	126	
Including mission	376	171	
Hamburg, First	331	122	
Malvern, Third	320	129	1
No. Little Rock, First Cabot, First	319	117	
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No. Little Rock, Pike Avenue	272	89	2
Paragould, East Side	271	168	2
Fayetteville, University	232	136	2
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	208	116	
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	208	115	
Springdale, Caudle Avenue	208		
Rogers, Sunny Side	138	79	



## A Bright Spot

By W. R. CULLOM  
Wake Forest, N. C.

That there is much of darkness on the horizon of today's world surely must be evident to anyone who possesses the least power of discernment! For example, when a strong, vigorous, pushing group starts out to capture the world, professing openly and without apology to be atheists, that they believe that the most corrupt and most unscrupulous methods imaginable may be used and used legitimately to accomplish its ends, the horizon is dark indeed. When this group goes further and proposes, pushes and puts forth every possible effort to overthrow the present order of society by violence, underhanded chicanery or any means whatsoever that anyone or any section of the group can invent and put on, the darkness grows more intense and alarming.

When we turn then and look at the other group—those who profess and often profess very loudly that they are champions for God and His cause in the world, when in too many cases these people are leaders and officers of high rank in our churches; they sing loudly on Sunday and appear to worship God with all devotedness; they then go out, often on the same day, and even in their so-called worship seek to undermine the reputation, the influence, and even the faithful lives of their fellows who may be of a different party: I say when such as this is seen about us, the horizon grows even darker if possible. And am I exaggerating here? Or am I portraying in a very faint and feeble way a situation that is as real as the very ground beneath our feet? I shall leave each of my readers to answer this question for himself.

And where is my bright spot to place over against all this? Here it is: On Monday, March 28, 1955, Senator William E. Jenner, of Indiana, stood on the floor of the United States Senate and asked unanimous consent of that body to read a paper to them. When the paper had been read, he again asked unanimous consent to have the paper printed in the Journal of that body at his expense, and not that of the tax payers of America. And what was that paper? It was an Easter Message called "For America — Our Fathers' God, to Thee," written by E. Merrill Root, of Indiana, and published in the bulletin of For America, a patriotic organization having headquarters at 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, and which is dedicated to the restoration of the United States Constitution. There being no objection, the message was ordered printed in the Record. I give a little sample from the paper: "In this crucial hour of time, we who stand for America must build

steadfastly on eternity. For we wrestle, as Saint Paul says, not with flesh and blood but with principalities and powers, with the rulers of the darkness of this world, with spiritual wickedness in high places. Ours is the old, the ever new, the eternal war of good against evil, of light against darkness, of reality against nihilism. And since the basis of all good, all light, all reality, lies in God, we cannot fight the good fight unless we ourselves are the soldiers of God." There follows then two and a half pages of the printed paper calling strongly and beautifully for an immediate and faithful return to the God in whose fear and for whose glory our nation was founded. I sent to Senator Jenner, United States Senate Chamber, Washington, D. C., for a hundred copies of the paper and am trying to give it as wide and as effective circulation as possible. Would that every person in America might read this paper and each of us become a real fighting "soldier of God" in the battle which must be that of Armageddon!

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### Redford Gives Encouraging Report to Southern Baptist Convention

A five-year Crusade in home missions closed in 1954 with encouraging reports of mission work and interest, Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary - Treasurer, Home Mission Board, told messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention in his annual report.

Increases were reported in professions of faith, number of new churches, missions, and additions to churches, plus increases in missionary personnel and financial support.

Home Mission Board workers showed a gain of 200 in regular missionaries and an over-all gain of 299 counting summer student workers during the past five years.

During the past five years, Southern Baptists have baptized an average of 1000 persons a day, added 1200 per day by letter, have given approximately five million dollars per week for the Lord's work, and have constituted an average of 11 new churches per week.

Of these, home missionaries reported 167,000 professions of faith, 1440 new churches constituted, 2974 missions started, and 132,000 added to the churches.

Receipts for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions jumped from \$664,475.78 in 1950 to \$1,212,434.57 in 1954. Over-all receipts for the Home Mission Board showed a million dollar increase in the five-year period of the Crusade.

## All Things Come From Thee

By H. H. SMITH  
Ashland, Virginia

An aged Christian man was traveling in California and came upon one of those wonderful scenes in the Yosemite Valley. Overcome with emotion, he fell upon his knees, clasped his hands and exclaimed, "Mercy, mercy, mercy! Have I lived 76 years to see this great glory? God made it all."

Only a man of a devout spirit could be so moved by the sight of God's wonders in nature, and think only of the Creator of it all. Multitudes, no doubt, look upon the same entrancing scene day after day without a thought of the One who brought it into existence. Let us read again those wonderful chapters in the Book of Job, depicting the omnipotence of God — the God who alone could create these things: "The earth, the sea, the stars, the light, the rain, the snow and frost, the lightning, the variety of marvelous instincts and powers possessed by the animals."

