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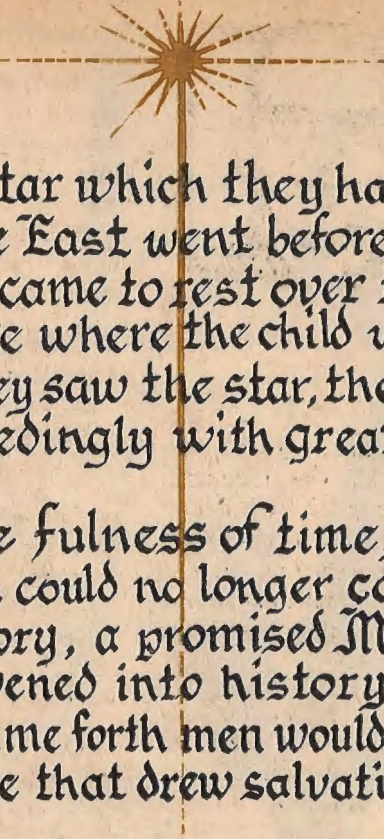
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**Arkansas Baptist**


*newsmagazine*

DECEMBER 22, 1966



“The star which they had seen  
in the East went before them,  
till it came to rest over the  
place where the child was.  
When they saw the star, they rejoiced  
exceedingly with great joy.”

In the fulness of time, when  
heaven could no longer contain  
its glory, a promised Messiah  
intervened into history. From  
this time forth men would know  
the love that drew salvation's plan.



Helping you tell this story is our business.

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## Personally speaking



### 'Least of these'

A FEW days ago Maria and I watched a highly advertised "Christmas classic" on our tv. It was a delightful musical featuring Christmas partying and Christmas toys—one toy in particular that got broken in children's scuffling. But the "hero" was the broken toy! In the whole production there was not one mention of the One whose birthday is supposed to be the reason for having Christmas!

As I reflected on this, I was almost angry at the ones who had written and produced this feature. Of all the nerve! Imagine coming forth with an elaborate production such as this—in out-of-this-world costuming and "in

## IN THIS ISSUE:

FROM your state workers at the Baptist Building in Little Rock comes the Christmas wish for you on page 2. The lead editorial on page 4 also deals with Christmas, taking as its title words spoken by our Lord as his days on earth as man were at an end.

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THERE will be no issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* next week. So today we bring you Sunday School lessons for two weeks, beginning on page 27. You will note that Dr. Tal Bonham of Pine Bluff has taken over the interpretation of the Life and Work lessons for the first quarter of the new year.

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The Convention's action on the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center proposal is discussed further on page 5.

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CHRISTMAS time brings special emphasis to Southern Baptists on their foreign missions. Today on page 6 we hear from two missionaries—one serving in war-torn Vietnam, the other in British Guiana.

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We hope you are keeping all of your weekly issues of our *Newsmagazine*. To assist you in using them as reference material, we have for you the year-end index, beginning on page 20.

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ONE of our nation's most beautiful contributions to Christmas literature is Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "Christmas Bells," reprinted for your season's joy on page 7.

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living color"—and not even mentioning Christ!

But suddenly there was an eclipse of my vision. I seemed to be "eyeball to eyeball" with a solid wall. I could no longer see the specks in the eyes of the producers in question for the sawlog in my own eye. My thoughts carried me back over many Christmases and I bewildered at how little honoring of Christ I found compared with the bulk of the things I had done in the name of Christmas celebration.

If Christ would just come to my house, I would honor him. I'd give him the place of honor and I'd bend every effort to make him comfortable. That is, if he should be traveling openly and not incognito—if he should come as a poor beggar, he might catch me off guard.

Christ came from heaven to earth and entered the world as a little baby in a poor family. He grew up in the home of Joseph the carpenter. For three years before going back to heaven he went about doing good, teaching and preaching and healing—raising people from the dead, but, greatest of all, saving people from eternal death.

One day Christ is coming back to earth "to receive his own." But he does not walk with us today in the flesh. Or does he? For it was Christ himself who said:

"I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

"I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. . .

"Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me" (Mt. 25:42-43; 45).

*Erwin L. McDonald*

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### 'My peace I give'

AMONG the last words of Jesus to his disciples before his atoning death were these:

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (Jn. 14:21).*

He knew that many of the disciples to whom he addressed these words would be persecuted to death. But, still, he could assure them of peace. For, as *The Interpreter's Bible* puts it, "he does not counsel peace; he gives it."

Christ gives to all who will believe on him the matchless gift of eternal life. And this is a possession that no one, once it is given, can take away (John 3:16 and 10:27-28).

The peace that Christ gives his disciples is not predicated upon peace in the world or between people or among nations. It may even stir up animosities in one's own house (Lk. 12:51-53). But it is a peace, such as the world can neither give, prevent, nor take away. It is the peace of knowing that God has forgiven one's sins, that he has called each and every Christian to be his ambassador to the world (2 Cor. 5:20), that as his disciples do his work, he will be with them in every circumstance and forever (Mat. 28:19-20), and that in all of their affairs his purpose will surely be accomplished (Rom. 8:28, RSV).

In all of your Christmas giving and getting this year, be sure that you have the peace of Christ that comes with being born again. And, remember, Christ expects those of us who have this peace to help others to have it by pointing them to him. Here is the key to a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

### 'Intrinsic worth'

*"...because of his intrinsic worth apart from incidental identification as to race, language, economics, nationality, or religion."*

Here is the heart of a new guideline from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, stating the interest and concern of the Board in persons as persons, above all other considerations. This sounds *Christian* to us and makes us happy to see so wise and compassionate an appraisal from a Southern Baptist Convention Agency.

We do not imply that here is something unique. Southern Baptists, as a denomination and as denominational agencies and institutions have expressed over and over their high regard for persons as those made in the image of God. But it is always good to have it said again in a day that finds many professing Christians still "locking horns" over whether to be Christian in their dealings with all men, or with just a select few according to bigoted screening.

Surely it is time for us Christians to bridge the gap between our lip service to John 3:16 and our practices in everyday life. We ought to stop quoting this great verse, which distills the Gospel of Christ, or cease being discriminatory in how we spread the *Good News*.

"God so loved the world [all of it, not just a few private clubs of it] that he gave his only begotten Son [in death on a cross] that whosoever [any one and everyone] that believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Asked a Little Rock Negro woman recently: "How can they [white Christians] go to church and brag about the hundreds they have in Sunday School and then go out and treat us like the scum of the earth?"

How can we, in the name of Christ, claim for ourselves, or for any race or class, preferred status before God? All of us, regardless of the color of our skins, the language we speak, our financial status, or our nationality or religion, are either sinners, or sinners saved by grace. Can we ever afford to forget the rock whence we are hewn and the hole of the pit whence we are digged?

### Street playgrounds

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD playing in the streets on his tricycle was hit by a truck one day recently and so crushed that child and tricycle were carried together to a hospital. Imagine if you can the emotional shock of the surgeon whose hopeless task it was to try to save the child.

Writing to Ann Landers, the surgeon said:

"I cannot count the times I have been called to the emergency room to face sobbing parents whose child was playing in the street. Sometimes we are lucky and can mend the broken body, but too often we cannot. I would like to ask the parents who are reading this, 'Do you want your child to grow up to be an adult?' You will of course reply, 'What a foolish question!' But I warn you, the next time you allow him to ride his trike any place he chooses, he may not come back to you alive."

Playing in the streets is something that should not be permitted even for cats and dogs, let alone for children.

### No paper next week

As is customary with the *Arkansas Baptist News-magazine*, which publishes 50 times a year, there will be no edition reaching your home next week. Our next issue will be dated Jan. 5.

## Arkansas hospital action

A lemon painted red and called an apple, does not change its tart taste!

Such appears to be the lemon tossed Arkansas Baptists during their annual convention in which they 'gave up' ownership of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center in order for it to accept federal funds.

In what appears at first glance to be an open disregard for Baptists' stand on separation of church and state, certain Arkansas messengers have voted 488-327 to disown the medical center.

The question must be asked, "Are we really willing to forsake our beliefs and accept federal aid. And, in this case doing so by apparently dealing off the bottom of the deck."

A professional gambler knows the danger involved in such a move. But, I wonder if Baptists are as familiar with the dangers?

Let us, as Southern Baptists who have long held the ideas of church and state separation, reject such hanky-panky and voice our objections to those who have apparently thrown our ideas out of the window in order to profit.

Although we reject these practices of our Arkansas brethren, it would be far better to call the pot black than make a farce of the situation. If the brethren found it necessary after searching out God's will and believing their decision right in accepting federal funds, then it would have been far better to have stood up and been counted for their convictions, than to try and disguise their actions.

To those Arkansas brethren who still believe that Southern Baptists should care for their own financial needs, we should offer our gratitude.

It goes without saying that if our brethren do need additional funds to keep abreast of modern demands, it is our fault as individuals.

Rather than accepting federal funds, however, let us concentrate on orienting our brethren in these needs. Let us press forward in training our own people rather than holding out our hands and being labeled socialists.

It is interesting to note, too, that the disowning of the medical center by the Arkansas group came about when 222 convention messengers "were denied the privilege of voting," according to a Baptist Press report in which Pastor Charles Taylor made the allegations.

Too, operation of the center will continue in the hands of 50 present and former trustees who will comprise a

new association.

Baptists must ask, "Is this a change of ownership?" Or, is it just a means by which we are willing to accept federal funds.—Alston A. Morgan, City Editor, The Daily News, Whittier, Calif.

**REPLY: 1. The Arkansas Baptist State Convention did not release the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center SO THAT THE CENTER COULD AVAIL ITSELF OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS. It released the Center with no strings attached. The Center did indicate it would seek government funds. But this it will do at its own discretion. If the Convention had been willing to accept federal funds it would not have released the Center.**

**2. You "as Southern Baptists" have no authority over the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Our Convention, as all other Baptist bodies, is self-governing and acted within its rights and authority in deciding the hospital issue.**

**3. According to our parliamentarian, upheld by our Convention, no messenger was "denied the privilege of voting" on the hospital issue—or on any other issue.—ELM**

## 'Better than we know'

At our annual meeting both days the houses were full (chairs in the aisle one day). I did not publicize our annual meeting by weekly or daily papers or by radio or television yet we had the excellent attendance. You of the Arkansas Baptist had done that for us in a way far better than you know.

Each day at the annual meeting the missionary asked how many received the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine and also how many did not receive it. Every person there raised a hand signifying receiving the paper, with the annual program in it.—An Associational Missionary

## The way out

Arkansas Baptists are in trouble. We have faced and fought battles and crises before but not like this one. The filing of a lawsuit contesting the recent action of the State Convention pertaining to the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center has placed Arkansas Baptists in a posi-

tion in which our influence and reputation will be damaged regardless of the court's decision.