### DIVINE-HUMAN PARTNERSHIP

God speaks to us impressively in the opening words of the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." But we do not go far in the Bible before we discover that the God who made this world is not running the world without man. While it is true that "all things come from God," there is a divine-human partnership, or co-operative spirit, between God and man, — and for this we should be devoutly thankful. Someone has said that whenever a man plants a hill of beans, he enters into partnership with Almighty God. God made the soil and the seeds and sends the sunshine and the rain, but man must plant and cultivate or there will be no harvest. God never made a telegraph, telephone or radio instrument, but He created electricity, electrical waves and magnetism, and gave man the intelligence necessary to use these forces of nature and construct these instruments which have brought great benefits to mankind. While giving due credit to man for his diligence, patience, skill, which have resulted in marvelous

achievements, it is still true that "all things come from God."

It is reported that a little boy who had been operated upon by a great surgeon, said, as he came out from under the anesthetic: "My mother will never get done talking about you." This feeling of deep gratitude toward those who have helped us during some crisis of illness is understandable. When someone was overly-enthusiastic in his praise of his family physician, the doctor said something like this: "You are too generous with your words of praise. A doctor is only God's instrument in healing the ills of his patients. God has given the human body the power to heal, under proper conditions, and the doctor helps nature do its work, perhaps with the aid of drugs which God has created." The devout psalmist offered praise and thanksgiving to the One "who heals all your diseases."

As we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," let it be an acknowledgment of our dependence upon Him from who all things come, — and be thankful.

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour,  
And back of the flour the mill,  
And back of the mill is the wheat  
and the shower,  
And the sun and the Father's will."

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Liberty is not handed down like the family silver but must be fought for and rewon by each new generation.

—Lucille Milner.

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Not one of us knows what effect his life produces, and what he gives to others; that is hidden from us and must remain so, though we are often allowed to see some little fraction of it, so that we may not lose courage. The way in which power works is a mystery.

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## Our Missionary Needs

Are you satisfied with our home and foreign mission efforts? Do you think we are getting all the mission money we need? Since our mission work is receiving such great support through the Cooperative Program, it is easy for Baptists to get the idea that the financial needs of our home and foreign mission fields are all settled and that there is no need for our special concern about "money for missions." But we need to have it impressed upon our minds and hearts that there is still very much of this old world in dire need of the Gospel. With all that we as Baptists are doing in promoting missions, we have hardly scratched the surface of the great harvest field that needs to be planted with the Gospel. An article in the May issue of *The Commission* by Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr., Personnel Director of the Foreign Mission Board, has some heart-searching statements about mission needs. We quote the following from what Dr. West says:

"How heartbreaking it is to realize that for every five new missionaries sorely needed and urgently prayed for only one will be sent!

"Many Southern Baptists are surprised to learn that we do not have enough qualified young people, led of God, who are trained and ready to go out to man the frontiers for Christ. Somehow, many have thought we had hundreds eager to be sent and that the only problem was lack of money. Such is not the case!

"We face two critical needs as we seek to press forward for Christ around the world: personnel and money! We face an ever increasing demand for added financial support for the building of churches, schools, hospitals, and missionary residences and for providing the support of missionaries and their families.

"This financial support might be called the hand—the action—of the missionary undertaking. But the missionary is the heart of any program of advance which Southern Baptists project around the world! Mission volunteers plus adequate support equals missionary advance!

"An increasing number of our finest young people are committing their lives to God's leadership for overseas service. The personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board is now in touch with more than three thousand young people who are earnestly preparing for service abroad. About twenty-four hundred of these are of college age and below, the majority of whom will not be ready for appointment before ten or more years. The other six hundred are in seminaries, medical schools, or other graduate institutions.

"As encouraging as this is, we

realize there are ten thousand young men preparing themselves to be Southern Baptist Ministers, to say nothing of the thousands of young men and women making preparation for other professions that could be used in effective service on the mission field. We should have at least twice as many as we now have looking forward to some type of mission service. With God's help we can actually have six thousand of our very best young men and women preparing to follow Christ across the world in deeds of love and service."

From the above statements we readily see that the mission needs are two-fold: MISSIONARIES AND MONEY. It looks reasonable for us to believe that God will call out and send forth just as many missionaries as we will provide the money to support. Surely carrying the Gospel to a needy world is not limited by what God can and will do but only by what MISSIONARY CHRISTIANS will do. So let us as Baptists see our God-given responsibility as well as the glorious opportunity and privilege that are ours to provide more money for this greater world-wide mission program.

To be specific, the financial needs are three-fold: (1) money to equip, operate and endow schools and seminaries for training our young people as laymen, preachers, and missionaries; (2) money to help pay the school expenses of some whom God calls into His service; (3) money to pay the cost of maintaining the work on the mission fields. Won't you help supply these needs?

The Baptist Foundation stands ready to receive and manage all special gifts for the above purposes, whether cash to be used now, or trust funds to be invested and the income designated, or bequests in wills for later use. Let the Foundation help you have a special part in a greater mission program.

*Baptist Foundation*  
W. A. Jackson,  
Executive Secretary.  
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### Among the Missionaries

Miss Rosemary Limbert, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan who has been in the States on furlough, has sailed for her field of service and may be addressed at 2 Chome, Meiji-machi, Tobata, Japan. She is a native of Grubbs.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Shepard, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, are returning to the States on furlough and may be addressed c/o Mrs. Grover C. Prince, 629 Chestnut Street, Camden, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin K. Wasson, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, announce the birth of Charles Thomas on May 2 in Ogbomoshu.

## Electing Associational T. U. Officers

Too often the associational Training Union director is selected by a nominating committee appointed at the morning session of the annual meeting of the association and asked to report that afternoon. They go out, fill themselves with fried chicken, cake and pie, and then sit down hurriedly and select some names to present for the association to consider. The people nominated are not contacted and sometimes not even present. Later they hear by chance about their election. That is not doing God's work decently and in order.

1. In June the associational Training Union director should appoint a nominating committee made up of people who have a deep concern for associational Training Union work. Through prayer and careful consideration they should find the right person for associational director. That person should then be contacted, enlisted, and made a member of the nominating committee to select and enlist other officers.

2. The nominating committee should then canvass the field carefully and fill the other places with people who are able and consecrated. They should be people who are active in their church Training Unions and should in most cases be working with the same group in the church that they are asked to work with in the association.

3. After all of the officers have been selected and enlisted, their names should be presented to the associational Training Union for approval before they are presented to the district association. This may be done in either a quarterly officers and leaders' council or a mass meeting. If a nominating committee from the district association is appointed by the moderator in advance of the annual meeting of the district association, of course this committee should be consulted by the Training Union nominating committee and the slate of Training Union officers should be presented to the district association committee as a recommendation from the Training Union of the association. If there is no such committee, then the slate of officers may be presented to the district association at its annual meeting.

4. Associational Training Union officers ought to be elected by the district association.

5. Many associational Training Union officers, falter, become discouraged, and quit simply because they do not know what to do. Mr. Robert Dowdy of the Training Union Department will be glad to come to any association

and meet with the associational officers for two nights and help them plan their work for several months in advance.

*Excerpts, June Training Union Manual, Page 48.*

### Top Five Associations in Training Union Study Course Awards

Association	1953-54	1952-53
Pulaski	3,265	2,534
Concord	1,860	1,453
Liberty	1,756	1,479
Hope	1,327	759
Central	1,232	756

### GOING TO RIDGECREST?

The following letter has come to us from the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, "We have made reservations for Huey Strickland to attend Training Union Week, August 4-10, at Ridgecrest. If you know of anyone going for this week and can take another passenger, we would appreciate your letting us know."

If you have room for this boy, contact Mr. C. H. Seaton at the Orphanage. In many cases like this, two cents a mile could be paid on the car expense by the one going with someone else.

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Georgia	65.3
Illinois	60.1
Kentucky	46.6
Louisiana	86.7
Mississippi	75.6
Missouri	62.2
North Carolina	57.3
Oklahoma	79.8
South Carolina	77.7
Tennessee	55.5
Texas	80.0
Virginia	53.0

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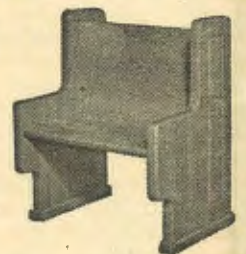
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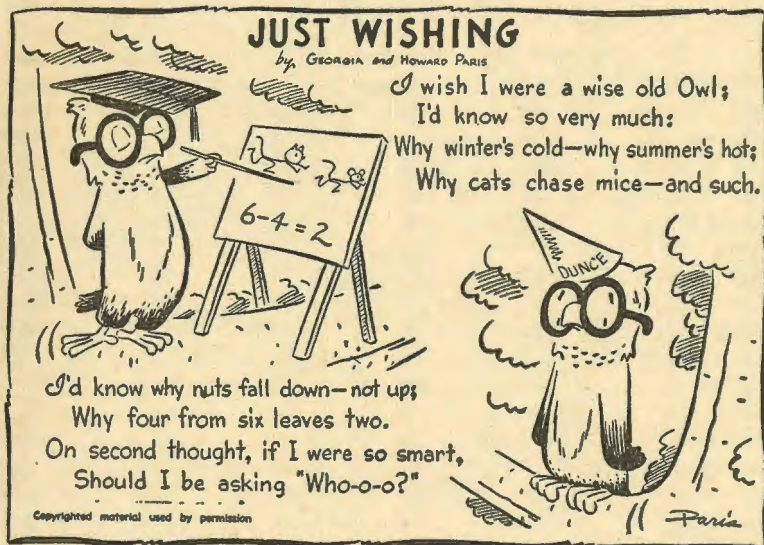


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# Children's Page

## Rangoon, The Scaredy Cock



By SOLVEIG PAULSON RUSSELL

Mother Hen clucked proudly when she took her first look at the baby rooster who chipped his way from the last egg she had been sitting on.

"Ah," she said, "what a beautiful child he is! I shall call him Rangoon."