We're in trouble because this lawsuit questions the integrity of every messenger who attended the recent State Convention. I lost my votes on the hospital issue, but I did not doubt nor question the sincerity, honesty, and the motivation of everyone else. The hospital issue was supposedly decided after months of careful planning, deliberation, and soul-searching. To now take the issue to court denies the right for the majority to speak its will and to have that will carried out whether right or wrong.

We're in trouble because this lawsuit places a cloud of suspicion over every institution which is under the control or influence of Arkansas Baptists. Any group of Baptists could go on a "witch hunt" and find some cause to take any or all of these institutions into court and sue them for actions which they feel are contrary to Baptist principles on how things are to be managed. Our conventions elect all of the trustees and officers for all our agencies, and this lawsuit says, "You may be next."

We're in trouble because this lawsuit threatens to divide us as a denomination. Recent letters to the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine have labeled the Convention's messengers as "liberals," "conservatives," "Pharisees" and "Saducees." Were there any Christian people present? No better way can be found to cripple our efforts than to attach labels to individuals or groups. This lawsuit reveals another group to widen a breach which already exists.

We're in trouble because this lawsuit must be defended with Arkansas Baptist Money from the Cooperative Program. Our Lord did not include the defending in court of the Gospel and its many implications in the Great Commission. He told us only to proclaim it.

We're in trouble brethren, and only the leadership of the Holy Spirit can lead us out. I'm praying for our Evangelistic Conference in January to do just that. Will you join me in such a prayer?—Jeff P. Cheatham, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Ark.

## New subscribers

Church	Pastor	Association
New Budget After Free Trial:		
Lone Star	Thomas Reeves	Little Red River
One month free trial received:		
Valley Springs	J. M. McCraw	Boone-Newton
Gaines	C. C. Burton	Delta
Three months free new church:		
Osage	Harry Lee McCullough	Boone-Newton

# 'PEACE' IN VIETNAM



BY JAMES F. HUMPHRIES  
MISSIONARY ASSOCIATE IN VIETNAM

In only one week in Vietnam I learned patience is one of the greatest assets of a missionary stationed in an overcrowded, steaming hot, war torn country. I learned that in Saigon you do not get in a hurry, especially when it comes to driving. You simply move at a snail's pace and thank the Lord for snails.

It was under such conditions that Missionary Bob Davis and I were driving along the bayfront area of downtown Saigon at the close of my first week as a "real live missionary." Even snails weren't moving on this particular day. And with the sweat running down my face I began to wonder, Lord, what in the world am I doing here? Are you sure, Lord, this is the place you want me to to be?

As this thought coursed through my mind, I looked up and there, docked in the Saigon River within 100 yards, was an LST (landing ship tank)

## Christmas request

BY MRS. HARVEY J. KNEISEL JR.  
MISSIONARY TO BRITISH GUIANA

In British Guiana, where poverty is prevalent and shopping facilities limited, requests for Christmas are modest. A Hindu East Indian woman asked me for used magazines with which to paper the walls of the dark two-room hovel where she lives with her family of six.

We had known the family for nearly a year, through their attendance in our Sunday school and worship services in Lusignan. With little save rice to eat, they could well have used a hundred things.

When I gave her a varied collection of religious and secular magazines, she sat down immediately to thumb through them. Looking a little disappointed, she said, "Not so many pictures".

I remembered a stack of old pictures from Sunday school and selected several for her. With a radiant face she exclaimed, "Just what I wanted!" Happily she departed to replace pictures of Hindu gods with pictures that tell the story of Christ.

On Christmas that Hindu family had room in their home for Jesus. My prayer is that they may make room for him in the depths of their hearts.

bearing bold letters, LST 807.

My mind flashed back to the morning of Feb. 19, 1945, to a beachhead at Iwo Jima.

A scared 17-year-old sailor had been on board an LST that day—the same LST 807 now in the Saigon River. That sailor—Jim Humphries—had been wondering if anyone would get out of the invasion of Iwo Jima alive, when suddenly the Lord spoke to his heart. It was as if the Lord said, "Jim, do not be afraid. I am not through with your life. I have something special I want you to do."

Now, 21½ years later, I found myself staring at the very spot on board that ship where God had called me into special service.

Suddenly the peace I had known at Iwo Jima filled my heart once again. Not the heat of Saigon, the overcrowded streets, the sound of exploding shells in the distance—nothing could now cause me to doubt my calling to a troubled spot to serve God as a missionary.

Peace had come to Vietnam, not on the battle fronts but deep down within the heart of one of God's servants.

Yes, peace reigns in some hearts in Vietnam, a peace that passeth all understanding. May God grant this peace to men the world over.

### **Christmas bells**

I heard the bells on Christmas  
Day

Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to  
men!

And thought how, as the day had  
come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along  
The unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to  
men!

Then from each black accursed  
mouth  
The cannon thundered in the  
South,  
And with the sound  
The carol drowned  
Of peace on earth, goodwill to  
men!

It was as if an earthquake rent  
The hearth stones of a continent,  
And made forlorn  
The household born  
Of peace on earth, good will to  
men!

And in despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth," I  
said;  
"For hate is strong  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, goodwill to  
men!

Then pealed the bells more loud  
and deep.  
"God is not dead; nor doth He  
sleep!  
The Wrong shall fail,  
The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, goodwill to  
men!"

Henry Wadsworth  
Longfellow





## OBU \$2 million bond issue readied

Approval of details for a \$2 million bond issue to finance construction at Ouachita University was given by the OBU trustees at their quarterly meeting in Arkadelphia Dec. 8.

Money from the bonds will be used for additions to Hamilton Moses Science Hall, Riley Library, J. R. Grant administration building, and for some renovation work, including enlargement of Mitchell Hall auditorium, according to Dr. Ralph Phelps, Ouachita president.

Authorization for issuance of the bonds had been given at the November meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

In addition, the trustees approved:

1. Beginning construction immediately on a three-story addition to Riley Library.

2. Entering into negotiations with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company for construction of a men's dormitory housing 304 to be ready for the fall semester in September.

3. Renovation and remodeling of Cone-Bottoms dormitory for women.

4. Authorization of architectural studies for additions to Hamilton Moses Science Hall and the J. R. Grant administration building.

The trustees also inspected the new women's dormitory housing 304 which will be ready for occupancy after the Christmas holidays.

## Mt. Zion changes

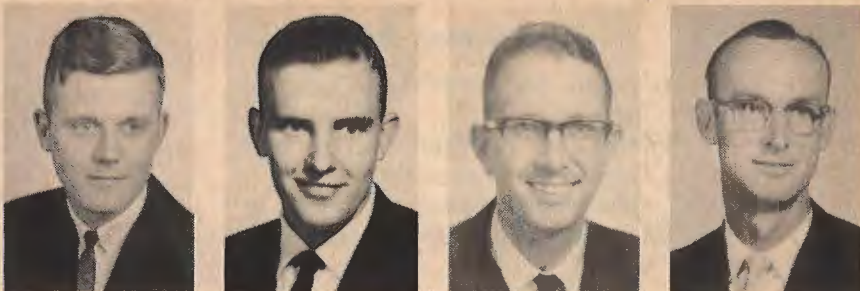
Pastoral changes reported in Mt. Zion Association include: Hal Gallun from Bay to Sage, Rocky Bayou Association; Victor Faulkenberry from Borman; Darrell Ball from Caraway to Lambrook, Arkansas Valley Association; Curtis Mathis from Central to First Church, Athens, Tex.; Bobby Barnett from Egypt; J. O. Miles from Friendly Hope in retirement in Paragould, available for supply, revivals, interim or full time small pastorate.

J. T. Watson from Providence to Egypt; Donald Bishop from Red; Bob Hartness to Red; Jack Nicholas, College City, Walnut Ridge, to Mt. Pisgah.

## By-line omitted

The inspiring poem, "THE BIRTH OF JESUS," in the Dec. 8 issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, was written by Pastor Howard H. King, First Baptist Church, Flippin.

We regret that the by-line was inadvertently omitted.



**SOUTHWESTERN GRADUATES**—Receiving degrees during graduation exercises Dec. 22 at Southwestern Seminary are, left to right, top row; Lynn Chapman, Blytheville, minister of music and education, Western Park Church, Dallas, minister of religious education degree; and, all bachelor of divinity degrees, W. Doyle Smith, Rogers, pastor, First Church, Slidell, Tex.; C. Alan Tyson, Forrest City, pastor, Verona Church, Blue Ridge, Tex.; and James F. Freeman, Texarkana. Bottom row: Jimmy H. Cobb, McGehee, bachelor of divinity; Lee E. Garner, Fordyce, vocational guidance consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, doctor of religious education; and Ross C. Meadows, Ft. Smith, music and education director, Oak Cliff Church, Ft. Smith, diploma in religious education.



**OBU DEBATE TROPHY**—Posing with the two debate trophies won by the Ouachita University debate team at the recent University of Arkansas tournament are Jim Campbell, OBU debate coach; President Ralph Phelps Jr. with the Arkansas Sweepstakes trophy; and Lana LeGrand with her trophy for winning second place in junior oratory.

## Noted apostle of illiterates here

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, the noted originator of the Laubach Literary world crusade against illiteracy, is to



DR. LAUBACH

pay Arkansas another visit, the week after Christmas. Many will recall his visit to our state last December and the warm reception he received. Every one who possibly can do so will want to meet him personally

on this visit and hear him on radio and television. Dr. Laubach is scheduled to arrive in Fayetteville by Central Airline Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 27, for a meeting in the evening arranged by Mrs. Lela Tisdale, chairman of Fayetteville Laubach Literacy. International students of the University of Arkansas, the most of whom are expected to be staying on the University campus during the Christmas holiday season, are being invited to attend the meeting.

Dr. Laubach will be joined at Fayetteville by Arkansas Laubach Chairman Erwin L. McDonald, who will accompany him to other engagements in the state.

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, Dr. Laubach and Dr. McDonald will be in Fort Smith, where Dr. Laubach will appear on radio and television and will speak at the mid-week service of the First Baptist Church, Rev. Dan Cameron, pastor, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to the service.

Dr. Laubach will be interviewed on television and radio stations.

Enroute back to Little Rock on Thursday, Dec. 29, Dr. Laubach and Dr. McDonald will attend a meeting of the Rotary Club of Russellville at 12 noon at the Pearson Hotel, on which occasion Dr. Laubach will be the guest speaker.