After Rangoon was just a few days old, Mother Hen began to wonder if she hadn't made a mistake in giving him such a proud, brave name. The little fellow wasn't proud or brave. He was a scaredy-cock! When all the other chicks were out scratching and cheeping about, he was staying very close to Mother Hen. When she finally dug out a worm for him, he looked at it and darted under her wing, trembling.

All the other chicks laughed. That is, all except Seeannie, his middle-sized sister. She crept under Mother Hen's wing, too, and whispered, "Come on, Rangoon, it won't hurt you. It's just a tiny little worm."

Finally Rangoon came out, but the worm was gone.

Rangoon continued to be a scaredy-cock, even when all the fuzz was gone from his young body.

One day the farmer looked him over and said to his wife, "Now, there's a fine young rooster for you. Look at the size of him and the build! He's going to be a prize winner for sure!"

Mother Hen heard him and she was proud but there was a gleam of doubt in her eyes.

Seeannie whispered to the little rooster, "See! Even the farmer knows you are a fine young cock, and I know it, too! Just stand up for your rights once or twice and you'll begin to feel just like the grand cock-of-the-walk you're going to be!"

Rangoon tried not to be so timid. He tried stretching out his wings and flapping them. He tried running across the barnyard. Yet every time he saw anything loom-

ing up before him he scurried back to Mother Hen.

Then, one day, one of Mrs. White Duck's children snapped its broad bill at Seeannie. That made Rangoon mad. He rushed at the duck child and was just about to peck him hard when the young duck turned. He faced the rooster with a wide-open mouth and darting eyes. Rangoon gulped, saw that Seeannie was out of the way, and turned tail and hurried under a bush where he'd be safe.

"Ha-ha! Ah-quack-ha!" screamed all the young ducks. "Scaredy-cock! Scaredy-cock!"

Rangoon felt ashamed. He stayed out of sight as much as he could, but Seeannie kept an eye on him.

"Never mind about that old duck affair," she said. "I was proud to think you'd even start after that old broad bill!"

Rangoon's tail feathers began to grow and come out in beautiful colors. "You're going to be a beautiful Chanticleer!" exclaimed Seeannie.

"A Chanticleer!" whispered Rangoon to himself. "That's a wonderful name for a very fine rooster! Chanticleers always fly high and crow loudly. Guess I'll try!"

He flew to the very highest post in the barnyard. He stretched his head and flapped his wings. He opened his mouth to crow. But, oh, dear, the noise that came from his yellow mouth was only a funny kind of a screech—not a full proud crow at all. Rangoon ducked his head, and looked down at all the barnyard fowl. They were looking up at him with queer grins and snickers. He went to hide behind the barn, and tucked his head under his wing and shivered in despair.

After that, Rangoon just quietly tended to his own business. He scratched for food, said little to anyone, and felt very lonely. Then, one day as he and Seeannie were scratching near the old straw

stack, a dark shadow fell across his path. He looked to see a strange, black, full-grown rooster making his way into the barnyard. He held his head importantly.

"I heard there was a scaredy-cock over here," he said. "I thought I'd just come and take over this barnyard for myself."

Rangoon's wattles turned a brilliant red and the spurs on his legs stiffened. He marched up to the strange cockerel and said, "You can't do that. I'm Rangoon, the rooster, and this is my barnyard!"

Seeannie clucked joyfully and cried, "Go for him, Rangoon! Drive him away!"

Rangoon didn't need to go for him. The black rooster took one look at his angry eyes, and flapped his wings wildly and ran off.

Rangoon was flushed with happiness.

"I did it! I stood up for myself and I scared him!"

"If only the others could have seen it! You'll never be afraid any more," said Seeannie. "I'm really proud of you!"

Rangoon flew to the highest posts of the fence and looked over the barnyard and there was a new gleam in his flashing eyes.

It was while he was standing on the high post that the real test of Rangoon's courage came. He stood there, stretching his neck, looking in every direction, his eyes caught a movement in the tall grass next to the fence.

Fur. Long slinking shape! Sneaking feet and sniffing nose! Rangoon had never seen a weasel before, but he knew that this creature meant death to the barnyard fowl. Quickly he gulped air, then he stretched himself upward and flapped his wings wildly.

"Cock-a-doodle-do! Cock-a-doodle! Danger-to-you!" he screamed. "Weasel! Weasel!"

In a second every fowl flew up on a safe perch and huddled together clacking wildly. The farmer heard the noise and came running. The weasel hurried off.

"Must have been a weasel," said the farmer to his wife. "Boy! Did you hear that rooster! And look at him standing up there

on the post like a real cock-of-the-walk!"

All the barnyard fowl looked up, too.

"Rangoon, the Rooster—a true Chanticleer!" they cried.

Rangoon stretched his neck to the sky and flapped his big wings twice.

"Cock-a-doodle-do! Cock-a-doodle-do!"

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### THERE'S A BLUR OF BLUE

By BLANCHE DE GOOD LOFTON

There's a blur of blue on the lilac now  
And a tangle of white in the cherry bough!  
How can I sit at my desk and think,  
When the quince tree blushes a rosy pink?  
When red-breast robins play hide-and-seek—  
When biddy's expecting her chicks next week?  
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Make all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can.

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If a man can have only one kind of sense, let him have common sense. If he has that, he is not far from genius.

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"If a man seeks for greatness, let him forget greatness and ask for truth, and he will find both."

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"If a care is too small to be turned into a prayer, it is too small to be made into a burden."



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Widows of Southern Baptist pastors figure in your offering for ministerial relief, too. No one likes to see a woman who has served long and faithfully beside her husband come to old age in need. Yet many do. We like to think we care for our own, and yet Southern Baptists did not give enough money last year to ministerial relief to take care of the needs.

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# WHY REPORT REVIVALS

Whenever we begin to tabulate the results of revival and evangelistic meetings, there are always some people who say that all we are interested in is numbers. But we never heard of anyone who criticized or objected to the record in the Acts of the Apostles, that on the day of Pentecost 3,000 people were reported as being saved, baptized, and added to the church. Someone certainly counted these numbers to give this report in the scriptures.

Reports of evangelistic results are valuable because they inspire, encourage, stimulate and cause God's people to give praise and glory and thanksgiving to the Lord for such victories.

We are giving, in this column, the report of the churches in the Northern Zone, with a tabulation of grand totals for the state, to date. We are deeply grateful for the leaders and pastors in the associations who have sent us their reports. We make another earnest appeal to the three associations not yet heard from (Arkansas Valley, Current River, and Gainesville, that they let us have their reports at the earliest possible moment. When all reports are in, we plan to make up a complete record of results by churches, giving the tabulation of the number of additions by baptisms and letter in each church, from the whole state. The report from the associations in the Central Zone has already been published in the **Arkansas Baptist**.

Hundreds of thousands of

people in the Southern Baptist Convention have been eagerly watching for the tabulated results of the greatest simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade in history. Not all reports are yet in, but based upon reports that are in hand, Dr. Matthews says a conservative estimate indicated that there will be more than 200,000 for baptism and more than 100,000 by letter and statement. This will make a grand total of more than 300,000 additions to the churches as a result of the Crusade.

This is a marvelous report, especially when we remember that all Southern Baptist churches, together, reported only 396,857 baptisms for all of last year. (A large number of churches in the territory of the Convention were not able to participate in the Crusade. Surely these figures are cause for great thanksgiving and praise by all of God's people.

Speaking of records, Dr. J. P. Edmunds says, "Southern Baptists passed five new million milestones in 1954: (1) church membership passed the 8,000,000-mark; (2) Sunday School enrollment, the 6,000,000-mark; (3) Training Union enrollment, the 2,000,000-mark; and (5) total gifts, the \$300,000,000-mark.

"Southern Baptists now have 1,032 associations, 29,899 churches, and 8,169,491 members. Total gifts reached \$305,573,654, of which \$52,926,157 were for missions." Isn't it grand to be a Southern Baptist?

## Report of Results of Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade

### By Associations Northern Zone

Association	No. of Churches	Churches in Crusade	Baptisms	Letter & Statement	Total Additions
Benton County	25	25	150	42	192
Big Creek	13	6	4		4
Black River	28	12	48	5	53
Boone	21	14	46	16	62
Buckner	38	8	41	24	65
Carroll	7	5	24	7	31
Clear Creek	28	17	94	26	120
Concord	37	26	275	118	393
Conway-Perry	15	8	65	17	82
Dard.-Russ.	24	14	87	23	110
Faulkner	25	18	58	54	112
Greene	38	26	129	46	175
Independence	18	16	34	5	39
Little Red R.	16	12	40	22	62
Miss. County	38	38	488	248	736
Motor Cities	18	17	116	51	167
Mt. Zion	29	18	84	37	121
Newton County	5	3	13	3	16
Rocky Bayou	15	7	12	5	17
Stone-Van Buren	20	17	34	13	47
Trinity	30	29	433	66	499
Wash.-Madison	25	20	121	80	201
White County	30	15	83	31	114
White River	16	9	55	11	66
Woodruff	13	10	63	29	92
<b>Northern Zone Total</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>2,597</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>3,576</b>
<b>Central Zone Total</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>2,432</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>3,953</b>
<b>Grand Totals For State</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>5,029</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>7,529</b>

Evangelism Department  
I. L. Yearby, Secretary.

## Intermediate Royal Ambassador Camp Ferncliff, June 20-24

The State Intermediate Royal Ambassador Camp will be held at Ferncliff, June 20-24. Elaborate preparations are being made, and excellent workers have been secured.

The camp program is built around activities which boys love, and which help boys in their growth towards better manhood. The program is well balanced, and includes the following basic areas of activity.

Worship  
Devotion — Inspiration  
Singing  
Study — Learning  
Individual Projects  
Fun  
Play and Recreation  
Swimming  
Hiking — Exploring  
Handcraft  
Woodcraft  
Group Projects

The objectives of the camp are entirely Christian. These objectives are:

1. To provide an environment which will help boys truly to wor-

ship God; help them to pray; help them to study together, play together, work together.