At 2:30 in the afternoon Dr. Laubach will visit the Laubach Project at Morrilton headed by Mrs. Helen Cox.

Dr. Laubach will make two television appearances over Little Rock stations on Friday, Dec. 30. He will appear on the 7:30 a.m. program of KTHV (Channel 11), and at 12 noon on KARK-TV (Channel 4).

Friday night Dr. Laubach will go to Memphis, Tenn., where he will make several appearances under the arrangement of Dr. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church of that city. He will be the guest speaker Sunday morning, Jan 1, at First Methodist Church, Memphis, and in the evening of the same day, at First Baptist Church. He will return to his home in Syracuse, N. Y., on Jan. 2.



**NEW MANILA AUDITORIUM**—Dedicated Nov. 27 was the new sanctuary of Westside Church, Manila. Thuro Lee is pastor. A new pastor's home has also been constructed. The old sanctuary was remodeled for use as Sunday School departments.

### Baptist beliefs

## Paul's gospel and Christ's

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and past president, Southern Baptist Convention

... according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ ..."—Romans Three times Paul used the phrase "according to my gospel" (cf. Rom. 2:16; II Tim. 2:8). Does this mean that Paul wrote a Gospel in addition to the Four Gospels? Does Paul claim to have a gospel different from all others? Or that he had a private corner on the truth? The answer is negative in all these cases.

"My gospel" means the gospel as understood and preached by Paul. It is of interest that this doxology (vv. 25-27) comes at the end of Romans in which Paul sets forth clearly and in detail the gospel as he has preached it. And it centered in Christ and His redemptive work. He sums the whole up in this doxology. In the King James Version "and the preaching of Jesus Christ" suggests that which Jesus preached. But in the Greek "of Jesus Christ" is an objective genitive (Robertson) meaning "about Jesus Christ." The word "and" (*kai*) may be rendered "even." So most likely this should read "according to my gospel, even the preaching about Jesus Christ." "Preaching" means the "heralding," as one speaking for a king, by the king's authority, and to be obeyed. In a sense this heralding is the substance of the thing preached, that substance being "about Jesus Christ." No other "gospel" is worthy of the name.

This thing heralded was the "mystery" of God's redemptive purpose in Jesus Christ. It was contained in the writings of the prophets, but through times eternal had been "kept in silence" (meaning of "was kept secret"). That which was veiled in the prophets is now unveiled ("revelation"). That which was kept silent is now heralded or proclaimed. It is "made known to all nations for [eis], unto, a goal obedience of faith" (v. 26). This gospel is proclaimed unto the end that all nations will respond to it in faith.

So Paul wanted to make his gospel the gospel of all men who believe and proclaim it. This should be the goal of every herald of God.

# About people

## W. B. O'Neal honored

Pilgrim's Rest Church, west of Batesville, paid special tribute Dec. 10 to W. B. O'Neal, whom the church ordained to the ministry in August, 1908. Mr. O'Neal filled the pulpit at both services on the Sunday the honor was paid him.

Mr. O'Neal was baptized in 1903 by Pastor Joe Stark and his membership remained there in Pilgrim's Rest until he entered Ouachita College in 1907. He was licensed to preach in 1907 by Marcella Church.

When he entered Ouachita, he moved his membership to First Church, Arkadelphia, but returned it to Pilgrim's Rest for the summer when he assisted the church in a revival. It was on the day when his two sisters were baptized that he announced his call to preach.

## Griffin to seminar

James Griffin, associate secretary, Training Union Department, Arkansas State Convention, will attend the first seminar on associational Training Union work at Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 13-17.

The seminar's purpose is four-fold: (1) To interpret the new associational Training Union program; (2) to explore ways to implement the new program; (3) to study means of interpreting Training Union and the association and; (4) to develop administrative techniques in associational Training Union work.

## Madison in pastorate

Elmer Madison is the new pastor of Old Austin Church, Carolina Association. He began his new duties Dec. 11 and will move into the new pastor's home after school closes next spring. (AB)

## Deaths

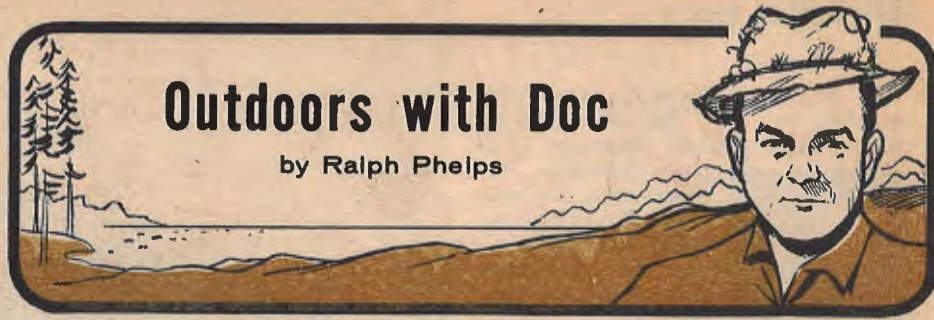
HAROLD HALL, 27, at Oklahoma City, Dec. 1.

A native of Alma, he formerly served as music director for Oak Cliff Church, Ft. Smith. He leaves his wife, a daughter, a son, his parents, a brother and two sisters.

ROBERT W. LACKEY, first executive secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, in his sleep at Fresno, Calif., at the age of 81.

Lackey, who led in the organization of the convention and wrote its first constitution, had been in ill health for the past ten years and had been in and out of hospitals during that period.

He had served as the convention's



## Wanted: Timetable for a duck

If an employer ever required the same things of me that I do voluntarily in pursuit of a hobby, I would resign in less than it would take to make a round trip to the water cooler. Take a recent duck-hunting trip, for instance.

Bob Russell, a former Ouachita student, invited James Orr, Wimpy Hendricks and me to meet him in Altheimer for a go at the ducks. Since we were to meet at Mac's Cafe at 5 a.m. and didn't know exactly how long it would take to make the trip that time of day, we left Arkadelphia at 3 a.m. I had waked up at 2:05, without the benefit of an alarm, after getting to sleep around midnight.

We got to Altheimer ahead of time and had drunk two cups of Mac's coffee before Bob arrived. Then, as several other hunter-nuts gathered, we stowed away a sturdy breakfast of ham, eggs, and hot biscuits—a gambit that subsequent events were to prove extremely wise.

To get to the flooded pin-oak flats of the club where Bob is a member, we had to go several miles up a ditch in a boat. To say that the sleet which pelted us made the trip invigorating would be a gross understatement.

At the hunting grounds, we waded a considerable distance and took our stands among some large trees before the shooting time of 6:29. Unfortunately, the ducks were using another timetable; and nothing happened for a long time. Cold water in which one stands seems to get colder when the shooting suffers from pernicious inertia.

Most of the ducks we saw seemed to be flying the same orbit as Gemini IX took. Bob and Orr quacked, honked, cackled and clucked well enough to get on the Ed Sullivan show; but, aside from showing an occasional puzzled look, the ducks seemed unaffected by the calling.

After two hours and not a shot, I waded out to a small levee and built a fire. As I lovingly tended it for an hour and gradually thawed out, I could understand why ancient man worshipped fire. This modern one almost did.

Finally, I heard a great barrage of shooting from my partners. For a half hour or so I debated about joining them, then finally decided they might need my help in carrying out the great kill they must have made with at least 50 rounds fired. I hit the water again.

In the midst of the bombardment, I found that seven mallards had been put on the water—or kept there after they unwisely landed. One lone drake flew over me to see if World War III had started, I shot him, and we had our limit of mallards. No woodducks or other varieties came in, so our hunt was over. At 11:30 we waded out.

At the clubhouse the sandwiches Bob served us were a feast indeed. I felt as if it had been 14 hours since breakfast. I also wanted to kick myself hard enough to land at least in Pine Bluff for having fixed a quart of coffee and left it on the drainboard at home that morning (or was it night?).

As we motored back to the car, the weather seemed somewhat warmer than it had been earlier, and the radio confirmed this. The temperature in the area had soared to 33!

It was a great outing, and I shall always be indebted to Bob for it. Except for two or three things, duck hunting would be an ideal sport. One is the time of year, another is the time of day, and the third is the sometimes uncooperative attitude of wild ducks. The rest is great—particularly getting back to Mac's for some hot coffee.

first executive secretary and first editor, elected to the positions in 1940, serving for four years.

In this capacity, he also served as head of all the convention's departments until 1942.



## Nettleton adds new building

With the recent addition of a \$125,000 educational building, Nettleton Church has increased the value of its property to more than \$225,000.

The gray two-story all brick building is constructed directly behind the present church sanctuary, shown above, and contains 34 classrooms and facilities for three nursery departments and two primary departments. The building houses kitchen facilities, a Sunday School office, church secretary's office,

pastor's study, new choir loft, choir rooms and social area.

Included in this project was the enlarging, remodeling and rebricking of the main sanctuary which was built in 1956.

On the building committee were James A. Williams, chairman; Billy J. Roddy, co-chairman; Mrs. Eva Lee Bittle, Mrs. Ela Griffin, Cleo White, Tilman Adams and Albert Martin. Harold Ray is pastor.



## Camden dedicates new unit

Dedication services were held Dec. 11 by First Church, Camden, for the new \$240,000 educational building.

The building houses offices, a fellowship hall, kitchen, Sunday School rooms, church parlor and library.

James F. Smith headed the building committee. Serving with him were Dan Davies, W. C. Deal, Raymond Deaton, Albert Edwards, Dr. J. B. Jameson Jr., Mrs. Alton Mashaw, Mrs. H. T. Patton, R. D. Sutherland and Dale Williams. John R. Maddox is pastor.

## New Coal Hill deacons

First Church, Coal Hill, ordained Jack Nichols, Clyde Estep, and Willard Wall as deacons Nov. 27. Those taking part in the special service were: Rev. R. L. Whitten, pastor, who served as moderator; Jack Hanson, and Jack Miller, deacons of the ordaining church; Archie Wheeler, pastor Woodland Church; John P. Mathis, pastor, Hagarville Church; Garland Brackett, pastor, Webb City Church; Julian Rowton, pastor, East Mt. Zion Church; and Paul E. Wilhelm, associational missionary.

## Alicia clears debt

Alicia Church held a note burning service Dec. 11, marking completion of debt payments on the church building.

J. I. Cossey, former pastor, now serving at Harrisburg, delivered the sermon.

Members of the building committee were Lee Taylor, Herbert Corbett, Ralph Bush, Kenneth Jones, Luther Canard and Bill Taylor. Frank Shell is pastor.