2. To provide information which will give boys a better awareness of the work of the Kingdom of God on earth.

3. To provide an atmosphere that is thoroughly missionary.

4. To point boys towards their places as individuals in God's work.

5. To lead boys to be thoroughly Christian in all their relationships.

6. To help boys to be faithful Ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

7. To win lost boys to Christ.

We believe that a boy's wholehearted participation in the activities of the Camp will help him towards becoming a well rounded individual.

Ferncliff, where the R. A. Camps will be held, is located about 15 miles west of Little Rock just off Twelfth Street Pike from Ferndale. Ferncliff is a beautiful place,

and is situated among the Ouachita mountains.

The cost of the camp to the individual boy is \$13.50. This amount is for room and board, insurance, and use of text-books. Handcraft materials can be purchased at small additional cost.

Every boy should bring sheets, pillow, blanket or quilt, bathing suit, soap and towel, notebook and pencils, R. A. Manuals, ranking card, ranking insignia, athletic equipment, stationery and stamps, musical instruments, and Bible.

Boys from 13 to 16 years of age are eligible to attend the Intermediate Camp.

The Camp will open at 3:30 P. M., Monday, June 20, and close at 1:00 P. M., on Friday, June 24.

Send Reservation Fee of \$1.00 for each boy. The dollar will be deducted from the total cost (\$13.50).

Send Reservation Fees to the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock. You will be mailed a receipt immediately.

### The Junior R. A. Camps.

Two Junior R. A. Camps will be held this Summer. They are scheduled as follows:

First Junior Camp: July 11-15

Second Junior Camp: July 18-22

The Junior Camps are built around the same objectives and emphases as the Intermediate Camp, with a program of work keyed to Junior boys.

The cost to the individual Junior will be \$13.50. Registration Fee (\$1.00) will be deducted from the total cost.

### Camp Publicity Materials

Publicity materials concerning the Royal Ambassador Camps are already in the hands of your Pastor, your Counselor and the Brotherhood President of your church.

Brotherhood Department,  
Nelson Tull, Secretary.

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# Manasseh's Sin and Repentance

By BURTON A. MILEY

## Sunday School Lesson

June 5, 1955

2 Chronicles 33:9-20

Any civilization is very much like a garden. If the tools of cultivation are withheld from the soil, weeds quickly spring up and that which is good and fruitful will be choked. A sad result of history is failure to conserve progress. One sees good swept away and the battle is constant for replacement. The graph of Progress is not an ascending straight line, but is an up and down line across the chart. One is impressed with this fact over and over as he reads the book of 2 Chronicles.

Roughly four types of men are presented from the book. There is the man who began well, continued well, and ended well. Prosperity attended his reign. Solomon is an outstanding example of this type. Next is the type which began good and ended bad; King Uzziah is an example. There is the man who began in evil, did evil and ended with evil still rampant from his administration; Ahaz is this prototype. The study today introduces the man who began bad and ended in penitence and a return unto the Lord. Manasseh started off on the wrong foot and was unable to counteract the evil that he set in motion. It is to his credit that he made sincere effort. A man who turned to God late in life gave testimony that he was glad he came to the Lord, but he came too late to do his children any good. They remembered him as an evil man instead of a Christian. This could be said of Manasseh. The twenty-first chapter of 2 Kings gives Manasseh the credit for the visitation of God's judgment upon Jerusalem which was to "be wiped as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down" (11 Kings 21:13).

### MANASSEH'S POOR BEGINNING

Manasseh was born during the fifteen years of additional life God gave his father, Hezekiah. Evidence to this fact is that Manasseh was only twelve years of age when he began to rule. One may wonder why a son of such an illustrious father should be so different in principle. Manasseh began his reign at the age while yet under the influence of the women of the harem. Home life did not grant the father a close contact with his sons before their twelfth year. His reign is the longest of any in Judah's history.

Probably his political advisors leaned away from strict Mosaic demands. His rule brought change in the religious administration of the kingdom. Idolatry was introduced. Altars were built in Jerusalem and even within the courts of the temple. All the hosts of heaven were worshipped in heathen practice. The king gave his children "to pass through the fire." The hands of the idol Mo-

lock were red hot. Children were passed between these hands as a form of purging. There is evidence that some children were burned to death. This was against the law (Lev. 18:21). Ahaz has the record of being the first to introduce the vile worship in Judah (2 Chronicles 28:3). Manasseh's practice of the pagan rite is a testimony of his depravity. Foreign rites, enchantments and witchcraft were vigorously employed. The man wrought evil in the sight of the Lord to provoke Him to anger.

### MANASSEH'S REFORM INADEQUATE

Manasseh was never able to thoroughly counteract these idolatrous practices in the days of his reform. In fact, his reform never reached national proportions. His evil swept the nation. His reforms seeped into only favorable spots.