## Pastor is ordained

L. A. Elliott was ordained to the ministry Dec. 11 by Oak Grove Church, southeast of Mountain Home. Called as a layman pastor in May, he was licensed to preach by the church Nov. 13.

The church, above, was organized in 1884. The original building was blown from its foundation by a storm in 1919 and rebuilt several years later. Oldest living member of the church is Mrs. Effie Napier, Mountain Home, granddaughter of the first pastor, Elder A. J. Copeland.

## Spann to school

Eddy Spann has resigned as minister of music, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, effective Jan. 2 to enter Florida State University to work on his advanced degree in music education. (CB)

## Joint Thanksgiving

DALLAS—The first Roman Catholic priest to fill the pulpit in a Dallas area Baptist church was guest speaker for a joint Thanksgiving service at the Northlake Baptist Church.

Fred J. Mosman, pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in the northeast section of Dallas, was principal speaker at the service involving Baptist, Methodist, Disciples of Christ, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Catholic congregations.

"When was the last time you thanked God?" the priest asked in his address. "We say thank you to our friends and even write them thank you notes, but seldom do we say 'thank you' to God.

"When trouble strikes we storm the heavens with our prayers. We acknowledge that only with God's help can our problem be solved," Mosman said.

Reaction from Baptists and Catholics were favorable to the history-making event.

## Pearl Harbor pilot now Christian

HONOLULU, Hawaii—A former Japanese pilot who led the attack on Pearl Harbor stood on the platform here with Evangelist Billy Graham on the 25th anniversary of the bombing, as "brother in Christ."

Commander Mitsuo Fuchida, now a Presbyterian evangelist, drew applause from the large gathering at the International Christian Leadership Breakfast when he declared:

"When I came to Hawaii 25 years ago, I was your enemy. Now I am your brother in Christ."

Graham, enroute to Vietnam to spend Christmas with American troops there, said that Fuchida's life is a testimony of the power of God to change human lives.

Fuchida told the crowd of his conversion as a result of reading the scriptures, and that he believes God spared his life so that he might now be able "to witness to the Lord's grace and forgiveness."

At least six times during combat, he faced almost certain death, but somehow he always managed to escape. Of the 70 officers who led the attack on Pearl Harbor, Fuchida is the only one still living. (BP)

One member of the Northlake Baptist Church said, "My Catholic neighbor visited in my home for the first time in the two years I have lived here.

She always thought that Baptists did not like Catholics, and I guess I had always thought that Catholics didn't particularly care for Baptists." (BP)

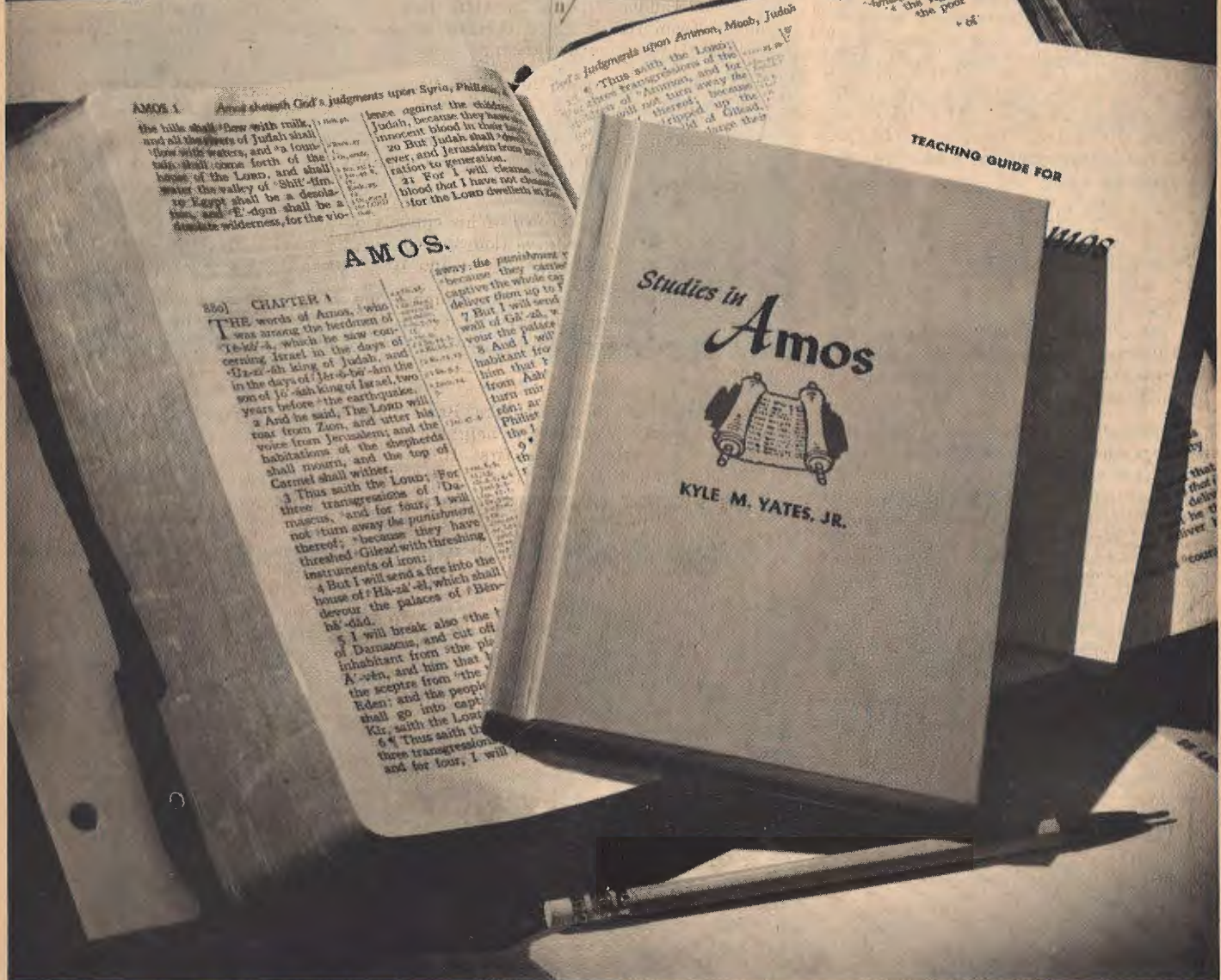


**NEW ARIZONA BAPTIST BUILDING:** The Arizona South-Phoenix. The first floor of the building will continue to be leased to commercial firms, and the Baptist offices will be building for its new headquarters, and will move to 400 located on the third and second floors. The full convention West Camelback Road in Phoenix about January 1. The voted to purchase the \$400,000 appraised building for \$375,000. Convention offices now are located at 315 West McDowell in Phoenix. (BP PHOTO)

**CALENDAR PLANNING SHEET**  
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— BIBLE STUDY —



NASHVILLE—January Bible Study Week 1967 will give today. This annual emphasis, which began in 1948, involves Southern Baptist adults and young people an opportunity every age group in intensive Bible study.—BSSB Photo to study Amos, yesterday's prophet with a message for

**New women's executive**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Miss Martha Fellows of Jefferson City, Mo., a Woman's Missionary Union worker for the Missouri Baptist Convention, has been named Woman's Missionary Union secretary for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. For the past five years Miss Fellows has been Young Women's Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band director for the Woman's Missionary Union department of the Missouri Baptist Convention. Previously she was youth director for several Baptist churches in Texas. (BP)

Nashville First, Nov. 14-20; O. K. (Jack) Hazlewood, evangelist; Jimmy Fowler, singer; 4 by letter; 5 for baptism; 30 rededications; Bob Martin mission pastor.

Mt. Pine First, Jan. 4-8; O. K. (Jack) Hazlewood, evangelist; W. B. Davis, pastor.

Waldron First, Dec. 4-11; Jesse Reed, evangelist; Mark Short, music director; 24 on profession of faith and for bap-

tism; 5 by letter and statement; 28 rededications; Truman Spurgin, pastor.

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# Your state convention at work

## Au revoir!

On Apr. 1, 1946, I came to work as Brotherhood secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. And now, after 20 years and nine months of service, and after more than 1,000 articles for the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, such as this, I come to my last article and to my last week as Brotherhood secretary.

Let me thank Arkansas Baptists for the call to come and serve the Lord with you during these many years. They have been fruitful years, and the blessings of the Lord have been upon the Brotherhood Department. I leave the work with a heart full of gratitude to God and to the Baptists of Arkansas for the privilege of working together with Him and with you. And, as I leave, I face a future "as bright as the promises of God."

Certainly I will continue to pray for you, for the prosperity of Brotherhood work and all the work throughout all the time ahead. I will be grateful for your prayers as I seek to do the will of God through every day that the Lord has left for me to serve Him on the earth. May the Lord's rich blessings abide upon every Arkansas Baptist man, preacher and layman, upon every Baptist boy, and upon all of His people throughout this great state, until He shall come again.

May all the blessings of the Christmas Season be yours.

Au revoir!—Nelson Tull

## Bethlehem night

Through clear and cold and frosty air,

I hear the church bells chime  
To tell to all men everywhere  
That this is Christmas Time.

Long, long ago on such a night  
Lord Jesus Christ was born.  
The Heavens shone with glorious light  
Upon that Christmas Morn.

Up in the sky, the angel throng  
Sang o'er and o'er again  
The blessed tidings in a song.  
Of peace, good will to men.

Let all the people now rejoice  
And let the music ring  
As we lift up our heart and voice  
In praises to our King.

—Carl Ferrell



**WINS PROMOTION**—Dr. Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita University, and Mrs. Fuqua pin new silver leaves on Harold Fuqua, assistant professor of military science at OBU, signifying his promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army.

## The bookshelf

**Robert Frost, the Early Years, 1874-1915**, by Lawrance Thompson, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1966, \$12.50

The first volume of this critical and interpretative biography reflects the author's intimate knowledge of the poet's complicated personality and describes the shaping influences of the early years. Included are the cumulative estrangements between Frost's parents during the poet's boyhood in San Francisco, the unsettling effect of the move from California to New England, the guidance of his poetry-writing mother during the start of his literary career, the lover's quarrels during his youthful courtship of Elinor White, the intermittently suicidal despondency, the failure of his health soon after his marriage, the years of recovery on the farm in Derry, New Hampshire, and the circumstances which made possible the bold departure of the Frost family for England in 1912. The book ends with the success achieved by Frost following the publication of *A Boy's Will* and *North of Boston* in England, and his plans for returning to America.

**The Man Who Changed the World** (two volumes) by Herbert Lockyer, Zondervan, 1966, \$9.95

Designed to be a reference work, the set is thoroughly indexed and cross-referenced. It shows how Christ and His principles have had their impact upon all of history, both secular and sacred.