The Lord spoke to Manasseh and to his people. The people refused to hear. This led to the captivity of Manasseh by the king of Assyria who deported him into Babylon. It was while he was in captivity that he besought the Lord and humbled himself and prayed. He understood in his affliction that the Lord was God. His calamity forced upon him a review of his past life and revealed that his dethronement was due to his apostasy.

After two years Manasseh was returned to Judah. He brought the convictions from his penitence with him. He began to clean out the house of the Lord, to tear down the altars which he had built, and to purge the city of Jerusalem. He even repaired the altars of the Lord and sacrificed thereon peace and thank offerings and gave his official commandment to Judah to serve the Lord God of Israel. Nevertheless the people continued to sacrifice in their favorite places and made God a secondary person. They never divorced the Lord from previous altars of idolatry, though it is written within the record, "Nevertheless the people did sacrifice in the high places, yet unto the Lord their God only." It was the old principle of compromise. One can hold unto God without the discipline of worship or the keeping of appointments at the sacred center of worship. When Manasseh died he was not given the burial of a king in the sepulchre of David but in the garden of Uzza. The Jews held his name

in abhorrence long after his death. One would think that evil could be counteracted by later good in life. Personal goodness is used to counteract evil but it cannot be one hundred per cent effective. Manasseh was unable to stop much of the evil previously promoted. Wild oats can never be exterminated as far as influence is concerned. It is the old principle of the drunkard being cured, but the ones he taught to drink go on in the grip of vice without cure.

### PRACTICAL LESSONS

**EVERY GENERATION MUST FIGHT FOR ITS OWN GOOD.** The only good one possesses is that which he actually generates himself. Good is not conserved to generations which follow. A godly parent does not guarantee that the child will be equally godly. That child must fight for his virtue and his goodness. Generations must do the same. Great revivals die in time and the next generation must crusade for the cause in its own strength.

**IT IS DISCOURAGING TO SEE GOOD SWEEPED AWAY.** The contender feels a loss. However, a challenge to fight is given. Happy is the man who can recognize that goodness is slipping away. Many have lost the battle because of complacency. Evil is constantly

waiting to raise its head to batter down that which is good. Therefore, when one sees good swept away he is likely to be discouraged to the point of saying, "What's the use to struggle against it? Evil will never be permanently displaced until Jesus comes. The challenge is for one to accept evil as a foe that can be taken down by the grace of God and assigned subordination. No Christian should be engulfed in despair when evil seems to hold supremacy. Have you forgotten God?"

**NO LIFE SHOULD DESPAIR OF POSSIBLE REPENTANCE.** Does a man ever become too mean to repent? Is there danger that one crosses the border where the grace of God cannot operate? Manasseh had the glorious experience of personal repentance and reform in the last portion of his life. If God can handle men like Manasseh, He can handle the villain or the reprobate of today. Many lives have gone so far in sin that all they can do is to give God the little while which remains. In some cases it can be only a few days of the least physical activity of life. What if they gave God none? One can come to God in time for personal satisfaction but misses opportunity for telling public service.

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Open House and Dedication

## NEW COTTAGE

TUESDAY, JUNE 21st, 1955

### BOTTOMS BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

MONTICELLO, ARK.

- 9:00 A.M. OPEN HOUSE throughout the day
- 10:00 A.M. BOARD MEETING
- 2:00 P.M. DEDICATION OF BUILDING AND SPECIAL PROGRAM

Dr. B. L. Bridges, *Speaker*

*DRINKS will be served—COME and Bring Picnic Lunch*

H. C. SEEFELDT, *Supt.*



# Executive Board STATE CONVENTION

B. L. Bridges, General Secretary; Ralph Douglas, Associate; 100 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark.

## Giving and Getting

A certain farmer had a pond; he loved the pond and every drop of water in it. In fact, the man loved his pond so much that he would not give away one cupful of water and would not let the thirsty cattle come near it. He was even envious of the birds that drank from it. He always wanted more water; he dug ditches to convey the water to the pond and carried water in buckets and poured into it. One day as he was pouring another big bucket of water into the reservoir, he slipped, fell into the pond and was drowned.

This man was like some people of our day. They are being ruined for time and eternity because of their love for money and the things that money will buy. They put money before men, means before ends, things before life, little things before big things, and mammon before God.

When Jesus saw people doing this during his days on earth he taught against it in many ways. He found that the most effective way was to start where the people lived. Jesus also found that the people loved good stories, so he taught by parables. He told stories about things that could happen to illustrate and enforce things which did hap-

pen. In the four Gospels we find some 30 major stories (or parables) told by Jesus. Twenty of these stories have definite stewardship teachings.

The main burden of these parables is this. Money is a tool by which the Christian is to do Kingdom work. To hoard, misuse, or love the tool is unwise and absolutely wicked. To love the tool will cause the individual to bury it in a bank or in investments and let Kingdom causes suffer. To Jesus, thriftlessness and waste is a sin. This is brought out in the parable of the talents.