Here is detailed information on English, European, American and Asiatic and ecclesiastical history, "a compendium of ancient and modern facts which will prove an indispensable tool for ministers, Bible students, students of history, public speakers, as well as theological and church libraries."

**John Brown of Arkansas**, by Ralph C. Kennedy, Jr., and Thomas R. Rothrock, John Brown University Press, 1966, paperback, 140 pages

Here are the highlights of the life of one who was widely known as an evangelist and educator and the founder of John Brown University, Siloam Springs, and other educational institutions. The authors have drawn on newspaper clippings, personal papers and family albums for their materials. This should be especially interesting to Arkansans.

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with Mary his mother, and fell down, and  
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### BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR STUDENT WORKERS

Dick Bumpass, ASC; Doyle Burke, Little Rock; Glyn Finley, Tech and C of O; Winston Hardman, A&M; Ruth Johnson, OBU; Jamie Jones, U of A; J. T. Midkiff, SBC; Nancy Philley, HSTC; Audrey Seibert, AC; James Smalley, SSC; Juanita Straubie, ABH.

## Beacon lights of Baptist history

# The power of suggestion

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.  
PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

Joseph W. D. Creath was one of the early ministers who helped establish Baptist work in the Southwest.

He was born in Mecklenburg Co., Va., Feb. 3, 1909. Graduating from the Virginia Baptist Seminary in December, 1837, he pastored churches in his native state until 1846 when he went to Texas as missionary of the newly constituted Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Here he spent the remainder of his life.

Whether as pastor, chaplain of the penitentiary, as an agent for Bible revision, or in the Convention he gave himself sacrificially and in abundant labor. William Cathcart says of him in his encyclopedia that he was the most apostolic man in Texas. He credits him with having raised more money for missions, erected more houses of worship, and constituted more churches than any other man in the Southwest up to that time (1883).

Mr. Creath served as associational moderator, president of the state convention, president of the trustees of Baylor University, and vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Much credit goes to him for preserving and stimulating the writing of Texas' Baptist history. Sometime in the early 1870's he met a young preacher student, James Milton Carroll, on the campus of Baylor University and suggested to him that he write the history.

Mr. Creath went on to say to the young student, whom he knew, that some years before the Texas State Convention had requested him to write a history. But he said, "I feel strangely impressed to will you this important task." He had collected much material but felt he would never find time to write such a book. Besides, he did not think the time had come for writing it. He told young Carroll that he would send him the material and closed with, "See that you perform the task."

The young man was dumbfounded. He said he was so astonished with the request that he could not remember whether he answered the old gentleman or not as he walked away. Carroll thought about it for several days, said nothing to anyone except his wife, and decided it must be some strange joke. But a short time later he received a large box that contained the valuable material the pioneer preacher had collected, and realized the responsibility was his. Quietly, he began gathering materials. Forty-eight years later he published "A History of Texas Baptists," containing 1005 pages.



## For the Christian, right or wrong?

Becoming a Christian does not remove a person from the world of reality. And, in the world of reality, there are decisions to be made every day. The church has a responsibility to help its members make decisions which reflect Christian beliefs and ideals.

For the most appropriate help for its members in decision making, the church looks to its Training Union. Lesson materials offer guidance as church members face the moral and social issues of the day. These materials deal with what may be called the "oughtness" of one's Christian experience in its practical application.

Questions arise in a number of areas, and these questions need answers. For example, "Must the Christian always be honest, or is there a little room for a deviation from that policy? Is the Christian supposed to be more concerned with personal purity and virtue than are the non-Christians? What should be the Christian's attitude toward people of other races and other religious faiths? Should a Christian take seriously the claims of Christ upon his life, or should he simply conform to the world about him when it seems expedient?"

Answers to such questions are not easily found. Even with training and guidance, the answers are not easy. But training and guidance can help.

The church that does not have a Training Union abandons its members, to a large degree, to "muddle through" the significant experiences of the Christian life. It offers little planned assistance to the church member who would like to be admonished, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

But help is available to the church without a Training Union. The state Training Union Secretary, along with many others who are interested, stands ready to assist the church in starting an appropriate training program.

Write your state Training Union Secretary today.—Ralph W. Davis, 306 Baptist Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.

## Sex outside marriage

CANTERBURY, England—Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, has reaffirmed his Church's stand that "sexual intercourse outside marriage is always wrong."

"We believe as a Church that in God's purpose and design the right use of sex is within marriage, and sexual intercourse outside marriage is always wrong," he said. "The British Council of Churches has reaffirmed this. We have to commend this standard to those who are perplexed and to show real understanding of their problems. That is the task to which we must be pledged." (BP)



## Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

## Windows at Christmas

Occasionally in student discussion groups a young man will ask, "What can a fellow do on a date that doesn't cost a lot of money?" Before someone comes up with a too-smart answer I usually suggest that one thing that most girls love to do is window-shop. Then in an aside to the fellows I remark that if you go after the stores are closed it doesn't cost as much.

At this time of the year most of us like to see what is in the windows of the stores. They take on added sparkle for the Christmas season. Occasionally we see a window that is so crowded with articles that our impression is one of a blurred vision of junk. Others are so skillfully arranged that they are inviting and attractive. I wonder if our lives are not a little like this—windows which must be kept clean and attractive and not too cluttered with junk.

As we drive through the residential areas of a city at Christmas we see other windows. Some are decorated with holly and pine or lights of various colors. Some are large picture windows. In one a man and woman seem to be quarreling; in another there are little children and one little fellow has his face pressed against the glass; behind one window a girl in her teens seems to be very upset; in another a happy family is grouped around a piano singing; there is an older couple reading—perhaps waiting on other family members to come from out of town; another family is watching television, and others are putting records on the record-player—probably some of the favorite Christmas carols, which add so much to the holidays.

What does Christmas mean to these people behind their windows? Is it open house time, giving parties and going to them? Is it the fragrance of evergreens all through the house? Is it a crackling fire in the fireplace giving warmth to all within the home? Is it glistening ornaments on a lovely Christmas tree or gaily wrapped presents underneath? Is it fudge and divinity and cookies or the tantalizing odor of the turkey baking in the oven? Is it bright poinsettias or glowing candles or tinkling bells? Is it Santa Claus or Christmas cards or letters from friends? Is it the unexpected gift which brings a thrill of delight, or the phone call from someone you haven't heard from in years? Is it a clumsily wrapped package a sweet little child fixed just for you? Is it looking back into times gone by and forward into the days yet to come? Is it Christmas choirs and worship services and organ music?

The picture-window of Christmas is a little bit of all of this—but it is much more. It is more than all else the birthday of our Savior. It is a time when we remember that God gave us the greatest gift of all.

What will take place back of the windows of our homes this Christmas? Will there be activities which will honor Him whose birthday we celebrate? Appropriately, this year, Dec. 25 comes on the Lord's day, Sunday. Surely it will be a day when we will want to share goodwill, peace, love, thoughtfulness, a forgiving spirit, and kindness for others.

There was no room in the inn and a great blessing was lost. There must be room in our homes and our hearts if we are to share Christ with others.

Thank you for the kind comments lately—personally and by letter. Merry Christmas!

Comments, suggestions, or questions, may be addressed to Mrs. Andrew Hall, Mt. Sequoyah Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.

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## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

### Cecile Shoptaw Likes X-Ray Work Variety



Cecile Shoptaw

Cecile Shoptaw heard about x-ray work through a relative who was at the University Medical Center, came to Arkansas Baptist Medical Center for an interview and enrolled in school here "because the people were so friendly."

That was back in 1959 and she still insists that the people in her department are the best anywhere. In addition to the people, she likes the variety of the work—she shifts around from the radiology department to surgery to the emergency room—and the hours, which vary depending on where she is working.

Miss Shoptaw also teaches students in the ABMC School of X-Ray Technology, of which she is a graduate. Last year she served as president of the Central District of the Arkansas Society of Radiologic Technicians and had previously served as secretary-treasurer and vice president of the State Society. She has also served as a member of the ABMC Employees' Council.

She lives with her parents in Indian Hills, North Little Rock, and is busy in a number of activities in her hours off duty. She began this year taking two night courses at Little Rock University in Freshman Composition and Western Civilization.

"I found that I was eating, sleeping and drinking x-ray and I thought I needed to broaden my world," she said. "I wanted to learn more about other things." She has no special ambition to get a degree—"at the rate I'm going it would take 12 years"—but she does want to stretch her mind.

She also is learning to play an organ which she acquired not long ago and she is on the Bill Fisher's Restaurant



Glenda Ramsey, student who rendered outstanding service in the Recovery Room, receives \$100 from Associate Administrator W. H. Patterson on behalf of an anonymous honor, a physician on the staff.

Bowling Team at Pike Plaza Lanes. A fellow technician, Oleta Copeland is also on the same team.

Miss Shoptaw likes all phases of x-ray work but prefers the diagnostic work to therapy and isotopes, the latter of which she said had been developed here after she finished training.

### Clothes For Pediatrics



Mrs. Henry Rose, an Auxiliary volunteer who likes to sew, makes clothes for needy children on pediatrics each year. She is shown here with 25 dresses, short pants and pajamas which she brought to the department for children this year. Mrs. Rose also keeps the Auxiliary scrapbook.

### Goatchers See Progress In Thailand

Earl and Joann Goatcher wrote recently from Bangkla Baptist Hospital in Bangkok, Chacheungsao, Thailand, that they will be returning to Little Rock in July, 1967 for their first furlough.

"Our in-patient load has about doubled this year as the name of the hospital has become known over a wider area. Our mobile clinic work is also increasing, as well as our follow-up of evangelistic contacts. All of us here feel a particular urgency this year because for the first time the full staff of the hospital is on the field. All the years of preparation in the lives of many people have now been brought into focus in a particular place at a particular time for a particular task. For this we are most grateful—and fearful, because we sense something of the responsibility that is ours in utilizing the time we have in the most fruitful way for cause of Christ . . .

"The evangelistic results of the medical work are a little more encouraging than previously. There have been about 10 professions of faith from in-patients, with some additional professions in the mobile clinics. Eight people were baptized in the Bangkok Church this year. Just this past week there were seven professions of faith. . . . Most of these last decisions (all adults) are members of a family class

that Joann is teaching on Saturday nights. . . . One thing we are beginning to see, especially in relation to the medical work but to a much lesser degree with the church, is a climate of acceptance on the part of the people. National Christians still face some real difficult times, but many of them remain faithful and continue to grow.

"The Church called a National pastor this year who has made a tremendous difference in the life of the Church. He was a Buddhist priest, then became a Christian, went to the seminary and will graduate this year."

### Senior Receives \$100 Award

Glenda Ramsey of Pine Bluff, a senior student who graduates this month and who plans to stay on the ABMC staff in intensive care or surgery, was awarded the \$100 award for excellence in nursing care on the Intensive Care Unit.

Miss Ramsey is impressed with the importance of giving extra care to critically ill patients and has learned to use the emergency resuscitation equipment available there. She hopes to continue to work after graduation in this general area.

# ABMC Names Student Nurse of Year



Shirley Phillips

Shirley Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Phillips of Sikeston, Mo., and a senior student in the ABMC School of Nursing, was named Student Nurse of the Year for Arkansas at the annual Arkansas State Nurses Convention at Fort Smith November 3 and 4.

A panel of five judges selected Miss

Phillips over other contestants. She had originally been chosen by the student body at the ABMC Student Nurse of the Year. She submitted an essay on the value of the State Student Nurses Association as preparation for the State Nurses Association.

Miss Phillips was in the Honor Society, the Pep Club and played the flute in the band in high school. She chose the ABMC School of Nursing because her aunt, Mrs. O. K. Blankenship, encouraged her to come here.

In the School of Nursing she has been on the Dean's List regularly, and has served as historian and treasurer of the Student Association. She has also served on the Annual staff, and was in the YWA during her freshman year. She is a member of the Assembly of God Church.

She said that she had always wanted to be a nurse even though as a child she did not know anyone who was a nurse. Her hobby in her spare time is sewing.

# New In Housekeeping



Mrs. Helen Henley, formerly a secretary for Union Life Insurance Company and later for two doctors in Colorado where she lived for 14 months, is now secretary for the Housekeeping Department. With her is Bud Johnson, the new assistant executive housekeeper. Johnson has retired from 21 years in the Navy. Wade Hawkins, not present for the picture, is also an assistant executive housekeeper.

## Attends Convention

Ruth Arnold Leveck, Arkansas Baptist Medical Center librarian, attended the annual convention of the Arkansas Library Association at the Hotel Mari-on October 23-25, 1966. She was appointed parliamentarian, of the 450-registrant meeting, and was elected secretary for 1966-67 of the Special Libraries Division of the Association.

# CONVENTION GIVES ABMC INDEPENDENT STATUS

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention voted last month to relinquish control of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center and to transfer this responsibility to an independent Board of Trustees.

The historic step was taken so that the Medical Center could become eligible for public funds and it was the culmination of several years of debate within the Convention on whether it could approve Federal aid for the Center.

The principle of separation of church and state held the Baptist body back from taking Federal money for a state-sponsored institution. The Center at the same time felt it could not keep abreast of the many expensive demands placed on it by scientific and medical advances. The compromise solution of separating the Center from the Convention was worked out by the ABMC Board of Trustees, agreed upon by the Executive Board of the Convention and the Convention finally voted on November 7 to accept the solution.

A memorandum from Administrator J. A. Gilbreath to ABMC employees assured them that there would be no change in organization from the Board level down. The only change, according to him, will be the fact that a non-profit association of approximately 50 Baptist men will meet once

a year to elect the Board of Trustees instead of having this done by the Convention. To be eligible for membership on the Board, now as in the past, a person must be a member of a Baptist church affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

A formal resolution passed by the Convention by a vote of 488 to 326 declared that the continued growth of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center has been possible because of the "unstinted contribution of resources, both human and material, emanating from the Baptist denomination in Arkansas, the public generally, those engaged in the healing arts, the men and women who voluntarily have applied their time and talents to the building of a great institution, the dedicated trustees who wisely have created policies and the administrative personnel who have artfully applied those policies to the myriad daily task of operating a vast hospital and many others who have been devoted to its humane purposes." It pointed out that the Center is now so firmly rooted in the institutional soil of this state that the Convention can now dedicate itself and its material resources to other institutional beneficiaries.

The resolution goes on to provide for the establishment of a corporate body for the Center independent of the Convention, solely under the control

of the Board of Trustees. Former members of the ABMC Board will serve on the parent body of the association which will be charged with the responsibility of electing new members to the Board.

The move paves the way for securing financial help in building the new multi-million dollar structure on University Avenue which is a key part of the Center's expansion plans. Gilbreath said that the widespread use of Federal funds in hospital building made it impossible to compete using private funds only. He added that the high cost of modern medical equipment and construction made it necessary for a hospital to use public as well as private aid.

For some time the ABMC Board has recognized the need for such outside aid. It has become aware that no Federal control beyond that already exercised over the institution (because patients under Federal programs are treated here) would be forthcoming but it was blocked by the Convention in its attempt to obtain public aid. The new arrangement will allow for such aid without a breach of conscience for those who felt sincerely that the Convention itself could not enter into a contract with the Federal government. The Center will continue to be directed by Baptists but will otherwise be a community institution.

## Southern Hospitals Carries Mankin Article



Miss Rita Mankin

Miss Rita Gay Mankin, who is with the Isotope Department at ABMC, wrote an article on "Knowledge of Legal Aspects of X-Rays Necessary," Part I of which appeared in the November, 1966, issue of Southern Hospitals, a professional magazine.

Miss Mankin attended schools in Rogers, Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia, and ABMC School of X-Ray Technology. She received her registry certification on July 1, 1966. She is currently working on a research paper on Alpha, Beta and Gamma radiations. Part II of her "Legal Aspects" article was to appear in the December issue of Southern Hospitals.

She points out in her article that radiographs have come to be legally accepted as "authentic agents for medical science" in courts. X-Ray technologists are sometimes subpoenaed to appear in court to verify the film in question. She gives five rules which must govern the use of x-ray pictures as evidence in court cases:

1. A film must be proved to be a film of the person or object that it is claimed to be. X-Ray technologists can only verify or identify the radiographs but not interpret them. This is done by the radiologist, Miss Mankin says.
2. There must be proof that the physical condition of the subject when X-rayed was the same as it was at the time in issue. The fact that X-rays were not taken until long after the injury lessens their value as evidence but does not make them inadmissible.
3. The equipment used in taking the radiograph must be reliable and in good working order.
4. The person who took the film must be qualified by training and experience. Questions may be asked to verify this.
5. The manner of taking the radiograph, including distances, angles, and exposure factors, must be described.

It must be also testified that the machine was properly focused and was so located to the site of injury as to give a clear and correct view and impression of the injury.

Miss Mankin pointed out that radiographs were used as evidence in a court in Nottingham, England, in 1896, four months after their discovery. An actress brought suit against the theater in which she was working for a foot injury sustained there. A radiograph of her foot was admitted as evidence.

## Needs Are Many On Pediatrics

Pediatrics needs have multiplied according to Mrs. A. C. Kolb, a volunteer who visits the children, and she issued a call for the following items:

Golden Books, plastic books, plastic toys, terry cloth shoes for small children, tooth brushes and paste, combs, night gowns, pajamas, and clothing for welfare children.

She added that more magazines for all patients are needed.

## Extended Care Unit Opens At Memorial

An Extended Care Unit will be opened on the fourth floor of the North Little Rock Memorial Hospital, Administrator Norman Roberts announced this month.

The Unit will provide transition care for patients who do not need to be in the acute section of the Hospital but who are not well enough to go home or to go into a nursing home for permanent care. In the first stage, 20 beds will be converted for use in the new Unit and 20 more will be available if needed. A dining room with tables and chairs is being set up for patients at the end of the hall and hand rails have been installed.

Rehabilitation services will also be available to patients who need them. Roberts anticipates that patients with recurrent diseases, patients who need rehabilitation therapy, patients who have progressive diseases and patients with static handicaps will be treated in the new unit.

## Speaker From The Near East



Rev. Zohair Jadeed, above, of Saudi Arabia, was a speaker last month at Student Hour. He is shown with his wife, the former Marilee Williams of New Jersey who is a student in the School of Practical Nursing.

Rev. Zohair Jadeed, whose wife is attending the School of Practical Nursing here, was guest speaker at Student Hour October 31.

He is now serving as pastor of the White Rock Mission near Little Rock. He is also working with Brownlee Construction Company and hopes to return to Saudi Arabia after getting a degree

in construction engineering.

Mr. Jadeed's father ran a clothing store in Syria until he lost all his customers because he became a Christian. He moved his family to Tripoli where Mr. Jadeed grew up. He met his wife, the former Marilee Williams of New Jersey, at Warren Wilson College in North Carolina.

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David's connection with Bethlehem was recognized by the angel in announcing Jesus' birth. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

Though changes have taken place in Bethlehem, a great part of it remains as it was in ancient times. It is located on two terraced hills whose slopes are covered with olive groves and fruit orchards.

Bethlehem is a small town of churches, other white buildings, flat-roofed homes, and patios. The older houses are built close together. They line the ancient streets and provide some shade from the burning hot sun. Hummingbirds hover over the blossoms of the very old trees.

Manger Street and Star Street are the two main roads leading into the town. Shops lining the streets display beautiful mother of pearl objects. They have delicate figures of Joseph, Mary, and the Christ child, the Wise Men, donkeys, oxen, and camels. These have been carved from the wood of olive trees.

Bethlehem is famous for its beautiful spun and woven cloth and its delicate embroidery. Many patterns are the same as they were in ancient Palestine.

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# The meaning of the incarnation

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Life and Work

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John 1:1-18; Galatians 4:4-7

Last week's lesson dealt with the Messianic hope, especially Isaiah's suffering servant passage (Isaiah 52:13-53:12). How amazing it was that prophecy contained the predictive element to such an extent. From Isaiah's majestic overtones today's study involves the actual birth of our Lord and Saviour.

## 1. The world then (Galatians 4:4-7)

A knowledge of the world into which Jesus was born is essential in understanding the reception the world gave Jesus. Jesus came into the world "in the fullness of time" (Galatians 4:4). Jesus was born at a point in history when the Graeco-Roman civilization prevailed. The Greeks made some remarkable contributions to the world's civilization. Their contributions included the Greek language with its beauty of expression, Greek philosophy (Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle were among their most famous philosophers) and the Greek spirit (i.e., emphasis on development of the body, arts, and cultural aspects of society).

How did the Roman empire help prepare the way for the spread of the gospel in the early part of the first century?

1. The world was "one world," the great Roman empire. Basically the world was under the control of one government. Even Roman citizenship carried with it certain basic privileges.

2. Roadways built for military and commercial purposes furnished good means of travel for those carrying the gospel message.

3. There was actually a period of peace in the world when the heavenly host proclaimed, "Peace on earth."

4. The universal Greek language was an excellent vehicle for the spreading of the gospel throughout the world in Jesus' day.