Jesus spent much of his time teaching his disciples not to tie up their energies in things and bury themselves in some adventure and let their spiritual lives dwindle. Jesus knew that giving is living because it puts the individual in tune with the highest. To put ourselves at God's disposal, body and soul, we can see through His eyes, hear through His ears, and feel through His compassion.

To refuse the Jesus way of stewardship means defeat. Judas did not believe in giving, he believed in getting; therefore he finally sold Jesus for a mere pittance. A prosperous plantation man believed in getting

and piling up until he shut his soul up in a barn. In their getting, these men closed the springs of sympathy and love, and everything they possessed finally was lost to them. The money they had hoarded became a load to weigh on their hearts and the tears of sympathy they refused to shed became stinging acid to burn in their souls throughout all eternity. Let us believe what Jesus said about giving, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

When Jesus saw people struggling for money and things which money could buy, he always warned against it. Rightly so, because money cannot buy a good conscience, honesty is the price which must be paid; money cannot buy happiness, happiness is an attitude; money cannot buy peace, it is found within; money cannot buy good health, but observing good living standards is the price tag; money cannot buy character, character is what you are alone with yourself in the dark.

The greatest fault Jesus saw with people was that the majority of them were trying to make something "for" themselves instead of making something "of" themselves.

Man may not live by bread alone, because many get by on crust.

WHICH ARE YOU DOING?—R.D.

## The Old vs. the New

A long gaunt form was stretched out on the bed in a room on Tenth Street in Washington, D. C. It was seven-twenty-two (7:22) o'clock on the morning of April 15, 1865. The Secretary came into the room, pulled the shades down and turning to Lincoln's dead body said, "Now he belongs to the ages." The Secretary gave a very good description of the ex-President, yet there is only one who belongs to the ages. He is the one to whom the ages belong—Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever.

Man has found that the new inventions are better than the old; the new electric light superior to the tallow dish; the new automobile better than the ox cart; and the paved highways better than the dusty, muddy roads of yesterday. Therefore the modern inventions take precedent over the old.

Last year Trans-Oceanic passenger traffic on the airlines was heavier than on ships. The Custom Bureau reported 1,059,205 ship passengers and 1,377,848 airline passengers. But airplanes can fly only because man has discovered and uses the laws of aerodynamics, which are as old as creation itself. If man had not learned this old law he could not make a plane overcome the law of gravity.

Human reason is saying, "Away with all old-fashioned things!" But when you follow human reason far enough, you find that it has said that Columbus could not find a new land and that Magellan could not sail around the world.

This kind of reasoning forced Galileo to resign his professorship in the University of Pisa, because he discovered the old law of gravity. It also caused a bill to be introduced in Congress in 1850 to do away with the

Patent Office because all the important gadgets had already been invented and the office was out of date. Yet the modern skeptic goes on setting his course by human reason, and says, "Christ and His Gospel are too old-fashioned." For man to do away with an old-fashioned Christ would be like the aviator doing away with the old law of aerodynamics.

The ages have rolled by, nations have died and new ones have taken their places, civilizations have crumbled and new eras have dawned, but the old-fashioned Christ has remained, the same yesterday, today and shall remain the same forever.

Man's discovery of new gadgets, through cooperation of science with the old laws of creation, enables him to overcome the problems of distance, space and time. But these new found devices can destroy him if used by unprincipled personalities. So, the more man knows, the more like the old-fashioned Christ, (the same yesterday, today, and forever) he needs to be.—R.D.

### "Tid-Bits"

The Kansas City, Missouri, Woman's Missionary Societies have purchased a seven and one-half acre farm, capable of accommodating up to 300 persons, as a camp site. It will be opened in 1956.

A 1,600 year old Aramaic manuscript, said by several biblical scholars to be the oldest known copy of the New Testament, has been put on special display at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. The present owner, Norman Yonan, may sell it to the Aramaic Bible Foundation to be donated to

## Another Milepost For Springdale

On May 8 it was the writer's privilege to be with Pastor Burton Miley of Springdale and the First Baptist Church in the formal opening service of their splendid new sanctuary. This great church launched out on a building program to be done in three installments. The new sanctuary which has just been completed is the first one and then they will remodel the old auditorium, making it into a plant to be used for the organizations of the church and then they plan to erect another building to complete their program of building which they have begun already. When completed this program will give the First Baptist Church in Springdale an outstanding piece of property and one that will suffice for a number of years to come.

The work in Springdale is growing and growing and growing. The First Baptist Church has established two missions which have already been organized into regular Baptist churches and still First Church has a much larger congregation than it ever had before. Pastor Miley is definite and articulate in his leadership and the congregation is supremely happy in their fellowship. This new sanctuary is really a thing of superb beauty and accommodation. It is an answer to the prayers of the older members of the church, who, through the years, have prayed God's blessings upon the church so that they might go forward and prosper. Sometimes our brethren who have been under the burden of the past pray for things whose fulfillment they did not exactly visualize, but they yearned for this growth of the Lord's Kingdom work.—B.L.B.

the Library of Congress. He said the manuscript has been in his family for nearly fifty generations.