5. The Graeco-Roman mystery religions left a void in the human heart. Doubtless to say the message of Jesus satisfied the deepest needs of man—unlike these religions of superstition, witchcraft, and pagan rites.

## II. The logos (John 1)

John used the word "logos" to describe and identify Jesus. The word, logos, means word. Why is the significance of John's referring to Jesus as **The Word**?

1. The word logos also means reason. Jesus was the reason for the existence of everything. He was the Reason behind the world.

2. To the Jew a word was an active and independent energy or power. Words were fearfully alive and denoted meaningful, significant things.

3. The Jews believed in the all-powerful word of God. He spoke; things happened.

4. Logos refers to the mind of God. John denoted the idea that Jesus was the mind of God which came to earth in the person of Christ.

## III. God became flesh.

The incarnation simply means that the divine became humanity. God became flesh. The doctrine of the pre-existent Christ is found in John 1. Jesus has existed as long as God has existed because God is one. Jesus is pictured as creator (vs. 1, 3, 10). Jesus is co-equal, co-existent, and co-eternal with the Father.

Jesus did not get a great welcome from the Jewish people. In fact they

"knew him not" (v. 11). From the start he was rejected by his own people, the Jews. They misinterpreted the kind of reign the Messiah would have. He was not a king on a royal, physical throne but chose to reign in the hearts of his followers. His kingdom is within; it is internal, not external.

## IV. Life and light (John 1:4).

Jesus is the author, giver, and purpose of life. Life is in Christ. He gives depth and meaning to all of life's experiences. When we walk with Jesus and permit his presence to permeate our lives, there comes into life new vitality. Jesus' life is our example; he is the light on life's pathway. He is the giver of life abundant and life eternal. Life is worth living when we are vitally linked to Jesus Christ.

## Conclusion:

Is Christ alive in our hearts? Is he living through us? Christmas is a time when the incarnation of Christ should become reality rather than the commercial aspects of the season. Let's put Christ in Christmas to a greater extent this year than we have in the past.

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Life and Work

January 1

Luke 4:1-5

Sam, the servant of a wealthy plantation owner, often prayed so loudly at night that others could hear him. One morning his master said, "Sam, you prayed so loud last night that you kept my wife awake. I don't see why you, who are such a good man, must pray so much."

"Well," said Sam, "the devil was bothering me very much; so I prayed for the Lord to help me."

"That's funny," the plantation owner said, "the devil doesn't trouble me any. So I don't see why he should bother you."

The servant explained, "You know, Master, we were duck hunting the other day."

"Yes, but what has that to do with it?"

"Well, when you shot, you killed some and wounded others. Then you sent me after the wounded ones. Why?"

"Because I knew I had the dead ones for sure, but the wounded ones might get away."

"In just the same way, Master, the devil knows he's got you for sure, and he doesn't bother you, but he is not sure about me. That's why he keeps after me all the time."

## Toward the cross

Every step taken by Jesus upon earth was toward the cross. The Devil knew this. The temptation experience was the Devil's attempt to get Jesus to take the easy way to Messiahship. The greatest temptation that Jesus faced was to by-

pass the cross. When he explained to the disciples that he must go to the cross, Simon Peter said, "Be it far from thee, Lord; this shall not be unto thee" (Matt. 16:22). No wonder our Lord turned to Simon Peter and said; "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offense unto me" (Matt. 16:23).

## How Satan works

Satan tempts us after our mountain-top experiences. Jesus had just come from his baptism. The words of John were still ringing in his ears, "Behold the lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." He could still hear the words of his heavenly Father, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." In the midst of prosperity, happiness, good health, and social acceptance, Satan tempted Job,

When we stand upon our mountain-tops, we are often like Joshua who was seen "standing before the angel of the Lord and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him" (Zech. 3:1).

Satan always appeals to the normal desires and tempts us to satisfy these normal human desires before doing the will of God. The first temptation appealed to the natural desire of preservation. In the second temptation, Satan offered Jesus security to be found in the "kingdoms of the world" if he would only bow down to him. In Paradise Lost Milton causes Satan to say, "To reign is worth ambition, though in hell. . . better to reign in hell, than serve in heaven."

Satan appeals to the normal desire of recognition, in the third temptation. What a chance for the applause of men! In a moment Jesus could have received the acclaim of Batman or Superman. But he chose the way of the cross and taught us that the Christian life may often be one of very little recognition.

Satan will even use the Bible out of context. His favorite instrument is the half-truth. How he has led people through the years to justify their half-hearted discipleship with half-truths found in the Bible. One man said it was wrong to split logs because the Bible says, "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." There are many who justify robbing God because they find only one verse in the New Testament which teaches tithing.

A friend of mine refused to use an envelope for his offering because Jesus said, "Don't let your left hand know what your right hand doeth." The Devil continues to lead people to justify their own opinions with half truths.

## He never quits

Satan would have us believe that if we win one battle we have won the war. But Luke says, "When the Devil had ended all of the temptations, he departed from him for a season" (Lk. 4:13). This was not the last time that Satan tempted Jesus to take a detour around the cross. The temptation to bypass the cross followed Jesus even into the garden of Gethsemane. He must certainly have felt the Devil's temptation to bypass the cross when he cried out, "O my father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matt. 26:39).

## How to conquer

But how did Jesus conquer Satan? First, he was prepared to say "no." The temptations of Jesus can give the Christian confidence in knowing that he can say "no" to Satan (Heb. 4:15-16). Jesus also leaned heavily upon the Word of God. No doubt he had committed to memory Old Testament verses which he quoted to Satan. Jesus counted the cost of yielding to temptation. He knew that to yield to the Devil's temptations meant no cross and no salvation.

God knows our load limit. When the Devil tempts us, we can look up and claim the promise of Psalm 119:9-11. Without the temptation experience of Jesus, we might never understand Paul's words when he said, "No temptation has come your way that is too hard for flesh and blood to bear. But God can be trusted not to allow you to suffer any temptations beyond your powers of endurance. He will see to it that every temptation has a way out so that it will never be impossible for you to bear it" (I Cor. 10:1-3-Phillips).

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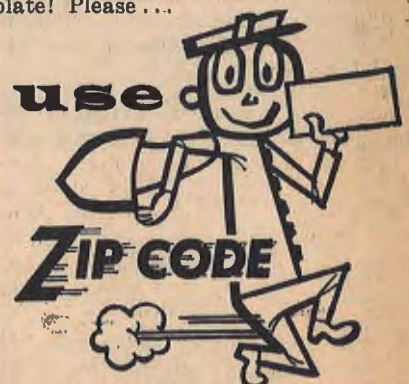
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# Born this day . . . a Saviour

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.  
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International  
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Luke 2:8-20

This Sunday is Christmas, the day Christians are supposed to celebrate the birth of their Saviour Jesus Christ. Yet if things are like they have been on other Sundays that fell on Dec. 25, there won't be enough people present in most churches to sing three stanzas of "Silent Night." It's just hard to work Sunday School and church into a schedule of opening presents, cooking a giant meal, watching a professional football game, visiting grandma, treating indigestion, and soaking one's tired and aching feet.

Those who do not believe in Christ at all may happily survey their empty store shelves and gaily hum, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus!"

There will be fights, drunkenness, cussing, shrieking, and violent anger over such things as getting gypped in an exchange of presents with one's sister-in-law.

Many churches will not even attempt to have Sunday night services. To do so would be a classic exercise in futility.

And when it is all over, countless people will murmur, as they wade through the mounds of torn wrapping paper and broken toys, "Thank the Lord Christmas comes only once a year!"

All of this display which is as unchristian, if not actually anti-Christ, as it can be is vivid but pathetic evidence of how far we have strayed from the purpose of Christmas. It behooves us to pause for a moment and recall the event which we are supposed to be commemorating—the birth of the Christ-child.

## I. The angelic annunciation

When the time came for Mary to bear the child which the angel Gabriel had promised her, she and her husband, Joseph, were in Bethlehem of Judea, having gone there to register, as directed by a decree from Caesar Augustus. Because of crowded conditions in the town, there were no accommodations available in the inn, so she gave birth to her son and wrapped him up and laid him in a manger.

There were shepherds living in the same country and keeping guard over their flocks throughout the night. Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood in their midst, the glory of the Lord shone round them, and they were terror-stricken. But the angel said, "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe

wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Thus, two facts were told: that the Saviour had been born and where they could find him.

Suddenly a whole chorus of angels joined the single messenger and sang exultantly, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The Prince of Peace had come.

## II. The shepherds' decision.

When the angels left them, the shepherds, caucused and said, "Now let us go straight to Bethlehem and see this thing which the Lord has made known to us."

They came as fast as they could and found Mary and Joseph—and the baby lying in the manger. When they had seen this sight, they told everybody what had been said to them by the angels. Three things resulted from their disclosure. First, those who heard were amazed at what the shepherds said (2:18). Second, Mary treasured these things and turned them over in her mind and heart (2:19). Third, the shepherds were satisfied and returned to their work, glorifying and praising God for everything that they had heard and seen (2:20).

There has been a great deal of speculation in sermons and in writings as to

why the messengers appeared to these humble, unlearned shepherds instead of to a great many more likely candidates for divine revelations. Why did they not appear to the learned scribes and Pharisees? To the distinguished Sanhedrin? To the rulers of the people? To the priests pattering around Jerusalem and waiting for their shift to go to work?

The Bible does not answer such questions, but it does imply that God reveals himself to those most willing to listen to his message. These humble men, living close to nature and feeling God's presence in the infinite beauty of diamond stars sprinkled endlessly over a black velvet night sky, were never very far from God. It did not take an earthquake to attract their attention or to distract them from such endeavors as endless theological debates, mechanical service, wild good times, or political skulduggery. When God spoke, they were available to listen. There is a good lesson here for us.

In the midst of the commercialism and hedonism of Christmas, 1966, let us pause and say sincerely, "O come, let us adore him: Christ the Lord!" And let us pray earnestly that the cease-fire in Vietnam may be longer than a few brief hours. But even as we pray, let us remember that until men know and follow the Prince of Peace there will be no permanent "peace on earth, good will toward men."



... A new California law will require all drivers to submit to chemical sobriety tests if they are stopped on suspicion of driving while under the influence of alcohol. The bill provides that persons who refuse tests will have their drivers licenses suspended for six months. The law also provides certain exemptions (such as for those being treated for certain physical conditions) as well as legal safeguards to protect the rights of the individual.

... French film makers are cutting down on daring sex scenes, according to Variety. The reason: high profits for TV use of films is being lost because risqué films are avoided by the networks.

... Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students, according to Bernard Gavzer. Among those aged 15 to 19 it is the number 3 cause of death. Each day an average of nearly three adolescents commit suicide, and some experts believe the true figure may be 5,000 per year (The Nashville Tennessean).

... "Segregation is a worse sin than fornication"—Canon Bryan Green, rector of Birmingham, England, addressing a press conference in Roanoke, Va., (Roanoke Times).

# Life's supreme loyalty

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From the beginning of his public ministry to the very end, Jesus Christ never failed to demonstrate supreme loyalty to God the Father. As we begin a new year, it is appropriate to fasten our attention on this quality of absolute devotion and to set Christ-likeness as a personal objective during the 365 days ahead.

The greater lesson, Luke 3:1 through 4:15, covers the ministry of John the Baptist (3:1-20) and the genealogy of Jesus (3:23-38) as well as the baptism and temptation experience of our Lord. The printed text includes the last two experiences only, so we shall deal with these events which marked the beginning of public ministry.

## I. The baptism of Jesus, 3:21, 22.

When about 30 years of age, Jesus came from Galilee, his home province, to Jordan to be baptized of John. This marked the first public identification of the man the people of Nazareth had known as their town carpenter as the Son of God.

John, preaching in the wilderness far removed from the temple which had always been considered as essential to Jewish worship, had preached a simple, spiritual gospel of repentance. Called directly by God and not associated with the priestly class in Jerusalem, he was quite a novelty in religious circles; and people in great numbers trooped out for his camp-meeting-type services. Once there, many of them were strangely moved by this ascetic, who was dressed in animal skins and who lived on nature foods.

It was inevitable that some should wonder aloud if John was the long-awaited Messiah. He spiked this rumor straightway, however, as he made it clear that his was a subordinate position. "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (3:16). As forerunner to Jesus, John wanted men to be prepared to recognize the Messiah when he appeared in their midst.

Good in *The Jesus of Our Fathers* (which is the best book I have ever read on the life of Christ but is, unfortunately, out of print) says, "After this introductory work of John, the Lord Jesus stepped forth, as it were, upon His stage of action before the world. . . . But was he really divine? The Lord paused . . . for a moment, before entering upon His active ministry, while the Father and the Holy Spirit

from heaven and the divinity within Christ Himself made a manifold answer to that question. The Son of God wanted his world-audience to know that He was divine and that they might therefore trust him with absolute confidence. That is at least one fundamental meaning of the baptism of Jesus."

For centuries there has been debate in theological circles about why Jesus came to John to be baptized. Since John was administering a "baptism of repentance" and Jesus was sinless, why did he submit himself to this baptism? John must have wondered at this, for he demurred when Jesus came to him to be baptized. However, Jesus insisted that it was altogether fitting. The Scriptures offer us no answer to the intriguing question, and dogmatic speculation is dangerous where an issue this important is concerned. Was it that Jesus wanted to be identified with those who would be a part of the Messiah's kingdom? Was it that he

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"Christmas comes but once a year,"

We often hear it said.  
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And they've been to mine  
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An endless line.

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Luke 3:21, 22; 4:1-13

wanted to honor one of the rites that was to have significance in his church?

Whatever the reason, there is no doubt about the approval of God the Father. "When all the people had been baptized, and Jesus was praying after his own baptism, Heaven opened and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in the bodily form of a dove. Then there came a voice from Heaven, saying, "You are my dearly loved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (3:21, 22, Phillips). God's seal of approval was placed on his Son in human flesh.

## II. The temptation of Jesus, 4:1-13.

Following his baptism, Jesus returned from Jordan full of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit to spend 40 days in the desert, during which time he ate nothing. At the end of this period of fasting and meditation, he felt very hungry. It was at this time of physical weakness that the devil approached him with the first of three propositions, all designed to divert him from his God-intended mission. The first is introduced with, "If you really are the Son of God...." Satan knew that all would have to turn on this one question, and the ultimate significance of Jesus' responses to the temptations was his strong affirmation and demonstration that he was indeed the Son of God. While the manifestation of divinity had been external and objective at the time of his baptism, the proof on this occasion was internal and subjective.

Satan first suggested that Jesus turn a stone into bread—an appeal to appetite. To this the Lord replied, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (4:4). This might also be considered an appeal to reason—"Why not?"

The second temptation was an appeal to vanity. The evil took Jesus to a high mountain, showed him all the kingdoms of mankind, and propositioned, "It shall be yours if you will fall down and worship me" (4:7). Jesus replied, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve" (4:8). This temptation might also be viewed as an appeal to rationalization—"Who else has such a right?"

Then the devil took Jesus to the highest ledge of the temple and urged him to throw himself down. "If you really are the Son of God" again introduces a temptation as Satan needles Jesus by saying that the angels would surely keep him safe from harm. At this time there was a tradition current among

the Jews that when Messiah came he would float down from the pinnacle of the temple. For this reason, they looked frequently upward to see if the magical event were about to take place. Had Jesus yielded to this temptation, countless people would undoubtedly have accepted him immediately as the Promised One; but this would have been a shortcut to acceptance and would not have put him on a course which would eventually lead to Calvary and cause him to die as a ransom for an ego. Being accepted by people and being respected by them are goals that everyone harbors deep inside; this third temptation is the most insidious of all.

To this Jesus replied, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (4:12). As a result of his ability to withstand Satan's strongest thrusts, Jesus was ready to begin his ministry among men. "And when the devil had exhausted every kind of temptation, he withdrew until his next opportunity" (4:13, Phillips). His allegiance to God was rewarded, as will ours be if we are loyal in the face of temptation.

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## There oughta be a law

A minor Russian Official said, when touring the U.S.A., "I am disappointed in America. The cities, for instance, are so poor in hygienic installations. Now in the Soviet Union you will find a de-lousing station for public use in every large railroad station. Here in the United States I've never seen one!"

## A Smile or Two

### Retiree

The boss returned in a good humor from lunch and called the whole staff in to listen to a couple of good jokes he had picked up. Everybody laughed uproariously except one girl. "What's the matter?" grumbled the boss, "haven't you got any sense of humor?"

"I don't have to laugh," said the girl, "I'm leaving Friday anyway."

### Yankee ingenuity

A tourist asked a New Englander whether people in that area said "A hen lays" or "A hen lies."

"Well," replied the New Englander, "around here people lift her up to see!"

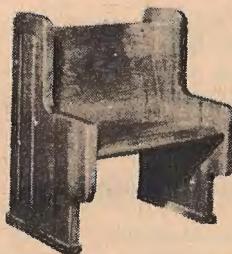
### Helpful Hannah

Departing baby-sitter to parents: "By the way, I promised Janie that if she'd go to bed without any fuss, you'd buy her a pony in the morning."

### Overtime

The boss was pointing out several errors she had made to his secretary, when she interrupted him with, "Mr. Smithers, it's two minutes past five. . . You're annoying me on my own time."

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## Light on the subject

Farmer: (to hired man with a lantern) "You're goin' courtin' you say? With a lantern? I never took one when I was courtin'."

Hired Man: "Yeah, but look what YOU got!"



In the world of religion

# Christmas message of the president Baptist World Alliance



Monroia, Liberia December 1966

## GREETINGS:

Another year is ending. The excitement, the tension, the disappointment, the sorrow, and the joy, the success, and the achievement that came with it leave mankind confronted with a great challenge.

Notwithstanding the old year's immense scientific discoveries in outer space and great material advancements on our earth, man still seeks true happiness, security and peace.

Upon the immaculate birth of the Prince of Peace in Bethlehem's lowly manger, when the Word which was God condescended to become flesh to dwell among men made his advent in a world of sin 1,966 years ago, the Angelic Choir joyously chanted "Peace on earth and good will to men."

The Christian world again hails this blessed Yuletide fraught with all the hope it offers and the promises it assures to a restless, perplexed, uncertain age.

The chasm in human relations needs to be spanned. Human miseries occasioned by poverty, ignorance and disease need to be eradicated. Prejudices, hate and injustices need to be ended. Wars need to cease. This can and will be done only by the creation of a clean heart and right spirit within mankind.

A heart of love, sympathy, patience, tolerance, forgiveness, saturated with good-will to all now must be created in us to bring PEACE to our one WORLD. Our own human endeavors will fail to produce this. Therefore, let us with fervent prayer look to the Prince of Peace from whom man's help has always come, beseeching Him to bestow most graciously upon His world the blessings of good-will and peace.

"Going forth," let us lose ourselves in the true discovery of others far and near so that we will in love, fellowship, cooperation and unity reflect in our daily living the image of Him, whose blessed birth we celebrate on this joyful occasion.

W. R. Tolbert, President  
BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

## Bible's 'subjectivity'

NEW YORK—A demonstration of how the Bible can be read "subjectively" to cast light on personal psychological problems was given by a mental health expert at a luncheon here of the Laymen's National Committee inaugurating the 26th annual Bible Week Observance.

Dr. Otis A. Maxfield, new director of the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry, told the interreligious gathering that "Jesus obviously made the assumption that it wasn't only our concrete outside behaviour; it was this inner world of experience that made the difference" in the life of man.

One of the problems of the human family today, "particularly at the high

level of this affluent state," Dr. Maxfield said, "is that it has lost touch with the inner world, with the objective psyche of soul." (EP)

## Lutherans in Tokyo

TOKYO—Establishment of a new "Japan Mass Communication Research Office" here by the Lutheran World Federation was hailed by leading Japanese Christians and representatives of the mass media.

The communications office, headed by the Rev. George L. Olson, former missionary in Hiroshima, will study mass communication in Japan and serve as a liaison facility between the mass media and churches of the country. (EP)

## President elected elder

JOHNSON CITY, Tex.—This was not an election year for President Lyndon B. Johnson, but he won an election.

It was not announced whether he had any opposition candidates, but Raymond Akin, lay minister at the Johnson City First Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church said the Chief Executive had been named as an elder of the congregation. Mr. Johnson, a member of the church since 1923, has agreed to serve actively as an elder and not merely in an honorary capacity. He is called on to "give advice and provide leadership" to the congregation. (EP)

## For simple funerals

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The Mecklenburg Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., adopted a report of the Christian Action Committee urging member churches to observe simple funeral practices with closed, covered caskets, a few flower arrangements and a brief service based on Scripture.

The Rev. Graham McChesney, chairman of the committee, estimated that only 10 percent of the approximately 110 churches in the presbytery conform to the advice in the report.

Among practices recommended were that no funerals be held on Sunday "except in cases of absolute necessity," that casket furnishings, flowers and other funeral articles should avoid showiness and "undue expense," and that the church shall provide a Christian flag or a pall to cover the casket, concealing its construction. (EP)

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